

Edward; Henry; Charles; Elizabeth; Frederic.

II. *Abraham*, m. (1) Sally McClellon; she d. 1814. He m. (2) Nabby Emerson, widow of Benja. Hall. He lived on the homestead. Children:—

Cary, d. unm. Sally, m. Benjamin Baker and Henry Robie.

III. *Isaac*, b. 1771, m. Anna, dau. of Elijah Pillsbury, 1792; she d. 1814. He m. (2) Wid. Butterfield, 1815; she d. 1846. He m. (3) Mrs. Hannah Shackford. He lived on No. 103, 2d P., 2d D.; built the house where Andrew F. Fox now lives; moved to Francestown; d. June, 1856.

IV. *Elizabeth*, m. Sherburne, son of Peter Dearborn, 1779; she d. Nov. 25, 1798.

#### TOWNSEND.

EBENEZER TOWNSEND came from Charlestown, Mass.; settled on H. L. No. 11, where John Gage had lived; m. Ann Parker June 4, 1776. He d. Oct. 12, 1840, a. 88; she d. June 12, 1831, a. 71. Children:—

*John*, b. 1777.

*Nancy*, b. 1778, m. Jona. Parker of Pittsfield.

*Hannah*, b. July 30, 1780, m. Dea. John Lane; lived on the homestead; d. April 28, 1861, a. 81.

*Eben*, b. 1782, lived in New York City.

*Isaac Parker*, b. 1784.

*Betsy*, b. 1786, m. William Stanwood; lived at Newburyport.

*Abigail*, b. 1789, m. William Barstow.

*Nathan*, b. 1791, m. Eliza Harding; lived at Wilmington, Mass.

*Deborah*, b. Aug. 26, 1793; d. April 24, 1826, unm.

#### TRUE.

CAPT. JOSEPH TRUE came from Salisbury, Mass.; was surveyor of highways 1755; m. Sarah, dau. of Joshua Prescott; settled on No. 13 or 14, 2d P., 2d D., the southwest side of the river, below the Branch. Children:—

*Molly*, b. 1757, m. Dr. Francis Hodgkins; *Henry*; *Abigail*; *Sarah*, m. David Glidden; *Joseph*, b. 1766; *Love*, b. 1770. *Joshua*, b. 1772; *Levi*, d. 1832.

JOSEPH, Sen., d. April, 1800.

BENJAMIN TRUE came from Salisbury, Mass.; was surveyor of highways in 1756; m. Mehitabel Osgood. They settled first on the northeast side of the river, near the Branch, but moved to the southwest side, on No. 14, 2d P., 2d D. He d. May 5, 1817; she d. Oct. 24, 1825, a. 94. Child:—

*Capt. Benjamin*, m. Mary Locke, dau. of Capt. William Locke,

and lived on the homestead, where his son Osgood now lives. He d. Nov. 13, 1841, a. 81 y., 7 mo. She d. Nov. 13, 1839, a. 71.

#### TURNER.

WILLIAM TURNER, previous to 1742, had purchased four acres at the northeast end of Add. No. 9, of Paul McFerson. He was either the first or second settler in Candia. There is a tradition that David McClure was the first settler, and that Mr. Turner borrowed fire there when he moved to Candia; but he bought lot No. 35, 3d D., 1741. He m. Sarah, dau. of Enoch Colby. Children:—

1. *Sarah*, b. Nov. 5, 1747, first child in Candia; d. unm., 1836.
2. *Mary*, b. April 9, 1752, m. Capt. Sargent; d. 1823.
3. *Moses*, b. Nov. 1755; lived on the homestead; d. 1844.
4. *Susanna*, b. Nov. 12, 1758.

WM. TURNER d. Dec. 8, 1796; his wife d. May 28, 1811. Now if Mr. Turner went to Candia when first married, he was there before McClure. In 1756 Jona. Blunt sold to Winthrop Sargent one-eighth of a saw-mill, on No. 35, 3d D., which he purchased of William Turner.

#### TYLER.

Richard Kent, of Newbury, sold his full right to JOHN TYLER of Boxford, May 2, 1727. He gave up the Home and Add. lots, and in 1731 had them both laid out together northwest of Gov. Wentworth's farm of 250 acres, southwest of the Congregational church in Auburn. In 1734, he deeded it to his son MOSES, who had previously settled on it. The road from the corner near school-house No. 2, in Auburn, to the Congregational church, was laid out at his request in 1740. He sold to Andrew McFarland in 1745, including the orchard. He moved to Suncook. McFarland sold fifty acres to Stephen Merrill. Children:—

*Joshua*, b. 1735; *Hannah*; *Adonijah*; *Jepthah*; *Nabby*, b. 1743.

#### UNDERHILL.

The earliest of any of the name that we know anything about, and the ancestor of all of that name in Chester, was SAMPSON. There are deeds on the records in his name as early as April, 1717, in which he is styled "clothier." Sampson Underhill and Elizabeth Ambrose, both of Salisbury, were married by Rev. Caleb Cushing, minister of the gospel in Salisbury, January 15, 1717. (See Nathl. Ambrose).

SAMPSON UNDERHILL sold to Jenness his farm of fifty acres, on which "he lived and kept tavern," April 1, 1730, for £500, and probably then came to Chester. He bought H. L. No. 28, and lived

near where D. L. Bachelder's hotel now is. He probably died in 1732, as his estate was appraised in May of that year at £483, 19s. 6d. His wife was administrator. The uniform tradition is that he was the first person buried in the present burying-ground. It was on the ten-rod way, in the rear of the old meeting-house. A grave was shown me many years since, as his, just inside of the wall, opposite the present meeting-house.

There is on Salisbury records: "John Underhill, son of Sampson and Elizabeth his wife, born March 16, 1720-21; Jeremiah, born Dec. 29, 1724." There were also Hezekiah and Moses, not on the records.

In August, 1742, the widow settled her account of administration, and charges for the support of a son Hezekiah  $4\frac{1}{2}$  years; Moses,  $6\frac{1}{2}$  years, and a sick son Jeremiah, 10 years.

In 1742, March 29, Elizabeth Underhill conveyed to James Varnum of Chester the home lot No. 28, and John Underhill released the same; also a house and barn on the highway between the lot and the Rev. Mr. Flagg's. The widow was soon after married to Benjamin Batchelder, who lived where Mr. Sargent now lives, below Mr. Orcutt's H. L. 138. James Varnum purchased of the town five rods of the ten-rod way. He sold to Col. Webster. The place has been subsequently owned and occupied by Dr. John Wingate, Dr. Benjamin Kittridge, A. G. Quigg, J. S. Brown, and others, now by D. L. Bachelder. Children:—

I. JOHN UNDERHILL, m. Joanna Healey, daughter of William Healey, Oct. 21, 1741. They lived on Add. 53, near Jacob Chase. He d. July 31, 1793; she d. Aug., 1809. Children:—

I. *Betty*, b. July 13, 1742, m. Samuel Buswell, of Candia. She was a hypochondriac, and lay in bed without speaking six years; d. Sept 30, 1806.

II. *William*, b. Feb. 15, 1744, m. Abigail Choate; settled on lot No. 46, 3d D., in Candia; sold to N. Brown in 1771; removed to Moultonborough; had 6 children.

III. *John*, b. June 20, 1745, m. Hannah Colby; settled in Chester, near the brick school-house, where W. Whittemore now lives, and removed to Plainfield, and d. of hypo., 1816. Had 7 children.

IV. *Molly*, b. Dec. 4, 1747, m. James Pierce; lived opposite where John lived; moved into the country.

V. *Moses*, b. Feb. 2, 1749, m. Patty Knight, Nabby Elliot and Rachael Lufkin, and had a large number of children, most of whom d. young:—

Patty, m. a Godfrey of Hampton; Moses, unm., was in the war of 1812; Sally, b. Nov. 26, 1790, m. (1) Smith Greenough, m. (2) Abraham Sargent, Jr.; Polly, m. Thomas Montgomery; Stephen,

m. Sally Currier; David, was a wheelright, lived in Concord, removed to Amherst, and was county treasurer, d. July 28, 1827; Ruth, m. G. W. Everett, and lived in Chester.

*Moses* lived a little west of the brick school-house in Chester; he d. Feb. 8, 1838.

VI. *David*, b. Sept. 9, 1751, m. Jemima Blake; resided on the homestead; d. July, 1827; she d. June 25, 1829; had one son, John, m. Lucy Linn.

VII. *Samuel*, b. May 5, 1752, m. Sarah, dau. of Hezekiah Underhill; resided on Add. lot No. 54, where George S. Underhill now lives. He d. Sept. 20, 1828; she d. Aug., 1829. Children:—

1. Richard, who lived at New Chester and on the Charles Moore place in Chester, and had 8 children.

2. William H., m. Sally March and Elizabeth Towle, dau. of Isaac Towle, Jr.; resided on Add. lot No. 55, where his son William P. resides; d. Dec. 14, 1843, a. 60.

3. Samuel, m. Betsy March; resided in New Chester and Boscawen.

4. Dolly, m. Richard Dearborn, son of Jonathan; resided in New Chester.

VIII. *Jeremiah*, b. Aug. 6, 1755, m. Anna Heath; lived where Caleb Hall first settled, on the road to what is now called Bunker Hill, in Auburn. They had 9 children, who were raised in a house with but one large room and a bedroom. He d. suddenly, Sept. 16, 1794; she d. May 19, 1844. Children:—

1. David, b. 1776. 2. Elijah, m. Molly White. 3. Benjamin, m. Polly Green. 4. Betsy, m. Samuel Davis. 5. Reuben, m. Hannah H. Chase. 6. Anna, m. Joseph Little. 7. James, m. Elizabeth Chase. 8. Samuel. 9. John, b. Nov. 46, 1793, m. Molly Chase.

IX. *Sarah*, m. Capt. Richard Greenough, of Atkinson; d. 1838.

X. *Joanna*, m. Moses Preston.

2. HEZEKIAH UNDERHILL, son of Sampson, m. Tabitha Sargent, wid. of John Foss. He was a shoemaker, and settled on Add. lot No. 47, where his son Josiah and grandson, Jesse J., lived. He d. March 8, 1800; she d. Aug 24, 1803. Children:—

I. *Jonathan*, who probably died in the army.

II. *Hannah*, m., and went to Cabot, Vt.

III. *Sarah*, m. her cousin Samuel Underhill; d. Aug., 1829.

IV. *Josiah*, b. about 1759, m. Anna, dau. of Benjamin Melvin, Feb. 26, 1784; d. May 1, 1822, a. 63; she d. March 17, 1847. Children:—

1. Jesse J., b. Oct. 2, 1784, m. Elizabeth, dau. of Dea. John Graham; d. Oct. 21, 1860; she d. Sept. 18, 1851, a. 60.

2. Catherine J., b. July 15, 1786, m. Samuel Graham, Dr. B. Kittridge, and John Bradley; alive in 1869.

3. Hazen R., b. July 24, 1788, d. at Detroit about 1820.

4. Edward Reed (on the family records, but called Ned, and so appears on all the tax-books), b. 1790, m. Abigail Conner of Exeter in 1817; lived nearly opposite his father's, and was a job blacksmith. He moved to Boston and d. there. They had 5 children.

5. Mack T., b. May 12, 1798, drowned in Amoskeag Falls June 1, 1808.

6. Nancy T., b. Nov. 17, 1795, m. Caleb Merrill, an attorney at Pittsfield, and James Thorndike; lives in Pittsfield.

7. Sally T., b. May 7, 1798, m. Dr. Rufus Kittridge.

8. Dolly T., b. April 1, 1800, m. Hon. John Folsom; d. Dec. 5, 1846.

9. Jay Temple, b. March 17, 1802, m. Sally Brown Oct. 9, 1828; d. Feb. 7, 1839; she d. Aug. 17, 1862.

10. Flagg T., b. Feb. 8, 1804, m. Mary Brown Nov., 1831; d. 1850. His son, Arthur B., is master mechanic for the Boston & Albany Railroad.

Family of Jesse J. Underhill:—

1. Jane Eveline, b. Aug. 6, 1807, m. Elihu Thayer, who was an edge-tool maker at Goffe's Falls. He d. 1834. She m. (2) Asa Edgerton.

2. Samuel Graham, b. Jan. 22, 1809, m. Mary Ann Dinsmore in 1833. In 1829 he went into the tool business in Boston; has now retired, and lives at Somerville.

3. Catherine Graham, b. Dec. 30, 1811, m. David L. Osgood; lived in Auburn, now in Nashua.

4. George W., b. July 19, 1815, m. Mary M. Gale. He is superintendent of the Underhill Tool Company at Nashua.

5. Belinda K., b. May 7, 1817, m. Edmund, son of Jethro Sleeper; d. Feb., 1858.

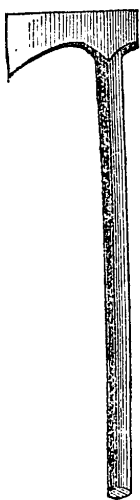
6. Rufus K., b. March 8, 1819, m. Eluthera D. Webster, a great-granddaughter of Col. John Webster. He lives in Bilerica, and carries on the tool business in Boston.

7. Hazen R., b. March 27, 1821, m. Rebecca P. Dickey; carries on the tool business at Derry Village.

As the Underhill family have been not only locally but widely celebrated as edge-tool makers, and as Chester has been to a considerable extent the seat of their operations, I give here some account of the rise and progress of the business.

Lt. Josiah Underhill served a very short apprenticeship at the blacksmith trade with E. Fitts. When he first commenced business he did not dare undertake to weld a collar on to the bearing of a grindstone crank, but upset the end, and the crank is yet in use.

Jesse J. once told me that Nathaniel Hall had an ax in which the smith did not succeed in welding in the steel, and he riveted it, and Mr. Hall had to carry a hammer to tighten the rivet. He did not tell me who the smith was, but one of his children told me that it was his father. Mr. Underhill, however, became a workman, and drove a thriving business at all branches, including scythes, axes, hoes, &c., as his account book shows.



The earliest specimen of a narrow or chopping ax that I have seen, was apparently made of iron, two to two and a half inches wide, and half an inch thick, with no head or poll more than the thickness of the iron. The eye was plated so as to have ears project inside on the handle, and the ax would be about nine inches long. They would then have a straight handle nearly three feet long. Gordon Bean, of Candia, has two which he found on his farm, one apparently considerably worn, about nine inches long, the other apparently new, and longer.

The first whom I knew to make a business of edge-tools was Ingalls of Dunstable, at the Harbor, I suppose, near where the shop of the Underhill Company now is.

As Mr. Underhill's sons grew up, they learned the trade. Jesse J. settled where the Candia road crosses the Londonderry turnpike, where Charles Offut now lives, but soon returned and took his father's shop. He soon turned his attention almost exclusively to the tool business.

The axes were then made of Russia iron and blistered steel. At the time of the war of 1812 it was very difficult to get steel, it being of English manufacture. American steel was tried, but it proved worthless. Mr. Underhill at length obtained a quantity which was smuggled through Canada, for which he paid seventy-five cents per pound.

At that time they had a very slow method of doing their work. They would take as long a piece of iron as they could well handle, and cut and turn down about an inch to make a head, then plate the cheek, and cut it off and lay it aside for one-half of the ax; and then in the same manner make the other side, and weld them together. One of Mr. Underhill's apprentices, Nathaniel Brown, informs me that he and Joseph Neil used to work three hours in the winter evenings to make three polls, without welding in the steel. But after a while they cut off a pattern for an ax, plated the cheeks, turned it over, and either welded on or upset a head. The steel was either split or drawn down with a welding

heat, to weld up the blisters. After all, the tool would often prove flawy.

It was then a good day's work for two men to make six axes, working from morning till night, with no finish whatever. It would then take the purchaser two or three hours on an ordinary grindstone to grind an ax to an edge.

In 1822, Mr. Underhill, with his apprentices (his brother Jay T. and Elihu Thayer) went to work at Boston for Mr. Faxon, then a celebrated workman. The work was all done there by hand, and with a common forge, but they had a horse-power to put on some finish, and two hands were required to forge, temper and grind six chopping or three broad axes per day.

In 1824 Mr. Faxon died, and the Underhills took the shop. In 1826 Jesse J. returned to Chester and put up a horse-power, and put some finish on his tools. In 1828 Jay T. built a shop on Chester Street, and moved his horse-power from Boston, and ran four fires. In 1829 Jesse J. and his son Samuel G. went to Boston, and did business in the old fashion. In 1832 Jesse J. returned to Chester and fitted up a water-power, with tilt-hammer, grinding and polishing, in his father's old grist-mill.

In 1835, Flagg T. having learned the trade, J. T. and he bought the Blanchard mills, built a shop, with tilt-hammer, grinding, and blowing common bellows by water. In 1837, J. S. Brown became a partner. In 1839 Jay T. died, and the business was carried on under different firms by F. T. Underhill, J. S. Brown, Nathaniel Brown, and W. W. Leighton.

About 1839 the business underwent a great revolution. The hard coal furnace with a fan-blower, which gave a much hotter fire with a constant blast, was introduced, and refined English iron of a more suitable size used, so that instead of being an hour making one poll, four axes could be made with steel fit for the grinder in one hour, without any division of labor. In the Underhill and Blodgett shops, where there is a greater variety of tools and division of labor, it is done much faster.

These improvements were introduced into the large establishments of Collins at Hartford, and Hunt at Douglass, several years earlier. George W. set up at Nashua in 1839, but a large stock company was formed in 1851, of which he is superintendent. George W. informs me that when he first started at Nashua in the old Ingalls shop with a blower, nine narrow or five broad axes was a day's work. The Underhill company, in 1865, employed about sixty men and produced three hundred chopping axes, and about one hundred and sixty broad axes, and other kinds of tools daily. Cast-steel was not used by Mr. Underhill until about 1820. It was at first supposed to be incapable of standing, excepting laid on iron, as in chisels and plane irons; and

there was a great secrecy about welding it. When it first came into use it was not of assorted sizes, but about an inch square. For axes it was cornered down, and for other tools had to be drawn. When blister steel was used, and in the early days of cast-steel, German steel was used for small tools.

3. MOSES, the third son of Sampson Underhill, learned the trade of a hatter at Exeter, and always went by the appellation of "Hatter Underhill." He owned land and probably lived and carried on his trade a little northwest of the brick school-house in Chester, where his nephew Moses afterwards lived. In 1770 he bought of John Dearborn of Stratham, half of No. 127, 2d P., 2d D., on which he built. His house stood the west side of the main road a few rods south of the barn where Gilman C. Smith lately lived in Auburn. His house was single in width with a stone chimney sufficiently capacious to receive wood eight feet long, which he drew in with a horse. The fireplace has been standing within my recollection, and I have seen old men in passing point it out to young men. He kept a tavern, furnishing his guests lodging on bear skins on the floor. Jesse J. Underhill once had occasion to call upon Daniel Webster at his office in Boston. Mr. Webster inquired of his relationship to the landlord of the "Bear tavern." He said that when a lad he drove his father's team and used to put up there and lie on bear skins; they therefore called him the "Bear."

He m. Anne Glidden of Exeter, sister to Nathaniel Glidden, Dec. 26, 1753. Children:—

Abigail, b. Oct. 21, 1754, m. Moses Crombie, d. April 29, 1849; Elizabeth, b. Feb. 20, 1757, d. unmarried; Anne, m. John Wilson and went to Corinth, Vt.; Nathaniel went to Piermont, N. H.; Moses, m. Sarah Buswell and lived where Robert Patten now lives, on 127, 2d P., 2d D. He d. 1827; she d. 1826.

#### VARNUM.

JAMES VARNUM and John Tolford were chosen invoice men in 1741, and the inventory which was returned to the Secretary's office to make a proportion of rates, is in his hand-writing, and it is excellent. He m. Abigail, the youngest dau. of Dea. Ebenezer Dearborn, Oct. 26, 1742. March 29, 1742, he bought of Elizabeth, widow of Sampson Underhill, H. L. No. 28, with a house and barn on the ten-rod way, where he lived, and probably kept tavern, as a proprietors' meeting was adjourned from the meeting-house to James Varnum's, "on account of the cold." He sold to Col. John Webster, March 2, 1753.

Abigail administered on his estate April 28, 1756. She m. John Robie. Children:—

1. *Abigail*, b. 1743, m. Ezekiel, son of Cort. John Lane, 1762,



who d. in the army, 1777, and she m. Peter Hills, 1780; d. Jan. 4, 1802.

2. *James*, b. Feb. 14, 1745, m. Anna, dau. of John Robie, who had been married to a Towle and to Jacob Quimby, and lived where Quimby had lived, No. 63, 2d P., 2d D. He d. Nov. 7, 1827, at Stanstead, C. E.

3. *John*, b. Sept. 23, 1746, m. Elizabeth, dau. of Thomas Patten, and lived in Raymond; d. June, 1803. Children:— 1. Polly, m. Samuel, son of Col. Nathaniel Emerson. 2. Peter. 3. John.

4. *Peter*. 5. *Josiah*. 6. *Mary*, m. Peter Moores, and went to Maine. 7. *Sarah*, b. Jan. 29, 1754, m. Moses, son of Winthrop Sargent. She d. 1813.

WADDEL.

JAMES and JOHN WADDEL lived on Add. Lot 132. It is not known that John had a family. James married. Children:— *Betty*, killed by John Tolford; *a dau.*, m. Woodsworth, d. in Chester; *Susannah*, d. 1824; *Mirabah*, b. 1750, um. d. 1848, a. 98.

WASON.

THOMAS WASON came from Ireland to Londonderry. In July, 1738, he bought Add. Lot No. 106. Isaac Foss had settled on the west end of 101; John Foss on the west end of 105, in 1745; John Moore and James McClure on the east end of their lots, but Mr. Wason settled near the center of his lot, and the family remained without a road until 1822. He d. Jan., 1801, a. about 100. Children:—

I. *Thomas*, lived in Candia on the gore between the old and new hundreds, where J. O. Wason now lives; d. 1792.

II. *Robert*, m. a Wason of Hudson, and lived in Candia, on the east end of No. 118, 2d P., 2d D.; d. 1805, a. 70. Children:—

1. *Dea. James*, b. 1762, m. Elizabeth, dau. of Samuel Dinsmore, and lived on No. 66, 2d P., 2d D.; d. 1826.

2. *Capt. John*, b. 1764, m. Elizabeth, dau. of Benjamin Smith of Candia; lived near Candia corner and opposite the Long Meadow meeting-house. He d. 1848, a. 84; she d. 1843, a. 81.

3. *Thomas*, went to Corinth.

4. *Betsy*, m. Ebenezer Gregg of Dorchester.

5. *Anna*, m. a Clough of Candia.

6. *Sarah*, m. Edward Baker of Lyme.

7. *Hannah*, m. a Frost of Lyme.

8. *Robert*, m. Catharine, dau. of David Graham; went to Maine.

III. *John*, went to St. Johns, New Brunswick.

IV. *James*, b. 1746, m. Jane, dau. of Patrick Melvin, who was

b. 1747; lived on the homestead. He d. March 14, 1829. Children:—

1. John, m. Jane, dau. of Thomas Wilson, who d. 1805; m. (2) Sarah Osgood; lived on the gore where Thomas Wason, Jr., had lived.

2. Thomas, b. Nov. 23, 1775, m. Abigail, dau. of Cornet Isaac Lane. He d. 1862, a. 87.

3. Mary, b. 1777, m. a Hoit; d. 1829.

4. Sarah.

5. James, b. Feb. 13, 1780, m. Dorothy, dau. of Capt. Michael Worthen, who was b. March 7, 1783; both alive 1869; lived on the homestead.

6. Samuel, b. June 13, 1783; lived unm. on the homestead; d. July 4, 1868.

### WEBSTER.

STEPHEN WEBSTER was born in Ipswich, and came to Haverhill about 1660. He was a tailor and was father of the grantee of that name, who is mentioned as having built a house previous to 1675, in Haverhill. Stephen, Sen., had a brother Nathan who settled in Bradford, whose wife was Mary, and they had: 1. NATHAN, one of the grantees of Chester, b. March 7, 1678-9. 2. Israel, b. 1686. 3. SAMUEL, b. Sept. 25, 1688, who was the father of Col. John Webster.

NATHAN, the grantee, came to Chester between 1728 and 1732, and owned two home lots, Nos. 71 and 72, and settled on 72, a little north of where Lewis Kimball now lives. His wife was Martha. Children:—

I. DANIEL, b. Oct. 26, 1712, who settled on Add. No. 4, northwest of Haselton's, towards Jack's Hill. He m. Mary Blasdell, and had two daughters,—Abigail, b. 1746, and Mary, b. 1749. His will was proved May 30, 1780; had a grand-daughter, Martha Sargent.

II. NATHAN, b. July 1, 1715, m. Martha Blasdell, Feb. 10, 1742; lived on H. L. No. 117, where Amos Green lately lived, and had 11 children, most of whom d. young. He d. 1794.

*Nathan*, his third child, b. Nov. 19, 1747, lived on the homestead; m. Elizabeth Clifford, dau. of Isaac Clifford, and grand-daughter of Wm. Healey, May 8, 1771, and had 10 children. Josiah, b. Jan. 16, 1772, graduated at Dartmouth, 1798; settled at Hamilton, Mass., and Hampton. He had a son John Calvin, who graduated at Dartmouth, 1832; settled at Hopkinton, Mass. Also, Joseph Dana, 1832, and Claudius, b. 1836. (See Graduates.)

*Nathan* and Elizabeth's 5th child was Nathan, b. April 9, 1780, m. Mary Simonds, dau. of Capt. P. Richardson's wife, and lived

with Capt. R. He d. March 30, 1815. The wid. m. John L. Glidden, and d. Dec. 19, 1863.

NATHAN WEBSTER, the grantee, had also:—

III. STEPHEN, b. Feb. 18, 1717-18. He lived on No. 131, O. H., subsequently owned by Jona. Norton, John Norton and Josiah Seavey. He must have been one of the earliest settlers in that part of the town. He moved to Candia and was a petitioner for the charter. His wife was Rachael. Children:—

1. *David*, b. Dec. 12, 1738, who went first to Hollis, then to Plymouth, N. H.; was in the French war, and was very active during the Revolution; was a colonel, and was sheriff of Grafton county. (See N. H. Hist. Soc. Coll. Vol. 7, pp. 132, 133, 254, 263, 264, 269, 291 and 292; also Adj.-Gen. Rep., Vol. 2, 1866, p. 352.)

There were also:—

2. *Stephen*; 3. *Lydia*; 4. *Sarah*; 5. *Amos*. Rachael, the wife, d. 1754. STEPHEN m. Sarah Clough and had:—6. *Daniel*, and 7. *Rachael*.

NATHAN, the grantee, had also:—

IV. ABEL, b. July 2, 1726; m. Hannah Emerson, probably of Haverhill. He lived on the homestead for a time. Children:—

1. *Nathan*, who m. Lydia Richardson, dau. of Daniel R.

2. *Phebe*, m. Josiah Bradley, Jr. He d. at Mr. B.'s, Feb. 14, 1801.

NATHAN, the grantee, also had a dau.:—

V. MARY, m. Benaiah Colby. His will, dated March, 1746, proved Oct. 29, 1746, in which he gave his sons the lots on which they lived, and other lands. The homestead has been owned by Moses Haselton, Josiah Haselton, who built the present house in 1812, and Lewis Kimball.

COL. JOHN WEBSTER, son of SAML. and Mary, b. Aug. 9, 1714, came to Chester about 1735. He settled on H. L. 76, which has been subsequently owned by Simon Berry, and by his son-in-law, Lt. Wm. Wilson, and his son Daniel and now by Mr. Blackstock. It is said that he opened the first store in town about 1750, in a part of his house. March 20, 1753, he purchased of James Varnum the H. L. No. 28, first settled by Sampson Underhill, with five rods of the ten-rod way where Bachelder's hotel now is, and built the present house, and kept a store, and I think a tavern. He was also surveyor of highways in 1743, and selectman in 1744, and representative several years. He was an energetic business man, and was very active during the Revolution; was muster-master, and sometimes advanced money for bounties to the soldiers. (See Coll. N. H. Hist. Soc., Vol. 7, pp. 65, 116, 162, 171, 188, 189, 219 and 222.) He m. Hannah Hobbs, Nov. 29, 1739. Children:—

1. *Mary*, b. June 2, 1741; d. 1760.
2. *Hannah*, b. 1743; d. 1763.
3. *Sarah*, b. Nov. 14, 1745, m. Dr. John Wingate; lived on the Webster place, but went to Maine; d. 1810.
4. *Anna*, b. Feb. 4, 1749, m. Josiah Flagg; d. May 1, 1799.
5. *Elizabeth*, b. 1752; d. 1754.
6. *John*, b. March 13, 1754, graduated at Dartmouth, 1778. He studied theology and preached awhile, but through diffidence gave it up. He resided in Chester, was a deacon, and I think traded awhile and removed to Franklin, Vt., where he was greatly esteemed, and d. Jan. 17, 1838, a. 83. He m. Rebecca Webster, May, 1782, and had Sarah Wingate, b. 1783.
7. *Samuel*, b. Feb. 15, 1757, m. a dau. of John Robie, and went to Newport, N. H.

Hannah d. Nov. 20, 1760. Col. Webster m. (2) wid. Sarah Smith of Hampton, Nov. 17, 1762. She had two Smith children: Sarah, m. Edward Robie, and Hannah, m. Dr. Thomas Sargent. Children:—

8. *Toppa* Webster, b. July 22, 1765, m. a niece of Rev. Mr. Flagg and had several daughters. He lived on H. L. No. 7, the William Healey place where Mr. Orcutt now lives, and built the present house. He was a trader and introduced Henry Sweetser into town as a clerk, and John Porter, the first lawyer, to collect his debts. Webster failed and went to Newburyport; thence to Washington, and was for a long period engaged in the general post-office, and d. there.

9. *Mary*, b. May 6, 1768, m. William Hicks, who was a goldsmith, and built the house where Woodbury Masters now lives. She d. April, 1790.

10. *Elizabeth*, b. 1771, m. Dr. Ben. Kittridge; d. Sept., 1802.

11. *Edmund*, b. 1773; lived and traded at the homestead; d. unm. May 12, 1801.

Col. Webster d. Sept. 16, 1784. His wife d. April 30, 1795.

#### WEEKS.

WILLIAM WEEKS was of Greenland; m. Susannah Haynes. He d. Sept., 1821, a. 76; she d. May 31, 1845, a. 94. He was a carpenter and lived in Portsmouth until the war; came to Chester, and purchased of Parker Carr; lived on Add. No. 72. Children:—

*John*, *William* and *Bennin*, went to Bangor, Me.; *Mary*, m. Ed. Moore Preston; *Susan*, m. James Calef; *Noah*, b. 1790, m. Charlotte Quimby, lives on the homestead.

## WELLS.

JACOB WELLS was an early settler in Chester, and lived on Add. lot No. 39, about 80 rods southwest of Chester Street.

TITUS WELLS had an amendment opposite Elliott's, southeast of the cross-road to the parsonage lot. He was there in 1730.

LT. THOMAS WELLS of Amesbury bought of Eldad Ingalls, H. L. No. 61, in 1729. He is said to have m. Elizabeth, eldest dau. of Capt. Ingalls, b. 1709, and he is named as an heir in settlement of Capt. Ingalls' estate in 1760. The name of his wife is Hannah on the record. He was a man of note in Chester, and a large landholder. His will was dated Dec. 27, 1768, and proved May 8, 1769. Legatees:—son, 1. *Winthrop*, who m. Dolly, dau. of William Healey, and settled first in Candia on No. 37, 3d D.; sold Dea. Nathl. Burpee, and went to Plymouth, N. H. 2. *Thomas*. 3. *Henry*, lived in Sandown. 4. *Reuben*, and 5. *Samuel*, had the homestead and were executors. 6. *Ebenezer*. 7. *Peter*. 8. *Sarah Carr*, and 9. *Phebe Wells*. His homestead, lying in Chester, contained 100 acres. He had 170 acres in Goffstown, and 400 in New Chester. There was another Thomas Wells, probably the son above named, whose wife was Ruth, who was killed by John Tolford, Dec. 27, 1773.

## WEST.

WILKES WEST came from Beverly when about 21 years of age. He m. Phebe, dau. of Lt. Ebenezer Dearborn, Aug., 1762. He settled on Gov. Shute's H. L., where A. S. Dearborn lately lived, and was a carpenter and cabinet-maker. His shop stood about where the Baptist church stands. He was at the battle of Bennington; d. April 10, 1830, a. 94. Children:—

1. *Esther*, d. young.
2. *Molly*, b. 1762, m. Jesse, son of Joshua Hall, went to Camp-ton.
3. *Joseph*, d. young.
4. *Nason*, d. at Plymouth.
5. *John*, d. at Beverly.
6. *Jackson*, d. at Greenfield.
7. *Thomas*, was in the army, 1812.
8. *Joseph*, b. Feb., 1779, m. Polly, dau. of Jeremiah Rand; lived on the homestead.
9. *Henry H.*, b. Sept. 5, 1781, was a seventh son, famous for curing king's evil; m. Sarah Rogers; lived at Hall's Village; had a large family.

Phebe d. 1783. Wilkes m. (2) Hannah, dau. of Dea. Matthew Forsaith; she d. 1793. Children:—

10. *Esther*, m. Caleb Towle of Hawke, 1809.
11. *Phebe D.*, b. 1788, m. Joseph, son of Joseph Morse, 1806.
12. *Hannah*, m. William Kelsey, 1808.
13. *Sally*, m. Thadaw Hemmingway, 1814.

### WHITE.

DEA. WILLIAM WHITE (not the grantee of that name) was b. in England in 1687. His father was a glover, and removed with him to Londonderry, in Ireland, while he was an infant. His father was wounded in the siege of that city, in 1668 and 1669. He came to this country in 1725, and resided in Londonderry, in the double range, until about 1733, when he came to Chester and settled on H. L. No. 126, where Joseph Webster now lives. His name first appears in Chester records on the Presbyterian protest, March 28, 1735. He was a linen weaver. He m. in Ireland, and his wife d. before arriving in this country. Children:—

I. *Henry*, resided in Litchfield; was a mariner; d. at Halifax about 1755.

II. *James*, was a mariner; d. unmarried.

III. *Jane*, m. Patrick White and lived at Peterborough.

After William came to Chester he m. Jane, dau. of Robert Graham. Children:—

IV. *Robert*, lived in Goffstown and New Boston.

V. *David*, m. (1) Mary, dau. of Robert Gordon; m. (2) Mary, dau. of Patrick Melvin. He lived on No. 71, 2d P., 2d D., first back some 60 rods from the present road, on the first path to the pond, then where the writer lives. He d. 1776. The widow m. Stephen Merrill; d. July, 1833. They had a large family, the oldest of whom, Samuel, m. Huldah, dau. of Elijah Heath; lived on the homestead and at the Neck; d. Jan., 1827.

VI. and VII. *Thomas* and *William*, the first twins born in Chester, b. March 4 (O. S.), 1740. *Thomas* d. unm. *William* resided on the homestead. He was appointed Major in 1775; Lt. Col. in 1784; was muster master in 1777 and 1778; Justice of the Peace in 1791; Senator of District No. 3 in 1806, '7 and '8. He m. (1) Mary, dau. of Robert Mills, Jan. 24, 1764. Children:—

1. Jane. 2. Jonathan. 3. Susannah, b. 1768, m. Jonathan Quimby, 1790. 4. Robert. 5. Mary. 6. Elizabeth. 7. Ann. They mostly went to Belfast, Maine.

Mary d. Dec. 24, 1780, a. 43. He m. (2) Elizabeth Mitchell, Sept. 17, 1782. Children:—

8. William, b. 1783, grad. at Dartmouth in 1806; was a lawyer. 9. John, b. 1785. 10. Thomas, d. unm. 1830. 11. Sarah, b. June, 1790, d. 1825. 12. James, b. Sept. 2, 1792, grad. at Dartmouth; was a lawyer. (The above, excepting Sarah, went to Maine.)

13. David M., b. 1795, d. in Chester. 14. Olif, b. 1798, d. July 22, 1826. 15. \*Lavina, b. 1800, d. unm. July 10, 1836; all in Chester. 16. Benjamin, b. Aug 24, 1807, is now at Ballard Vale. William d. Nov. 9, 1829. Elizabeth d. April 3, 1832, a. 71.

## WHITTIER.

REUBEN WHITTIER was probably from Newtown and early settled on lot No. 30, O. H., in Raymond. His wife was Mary, and they had eleven children on Chester records:—1. Moses, b. 1740. 2. Richard, b. 1743. 3. Josiah, b. 1747. 4. Reuben, 1749. 5. Mary, b. Sept. 17, 1751, m. Charles Moore, Jr., d. about 1830. 6. Joseph, b. 1752. 7. Daniel, b. 1753. 8. Deborah, b. 1755. 9. Sarah, b. 1756. 10. Mirriam, b. 1757. 11. Phineas, b. 1758.

MARK WHITTIER, b. July 26, 1746, came from Newtown about 1798, to Chester Woods, now Hooksett. He m. Elizabeth Sanborn, b. April 13, 1755; d. Oct. 4, 1830. He d. Aug. 1, 1824. Children:—

1. *Joseph*, b. June 21, 1774, came to Chester at the same time his father did, and settled on No. 113, 4th D., at what has been the Clark tavern, and owned a large tract of land. He m. Sarah Whitaker. He d. Aug 19, 1845; she d. July 31, 1851, a. 74. They had two sons, Joseph and Samuel.

2. *Mark*, b. Sept. 15, 1776, m. Betsey Dustin, dau. of Dr. John Dustin, of Martin's Ferry, May 2, 1806. She was b. Jan. 16 1780. They settled in Boscawen (now Webster). He d. April 26, 1838; she d. Feb. 14, 1865. They had four children: George, Betsey, Olive and Moses.

3. *Abigail*, b. Dec. 21, 1778; d. Feb. 8, 1838.

4. *Dearborn*, b. May 19, 1781, m. (2) Rosanna Aiken, wid. of Alexander McGregor, and lived on the Simeon Carr place, in Hooksett. He moved to Londonderry, and was killed by the cars Jan. 26, 1850.

5. *Dolly*, b. Feb. 24, 1784, unm.; lived in Hooksett; d. Oct. 10, 1850.

6. *Samuel*, b. Apr. 18, 1786, lived in Newtown; d. Jan. 17, 1864.

7. *Mary*, b. July 29, 1788, d. Nov. 20, 1815.

8. *Jonathan*, b. Feb. 7, 1792, m. (1) Charlotte P. Abbott, of Andover, Mass. They had two children, Elizabeth and Charles M. He m. (2) Rhoda Whittier, wid. of John Jones. Lived in Hooksett on the Carr place till 1837, then on the Rowe place in the village; went to Plymouth in 1853, and d. Sept. 14, 1868.

9. *Reuben*, b. Oct. 4, 1796, d. March 16, 1797.

## WILSON.

The earliest tradition that the Wilsons have is that a father, James Wilson, and four sons,—I. William, II. James, III. Robert,

and IV. Hugh,—came over from Ireland and settled in Chester; but in some tables of longevity there is a James Wilson who died in 1739, aged 100. This father could not have been near as old at that time. Then the names of three James Wilsons are attached to the Presbyterian protest, June 23, 1736, so it is nearly certain that the grandfather, an old man of nearly 90, came over with the family.

JAMES, the father, was in Stratham in 1728, and purchased H. L. 49 and 112, on which he settled. In May, 1732, he bought of James Basford one-eighth of the old saw-mill. In Nov., 1732, he deeded the two home lots to his son Hugh, in consideration of maintaining him and his wife.

I. WILLIAM WILSON was in Stratham in 1727. He was fence-viewer in 1728, selectman in 1729 and 1730. He settled on H. L. No. 40, where his great-grandson Asa now lives. His will was dated Aug., 1761; proved June 27, 1764; legatees, his wife, *Robert*, *Martha Steel*, *James*, *Elizabeth Mitchell*, *Jane Moore*, *Mary Craige* and *William*.

1. *Robert*, first settled on the cross-road on Add. Lot, No. 100; then on No. 102. He was a very prominent man in Chester. He built the first mill at Oswego; was active during the Revolutionary war; was for a season one of the Committee of Safety. (See Coll. N. H. Hist. Soc., Vol. 7, pp. 43, 90 and 319.) He was representative from 1776 to 1780. His will is dated Aug. 8, 1791; proved Nov. 16, 1791. He d. Oct., 2, 1791. He m. Jane Aiken, Nov. 13, 1759. She d. Sept. 29, 1821, a. 86. Children:—

1. John, b. Sept. 7, 1760, m. Elizabeth, dau. of Enoch Colby; lived on part of the homestead. He d. March 8, 1837; she d. Sept. 29, 1831. 2. Jonathan, 1762; went to Belfast, Me. 3. Mary, b. 1763, m. William, son of Charles Moore, d. 1819. 4. Susannah, b. 1765, m. Jeremiah Towle. 5. William, b. 1768, m. Abigail, dau. of Joseph Knowles, in 1793; lived on the homestead; went to Corinth, Vt. 6. Margaret, b. 1769, m. Morrice Gibbons, and Thomas Wilson; d. 1861. The Gibbons children,—Betsy, m. Richard Basford; Sophia, m. John Robie; Susan, m. Samuel Wilson. 7. Anna, b. 1771, m. Joseph Richardson. 8. Nathaniel, d. young. 9. Sarah, b. Feb. 11, 1777, m. Nathan Knowles; d. Sept. 20, 1806. 10. Elizabeth, unm.; d. 1812.

2. *Martha*, m. David Steel of Londonderry.

3. *James*, d. unm.

4. *Elizabeth*, m. a Mitchel.

5. *Jane*, m. Charles Moore, Sen.

6. *Mary*, m. a Craige of Londonderry.

7. *William*, lived on the homestead; m. his cousin Martha, dau. of James Wilson. He d. Sept. 23, 1825, a. 89 years, 6 months. Children:—



1. Mary, m. David Mills. 2. Benjamin, lived on the homestead; m. (1) Rebecca Hunkins, 1780; m. (2) Judith Brown, 1794; the parents of Asa now living on the place. He d. Feb., 1819; she d. March 10, 1864, a. 95 years, 6 months. 3. Joshua, went to Salisbury, Mass. 4. Martha, unmm.; d. 1862, a. 88.

II. JAMES WILSON settled on H. L., No. 103, where Jacob Green lately lived. A James Wilson, probably his father, was tythingman in 1729. He m. Mary, dau. of John Shirley. He d. April 16, 1791; she d. 1792. His will proved Dec. 21, 1791. Legatees, his wife Mary, *David, James, Edward, Jane, Martha, Elizabeth* and *Mary Ann*.

1. *David*, lived on Add. Lot No. 111, where Joseph Richardson afterwards lived; went to Danville, Vt.

2. *James*, b. 1750; lived on the homestead; m. Hitty, dau. of Levi Whitman; had Phebe, m. Jacob Green. He d. 1824; she d. 1854, a. 77.

3. *Edward*, settled first on Add. No. 100; went to Canada.

4. *Jane*, unmm.

5. *Martha*, m. William Wilson.

6. *Elizabeth*.

7. *Rebecca*, m. John Wilson.

8. *Susan*, m. Capt. Daniel Todd.

9. *Mary Ann*, m. Thomas, son of Thomas Shirley.

III. ROBERT WILSON of Stratham bought half of Geo. Jaffrey's right in Chester, in 1725, and the other half of the H. L., No. 147, in 1729. He m. Ann, dau. of John Shirley, 1733. Children: —

1. *Ann*.

2. *Mary*, b. July 8, 1739, m. John Carr and settled in Candia.

3. *John*, lived on the homestead; m. Rebecca, dau. of James Wilson; d. 1804. The wid. m. Timothy Wells.

4. *Robert*, b. 1744, settled in Candia on No. 112, 2d P., 2d D.

5. *William*, b. 1753, lived before marriage in Candia, on 121, 2d P., 2d D.; m. Phebe, dau. of Simon Berry; lived on H. L. No. 76; d. 1824; she d. 1819. Children: —

Mary, m. Alexander Gordon of Windham; Daniel, m. Mehitabel Phelps; lived on the homestead and on H. L. 57, where John Powel first lived; d. 1863; Jane, m. Benj. Mills; Phebe, m. David Worthen; William, went to Woburn, Mass.

IV. HUGH WILSON lived on H. L. No. 49; d. March, 1790. Children: —

1. *Samuel*, b. 1750, lived on the homestead, unmm.

2. *Anna*, b. 1752, m. Joseph, son of Archi. Dunlap, and went to Goffstown.

3. *Sarah*, b. 1755, m. a *Tolford*, and went to Boscawen.

4. *Thomas*, b. Dec. 13, 1757, m. Agnes, dau. of Thomas Ander-

son. She d. 1803. He m. (2) Margaret Wilson, wid. of Morrice Gibbons. He lived in Candia on 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 2d P., 2d D. He d. 1808; she d. 1861. Children: —

Jane, m. Jno. Wason; d. 1805; Sarah, m. Thos. Lane; Margaret, m. Samuel Ferren; Samuel, m. Susan Gibbons; John; Cyrus; Jane, m. Benj. Hills.

Rev. JOHN WILSON is said to have been b. in Ulster County, Ireland, in 1709. He entered the University of Edinburgh. The Hon. S. D. Bell has his Lat n grammar. He came to this country in 1729, and collected a small church and congregation of the Sect<sup>h</sup> Irish, and was ordained in 1734. He lived on H. L. No. 12, on the southwest end, on what was then the "Road to Haverhill." In 1735 he bought H. L. No. 119, except 5 acres owned by Sylvanus Smith where Capt. Shaw's house stands. The Presbyterian meeting-house stood near the southeast end of it. He m. Jane or Jean Wilson, the widow of Thomas Glen. Glen d. March 18, 1744. They had one dau., Ann, m. William Mills. Jean d. April 1, 1752, a. 36. He d. Feb. 1, 1779. His will was dated April 26, 1760; proved June 1, 1779. It represents that he was weak of body. It gives all of his property to his daughter Ann if she should arrive at age or marriage. Should she die the property was to be sold; Sister Elizabeth Ellerson to have £8 sterling; brother James of Coleraine, inn-holder, to have £60 sterling; the residue to brother Thomas of Thurlow, parish Bally Rally, and sister Martha Taylor of ———, in Ireland; they paying cousin Ann Miller £10 sterling. Capt. James Shirley and Sylvanus Smith, executors. Smith was dead, Shirley declined, and Ann was appointed.

Dea. ADAM WILSON was the son of William Wilson of Londonderry or Windham; m. Elizabeth Horner; settled on No. 126, 2d P., 2d D.; house stood near where Geo. P. Clark's cider-house now stands. She d. 1803. He went to Henniker; d. 1817, a. 93. Children: —

1. *John*, m. Ann, dau. of Moses Underhill; went to Corinth.
2. Dea. *William*, m. Janette Wilson; lived on the homestead and in Henniker; d. in Me. She d. 1828, a. 84.
3. *Margaret*, m. (1) John Crawford; (2) Samuel Crombie; d. Sept., 1842, a. 87.

COL. THOMAS WILSON was b. in Londonderry or Windham; brought up by Robert Wilson, Esq.; was in the army; m. Sarah Currier and settled on the mountain in Candia, on No. 109, 5th D.; d. 1831, a. 84. He once told me that he used to be troubled with bears and wolves; that once he heard a roaring among the cattle, and upon going to see the trouble, found a wolf hold of

one of the young cattle, and the wolf kept his hold until he came up and was about to kick him, when the wolf let go with a growl and ran away.

## WITHERSPOON.

JOHN WITHERSPOON probably came from Ireland. He was in York in 1741, and bought of the Rev. John Wilson the land voted to him by the proprietors, May, 1741, bounded by Londonderry line and Gov. Wentworth's farm of 200 acres. He settled where J. M. Hall now lives, in Auburn. Children:—

I. *Daniel*, lived on the homestead and sold to Josiah Hall in 1784, and went to Francestown.

II. *Alexander*, settled on the east half of the Wilson grant, and sold to Worthen and went to Freeport; m. the widow of James Moore.

III. *James*, went to Maine.

IV. *David*, m. Agnes, dau. of Nathl. Linn, and settled near the west corner of No. 90, 2d P., 2d D. He was an officer in the Revolutionary army. Children:—

1. John, m. Ruth Chamberlain; lived at Newbury, Vt. 2. Joseph, m. Elizabeth, dau. of Nathan Webster, 1799; d. 1806. 3. Robert, m. Hannah, dau. of Dea. James Wason. 4. Samuel, m. Susan Tinker, and went to Bedford. 5. Jesse, m. Anna, dau. of Capt. John Wason; d. at Thetford, Vt., 1836.

V. *Robert*, m. Sarah, dau. of Samuel Aiken, Sen., and settled on the north end of No. 74, 2d P. 2d D., and d. 1795. They had one son, John, who m. Nancy, dau. of Joseph Linn, and lived on the homestead. He sold and removed to Cabot, Vt., about 1817.

VI. *Mary*, m. William McDole of Goffstown.

## WOOD.

NATHANIEL WOOD came from Boxford and married Elizabeth Powell, the widow of Jonathan Goodhue. She took out administration on Goodhue's estate by the name of Elizabeth Wood in 1731. They lived on the Goodhue place until 1760, when they sold to Jabez Hoit, and bought 50 acres of No. 73, 2d P., 2d D., of Jos. Basford. He d. 1773. Children:—

I. *Obadiah*, settled in Andover, Mass.

II. *Abigail*, m. James Eaton and lived in Candia; d. 1833, a. 98.

III. *Nathaniel* b. Aug., 1737, m. Mary, dau. of William Eaton; lived on the homestead; d. 1817; she d. 1813. Children:—  
1. Betty, d. 1846. 2. George, m. Abra Smith; d. 1803, a. 33.  
3. Jesse, m. Polly Davis; d. 1851. 4. Josiah, unm. on the homestead; d. 1848, a. 71.

IV. *Ruth*, m. a Porter; d. in Manchester.

## WORTHEN.

THOMAS WORTHEN was surveyor of highways in 1743; lived where Titus Wells had lived, nearly opposite Edmund Elliott's. His will was dated 1769; proved Sept. 1, 1773. His widow, Dorothy, d. 1803, a. 99. The legatees were wife Dorothy, grandsons Michael and Thomas, sons of David; granddaughters Sarah and Dolly; Mehitabel and Dolly, daughters of Jonathan; son Ezekiel; dau. Rhoda Fitts, wife of Ephraim Fitts, the blacksmith; Mary Clifford, Lydia Worthen; Samuel, executor and residuary legatee.

I. *David* m. Dorothy, dau. of Enoch Colby. He d. Nov. 19, 1766; the wid. m. Jacob Chase, Esq.; d. Aug. 15, 1816. He lived on Add. No. 93, where Michael and his son David lived. Children:—

1. Michael, b. Jan. 6, 1758, m. Dorothy Brown, 1778; d. 1840, a. 82. Chil.:—Lydia, m. Aaron Whittier; Isaac, b. 1781, m. Hannah, dau. of Capt. B. True; went to Canada; Dorothy, b. March 7, 1783, m. James, son of James Wason; Betsy, m. David Currier; David, m. Jane Wilson; Lucretia, m. Joseph Day.

2. Sarah, b. 1760, m. Reuben Sanborn and went to Springfield, N. H.

3. Dorothy, b. 1763, m. Samuel, son of John Robie; went to Springfield, N. H.

4. David, b. 1765.

II. *Lt. Ezekiel*, m. Abigail, dau. of Samuel Bartlett, 1762; lived on H. L. No. 142; d. 1827, a. 86. Children:—Elizabeth, b. Dec. 6, 1774, m. Edmund Sleeper; Samuel; Ezekiel; Lydia; Josiah, b. June 27, 1780, m. Betsy, dau. of James Stevens, d. 1862; Jonathan, b. April 9, 1783, m. Jane, dau. of William Shannon; d. 1825.

III. *Samuel*, m. Abigail Ambrose, 1769.

## LONGEVITY.

There have been published at different times instances of longevity in Chester, but they are not reliable. Most of them probably originated from Moore and Farmer's Gazetteer of New Hampshire. The person who supplied that merely went to a few old men, and they told him what they had heard, as nearly as they recollected; but it was all tradition, and, to say the least, some of it apocryphal, the dates being uncertain and the ages probably overrated. There are included in this table persons who were natives and moved away, some of them many years before

their death; others, natives of other places who spent most of their lives before coming to Chester, but died here. Of course it contains more than an average of the longevity, though no doubt it is very imperfect, especially in early times. *G. S.* indicates gravestone; the dates, time of death. Many of the dates and ages are not certain.

	Years.
1739. James Wilson, father of James, and grandfather of William, James, Hugh and Robert, is said to have been . . . . .	100
1747. Robert Graham, said by Col. White to be . . . . .	80
1754. James Shirley, said to be . . . . .	105
1760. Alexander Craig, said to be . . . . .	98
(His will was proved Oct. 31, 1750, and therefore he could not have been so old, but his father might have have been of that age.)	
1756. Jane Glen, <i>G. S.</i> dated March 9, . . . . .	88
1762. Robert Mills, . . . . .	80
Benjamin Hills, <i>G. S.</i> March 15, . . . . .	79
1769. Rebecca, his wife, <i>G. S.</i> Sept. 4, . . . . .	79
1772. Dea. Ebenezer Dearborn, <i>G. S.</i> March 15, . . . . .	92
1768. Abigail, his wife, <i>G. S.</i> Feb. 26, . . . . .	83
1772. William Healey, will proved, . . . . .	82
Mary Sanborn, his wife born 1690, time of death not known, probably 1785, about . . . . .	95
1775. William Craig and wife, said to be . . . . .	100
(But he was alive in 1778, and they had a daughter Jean, died 1745, a. 16, which would not indicate so great an age of Mrs. Craig.)	
1779. John Dickey, <i>G. S.</i> April 30, . . . . .	80
Margaret, his wife, July 4, 1787, . . . . .	89
1786. Samuel Aiken, <i>G. S.</i> Jan., . . . . .	84
His widow, 1797, about . . . . .	92
William Crawford, March, over . . . . .	80
1790. Maj. John Tolford, May, . . . . .	89
Jane McMurphy, his widow, Dec. 29, 1792.	
Lieut. Ebenezer Dearborn, . . . . .	85
1791. Dea. Matthew Forsaith, Sept. 6, about . . . . .	90
Esther Graham, his wife, July, 1784, over . . . . .	80
1792. Dea. William Tolford, Sept. 25, . . . . .	92
1793. Samuel Emerson, Esq., <i>G. S.</i> Sept. 26, . . . . .	86
Dorothy, his widow, March 27, 1804, . . . . .	83
1795. Widow Mary Gordon, mother of David White's first wife, about . . . . .	90
Mary, widow of Patrick Melvin, Oct. 1, over . . . . .	80
1796. Capt. James Shirley, May 30, over . . . . .	95

	Rev. Ebenezer Flagg, Nov. 14, . . . . .	93
1797.	Agnes Craig, widow of Allen Templeton, May 3, . . . . .	80
1799.	James Waddel, Jan., more than . . . . .	80
1800.	Samuel Brown, Sen., of Hooksett, . . . . .	80
	Jean Gibson, his widow, died at Corinth, date not known, . . . . .	101
1801.	Thomas Wason, Jan., . . . . .	100
	Elizabeth, widow of Samuel Bartlett, G. S. April, . . . . .	85
	Dea. Benjamin Hills, G. S. May 6, . . . . .	80
	Eleonor, his wife, G. S. Jan. 6, 1814, . . . . .	85
1802.	Hugh McDuffee, April, about . . . . .	81
	Martha Neal, wid. of Archi. Dunlap, G. S. May 8, . . . . .	83
1803.	Dorothy, widow of Thomas Worthen, March, . . . . .	99
	Nathaniel Hall, April 5, . . . . .	84
	Mary, his widow, Jan. 23, 1809, . . . . .	87
	Priscilla Pearson, widow of Thomas Richardson, May 11, . . . . .	87
	Thomas Richardson, 1795, . . . . .	78
1804.	John Mills, Jan., . . . . .	84
	His widow, wife of Peter Abbott, 1831, over . . . . .	80
	Abigail Pike, widow of Johnson Chase, or Perley Chase's mother, . . . . .	80
1805.	John Craig, March, . . . . .	85
	John Lakin, Chester Woods, Sept. 24, . . . . .	80
1806.	Benjamin Crombie, May 2, . . . . .	90
	Rebecca Davis, his wife, Dec. 13, 1809, . . . . .	80
	Major Jabez French, G. S. Oct. 9, . . . . .	85
	Hannah Hills, his wife, Oct. 5, . . . . .	81
	Phebe Healey, widow of Winthrop Sargent, Nov. 9, . . . . .	90
	Moses Richardson, March 30, . . . . .	88
	Mary Goodhue, his wife, Oct. 13, 1809, . . . . .	79
1807.	Sarah, widow of Jonathan Moulton, March 3, sup- posed to be about . . . . .	90
	Stephen Morse, G. S. March 6, . . . . .	83
	Abigail Ingalls, his wife, May, 1806, . . . . .	81
	Elizabeth, widow of David Dinsmore, . . . . .	97
1809.	Dea. Jonathan Hall, July 21, . . . . .	93
	Mchitabel Kimball, his wife, Feb. 21, 1808, . . . . .	87
	Joanna Healey, widow of Capt. John Underhill, Aug., . . . . .	91
	Theodore Shackford, Oct. 18, at Allenstown, . . . . .	84
1812.	John Patten, March 3, . . . . .	82
	Jean, his wife, June 6, 1811, about . . . . .	80
	Hannah Gurdey, . . . . .	98
1814.	Sarah Dearborn, widow of John Shackford, Aug. 20, . . . . .	80
1815.	Mansfield McDuffee, April, . . . . .	88

	Sarah, his widow (see 1835), . . . . .	105
	Widow of Ezra Badger, very aged.	
	Jacob Hills, Nov. 2, G. S., . . . . .	81
	Mary Chase, widow of Josiah Morse, June 28, . . . . .	90
1816.	Dorothy Colby (Worthen), wid. of Jacob Chase, Esq. . . . .	85
	Ruth Long, widow of Benjamin Severance, about . . . . .	90
1817.	Nathaniel Wood, July 16, . . . . .	80
	Jabez Hoit, Aug. 7, G. S., . . . . .	82
	Abigail Haulton, his wife, May 1, 1817, . . . . .	77
	Dea. Adam Wilson, . . . . .	93
	Benjamin True, Sen.	
	Mary, widow of Robert Calef, at Concord, . . . . .	98
	Abigail Craig, widow of David Craige, Sen., at Rumney, . . . . .	104
1818.	Joseph Norton, Feb. 17, . . . . .	81
	Mary McFarland, widow of James Aiken, . . . . .	82
	John Hoit, Nov. 14 (see 1826), . . . . .	89
	Mehitabel Ingalls, widow of Dr. Samuel Moore, at Deerfield, April 12 (first child born in Chester), . . . . .	95
1819.	Rebecca, mother of Stephen Worthen, April 27, . . . . .	94
1820.	William Hoit, Jan. 20 (see 1830), . . . . .	82
	Elizabeth Philbrook, widow of Isaac Towle and Jonathan Swain, Esq., Feb. 18, . . . . .	90
	Margaret Shirley, wife of Dea. Thomas and dau. of Capt. James Shirley, at Goffstown, . . . . .	93
	Hannah Murray, wife of Samuel Murray, Nov. 30, . . . . .	86
1821.	Naomi Eastman, widow of Nathan Long, July 18, . . . . .	93
	Elizabeth Eaton, widow of Oliver Morse and Taylor Little, Sept. 22, . . . . .	82
	Jane Aiken, widow of Robert Wilson, Esq., . . . . .	86
1822.	Stephen Merrill, April 20, . . . . .	86
	His wife (see 1833).	
	Widow of Benjamin Fuller, . . . . .	80
	Widow of Daniel Harper, very aged.	
1823.	Agnes Shirley, widow of John McNair, and daughter of Capt. James Shirley, Feb., . . . . .	80
	Joseph Lenn, Feb. 19, . . . . .	82
	Molly Gilchrist, his wife, Dec. 4, 1822, about . . . . .	80
	Capt. Edward Preston, Feb. 23, . . . . .	93
	Robert Reynolds, March 28, . . . . .	88
1824.	Abigail Prescott, widow of Capt. Benjamin Currier, Jan. 2, . . . . .	80
	Widow Elliot, March 1, . . . . .	90
	Amos Merrill, April 9, . . . . .	93
	Simon Currier, Aug. 29, . . . . .	79
	Isaac Hills, Esq., Sept. 24, . . . . .	80

	Molly Colby, widow of Benjamin Hoit, Oct. 3, . . . . .	86
	Wells Chase, Dec. 28, . . . . .	87
	Sarah Hovey, his wife, Oct. 5, 1814, . . . . .	77
1825.	Mehitabel Bradley, widow of Benjamin Melvin and John S. Dearborn, Feb. 14, . . . . .	79
	Beatrice Bell, widow of William Bell, March 1, over Dennis Donovan, May 14, . . . . .	80 94
	William Wilson, Sept. 25, . . . . .	89½
	Mehitabel Osgood, wid. of Benj. True, Sen., Oct. 24, Capt. William Locke, Nov. 6, . . . . .	94 86
	Ebenezer Dearborn, Aug. 18, . . . . .	81
	Matthew Templeton, Nov. 22, . . . . .	87
1826.	Samuel Murray, Jan. 18, . . . . .	92
	Hannah, his wife (see 1820), . . . . .	86
	Miriam Hoit, widow of John Hoit, March 19, 9 months over . . . . .	92
	George Marden, Feb., . . . . .	85
	Sarah, his wife (see 1835), . . . . .	90
	Jonathan Dearborn, Nov. 2, . . . . .	80
1827.	Col. Stephen Dearborn, Oct. 27, . . . . .	88½
	Lieut. Ezekiel Worthen, . . . . .	86
	Dinah Edwards (colored), lived at Capt. Emerson's, Capt. Pearson Richardson, Nov. 26, 7 months over .	80 84
1828.	Janette Wilson, wife of Dea. William, Sept. 29, (The Dea. went to Maine and lived many years.)	84
	John Archibald, Oct. 12, between 80 and . . . . .	90
	John Sanborn, Dec. 3, . . . . .	90
	His widow died in 1832, . . . . .	94
	Sarah Woodman, widow of Abraham Morse, June 26,	98
1829.	James Wason, March 15, . . . . .	83
	Benjamin Hills, son of Abner, . . . . .	81
	William White, Nov. 9, . . . . .	89
1833.	Archibald McDuffee, Feb. 23, . . . . .	94
	His wife died 1818.	
	Wilkes West, April 10, . . . . .	94
	Robert McKinley, Aug. 27, . . . . .	93
	His wife (see 1845).	
	Samuel Porter (born at Boxford), May, . . . . .	88
	Elijah Pillsbury, July 17, . . . . .	92
	Anna Bartlett, his wife, 1833, . . . . .	93
	Adam Morrill, . . . . .	82
	Aphia Worthen, widow of William Hoit, . . . . .	86
1831.	Abigail French, wid. of Nathan Fitts, June 18, . . . . .	85
	Mary Randall, widow Joseph Morse, Feb. 28, . . . . .	80
	Abigail Rowell, widow of Josiah Rowell, of Hook- sett, Aug. 3, . . . . .	85



	Her husband died, 1823, . . . . .	79
	Capt. Stephen Hills, Jan. 31, . . . . .	85
	His widow, 1842, . . . . .	85
1832.	Samuel Shirley, at Sanbornton, Jan. 7, . . . . .	89
	His widow (see 1843).	
	Joseph Hall, Dec. 18, . . . . .	81
1833.	Judith Sargent, widow of David Hall, Jan. 31, . . . . .	81
	Hon. Joseph Blanchard, March 7, . . . . .	80
	Stephen Worthen, April 27, . . . . .	81
	Abigail Woods, widow of James Eaton, and mother of Alexander E., and of Mrs. Pressey, . . . . .	98
	John Butterfield, Sept. 17, 5 months over . . . . .	87
	Mary Melvin, widow of David White and Stephen Merrill, July 13, . . . . .	88
1834.	Elizabeth Moulton, widow of Simeon Currier, April 24, . . . . .	86
	Her husband, Aug 29, 1824, . . . . .	79
	John Sleeper, June, . . . . .	80
	Elizabeth Gilchrist, widow of Mark Karr, . . . . .	86
	Asa Haselton, Sen., about . . . . .	91
1835.	Caleb Hall, Feb. 15, . . . . .	96
	Mary Bradley, his wife, Apr. 6, 1822, . . . . .	77
	Joseph Carr, Feb. 27, . . . . .	92
	Hannah Ayer, his wife, Feb. 25, 1833, . . . . .	85
	Widow of Elliot Berry, . . . . .	90
	Sarah Coburn, wid. of Thomas Currier and Mans- field McDuffee, . . . . .	105
	Gideon Currier, died in Raymond, Oct. 1, . . . . .	81
	Sarah Webster, wid. of George Marden, Sept. 27, . . . . .	90
1836.	Dolly Johnson, wid. of David Folsom and Joseph Blanchard, Esq., May 14, . . . . .	88
	Molly, daughter of John Patten, Jan. 4, nearly . . . . .	80
	Mehitabel, widow of Eben Basford, April 10, . . . . .	84
	Sherburn Sanborn, May 8, . . . . .	80
	Molly Hoit, his wife, Sept. 24, 1852, . . . . .	88
	Joseph Long, Nov. 26, . . . . .	84
	Ruth French, widow of Josiah Hall, . . . . .	83
	Josiah Hall, Sept. 10, 1825, . . . . .	70
1837.	Martha Perley, wife of Samuel Porter, (born at Box- ford,) Jan. 19, . . . . .	83
	Dea. Nathan Knowles, April 30, . . . . .	89
	Susannah Shackford, his wife, Dec. 29, 1842, . . . . .	85
	Edward Robie, Dec. 26, . . . . .	92
	Sarah Smith, his wife, Aug. 4, 1843, . . . . .	89

	Sarah Gilchrist, widow of Joseph Carr and Robert Graham, . . . . .	86
1838.	Moses Underhill, Feb. 8, . . . . .	89
	Edmund Sleeper, June 11, . . . . .	86
	Mary Orr Patten, wid. of David Patten, Nov. 17, . . . . .	81
	David Patten, April 17, 1835, . . . . .	77
	Dea. John Webster, . . . . .	83
1839.	Sarah Hall, widow of Peter Severance, Dec. 28, . . . . .	82
1840.	Lydia Richardson, widow of Abraham Sargent, Feb. 6, 7 months over . . . . .	90
	William Mills, March 19, . . . . .	94
	Molly Norton, wid. Joseph, March 22, 6 months over . . . . .	100
	Abiah Orcutt, mother of Eph. Orcutt, March 4, . . . . .	88
	Dea. David Currier, Apr. 1, . . . . .	85
	Mary Dinsmore, his wife, Aug. 20, 1836, . . . . .	82
	Levi Whitman, native of Bedford and father of James Wilson's wife, . . . . .	85
	Ebenezer Townsend, Oct. 12, . . . . .	88
	Michael Worthen, . . . . .	82
	Dolly Brown, his wife, (time not known,) . . . . .	80
1841.	Capt. James Orr, Oct. 11, . . . . .	81
	Sarah Melvin, his wid., March 29, 1861, 6 mos. over . . . . .	93
	Abigail Moulton, wid. of Jacob Basford and Jonathan Brown, . . . . .	88
	Lieut. Jacob Elliot, Dec. 6, . . . . .	86
	Thomas Anderson, Jan. 5, . . . . .	79
1842.	Sarah Wadley, wid. of John Clark, Feb. 23, . . . . .	87
	Ruth Kelly, wid. of Parker Chase, May 17, . . . . .	90
	Lydia Leavit Griffin, widow of Samuel Shannon, May 25, . . . . .	87
	Margaret Wilson Crawford, wid. of Samuel Crombie, Sept. 9, . . . . .	87
	Peter Hall, Dec. 1, 6 months over . . . . .	91
	Edna Davis, widow of Peter Hill and Peter Hall, July, 1848, . . . . .	89
	Prudence Sargent, widow of Joseph Hills, at the Long Meadows, Dec. 23, . . . . .	93
1843.	Mary Morrison, wid. of William Shirley, July, . . . . .	83
	Joseph Hill, son of Abner Hill, Sept. 10, . . . . .	86
	Mary Page, his wife, Sept. 20, 1849, . . . . .	82
	Elizabeth McDuffee, wid. of Samuel Shirley, Sept. 6, . . . . .	80
	Capt. Benjamin True, Dec. 6, . . . . .	81
1844.	Capt. John Emerson, April 3, . . . . .	86
	Elizabeth French, his widow, July 16, 1852, . . . . .	90
	Nabbe Emerson, wid. of Benj. Hall and Capt. Abraham Towle, April 3, 6 months over . . . . .	83

	Anna Heath, widow of Jere. Underhill, May 19, . . . . .	86
	Eleanor Blasdel, widow of Andrew Neal, Nov. 11, . . . . .	85
	Susannah, wid. of Jacob Green, Oct. 31, . . . . .	94
1845.	Rev. Jonathan Calef, at Lyman, Me., . . . . .	83
	Joshua Hall, April 24, . . . . .	83
	Polly Morse, his wife, April 3, 1856, . . . . .	80
	Susannah Haynes, wid. of Wm. Weeks, May 3, . . . . .	94
	William, her husband, Sept., 1821, . . . . .	76
1846.	Sarah Haselton, widow of Stephen Clay, nearly . . . . .	80
	James Otterson, of Hooksett, Dec. 26, . . . . .	89
	Mary Chase, his wife, Feb. 9, 1845, . . . . .	80
	Mary Otterson, Nov. 22, 1845, . . . . .	86
	John Locke, June 18, . . . . .	81
	Eben Currier, May, about . . . . .	86
1847.	Anna Eaton, wife of Solomon Stevens, Jan. 31, . . . . .	85
	Mr. Stevens (see 1854).	
	Anna Melvin, wid. of Lt. Josiah Underhill, Mar. 17, . . . . .	84
	Mrs. Larabee, . . . . .	80
	Huldah Smith, wid. of Daniel Greenough, Oct. 24, . . . . .	85
	Abigail Smith, wid. of Cornet David Shaw, Dec. 25, . . . . .	94
1848.	Paul Adams, Feb. 22, . . . . .	85
	Mrs. Gould, mother of the wife of John S. Brown, . . . . .	
	July 21, . . . . .	85
	Capt. John Wason, July 8, . . . . .	84
	Elizabeth Smith, his wife, Dec. 3, 1843, . . . . .	81
	Wife of Asa Haselton, Sept. 4, . . . . .	86
	Meribah Waddel, Aug. 30, . . . . .	98
1849.	Abigail Underhill, widow of Moses Crombie, April . . . . .	
	29, 6 months over . . . . .	94
	John Griffin, at almshouse, March 3, . . . . .	86
	Ruth Seavey, his wife, about the same age.	
	Hannah, mother of Dea. John Lane, May 25, . . . . .	84
	Judith Worth Kelly, widow of Dea. Amos Morse, . . . . .	
	Sept. 9, . . . . .	89
	Elizabeth Richardson, widow of David Craige, Jr., . . . . .	
	at Rumney, . . . . .	99
1850.	William, son of Lt. William Brown, . . . . .	95
	Sarah Sheldon, his wife, . . . . .	90
	(They died with their children at Mount Desert, . . . . .	
	Me., the exact time not known.)	
	Sarah Knowles, wid. of Josiah Morse, Jr., July 9, . . . . .	
	9 months over . . . . .	84
	Martha Graham, widow of Samuel Aiken, Feb. 2, . . . . .	86
	Hon. Samuel Bell, Dec. 23, . . . . .	81
1851.	Dea. Benj. Hills, Sept. 25, . . . . .	88
	Lydia Dearborn, his wife, June 2, 1844, . . . . .	77

	Mehitabel Stevens, wife of Isaac Hills, Aug. 26,	99
	Isaac, her husband, Sept. 24, 1824,	80
	Mrs. Evans, mother of the wives of N. Griffin and Jesse Patten,	83
	Thomas Wicom, of Hooksett,	101
	Ann Archibald, Nov., nearly	80
1852.	B. Pike Chase, March 16,	90
	Mr. Flint, March 29,	81
	James Stevens, June 3,	86
	His widow, Nov. 10, 1865,	88
	Joseph Richardson, June 6,	84
	Amos Crombie, Sept. 10,	88
	Sherburne Dearborn, Oct. 9,	94
	Betty, Dau. of Abraham Morse, Oct. 16,	81
	Molly Brown, widow of Robert Davis, d. at her daughter, Mrs. Hale's, at Newburyport, April 12,	94
	John Brown, d. at his son Samuel Brown's, Bangor, April 19,	92
	(Children of Samuel Brown of Hooksett.)	
1853.	Lydia Senter, widow of Reuben Senter, April 19,	83
	Reuben, her husband, Dec. 12, 1842,	79
1854.	Solomon Stevens, Oct. 14,	93
	His wife (see 1847).	
	Alexander Donovan, Nov. 19,	82
	Martha Smith, widow of Silas Camet, Sen., d. at Or- ford, July 21, 6 months over	99
	Betsy Elkins, wid. of Samuel Wallace, Oct. 21,	80
1855.	Betty Hoit, dau. of Benj. Hoit, Feb. 22,	94
	Daniel McDuffie, April 5, 6 months over	84
	Ann Shirley, his wife, Nov. 29, 1860, d. in Candia,	85
	David Porter, July 12,	82
	Elizabeth Pike, widow of Jona. Dearborn, May 1,	88
	John Coffin, Aug. 8,	89
	Eunice Sargent, his wife, July 2, 1860,	92
	Eunice Silver, widow of Joseph Calef and John Downing,	86
	Joseph Carr, Oct., 8 months over	88
1856.	Edna, dau. of Abraham Morse,	82
1857.	Capt. Benj. Fitts, May 20,	86
	Susan Dearborn, his wife, April 15, 1860,	85
	Robert Knowles, July 22,	89
	Edward Robie, Jr., Sept. 12,	79
	Joseph Robinson, Dec., 6 months over	89
1858.	Sephen Webster, March 3,	84
	Dolly Pillsbury, his wife, Feb. 19, 1857,	79

	Joseph Smith, Oct. 24, . . . . .	80
	Benj. Davis, Nov. 16, . . . . .	80
	Thomas Coleman, Nov. 22, . . . . .	87
	Mary Stinson, widow of Samuel Carr, Sept. 15, .	84½
	Widow of Henry Smith, Nov. 4, . . . . .	81
1859.	Nancy Carr, wid. of John Clark, Jr., Jan. 18, .	89½
	Isaac Morse, June 29, . . . . .	90
	Moses Brickett, Sept. 25, . . . . .	79
	Sally Pillsbury, his wife, Nov. 12, . . . . .	79
1861.	Sarah Melvin, wid. of James Orr, March 23, . .	93½
	James Orr d. Oct 11, 1841, . . . . .	81
	Hannah Townsend, wife of Dea. John Lane, April 28, . . . . .	81
	Martha Graham, wid. of David Hall, May 1, . .	83
	Lucretia Currier, wid. of Moses K. Hall, Aug. 17, .	96
	Moses, her husband, Aug. 18, 1837, . . . . .	79
	William Graham, Esq., Aug. 3, . . . . .	85
	Dea. Nathan Knowles, Sept. 10, . . . . .	85
	Rebecca Dearborn, his wife, Jan. 2, 1864, . . .	84
	Abigail C. Heath (Ch. Rec.), . . . . .	92
1862.	Peter Hall, Jr., d. March 29, . . . . .	82
	John Kimball at Auburn, April 25, . . . . .	84
	John Murray, June 5, . . . . .	85
	Elizabeth Pillsbury, his wid., Nov. 2, 1866, . .	84
	Capt. Moses Haselton, Aug. 9, . . . . .	82
	Josiah Worthen, Aug. 10, . . . . .	82
	Susanna Hills, wid. of Nathan Knowles, Jr., . .	92
	Martha, dau. of William Wilson, . . . . .	88
	Persis Thom, wid. of Hon. John Bell, Nov. 22, .	84
1863.	John Clark, Esq., May 15, . . . . .	79
	Robert Mills, June 6, . . . . .	82
	Josiah Seavey, July 31, . . . . .	83
	Peter Morse, . . . . .	89
	Hannah Morse, wid. of Moses Hills, Sept. 10, .	85
	Mary Camet, wid. of Edward Richardson, and wife of R. S. Hunton, Dec. 7, . . . . .	81
	Mary Simonds, wid. of Nathan Webster and John L. Glidden, Dec. 19, . . . . .	83
	Lydia, wid. of Daniel, and dau. of Joseph Norton, d. in Raymond, . . . . .	92
1864.	Hannah Hoit, wid. of Joseph Abbott, March 22, at Fremont, . . . . .	91
	Nehemiah Lufkin, May 15, . . . . .	84
	Judith Brown, wid. of Benj. Wilson, May 10, . .	95½

	Richard Shackford, Sept. 30, . . . . .	92
	Lydia Ayer, wid. of Daniel Anderson, Dec. 2, . . . . .	84
	Polly Green, wid. of Benj. Underhill, . . . . .	82
1865.	Wid. of James Stevens (see 1852), . . . . .	88
	Isaac Blunt, March, . . . . .	85
	Robert Martin, Dec. 25, 5 months over . . . . .	87
	Hannah Currier, wid. of Samuel Shackford, Aug. 7, . . . . .	80
	Anna Hall, wid. of Joseph Currier, Oct. 13, . . . . .	87½
1866.	Polly Porter, wid. of David Emery and Charles Emerson, . . . . .	80
	Amos Green, April, nearly . . . . .	79
	Nathan Griffin, June 23, between . . . . . 78 and 79	
	Nancy Marston, wid. of Saml. Aiken, Esq., Aug. 6, . . . . .	85
	Patty Davis, wife of Hazen Davis, Aug. 10, . . . . .	88½
	Mary Knowles, wid. of Daniel Hills, Nov. 21, . . . . .	86
	Rosanna Aiken, wid. of Alex. McGregor and Dear- born Whittier, at Londonderry, Nov. 23, . . . . .	84
	John Haselton, Dec., . . . . .	85
1867.	Polly Gault, wid. of John Brown, Oct. 31, at Milton, Vt., . . . . .	84
1868.	Pamela Brown, wid. of James Hoit, nearly . . . . .	80
	John White, Feb. 3, . . . . .	84
	Susanna Sargent, wid. of John Melvin and Richard Dearborn, Feb. 4, 7 months over . . . . .	90
	Moses Crombie, March 4, . . . . .	87
	Elizabeth Currier, wid. of John Clark, Esq., March 14, 8 months over . . . . .	80
	John Clark, her husband, May 15, 1863, . . . . .	79
	Hannah Ingalls, wid. of John Hall, March, . . . . .	81
	Peter Haselton, March 17, . . . . .	85
	Susan B. Robinson, his wife, March 20, . . . . .	72
	Lucretia Hills, wid. of Thos. Haselton, June 19, 9 months over . . . . .	88
	Samuel Wason, July 4, . . . . .	85
	Josiah Forsaith, Aug. 18, 9 months over . . . . .	83
	Ruth Wood, wid. of Ebenezer Wood, Sept. 12, . . . . .	79
	Isaac Hall, Oct. 10, . . . . .	80
	Asa Noyes, Dec. 28, 8 months over . . . . .	88
1869.	Wife of Samuel Kendall, Jan. 4, 3 months over . . . . .	82
	Samuel Haselton, Jan. 16, . . . . .	82½
	Sally McKinley, wid. of David Abbott, Jan. 30, . . . . .	80
	Sarah, dau. of Dea. John S. Dearborn, and wid. of Moses Carlton, d. at West Concord (was the old- est native of Chester at her death), . . . . .	95½

AGED PERSONS, INCLUDING NATIVES, SOME OF WHOM HAVE BEEN  
ABSENT MANY YEARS, AND PRESENT RESIDENTS NOT NATIVES.

The oldest native, so far as is known, is Dolly Hoit, dau. of Benjamin Hoit, who has resided in Chester nearly all of her life; b. Dec. 15, 1774.

The next oldest native is James Wason; b. Feb. 13, 1780.

Dorothy Worthen, his wife, b. March 7, 1783.

Dorothy Locke, the widow of Josiah Moore and Thomas Shannon; b. June 9, 1780.

The oldest resident is Rebecca Bailey, the widow of Silas Tenney; b. May 13, 1773.

Hannah Porter, widow of William Preston and James Emerson; b. 1781.

Samuel Kendall; b. May 12, 1782.

Hannah Foss, the widow of Andrew Seavey; b. Sept. 27, 1782.

Lucy Morse; b. Jan. 5, 1783.

Joseph Rand; b. April 12, 1783.

Sarah Ayer, widow of Capt. Moses Haselton; b. April 8, 1784.

Betsy Green; b. 1784.

Mary Haselton, widow of John Wells and Davis; b. July 18, 1784.

Stephen Farnham; b. Aug. 25, 1785.

Ann McKinley, wid. of James Badger; b. 1785.

Johnson Morse; b. at Dracut, Feb. 12, 1786; now of Chester.

Peter Card; b. at Woolwich, Me., April 7, 1786; now of Auburn.

Sarah Emerson, widow of Josiah Haselton; b. Sept. 8, 1786.

Ednah Davis, widow of Walter Morse; b. Sept. 18, 1786.

Benaiah Spofford; b. Sept. 9, 1786.

Polly Page, his wife; b. Aug. 9, 1792.

Aaron Ball; b. at Princetown, May, 1786; came to Chester, 1824.

Abigail Lane, widow of Thomas Wason; b. July 17, 1782.

Molly Lane, widow of Dea. Amos Bachelder, June 29, 1786.

Anna Lane, wife of Jona. A. Lane; b. Aug. 30, 1788.

John Lane; b. Jan. 6, 1792. (The last four are children of Cornet Isaac Lane.)

John Porter; b. Feb. 12, 1787.

Hannah Hall, wife of Benjamin Chase; b. Feb. 18, 1787.

Dr. Nathan Plummer, Aug. 11, 1787.

Elizabeth Chase, widow of James Underhill; b. Sept. 18, 1787.

John Colby; b. 1785.

Samuel Colby; b. 1787.

Hannah Colby; b. 1791.

(Last three are children of Rev. Zaccheus Colby.)