

THOMAS BETTS (1618 - 1688)
and
HIS DESCENDANTS

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The accompanying history of Thomas Betts and his descendants was principally compiled by the late C. Wyllys Betts (482).

At his death on April 27, 1887, the larger part of the history down to and including part of the "FIFTH GENERATION," was already in the hands of the printer.

It was not his intention at this time, as I am informed, to carry the family history in detail further than the fifth generation, except in the case of his own immediate branch of it, the descendants of Samuel Comstock Betts (63) and Uriah Betts (237). He had in 1886 published a catalogue of the descendants of Samuel Comstock Betts in the line of Zebulon Betts (237), and it was, perhaps, his intention at a later period, but not in the present volume, to continue to the present time the list of descendants of all branches of the family.

His death terminated any such plans, and placed upon me, his brother, the duty of carrying forward his unfinished work, as far as it had been already entered upon.

I have completed his work as far as possible for me to do by using the materials which he left, and by following the lines of inquiry upon which he had already entered.

I have commenced no independent investigations. .

Any omissions are due to the fact that the work is thus presented.

The history of the descendants of Uria Betts (237) has, however, been written wholly by me, because personally known.

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INTRODUCTION.

The chief sources of information regarding Thomas Betts, and his descendants to the fifth generation, are the town records of Guilford and Norwalk in Connecticut, the records of wills in Fairfield, and the church records of Wilton in the same colony.

The church records of Norwalk, unfortunately, were burned by the British during the Revolution ; and thus perished one of the most valuable pieces of documentary evidence regarding this family.

To a great extent this loss has been supplied by entries of the dates of birth, marriage and death in the Bible of Thomas Betts, dated 1591, in that of his grandson, Thomas Betts the third, and in that of his great-grandson Daniel Betts the third. Dates of birth in many cases have been derived from the inscriptions on ancient tombstones stating the age of the deceased, or from similar information in town and church records of death.

In addition to this, numerous ancient deeds and other documents in the possession of the writer, and of other members of the family, have yielded their testimony to relationship ; and, where all other means have failed, family tradition has been relied upon.

Thus in many cases the dates of birth, marriage and death in a single generation and family have been supplied from many different records ; and for convenience of verification I have inserted in the text small capital letters referring to the following list of sources of information where the text does not state it at length.

- G Guilford town records.
- N Norwalk town records.
- F Fairfield record of wills.
- W Wilton church records.
- S Society records in Wilton.
- S² Congregational Society records at Wilton.
- I Inscription on tombstone.
- T Bible of Thomas Betts.
- T² Bible of Thomas Betts the third.
- D Bibles of Daniel Betts the third and fourth.
- U Bible of Uriah Betts.
- M Milford town records.
- O Original document.
- R Colonial Records of Connecticut.
- E Episcopal church records, Wilton, (Norwalk).
- L Bible of Lucy Betts, widow of Uriah Betts.
- P Records collected by Philip Betts, deceased.
- A Records of Allen Betts.
- H Hall's Norwalk.
- TR Family tradition.
- C Calculation from record giving age.
- B Records of Benedict Betts, deceased, of Charleston,
S. C.
- B² Records of William Betts of Norwalk.
- HI Hinman's Puritan Settlers.

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THOMAS BETTS,

OF GUILFORD AND NORWALK,

AND

HIS DESCENDANTS.

(1) THOMAS BETTS, the ancestor of the American family, was born in England in 1618, and coming to America as early as 1639, being then but twenty-one years of age, he became one of the founders of Guilford, in Connecticut.

The first settlement in the bounds of the present State of Connecticut had been made four years earlier, in 1635, at Windsor, Hartford and Wethersfield, and the first Court was held in Hartford, on April 26th, 1636, one of the magistrates being Mr. Andrew Ward, several of whose descendants have married those of Thomas Betts. But the lands along the coast between the "Quonektacut" and Quinnipiac rivers, namely, between Saybrook and New Haven, were unexplored until the Pequot war in 1637; and they first became known during the pursuit of the Pequots westward. The first colony founded upon the Sound was New Haven, in 1638; and Guilford was the second. In January of the following year the towns of Hartford, Windsor and Wethersfield established the Colony of Connecticut and adopted a constitution; John Haynes, Esq., being

elected the first Governor; and George Wylls the second Governor. Descendants of both have intermarried with the family of Betts.

No record has been found of the ship in which Thomas Betts landed. It may be, therefore, that he came earlier than 1639, with relatives or friends; the names of minors frequently being not recorded. From his association with Governor Leete, Samuel Disborough, Rev. Henry Whitfield and other Puritan gentlemen distinguished in the early history of the colony, it is probable that religious persecution drove him across the water. He brought with him a bible dated 1591, which is still in the possession of the family. It was, no doubt, a precious heirloom in those days when books were rare. Unfortunately the first leaves, which may have contained his father's name, are lost.

The first record of him is also the earliest of any kind in the town records. It is found in Book A, page 1, of the "Court Record" in Guilford, under date of August 14th, 1645, where it is said that "Mr. Samuel Disbrow, Richard Bristow and Thomas Betts, members of the church, and Tho. French, planter, took their oath." Samuel Disborough, who took his oath with Thomas Betts, had been the chief magistrate of the plantation for several years. He was a brother of Colonel Disborough, who married a sister of the Protector Cromwell, and he was afterwards a member of Parliament and Keeper of the Great Seal of Scotland.

In the book of the first "Terryers" of land, known as the "Proprietors' Records," the description of Mr. Betts' allotment is on folio 12, "as followeth":

"Imprimis. One home lot containing and allowed for one acre and a halfe, lying in the plaine fronting up the street over against Mr. Whitfield's, rearing back to the swamp, the lands of the said Mr. Whitfield lying next on the south, and the home lot of John Johnson."

This was one of the best positions in the town, being next to that of the clergyman, Mr. Whitfield, and

upon a rising ground before which stretches out the great plain as far as the Sound. Upon Mr. Whitfield's lot was built, in 1639, the fortified stone house that served as a fort for the planters, and still stands there, being the oldest house in the United States. After Mr. Whitfield's return to England, the next American proprietor was Wyllys Eliot, Esq., who purchased it for £3,000. He was a descendant of John Eliot, the "Apostle to the Indians," and one of his daughters and one of his granddaughters married into the family of Thomas Betts.

There were also laid out to Thomas Betts in Guilford seven tracts of other outlands containing about fifty acres^o.

Here were born to him six children, whose names and dates of birth are given below.

His wife Mary may have come with him from England, as there is no record of his marriage in this country; but as his first child was born in 1644, and as there were no records kept in Guilford between 1639 and that date, he very likely married during this period.

The home lot and fifty acres of outland fell to Thomas Betts, "as the lands of Guilford, were first divided, whether by lot, or otherwise upon requests of particular persons." This shows that he was at Guilford at the first division of lands and allocation of house lots in 1640; and that he was one of the forty original "planters" who founded the town in 1639. Smith says that he came from Milford in that year; * though Lambert says he came from Wethersfield.†

His name does not appear among the signers of the "Guilford Plantation Covenant," which was made at sea on June 1st, 1639; and he must, therefore, have come overland to join the colonists. This interesting

* Smith's Guilford, p. 14.

† Lambert's Colony of New Haven, p. 162.

document is given at length, to show the character of the community in which he chose to live.

It is as follows :

“ We, whose names are hereunder written, intending by God’s gracious permission to plant ourselves in New England, and, if it may be, in the southerly part, about Quinnipiack, we do faithfully promise, each to each, for ourselves and families and those that belong to us, that we will, the Lord assisting us, sit down and join ourselves together in one intire plantation, and so be helpful each to the other in every common work, according to every man’s ability, and as need may require ; and we promise not to desert or leave each other or the plantation, but with the consent of the rest or the greater part of the company who have entered into this enagement.

“ As for our gathering together in a church way, and the choice of officers and members to be joined together in that way, we do refer ourselves until such time as it shall please God to settle us in our plantation.

“ In witness whereof, we subscribe our hands the first day of June, 1639.”

Twenty-five names are signed to this document, among whom are the following whose descendants afterwards married into the family of Thomas Betts, namely :

William Chittenden, Deputy Governor of Connecticut, 1646-61.

William Leete, Deputy and Governor from 1643 to 1683.

John Stone and Abraham Cruttenden.

These colonists chose “ Menunkatuck ” for settle-

ment, and in 1643 named it Guilford, after the capital of Surrey.

They made the purchase from the Indians on Sept. 29th, 1639, through Rev. Henry Whitfield, Robert Kitchel, William Leete, William Chittenden, John Bishop and John Chaffinge. Mr. Smith * says it was settled entirely by the followers and personal friends of Mr. Whitfield and Mr. Disborough. They were chiefly from the Counties of Kent and Surrey, and many of them were persons of influence. They formed a distinct colony, with a government of their own, and had no connection with Plymouth, Massachusetts, Connecticut or New Haven, the four New England Colonies of that day, until 1643, when they joined the Colony of New Haven.

Besides the dates of birth of his six eldest children from 1644 to 1657, we find few memorials of Thomas Betts in Guilford. On October 9, 1645, he was fined three shillings for neglect of his fence; but we may take comfort in the fact that the Hon. Jacob Sheaffe, who was representative of the town on the preceding year, was subjected at the same time to the same penalty. His name next appears among the voters of the town on May 22d, 1649. The expenses of his rapidly increasing family gave him a taste of *res augustæ domi*; for when the Rev. Mr. Whitfield tendered his reasons to the Church for his removal, and "inquiry was made of every man in particular concerning his ability in paying to the minister for the present and in probability to continue according to the ordinary providence," Mr. Thomas Betts "doubted his ability to continue his present sum."

On June 20th, 1657, Mr. Betts purchased some lands at Guilford, showing that he still resided there at that date; and his son Daniel was born there on

* Smith's Guilford, p. 51.

October 4th of that year. Six weeks after this event, namely, on November 17th, 1657, he sold his "outlands" to Henry Kingsnorth; and three days later he sold his "home lot" to George Highland.

His departure from Guilford was very likely due to that of his friends and neighbors, Rev. Henry Whitfield and Samuel Disborough, who shortly before had sailed for England, and who never returned. At this time it appeared that the plantation was in danger of abandonment.

He resided in Milford, Connecticut, from about this date until 1660, for in 1658, in company with Roger Betts, who was perhaps a relative, he settled there; and the birth of his son Samuel is in the records of that town on April 4, 1660.

In 1660 he purchased the "home lots" of Nathaniel Eli and of Ralph Keeler, in the town of Norwalk, the Eli lot containing four acres and two roods, and being "bounded east by the common, west by town highway, north by Richard Olmsted's home lot, south by the other highway;" and the Keeler lot, containing four acres, being bounded on the east by the common upland, on the west by the common highway, on the north by John Keeler's home lot, and on the south by Samuel Campfield's home lot. These "home lots" were on the east side of the Norwalk river, in what is known as the Old Town, and their position is indicated in the map contained in Hall's History of Norwalk, a copy of which is inserted here. One half of the land thus purchased from Eli was sold by Mr. Betts to Christopher Comstock on January 27th, 1661. In the records of 1661 he is described as "a planter inhabiting in Norwalke."

At about the same time he must have acquired an interest in "several islands lying adjacent to the township;" for in 1702, in Liber 2, it is recorded that the title of his sons Thomas and Samuel had existed "forty years and longer."

The next mention of him is in the New Haven Colo-

nial Records, where he appears as a witness, May 27th, 1661, in a suit of John Davenport, Jr., vs. Mrs. Joanna Prudden, for the recovery of a horse. The record says:

"The defendt. presented the testimony of Tho. Betts, as followth :

"When I had been at New Haven, to let Mr. Davenport see the horse wch. is in difference between Mr. Davenport & Mrs. Prudden, Sargeant Fowler came to Mrs. Prudden & looked vpō the horse & ye brand-marke, & sd that the marke could not be I: D.; but it might possibly be P: P.; & by the horse starting forward when ye brand was setting ō, might turne it off one side.' This testified by me, Tho: Betts."

The General Assembly, on October 13th, 1664, voted to accept him as a freeman of the town in the following May, this being the formality necessary to enable him to vote or to be elected to such offices as governor, magistrate or deputy to the court. A "freeman" also was obliged to be a member of the church. The account in the Colonial Records of Connecticut is as follows :

"For Norwalke: Dan^l Kellog, Math: Marven. Thomas Betts, Mark Senssion, John Bouton, Edward Nash, Thomas Lupton, are accepted to be made free, and Mr. Campfield is to administer the oath of freedome to them in May next, if nothing fall in as a just exception against either of them in the interrem."

Thomas Betts first appears on the list of "freemen," or voters, on October 11th, 1669.

Another "home lot" was voted to him by the town on March 27th, 1665, as appears by the following item:

"At a meetinge heild the 27th of March, -65, granted and voted unto Tho. Betts a home-lott of 4 acres, lying next to Ralph Keeler's home lot, the said Tho. Betts having at the saied meetinge resigned that home-lott lying by Will. Ruscoe's into the Towne's hands."

The last of his lands in Guilford were held by him until October 4th, 1667, when he sold them to John Meigs.^a

On December 4, 1668, he obtained lot "No. 14 of "winter wheat field" in Norwalk.

His name next appears, with thirty-three others, in the Colonial Records, in "A true and perfect list of all "the Freemen appertaining vnto the plantation of "Norwake. Taken this 11th of October, 1669, and to "be presented unto the Honoured Court assembled."

His taxable estate was valued in 1671 at £146.10s.; and in the following year, February 10th, 1672, he appears in the census with the largest family in the town, consisting of eight children.

The name of Thomas Betts appears in May, 1672, at the head of a list of fourteen residents of Norwalk, who petitioned for and received a grant of land "for the beginning of a plantation near the back side of Norwalk."²¹ This plantation was afterwards known as Wilton, where many of his descendants lived. It is mentioned in his will as the "lands at Pimpawalke;" and this name in various forms, but usually "Pimpawang" appears in many conveyances by his descendants for at least a hundred years after his death.

The names of those who joined him in this enterprise were Richard Olmstead, Thomas Benedict, Walter Hoyte, John Rusco, Daniel Kellog, Nathaniel Hayes, Matthew Marvin, Jr., Edward Nash, Mark Sension (St. John), Thomas Seimer (Seymour), Samuel Hayes, Thomas Taylor and Henry Whitney.

Mr. Betts, however, still continued his residence in Norwalk; and he appears to have taken an active part in certain church controversies which arose about 1678, and in which an appeal was made to the General Assembly.

The Colonial Records, under date of May 19, 1680, mention a "Petition dated May 13, 1680, "signed by Tho. Fitch, Sen., Walter Hoyte, Thomas "Betts, Sen., and twenty-seven others. They cannot "as yet see light for to issue the meeting-house con-

“troversy, in the mode recommended by the committee by a lot. They give their reasons for objecting ‘to improve such an ordinance, in which God’s name is invoked, upon a *determined case*,’ and urge the confirmation of the committee’s return.”

The Record then says :

“It appearing to this court that the people of Norwalke are yet unsatisfied and unagreed about the stating of the place where the meeting house shall be sett, notwithstanding all endeavours by committees chosen by themselves and by this Court, * * * and they appearing before this Court for a further settlement of this matter ; * * * The Court doe heartily and affectionately recommend it to the good people of Norwalke forthwith unanimously to agree and solemnly to commit the decision of this controversy to the wise disspose of the Most High, *by a lott*.”

Edward Ketchum, of Huntington, L. I., conveyed to him fourteen acres in Norwalk on Feb. 23, 1679, one parcel being “on the east side of ye Town in that part of ye field commonly called ye Pasture lots ;” another parcel being “between Sticky Plaine and the West Rocks ;” and another being “at Rhootan Island.” This deed was recorded in 1718.ⁿ

Among the “estates of Commonage of the Inhabitants of Norwalk presented and accepted by the Town January the third, 1687,” appear the following estates of Thomas Betts and his sons :

	£.	S.	D.
Daniel Betts.....	69	06	02
Thomas Betts, Sr.....	196	10	10
Thomas Betts, Jr.....	99	06	02
Samuel Betts.....	324	06	02
James Betts.....	59	06	02
John Betts	69	06	02

These estimates, by vote of the General Assembly were made exclusive of houses and barns, which appear to have been not subject to taxation".

It appears from his will that he was possessed of many other lands than those mentioned in the above deeds, and also that during his lifetime he made gifts of land to his sons.

Thus we find the following real estate mentioned in the will :

1. The dwelling-house, with plowing land, pasture land and orchard, forming the home lot.
2. The meadow at Charles Creeke.
3. The meadow at Sacatock River (Saugatuck).
4. The land at Pimpawalke.
5. The lot at Calfe pasture.
6. The second home lot upon Dey Hill.
7. The Prime Hill lot.
8. The Cove lot.
9. The meadow at Rocky Springs.
10. The second division of meadows "on the other side of Norwalk River."
11. The Gratuity lot.
12. The "second division of six acres to the hundred."
13. The Pasture lot.
14. The meadow at the Cove.
15. The "first division of meadow on ye other side of Norwalk River."
16. The land near Strong Brook.
17. The lot at Sacatock Brooke.
19. The land near Boggy Meadow Brooke.

Two years before his death, "on December 24th, " 1686, the town did vote John Gregory, Senr., and Mr. " Thomas Fitch and Thomas Betts, Senr., for to be " seated in the Round Seat."

It may perhaps seem that a paltry honor for the founder of our family is here recorded. The "round seat" was nothing more than a prominent position in church. But the privilege of occupation was conferred by the town upon those esteemed most worthy of respect.

In this poor community of "planters," then numbering only about seventy heads of families, of whom our ancestor and his sons and sons-in-law themselves made one-tenth, there was no greater honor to confer. The church was the centre of their life. Further from the home of their childhood, in length and peril of journey, than the utmost corner of the earth now is from us, they had made new homes in the wilderness; and separated for conscience sake from all the dignities of the world they had deserted, they wisely kept their thoughts and hopes within the narrow horizon of daily life, and conferred their petty dignities with due solemnity.

Nor were the doings of these men in any sense ignoble. Each one who crossed the ocean to found a city here performed an act of heroism, and is worthy of all honor. Each hamlet along the coast was a post of danger. Every village was a stockade fort, and every man a soldier who mounted guard in turn, and felled the forest or ploughed the field with his arms beside him.

Two years after the event above recorded, "Thomas Betts, planter, of Norwalke," departed this life full of years and honors, "aged seventy years or thereabouts."

In a power of attorney from Richard Raymond (of Salem, Massachusetts, 1634), dated in 1677, he is named "my well-beloved brother Thomas Betts, of Norwalk."

So then we know from these meagre records that our ancestor was both honored and beloved by those with whom he lived; and we too offer him our reverence and our thanks for the deed that made us Americans.

Traditions relate that he came from Smithfield,* then one of the outlying villages of London; and another family tradition derives his descent from a family having large estates in England. Unfortunately the records of St. Sepulchre's Church were burnt in the London fire of 1666; and the records of Great St. Bartholomew's Church and Hospital contain no mention of the name. Those who seek a longer genealogy than is here recorded will find that for centuries the name has been held in esteem, from the days of Thomas Betts and Maud his wife, of Hastings Hall and Whitefoot's Hall Manors, Norfolk, in 1386, to those of Thomas Betts, of Southampton, in 1575, and Thomas Betts, of Barling, Lincolnshire, in 1634; all country squires of good estate; one of whom married the daughter of Sir Thomas Lucy, Shakespeare's ancient enemy. Future historians of the family may receive some clue from the circumstance that the eldest sons for many generations in the Norfolk family prior to 1600 were named Thomas and John, and that the same names were continued upon this side of the ocean in the eldest sons for many generations after the emigration.

Thomas Betts died in 1688, aged seventy years, and was buried in Norwalk.

His will, dated May 4th in that year, is as follows:

To all Christian people to whom these presents shall come—Greeting:

I, Thomas Betts of ye Towne of Norwalke aged seventy years or thereabout being by ye hand of God at present infirme and weake of body, yet throw ye mercy of ye most high of perfect understanding and memory Doe make appoint manifest & declare this to bee my last will & Testament.

* Hall's Norwalk, pub. 1847, p. 274.

Imprimis I doe commit my soule into ye hands of God my Creator that hath made it And my Deare Redeemer Jesus Christ that hath bought it And my body i bequeath unto ye Dust, from whence it was, to be Decently Interred & buried In hopes of a happy and glorious Resurrection At ye Last Day. And as for ye Temporall Estate which God hath pleased to endow mee withall I will & dispose as followeth, viz. I doe will & bequeath unto Mary Betts my dearly beloved wife halfe my now dwelling house, viz. : ye south end thereof & halfe my home lott both plowing land and pasture land and halfe my orchard with all the Immunities as fences & ye like and also halfe my household goods & at her decease to dispose of all her estate unto her owne children & her grandchilde Hannah Camp also I doe give unto her one cow & five pound p annum During ye terme of her life which I doe appoint my sons to pay equally unto her annually Also I doe give & bequeath unto my son Thomas Betts Besides what I have heretofore given him my meadow which lies at Charles Creeke also all ye meadow which I have lying at Sacatoch River also a third pte of my land at Pimpawalke As also pte of my Lot at Calfe pasture from ye Lott of John Beldin on ye west side of ye cart path to ye narrow of ye land betweene ye path & ye creeke. Also I doe give & bequeath unto my son John Betts my second homelott which lyeth upon Dey hill Also my prime hill lott which lyeth between two lotts of John Bruton Senr. Also my cove lott Lyinge between Richard Holmes & Christopher Comstock And my meadow at Rocky Springs Also I doe give & bequeath unto my son Daniel Betts ye rest of my calfe pasture lot not Given to Thomas Betts ; also one-third pte of my land at prinpawalke ; also my second division of meadow on ye other side of Norwalke river ; also I doe give and bequeath unto my soun, Samuel Betts, one-halfe of my

Gratuety Lott; also my second Division of six acres to ye hundred; also my pasture Lott; also my meadow which Lyeth betweene ye home lott of Samuel Keeley & ye Cove; also a third pte of my land at Prinpawalke. Also I give and bequeath unto my son, James Betts, ye other halfe of my now dwellinge house & halfe my home lott, arrable & pasture land; also halfe my orchard not given to my wife; also my first Division of meadow on ye other side of Norwalke River; also all my land near Strong Brooke; also halfe my Gratuity Lott; also my Lotte at Sacotock Brooke, Lyinge on both ends of mathias sention son's Lott; also one acre & half of my land lying near ye boggy meadow Brooke; also, I do appoint my five sons, Thomas, John Daniel, Samuel & James, to pay to my dearly beloved wife twenty shillings apiece p. annum duringe her widowhood, and also I doe appoint my sons, all of them, to provide for & winter my wive's cow and any young cattle yt shee may have. Also I do give and bequeath unto my Daughter Mary, ye wife of John Raymond, ten pounds, besides what I have given her, which I doe give to her children, she to have ye improvement of it duringe her life, & at her decease to returne to her children; also I doe will & bequeath unto my daughter, Sarah Betts, ye other halfe of my household goods, & ten pounds to be paid her in Currant County pay; also I doe will & bequeath unto my five sons all my twenty acres to ye hundred, & estate of Commonadge eqally to bee divided. Also I doe make & appoint my dearly beloved wife my whole & sole executrix & administrator of this my last will & Testament, and I doe request my friends, James Olmstead & John olmsted, to be ye overseers of this my will, to assist & advise in ye distributions. In confirmation of ye premises I have set to my hand & seale this fourth day of may in ye year of our Lord one thousand six hundred eighty & eight, and in ye fourth

year of our Sovereign Lord, ye King James ye second." Signed & sealed in the presence of us witnesses. SAMUEL HAYES' SON, JOHN BELDEN.

The witnesses hereto at ye said Court were sworne, yt they did see ye said Thomas Betts signe & seale his will, & yt then he was of a competent understanding & memory to ye best of their apprehensions.

P Curi. EDWARD HOWARD, Cler.

In the inventory of his estate, recorded in 1688 in Fairfield, appear farming utensils and household furniture and "four boxes of books" a rare possession among the early colonists, and showing that the founder of the family did not neglect the mental culture of his household, even in the wilderness.

The children of Thomas Betts (1) and Mary his wife, were as follows: *

(2) Thomas Betts, born in Guilford, 1644;^a died 1717.

(3) Mary Betts, born in Guilford, 1646.^a

(4) John Betts, born in Guilford, June 20, 1650^a; married Sarah —; ^{wa} died about 1730.

(5) Hannah Betts, born in Guilford, November 22d, 1652;^a died before 1688.

(6) Stephen Betts, born in Guilford, May 10th, 1655;^a died before 1672.

(7) Daniel Betts, born in Guilford, October 4th, 1657;^a died February 8, 1758.

(8) Samuel Betts, born in Milford, April 4th, 1660;^m died after 1730.

(9) James Betts; born in Norwalk early in

* Hinman, in his "Early Puritan Settlers," under the name, "Thomas Betts," p. 205, says: "There appears to be in Norwalk two distinct families of this name." Upon what evidence this statement is made cannot be discovered. The list of estates in the town, made in 1671 and in 1687, show only the names above given.

1663;^c died July 6, 1753, "aged ninety years and some months."^s

(10) Sarah Betts; married Joseph St. John, March 5th, 1695-6.^s

The village of Wilton, which, as appears above, was founded by Thomas Betts, in May, 1672, was incorporated by the Colonial Assembly on May 12th, 1726 by the following resolution:

"Upon petition of the inhabitants of Kent, Beldin's Hill, Chestnut Hill, and so upwards, within the township of Norwalk, praying to be a village by themselves enjoying parish privileges, and that they may be called by the name of Wilton Parish: This Assembly do hereby grant the said inhabitants to be one village enjoying parish privileges, and that they be called by the name of Wilton Parish, and that their bounds be as follows, viz: The line to begin where the country road crosses the brook called the Captain's Brook, and to turn easterly straight to Chestnut Hill to a certain highway at the upper end of John Gregory's land at or upon said hill, said highway to be the line until it comes to John Stewart's (*sic*) land, and then to run southerly between said Stewart's and said Gregory's land until it comes to the said Stewart's southwest bounds of said land, and then to run easterly taking in said Stewart's land to the village, then to run northerly between said Stewart's and Hayes' land and Joseph St. John's land, then to run at the north end of said St. John's land easterly to the perambulation line; then beginning again at said Captain's Brook at the road and run westerly to the east branch of Norwalk River, and to begin to run westerly from said branch upon the line between Thomas Bets' (*sic*) and Lambert's meadow land, then westerly to Nathaniel Ketcham's land taking into the village all said Ketcham's land, and so westerly taking into the village John St. John's land joyning to his house lot, the line to run from the southeast bounds of said St.

John's land unto the northeast bounds of Capt. Platt's land, then run between said Platt's land and John Keelar's land, then continuing said course, leaving said Platt's land to the town, and then to run northerly between Richard Bouton's land and John Betts, and so continuing between said Betts' land and David Keelar's land, and then west to the west branch of Norwalk River, then the said branch to be the line up to a certain pine tree near the said branch on the east side, then to run a straight line up to the long swamp on the east side of Cheese Spring Ridge, the brook in the swamp to be the line, and from the north end of said swamp the line to run the same point as the dividing line between Norwalk and Stamford, to the head of the town bounds ; these to be the south and west bounds of said parish ; and the north and east bounds of said parish to be the north and east bounds of the town, from the south bounds of said parish and upwardsⁿ."

Mary Betts, the widow of Thomas Betts (1), survived him many years. On Jan. 28, 1706, as "executor of the estate of Thomas Betts, late of Norwalk," she united with Thomas Betts, Daniel Betts and Samuel Betts in a conveyance of land to Mary Ruscoe. Three years later, Jan. 22, 1709, as "sole executrix," she conveys to her son Thomas Betts certain lands. The deed contains this recital: "Knowing fully that my late husband, viz., Mr. Thomas Betts, deceased, in his life time, did verbally give and grant unto my son Thomas Betts the one-half of a swamp called Spruce Swamp lying in the lower field in the town of Norwalk."

On March 16, 1723-4, the town of Norwalk voted lands to "Mary Betts and company," including Thomas Betts and about thirty others ; and again, on April 16, 1724, there was laid out to "Mary Betts and company" one-third of an acre of land "between ye Field Gate and this (the town's) swamp."

No record has been found of her death ; but these

records show that she survived her husband at least thirty-five years. As her first child was born in 1644, and she was then presumably twenty years of age, she must have reached the age of one hundred when the last vote of land was made to her in 1724.

SECOND GENERATION.

(2) THOMAS BETTS, Junior, son of Thomas (1), of Guilford and Norwalk, was born in Guilford, 1644, and married, January 13, 1680,^{*} Sarah Marvin, daughter of Hon. Matthew Marvin, Jr., as appears by the following record (Lib. 2, p. 74):

“Thomas Betts Junior the son of Thomas Betts sr. of Norwalk took to wife Sarah Marvin the Daughter of Matthew Marvin and was married the thirteenth of January 1680

“Thomas Betts the son of Thomas Betts Junior was born the 28 January, 1681.”

On February 9th, 1671, his taxable estate in Norwalk is rated at £10. Sept. 19th, 1677, Benjamin Fenn conveyed to him the “land, house, barn, and house-lot, orchard, and a swamp,” containing about eight acres, in Norwalk, formerly belonging to his brother, Joseph Fenn. Another deed of the same land, dated December 10, 1683, from Benjamin Fenn, Jr., recites that the land “formerly did belong to my uncle, Joseph Fenn, deceased, and afterwards to my honored grandfather, Benjamin Fenn.” The grantee in this deed is “Thomas Betts”; but the “Jr.” was no doubt intended. On December 12th, 1687, Thomas, Jr., united with his father and with his brothers John, Daniel, and Samuel in the division of “common lands over the river,” in what is now known as “South Norwalk.” On January 3d, 1687–8, his taxable estate in Norwalk is rated at £99 6s. 2d. Under the will of his father he received, “besides what I have

heretofore given him," four tracts of land at Charles Creeke, Sacatock River and Prinpawalke.

Thomas Betts represented the town of Norwalk in the General Assembly of the Colony, at Hartford, in the sessions of May, 1692, and October, 1694.

He appears as a voter in Norwalk on December 4, 1694. On February 4th, 1694-5, he is chosen with Matthew Marvin and John Whitney a committee to superintend the building of a bridge over Norwalk River. "The Reverend Elders and Messengers" were entertained by him "at the time of ordination," in 1697. In 1701-2 he was one of the Selectmen of Norwalk, as was also his brother Samuel; and on January 4th of that year they took possession, in the name of the town, of the islands of Cuckenoës, Mamachimons, Long Island and Camfield's Island.

In 1702, question arising as to the title to these islands, it is recorded that they had been improved by Thomas Betts and others for "forty years and longer."

The town again elected him Deputy, to represent them in the General Assembly of the Colony in the two sessions of May and October, 1704, and again in October, 1705, and May, 1707.*

In 1706 he is first mentioned as "Thomas Betts, Senior," upon a church committee, and again, on December 16, 1708, on a town committee to choose the site of a burying ground on the west side of the river. where he probably was living.

He died 1717, and his will, dated September 5 of that year, and proved December 25, bequeathed to his son Thomas "my great Bible," which is not that of 1591 above mentioned, but another now in possession of his descendants, and from which many of the following dates are derived.

The inventory of his estate appraises it at £661. 15s. 5d., and mentions, among other articles, the "sword and gun" so essential to the welfare of the early settlers.

The children of Thomas Betts, Jr., and Sarah (Marvin) Betts were :

- (11). Thomas Betts, born Jan. 17, 1681-2.^r
- (12). John Betts, born July 7, 1684.^r
- (13). Sarah Betts, born Jan. 21, 1686-7.^r
- (14). Matthew Betts, born Jan. 10, 1691-2.^r
- (15). Mary Betts, born March 31, 1694.^r
- (16). Elizabeth Betts, born Oct. 23, 1699.^r

Hon. Matthew Marvin, Jr., the father of Mrs. Thomas Betts, Jr., was born in England in 1627, and arrived in the *Increase*, from London, in 1635; married Rhoda Saint John, daughter of Hon. Mark St. John; was representative 1694 and 1695. His father, Hon. Matthew Marvin, was one of the original proprietors of Hartford, and one of the original grantors of Norwalk, and was representative 1654.

Rhoda (Saint John) Marvin, the mother of Sarah (Marvin) Betts, was daughter of Hon. Mark Saint John, who was representative 1672, and married Elizabeth Stanley, daughter of Timothy Stanley, an original proprietor of Hartford.

(3) MARY BETTS, daughter of Thomas Betts (1), was born in Guilford in 1646, and married in Norwalk John Raymond, Son of Richard Raymond, of Salem, December 10th, 1664, as appears by the following record :

“John Raiment tooke to wiffe Mary Betts, the daughter of Thomas Betts, of Norwake, the 10th of December, 1664.”

She was still living at the date of her father's death in 1688; and received a small bequest by his will, “besides what I have given her, which I doe give to her children, she to have the improvement of it during her life, and after her decease to return to her children.”

Her tombstone is in the old burying-ground at Norwalk.

Issue :

(a) “John Raiment, sonne of John Raiment, borne the 9th of September, 1665.” He “took to wife Elizabeth Saint John, the daughter of Samuel Sension, alias Saint John, and married her March 7, 1690.” He had ten children by his first wife

between 1693 and 1715, and after her death he married, on December 24, 1719, Katharine Hanford, daughter of Mr. Thomas Hanford, and had nine children by her between 1720 and 1734. Mrs. Katharine Raymond died Oct. 2, 1740-1. In a partition deed from his uncles John, Daniel, Samuel and James, dated February 14, 1710-11,^{*} he is styled "Captain John Raymond."

(b) "Samuell Raimont, the sonne of John Raimont, born the 7th of July, Anno 1673." He married Elizabeth Hayt, the daughter of Joseph Hayt, of Norwalk, 1719.

(4) JOHN BETTS ; the son of Thomas (1), was born at Guilford, June 20, 1650, and continued to live there after the removal of his father to Norwalk, as he was admitted a "planter" there February 25, 1673. He removed to Norwalk prior to 1687, as he is named among the proprietors of that town on the third of January of that year, his estate taxable in this town being then £69.06.02. His father, Thomas, devised to him in 1688 his "second home lot which lyeth upon Dey Hill," and three other tracts of land. On December 4, 1694, he appears among the voters.

The birth of his children is thus recorded in Norwalk (Lib. 2, p. 40) :

"John Betts the son of John Betts was Born the seventeenth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred ninety-two.

"Hannah Betts the Daughter of John Betts was born the twentieth day of October in the year of our Lord Christ one thousand six hundred ninety-nine."

He was elected Deputy to the General Assembly of the Colony for the four consecutive years from 1708 to 1711, and again in 1715 and 1716.

On June 3, 1723, he is mentioned as "John Betts, Senr.," upon a church committee, and again on February 18, 1725-6. He died about 1730, as appears by the "partition of John Betts, Senior's, estate June 23d, 1730," in the Fairfield records. This partition mentions his "only daughter" and "only son," viz. :

(17) John Betts, Junior,^r born November 17, 1692.^s

(18) Hannah Boughton, born October 20, 1699,^s wife of Nathaniel Boughton of Stamford.^{r & w^s}

(5) HANNAH BETTS; daughter of Thomas Betts (1), was born in Guilford, Nov. 22, 1652, and married Samuel Camp Nov. 13, 1672. She was not named in her father's will, and seems to have died between 1673 and 1688, leaving one child, Hannah, who is named in the will of Thomas Betts as one who will receive a share in the division of the estate upon the death of her grandmother, Mary Betts.

Issue :

(a) Hannah Camp; born after 1672; living in 1688.

Samuel Camp, husband of Hannah Betts (5), was son of Hon. Nicholas Camp (Milford, 1639), who married, July 14, 1652, as his second wife, Catharine, widow of Anthony Thompson. Samuel Camp was born at Milford September 15, 1655. His brother, Joseph (b. 1658), graduated at Harvard 1677. Hon. Nicholas Camp, the father of Samuel and Joseph, was representative in 1670-1-2, and died 1706.

(7) DANIEL BETTS; son of Thomas Betts (1), was born in Guilford October 4th, 1657, and died February 8th, 1758, aged one hundred years and four months, in the village of Wilton.

By the will of his father he obtained one-third of the land at Prinpawalke, and the second division of meadow "on ye other side of Norwalke river," and also a share of pasture lot.

On January 11th, 1685, he purchased from John Hoyt, "of Paquiage," his "home lot with the house, barne, fences, trees standinge and beinge thereupon," in Norwalk; the consideration being "steeres some three yeare ould next spring and three poundes in silver, and thirtie-seaven poundes to be payed." This is the oldest of fourteen original deeds of land to Daniel Betts now in the possession of the compiler of these

memoirs; and in it the name is spelt "Bettes." A copy of it is inserted opposite.

In another deed dated December 17, 1691, Matthew Bouton, of Danbury, conveyed to him a "parsell of land" in Norwalk, bounded on the north by "John Betts his land."

He married Deborah Taylor, who was born June 1, 1671, and died about 1751.^r The following account of the wedding, and of his children appears in the Norwalk records (Lib. 2, p. 38):

"Daniel Betts took to wife and was married unto the daughter of Mr. Thomas Taylor and Rebecca Taylor the wife of said Taylor, viz. their daughter Deborah Taylor and was married in December in the year of our Lord 1692.

"Deborah Betts the Daughter of Serjant Daniel Betts was Born the 24th of October in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and ninety-three.

"Reebeca Betts the Daughter of Serjnt. Betts, was Born the fourth of August in the year of oe Lord one thousand six hundred ninety-six.

"Daniel Betts the son of Sergt. Betts was Born the second day of May in the year of oe Lord one thousand six hundred and ninety-nine."

On October 15, 1695, he and his brother Samuel purchased seventeen acres from Judah Gregory. By another, dated May 23, 1699, he exchanged land with John Reed, Sr., and he purchased other lands from John and Judah Gregory on January 15th, 1700. Again, on Feb. 12, 1706, he joins with his nephew, Thomas Betts, Jr., and his brother Samuel in an exchange of certain lands with Joseph Birchard.

On May 20, 1706, he conveyed lands on the east side of "Rhoaton Hill" to Edmund Waring.

In the Colonial Records of Connecticut it appears that on May 19, 1706, upon the petition of Daniel Betts and several other "inhabitants of the towne of Norwalk, in the behalfe of the rest, this [General] Court

“doth appoint Capt. Jonathan Sellick, Lieut. David Waterbury, and Mr. John Copp, to view a tract of land, bounded south upon Norwalk bounds, north-east upon Danbury, and west by York line, and to make an estimation of the quantitie thereof, with the breadth of it from the line between the bounds of Newyork and this Colonie, and make return to this Court, at the charge of said petitioners, in October next.”

On March 13, 1715, he exchanged certain lands with his nephews, Thomas Betts, Jr., and John Betts, Jr.; and on February 20th, 1718-9, other lands with his nephew Matthew. He also buys lands from Daniel Comstock on March 31, 1716, and exchanges with Nehemiah Smith, May 20, 1721.

On June 11, 1722, lands at Prinpewalk “bounded on the east by his own land,” are “laid out to Daniel Betts, Senr.,” by the surveyors.

A “Dwelling House and House Lott of Land” is conveyed to him by Nathaniel Slosson, June 8, 1722. This deed is endorsed “When the Kent land came into the Betts family, where the house stands.” A copy of it is shown opposite.

Another part of the same farm “in Wilton Parish at a place called and known by ye name of Kent,” was conveyed to him by James Betts, Jr., March 5, 1743-4, for £93; and a third part by James Betts, Sr., and James Betts, Jr., October 29, 1745, containing twenty-seven acres.

The report of a committee dated March 18, 1828-9, recites that “In Pursuance of the act of the Proprietors we found need of a highway cross Daniel Betts land on the West side of the river near John Dunnings, and with the consent of the said Daniel Betts we laid out a highway of four rods wide * * and for restitution we allowed him five acres of land to take up in the unsequestered land within the Township.”

From the society records of Wilton Parish it ap-

pears that in June, 1726, he was appointed one of the "committee counselling and advising with some of the "neighboring pastors for the calling of Revd. Mr. "Sturgeon over the church and society;" and on September 5, 1727, to see about money collected. In March, 1729, it was voted that "Daniel Betts, Stephen Betts and James Betts be seated in the corner pew;" and on December 31, 1731, he was elected on the committee to represent the society. December 3, 1733, Stephen Betts, Daniel Betts and Nathan Betts by vote "do have the forelong seat."

He appears to have been active in building the new church, having been elected on the committee for its erection on November 18, 1737, and on December 1 of that year being chosen "to improve ye remainder of ye hundred pounds toward ye building." In June, 1739, he was still on the committee as the collector. Stephen Betts, is then ordered to pay the money to him. On February 8, 1740, he appears on the School Committee. The last mention of him in the records is on the Meeting House Committee, in 1742.

On January 25, 1726-7, Daniel Betts made provision for his father-in-law by instrument in writing, which is still in existence, made "in behalf of my wife Deborah, the daughter of Thomas Taylor." She was still living in March, 1738, as appears by a lease from Isaac Scudder to Daniel Betts and Deborah, his wife, of "all the fruit that shall grow on the trees now standing on a certain tract of land lately bought of them by said Scudder."

The earliest existing deed, signed by Daniel Betts, is dated "the 26th day of May, in the eighth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord George ye Second of Great Britain, &c., KING, *Annoque Domini* 1735." In it "Daniel Betts, of Norwalk, in ye County of Fairfield and Colony of Connecticut," in consideration of fifteen pounds, conveys to John Belden and Samuel Belden "half of one acre of my meadow, lying in s^d Norwalk, at Calfe pasture near or adjoining

to Spruce Swamp, as it lyes, Bounded northerly by ye s^d John Belden's meadow ; southerly by ye s^d John & Sam^{ls} Belden's meadow or part of s^d Spruce Swamp ; westerly by my own meadow, & easterly, running to a point."

Another deed to his son Daniel is dated April 7, 1748. In it he conveys "several pieces" of land "in Wilton Parish," in consideration of "Love and Good Will which I have and do bear toward my well beloved son Daniel Betts of Norwalk."

The following is a copy of the signature, showing that though ninety-one years of age his hand was still firm.

Daniel Betts

Another conveyance to this son is dated March 29, 1750.

Again, on October 9, 1753, he conveys to his "loving son Daniel Betts ye 2d of Norwalk," twenty-eight acres at Kent. The signature to this instrument shows that the old gentleman was growing feeble. The last deed in existence signed by him shows only an attempt to sign. It is dated March 29, 1756, when he was ninety-nine years of age, and conveys other lands to his son Daniel.

His issue were :

(19) Deborah Betts ; born October 24, 1693.ⁿ

(20) Rebecca Betts ; born August 4, 1696 ;ⁿ married Samuel Grumman Jan. 10, 1721-2, as appears by the following record : "Samuel Grumman, late of Fairfield, took to wife Rebeckah Betts, daughter of Mr. Daniel Betts, of Norwalk, Jan. 10, 1721-2."ⁿ Samuel Grumman was living in 1726, as he is witness to the instrument by which Daniel Betts provides for his father-in-law.

(21) Daniel Betts, Jr.; born May 2, 1699, and died July 10th, 1783.ⁿ

Thomas Taylor, the father of Mrs. Daniel Betts, married, February 14, 1667-8, Rebecca Ketcham, "daughter of Edwd. Ketcham, late of Stratford, deceased." This Edward Ketcham is thought by Savage to have been son of Edward Ketcham, of Ipswich, 1635.

(8) SAMUEL BETTS; son of Thomas Betts (1), was born at Milford April 5th (or 4th), 1660.

The first record of him is as grantee of land in Norwalk conveyed to him by Samuel Comstock, December 13, 1682.ⁿ In the "estates of commonage," recorded January 3, 1687, he appears to have possessed more taxable property than his father, his estate being estimated at £324.ⁿ

He next appears at Hartford, where he represented the town of Norwalk in the General Assembly in May, 1693.^a Several conveyances of land to him appear in the Norwalk records:

He married Judith Rennolds December 10th, 1692, as appears by the following record: "Samuel Betts took to wife Judith Rennolds, the daughter of Mr. John Rennolds, of Greenwich, and was married to her December 10, 1692."

He received five pieces of land under the will of his father in 1688, including one-third of the land at Pimpawalke. He was one of the Selectmen of Norwalk in 1701-2.

The records show numerous deeds of land granted to him and conveyed by him, and also a "description of ten tracts of land in Norwalk held by Samuel Betts in 1699."ⁿ

He had an interest in 1702 with his brother Thomas and three others in the "islands lying adjacent to the township."

The Colonial Records show that in the sessions of May and August, 1710, he again represented Norwalk as Deputy to the General Assembly.

In June and December, 1726, his name appears upon committees of Wilton Parish; and on January 27, 1727, it is voted that he "be seated in the first long seat in the meeting house."

He appears, December 9, 1728, on a committee to "set up a school or schools in said parish;" and on December 2, 1729, to look after the concerns of the society.

He was dead in the early part of 1733, as appears by a mortgage dated Aug. 21, 1833, made by "Samuel Betts and Stephen Betts heirs at law and executors of s^d Samuel Betts, deceased." The mortgage is to the Governor and Company of the Colony of Connecticut, and is known only by the release dated Oct. 2, 1734, signed "Talcott Governor, George Wyllys Secretary."^x

On September 21, 1733, "Widow Judith Betts" is admitted to the Church in Wilton.

Issue :

- (22) Mary Betts; born Sept. 10, 1693.
- (23) Samuel Betts; born Oct. 28, 1695.
- (24) Stephen Betts; born Aug. 1, 1698.
- (25) Nathan Betts; born Nov. 5, 1700.
- (26) Hephzibah Betts; born Oct. 29, 1703.
- (27) Judith Betts; born Aug. 25, 1714.

(9) JAMES BETTS; son of Thomas Betts (1), was born subsequent to 1660, and was a planter in Norwalk, and in 1687 had an estate valued at £59.ⁿ In the will of his father he received "ye other halfe of my now dwellinge house, and halfe my home lott, arrable and pasture lands, also half my orchard not given to my wife."^r His mother received the other half of the homestead and adjoining lands. From this devise it is to be inferred that this youngest son had the care of his mother during her life, which lasted until 1724. In 1698 he had a grant of land from the town, as appears

by the following record: "James Betts, Feb. 21, 1698, has a grant of five acres of land from the town, as he sent a man into the warres, and was at charge and expense of money on account of hiring."ⁿ This war was probably the expedition of Sir William Phipps against Quebec. He moved to Wilton about 1700.^b

In November, 1718, he purchased lands from Joseph Platt, and in January, 1720, thirty-five acres from John Gregory, Jr. On March 7, 1720-1, he exchanges certain lands with John Marvin, Jr.^c

The next mention of him is in the Wilton Society Records, June, 1726, when, with his brother Samuel, he is appointed a committee "to warn the inhabitants of said society to their respective meetings." In May, 1727, he purchased from Andrew Messenger a right to common lands in Norwalk. On January 27, 1727, he is voted "to be seated in the second long pew;" and again, in March, 1729, in company with Daniel and Stephen, "to be seated in the corner pew;" and once more, on December 2, 1729, "to be seated in the great pew."^s On the same day it was voted that James Betts, Senior, should "have liberty to build a pound between the brook and David Lambert's corner, upon his own charge, according to law and for use of Society;" and he was appointed "the Society's man for the year ensuing." More time to build the pound is given on March 2, 1730, and his subscription to the society is appropriated "for paying for the Reckords of such land Society was to pay for."

He appears as administrator of the David Betts' estate on July 3, 1729. A fac-simile of the curious original document is given opposite.

This David Betts was probably his son, as the name does not appear in any other record.*

* Savage mentions "David B., Oct. 4, 1657," as a son of Thomas (1), born in Guilford on that date; but this is an error for "Daniel" (7).

On January 7, 1729-30, "James Betts, Senr." conveys to his son "Benjamin Betts, of Wilton Parish," a dwelling house and barn and ten acres on the east side of Norwalk River, and twenty-six acres on the west side of the river.^o

He is chosen "moderator" of the meetings of the society on June 18, 1730, December 4, 1730, and December 29, 1731, which latter meeting adjourned to "last day of this instant at ye sun one hour high at night, at ye house of Benjamin Betts." At this adjourned meeting on December 31, 1731, he was appointed upon "committee to treat with Rev. Mr. Sturgeon about the *present difficulty*." He again appears as "moderator" on April 11 and May 31, 1732; and is on the School Committee with his brother Daniel on February 8, 1740. After this his name appears no more in the records.

On July 29, 1741, he conveys four pieces of land in Norwalk and Wilton to his son Benjamin.

In a deed to his brother Daniel dated October 29, 1745, he unites with "James Betts of Sharon" in conveying certain lands.

He married Hannah Bouton,^{ps} of whom nothing is known except that she died on August 23, 1748, aged seventy-three years.^{ps} She was, therefore, born in 1675.^c

James Betts died July 6, 1753,^{ps} aged ninety years "and some months." The date of his birth was, therefore, 1663.*

In a deed dated January, 1729-30, and in another deed dated December, 1745, James Betts conveys lands to his son, Benjamin Betts, in consideration of "love and good will;"^o but on January 26, 1746-7. and on March 28, 1748, in other deeds to this son he charges a round price, one being for £500.^o

On December 4, 1745, he conveys land in Kent to his son Elias Betts.

In the record of Wilton Parish in 1732 it appears

that there were living there at that date "James Betts, Sen.; Hannah, his wife; children, Elias, Abigail."

We therefore find the following issue:

- ✓ (28) James Betts.
- (29) Benjamin Betts; died 1790.^b
- (30) Abigail Betts; married Richard Dunning, of Wilton, August 8, 1734.
- (31) Elias Betts; born April 9, 1717;^c or Aug. 17, 1716.^p
- (32) David (probably).

(10) SARAH BETTS; daughter of Thomas Betts (1), was born in Norwalk, probably about 1664. She was unmarried at the date of her father's death in 1688, and he bequeathed to her "ye other halfe of my household goods, and ten pounds." She married Joseph Saint John March 5th, 1695-6, as appears by the following record: "Joseph Saint John took to wife Sarah

* In the notes collected by the late Benedict Betts, Esq., of Charleston, S. C., it is stated that this James Betts was the son of "John Betts, of Harwich, Essex County, England, [who] emigrated "to this country (it is thought) about 1625. His mother was a "widow and consented to have come rather than run the risk of "his being obliged to go into the army. He married Christiana "Andrews when she was thirteen years old, and at the age of "fourteen she became a mother."

This account of his parentage is undoubtedly erroneous, no such John Betts having a son James is found in Savage; but the only James Betts mentioned is the youngest son of Thomas (1) and was born in Norwalk. This corresponds so entirely with James (9) that we must believe him to be the son of Thomas.

The records of Philip Betts also states that John Betts, the father of James, came from "Norwich, England, settled in Norwalk, "Connecticut, and was married to Christiana Andrews."

This seems to be an error derived from the same source.

I find from Savage (I., 181) that Christiana Andrews married John *Birchard*, of Norwich, *Conn.*, and they had a son James *Birchard*, born in 1665, whose daughter Abigail married Elias (31), the son of James Betts (9).

Betts, ye daughter of Mr. Thomas Betts, March 5, 1695-6."

Issue :

(a) Sarah Saint John; born June 13, 1697.

(b) Mary Saint John; born Aug. 22, 1701.

(c) Joseph Saint John; born Nov. 5, 1703.

(d) Elizabeth Saint John; born Feb. 6, 1706-7.

THIRD GENERATION.

(11) THOMAS BETTS (the third), the son of Thomas Betts (2) and grandson of Thomas Betts (1), was born January 17, 1681-2; and married Deborah ———. The town granted to him and to his brother John and others certain privileges on December 15th, 1709, on condition of the erection of a gristmill for grinding all the grain of the town. His will, in which he is named as "Thomas Betts of Norwalk," is dated February 12th, 1761, and proved December 31st, 1761, showing that he died in that year. It gives to his wife Deborah one-half his house land in Canaan Parish; and makes his wife and sons executors and "overseers of his daughter Elizabeth."

The following children are named :

(33) Thomas Betts (the fourth); born 1717; married Bettie Benedict May 22, 1748.

(34) Elijah Betts.

(35) Isaac Betts; married Elizabeth Griffin Oct. 14th, 1753.

(36) Rebecka Betts; married Thaddeus Mead July 27th, 1747 or 1748.

(37) Elizabeth Betts.

(38) Sarah Betts.

(12) JOHN BETTS, son of Thomas Betts (2) and grandson of Thomas Betts (1), was born July 7, 1684.^r He was interested with his brother Thomas in the

gristmill under the grant from the town of December 15, 1709.

On April 15th, 1708, he married Hannah Burwell, daughter and sole heir of John Burwell, of Greenwich, as appears by the records of that town, and through her his children inherited a large estate in the Manor of Hemmel Hampstead, Parish of Barington, Herts.

It appears from the Court Rolls of this Manor that her grandfather, John Burwell, died in possession of it prior to May 30th, 1670. His son John came to America about 1685, leaving the estate in possession of his sister, Maria Burwell. He first lived in Milford, Connecticut, but on Feb. 28, 1688, he bought a house lot in Greenwich. There he married Hannah Lockwood, daughter of Gerehan Lockwood.

Mr. Hinman, in his "Genealogy of the Puritans" (1852, page 439), gives the following account of this estate: "In 1689 he returned to England to see his estate at Hemmel Hampstead, and other property there, and returned to Greenwich in the spring of 1690; and immediately after, while on a visit of business to New York he took the smallpox, and returned to Greenwich and died May 1, 1690. His wife survived him and afterward married a Mr. Hanford. Mr. Burwell left an only child, Hannah, as sole heir to his estate in this country, and to his large estate in England. The death of Mr. Burwell while his daughter was an infant, left no person to look after his estate in England, and therefore it has never been recovered from the wrongful possessors by the legal heirs of John Burwell. His daughter Hannah married John Betts, Esq., of Norwalk, April 15, 1708."

In the inventory of the Burwell estate in Greenwich, 1690, appears the following entry: "Other estate which remains in foreign parts which is not known to us."

About 1721 some inquiry appears to have been made about the land. A letter dated April 7th, 1721, was in

existence a few years ago, in which it was stated that John Burwell leased the estate while in England.

Nothing further was done until March 5th, 1745, when John Betts gave authority in writing to Nathaniel Hazard, of New York, to collect the rents in England. During his absence John Betts died, and Hazard refused to make any settlement with his heirs. Though he is said to have gone to England a poor man and to have come back with a ship laden with goods, and to have purchased a store in New York, and engaged in an extensive business.

Subsequent proceedings to recover the estate will be found under Burwell Betts (42).

John Betts was a justice of the peace, as appears by the acknowledgment before him of a deed from James Betts, Jr., to Daniel Betts, dated March 5, 1743-4, in the writer's possession.

On February 1, 1737, he was one of a committee of three "chosen by ye proprietors of ye common land in Norwalk, not only to measure and aprise ye common land, but also to sell;" as appears by deeds dated September 27 and October 25, 1738.

He died June 7, 1745, as appears by his tombstone in the Old South Burying Ground in Norwalk.

His will, which is proved July 19, 1745, names the testator as "John Betts, of Norwalk," and bequeaths to his wife (without giving her name), £400, together with one half the house and barn, "exclusive of grist mill;" to his son Silas, £30; to Gideon, £20; to his daughter Sarah Betts, £170; and to his daughter Hannah Hanly, wife of Elijah Hanly, of Ridgefield, £110. The residue of his estate is divided into six parts, and bequeathed to his "sons John, Burwell, Joseph, Silas, Abraham and Gideon." The sons John, Burwell and Joseph are named executors.

From the ancient Bible of 1591 it appears that this John Betts, who was born July 7, 1684, had the following children, viz.: "John Betts, son of John Betts

abovesaid, was born July 27th, 1711 ; Ruah, born April 17, 1716 ; Joseph, born March 29th, 1717." Ruah is not mentioned in the will, and it is probable that she died prior to 1744, as the will speaks of "all my children."

The wife of John Betts was probably named Hannah. A tombstone with the name "Hannah Betts" alone legible, stands beside his grave, and one of his daughters had this name.

Burwell is not named in the bible. It is likely, therefore, that he was younger than Joseph, the children evidently not being named in the will in the order of birth.

In the will of John Betts (17) John Gregory is named as "brother-in-law ;" he must, therefore, have married Sarah or perhaps Ruah.

The issue of John Betts (17), therefore, was as follows :

(39) John Betts, born July 27th, 1711.^r

(40) Ruah Betts, born April 17th, 1716.^r

(41) Joseph Betts, born March 29th, 1717 ; died May 19, 1760.^r

↓ (42) Burwell Betts.

↓ (43) Silas Betts.

(44) Abraham Betts.

(45) Gideon Betts, born June 8, 1730.^{w b}

(46) Sarah Betts.

(47) Hannah Hawly, wife of Elijah Hawly.

(48) Timothy Betts ;^{w b} no descendants given.

The records of William Betts, of Wilton, make these children the issue of John Betts (18), the son of John (4). This is plainly an error ; for the same records state that the father was "born May 7, 1584, died June 7, 1745, aged 50 years 11 months." Now, this is a miscalculation of the date, for eleven months back of June 7 is July 7, and this date corresponds exactly with that of the birth of John Betts (12), the son of Thomas (2),

in the bible of 1591. Beside, the Norwalk records state that "John Betts, the son of John Betts," was born November 17, 1692 (see 17 below).

(13) SARAH BETTS, daughter of Thomas Betts (2), granddaughter of Thomas Betts (1), was born Jan. 21, 1686-7, and married Samuel Keeler. She lived at least until 1729, when her last child was born.

"Samuel Keeler took to wife Sarah Betts the daughter of Mr. Thomas Betts of Norwalk, and was married Dec. 11, 1712."^s

(a) Sarah Keeler, born Jan. 1, 1714.^τ

(b) Matthew, born Mar. 14, 1716.^τ

(c) Mary, born Jan. 29, 1718.^c

(d) Elizabeth, born Apr. 20, 1722.^τ

(e) Hannah, born Oct. 18, 1726.^τ

(f) Rebeckah, born Aug. 27, 1729.

The said Samuel Keeler had previously, on Jan. 8, 1704, married Rebeckah Bennedick, daughter of Mr. James Bennedick, of Danbury, and had by her two children, Samuel and Rebeckah. His first wife died March 20, 1709. He departed this life Aug. 8, 1763.

Samuel Keeler was son of Hon. Samuel Keeler, of Norwalk, who was in the great Narragansett fight, Dec. 19, 1695; married Mch. 10, 1682, Sarah, daughter of Mark Saint John, and was representative in 1701, and one of the purchasers of "Ridgefield" from the Sachem Catoonah, in 1708.

He was grandson of Ralph Keeler, of Hartford, 1640, one of the founders of Norwalk, and who married Sarah Whelpley, widow of Henry Whelpley. Ralph Keeler was born 1613; died 1672.

(14) MATTHEW BETTS, son of Thomas Betts (2), and grandson of Thomas Betts (1), was born Jan. 10, 1691-2, and married Abigail. He died about 1750.

On October 2d of that year Abigail Betts and Matthew Betts were appointed administrators of his estate: and on the same day Seth Betts chose his mother Abigail Betts guardian of himself and his brother Josiah.

The inventory of his estate, dated Nov. 30, 1750, mentions a "large bible, chest, gun and old books."

Abigail was still living on April 2d, 1751, when she proved the inventory.

Issue :

(49) Mary Betts, born April 28, 1725. Probably this is the Mary Betts who married Asaheel Raymond June 4th, 1743.

(50) Matthew Betts, born Nov. 9, 1726; married Mary St. John, April 12, 1750.

(51) Ann Betts, born Mar. 29, 1729.

(52) Seth Betts, born June 9, 1734.^a

(53) Josiah Betts, born Feb. 5, 1735-6.

(17) JOHN BETTS, son of John Betts (4), grandson of Thomas Betts (1), was born November 17, 1692,^s and was married April 17, 1722, as appears by the following records :

"John Betts the son of John Betts was born the seventeenth Day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred ninety-two."^s

"John Betts, ye son of John Betts, took to wife Damaris Lockwood, daughter of Mr. Eliphalet Lockwood, Apr. 17, 1722."^s

He represented Norwalk in the Colonial General Assembly at Hartford, in the sessions of October, 1731; October, 1736; May, 1739; May and October, 1741; May, 1742; and May, 1743.^a

On May 10th, 1739, the General Assembly elected him one of the "auditors to audit the Colony accounts " with the Treasurer."^a

The Assembly also appointed him Justice from May, 1746, to 1748.^a

He died in 1767, his will being dated June 23, and proved Nov. 24, in that year. In it he names his sons Thaddeus, John and Peter, and his daughter Mary.^f

His tombstone at Norwalk is inscribed : "John Betts, born Nov. 27, 1692; died June 27, 1767, aged 75 years."

Damaris Betts, his wife, was born November 7th, 1701,ⁿ and died March 24, 1776, aged 74 years.ⁱ Her will, dated Dec. 11, 1775, appoints her son Thaddeus executor, and names her son Peter and her daughter Mary, wife of Sutton; also, her granddaughters Mary and Sarah, children of Thaddeus, and granddaughter Hannah, daughter of Peter.^f

Issue :

(54) Thaddeus Betts (M. D., graduated at Yale, 1745), born May 3, 1724;ⁿ died March 27, 1807.ⁱ

(55) Mary Betts, born May 4, 1727;ⁿ married Sutton.

(56) Hannah Betts, born May 21, 1730;ⁿ died before 1767, as she is not mentioned in her father's will.

(57) John Betts, born Aug. 11, 1735.ⁿ

Also, as appears by his father's and mother's will :

(58) Peter Betts, born Oct. 1, 1739;ⁿ died Aug. 10, 1807, at Franklin, N. Y.ⁿ

Eliphalet Lockwood was born Feb. 27, 1676, and was son of Ephraim Lockwood, who was born Dec. 1, 1641, and died 1658.

He was grandson of Robert Lockwood, who died 1658.

(20) REBECCA BETTS, daughter of Daniel Betts (7) and granddaughter of Thomas Betts (1), married Samuel Grumman, late of Fairfield, January 10th, 1721-2.

Issue :

(a) Sarah, born Oct. 28, 1722.

(b) Samuel, born May 8, 1725.

(c) Rebeckah, born Sept. 24, 1727.

(d) Mary, born Oct. 20, 1729.

(e) Thomas, born Aug. 22, 1731.

(21) DANIEL BETTS (the Second), son of Daniel Betts (7) and grandson of Thomas Betts (1), was born

in Norwalk, May 2d, 1699,* and died in Wilton July 10th, 1783. His tombstone in Wilton has the inscription: "Daniel Betts, died 10 July, 1783, aged 84 years 4 mos."

He married Sarah Comstock (who was born March 25, 1707), daughter of Captain Samuel Comstock and granddaughter of Hon. Christopher Comstock, representative in the General Assembly, 1686-1690, and also granddaughter of Revd. Thomas Hanford, the first clergyman of Norwalk. She and her husband were admitted to the Church February 13, 1732. She died January 18th, 1781, and is buried in Wilton. Her tombstone has the inscription: "Sarah Betts, wife of Dan^l. Betts, died Jan. 18, 1781, aged 73 yrs. 10 mos."

He lived in the south part of the "Kent farm," in Wilton, as appears by the deed from his father dated April 7th, 1748, which, among other parcels, conveys "Land Lying at ye south part of ye farm where my aforesd son Daniel Betts now lives, containing one-half of said farm."

The following document in the records at Fairfield, Connecticut, relates to the distribution of the estate of his father-in-law :

"Know all men by these Presents that we Dan^l Betts Jun^r of Norwalk in ye County of Fairfield and Colony of Connecticut & John Trowbridge of Danbury in sd county & Lydia Comstock of sd Norwalk have at divers Times before this Date received of Nathan Comstock, Dan^l. Comstock & David Comstock all of sd Norwalk Exec^{rs} of ye Last Will & Testament of our Hond father Capt. Saml. Comstock late of sd Norwalk decd. the whole Share Part and Proportion due and belonging to Sarah ye Wife of sd Betts, Mary ye wife of sd Trowbridge and to ye sd Lydia by Vertue of ye Will aforesd. Each for themselves, also this day have received a Deed of four Pieces of Land except a Sixth Part of One of them executed by ye sd Nathan,

Dan^l. & David unto ye sd Sarah, Mary & Lydia, which with the Shares aforesd of ye personal Estate we the sd Dan^l. Betts, John Trowbridge, Sarah Betts, Mary Trowbridge, and Lydia Comstock acknowledge to be our whole Share, Interest and Demand in and unto sd Estate, and with which we acknowledge ourselves to fully Satisfyed & contented, & therefore do Remise Release and for Ever Quitclaim unto the said Nathan Daniel and David Executors aforesaid all claims and further demands on said Estate both Real and personal, And do acquit and discharge the said Executors accordingly. In Witness whereof we have hereunto Set our hands and Seals the 10th day of January, A. D. 1754.

The above Interline was made before signing.

DANIEL BETTS JUN.	[SEAL.]
SARAH BETTS	[SEAL.]
JOHN TROWBRIDGE	[SEAL.]
MARY TROWBRIDGE	[SEAL.]
LYDIA COMSTOCK	[SEAL.]

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in }
presence of }

ANDREW BURR,
THO: HILL.

Norwalk in Fairfield County March ye 20th 1754 there personally appeared Dan^l. Betts Junr., John Trowbridge, Sarah Betts, Mary Trowbridge & Lydia Comstock, Signers & Sealers to ye within written Instrument & acknowledged ye same to be their free, voluntary act & Deed

Before me Andr Burr Assist."

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Daniel Betts, Junior, is named in the Wilton Society Records as chosen Dec. 2, 1729, "to represent said society and warn the inhabitants of the respective meetings." He is admitted to the Church with his wife, Sarah, Feb. 13, 1732. On Dec. 17, 1761, he is appointed to take charge of donation money belonging to the school, the title "Junr." being then for the first time omitted; and on Dec. 30, 1762, he appears on the School Committee. He conveys to his son, "Daniel Betts 3d," a dwelling-house and land in "Kent" on June 17, 1752, in consideration of "love and good will," and he conveys other lands to his son Daniel on Sept. 24, 1771.^o He conveys lands and also one-half of his house to his son Abijah on August 13, 1767, April 30, 1771, and August 28, 1781. These deeds are still in existence. The consideration is "love and good will" in the two latter deeds. His son Reuben conveys to him lands in Fairfield, Conn., on June 15, for £40.^o His name appears for the last time on Nov. 26, 1777, as "moderator" of the society meeting.

Daniel Betts, during the march of the British forces upon Danbury, in 1777, was taken prisoner, but was soon released.

His Real & Personal was inventoried Oct. 6, 1783, by "Daniel & Abijah Betts Executors of the last Will & Testament of Daniel Betts late of Norwalk decd." No will, however, is recorded.

In the "Distribution of Real Estate of Daniel Betts according to his last will & testament" (not recorded) which took place April 26, 1784, there were given the following allotments to his sons.

" To Daniel Betts eldest son of sd decd.....	£99.4.4
" To Comstock Betts son of sd decd.....	99.4.4
" To Abijah Betts " " " "	124.4.4
" To Timothy Betts.....	79.4.4

Issue :

(59) Josiah Betts; born March 8th, 1726;^{s2} died before 1732.

(60) Sarah Betts; born March 8, 1726;^s married Josiah Burchard.

(61) Daniel Betts; "ye third;" born June 28, 1728; died Oct. 8, 1820.^{s and s2}

(62) Hannah Betts; born May 12th, 1730;^{s and s2} married Ezra Gregory, Nov. 20, 1750.

(63) Samuel Comstock Betts; born March 2d, 1732, at Norwalk;^v died May 16th, 1823.^v

(64) Elizabeth Betts; married Zacharia Mead, of Balston, N. Y., January 25, 1764; died March, 1818. (See letter of Samuel Comstock Betts, p.).

(65) Jesse Betts; born Dec. , 1734; died Oct. 6, 1742.

(66) Ruth Betts; born Feb. , 1737; died Oct. 2, 1742.

(67) Abijah N. Betts; born 1740; baptized July 13, 1740;^w married Mary Betts, his cousin; died Dec. 30, 1817.¹

(68) Timothy Betts; baptized May 8, 1743;^w lived after Aug. 13, 1817.

(69) Lydia Betts; born 1745; baptized June 29, 1745;^w died 1746, "in her thirteenth month."

(70) Deborah Betts; born 1748; baptized June 5, 1748;^w died April 15, 1774, aged 26 years; unmarried. Tombstone in Wilton.

(71) Reuben Betts; baptized July 1, 1753.^w

(72) Elijah Betts, known only from the will of Abijah, which contains a bequest to "Aaron Betts, son of my deceased brother Elijah Betts (for his name)."

(23) SAMUEL BETTS, the son of Samuel (8), grandson of Thomas (1), was born Oct. 28, 1695.

He married Dorothy, who died October 23d, 1764 (or Oct. 23, 1769), "very suddenly," aged 65 years and

5 months and 19 days." This gives the date of her birth, namely, April 4, 1699, or 1704.

The earliest record of him is in the Colonial Records of Connecticut, where he heads a petition to the General Court for the erection of a Meeting House, dated

He appears as sexton in the Wilton records in 1730, and in 1732 as one of the two "Society men" and upon committee "to say which votes shall go upon record and which shall not." He is on the school committee, 1733, and he is the "Lieut. Betts," who is to "reckon with ye meeting-house com'tee," 1738. In 1741, he appears on the "Society Committee," and to take care of and recover school money. On Dec. 30, 1762, he is elected to represent the town for a "memorial for a highway."

The Colonial Records show that the General Assembly gave him the following commissions, viz: Ensign, October 8, 1730; Lieutenant, October 11, 1738; and Captain, May 9, 1745.^a

He was also appointed Justice by the General Assembly, from May, 1747, to 1750.^a

On Aug. 1, 1753, he conveys lands in Wilton to his "well-beloved son David Betts."^o Another deed to David Betts is dated Aug. 24, 1765.

On March 22, 1768, a committee of freeholders erected the "lost bounds" between the lands of "Capt. Saml. Betts and Alexander Sloan."

On Dec. 30, 1774, he conveyed to his sons Stephen and Thaddeus a tract of land in Wilton, reserving the improvement "during ye term of my natural life."^o

On Feb. 13, 1775, he conveyed to his son Stephen land in Wilton near "Pimpawang"; and on the same day he conveyed all his estate to his sons Stephen and Thaddeus, "they paying all my funeral charges and all my other just debts."^o

No record of his death has been found.

From last above deeds it appears that he had issue :

(73) Stephen Betts ; parentage known only from deeds of 1774 and '5 ; married Mary Burwell, April 14, 1747.

(74) Thaddeus Betts ; parentage known only from deeds of 1774 and '5.

His issue as recorded in the Wilton Congregational Society were as follows :

“Samuel Betts, Jr.’s Children : ”

(75) Samuel Betts ; born July 18th, 1724.

(76) Rebeckah Betts ; born December 5th, 1727 ; married Clapp Raymond Aug. 4, 1756-7.

(77) David Betts ; born April 4th, 1730. Admitted to church Mch. 20 1755.*

After the death of Dorothy, Captain Samuel Betts married Hannah, as appears by her admission to the church in August, 1765, “by recommendation from Canaan Church.”

(24) STEPHEN BETTS, son of Samuel Betts (8), and grandson of Thomas Betts (1), was born Aug. 1, 1698, and probably died between 1776 and 1782, as his son Stephen appears in the State Legislature in the former year as “Jr.,” but not in the latter year.

His wife’s name was Ruth. They were admitted to the Church Feb. 13, 1732.

From Wilton Society record it appears that in 1726 and 1728 he was appointed “collector of Revd. Mr. Sturgeon’s rate,” and sexton, and is given a seat “in the corner pew” Jan. 27, 1727. He is one of a committee to build a bridge over the river on Sept. 1729, and June 18, 1730 ; and in December of that year he is chosen with Jonathan Elmer “to reckon about Society money.” Oct. 6 and Dec. 1, 1732, he is elected “Moderator” ; and on the latter day he and his brother Samuel are chosen “Society men.” On Dec. 3, 1733, with Daniel and Nathan, he is voted “ye fore long

seat." The School Committee claims his services on Dec. 1, 1737. He is again "Moderator," June 1, 1739, and June 6th is appointed to collect £150 and pay the same to Daniel Betts and others, house committee. For this service he is voted eighty shillings, Feb. 8, 1740.

Issue (recorded in Wilton Congregational Society):

"Stephen Bett's Children:"

(78) Sarah Betts; born Nov. 22, 1722;^s died Feb. 21, 1726.^s

(79) Stephen Betts; born Feb. 21, 1724;^{s2} died Feb. 21, 1726-7.^{s2}

(80) Ruth Betts; born June 20, 1727;^s died Oct. 16, 1733.^s

(81) Mary Betts; born July 28, 1729;^s married Ezra Keeler, Nov. 20, 1750. (?)

(82) Hannah Betts; born May 28th, 1732.^s

(83) Stephen Betts; baptized April 15, 1739;^w he is probably the Stephen Betts, who died December 5, 1831, aged 97.¹

(84) Hepzibah Betts; baptized May 11, 1740.^w

(85) Dorothy Betts; baptized Sept. 11, 1743.^w

(86) Sarah Betts, "daughter of Stephen Betts," was "admitted to the Church," 1744.

(25) NATHAN BETTS, son of Samuel Betts (8), and grandson of Thomas Betts (1), was born Nov. 5, 1700, and "took to wife Mary Belden, daughter of Mr. William Belden, of Norwalk, and was married to her Sept. 20, 1727." The Wilton Society voted him into "the third long pew" in 1727, and into the second ditto in 1728, and the "forelong" ditto in 1732. He is on the School Committee in 1732, collector of rates 1733 and 1742-4, and on "Society's Committee," 1738. He and his wife, Mary, were admitted to the Church Feb. 13, 1732.

The General Assembly, on May 18, 1740, empowered

him, with Samuel Gruman, to sell certain lands of John Rockwell, deceased.^a

Mr. Betts died about the end of the year 1752, his will being dated Dec. 18th of that year, and proved Jan. 15, 1753. The records of the Congregational Church state that he died Dec. 28, 1753, aged about 52 years. This must be an error for 1752.

Issue :

(87) Mary Betts, "daughter of ye said Nathan and Mary ; born Sept. 22, 1728,^s and deceased Oct. 5 or 6,^s 1728."

(88) Nathan, Jr.; born Oct. 13, 1729^s; was living Oct. 28, 1760, when his brother-in-law Hubbell gives him receipt for his wife's share of her father's estate^r; but he died before 1771, when he is mentioned as "dec'd" in the final settlement.^r

(89) Mary; born Dec. 2, 1731; died before 1761.

(90) Ruth; born Oct. 6, 1733; married Thaddeus Hubbell, Dec. 26, 1752.

(91) William; born Apr. 11, 1736; admitted to the Church June 15, 1758.

(92) Judith; born July 18, 1738; died April 25, 1747.

(93) Azer; born Sept. 13, 1740; baptized Oct. 19, 1740.^w

(94) Tabitha, baptized Dec. 12, 1741;^w Samuel Betts is appointed her guardian, June 12, 1753.

(95) Sarah, baptized Sept. 14, 1746;^w on March 31, 1760, her brother-in-law, Thaddeus Hubbell, was her appointed guardian.

(96) Judith Betts; baptized March 5, 1749.^w

The will gives £500 each to his "two eldest daughters, Mary and Ruth," and £250 each to his "other three girls, Tabitha, Sarah and Judith."

The inventory of June 12, 1753, appraised the real estate of Nathan Betts, Senior, at £4,824, and names

among other personal effects, a "saddle, sword, belt, gun and spectacles."

(28) JAMES BETTS, son of James Betts (9), grandson of Thomas Betts (1); married Martha. They were admitted to the Church in Wilton, Feb. 13, 1732. His name first appears Dec. 2, 1729, in a vote that he, with his cousin Daniel Betts, Jun., "represent s^d society and "warn the inhabitants of the respective meetings." He next appears on a School Committee on Feb. 21, 1731. On March 5, 1743, he conveys (by deed in writer's possession) twenty-eight acres to Daniel Betts for £93; and his signature shows that he is the "James Betts of Sharon," who unites with "James Betts of Norwalk" (9) in a conveyance to Daniel Betts, Oct. 29, 1745. There are three records of his children, from which appear the following

Issue :

- (97) Matthew Betts; born April 4, 1724;^s another entry calls him "Nathan."^{s2} *Verdict*
- (98) Phebe Betts; born Feb. 23, 1725-6.^{s and s2}
- (99) Ann Betts; born Jan. 9, 1727-8.^{s and s2}
- (100) James Betts, born April 1^s or 7,^{s2} 1730.

Another account, made in 1732, probably at the time of Revd. Mr. Gaylord's settlement, names among children of "James Betts, Jun., and Martha, his wife :"

- (101) Hezekiah.
- (102) Martha.

This account names all the above except Matthew, and a note states that "Anna removed before May 23, 1745."

In the church records of baptisms appear also :

- (103) Ezekiel, son of James Betts; baptized Dec. 2, 1739.^w

(104) Zillah, daughter of James Betts ; baptized May 16, 1741.^w

(29) BENJAMIN BETTS, son of James Betts (9), grandson of Thomas Betts (1), was probably born prior to 1710, as his son Benjamin was born in 1733. He married Rebecca Taylor, January 2, 1729,^o who was with him admitted to the church in Wilton Feb. 13, 1732.^s His wife, Rebecca, died January, 1805, aged 100 years and 11 months.ⁿ She was, therefore, born about February, 1705.^c

In the Society Records of Wilton he is frequently mentioned. He is chosen by the Society, Dec. 2, 1729, "to keep the key of their pound," which his father, "James Betts, Senior," was then authorized to build. The meeting of the Society is held at his house, Nov. 1, 1732. He is voted "ye second long seat" Dec. 3, 1733. On Dec. 2, 1734, he is on the School Committee, and also on the committee to make up accounts. His next appointment is on a committee to make all necessary highways within the bounds of the parish, Dec. 8, 1736. The Society meets at his house Dec. 1, 1737, "at eight o'clock in the morning." He is "School Money" Committee Nov. 7, 1738 ; on the "Society's Committee" Dec. 10, 1739 ; on the "School Committee" 1741 ; on the committee to represent the Society before the "counsel now sitting at Ensign Lambert's," Nov. 14, 1752 ; on School Committee 1752, '3, '4, '7, '8, '61, and on committee to sell parsonage land and put the money at interest, 1753. The Wilton Church records him as a member, with his wife (not named), May 1, 1763.^s

He probably died between December, 1780, and December, 1781, as his son Benjamin has the title "Jr." at the former date, but not at the latter.

His father conveys to him thirty acres, January, 1729-3, "reserving life use for grantor and wife" ; and a second deed appears from his father, December, 1745, in consideration of "love and good will" ; a third, Jan.

26, 1746-7, consideration £130; and a fourth, March 21, 1748, consideration £500.

There are in the possession of the family seventeen deeds of land, in which he appears as grantee, the dates ranging from 1729 to 1716, and the money paid aggregating over £3,000.

Issue (from an original document in the writer's possession):

(105) David Betts, born September 16, 1730.^o

(106) Benjamin Betts, Junior, born Nov. 7, 1733; "old style."

(107) Rebeckah Betts, born February 16, 1734, living in 1792, as then mentioned in her brother Elijah's will, dated Sept. 15, 1792.^f

(108) Thaddeus Betts, born April 1, 1737.

(109) Mary Betts, born March 22, 1739;^o baptized March 1, 1739.^w

(110) Jeremiah Betts, born September 10, 1741;^o baptized Sept. 13, 1740 (*sic*).^w

(111) Elijah Betts, born June 5, 1745;^o baptized June 9, 1745.^{d Aug 1800 (p. 23)}

(112) Hannah Betts, born June 12, 1749;^o baptized June 25, 1749;^w died July 31, 1817 (unmarried).

(113) Sarah Betts; mentioned in her brother Elijah's will, 1792.^p

(31) ELIAS BETTS, son of James Betts (9), grandson of Thomas Betts (1), born April 9, 1717, or Aug. 17, 1716^p; married Abigail Burchard, March 7, 1745,^{s2} who, no doubt, is the "Widow Abijail Betts," who died January 23d, 1806,^p aged 84 years, 6 months. This gives the date of her birth July, 1722. She was daughter of Joseph Burchard, of Lebanon, and granddaughter of John Burchard, of Norwich.

Elias Betts' name appears in the Wilton Society records on February 8, 1740, December 29, 1742,

and December 28, 1752, as collector of the "minister's rate"; and in 1744 "to take the marks of swine and sheep that are strayed away." He was admitted to the Church September 5, 1741.

The General Assembly gave him the following commissions, viz: Ensign, May 9, 1745; Lieutenant, October 13, 1748; Captain, May 11, 1749.^a

His father conveyed land in Kent to him on December 4, 1745.ⁿ

The name Elias Betts appears in the acknowledgment of many deeds, as Justice of the Peace from Mch. 29, 1756, to July 15, 1774.

On December 25th, 1753, he is appointed on committee to care for "country bonds," and also to "assist Mr. Lockwood in a discharge from old society." "They also vote thirty shillings to me (Elias Betts) for writing in this book the time past." He seems also to have discharged the duties of sexton in 1757 to 1764. In 1761 he is voted pay "for his services as society clerk in years past"; and in 1767 he is appointed, with others, "to advise with association at Green Farms, about another minister"; and in the same year to go to Canaan on the same business, and to "confer with Rev. Mr. Mills." In 1774 another sum is voted to him "for keeping the record book the time past." He died October 16, 1782, "aged 65 years, 6 months and 7 days."

Issue :

(114) Abijail Betts; b. February 7, 1746;^a baptized March 27, 1746;^w member of the Church at Wilton July, 1769;^a died October 21, 1783;^a unmarried. On Aug. 13, 1767, she signs a deed as "Abijail Betts, 2nd."

(115) Elias Betts; b. May 29, 1748;^a baptized June 5, 1748;^w died August 29, 1771 (?)

(116) Enoch Betts; b. May 29, 1748;^a baptized June 5, 1748.^w

(117) Moses Betts ; b. October 28, 1749 ;^s baptized November 5, 1749 ;^w died December 16, 1749.⁸²

(118) Moses Betts ; b. April 5, 1751 ;^s baptized April 14, 1751 ;^w married Ann Sturgis March 7, 1776 ;^p died June 3, 1821.^p Moses and Anne Betts are recorded as members of the Church in Wilton May 1st, 1778.^s

(119) Aaron Betts ; b. Oct. 7, 1752 ;^s baptized October 4, (*sic.*)^w 1752 ; died July 15, 1754.

(120) Eunice Betts ; born July 5, 1754 ;^p baptized July 7, 1754 ;^w married Joseph Platt Fitch, Nov. 16, 1780.

(121) Phebe Betts ; b. April 2, 1756 ;^s baptized July 7, 1756 ;^w died April 3^d, 1834.^p

(122) Aaron Betts ; b. November 5, 1757 ;^s baptized June 29, 1758 ;^w died June 3, 1821.^p

(123) James Betts ; b. March 21, 1760 ;^s baptized 1760 (no date) ;^w died April 1, 1760.

(124) Isaiah Betts ; b. December 19, 1761 ;^s baptized April 7, 1762 ;^w died June 24, 1843.^p

(125) Elisha Betts ; b. December 19, 1763 ;^s baptized April 8, 1764 ;^w died Feb. 10, 1847.^p

FOURTH GENERATION.

(33) THOMAS BETTS (the fourth) son of Thomas Betts (11), grandson of Thomas Betts (2), and great-grandson of Thomas Betts (1), born in 1717. "Thomas Betts, Jr., took to wife Betty Benedict, daughter of Capt. Thomas Benedict, and was married to her, May 22, 1748."^s She was born March 14, 1721, and died May 21, 1782. His will, dated Sept. 7, 1786, and proved July 2, 1787, names his children, Thomas, Hezekiah, Lydia and Susanna.

Issue :

(126) Betty Betts ; born (circ. 1744.) ; died Jan., 1769.

(127) Thomas Betts (the fifth) ; born March 14, 1753 ; died Jan. 17, 1813 ; married, 1782.

(128) Esther Betts ; born 1749 ; died 1757.

(129) Lydia Betts ; born 1755 ; married 1788.

(130) Susannah Betts ; born 1757 ; married 1781.

(131) Hezekiah Betts ; born July 31, 1760 ; died May 31, 1837 ; was a soldier in the Revolution.

(35) ISAAC BETTS, son of Thomas Betts (11), grandson of Thomas Betts (2), great-grandson of Thomas Betts (1). Married Elizabeth Griffin, Oct. 14, 1753.^{N W B}

Issue :

(132) Ann Betts ; born August 19, 1754.^N

(133) Stephen Betts ; born July 15, 1756.^N

(134) Isaiah Betts ; born Jan. 17, 1758.^N

(135) Isaac Betts ; born April 12, 1760 ;^N married Polly Hanford, Nov. 23, 1783.^N

(136) Hannah Betts ; born March 30, 1762.^N

(137) Deborah Betts ; born Sept. 23, 1767.^N

Elizabeth Griffin Betts, the wife of Isaac Betts, died March 6, 1779.^{N W B}

(39) JOHN BETTS, the son of John Betts (12), grandson of Thomas Betts (2), and great-grandson of Thomas Betts (1), was born July 27, 1711, and married Sarah Gregory, who survived him.

By right of his mother, Hannah Burwell, he was Lord of the Manor of Hemmel Hempstead, Hertfordshire.

His will, in which he is named as " John Betts, of Norwalk," is dated April 1st, 1760, and is proved June 14, 1760, showing that he died between these dates. He devises his house to his son Nehemiah, and £100 each to his sons John and Jesse, and smaller sums to his other children. His brother Joseph, and brother-in-law, John Gregory, are named executors.

The partition of his estate took place October 7, 1761, and names his widow Sarah.

Among his effects are mentioned a "punchbowl," books, sword and cutlass.

His issue appear from this partition to have been as follows:

(138) Nehemiah Betts, "oldest son."

(139) Timothy Betts, who died between April 1, 1760, and March 1, 1761, when Nehemiah Betts is appointed administrator of his estate. The estate was declared insolvent Dec. 4, and commissioners were appointed by the Court. Their report was accepted Jan. 20, 1767.*

(140) John Betts. He is probably the "John Betts, Jr.," who appears as vestryman in the records of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Norwalk, April 15, 1757, and again without the suffix "Jr." in 17—.

(141) Susannah, wife of Zurial Finch, of Huntington, L. I.,^{w^b} married after April 1, 1760, the date of her father's will, in which she is named "Susan Betts."

(142) Elizabeth, born June 4, 1742,^{w^a} died Jan. 22, 1786, wife of Abm. Gregory, married after the date of said will, as she is named in it "Elizabeth Betts." Abraham Gregory was born Sept. 17, 1736, ^{w^b} and married Elizabeth Betts, April 5, 1760.ⁿ

(143) Hannah, "deceased," who must have died between April 1st, 1760, and October 7, 1761, as she is named in her father's will.

(144) Jesse Betts.

(145) Sarah, wife of Samuel Seymore.

(146) Mary Betts; wife of Silvanus Hoyt.

(41) JOSEPH BETTS, son of John Betts (12), grandson of Thomas Betts (2), great-grandson of Thomas Betts (1), was born March 29, 1727, and mar-

ried Sarah ———. He died May 19, 1760, "aged 43."¹

His will, in which he is called "Joseph Betts, of Norwalk," is dated May 10, 1760, and proved June 9, 1760, showing that he died between those dates. It names his wife Sarah, and devises "lands in Waterbury" equally to his children, the distribution to be made "when the eldest arrives at full and lawful age," showing that all were born after 1740.

His widow married Feb. 1764, Stephen St. John,^N and on Jan. 2, 1772, she released to her other children any interest in estate of her then deceased son, Platt Betts (Norwalk Deeds Book 14, p. 4).

Issue named in the will:

(147) Justus Betts; Chatham, N. Y.^{w^B}

(148) Silas;^{w^B} not named in the will; probably died before 1760.

(149) Moses Betts; born April 5th, 1751; married Ann Sturges, of Fairfield.

(150) Aaron Betts.

(151) Anna Betts; married M. Starr.^{f w^B}

(152) Susa Betts, or Susannah; married son of William Weeks, in Norwalk.^{w^B}

(153) Platt Betts. His estate in Norwalk was distributed Dec. 23, 1773. From this it appears that his brothers and sisters were then living.^f

Burwell Betts and Samuel Platt are named as executors.

(42) BURWELL BETTS, son of John Betts (12), grandson of Thomas Betts (2), great-grandson of Thomas Betts (1), married Thankful Raymond, Nov. 1, 1740.^{w^B N}

Issue by first wife:

(154) Joseph Betts; born 1741.^w

- (155) Hannah Betts; born May 8, 1743.^{W B N}
- (156) James Betts; born March 10, 1745.^{W B N}
- (157) Benjamin Betts; born Oct. 20, 1747.^{W B N}

Thankful Betts, wife of Burwell Betts, died Dec. 3, 1747;^{W B N} Burwell Betts married, November 7, 1754,^{W B N} Sarah Burwell, daughter of Nathan Burwell, of Norwalk.

Issue by second wife:

- (158) Nathan Betts; Born Aug. 14, 1755.^{W B N}
- (159) Molly Betts; born April 4, 1757.^{W B N}
- (160) Peter Betts; born Nov. 6^N or 7,^W 1758.
- (161) Sarah Betts; born March 7, 1761.^{W B N}
- (162) Joseph Betts; born Aug. 8, 1763.^{W B N}
- (163) Nancy^{W B} (or Mary^N) Betts; born May 9, 1767.^{W B N}
- (164) Esther Betts; born July 1, 1769.^{W B N}
- (165) Betsey Betts; born July 3, 1772.^{W B N}
- (166) Hannah Betts; born March 7, 1775;^{W B N} married John Lockward Raymond in Troy, N. Y.^{W B}

The following extracts from the report (now in the possession of William Betts of Norwalk) of a Mr. Loder, an attorney employed to investigate the title of the Hemel Hemstead property, show some of the inquiries that were made in England, without success, subsequent to those mentioned on pp. 35-6.

" In 1808 Joseph Betts, eldest son of Burwell Betts and grandson of Hannah Burwell Betts, took it in hand, obtained power of attorney, collected his money and was ready to sail, when he was taken sick and died soon after. In 1814 Nathan Betts a brother of Joseph Betts, next engaged in it got new power of attorney and raised funds for the purpose of sending an agent, and in 1817 he employed one Capt. Paul Chase (who was going to England), to investigate the matter. He wrote back that the possessor having no title, had never ventured to cut down the wood, and that they had laid by the rent for a long number of years to have it ready when called for by the owners of the soil, and that the value of the estate was about 80,000 sterling besides back rents. This appears to be about all the trouble he took to ascertain the situation of the property he being engaged in other business. In 1821 J. B. Walker who was going to England, was employed to enquire into the affair, he wrote

“ back in a letter dated January 20th, 1822, that the estate was worth
 “ half a million pounds sterling and that the occupants had not a
 “ scrap of paper to show as title, and that he had ascertained that the
 “ title was still vested in the heirs of John Burwell who had made no
 “ application for rent for nearly a century. This was the amount of
 “ what he accomplished.

“ In 1825 money was raised by the heirs and Truxtun J. Powell
 “ employed to investigate the situation of the estate, but nothing
 “ was accomplished.

“ At a number of different times after this, until 1837, the claim-
 “ ants met in New York, appointed committees, drafted resolutions
 “ and subscribed money to carry the business of recovery into effect
 “ without accomplishing anything of importance, the excitement
 “ dying away soon after the return of said claimants so that com-
 “ monly the money subscribed was not paid in, and in one or two
 “ instances when paid in was embezzled and lost. Thus the busi-
 “ ness remained until 1837 when Charles Semon of Troy went as
 “ agent for the claimants to England where he arrived on the 9th of
 “ February of said year. He commenced his search at the office of
 “ wills in Doctors Commons; then at the enrollment office; the
 “ Chancellor's Office, the Office of Commissioner of Woods and Forests,
 “ were all applied to without meeting with anything of importance to
 “ the claimants. He called upon Mr. Briggs, steward to the Lord of the
 “ Manor of Hemel Hempstead (the same as before mentioned), but
 “ he refused to let the records be seen or give any extracts from
 “ them unless he was satisfied of his authority to make such en-
 “ quiries accompanied with show of title. * * *

“ The estate was at that time said to have been in pos-
 “ session of the Hon. Mr. Ryder, a son of Lord Harrowby.
 “ In August, 1838, Edward R. Lambert of New Haven
 “ went to England for the investigation of it, the result of
 “ whose enquiries was as follows: He arrived in England on
 “ Friday, September 7th, landed at Portsmouth and proceeded
 “ directly to London, on Monday he delivered his letters of intro-
 “ duction to Junius Smith, Esq., and by his advice and accompanied
 “ by him went to the Office of Wills in Doctors Commons and made
 “ a thorough search from the year 1650 to 1750, but found nothing
 “ of importance concerning the business. He went next to the
 “ Office of Commissioners of Woods and Forests, but was refused
 “ an examination of their books. During the week went to the
 “ office of Mr. Briggs, steward of the Lord of the Manor of Hemel
 “ Hempstead, but he would not allow his record to be examined in
 “ reference to the estate in question without proof of authority to
 “ make such examination. Provided with letters of introduction
 “ from Junius Smith, Esq., to Smith and Grover, Lawyers in com-
 “ pany in Hemel Hempstead, he proceeded by railway to the place
 “ in question: went to the office of Smith & Grover, found Mr.

" Grover to whom he delivered Julius Smith's letter; after reading
 " it he remarked that the property he was examining about in
 " behalf of the heirs of John Burwell was the property Mr. Ryder
 " had lately obtained possession of. He said Lord Harrowby
 " bought a large tract of it some years ago and Mr. Ryder (a son
 " of Lord Harrowby), had now obtained the remainder. * * *

" He was also informed that there was an enquiry made by the
 " Lord Chancellor a long time since who the legal heirs were and
 " that a receiver was appointed and rents paid annually until the
 " death of the receiver, after which the rents were not called
 " for. * * *

No further information of importance was obtained.

(43) SILAS BETTS, son of John Betts (12), grand-
 son of Thomas Betts (2), great-grandson of Thomas
 Betts (1), married Abigail Smith, daughter of Ezekiel
 Smith, of Stanford.^{W B} *July 1753.*

Issue :

(167) Hannah Betts; married Hitchcock, of
 Greenwich.^{W B}

(168) Polly Mary Betts; married John Spady.^{W B}

(169) Sally Betts; married Abraham Quick.^{W B}

(170) Frederick Betts; married Polly Sackett,
 of Horseneck.^{W B}

(171) Silas Betts.^{W B}

(172) Anna Betts; married Silas Davis, of Horse-
 neck.^{W B}

(44) ABRAHAM BETTS, son of John Betts (12);
 grandson of Thomas Betts (2), great-grandson of Thomas
 Betts (1); lived in Ridgefield.^{W B} His wife's name was
 Mary Bedient; married April 19, 1753. He died in
 1789. On Aug. 1789, Eliphalet Lockwood was ap-
 pointed administrator.^F Distributors were appointed
 Dec. 6, 1790.^F Distribution was accepted March 4,
 1794.^F

Issue :

(173) Eunice Betts; married Northrup.^{W B}

(174) Amy Betts; married Williams.^{W B}

(175) George Betts,^{w^B} probably died before distribution of 1894, as not mentioned.

(176) Clary.

(177) Mary; married a Mr. Smith, and died before 1794, as her heirs are mentioned in the distribution.

(45) GIDEON BETTS, son of John Betts (12), grandson of Thomas Betts (2), great-grandson of Thomas Betts (1); born June 8, 1730;^{w^B} married Rachel St. John, who was born Aug. 14, 1731 (?).^{w^B} He died Sept. 19, 1801.^{w^B}

Issue :

(178) Nathan Betts; born Aug. 13, 1753.^{w^B}

(179) Hannah Betts; born May 10, 1755.^{w^B}

(180) Sarah Betts; born June 2, 1760.^{w^B}

(181) Anne Betts; born March 20, 1769.^{w^B}

(182) Mary Betts; born May 4, 1772.^{w^B}

(183) Gideon Betts; born June 24, 1775.^{w^B}

(46) SARAH BETTS, daughter of John Betts (12), granddaughter of Thomas Betts (2); great-granddaughter of Thomas Betts (1), married John Lockward.^{w^B}

Issue :

(a) John Lockward.^{w^B}

(b) Matthew Lockward.^{w^B}

(c) Seth Lockward.^{w^B}

(d) Betty Lockward.^{w^B}

(47) HANNAH BETTS, daughter of John Betts (12), granddaughter of Thomas Betts (2); great-granddaughter of Thomas Betts (1), married Elijah Hawley.^{w^B}

Issue :

(a) Ezekiel Hawley, of Wilton.^{w^B}

(49 or 55) MARY BETTS, daughter of Mathew

Betts (14) or John Betts (17); if the latter, she probably married Thomas Gregory May 18, 1747.^N

Issue :

- (a) Naomi; born April 13, 1748.^N
- (b) Josiah; born May 12, 1750.^N
- (c) Mary; born Oct. 8, 1752.^N
- (d) Jehiel; born Nov. 17, 1754.^N
- (e) Abigail; born Dec. 13, 1762.^N

(50) MATTHEW BETTS, son of Matthew Betts (14), grandson of Thomas Betts (2), great-grand-son of Thomas Betts (1); married to Mary St. John April 12, 1750.^N

Issue :

- (184) Ruth Betts; born Oct. 12, 1750.^N

(52) SETH BETTS, son of Matthew Betts (14), grand-son of Thomas Betts (2), great-grand-son of Thomas Betts (1) was born June 9, 1734;^N married to Mary Gregory, Dec. 7, 1752.^N

Issue :

- (185) Silas Betts; born Oct. 27, 1753.^N
- (186) Molly Betts; born Mar. 19, 1757.^N
A Molly Betts appears to have married Enoch Abbott, March 19, 1778, and had eight children.^N
- (187) Esther Betts; born Feb. 17, 1763.^N
- (188) Seth Betts; born Dec. 12, 1765.^N

Mary, the wife of Seth, died March 7, 1777.^N
Seth Betts married Joanna Abbott Dec. 30, 1779.^N

By his second wife :

- (189) Abbe Betts, born April 7, 1782.^N

(53) JOSIAH BETTS, son of Matthew Betts (14), grandson of Thomas Betts (2), great-grand-son of Thomas Betts (1), was born February 5, 1735-6,^A

and married Ruth Hayes, daughter of Col. Hayes, of South Salem.[^] She was born October 18, 1739.[^]

Issue :

(190) Nanny Betts ; born June 17, 1758 ;[^] married Esquire Monroe, of South Salem.[^]

(191) Matthew Betts ; born November 8, 1763, who lived and died on Long Island, and left daughters, but no sons.[^]

(192) Rachel Betts ; born August 18, 1756.[^]

A Rachel Betts married Elijah Wescot, 1774, and had four children : Samuel, born Jan. 18, 1775, Sarah, born April 28, 1776, Polly and Philaphirus, born July 28, 1782.

(193) Josiah Betts, born February 5, 1768 ; lived in Michigan.[^]

(194) Hannah Betts ; born November 25, 1769.[^]

A Hannah Betts appears to have married Jonathan Seymore, about 1786, and had four children.[^]

(195) Betsey Betts ; born May 29, 1771 ; lived and died on Long Island ; married Samuel Finch.[^]

(196) Uriah Betts ; born October 27, 1775 ; lived in Michigan.[^]

(197) Allen Hayes Betts ; born July 21, 1776 ; died in Wilton, March 20, 1848.[^]

(198) Joshua Betts ; born March 20, 1778 ; died in Deerfield, Ohio.[^]

(199) Asa Betts ; born February 12, 1781 ; lived in Deerfield, Ohio.[^]

(200) Hezekiah Betts ; born July 24, 1785 ; lived in Deerfield, Ohio, and has a son, Matthew J. Betts, now living in New Milford, Ohio.[^]

(54) THADDEUS BETTS, son of John Betts (17), grandson of John Betts (4), great-grandson of Thomas Betts (1), was born May 3, 1724 ; graduated at Yale College, 1745 ; was a physician ; married to Mary Goold or Gold, daughter of John Gold, Nov. 8, 1752.[^] She was born June 4, 1731.

The said Mary died the 20th day of the same month.ⁿ

The said Thaddeus married to Elizabeth Maltby daughter of Capt. William Maltby, of New Haven, May 15, 1754.ⁿ

He represented Norwalk in the State Legislature in the years 1776, 1784, 1785, 1786 and 1789.

Issue :

(201) Sarah Betts ; born Mar. 7, 1757.ⁿ

(202) William Maltby Betts ; born Jan. 4, 1759 ;ⁿ died Feb. 3, 1832.

(203) Mary Betts ; born July 11, 1761 ;ⁿ “ died 1 Feb., 1780, then wife of Daniel Platt ; ”ⁿ or Feb. 3, 1782.[†]

“ Elizabeth, wife of said Thaddeus, died Feb. 8 1789.”ⁿ

After the death of his wife Elizabeth, Thaddeus Betts married (Nov. 4, 1789ⁿ) Eleanor (Hellen^a) Fairchild Lyman, widow of Daniel Lyman, Esq., and daughter of Jonathan and Eleanor Fairchild. Her first husband was Seth Benedict, son of Thomas and Millis-son Benedict, with whom she lived ten years. After his death, about the year 1768, she had married Daniel Lyman, Esq., of New Haven. After his death, she married Thaddeus Betts, of Norwalk. She died March 23, 1825, in the 95th year of her age. She was a member of the church 61 years. The tombstone of Dr. Thaddeus Betts, at Town House Hill Cemetery, Norwalk, has the following inscription : “ Thaddeus “ Betts, M. D. died March 22, 1807, in the 83d year of “ his age. In his death religion, literature and human-
.. ity have to lament the loss of their greatest orna-
“ ment.”

(57) JOHN BETTS, JR.; son of John (17) ; grand-

son of John (4); and greatgrandson of Thomas (1); was born August 11, 1735; married Lydia Ketchum Feb. 17, 1765.ⁿ On April 15, he appears to have been elected a vestryman of St. Paul's Church, Norwalk.^{*}

Issue :^{wb}

(204) Sam'l Betts; born April 26th, 1766.ⁿ

"The sd. Lydia departed this life the 12th day of June, 1766."ⁿ

"The sd. John Betts married to Leah Hickox, his 2d wife, Jan. 10, 1773."ⁿ

Issue :

(205) Lydia Betts; b. May, 1774; d. Aug. 1775.ⁿ

(206) John Goold Betts; b. Dec. 24, 1775; d. Dec. 4, 1776.ⁿ

(207) Sarah Betts; b. Sept. 9, 1779.ⁿ

(208) Esther Betts; b. June 15, 1781; d. Jan. 2, 1785.ⁿ

(209) Charles Betts; b. Nov. 8, 1783; died Aug. 5, 1784.ⁿ

(210) Esther Betts; b. Dec. 8, 1785;ⁿ died Sept. 30, 1805.

(211) John Goold Betts; b. Dec. 24, 1787.ⁿ

(212) George Betts; b. May 7, 1789.ⁿ

(Norwalk Records, Lib. VII., p. 2.)

The tombstone of a John Betts, at Norwalk, is inscribed "died June 8, 1809."

(59) PETER BETTS, son of John Betts (17), grandson of John Betts (4), great-grandson of Thomas Betts (1), was born Oct. 1, 1739; married Sarah White (born March 19, 1741).ⁿ He died in Franklin, N. Y., Aug. 10, 1807.ⁿ

Issue :

(213) Hannah; born Oct. 26, 1761.ⁿ

(214) John ; born July 22, 1764;ⁿ died April 8, 1788.

(215) Henry ; born Nov. 23, 1766;ⁿ married Rebecca F. (Feb. 12, 1794), who was born Jan. 31, 1771.ⁿ

(216) William ; born May 15, 1769.ⁿ Living in Franklin, N. Y. (1847).ⁿ

(217) Peter ; born Jan. 17, 1772.ⁿ Living in Bainbridge Village, N. Y. (1847).ⁿ

(218) Lewis ; born Mar. 17, 1774.ⁿ Enlisted in army 1813. Supposed to have been slain in the battle of Chippewa.ⁿ

"Nancy, widow of Lewis Betts" (perhaps the above) died July 1, 1828, aged 50;ⁱ buried at Norwalk.

(219) James ; born Mar. 31, 1776.ⁿ Living in Chemung Co. N. Y. (1847).ⁿ

(220) Stephen; born Mar. 31, 1780.ⁿ

(221) Sarah ; born June 2, 1782.ⁿ Mrs. Henry Flint, Deposit Village, N. Y. (1847).ⁿ

(222) Polly ; born Mar. 17, 1785.ⁿ

(61) DANIEL BETTS (the Third); son of Daniel Betts, Jr. (21); grandson of Daniel Betts (7); great-grandson of Thomas Betts (1); born June 28th, 1728; married, first, Eunice Taylor, who died June 6, 1753, aged 24 years and 10 months, and who was therefore born August, 1729. She was daughter of Reuben Taylor, and great-grand daughter of Capt. John Taylor.* Mr. Betts married second, Abigail Patchin, Dec. 3, 1754. He died in Wilton October 8, 1820, aged 93 years.^{s,2}

He was admitted to the Church, 1753, as "third of the name alive." He was on the Wilton School Committee Dec. 26, 1763, to 1764, and in 1764 he was ap-

* See note on Mary Taylor, wife of Samuel Comstock Betts (62).

pointed to collect the minister's rate. On December 5, 1774, he was appointed on the Committee of Safety ordered by the Continental Congress,^s and on Feb. 5, 1775, he was upon the Committee of Inspection.

He represented Norwalk in the State Legislature in the year 1777. He was elected "Moderator" 1779 and 1781, and on committee to confer with Rev. Mr. Lewis, 1786; and "to see about a minister," 1788. Abigail, wife of Daniel Betts, was admitted to the Church in Wilton May 1, 1786.^s On Sept. 3 and Nov. 3, 1788, he is again "Moderator" and chosen "to attend Society's committee appointed by Court for a new meeting house." He appears to have had a law suit, the first in the family, against Reuben Betts in 1788, and execution was issued in his favor January 21.^o A notice is posted Dec. 6, 1790, that he "attends publick worship with the Methodists and contributes to the support of their ministry." His wife, Abigail, appears to have continued her membership in the Wilton Society until 1805.^s

His will dated Feb. 5, 1808, mentions as living his wife Abigail, and children Reuben, Daniel, Azariah, Jared, Eunice and Zillah, and four grandchildren, two children of his son Jesse, deceased, and two children of his son Levi, deceased.

Issue:

(223) Reuben Betts; born May 27th, 1753;^s living in 1808.

(224) Daniel Betts; born August 3d, 1756;^s baptized August 15, 1756;^w "Daniel Betts, ye 4th, son of Daniel Betts, ye 3rd, died January 2nd, 1757, in ye fifth month of his life." Tombstone in Wilton.

(225) Daniel Betts; born Dec. 8, 1757;^p baptized Dec. 31, 1758;^w married Jan. 12, 1784,^p Naomah Betts, who was born Jan. 13, 1762,^p and died Jan. 17, 1817.^p The town records of Norwalk erro-

neously state that he married Nancy Betts Jan. 1st, 1784 (XVIII, p. 30). He was commissioned Captain of the 4th Company of the 84th Connecticut Regiment Oct. 7, 1793. Daniel Betts was buried in Wilton, Feb. 12, 1845, "aged 87."^e

(226) Jesse Betts; born April 21, 1761;^d baptized May 3, 1761;^w died before 1808, leaving two children mentioned in their grandfather's will; names unknown.

He was captain of a vessel called the "Rising States" which was captured by the French about 1799; a claim for which is included in the so-called "French Spoilation Claims."

(227) Levi Betts; born July 19, 1766;^d baptized Aug. 31, 1766;^w died before 1808, leaving two children mentioned in their grandfather's will; names unknown.

(228) Zillah Betts; born July 8, 1770;^d baptized October, 1769;^w married Mr. Church.^w

(229) Azariah Betts;^r baptized April 11, 1773.^w

(230) Henry Betts; baptized May 21, 1775;^w died before 1808.

(231) Jared Betts; born March 9, 1768;^d living in 1808, as appears by his father's will of 1808.

(232) Eunice Betts; born Feb. 29, 1764;^d known from her father's will as Eunice Wescott.

(63) SAMUEL COMSTOCK BETTS, son of Daniel Betts, Jr. (21), grandson of Daniel Betts (7), great-grandson of Thomas Betts (1), was born at Norwalk March 2, 1732. On June 5, 1754, he was married to Mary Taylor,* of Norwalk, by the Rev. Mr. Gaylord, who was born December 3d, 1731, and died Sept. 11,

* Mary Taylor was a daughter of Reuben Taylor, of Norwalk, who was born Nov. 21, 1703, and died about 1754; granddaughter of Lieut. John Taylor and great-granddaughter of Capt. John Taylor, of Northampton, Mass., who is said by Savage to have been

1807. He lived in Wilton, Connecticut, the settlement established by his great-grandfather Thomas Betts, until he was thirty-five years of age. He and his wife, Mary, were admitted to the church in Wilton, March 9, 1755.^s The earliest signature extant is upon a receipt (in possession of the writer) from his grandfather Daniel Betts to his father Daniel Betts, Jr., for "all accts., demands, bonds, bills and all moneys recd.," dated December 24, 1754. He here signs his name "Comstock Betts." His name appears with that of his father, Daniel, as grantees in a deed from David Olmstead, dated Aug. 16, 1759. He was a member of the second company of the "Ninth Regiment of Foot" in September, 1767. This appears by a requisition addressed to his brother Abijah as "clerk" of said company, to collect a fine of three shilling for failing to attend drill. He is named therein as "Samll. Comstalk Betts." The same fine is levied upon David Betts, Thaddeus Betts and Jeremiah Betts. In the Wilton Church records his name always appears in full, the last entry being the baptism of his daughter Lydia, Sept. 21, 1766.

In October, 1767, he removed to Richmond, Berkshire County, Mass., arriving there November 2d, 1767. This beautiful region, now a favorite summer resort, was then a pathless wilderness covered with dense forests. In 1761 Berkshire had been erected by the Legislature of Massachusetts into a separate county; but it was not until the close of the second French war in 1763 that colonists began to discover the charms of its healthfulness and fertility. In that year the Township of Richmond was purchased from the Stockbridge Indians, and in 1765 it was incorporated, but in 1767 a

"a very valuable citizen, captain of the troop of Hampshire; killed "by the Indians, 13 May, 1704, then in pursuit of them, after their "destruction of Pascomuck." This Capt. Taylor was son of John Taylor, of Windsor, 1640, who "was in esteem 1644" (Savage).

division was made, and the easterly portion received the name of Lenox, after the family name of the Duke of Richmond. It is not known what lands were originally purchased by Mr. Betts in 1767, the first records having been destroyed by fire; but up to the time of his death he owned a large amount of real estate in the county; and people who remember him relate that even in his latter years it was his custom to ride about his farms on horseback, superintending the work, and still wearing the costume of Revolutionary period. The earliest deed now remaining on record is dated Feb. 6, 1783, and conveys to him one hundred and ten acres in Richmond, being lots 15 and 16. He also owned lot No. 45, for a conveyance of twenty-five acres of it to his son Aaron is recorded in November, 1805.

On September 18, 1784, by two deeds, one of which is in manuscript in his own handwriting, he conveys to his brothers Daniel and Abijah certain lands in Wilton, for £130.

One of his great-grandchildren, who was born in 1812, and was therefore eleven years old at the time of his death, gives the following description of him :

“ I have a clear remembrance of my great-grandfather. My mother was a favorite grandchild, and after her death he would come every Summer purposely to take me to Richmond to spend a few weeks with him; and he would amuse me in every possible way lest I should be home-sick. He would go with me to find strawberries, though they were poison to him, parting the grass with his cane, and calling me to pick them. But one thing that has left a lasting impression was his blessing at meal time. All stood around the table, and I can see him now standing behind his chair, his head reverently bent, asking God’s blessing on the food before us. And after the meal was finished again all stood and he returned thanks.

“ In his prime he must have been a finely formed athletic man, six feet or over in height. At the age of

eighty he stooped somewhat, but was not discrepant. His hair was thin and white and turning a little from one side hung down upon his collar. His eyes were either blue or gray. His son Comstock resembled him, also his daughter Lydia Parmele."

Five of his sons were in the Continental Army during the Revolution, and were present at many battles, but only Preserved received the honor of a wound. After the death of his first wife, Mary, on Sept. 11, 1807,^v he married her sister Adah, the widow of Elijah Betts (111), who had a daughter Lucy by her first husband. This is the Lucy Betts mentioned in the will of Samuel Comstock Betts, and who afterwards married, in 1833, Uriah Betts (237).

He died in Richmond, May 16th, 1823, aged ninety-two years. Adah Betts, his widow, died Feb. 9, 1831, and is buried in Wilton.

The following letter from Samuel Comstock Betts, or "Comstock," as he usually signed his name, shows that he retained his vigor of mind up to the close of his life :

" RICHMONT, March ye 25, 1818.

MY DEAR CHILDREN—As it is a burden to me to write, I shall write to you all in one letter, I mean to Mr. Parmely and Lydia and Mollie and Mary and her husband, wishing you all well, as you were all present to behold one of your number, who was near and dear to me, and I trust to you all, quit this mortal state and go into a world of spirits. Oh, what an awful and dreadful sight it must be to see Preserved drawing his last breath; when I think of it, it seems as though it would bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to the grave. It being on the Lord's day, I had desired prayers that the death of my brother Abijah might be sanctified to me and my family, and at noon Aaron and Uriah brought me the distressing news of Preserved's death; I desired prayers again in the afternoon.

The same day, at night, I heard that my sister Mead was dead. A melancholly day was this indeed to me. I must soon follow after them. My glass is almost run, my sun is almost set. I am 85 years old, the oldest man in this town. It becomes me to be up and doing while the day life lasts, not knowing how soon I may be called for; and as it is uncertain whether I shall ever have another opportunity to speak to you, I must entreat of you all to make religion your first and main business. You must know by the death of Preserved that life is very uncertain. Do, my dear children, attend to the concerns of your souls. Oh, how sudden and awful was the death of my poor child; but, alas, he must go prepared or unprepared; but he is in the hands of a merciful God. He will do him no injustice, and there I must leave him. I do not think I have done my duty to my children, I must therefore, although in the last hours of life, insist upon all of you setting out without delay, if you have not already, to make your peace with God before death overtakes you. Never let one day pass without fervent prayer to Almighty God that he would keep you from sin and pardon your past offences. Prayer is a duty on all. You should therefore pray without ceasing, with all manner of prayer and supplication, that God would have mercy upon you and your children, that you may all be prepared for a sudden death if God should see fit to call suddenly for you. John saith in his first epistle: 'If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins.' Let us therefore, all of us, confess our sins and forsake them, and turn home to God with all our hearts. Who can tell but God may think upon us, that we perish not. I don't know how to dismiss this subject. Do think of Preserved's death. Oh, how sudden and surprising. Meditate upon it day and night. I cannot think of him without tears. It is a great thing to change worlds, but we must do it sooner or later, all of us, whether old or

young. Don't let us forget that we must die and come to the bar of God, and give an account of all the deeds done here in the body, whether they be good or bad. But I must conclude this letter. I must inform you that we are all well, and we want to see you very much. I want to have you all come as soon as you can, for I don't see any other way we can see you only by your coming here. We send our love and regards to you all and to your children.

COMSTOCK BETTS."

Addressed:

Mr. Roger Parmele,
Monroe Works,
New York.

The will of Samuel Comstock Betts, recorded in Berkshire County, is as follows :

I, Comstock Betts, of Richmond, in the County of Berkshire and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, gentleman, being at an advanced period of life, favored with health and sanity of mind, do make this my last will and testament, as follows, to wit :

In the first place I humbly commend my immortal soul to the mercy and favor of Almighty God, hoping for a gracious acceptance through the mediation of the Lord Jesus Christ, and I request of my family and friends a decent and Christian interment of my body.

I give, devise and dispose of all my real estate and personal estate, and of my rights and credits, as follows, viz. :

I give and bequeath to my affectionate wife, Mrs. Adah Betts, the use and improvement of one-third part of all my real estate, so long as she shall remain my widow.

I give and bequeath to Lucy Betts, the daughter of my said wife, thirty dollars, to be paid out of my real estate.

I give and bequeath to my two daughters Mary and Lydia, the wife of Roger Parmele, all the residue of my personal estate of every description, to be equally divided between them.

And I give and bequeath to my son, Comstock Betts, one dollar, and to Theodore Betts, the son of my son Enoch Betts, deceased, by his last wife, one dollar, all of which legacies, together with such sums as shall be necessary for the payment of my debts, funeral expenses and the expenses of settling my estate, are to be raised and paid out of my real estate as soon as may be.

And I give, bequeath and devise to my sons Aaron Betts, Uriah Betts and Zebulon Betts, and to my grandsons Henry Betts, Robert Betts, William Betts and Edward Betts, the four oldest sons of my said son Enoch, deceased, and to my granddaughters Laura Betts and Maria, the children and legal representatives of my deceased son Preserved Betts, and to their respective heirs and assigns for ever, all the residue, remainder and reversion of my said real estate, to be so divided between them that each of my said sons shall have one-fifth part thereof; that each of my said grandsons shall have one-twentieth part thereof; and that each of my said granddaughters shall have one-tenth part thereof, subject, however, to the uses and charges thereon abovementioned.

And I do hereby constitute and appoint my three sons Aaron Betts, Uriah Betts and Zebulon Betts (or any one or two of them as they shall agree) to be the executors of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and seal this eighth day of March, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and twenty-three.

COMSTOCK BETTS. [SEAL.]

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the above-named Comstock Betts as and for his last will and testament, in presence of us, who at his request, and in

his presence, and in presence of each other, have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses to the same.

LEVI CRITTENDEN,
HENRY W. BISHOP,
DAVID ROSSETIER.

The reason for excluding the testator's namesake, Comstock Betts, from a share in the estate was that he had joined the Society of Shakers. The reason for excluding Theodore, the son of Enoch, is not known.

Issue :

(233) Mary Betts ; born May 1, 1755 ;^v baptized June 2, 1755 ;^w died Dec. 11, 1831 ; married, 1st, Mr. Watrous ; 2d, Mr. Asa Parmelee, of New York.

(234) Joel Betts ; born May 4, 1756 ;^v baptized June 30, 1756 ;^w died in Richmond April 5, 1790, unmarried.

(235) Aaron Betts ; born Sept. 16, 1757 ;^v baptized Nov. 13, 1757 ;^w died in Wilton April 3, 1833.

(236) Preserved Betts ; born August 12, 1759 ;^v baptized Oct. 7, 1759 ;^w married Elizabeth Eliot, daughter of Wyllys Eliot, Esq., of Guilford, Jan. 16, 1791 ; died at Monroe Feb. 1, 1818.

(237) Uriah Betts ; born February 25, 1761 ;^v baptized May 10, 1761 ;^w died at Newburgh N. Y., Aug. 10, 1841.

(238) Comstock Betts ; born Nov. 19th, 1762 ;^v baptized March 20, 1763 ;^w died December 18, 1845, unmarried.

(239) Zebulon Betts ; born August 12, 1764 ;^v baptized Aug. 26, 1764^w died November 27th, 1828.

(240) Lydia Betts ; born August 2, 1766 ;^v baptized Sept. 21, 1766 ;^w died in Brooklyn Nov. 22, 1861.

(241) Enoch Betts ; born May 4, 1768 ; died in Baltimore June 6, 1822.

(242) Amos Betts; born Sept. 25, 1770; died in Philadelphia October, 1793, unmarried.

(243) Daniel Betts, (the fifth); born August 22, 1772; died in Richmond March 8, 1792, unmarried.

After the death of Mary Betts on Sept. 12, 1807, Samuel Comstock Betts married her sister, Adah, a widow of Elijah Betts (111). Mrs. Adah Taylor Betts died Feb. 9, 1831, aged 84.¹

(66) ABIJAH N. BETTS, son of Daniel Betts, Jr. (21), grandson of Daniel Betts (7), great-grandson of Thomas Betts (1), was born 1740; and on January 3, 1771, he married his cousin, Mary Betts (109 or 146).^s They are recorded as members of the Church in Wilton in Oct. 26, 1768, and 1786 (no date).^s He is collector of the minister's rate, 1768-9; on Society committee, 1775, '7, '8, '9; on committee "to seat meeting house," 1782; school committee, 1784; and elected to "consult with Rev. Mr. Lewis," May 8, 1786; to procure a candidate on probation, Sept. 21, 1786; treasurer of the Society, May 3, 1787; "Moderator," 1789, and "to procure material for the new meeting house". School Committee, 1790, '2.

On November 25, 1791, he was appointed collector of taxes of Norwalk. With his brother Daniel he is posted for contributing to pay the Methodists, 1790; He died in Wilton December 30th, 1817, "aged 76 yrs.," and is buried there. His wife, Mary, was born about 1738, and "died Sept. 23d, 1820, aged 82 yrs." Tombstone in Wilton.

Issue :

(244) Lydia; born Dec. 17, 1771;^s baptized Dec. 17, 1772; married her cousin Samuel Betts 2d (259)^s, and had son Abijah.^w

(245) Aaron Betts; born July 26, 1774; died February 26, 1777. Tombstone in Wilton in-

scribed: "Aaron Betts, son of Abijah and Mary Betts, died Feb. 26, 1777, aged 2 yrs. 7 mos."

(246) Mary; born Sept. 10, 1776;ⁿ died Sept. 19, 1800, unmarried. Tombstone in Wilton.

(247) Deborah; born July 30th, 1779; died June 30th, 1780. Tombstone in Wilton inscribed: "Deborah Betts, daughter of Abijah and Mary Betts, died June 30th, 1780, aged 11 mos."

(248) Sarah; born May 28, 1781;ⁿ married Zalmon Dykeman,^w and had sons Abijah Betts and Aaron.^w

(249) Samuel Betts; known only from his father's will.

(68) TIMOTHY BETTS, son of Daniel (21), grandson of David (7), great-grandson of Thomas (1), was baptized May 8, 1743. He married Miss Huntington (notes of Ralph D. Smith, Esq., of Guilford, Ct.), and both he and his wife lived after Aug. 13, 1817, as appears by a letter of that date, in the possession of the author, to his brother Abijah. By this letter it appears that his only son was then dead, and that he had been living for thirty years in the "Black River country."

On May 14, 1784, he conveyed to his brothers "Daniel and Abijah Betts" his interest in two pieces of land belonging to the estate of his father, Daniel Betts; and on the same day he conveys land in Wilton to Daniel Betts. In the latter deed he describes himself as "of Tolland, Conn."

Issue:

(250) A son, name unknown; died before 1817.

(71) REUBEN BETTS, son of Daniel (21), grandson of Daniel (7), great-grandson of Thomas (1), was born May 27, 1753;^s baptized July 1, 1753; married March 25, 1778,^s to Ellen Hawley, who was born July 31, 1755.^s

On June 15, 1774, he conveys to his "father, Daniel Betts, Jr.," land in Fairfield, Conn., in consideration of £40.^o

Issue :

- (251) Eunice Betts ; born May 11, 1779.^s
- (252) D. Lyman Betts ; born Sept. 29, 1780.^s
- (253) Polley Betts ; born Nov. 15, 1783.^s
- (254) Ellen Betts ; born Feb. 8, 1785.^s
- (255) Benjamin Platt Betts ; born Aug. 5, 1787.^s
- (256) Amelia ; born Dec. 14th, 1789.
- (257) Charles G. ; born Dec. 1st, 1792.

(72) ELIJAH BETTS, son of Daniel Betts (21), grandson of Daniel Betts (7), great-grandson of Thomas Betts (1). He is known only from the will of his brother Abijah (66), in 1808, which contains a bequest to "Aaron Betts, son of my deceased brother Elijah."

Issue :

- (258) Aaron Betts ; baptized Oct. 6, 1799.^w
- (259) Lucy Betts ; baptized Oct. 6, 1799.^w

(73) STEPHEN BETTS, son of Samuel Betts (23), grandson of Daniel Betts (7), great-grandson of Thomas Betts (1). Married Mary Burwell,^r April 14, 1747.^u He was a captain in the Continental Army and took part in the defense of Norwalk against the British on July 11th, 1779.

The following account of this action is taken from the Wyllys' manuscripts in the office of the Secretary of State, Hartford :

"Fairfield County, Norwalk, July 26th, 1779.

"Captain Stephen Betts, of Col. Butler's Reg. in ye continental service personally appeared and made solemn oath, That on ye 11th instant, while ye enemy invaded Norwalk, he, with about fifty continental troops and some militia, engaged a superior number of ye

enemy, which obliged them to give away to an unequal force. As they retreated, John Waters, a continental soldier, fell into ye enemy's hands, delivered up his arms, and begged for life ; but ye enemy notwithstanding assaulted him with bayonet, which they stabbed him in sundry places, and then one of them presented his piece and aimed, as the Captain supposed, at his body, but missing that, ye ball shattered his arm, whereupon, finding no quarter, he made a strong effort to escape, which he happily effected. Soon after ye above accident, John Rich, another continental soldier, was shot so as to fall, and as the enemy were nigh, and crowded fast upon our people, he desired Captain Betts to leave him, as they could not take him without the greatest hazard. Capt. Betts saw Rich no more, but says Capt. Eels of Col. Wyllys' Reg. told him he saw Rich after ye enemy had retreated, about two hours after Capt. Betts saw him. He was then dead, and ye top of his scull torn off, supposed to be blown off by a musket to dispatch him ; and further saith not. Before me,

" THADDEUS BETTS,
" Justice of the Peace."

On Oct. 27, 1780, he appears to have been appointed a committee by St. Paul's Episcopal Church to solicit material for the new church.² On November 27, 1785, he was appointed with others on a committee to adjust work on the church.² On April 5, 1790, and again in 1791, Capt. Stephen Betts was elected a vestryman of the same church.²

Issue :

(260) Betty Betts ; born March 5, 1757.ⁿ

(261) Susa Betts ; born Feb. 23, 1761.ⁿ

(262) Burrwel Betts ; born Jan. 30, 1763 ;ⁿ died
Oct. 16, 1789.ⁿ

(263) Lewis Betts; born June 16, 1766;ⁿ married Sarah Andrews July 11, 1790.ⁿ

(264) Nathan Betts; born April 14, 1768.

(265) Samuel, who married Lydia Betts, daughter of Abijah Betts.^r^b They had one child, Abijah, born July 27, 1799, who married Henrietta Church, daughter of James White Church and Eunice Betts Church, whose only child was Mrs. Julia Church-Betts Gregory, of Wilton, who stated to the author that Samuel and Nathan were twins. The Norwalk record, however, gives the item as above.

(266) Philo Betts; born Nov. 29, 1769;ⁿ married Hannah Raymond Oct. 12, 1797.ⁿ

(267) Molly Betts; born Aug. 8, 1770;ⁿ died July 14, 1852.^{ra}

(268) Hiram Betts; born July 21, 1777.ⁿ

(75) SAMUEL BETTS, son of Samuel (23), grandson of Samuel (8), great-grandson of Thomas (1), was born July 18, 1724; died Feb. 1, 1761,^s "aged 35 years."

He married Sarah Raymond, May 9, 1747, and with his wife, was admitted to the church at Wilton, Sept. 3, 1749.

His will, dated January 29, 1761, names him as "Samuel Betts, Junior, of Norwalk." It is proved March 9, 1761.

It gives to his wife the use of all his estate, and bequeaths to his son Samuel Betts his gun and sword, and £20 "more than to either of my daughters." His wife and his brother Hezekiah D'Forest are named as executors. The inventory of his estate in 1761 values it at £222 18s. 18d.^r

Issue :

(269) Sarah Betts; baptized Sept. 3, 1749.^s

(270) Rachel Betts; baptized May 10, 1752;^s probably married Elijah Westcott — 1774.ⁿ

(271) Samuel Betts ; baptized Sept. 15, 1754.^s
 He is the Samuel who with his wife, Abigail, appear as members of the Wilton Church, Aug. 23, 1778,^s and again 1805 (no date).^s

Daughters ; names not known.

(77) DAVID BETTS, son of Captain Samuel Betts (23), grandson of Samuel (8), great-grandson of Thomas (1), was born April 4, 1730 ; married Mary Raymond, Nov. 29, 1752, and both were admitted to the church Dec. 15, 1754. On August 5, 1753, his father Samuel Betts, in consideration of "love and good will," conveys to him lands in Wilton, "as part of portion out of my estate." He probably removed from Norwalk, as a deed from David Betts of Massachusetts is in possession of the writer, dated May 14, 1776.

Issue :

(272) Mary Betts ; baptized Dec. 15, 1754.^w

(273) Jared Betts ; baptized March 23, 1755.^w

(274) David Betts ; baptized Jan. 2, 1757.^w

(275) Rebecca Betts ; baptized April 15, 1759.^w

(276) Molly Betts ; baptized, "at private house," July 26, 1760.^w

(277) Jonathan Betts, "son of David Betts ;" baptized Dec. 3, 1769.^w

(83) STEPHEN BETTS, son of Stephen Betts (24), grandson of Samuel Betts (8), great-grandson of Thomas Betts (1) ; baptized April 15, 1739. He is probably the Stephen Betts 2d, who married Ruth Church, Jan. 4, 1784.ⁿ He represented Redding in the State Legislature in the years 1776, 1782 and 1783, and is probably the person of that name who died Dec. 5, 1831.^r

Issue :

(278) Charles Betts ; born Oct. 29, 1784.ⁿ

(279) Harriet Betts ; born Dec. 7, 1786 ;ⁿ died Sept. 18, 1795.ⁿ

- (280) Esther Betts; born Aug. 29, 1790.ⁿ
- (281) Lewis Betts; born Oct. 24, 1796.ⁿ
- (282) Harriet Betts; born March 14, 1798.ⁿ
- (88) NATHAN BETTS, son of Nathan (25); born Oct. 13, 1729.ⁿ

Issue :

- (283) Ephraim Betts, baptized Feb. 8, 1751.^w
- (284) Ephraim Betts; baptized May 24, 1752.^w
- (285) Nathan Betts; baptized March 17, 1754.^w

This son took part in the division of his grandfather's estate, 1761.^f An original document, dated Apr. 4, 1771 (in possession of the author), shows that he was then dead.

- (91) WILLIAM BETTS, son of Nathan (25), born April 11, 1736.

Issue :

- (286) Dorothy; baptized May 21, 1758.^w

- (100) JAMES BETTS, son of James (28), was born April 1 or 7, 1730.

Issue :

- (287) A daughter (name not given); baptized Oct. 5, 1766.

- (105) DAVID BETTS, son of Benjamin (29), although only five months younger than his cousin David, the son of Samuel (22); he is called "David Betts, Junior." Born September 16, 1730; admitted to church in Wilton March 23d, 1755.

Issue :

- (288) Abner Betts, "son of David Betts, Jun.;" baptized Aug. 21, 1763.^w
- (289) Hezekiah Betts, "son of David Betts, Jun.;" baptized Dec. 5, 1766.^w

(105) BENJAMIN BETTS, son of Benjamin (29), grandson of James Betts (9), great-grandson of Thomas (1), was born Nov. 7, 1733, "old style"; married Abigail Lockwood, Sept. 16, 1762, "daughter of Deacon Peter Lockwood."¹ She died June 3, 1782, aged forty-four years.¹

He and his wife, Abigail, appear as members of the Wilton Church March 4, 1776.²

In the records of baptisms in Wilton appears "Peg, a black servant in the employ of Benjamin Betts, Jun.," baptized July 7, 1765.³

Issue :

(290) Lucy Betts, born Oct. 31, 1764;⁴ baptized Feb. 3, 1765.⁵

(291) Ebenezer Betts, born Nov. 16, 1766.⁶

(292) Benjamin Betts, born May 2, 1769;⁷ baptized June 11, 1769.⁸

(293) Eliphalet Betts, baptized 1771.⁹

(294) Abigail Betts, March 20, 1774.¹⁰

(108) THADDEUS BETTS, JR., son of Benjamin Betts (29), grandson of James Betts (9), great-grandson, of Thomas Betts (1), was born April 1, 1737;¹¹ married Deborah Mead, May 10, 1763.¹² He and his wife, Deborah, appear as members of the church of Wilton, 1765 (no date).¹³ The inventory of his estate, dated April 1, 1799,¹⁴ names his widow, Deborah, and children Nehemiah, Zadoc, Hannah, Lydia, Rebecca, Deborah Hurlbut and Jessie.

Issue :

(295) Nehemiah Betts; born Sept. 25, 1765.¹⁵

(296) Hannah Betts; born Sept. 27, 1768;¹⁶ baptized December 27, 1768.¹⁷

(297) Deborah Betts; born Feb. 16, 1770;¹⁸ baptized "a daughter of Thaddeus Betts," Aug. 7, 1777.¹⁹

(298) Anna Betts ; born June 2, 1773 ;ⁿ baptized Aug. 8, 1773 ;^w died before 1799.^f

(299) Sarah Betts ; born Oct. 9, 1777 ;ⁿ died before 1799.^f

(300) Zadoch Betts ; born May 10, 1780.ⁿ

(301) Lydia Betts ; born Nov. 9, 1781 ;ⁿ baptized 1782 (no date).^w

(302) Rebeckah Betts ; born Dec. 20, 1784.ⁿ

(303) Jessie Betts.^f

(109) JEREMIAH BETTS, son of Benjamin Betts (29), was baptized September 13, 1740. He married Bette Taylor, daughter of Reuben Taylor, and sister of Eunice, the wife of Daniel Betts (61), of Mary, the wife of Samuel Comstock Betts (63), and of Adah, the wife of Elijah Betts (111).

(111) ELIJAH BETTS, son of Benjamin (29), born June 9, 1745 ; married Adah Taylor, daughter of Reuben Taylor, who, after the death of Elijah Betts, married Samuel Comstock Betts (63). They were married prior to Oct. 26, 1768, on which day "Elijah and Adah Bettsⁿ renewed the covenant" at Wilton.^s Elijah Betts died August, 1800 ;^b "Ada Betts, widow," appears as a church member in Wilton, 1805.^s

Issue :

(304) Elijah Betts ; born Jan. 20, 1769 ;^r baptized April 16, 1769 ;^w married Betty Patchen,^b who died 1839 ; died January 11, 1842,^r or Feb., 1841.^b

(305) Esther Betts, baptized Dec. 17, 1772 ;^w died August 7, 1844, aged 73^l.

(306) Hepzibah Betts, baptized 1774.^w

(307) Ira Betts ; born June 1, 1779 ;^b baptized July 18, 1779 ;^w died at Wilton, Feb. 19, 1864, aged 85 years.

(308) James Betts ; born July 4, 1781 ;^b married Esther Benedict, of Danbury ;^b died June 7, 1858 ;^b his widow died Jan. 15, 1859.^b

(309) Aaron ; born June, 1784.^b

(310) Lucy Betts, born Oct. 26, 1787;^{v b} married Uriah Betts (231) April 21, 1833 ; died July 29, 1882. [The fact that she was daughter of Elijah, the son of Benjamin Betts, is derived from the statement of Benjamin Betts, son of Elijah (304)].

(115) ELIAS BETTS, son of Elias (31).

An Elias Betts (perhaps the above) appears to have died about 1762. A distribution of his estate was accepted May 4, 1762.^f

Issue (as mentioned in distribution) :

(311) Justus.

(312) Walter.

(313) Elias.

(314) Mather.

(315) Sarah.

An Elias Betts (perhaps 313), born May 18, 1776 ; died November 2, 1848. His wife, Rebecca, appears as member of the Wilton Society, 1805 ;^s died Sept. 1, 1861, aged 79 years.

(116) ENOCH BETTS, son of Elias (31), married Mary Coley, June 27, 1775.ⁿ She was born March 2, 1756 ; died Sept. 20, 1838, aged 82 years, 6 mos., 18 ds.^s Tombstone in Wilton. They appear as members of the church in Wilton, 1786 (no date).^s His will is dated Aug. 3, 1794, and proved June 8, 1795.^f

Issue :

(316) Elias Betts, born May 10, 1776 ;ⁿ baptized May 7 (*sic*), 1776.^w

(317) Mary Betts, born May 19, 1780 ;ⁿ baptized July 19, 1778 (*sic*).^w

(318) David Coley Betts, born Feb. 15, 1782.ⁿ

(319) Enoch Betts, born June 5, 1785 ;ⁿ baptized

1786;^w died 2d, 1786. Tombstone in Wilton.

(320) Another Enoch Betts was born July 29, 1787, and died Dec. 31, 1787;ⁿ buried in Wilton.

(321) Calvin Betts, born Nov. 28, 1788;ⁿ died Aug. 6, 1867.

(322) Isaiah Betts, born March 6, 1791;ⁿ died Dec. 10, 1869.

FIFTH GENERATION.

(127) THOMAS BETTS (the fifth); descended from Thomas (33), Thomas (11), Thomas (2), Thomas (1), was born 1717 (?); married Elizabeth Smith, Smithtown, L. I., March 19, 1782.

Issue :

(323) Thomas S. (the sixth); born April 8, 1786.

(324) Betsey; born March 7, 1788.

(325) Hannah; born Oct. 31, 1789.

(326) Polly; born Dec. 5, 1790.

(327) William; born June 9, 1792.

(328) Solomon; born Oct. 3, 1793.

(329) Sally; born Oct. 13, 1795.

(330) Charles J.; born Sept. 13, 1797.

(331) George W.; born June 6, 1800.

The ancient family Bible of Thomas Betts (1) of 1591 is now in possession of William M. Betts, of Newburgh, N. Y., son of George W. Betts (331).

(131) HEZEKIAH BETTS, descended from Thomas (33), Thomas (11), Thomas (1), was born July 31, 1760; married Grace Hanford Oct. 1, 1785.ⁿ He was a captain in the Revolutionary Army, and was under Major Wyllys and Genl. Webb in Yorktown Campaign. On the night of October 21st, 1781, he led one division of the forlorn hope that attacked and captured the Brit-

ish position, being wounded during the battle ; died May 31, 1837.

Grace Hanford Betts, the wife of Captain Hezekiah Betts, was born Oct. 5, 1765, and died March 27, 1840.

Issue :

(332) Alfred Hanford ; born Sept. 2, 1786 ;^N clergyman of Ohio ; died Sept., 1860.

(333) Amaryllis ; born June 28, 1788 ;^N died May 23, 1813.

(334) Robert Walter ; born Aug. 23, 1790.^N

(335) Mehitable ; born Nov. 25, 1792 ;^N died Dec. 27, 1843 ; married Richard Scott, June 2, 1811. Mr. Scott was born Feb. 7, 1787.

(336) Henry ; born Nov. 26, 1794 ;^N married Betsy Reid, April 7, 1816, who was born March 9, 1797.

(337) Eliza Susan ; born July 8, 1797 ;^N died Sept. 1, 1849.

(338) Xenophon ; born Sept. 22, 1799 ;^N clergyman of Ohio.

(339) Eulalia ; born Oct. 13, 1802 ;^N married Horace A. Gibbs.

(340) Juliette ; born March 3, 1805.^N

(341) Harriet ; born May 8, 1807.^N

(342) Solomon Egbert ; born Dec. 23, 1809 ;^N died Nov. 11, 1812.

(135) ISAAC BETTS, son of Isaac Betts (35), descended from Thomas (11), Thomas (2), Thomas (1), was born April 12, 1760^N, married Polly Hanford Nov. 23, 1783^N, and died October 21, 1827^I. His tombstone is in the Town House Hill Cemetery, Norwalk. Mrs. Polly Hanford died May 13, 1832, "aged 66."^I

(138) NEHEMIAH BETTS, son of John Betts (39),

descended from John Betts (12), Thomas Betts (2), Thomas Betts (1), married Hannah Boulton.

Issue ^{B2} :

(343) Nehemiah Betts, living in Canaan, Ct.

(344) A daughter, who married Mr. Roe, of Salem, Essex Co., New Jersey.

(140) JOHN BETTS, son of John Betts (39), descended from John (12), Thomas (2), Thomas (1); married Martha Smith.

Issue ^{B2} :

(345) Sara Betts, who married (1st) Mr. Bacon, by whom three children, and (2d) Mr. Dudley, of Derby, Ct., one son, Micah (?)

(142) ELIZABETH BETTS, daughter of John Betts (39), granddaughter of John Betts (12), great granddaughter of Thomas Betts (1), was born June 4th, 1742 ;^{w B} married Abraham Gregory April 5, 1760 ;^N died January 22, 1786. Her husband was born Sept. 17, 1736.^{w B}

Issue :

(a) Hannah ; born April 5, 1761 ;^N married Seth Marvin, on Dec. 10, 1792.

(b) Ebenezer ; born ——— 1763 ;^N died Nov., 1792.^N

(c) Abraham ; born Jan. 22, 1765 ;^N died Jan., 1765.

(d) Abraham ; born Sept. 7, 1767 ;^N married Polly Allen.

(e) William ; born ——— 1770.^N

(f) Sarah ; born Jan 2, 1772 ;^N married Hanford.

(g) Nancy ; born Aug. 9, 1775 ;^N died Sept., 1776.^N

(h) Mary ; born Sept. 17, 1776 ;^N married (1) Francis Galpin,
(2) William Jameson, died July 3^d 1838.

(i) William, 2d ; born Jan., 1778.^N

(j) Sabra ; born Dec. 8, 1779 ;^N married Ashbel Crosman ; died Oct. 24, 1822.

(k) John ; born April 3, 1782 ;^N married Olive Raymond.

(l) William, 3d ; born Jan. 1, 1786.^N

Abraham Gregory married for his second wife Damaris Disbrow April, 1791.^N

(144) JESSE BETTS, son of John Betts (39), descended from John (12), Thomas (2), Thomas (1); married Ruth Belden.

Issue ^{B2} :

(346) Esther, who married Aaron Hyat, of Wilton.

(347) Sarah, who married Samuel Lodie.

(348) Hannah, married Cranston of Peterboro.

(349) William, who married and had son Rowland. Mary, the wife of a William Betts, " died March 10, 1799, Ætat 18th, buried at Norwalk.

(147) JUSTUS BETTS, son of Joseph Betts (41), descended from John (12), Thomas (2), Thomas (1); married November 14, 1771, Elizabeth Darrow, of Norwalk; died July 26, 1826.^B

Issue ^{B2} :

(350) John Platt Betts, born July 4, 1772; died Sept. 15, 1838.

(351) Hannah, born Jan. 27, 1774; married Dr. Simeon Mercy; died July 14, 1822.

(352) Elizabeth, born August 27, 1775; died Sept. 23, 1776.

(353) Nancy, born March 24, 1777; married Joseph Jessup June 10, 1792.^B

(354) Betsy, born Oct. 9, 1778; married Roswell Cady; died May 26, 1831.

(355) Joseph, born July 19, 1780.

(356) Darrow, born March 6, 1782.

(357) Platt, born Nov. 14, 1783.

(358) Sally, born Oct. 24, 1785.

(359) John, born Sept. 3, 1787; married.

(360) Burwell, born June 16, 1789.

(361) Mileson, born Feb. 16, 1791; married Charles Thornton Oct. 13, 1808, who died July 7, 1837; she died March 9, 1803.

(362) James, born Aug. 14, 1794.^{B2}

(149) MOSES BETTS, descended from Joseph Betts (41), John (12), Thomas (2), Thomas (1), was born April 5th, 1751 O. S., and married Ann Sturges, of Fairfield, March 7th, 1776. Ann Sturges was born March 17, 1755, and died Sept. 13, 1848.^p

Issue :

(363) Sarah Betts; born Dec. 22d, 1777; baptized May, 1778;^w married Stephen St. John (the fourth), Jan. 4, 1797. He was born Oct. 9, 1772 (Hall).

(364) Phebe Betts; born Feb. 23, 1779; baptized March 29, 1779;^w died Oct. 27, 1783.

(365) Anna Betts; born March 26, 1781; baptized March 5, 1781;^w died Oct. 12, 1847.^p

(366) Abigail Betts; born April 13, 1783; died June 25, 1842.^p

(367) Moses Betts; born June 17, 1785; died May 3, 1876.

(368) Aaron Betts; born Feb. 25th, 1787; died Aug. 15th, 1788.

(369) Aaron Betts, 2d; born Nov. 27th, 1788; died October, 1790.

(370) Eunice Betts; born Dec. 2d, 1790; died October, 1791.

(371) Tirra or Tirza Betts; born September, 1792; died October, 1793.

(372) Philip Betts; born Jan. 2, 1795; baptized June 28, 1795;^w died Nov. 26, 1856.^p

(373) Selina Betts; born April 30, 1779; baptized Aug. 4, 1799;^w died Aug. 24, 1848.^p

(155) HANNAH BETTS, daughter of Burwell Betts (24), descended from John Betts (12), Thomas Betts (2), Thomas Betts (1) was born May 8, 1743, ^{w. B. N.}, married Seth Abbott^{B2}.

Issue ^{B2} :

(a) Hannah, married William Scofield.

- (b) Seth, married in Stockbridge, Mass.
- (c) Polly, married Thomas Whelpley, of Wilton, subsequently of Ohio.
- (d) Annie, married Asahel Foot of Stockbridge, Mass.

(156) JAMES BETTS, son of Burwell Betts (42), descended from John Betts (12); Thomas (2), Thomas (1), was born March 10, 1745, ^{W. B. N.}, married Nancy Williams, of Huntington, L. I. ^{B²}.

Issue ^{B²}:

- (374) Nathaniel William Betts.
- (375) Eliza, married Ralph Pecoek. *Even*
- (376) James, married Silva Ross of Rahway, N. Y.
- (377) Jesse Lockward, died without heirs.
- (378) Horatio Gates, died without heirs.
- (379) George W., died without heirs.
- (380) Nancy, married in New Canaan, no heirs.
- (381) Edward, died without heirs.

(157) BENJAMIN BETTS, son of Burwell Betts (42), descended from John Betts (12); Thomas (2), Thomas (1), was born October 20, 1747, ^{W. B. N.}, married Jane Cameron ^{B²}.

Issue:

- (382) Burwell Betts, married Sally Davis, of Horseneck, and had issue, Burwell, Sally, Lucy, Jane, Mary (*m.* Weeks of Oyster Bay).
- (383) Susan, born May 14, 1779, married Joseph Bugbee of Albany, Jan. 12, 1800.
- (385) Lodawick Riley, died unmarried.
- (386) Anne, married, first, Joseph Slason of Albany, and second, Bailey of Albany, had *d.* Jane, who married Rensselaer West, and *s.* Edward.

(158) NATHAN BETTS, son of Burwell Betts (42) descended from John Betts (12), Thomas (2), Thomas

(1) was born Aug. 14, 1755, ^{W. B. N.} married Azubah Abbott, of Norwalk; died Aug. 11, 1833, ^{B²}

Issue, ^{B²}:

(387) Thomas, married Catharine Wheeler.

(388) Nathan, married (1) Hepzeibah Burrington, and (2) Hannah Bucklin Decker.

(389) Burwell, married in Norwalk, Ct., (1) Mary Hanford, and (2) Martha Terry.

(159) MOLLY BETTS, daughter of Burwell Betts (42), descended from John (12), Thomas (2), Thomas (1), born April 4, 1757, ^{W. B. N.} married Hezekiah Whitlock, Oct. 21, 1780.

Issue ^{B²}:

(a) Thaddeus, born March 15, 1784, married and left children: (1) Mary, wife Jas. E. Holmes; (2) Ann, (3) Eliza, (4) John, (5) Benjamin, (6) Edward, (7) Susan, (8) Jane, (9) Caroline, (10) Joseph, E.

(b) Nancy, born March 17, 1787, died Dec. 29, 1788.

(c) Charles, born Dec. 29, 1790.

(d) Nancy, born February 27, 1793.

(e) Lewis, born October 24, 1795.

(f) Burwell, born Aug. 4, 1797, died April 4, 1821.

(g) Fanny, born Aug. 4, 1799, married James Stevens April 4, 1821.

(160) PETER BETTS, son of Burwell Betts (42) descended from John (12), Thomas (2), Thomas (1), born November 6^N, or 7^W, 1758, married Bathsheba Wright, of Norwalk, moved to Greenbush near Albany and died without heirs ^{B²}.

(161) SARAH BETTS, daughter of Burwell Betts (42), descended from John (12), Thomas (2), Thomas (1), was born March 7, 1761, ^{W. B. N.} married, first, Samuel Lockward, and by him:

Issue, ^{B²}:

(a) Thomas Lockward, who lived at Fallsburg, N. Y.

- (b) James Lockward, who lived at Ellenville, N. Y.
- (c) Uriah Lockward, who lived at Newburgh, N. Y.

After death of Mr. Lockward she married Daniel Westcott and by him :

Issue :

- (a) Samuel Westcott, who lived in Indiana.
- (b) Sally Westcott, who lived at Wilton.
- (c) George Betts Westcott, who lived at Wilton.

(162) JOSEPH BETTS, son of Burwell Betts (42), born August 8, 1763, ^{W. B. N.}, and without heirs ^{B²}.

(163) NANCY BETTS (or Mary ^N), daughter of Burwell Betts (42), descended from John (12), Thomas (2), Thomas (1), was born May 9, 1767, ^{W. B. N.}, married Zebulon Dickenson ^{B²} :

Issue ^{B²} :

- (a) James Dickenson, married Charlotte Elizabeth Linson. No heirs.
- (b) Mary, married Charles Bolt, of Bainbridge, N. Y.
- (c) Betsey, married John Lockward and left issue, (1) Nancy, (2) Mary, (3) George, (4) Francis, (5) James, (6) Elizabeth, (7) Harriet, (8) John.

(164) ESTHER BETTS, daughter of Burwell Betts (42), born July 1, 1769, ^{W. B. N.}, married William St. John, ^{B²}.

(165) BETSEY BETTS, daughter of Burwell Betts (42), was born July 3, 1772, married John Gregory, ^B.

Issue ^{B²} :

- (a) George, married Nancy Taylor, of Norwalk, in Henrietta, N. Y. (5 children).
- (b) Delia Antoinette, } twins. {Died, no heirs.
- (c) Julia Angeline, } {Married, E. Tuttle, no heirs.

(166) HANNAH BETTS, daughter of Burwell Betts (42), born March 7, 1775, ^{W. B. N.}, married John Lockward Raymond of Troy, N. Y. ^B.

Issue ^{B2} :

- (a) Harriet.
- (b) Delia.
- (c) Sally Watson, married Daniel Hubbel.

(175) GEORGE BETTS, son of Abraham Betts (44), descended from John (12)) Thomas (2), Thomas (1), married, and left one child in Wilton ^{B2}.

(178) NATHAN BETTS, son of Gideon Betts (45), descended from John (12), Thomas (2), Thomas (1), was born August 13, 1753, ^{W.B.}; married Ann Gilbert of Lysander, N. Y.

Issue ^{B2} :

- (390) Hannah, married Charles Lemon.

(179) HANNAH BETTS, daughter of Gideon Betts (45), was born May 10, 1755, ^{W.B.}; married Jared Olmsted.

Issue ^{B2} :

- (a) Hiram.
- (b) Hannah.
- (c) Nancy.
- (d) Mary.
- (e) Betsey Lewis.

(180) SARAH BETTS, daughter of Gideon Betts (45), was born June 2, 1760 ^{W.B.}; married Edward Tyler.

Issue ^{B2} :

- (a) James.
- (b) Sarah.
- (c) Rosanna.

(181) ANNE BETTS, daughter of Gideon Betts (45), was born March 20, 1769 ^{W.B.}; married Gariel Fountaine.

Issue ^{B2} :

- (a) Silas.
- (b) Fountaine.
- (c) Anne.
- (d) Eliza.

(182) MARY BETTS, daughter of Gideon Betts (45), was born May 4, 1772 ^{W.B.}; married Benjamin Gilbert.

Issue :

- (a) Rufus Gilbert, of Troy, N. Y. ^{B2}

(183) GIDEON BETTS, son of Gideon Betts (45), descended from John (12), Thomas (2), Thomas (1), was born June 24, 1775 ^{W.B.}; married Jane Rockwell and lived in Galloway, N. Y.

Issue ^{B2} :

- (391) Mary.
- (392) Nancy.
- (393) William.
- (394) Anne.

(184) RUTH BETTS, daughter of Matthew Betts, (50), granddaughter of Matthew Betts (14), great granddaughter of Thomas Betts (2), great great granddaughter of Thomas Betts (1), was born Oct. 12, 1750 ;ⁿ married David Whitlock March 3, 1773.ⁿ

Issue :

- (a) Ruth ; born Dec. 3, 1774.
- (b) Molly ; born Feb. 6, 1777.
- (c) Matthew ; born Sept. 5, 1779.
- (d) Eunice ; born Jan. 20, 1784.
- (e) Betsy ; born May 24, 1786.
- (f) Aaron ; born Dec. 10, 1789.
- (g) Ruth ; born Jan. 19, 1792.

(185) SILAS BETTS, descended from Seth (52), Matthew (14), Thomas (2), Thomas (1), was born Oct. 27, 1753 ; married Hannah Smith June 22, 1780.ⁿ

Issue :

- (395) Hannah; born April 13, 1782.ⁿ
- (396) Polly; born Jan. 9, 1784.ⁿ
- (397) Sukey; born Mar. 29, 1786.ⁿ
- (398) Catharine; born Mar. 16, 1788.ⁿ
- (399) Martha; born Sept. 19, 1791.ⁿ
- (400) David; born Jan. 17, 1794.ⁿ
- (401) Jonathan; born Jan 17, 1794.ⁿ
- (402) Ellis Abigail; } born Sept. 13, 1796.ⁿ
- (403) Abigail Ellis; }

(197) ALLEN HAYES BETTS, descended from Josiah (53), Matthew (14), Thomas (2), Thomas (1), was born July 21, 1776, and died in Wilton, Conn., March 31, 1848.^a

Issue :

- (404) Antcinette Betts; born April 19, 1806.^a
- (405) Canini Betts; born May 24, 1808.^a
- (406) Polly Delia Betts; born Dec. 24, 1813.^a
- (407) Allen Betts; born July 6, 1817.^a

(198) JOSHUA BETTS, son of Josiah Betts (53), descended from Mathew (14), Thomas (2), Thomas (1), was born March 20, 1778; his wife's name was Mary Olmstead, (born Jan. 12, 1783).

(408) Estor Betts; born Jan. 2^d, 1803; married Aaron Birdsall of Newburg, N. Y.

(409) Elmira Betts; born May 6, 1804; died, 1881. Married 1st, William Haynes, of Patterson, N. Y., and had children, (1) John, (2) Deborah, (3) Eliza; and 2d, John Haverly, of Overton, Pa., and had children, (5) Mary, (6) Jennie.

(410) Derias Betts; born Dec. 7, 1805.

(411) Josiah Betts; born May 27, 1807; married Jane ~~Smith~~, and had children, (1), E. J. Betts,

judge at Jefferson, O., (2), Sarah, married William Day of Coldbrook, O., (3), Farma.

(412) George Betts; born Jan. 2, 1809.

(413) Charles O. Betts; born May 7, 1811.

(414) Jane Betts; born April 4, 1813; died Nov. 20, 1876. Married Mathias Tompkins of Carmel, N. Y., and had children, (1) Gilbert S., (2) Robert, (3) Sadie, married Ursley Brooks; (4) Lizzie, (5) Mathias, (6) Ruth.

(415) Silas Betts; born Feb. 7, 1815.

(416) Mathew Betts; born Feb. 7, 1817; married Betsey Sopsee. Died without children, 1865.

(417) Bettsa A. Betts; born Apr. 21, 1819; married Amsay Haverly and had children, (1) Charles, (2) Elmira, (3) John, (4) Hiram, (5) Jessie, (6) Mary, (7) Caroline.

(418) Ruth Ann Betts; born June 18, 1821; married Frederic Whitehead of Burlington, Pa.

(419) Washington Betts; born Nov. 7, 1825; married Sylinda Page of Smithfield, Pa., and had one son, a clergyman.

(202) WILLIAM MALTBY BETTS, descended from Thaddeus (54), John (18), John (4), Thomas (1), was born Jan. 4, 1759; married Lucretia Gregory June 26, 1785;^{*} died Feb. 3, 1832. His wife Lucretia died Sept. 3, 1830, aged 67.¹

He was a member of the Prudential Committee of the Presbyterian Church of Norwalk, in 1814, 1820, 1822, 1825, 1827, 1828 and 1830.

He represented Norwalk in the State Legislature in the years 1800, 1801, 1802, 1803, 1804, 1809 and 1810.

In Hall's "Norwalk," published 1847, appears the following account of him (p. 275): "He was for many years Postmaster and Judge of Probate of Norwalk, a most worthy and excellent man. He was the father of Hon. Thaddeus Betts, who represented his native State

in the Senate of the United States, and died at Washington in 1840, at the age of 52 years. His remains repose in the old graveyard at Norwalk, with a suitable monument erected to his memory by his family."

Issue :

(420) William; born June 3, 1787;^N died in Wilton.

(421) Thaddeus; born Feb. 4, 1789;^N graduated at Yale 1807; Representative of Norwalk in the State Legislature 1815; Lieutenant-Governor of Connecticut, U. S. Senator 1839, 1440; died at Washington 1840.

In Cyclopædia of American Biography (Appletons) the following is said of him :

"He was graduated at Yale in 1807, as was his father in 1745; was admitted to the Bar, and began practice in Norwalk. He was a Whig in politics, and after holding many places of public trust, including the Lieut.-Governorship of the State, he was elected U. S. Senator, on the nomination of the Whig Party to serve six years, beginning 4 March, 1839. Notwithstanding his failing health, he creditably fulfilled his duties as Senator until a few days before his death."

(422) Angelina; born May 18, 1794.^N

(203) MARY BETTS, daughter of Thaddeus Betts (54) was born July 11, 1761, married Daniel Platt, and died "1 Feb., 1780, then wife of Daniel Platt^N," or as her tombstone at Norwalk records, Feb. 3, 1782, aged 21 years.^I

Issue :

(a) Mary. whose tombstone at Norwalk is inscribed "Mary
"Betts, wife of William Betts and daughter of Daniel and
"Mary Platt, died March 10, 1799 ætat 18."

(210) ESTHER BETTS, daughter of John (57) and Leah Betts, was born Dec. 8, 1785, and died, unmarried, Sept. 30, 1805.

Her tombstone in Town House Hill Cemetery, Norwalk, bears the following inscription :

“ ESTHER, daughter of John and Leah Betts, died Sept. 30, 1805.”

“ How loved, how valued once avails the not,

“ By whome beloved or by whome begot ;

“ A heap of dust alone remains of the ;

“ ’Tis all thou art and all the proud shall be.”

(214) JOHN BETTS, son of Peter Betts (59), descended from John (17), John (4), Thomas (1), was born July 22, 1764,ⁿ and died April 8, 1788. His tombstone in the cemetery of Town House Hill, Norwalk, bears the following inscription :

“ John Betts, son of Peter and Sarah Betts, who departed this life much lamented April 8, 1788, aged 24 years, and left a sorrowful widow to lament his Unhappy Fate.”

(215) HENRY BETTS, descended from Peter (58) ; was born Nov. 23, 1766 ;ⁿ married Rebecca F., Feb. 12, 1794,ⁿ who was born Jan. 31, 1771.ⁿ

Issue :

(423) Daniel F. Betts ; born Nov. 7, 1794.ⁿ

(424) Rebecca Betts ; born Dec. 20, 1796 ;ⁿ married Charles Isaacs.ⁿ

(425) Susan Betts ; born Feb. 12, 1799 ;ⁿ married T. Benedict, Jr.ⁿ

(426) Henrietta ; married Charles Mallory.ⁿ

(427) Harriet ; married T. C. Hanford.ⁿ

(223) REUBEN BETTS, descended from Daniel Betts (60), Daniel (20), Daniel (7), Thomas (1), was born May 27, 1753, and “was married March ye 25th, 1778,

in the 25th year of his age."^{s2} This record in the Wilton Congregational Society corrects the date of his birth, which is wrongly recorded under "Children of Daniel Betts, 3d," as May 27th, 1755. His wife was Ellen Hawley,^r and he had

Issue :

(428) Eunice Betts, born May 11, 1779.ⁿ She married James White Church, whose daughter Henrietta married Abijah Betts, the son of Samuel (265), and was the mother of Mrs. Julia Church-Betts Gregory, of Wilton.^f

(429) Daniel Leman Betts, born Sept. 29, 1780.ⁿ ; died young.^f

(430) Polly Betts ; born Nov. 15, 1783.ⁿ

(431) Ellen Betts ; born Feb. 8, 1785.ⁿ

(432) Benjamin Platt Betts ; born Aug. 5, 1787 ;ⁿ died June 3, 1797.ⁿ

(433) Amelia Betts ; born Dec. 14, 1789.ⁿ

(434) Charles Grandison Betts ; born Dec. 1, 1792.ⁿ

(225) DANIEL BETTS (the fourth), son of Daniel Betts (the third) (61), descended from Daniel Betts (2d) (21). Daniel Betts (7), Thomas Betts (1), born December 8, 1757^p, married January 12, 1784, Naomah Betts^p, who was born Jan. 13, 1762^p, and died February 10, 1845^p, "aged 87 years 2 mos. and 2 days." Naomah Betts died January 17, 1817^p. Commissioned Capt. in 4th Company of 84th Connecticut Regiment, Oct. 7, 1845. Died February 12, 1845^e.

Issue by Naomah Betts :

(435) Sherman Betts, born February 6, 1785, died January 28, 1815^p. His will dated January 25, 1815, bequeaths \$1,000 to the Episcopal Society of Wilton, and divides the balance princi-

pally between his brother Ashahel and sister Aurinda.

(436) Asahel R. Betts, born March 2, 1788, died Nov. 16, 1818^p.

(437) Aurinda Betts, born February 18, 1794, died March 30, 1843^p.

By a second wife:

(438) Harriet Ward Betts, born Dec. 25, 1820, died same day^p.

(439) Daniel Sherman Betts, born February 22d, 1822, died January 26, 1824.

(235) AARON BETTS, son of Samuel Comstock Betts (63), grandson of Daniel Betts, Jr. (20), Daniel (7), Thomas (1), was born September 16th, 1757.

In 1780 he married Clarinda Ward, of Guilford, Conn., who was sister of Rachel Ward Stone, and a daughter of the Hon. Andrew Ward, and was born in 1756.

He was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. He died in Wilton, April 3d, 1833.

Portraits of Aaron and Clarinda Ward Betts are from oil paintings in the possession of the author, and which were painted about 1805.

Issue:

(440) A daughter born and died in 1781.

(441) Clarinda Betts, born January 10th, 1783; died unmarried October 7th, 1853.

(442) Lavinia Betts, born January 10th, 1783; married Ashbel R. Betts, of Wilton, about 1818, and again in 1839, married John Lott, of Long Island; died October 7th, 1853.

(443) Harriet Betts, born March 18th, 1785; married Philader Hall, son of Dr. Stephen Hall, of New Lebanon, N. Y., September 26th, 1811; died March 28th, 1817.

(444) Parnia Betts, born June 15th, 1787; married Daniel B. Stranahan, June, 1812; died January, 1833.

(445) Henry Ward Betts, born August 10th, 1789; married Maria Tryon Sheldon, June 26th, 1821; died February 4th, 1827.

(446) Daniel Joel Betts, born May 4th, 1799; died in Cooperstown, N. Y., January 23d, 1826.

(236) PRESERVED BETTS, son of Samuel Comstock Betts (63), and Grandson of Daniel Betts (20), Daniel (7), Thomas (1), was born August 12, 1759.

He was a soldier in the Revolution.

On January 16th, 1790, he married Elizabeth Eliot, daughter of Wyllys Eliot, Esq., of Guilford, Ct. He died at Monroe, February 1st, 1818. (See letter Comstock Betts, p. 70.)

Issue:

(447) Laura Betts, born October 23d, 1791; died unmarried.

(448) Maria E. Betts, born April 22d, 1803; died unmarried.

(237) URIAH BETTS, son of Samuel Comstock Betts (63), descended from Daniel (20), Daniel (7), Thomas (1), was born February 25, 1761. Soon after the outbreak of the Revolutionary War he joined his brother at the front, and continued in the service as a volunteer until the army was disbanded. He was present in a number of battles. Soon after the war he married, October 14th, 1783, Sarah Rosseter, who was born August 28th, 1763; died June 11th, 1796. She was daughter of Hon. Nathan Rosseter, of Richmond, and great-granddaughter of Hon. Josiah Rosseter, of

Guilford, Ct., for many years one of the Assistant Governors of Connecticut.

Issue :

- (449) Juliana } Betts, born September 5th, 1784.
Julia }
- (450) Samuel Rosseter Betts, born June 8th, 1786.^v
- (451) A son born and died December 7th, 1790.^v
- (452) Sarah Maria Betts, born March 29th, 1796.

Uriah Betts, after the death of his wife, Sarah Rosseter, married, 2d, September 22d, 1796, Rebekah Rosseter, the sister of his first wife, who was born June 29th, 1774.

Issue :

- (453) Amanda E. Betts, born February 5th, 1799; died at Newburgh, October 17, 1857.
- (454) Frederic J. Betts, born July 2d, 1803; died at Buffalo, N. Y., October 12th, 1879.
- (455) Nathan Comstock Betts, born November 18th, 1809; died at Richmond, Mass., July, 1882.

Uriah Betts married, 3d, at Wilton, April 21st, 1833, by the Revd. Samuel Merwin, Lucy Betts (310), daughter of Elijah Betts (111). She was born 22d October, 1787, and died July, 1882.

A portrait of Uriah Betts from an oil painting by Catlin, the Indian painter, is now in possession of the author. It was painted about 1828.

Uriah Betts removed to Newburgh, N. Y., about 1840, and died there Aug. 10, 1841.

(239) ZEBULON BETTS was the seventh child of Samuel Comstock Betts; born at Norwalk, Conn., Aug. 12, 1764; died at Richmond, Mass., Nov. 27, 1828. Married, Jan. 12, 1788, Abigail Burt, of Long Meadow, Mass., who was born Apr. 22, 1767, and died June 2,

1853, at the residence of her daughter, Eliza Betts Stranahan, at Saugerties, Ulster Co., N. Y. She was buried at Richmond, Mass.

Zebulon Betts came with his parents from Norwalk, Conn., to Richmond, Mass., when only three years of age. When grown to manhood he owned a small farm there, near his father's residence, where he resided from the time of his marriage until his death, and where all his children were born. He was in the Continental Army in the Revolution, though probably not with his brothers at the commencement, being then but twelve years of age.

In addition to the revenue derived from the farm, his income was increased by operating a factory for heading nails, which were sent to Albany to be sold.

His widow and daughter Eliza remained in the homestead until the marriage of the latter in 1834, after which it is understood to have passed into the possession of the Society of Quakers, and to be now occupied and used by them as a home, and for the cultivation and preparation for the market of herbs and extracts for medicinal purposes.

Zebulon Betts was a quiet, pleasant man, moderate in his speech and action, esteemed by his friends and neighbors for his integrity of character and for his exemplary Christian life. In his home circle he was loved and revered, and it was there he found his greatest happiness.

It was the custom of the family to assemble in the large living-room in the evening, and while the daughters of the house were employed in some useful handiwork, all enjoyed the reading aloud of the father, a man who had a great fondness for books.

His father appointed him one of the executors of his will, and devised to him one-fifth of his real estate.

A portrait of him from an ivory miniature formerly owned by his son Franklin, is now in the possession

of his grandson Charles Wilson Betts. The costume indicates that it was painted about 1790.

Issue :

(456) Franklin Betts, born March 28, 1789 ; died October 31, 1857.

(457) Lyman Betts, born August 7, 1791 ; died September 9, 1835.

(458) Mary Betts, born November 9, 1793 ; died October 23, 1863.

(459) Alvin Betts born June 4, 1796 ; died August 4, 1861.

(460) Frances Maria Betts, born May 16, 1798 ; died January 4, 1834.

(461) Elvira Betts, born May 16, 1798 ; died November 22, 1882.

(462) Eliza Betts, born June 5, 1801 ; died February 15, 1882.

(463) Charles C. Betts, born September 7, 1808 ; died September 18, 1882.

(240) LYDIA BETTS, daughter of Samuel Comstock Betts (63), granddaughter of Daniel Betts, Jr. (20), Daniel (7), Thomas (1), was born August 2d, 1766.

On Sunday, the 26th of March, 1786, she married Roger Parmele.

Mr. Parmele was a son of Aaron Parmele and Sarah Grave, and was born September 14th, 1764, and died December 24th, 1848.

Issue :

(a) Laura Johnson, born April 9th, 1790, and died July 20th, 1872. She married on December 23d, 1809, David Johnson, and died January 4th, 1849. They lived on Clinton avenue, Brooklyn.

(b) A son, born February 12th 1802 ; died March 12th, 1802.

(c) Edward Henry Johnson, born March 8th, 1802 ; died August 13th, 1853.

(260) BETTY BETTS, daughter of Stephen Betts (73), granddaughter of Samuel Betts (23), great-granddaughter of Daniel Betts (7), great-great-granddaughter of Thomas Betts (1), was born March 5, 1757; married Strong Comstock (being his second wife) Nov. 2, 1783.

Issue :

- (a) Catharine; b. Aug. 2, 1784.
- (b) Edward; b. Dec. 28, 1785.
- (c) William; b. June 10, 1788.
- (d) Susanna; b. June 12, 1791.
- (e) Mary; May 1, 1793.
- (f) Nathan; Aug. 8, 1795.
- (g) Julia; Oct. 21, 1797.

(261) SUSAN BETTS, daughter of Stephen Betts (73), descended from Samuel Betts (23), Daniel Betts (7), Thomas Betts (1), was born Feb. 23, 1761; married to Joseph Jesup, Oct. 19, 1780; died Jan. 4, 1790.

Issue :

- (a) Charles, born Oct. 26, 1781.
- Joseph Jesup, for his second wife, married Eunice Hanford, Oct. 18, 1790.

(263) LEWIS BETTS, son of Stephen Betts (73), descended from Samuel Betts (23), Daniel Betts (7), Thomas Betts (1), was born June 16, 1766; married Sarah Andrews July 11, 1790.

Issue :

- (464) Suky; born Feb. 14, 1792.
- (465) Stephen A.; born May 4, 1795.

(266) PHILO BETTS, son of Stephen Betts (73), descended from Samuel Betts (23), Daniel Betts (7), Thomas Betts (1), was born Nov. 29, 1769; married Hannah Raymond Oct. 12, 1797.

(300) ZADOCH or ZADOC BETTS, son of Thaddeus Betts, Jr. (108), descended from Benjamin (29),

James (9), Thomas (1), was born May 10, 1780, died 1856. He was a communicant of the Episcopal Church at Wilton, and was buried from there December 15, 1856.

Issue :

(466) George, baptized May 29, 1840^E.

(304) ELIJAH BETTS, son of Elijah (111), Benjamin (29), James (9), Thomas (1), was born January 20, 1769^F, baptized April 16, 1769^W, married Betty ^{B2} or Betsey^I Patchen, daughter of Daniel Patchen (who died March 21, 1839, "aged 71 years, 1 month, 11 days" ^I), and died January 11, 1842^I, or February, 1841^{B2}. His tombstone is in the Congregational Churchyard at Wilton.

Issue :

(467) Benjamin Betts, born about 1817; living in 1887.

(307) IRA BETTS, son of Elijah Betts (111), descended from Benjamin (29), James (9), Thomas (1), was born June 1, 1779^B. His wife's name was Hannah. He died at Wilton. February 19, 1864, aged 85 years.

Issue :

(468) Susana, born 1817, died May 6, 1841, aged 24 years^I. Her tombstone is at Wilton in Congregation Churchyard.

(308) JAMES BETTS, son of Elijah (109), descended from Benjamin (29), James (9), Thomas (1), was born July 4, 1781. Married Esther Benedict, of Danbury, and died June 7, 1858. His widow died January 15, 1859.

Issue^B:

(469) James Benedict Betts, born February 20, 1811, was a merchant at Charleston, S. C., and died there July 31, 1875.

(470) Philander, born August 17, 1812.

(471) Anna, born February 11, 1814, died December 2, 1839.

(472) Lucy, born July 29, 1816, married Wm. Nichol, living 1886.

(473) Elijah Comstock, born August 14, 1821, died April 25, 1881.

(474) Horace Gregory, born August 21, 1826.

DESCENDANTS OF URIAH BETTS ²³⁷(231).

(449) JULIA or JULIANNA BETTS, daughter of Uriah Betts (237), descended from Samuel Comstock Betts (63), Daniel (20), Daniel (7), Thomas (1), was born September 5th, 1784. Married, in 1801, Nathaniel Bishop (who died in January 20th, 1872) and died April, 1872.

Issue :

- (a) Sarah.
- (b) Beriah.
- (c) Ruth Anne.
- (d) Lavillia.
- (e) Nancy.
- (f) Samuel.
- (g) Eliza.
- (h) Frederic.
- (i) George.

(450) SAMUEL ROSSITER BETTS, son of Uriah Betts (237), descended from Samuel Comstock (63), Daniel (20), Daniel (7), Thomas (1), was born at Richmond, Massachusetts, June 8th, 1786; received a preparatory education at Lenox Academy, Lenox, Massachusetts, and was there "the first person who received

a college education after pursuing his studies in this institution preparatory to his admission to college." (History of Berkshire, p. 342). He entered Williams College in 1802 and graduated in 1806, and received the degree of LL.D. from that institution in 1830.

Soon after graduating from college he commenced the practice of law at Monticello, Sullivan County, New York, and from there was elected Member of Congress, being a Member of the House of Representatives from 1815 to 1817—after which he settled at Newburgh, Orange County, New York.

On November 4th, 1816, he married Caroline A. Dewey, daughter of Hon. Daniel Dewey of Northampton, Massachusetts, a Judge of the Supreme Court of that State (who died June 9th, 1883).

In 1823 he was appointed Circuit Judge of the Supreme Court of New York, and held that office until 1827, when he was appointed by President J. Q. Adams Judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, and continued in that office until 1867, when, being nearly eighty-three years of age, he resigned, owing to advancing years and infirmity, and removed to New Haven, Connecticut, where he died November 3d, 1868.

At the proceedings at the meeting of the bar of the U. S. District Court, held November 5th, 1868, Hon. E. C. Benedict, seconding the motion of the United States District Attorney to adjourn the Court out of respect to his memory, said, among other things :

"He came to this city from the country, where he had been eminent at the bar, and for some years Circuit Judge. He came, therefore, with great familiarity with the legal questions which occupied courts of common law, but with little acquaintance with those with which an Admiralty Court must feel. When he came here there was almost no business in the Court. It did not then sit a week, where now it sits a month. Thus he

had leisure to familiarize himself with the law of Admiralty, and he soon became one of the most learned judges of that branch of the law. As time went on the business of the Court increased, and his business in Admiralty became far more extended than that of any other judge that ever sat on the bench. He, more than any other man, formed the admiralty system of the United States. When he came to the bench the British view of jurisdiction of the Admiralty prevailed. He devoted himself to that branch of the law in the spirit which belonged to it of old, and which has since been adopted by the jurists and courts of this country, and his views have prevailed everywhere, though at first they were a novelty. His decisions were always characterized by acuteness, learning and research. If they had been carefully reported they would have built up for him a reputation, which would have been like that which the Chancery decisions gave to Chancellor Kent, or which the English Chancery decisions gave to Lord Stowell. But in those days the newspapers were not as they are now volumes of report, and Judge Betts always seemed not entirely satisfied with the form of his decisions, and was reluctant to publish them until he had given them a more perfect finish, and after I was appointed reporter of the Court, many years ago, I did not succeed in getting him to prepare them, before his greatly increased labors by the Bankrupt Act of 1840 prevented his giving any attention to it, and the idea was abandoned, until its importance was destroyed by reports of other Courts.

Judge Betts was a man of urbanity and kindness to all who practiced before him. All who practiced in his Court, young or old, always felt that they had had full opportunity to be heard, and that they had been treated with uniform kindness and courtesy—an excellent quality in a judge. We can hardly realize in these days, when changes of judges are so frequent, what it was to have

a judge upon the bench for forty years, as he was. He reached great age and gave to us all of the results of a quiet, and uniform, and industrious life, of moral and domestic virtue. His death calls upon us all to prepare for that end of life to which we must all come, and which few of us can expect to have deferred as long as it was in his case."

APPLETON'S CYCLOPEDIA OF AMERICAN BIOGRAPHY says as follows of Judge Betts' early career and subsequent judicial reputation :

"At that time (1815) the bar of the State of New York contained a somewhat notable array of eminent lawyers : Martin Van Buren, Elisha Williams, Thomas J. Oakley, George Griffin, Ogden Hoffman, Prescott Hall and Thomas Addis Emmet were in active practice, and with all of them Mr. Betts was actively associated, and, though of a younger generation than most of them, was soon recognized as their peer in the profession.

"In 1823 Mr. Betts was appointed Judge of the U. S. District Court, which office he held for forty-four (41) years, and throughout the whole term presided with such dignity, courtesy, profundity of legal knowledge and patience of investigation that he came to be regarded as almost infallible in his decisions. To him belongs the high honor of having in a great degree formulated and codified the maritime laws of the United States. The complicated rules of salvage, general average, wages of seamen, freighting contracts, charters, insurance and prizes owe their present well ordered system to Judge Betts. During the first twenty years of his connection with the District Court there was never an appeal from his decisions, and his opinions in his own Court on maritime questions, and in the Circuit Court on patents, have been uniformly upheld * * *

"He received the degree of LL.D. from Williams in 1830. In 1838 he published a standard work on 'Admiralty Practice.'"

Issue :

(475) Maria Caroline Betts, born August 15th, 1818, married July 12th, 1842, James W. Metcalf, and had issue.

(476) Charles Dewey Betts, born July 6th, 1820, and died January 16th, 1845, unmarried.

(477) Francis Julia Betts, born November 28th, 1822, married William Hillhouse, at New Haven.

(478) George Frederic Betts, born June 14th, 1827, married Ellen Porter, stepdaughter to the Hon. Charles Stoddard, of Boston, Massachusetts, November 19th, 1851.

(479) Emily Betts, born October 7th, 1830.

(451) SARAH MARIA BETTS, second daughter of Uriah Betts (231) and of Sarah Rossiter, his first wife, was born at Albany, New York, March 29th, 1796 ; resided in her youth in New Lebanon, New York, and was there married to George Cornwall, November 11th, 1822.

Mr. Cornwall was there engaged in mercantile business, and became the partner of Elam Tilden, father of the Hon. Samuel J. Tilden. Subsequently removed to Newburgh, New York, where from 1844 to his death on November 5th, 1867, was President of the Highland (afterwards the Highland National) Bank.

Mrs. Cornwall died in Washington, D. C., when on a visit to her daughters, February 5th, 1873.

Issue :

(a) Henry Betts Cornwall, born at New Lebanon, New York, August 16th, 1823. Was educated at Newburgh, New York, entered Williams College in 1839, and graduated therefrom in 1843.

Commencing the study of law, he was compelled for several years to follow more active pursuits. In later years re-established health enabled him to fulfill a long-cherished desire of entering the ministry of the Episcopal Church, to which he was ordained by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Littlejohn, Bishop of Long Island.

In the year 1871 he became Rector of the Church of Good Shepherd, Brooklyn.

In 1881 he received from Williams College a degree of S.T.D.

He married in 1847 Miss Sarah J. Curtis, of New York, by whom he had issue. (1) Julia Curtis Cornwall, born March 8th, 1848, died August 18th, 1883. (2) Ellen Betts Cornwall, born October 4th, 1851. Married 1882 William H. Myers, of Brooklyn. Died without issue April 14th, 1883.

(b) Frederic Cornwall, born at New Lebanon, N. Y., April 8th, 1827, died April 22d, 1827.

(c) Frederic Cornwall, born at Newburgh, New York, August 8th, 1829, died March 12th, 1830.

(d) Sarah Maria Cornwall, born at Newburgh, N. Y., August 19th, 1831. Married John R. Jones, of Indiana, July 22d, 1852, (who died March 5th, 1856). Issue: Zaidée, born October 15, 1855. Married October 1, 1879, Claude W. Smith. Issue: Zelda Rossiter Smith, born August 2, 1881.

(e) Caroline Amanda Cornwall, born at Newburgh, N. Y., September 8th, 1833. Married to George M. Wright, of Oswego, New York, April 27th, 1859. Died at Washington, D. C., March 28th, 1885. Issue: (1) George Cornwell Wright, born June 22, 1863, died July 21, 1865. (2) Frederic Betts Wright, born June 26, 1867.

(452) AMANDA ELIZA BETTS, daughter of Uriah Betts (237), descendent from Samuel Comstock (63), Daniel (20), Daniel (7), Thomas (1); was born February 5th, 1799; married to John M. Gilbert, November 27th, 1822 (who died April, 1864), and died October 16th, 1857.

Issue:

(a) Ellen Betts Gilbert, born February 13th, 1829; died February 15th, 1832.

(b) Sarah Rebecca, born December 19th, 1830; married John B. Bloss, October 12th, 1858.

(c) Ellen Amanda, born April 24, 1833; died March 9th, 1836.

(d) Frederic Betts, born September 26th, 1836.

(e) Mary Amanda, September 30th, 1838; died 5th, 1841.

(453) FREDERIC J. BETTS, son of Uriah Betts (237), descended from Samuel Comstock (63), Daniel

(20), Daniel (7), Thomas (1) ; was born July 2d, 1803, at Richmond, Massachusetts.

Entered Williams College 1817 and graduated 1821. After graduation he removed to Goshen, Orange County, New York, was admitted to the bar and entered on the practice of law in 1823. For several years was in partnership with the late Ogden Hoffman at that place, the firm having at that time the most extensive practice in Orange County.

In 1824, Mr. Betts was acting District Attorney for Orange County, and in the same year he was appointed Master in Chancery, at the request of Chancellor Kent.

On November 22d, 1826, he was appointed by Governor Clinton, Quartermaster of the Second Brigade of Cavalry, and later was made a member of the staff of the Governor, with the rank of major.

In 1827 he removed to the City of New York where he entered upon the practice of law with the Hon. E. C. Benedict, subsequently Chancellor of the University of New York. In the same year he was appointed Clerk of the United States District and Circuit Courts for the Southern District of New York, which office was held by him until 1841, when he retired from all active business and removed to his country seat at Newburgh on the Hudson, where he took great interest in improved methods of agriculture, and received a number of medals awarded by the American Institute for success in grain raising. Being possessed of ample means he was a liberal patron of American art. His gallery at his home at Newburgh contained some of the best works of native artists of the first half of the present century. Fine specimens of the works of A. B. Durand, Inman, Thomas Cole, Edmunds, Sulley, Selloux, Catlin, and others were in his possession, and his gallery included a number of fine family portraits by the first three named artists.

Mr. Betts took an active interest in politics, and was at one time part owner and editor of the "Newburgh

Democrat." He was also a director of the Highland National Bank, and for many years a delegate to the Protestant Episcopal Convention of New York diocese.

In 1855 he removed to New Haven, Connecticut, where he gave much of his time to work connected with church interests, and was for several years a member of the Board of Health.

While on a visit to Lynchburg, Virginia, in 1868 the act of Congress went into effect which vacated all the civil offices in that State which were held by persons who were unable to take the so-called "iron-clad" oath, and at the unanimous request of the members of the Bar, Mr. Betts was appointed by the Military Governor of Virginia to the office of presiding Judge of the Hustings Court of Lynchburg, Campbell County, Virginia.

This office he administrated greatly to the satisfaction of the community until the readmission of Virginia into the Union in 1869.

Upon his retirement, at a meeting of the Bar, the following resolutions were unanimously passed :

"Resolved, That we regard the resignation of the Hon. Frederic J. Betts as Judge of the Court of Hustings, of the City of Lynchburg, Virginia, as a fit and proper occasion for us to declare our entire confidence in him as a man and a judge, and to tender him, as we now do, our sincere thanks for the able, laborious, upright, faithful and dignified manner in which he has performed the duties of Judge of this Court—an office originally unsought by him, and conferred on him by the military authority of this State, at our special instance and request."

"Resolved, That we have heard with unaffected regret of his intention to cease to reside among us, and we hereby tender him the assurance that wherever he goes he has our sincere regard and best wishes for his health and happiness."

"Resolved, That the above resolutions be recorded

in the minutes of the Court, and that a copy of them be transmitted to Judge Betts."

After resigning as Judge of the Hustings Court he returned to New Haven, Connecticut, and died October 12th, 1879, at Buffalo, New York, while on a visit to his daughter.

Mr. Frederic J. Betts married August 15, 1833, Mary Ward Scoville, daughter of John Scoville and Sarah Eliot Scoville. Mrs. Betts died at New Haven, Conn., July 2d, 1868.

John Scoville was descended from John Scovill of Haddam, in the County of Hartford, Connecticut, who appears to have conveyed, by deed bearing date July 18th, 1696 (Liber 1, page 105, Waterbury Court Records), all his lands in Waterbury to his son John Scovill.

John Scovill was one of the thirty-seven or thirty-eight fathers of families who settled the town of Waterbury, Connecticut, his name appearing in the "List of Original Proprietors" made 1715, December 15th."

In 1715 and 1716 lands were laid out in Waterbury to John Scovill, Senior, also to John Scovill, Jr. (Liber 1, page 201, page 19).

John Scovill (1st) married, February 6th, 1693, Hannah Richards, daughter of Obidiah Richards (also one of the original Waterbury proprietors), and died prior to 1727.

John Scovill (2d) was born January 12th, 1694, and died April 28th, 1759. His tombstone, standing on the westerly side of the burial ground of Waterbury names him as "Lieutenant John Scovill."

His son, John Scovill (3d) was born October 27th, 1738, and died

John Scoville (4th), son of John Scovill (3d), was born August 12th, 1770, and died August 17th, 1816. He married October 21st, 1798, Sarah Eliot, daughter of Wyllys Eliot, Esq., of Guilford, Connecticut.

Wyllys Eliot was descended from the Rev. John Eliot, called "The Apostle to the Indians," who came to Boston with Governor John Winthrop, November 2d, 1631; Rev. Joseph Eliot, his son, was born December 20th, 1638, and died May 24th, 1694; Abial Eliot, his son, was born about 1687, and died October 28th, 1776.

Wyllys Eliot, son of Abial Eliot, was born February 9th, 1731, married July 20, 1763, Abigail, daughter of General Andrew Ward of the Army of the Revolution, and granddaughter

of Colonel Andrew Ward, who commanded a detachment at the siege of Louisburg, in 1744.

Issue :

- (480) Sarah Eliot Betts, born January 6th, 1841.
- (481) Frederic Henry Betts, born March 8th, 1843.
- (482) Charles Wyllys Betts, born August 13th, 1845, died April 27th, 1887.

(454) NATHAN COMSTOCK BETTS, son of Uriah Betts (237), descended from Samuel Comstock Betts (63), Daniel (20), Daniel (7), Thomas (1), was born November 18, 1809, and died at Richmond, Mass., his birth-place, without issue, July, 1882.

(475) MARIA CAROLINE BETTS, born August 15, 1818, Married, July 12, 1842, James Whiting Metcalf.

Issue :

(a) James Betts Metcalf, born May 13, 1843; married March 31, 1869, Annie Tiffany Cutting (born July 4, 1845).

Issue : (1) Mabel, born Nov. 24, 1870. (2) Bryce, born Dec. 10, 1874.

(b) Anna Metcalf, born June 16, 1845, married Sept. 25, 1866, Thomas Tileston Bryce (born Sept. 25, 1843).

Issue : (1) Caroline Hemenway, born July 26, 1867.

(2) Anna, born March 13, 1869. (3) Tileston, born May 2, 1872. (4) Warner, born Dec. 3, 1875, died Nov. 1, 1876.

(c) Caroline Metcalf, born February 21, 1847; married December 31, 1879, David Madison Harris (born Jan. 4, 1843).

(d) Charles Dewey, born Nov. 21, 1849, married May 27, 1876, Sarah A. Wiley, (born April 17, 1853).

Issue : Charles William Betts, born May 4, 1877, died July 4, 1877.

(e) Mary, born July 27, 1853, died May 10, 1868.

(476) CHARLES DEWEY BETTS, born July 6th, 1820, was appointed Clerk of the United States District and Circuit Courts, for the Southern District of New York, in 1841. Died January 16th, 1845, unmarried.

(477) FRANCIS JULIA BETTS, born November 28th, 1822; married January 18th, 1854, to William Hillhouse, of New Haven, Connecticut (born Nov. 22d, 1820).

Issue :

- (a) James Hillhouse, born November 19, 1854.
- (b) Charles Betts Hillhouse, born November 25, 1856.
- (c) Francis Hillhouse, born Sept. 12, 1859.

(478) GEORGE FREDERIC BETTS, son of Samuel Rossiter Betts (450), descended from Uriah Betts, (237.) Samuel Comstock (63), Daniel (20), Daniel (7), Thomas (1), was born June 14th, 1827; married November 19th, 1851, Ellen Porter, step-daughter to the Hon. Charles Stoddard, of Boston, Massachusetts.

Entered Williams College 1841, and graduated therefrom 1844; was at Harvard Law School in 1845-6. Entered on the practice of law in Newburgh, Orange County, in 1847, moving to New York City in 1850. Was appointed clerk of the United States District Court in 1855, and held that office until 1873.

Was Lieutenant-Colonel of Hawkin's Zouaves in the civil war, and with that regiment at the capture of Roanoke Island, February 8th, 1862.

Issue :

- (483) Mary Betts, born March 23d, 1853, died July 7th, 1855.
- (484) Samuel Rossiter Betts, born November 5th, 1854.
- (485) Amy Ellen Betts, born September 6th, 1858, married December 22d, 1883, John Addison Porter.

Issue :

- (a) Constance Elaine Porter, born August 25th, 1885.

- (486) Fanny Johnston Betts, born January 29th, 1867.
- (487) Georgina Betts, born November 13th, 1868.

(480) SARAH ELIOT BETTS, daughter of Frederic J. Betts (453), was born at Newburgh, N. Y., on January 7, 1841. After the removal of her father to New Haven, Conn., she married, August 14, 1862, William Edward Foster, of New Haven.

William Edward Foster was the son of the Hon. E. K. Foster, of New Haven, who was at different times District Attorney at New Haven, Judge of Probate, and Speaker of the House of Representatives of Connecticut. Mr. William Edward Foster graduated at Yale College 1860, was appointed in 1861 Assistant Quartermaster-General on staff of Governor Buckingham of Connecticut. In July, 1862, during the Civil War, was appointed Paymaster in the United States Navy, and assigned to U. S. steamer "Memphis," (Commander Pendleton Watmough), upon which he served during the pendency of the War, taking part in the coast blockade maintained by the North Atlantic Squadron. At the close of the War Mr. Foster, in 1868, purchased an interest in and became the editor of the Lynchburgh (Va.) "Republican," which he conducted with great success. After the re-admission of the State of Virginia into the Union Mr. Foster removed to Buffalo, N. Y., and then became an editor of the "Commercial Advertiser," one of the most influential newspapers in Western New York.

Issue :

- (a) Mary Husted Foster, born October 21, 1870.
- (b) Frederic Betts Foster, born April 24, 1873.
- (c) Louise Holbrook Foster, born October 30, 1877.

(481) FREDERIC HENRY BETTS, son of Frederic J. Betts (453), descended from Uriah (237), Samuel Comstock (63), Daniel (20), Daniel (7), Thomas (1), was born at Newburgh, N. Y., on March 8, 1843, received a preparatory education at Russel's Military Academy, New Haven, Conn., entered Yale College in 1860, and graduated in 1864. Studied law at Yale College Law School 1864-5, and at Columbia College Law School 1865-6. Admitted to the Bar in New York City in 1866. On October 16, 1867, he married Mary Louise, daughter of John F. Holbrook, of New York ; was a member successively, at first as junior and afterwards as senior partner, of the law firms of Mathews & Betts, Whitney & Betts, F. H. & C. W. Betts, Betts,

Atterbury & Betts, and Betts, Atterbury, Hyde & Betts. In December, 1872, he was appointed by the Superintendent of Insurance Department of the State of New York, one of the counsel for that department. In October, 1873, he was appointed Lecturer on Patent Law in the Law Department of Yale College, and continued to hold that position until 1885, when he resigned.

In 1875 he established the "Betts Prize" in the Yale Law Department.

His specialty in the practice of the law is the conduct of cases of infringement of patents.

Mary Louise Holbrook, wife of Frederic H. Betts, was born May 12, 1847, and was daughter of John F. and Mary E. Holbrook, of New York City. John F. Holbrook was descended from John Holbrook who, with his brother Thomas, was, about 1640, one of the original settlers of Weymouth, Mass., whose son Thomas was born 1627, died 1705; whose son Eleazer was born 1660, died 1725; whose son Daniel was born 1699, died after 1731; whose son James, born April 11, 1731, died February 1, 1815; whose son Elihu was born July 3, 1760, died about 1812; whose son (2d) John Fiske Holbrook was born August 10, 1802, married Mary Elizabeth Cheeseman, August 14, 1839, and died August 27, 1872.

Issue :

(488) Louis Frederic Holbrook Betts, born May 21 1870.

(489) Mary Eliot Betts, born October 19, 1872.

(490) Wyllys Rosseter Betts, born May 12, 1875.

(482) CHARLES WYLLYS BETTS, second son of Frederic J. Betts (471), was born at Newburgh, New York, August 13th, 1845. He received a preparatory education at Russell's Military Academy, New Haven, Connecticut, and entered Yale College in 1863. He graduated from there in 1867. He then entered upon the study of law, and graduated from Columbia College Law School in 1869.

Returning to New Haven he entered upon a post-

graduate course of study in Yale College, devoting himself to history and the Anglo-Saxon and German languages.

At one time he contemplated entering the ministry of the Episcopal Church, and studied for one or more terms under the personal direction of Bishop Williams, of Connecticut, at the Middletown Theological Seminary.

In 1872, however, he returned to New York City and entered actively upon the practice of law, in connection with his brother's firm, then Whitney & Betts, and subsequently as a member of the firm of F. H. & C. W. Betts, and later of Betts, Atterbury & Betts.

Early in life Mr. Betts commenced the collection of coins and medals, which pursuit he followed with assiduity up to the time of his death. In 1872 on leaving New Haven for New York, he presented the larger part of his then very valuable collection to Yale College, retaining, however, the coins of the American series. This latter department he added to during the later years of his life, and gradually acquired one of the most complete collections of the coins of the colonial series, and of medals illustrating the colonial history of the United States, which was to be found in this country.

He was a very painstaking student of the science of numismatics, and wrote several articles connected with this subject; among others one on "Counterfeit Half-Pence current in the American Colonies" (subsequently printed for the American Numismatic Society), and a "Colonial History of the United States as illustrated by Medals."

By his will he left his entire collections of coins and medals to Yale College.

Mr. Betts took great interest in collecting antique silver-ware. His series of silver cups of English manufacture and belonging to different reigns from that of Elizabeth to that of George III., was one of the most

complete in this country ; the most important specimens of this collection are, by his will, left to the Scroll and Key Society of Yale College, to which he belonged, and whose membership he highly prized.

Mr. Betts was greatly interested in the progress of the town of Southampton, Long Island. Being one of the first of those persons who made it a place of summer residence, he had done much to advance the prosperity of the village, and was a liberal contributor to all enterprises of public interest. He owned considerable landed property in the village, and built a number of houses, many of which were furnished with articles of interest, both historically and as a matter of curiosity.

He was a man of refined tastes and culture, extensive reading, courteous in manner, a diligent student, and an active and successful lawyer. His specialty at the bar was the conduct of cases relating to the infringement of patents, and in this department he acquired a lucrative practice and well earned reputation.

For several years prior to his death he was a voluntary member of the choir of Trinity Church, in New York City.

His funeral was held there on April 29th, 1887, in the presence of a large congregation of friends.

The following letters, received by his brother immediately after his death indicate the position he had acquired, and the feeling with which he was regarded by those with whom he came in business contact.

(From Hon. William J. Wallace, Circuit Judge of the United States, for the Second Circuit.)

“ NEW YORK, April 28, 1887.

“ DEAR MR. BETTS :

“ I was inexpressibly shocked to hear of your brother's death, although I knew from what you told me yesterday that his condition was very critical. I had come

to feel a warm regard for him which was more than respect and friendly interest, and was, indeed, affection.

"He was such a perfect type of health and manly vigor, and the future seemed to hold so much in store for him, that it is very hard to reconcile his death with any theory that it is for the best. I have been thinking of him all the day.

"You have my heartfelt sympathy.

"Very sincerely yours,

"WILLIAM J. WALLACE.

"To Frederick H. Betts, Esq."

(From Hon. Alfred C. Coxe, United States District Judge, for the Northern District of New York.)

"UTICA, April 28th, 1887.

"MY DEAR MR. BETTS:

"I was shocked to see in to-day's paper the announcement of your brother's death. I had supposed, from what I learned in New York that the danger had passed. I hope you will pardon me for intruding on your grief at such a time, and, yet, I cannot refrain from telling you how keenly I sympathize with you in this hour of affliction.

"Your brother was respected and admired by all who knew him. I have heard him spoken of by men of business and men of leisure, by members of the Bench and of the Bar, and always in terms of regard.

"I can hardly realize that his voice is to be heard no more in the forum which was so often adorned by his presence and enlightened by his careful and conscientious labors.

"He possessed in an uncommon degree two characteristics seldom found in such harmonious union—capacity for hard intellectual labor, which gave him so enviable a position in his profession, and, on the other hand, the unchanging courtesy, the genial enthusiasm, the innate refinement which so endeared him to his friends

in social life. At all times and on all occasions, 'he bore, without abuse, the grand old name of gentleman.'

"That such a life so full of hope and promise should be hidden by the shadow of the sable wing seems almost inexplicable. And, yet, those who loved him best may surely gain consolation 'in the truth to flesh and sense unknown,' that now, freed from the troubles and perplexities which surround us here, he is beyond 'the rock-waste and the river,' at rest amid the serene and changeless peace of the eternal world.

"Sincerely,

"ALFRED C. COXE.

"To Mr. F. H. Betts."

(From Hon. Addison Brown, United States District Judge, Southern District of New York.)

"233 East 48th St.

MY DEAR MR. BETTS :

"Your kind words * * * give me an opportunity not only to thank you sincerely, but to express my heartfelt sympathy with you in the loss of your dear brother.

"The evening that I had the honor to spend with you a few months ago gave me a very high appreciation of his noble qualities. Not only was he at my side at table, but afterwards he was full of interesting conversation. I shall never forget the impressions of refinement, of urbanity, of dignity, combined with a charming fluency of expression, that revealed to me a most fascinating character. The news of his death

* * * added a new pang that seemed to darken the sky afresh. To pass away in the very bloom of his powers seems very sad, gauged by our earthly measures. In my special sorrow I try to console myself that what is my loss is doubtless another's gain, and that a larger life

awaits those who, like our lost ones, have been faithful here.

“Yours in sympathy,

“ADDISON BROWN.

“May 3d, 1887.”

(From Franklin B. Dexter, Secretary of Yale College.)

“NEW HAVEN, Conn., April 30.

“MY DEAR MR. BETTS :

“To my regret I was detained at home by another funeral service, and was therefore unable to carry out my desire of being present at Trinity Church to testify to my sincere regard for your brother's memory.

“I knew him first as a boy in the classes which I had in General Russell's school, and I shall never forget the very distinct impression which he made upon me then in connection with a certain purity and knightliness of character, which marked him out among his comrades. That somewhat intimate knowledge of him has not been kept up in later years, but it remained always as a basis of a very real and deep feeling on my part which I am glad to express now, and which causes, in the news of his early death, a sense of personal loss. It is a lasting pleasure to have known him, and to retain so delightful a recollection of what he was.

“Yours very truly,

“F. P. DEXTER.”

The following resolutions, among others, were passed by different bodies with which Mr. Betts was connected :

RESOLUTIONS OF SAINT ANDREWS' DUNE CHURCH.

“At a meeting of the Trustees of Saint Andrew's Dune-Church, at Southampton, Long Island, held May

17th, 1887, Dr. T. Gaillard Thomas presiding, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted :

“ Whereas, it has pleased an Almighty Providence to remove from our midst our esteemed associate, C. Wylls Betts, therefore be it

“ *Resolved*, that by the death of Mr. Betts this church is deprived of one of its most valued and useful members ; one, who active and efficient in its organization, never ceased during his lifetime to labor with the greatest zeal and generosity to assist its struggling efforts and foster its growing strength.

“ *Resolved*, that in the removal of Mr. Betts in the prime of his vigor and the height of his usefulness, the the church itself and all of its members have sustained an irreparable loss, and that his memory will be associated in all its future growth and prosperity.

“ *Resolved*, that our deepest sympathy be tendered to the bereaved family in their affliction, and that these resolutions be published.

GEORGE R. SCHIEFFELIN,
Secretary.”

(RESOLUTIONS OF THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC AND
ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY).

“ Whereas, in the inscrutable Providence of God, a worthy associate of this society has been removed from our midst by the unexpected visitation of death ;

“ And whereas, by this event the community has been deprived of one of its most prominent members, and our body one of its most generous and enthusiastic patrons.

“ *Therefore, be it resolved*, that we recognize in the sudden death of C. Wylls Betts, the loss of an able and intelligent coadjutor, a wise and kindly friend and a bright example of every generous and manly quality.

“ *Resolved*, that we as members of this body express our profound sorrow, at this untimely event which has

taken from us, in the very springtime of his usefulness a man whose past life had afforded such promise of fruitful work, and whose efforts had been so diligently and lovingly directed towards the advancement of the objects of this society.

“Resolved, that we extend to his family our heart-felt sympathy in this sad hour of bereavement, trusting that the recollection of his many virtues may prove at least a solace and a consolation.

“Resolved, that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this society, and that a copy of the same be made and forwarded to his family, as the slightest token of the sincere regard in which his memory is held.”

“Copied from the minutes of the American Numismatic and Archæological Society, held at the Society’s room, on the 3d day of May, 1887.

LYMAN H. LOW,
For the Committee.”

The will of Mr. Betts was in the following terms :

“This is the last will and testament of C. Wyllys Betts, of Southampton.

I direct my executors, after paying my just debts, to apply all money, in hand or due me from rents or from the firm of Betts, Atterbury & Betts, or from other sources, to the discharge of the mortgages upon my land at Southampton, Long Island ; and I direct my executors at such time and in such manner as they deem best, to sell my real estate in New Haven, Milwaukee and Newburgh, and apply the proceeds, or so much as may be necessary, to the discharge of said mortgages ; and if this shall not be sufficient I direct my executors, after paying the interest on said mortgages from the income of my estate to accumulate the balance of said income for the benefit of my creditors holding said mortgages until said mortgages are discharged.

I. Bequests of personal property.

I bequeath my personal property as follows :

1. To my brother, Frederick Henry Betts, the family portraits of my grandfather, by Catlin, and of my grandmother, by Satterlee ; also of my father and mother, by Inman, and of my sister Mary ; also Durand's " Evening of Life," Cole's " Italy," and Seloux's " Valley of the Reuss."

2. To my nephew, Frederick Holbrook Betts, my grandfather Betts' tablespoons and teaspoons bequeathed to me ; my father's coffee set, and my pony, Castile, with harness.

3. To my niece Mary Eliot Betts, all the table silver left to me by my father, and my grandmother's waiter and candlesticks ; also my pony " Arragon," with Ellsinore cart and harness.

4. To my nephew, Wyllys Rosseter Betts, my grandmother's tea set ; the chair of Thomas Betts, 1688 ; grandfather Betts' bible, and the *repoussé* silver watch of 1762, bequeathed to me by grandmother Betts ; and " Warro."

5. To my sister, Louise Holbrook Betts, my grandmother's marqueterie furniture—writing-desk and two tables ; also father's marqueterie clock and the cut glass decanters, goblets, &c., known as the King of Siam glass ; also the Guilford carved oak chair and Governor Wentworth chair.

6. To my sister, Sarah Eliot Foster, my set of Dutch marqueterie furniture—bureau, table, cabinet, tall clock, six chairs and arm-chair.

7. To my brother-in-law, William Edward Foster, all my books except law books.

8. To my cousin, Samuel Rosseter Betts, the portraits of his grandfather, Samuel R. Betts, and of his grandmother, Caroline Betts, by Inman.

9. To Mrs. Mary E. Holbrook, the portrait of her daughter, Louise H. Betts.

10. To the Scroll and Key Society of Yale College

(incorporated as the Kingsley Trust Association), my silver cups of Elizabeth, 1569 and 1586; Charles II. of 1667, 1669, 1677 and 1684; James II., 1686, Anne, 1702 and 1711; George II., 1747 and George III., 1775.

11. To Yale College my collection of coins, and the cannon from the Spanish Armada, and five carved oak 17th century chests from Connecticut, also the black oak chair from Lancaster Castle, and the oak chair of 1620, "Music Charms."

II. Devises of Real Estate.

I devise my real estate as follows :

1. To my sister, Sarah Eliot Foster, my house at Southampton known as "The Gables," with the furniture therein not hereinbefore bequeathed, and the land bought from Albert Post in 1879, the same to be free from the foregoing direction to accumulate income.

2. To my nephew, Frederic Holbrook Betts, my house at Southampton, known as "Sandy Mount," with the furniture therein, not hereinbefore bequeathed, with the land from the church lot on the east to the McMaster lot on the west, and with the lot mortgaged to Drake.

3. To my niece, Mary Eliot Betts, my houses at Southampton known as "The Mallows" and "Bonnie Bourne," with the furniture therein not hereinbefore bequeathed, and with the land extending from the land hereinbefore devised to my sister on the north, to a line parallel with the northerly line, and two hundred and fifty feet distant therefrom on the south, and from the centre of the Town Pond on the east to First Neck Lane on the west.

4. To my nephew, Wyllys Rosseter Betts, my houses at Southampton known as "The Mill" and "Nighbrink," with the furniture therein not hereinbefore bequeathed, and the land from the Centre of the Town Pond on the east to First Neck Lane on the west,

and from the land devised to Mary Eliot Betts on the north to the road on the South.

5. To my brother, Frederic H. Betts, all the residue of my real estate, with the request to convey the land now occupied by the Chapel of St. Andrews to trustees, if he sees fit.

I appoint my said nephews and niece my residuary legatees.

I appoint my brother, Frederic H. Betts, and my cousin, Samuel Rosseter Betts, my executors.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the testa- tor as and for his last will and testament, in the pres- ence of us, who at his re- quest and in his presence and in the presence of each other, have hereunto sign- ed our names as witnesses.	}	In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 4th day of June, 1884.
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C. WYLLYS BETTS. [L. s.]

J. E. HINDON HYDE,
 152 East 27th Street,
 New York City,

IRWING SPENCER,
 Tarrytown on Hudson,
 N. Y.

(RESOLUTION OF THE KINGSLEY TRUST ASSOCIATION.)

"Whereas, by this last will and testament, the late C. Wylls Betts did bequeath to the Scroll and Key Society of Yale College (incorporated as the Kingsley Trust Association), the following cups :

"Silver cup of Elizabeth, A. D. 1569.

"Silver cups of Charles II., A. D. 1667 and 1677.

"Silver cup of James II., A. D. 1686.

"Silver cups of Anne, A. D. 1702 and 1711.

"Silver cup of George II., A. D. 1747.

"Silver cup of George III., A. D. 1775.

"And whereas, the trustees have heretofore informally accepted, by letter to Frederick H. Betts, Esquire, executor, the above bequests, and the president of this association has accepted the delivery of the same, and given an informal receipt for the same, in the name of this association ;

"Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the informal action of the trustees is hereby ratified, and the action of the president in accepting and receipting for said cups approved, and the bequest accepted by the Kingsley Trust Association.

"That the trustees desire to place upon record their deep sense of obligation for this gift, which will be at once an endearing monument of the cultivated taste of the giver, and a lasting reminder of his personal attractions as a friend, and of his loyalty to this association.

"That a copy of the foregoing resolutions be sent to Frederick H. Betts, Esquire, and to the family, by the secretary of this association.

"For the Kingsley Trust Association,

"GEORGE E. ELLIOT,

"Secretary."

(Seal.)

A memorial service was celebrated for Mr. Betts in the church of Saint Andrew's Dune-Church, South-

ampton, Long Island, on July 31st, 1887, of which the following notice appeared in the "Southampton Sea-Side Times" :

" On Sunday afternoon, July 31st, at five o'clock, a service in memory of the late Mr. C. Wyllys Betts was held in Saint Andrew's Dune-Church.

" Rev. Dr. W. S. Rainsford, rector of Saint George's Church, Stuveysant Square, officiated, assisted by the Rev. Dr. W. W. Battershall, rector of Saint Peter's, Albany.

" The services consisted of the reading of the prayer for the church militant from the prayer book, the recital of the 71st Psalm, the reading of I. Cor. 15, the singing of hymns and offering of commemorative prayers, with a short address by Dr. Rainsford.

" The occasion was rendered impressive by the presence of a large congregation of friends of Mr. Betts, and of his brother's family.

" A memorial window of colored glass has been placed in the south transept to Mr. C. Wyllys Betts by Mr. and Mrs. Frederic H. Betts and their children.

" The window is exceedingly rich in color, and represents a bank of Easter lilies, over and beyond which is a distant view of dark blue sea ending in a gorgeous sunset sky, in the midst of whose crimson, purple and opal lines a brilliant cross appears.

" The text upon the window is from the 21st Psalm, ' He asked life of thee, and thou gavest him a long life, even forever and ever.'

" A tablet in the lower part of the window bears the words, ' To C. Wyllys Betts, who died at Eastertide, April 27th, 1887, this window is placed in affectionate remembrance by his brother's family.' "

A tablet in the Choir-room of Trinity Church, New York, erected by his brother, bears the following inscription :

IN MEMORIAM
 CAROLI WYLLYS BETTS
 OBIT. MDCCCLXXXVII. ÆT. XII.

QUI AD DEI GLORIAM ATQUE IN PACE ANIMÆ SUÆ MULTA
 INTER HUJUS DOMUS DOMINI CANTATORES
 SUÂ SPONTE DIUTIUS STETIT.

BEATI MUNDO CORDE QUONIAM DEUM VIDEBUNT.
 (MATT. V. VIII.)

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WHEREAS *David Betts* — late of
Norwalk Deceased,
 Having while *he* Lived and at the time of
his Death, Goods, Rights, and Credits in *County*
of Fairfield now lately dyed Intestate; by Vertue whereof the Power
 of Administration, and full Disposition of all, and singular the Goods, Rights
 and Credits of the said Deceased, and also the Hearing, Examining and
 Allowing the Accompts of the Administration, thereof appertains unto Me:
 And I being desirous that the Goods, Rights and Credits of the said De-
 ceased should be well & truly Administred, Do therefore (trusting in your
 Fidelity and Care) commit unto you the said *James Betts* — full Power to Administer
 the Goods, Rights, and Credits of the said Deceased, which to *him*
 while *he* Lived, and at the time of *his* Death did Appertain: And
 to Pay all Debts in which the said Deceased stood Bound, so far as *his*
 Goods, Rights and Credits can extend according to the Value thereof:
 And to make a true and perfect Inventory of all, and singular the Goods,
 Rights and Credits of the said Deceased; and Exhibit the same into the
 Registry of the said Court of Probate, on or before the *first Tuesday*
in August next ensuing. And also render to the said Court a true
 and plain Account of your Administration, on or before the *first Tuesday*
in September Anno Domini, 1729 And I do by these Presents
 Ordain, Depute and Constitute you Administrator — of all, and singular
 the Goods, Rights and Credits aforesaid. In Witness whereof I have caused
 the Clerk of the said Court to Sign these Presents, this *first* — Day of
 In the *third* — Year of His Majesty's Reign. *Annoque*

Know all men by these Presents of J^{es} Daniel Betts of Norwalk
in y^e County of Fairfield in y^e Colony of Connecticut for
the Consideration of twenty Seven Pounds ten Shillings & no
more to my full Satisfaction of Daniel Betts Jun^r of y^e
Same Town, for by these Presents give grant bargain
sell & confirm, unto S^r D. Betts Jun^r his Heirs & Assigns
Forever. Two Acres & half of Land, lay some more or less
lying within y^e Townships of S^r D. Norwalk down in
that Call'd Papure, Locates, bounded on y^e west by a high
way, on y^e East & North & South by Land of John Belden, to
have & to hold y^e above granted & bargained Premises
with y^e Appurtenances unto him, y^e S^r D. Betts Jun^r his
Heirs & Assigns forever to him & their own proper
Use & Benefit. And furthermore, I S^r Daniel Betts do
for my self, my Heirs, Executors & Administrators, covenants
with S^r D. Betts Jun^r y^e at & attesting Enfeoffing after that
Presents I am Seized of y^e Premises as good indefeasible
Estate in Fee Simple, & have good Right to bargain
and sell y^e Same in manner & form as is above
written & y^e y^e Same is free of all Encumbrances
whatsoever: and finally, I bind my self, my Heirs, my
Executors & Administrators firmly by these Presents to
warrant & defend y^e above granted & bargained
Premises, unto him, S^r D. Betts Jun^r his Heirs &
Assigns forever against all lawfull Claims and
Demands whatsoever. In Witness whereof I have
hereunto set my Hand & Seal this 2nd Day of March 1756
in Presence of Witnesses.

William Gaylord
Elin Betts

Daniel Betts
C.D. 1756
his mark

Know all Men by these presents that I Daniel
Betts of Norwalk in County of Fairfield Colony of
Connecticut for & in Consideration of parental Love Good
Will & Affection which I have & Do bear towards my
loving Son Daniel Betts & 2^d of Norwalk aforesaid do by
these presents freely & absolutely give Grant Convey
& Assign unto him my Beloved Son Daniel Betts his heirs
& assigns for ever One Certain piece of Land lying in
the Town & Situate at Hunt do called Contamung
twenty or bit Acres and eighty nine pole of Land as it
is bounded Northerly by Eleazariah Goussard's Home lot
Easterly by Joseph Pitt John & Peter Lockwoods Land South
by Peter Lockwoods Land West by High Way together
with it appurtenances, reserving to my self & these and
Improvement of one third part of it aforesaid piece of
Land during my Natural Life To Have & to hold
it above Granted & bargained premises with it appur-
tenances unto belonging or appertaining
unto my Son Daniel Betts his heirs & assigns to
his & their own proper Use Benefit & behoof for ever.
In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
& Seal this Ninth Day of October A.D. 1753
Signed Sealed & Delivered
in presence of

Joseph Platt
Witness Seal Junior

On of above Date personally
appeared Daniel Betts
the Signer & Sealer to of above
Instrument & Acknowledged it
to be his free act & Deed
Before me Joseph Platt Justice

To all People To whom these Presents shall come, Greeting.

Know ye That I Nathaniel Glesson of the Town of Norwalk in the County of Fairfield within His Majesties Colony of Connecticut in New England For and in Consideration of the Sum of Twenty five pounds 1770 in Hand before the Ensigning hereof, Well and Truly Paid by Daniel Bots one of the above to Town of Norwalk the Receipt whereof I do hereby Acknowledge, and My self there-with fully Satisfied and Contented. Have Given, Granted, Bargained, Sold: And by these Presents, Do Freely, Fully and Absolutely, Give, Grant, Bargain, Sell, Aliene, Convey and Confirm to him the said Daniel Bots his Heirs and Assigns for ever. My Dwelling House and House Lot of Land Situate in Norwalk at a place commonly called the known by name of the lot of land containing five Acres, more or less as it lies bounded Northwily by the Bots Land, Southwily by Land of John Dunning, Westwily by the West Branch of Norwalk River & Eastwily by Saisbury Road

To have and to hold the said Granted and Bargained Premises, with all the Appurtenances, Privileges and Commodities to the same belonging, or in any wise Appertaining to him the said Daniel Bots his Heirs and Assigns To his and their only proper use, benefit and behoof for ever. And that the said Daniel Bots his Heirs and Assigns, shall and may from hence-forth and for ever by Force and Virtue of these Presents, Lawfully, Peacefully and Quietly, Have, Hold, Use, Occupy, Possess and Enjoy the said Demised and Bargained Premises, with the Appurtenances, Clear And Clearly Acquitted and Discharged of, from all and all former and other Gifts, Grants, Bargains, Sales, Leases, Mortgages; and off and from all other Incumbrances whatsoever, Had, Made, Committed, Done or suffered to be Done by Me the said Nathaniel Glesson My Heirs or Assigns at any Time or Times before the Ensigning and Delivery of these Presents.

Furthermore, I the said Nathaniel Glesson for My self My Heirs, Executors, Administrators, do Covenant and Engage the above Demised Premises, to him the said Daniel Bots his Heirs and Assigns against the Lawful Claims and Demands of any Person or Persons whatsoever for ever here-after, to Warrant, Secure and Defend. In Witness whereof I have here-unto Set My Hand and Seal, this twenty Day of June In the Eight Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord George King of great Britain.

Signed, Sealed & Delivered
in the Presence of

John Dunning
John Cogg

Nathaniel Glesson
Norwalk
July 29 Anno 1772
personally appeared Nathaniel
Glesson the subscriber unto
the above written in strength
and acknowledged it to be
his free act and deed
Before me Joseph Platt Justice

EVERY-NAME INDEX FOR
BETTS FAMILY (THOMAS BETTS 1618-1688 & HIS DESCENDANTS)

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Due to the popularity of some christian names I have attempted to separate the women in this book by using the title of Miss or Mrs where I could determine which seemed appropriate. I have not used this title if it was not indicated that her name, before marriage, was a maiden name or that from a previous marriage. I have also attempted to cross-index each woman by all surnames. The volume I used had several hand written notations by other readers. If I was able to read these notations I have included them in this index with the notation that that were not part of the original text. The titles Jr. and Sr. changed "ownership" as the elder person died, so it was not always clear (to me) which one was being referred to. I will leave it up to the researcher to sort that and the spelling variations out for his or her own records.

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