



THE GRAVE OF DEACON THOMAS BINGHAM AT WINDHAM, CONN.

The Bingham Family

In 1898, General-then Colonel-Theodore A. Bingham, U. S. Army, published his "Genealogy of the Bingham Family," a book of five hundred pages, recording thousands of names. As the demand for such a book is necessarily confined to a comparatively few, the edition was limited to three hundred copies, and is long since out of print. I am fortunate in the possession of a copy. General Bingham had, at the outset, undertaken to trace his own ancestry as far back as possible and, in the progress of that work, became interested in it to the extent that he followed out branches of the family other than his own, finally completing the work by recording all the descendants of his earliest determinable ancestor so far as he could ascertain them. In my branch of the family, his data followed down only so far as my grandfather, Oliver Sabin Bingham. My father had a complete record of his grandfather's (Nathan's) family, but only the name of his great grandfather, David, and that record corresponds in all essential particulars with the same period in General Bingham's Genealogy.

Our earliest ancestor of whom General Bingham has had opportunity to obtain a reliable record was Thomas Bingham, a master cutler of Sheffield, England, who attained the honor, according to the record of the Cutler's Company, in 1614. His son, Thomas, whose birth record does not appear, was married July 6, 1631, to Anna Stenton, and whose sixth child and fifth son, also Thomas, emigrated to America about 1660, when he was eighteen years old. He settled in Norwich, Connecticut, being one of the first landed proprietors there. His house lot bears the date of April, 1660. He removed to Windham, Connecticut, in 1671, where exist records of his being Sergeant, Selectman and Deacon of the church for thirty years. Following is the first record of his purchase of land in Windham, April 21, 1693:

"Sould to Thomas Bingham, senr. of Norwich, his heirs and assigns, an alotment (of 1,000 acres), as a legate at the Southeast part of the town, by Capt. Jno. Mason's first lot in consideration of 14 pounds of provision pay in hand toward the charge of the mill."

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In 1695, he was chosen one of the Selectmen of the town, and is then called Sergeant Thomas Bingham. At the organization of the first Windham church, December 10, 1700, he was appointed and ordained senior deacon, which office he held until his death. He was evidently one of the civil and religious fathers of the town. Larned's *History of Windham County* states:

"Thomas Bingham, who had removed from Norwich with a large family of sons and daughters, was an important acquisition to Windham."

The inscription on his tombstone in Windham cemetery is still perfectly legible, and reads:

"Here lies ye body of ye Holy Man of God, Deacon Thomas Bingham, who was a Man Emenent for Piety, Love & Charity. He was ye son of Mr. Thomas and Mrs. Mary Bingham, Living in Sheffield, in Yorkshire, England. He dyed Jan. 16th, 1729-30, in the 88 year of his age."

In General Bingham's work, he adopted a system of genealogical numbering, beginning with our first American ancestor as No. 1, and allowing ten numbers for each family, unless a greater or less number of children was known, up to number 292; his rule is:

If the number of the parent exceeds 292, multiply it by ten, subtract 500 from the product and the result will be the number of the eldest child. If the parent's number exceeds 4757, multiply it by ten, subtract 520 from the product and the result will be the number of the eldest child. This rule I have adhered to in designating the descendants following Oliver Sabin Bingham.

CHARLES DARWIN BINGHAM.

Watertown, N. Y., Oct., 1917.

Ancestry

The line of descent from our first American ancestor is as follows:

1 DEACON THOMAS BINGHAM.

Bap. June 5, 1642 at Sheffield, England.

M. Mary Rudd, Dec. 12, 1666.

D. Jan. 16, 1729-30.

CHILDREN.

- 2 Thomas
- 3 ABEL
- 4 Mary
- 5 Jonathan
- 6 Ann
- 7 Abigail
- 8 Nathaniel
- 9 Deborah
- 10 Samuel
- 11 Joseph
- 12 Stephen

3 DEACON ABEL BINGHAM, (2nd child of 1).

B. June 25, 1669.

M. Elizabeth Odell.

D. March 25, 1745, in Windham, Conn.

CHILDREN.

- 21 Abigail
- 22 Mary
- 23 John
- 24 Elizabeth
- 25 Abel
- 26 Ann
- 27 Jemima
- 28 Jonathan
- 29 DAVID

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29 DAVID BINGH! M, (9th child of 3).

B. Sept. 12, 1714.

M. Hannah Bingham (probably his cousin).

D.

CHILDREN.

- 242 Adonijah
- 243 Elizabeth
- 244 Hannah
- 245 NATHAN
- 246 Ezra 247 Martha

245 NATHAN BINGHAM, (4th child of 29).

B. March 24, 1752, in Norwich, Conn. Twice married. No record of name of first wife.

- M. Zerniah Sabin (second wife), Jan. 29, 1784.
 - B. May 7, 1752.
 - D. July 9, 1797.
- D. Nov. 6, 1812.

CHILDREN BY FIRST WIFE.

1992 Hannah

1993 Abiel; went to Schoharie County, N. Y.

1994 Ezra; went to Cayuga County, N. Y.

CHILDREN BY SECOND WIFE.

1995 Charles, b. Oct. 18, 1784; went to Genesee River Country, N.Y.
1996 OLIVER SABIN, b. Dec. 6, 1786; went to Lewis County, N.Y.
1997 Isaac, b. Nov. 17, 1788; went to Virginia.
1998 Susan, b. Oct. 28, 1790.
1999 Alexander, b. Aug. 18, 1792; went to Georgia.

2000 Eunice, b. July 5, 1794.

1996 OLIVER SABIN BINGHAM, (5th child of 245).

B. Dec. 6, 1786.

- M. April 5, 1812, at Canajoharie, N. Y., to Mary Covell, daughter of Eliphalet Covell.
 - B. Sept. 13, 1794.
 - D. May 25, 1853.
- M. May —, 1854, a second wife, a daughter of David Gordon, Jr.

D. Dec. 25, 1857.

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OLIVER SABIN BINGHAM Born Dec. 6, 1786 Married April 5, 1812 Died Dec. 25, 1857



MARY COVELL BINGHAM Born Sept. 13, 1794 Married April 5, 1812 Died May 25, 1853

Oliver Sabin Bingham was born in Bozrah, Conn., and came with an older brother, Abiel, to Canajoharie, N. Y., when sixteen years of age. Here he afterward married and remained until 1820. He removed to the "Black River Country" with his wife and two sons, arriving after a three days' tedious journey on March 4, 1820. He settled in the hamlet of West Martinsburg, finding shelter in a log cabin on the farm of Mr. Gaines Alexander, located at the corner of the "West" road and the road leading to Lowville. He afterward purchased land and "cleared off" a farm on the West road about onehalf mile south of West Martinsburg, bordered by the creek flowing out of Chimney Point Gulf. He lived on this farm during the rest of his life. By trade he was a carpenter and builder, and some of the dwellings erected by him were still standing in good preservation in 1915.

His son, Isaac S., records under date of January 1, 1858, "Of my father's early religious life, I know but little. He was a member of the "Free Will Baptist" Church in Bowman's Creek (now Ames, N. Y.). He did not remove his church connection for many years, still maintaining an active religious life. About 1845, he united with the Methodist Episcopal church with which he had always been in sympathy, and of which my mother had been a member ever since the age of 13 years. He was forward in all reforms, a pioneer in the temperance and anti-slavery movements, and made his piety eminently practical. He never failed to maintain daily family prayer until his final sickness incapacitated him. His virtues were many and his faults few — by the grace of God."

CHILDREN.

19460 Alexander Oliver, b. March 14, 1816; d. June 9, 1873.

- 19461 Isaac Sabin, b. March 18, 1819; d. April 20, 1893.
- **19462** Erasmus Darwin, b. Oct. 13, 1821; d. March 23, 1881.
- **19463** Ann Louise, b. Oct. 24, 1824; m. May 5, 1852; d. May 22, 1865.
- 19464 Rinaldo Melville, b. March 19, 1827; d. Nov. 19, 1911.
- **19465** Susan Mary, b. Sept. 8, 1839; d. Oct. 10, 1839.

19460 ALEXANDER OLIVER BINGHAM, (1st child of 1996).

B. March 14, 1816.

- M. Eunice Tuttle Dec. 27, 1842, at Martinsburg, N.Y.
 - B. Nov. 3, 1821.
 - D. Feb. 5, 1907.
- D. June 9, 1873.

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CHILDREN.

- **194080** Felicia Jane, b. Jan. 26, 1844; m. Oct. 9, 1866; d. Jan. 24, 1893.
- 194081 Mary Eliza, b. July 17, 1849; m. Jan. 7, 1884.
- 194082 Howard Clarkson, b. Oct. 19, 1851; m. Oct. 18, 1875; d. June 21, 1913.
- 194083 Ella Louise, 5. March 30, 1856; m. Oct. 8, 1879.
- 194084 Charles Wendel, b. Feb. 15, 1860.
- 194085 Elizabeth Ann, b. July 6, 1862; d. July 22, 1879.

19461 REV. ISAAC SABIN BINGHAM, D. D. (2nd child of 1996).

- B. March 18, 1819, in Canajoharie, N. Y.
- D. April 20, 1893, in Herkimer, N.Y.
- M. Jane Mills, daughter of Timothy Mills, at Lowville, N. Y., July 23, 1844. She was born at Lowville, May 27, 1821, and died in Herkimer, N. Y., September 29, 1894.

Isaac S. Bingham, in his young manhood, worked with his father as carpenter and builder. In 1839, he entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal church, following that profession for the remainder of his life. He was a member of the Black River Conference and its successor, the Northern New York Conference, and in the itinerancy of that service officiated in many localities in central and northern New York. In 1860, he was elected editor of the Northern Christian Advocate, then published in Auburn, N. Y., and continued in that service during the Civil War. He was a prominent "antislavery" advocate preceding and during that struggle, and was exceedingly active in speech and action in opposing the institution of human slavery. He was a man of strong convictions and was always ready to defend them. His last pastorate was at Herkimer, N. Y. He was buried in Brookside Cemetery, Watertown, N. Y.

CHILDREN.

- 194090 Charles Darwin, b. April 5, 1846. 194091 Melville Rinaldo, b. March 20, 1850; d. April 27, 1850.
- 194092 Wilbur Fisk, b. March 27, 1851; d. May 30, 1910.
- 194093 George Gary, b. Feb. 4, 1853; d. Nov. 18, 1855.
- 194094 Franklin Moore, b. Jan. 2, 1858.
- 194095 Jane Maria, b. March 16, 1859.
- 194096 Mary Stafford, b. Sept. 21, 1861.

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Mrs. JANE MILLS BINGHAM Born May 27, 1812 Married July 23, 1844 Died Sept. 29, 1894

19462 ERASMUS DARWIN BINGHAM, (3rd child of 1996).

- B. Oct. 13, 1821.
- D. Mch. 23, 1881.
- M. Sept. 28, 1847, to Louise M. Chittenden, daughter of David S. and Harriet Stevens Chittenden. She died August 24, 1903.

CHILDREN.

194100 Ella M., b. in Martinsburg, June 29, 1849; d. Aug. 8, 1850.

194101 Harriet Louise, b. in Martinsburg, Aug. 12, 1859.

194102 Ina Belle, b. in Martinsburg, April 10, 1863; m. Aug. 27, 1902, to James Edwin Roantree, in Canastota, N. Y.

19463 ANN LOUISE BINGHAM, (4th child of 1996).

B. Oct. 24 1824, in Martinsburg.

- D. May 22, 1865.
- M. May 19, 1852, in Martinsburg, to William Robbins Adams. B. Aug. 23, 1824.
 - D. Jan. 29, 1908.
 - jan. 29, 1900.

CHILDREN.

194110 Isaac Bingham Adams, b. March 16, 1854.

- 194111 Mary Louisa Adams, b. April 18, 1858.
- **194112** William Darwin Adams, b. April 14, 1865; m. August 6, 1890; d. Nov. 27, 1894.

19464 RINALDO MELVILLE BINGHAM, (5th child of 1996).

B. March 19, 1827.

- D. Nov. 19, 1911.
- M. May 23, 1852, to Mary Melissa Robinson.
 - B. June 15, 1830.
 - D. March 25, 1911.

CHILDREN.

- 194120 Franklin Asbury, b. May 12, 1854; d. July 4, 1881.
- **194121** Mary Alice, b. Aug. 31, 1856; d. Jan. 14, 1916; m. Jan. 17, 1883.

194122 Fannie Grace, b. July 12, 1858; d. July 12, 1859.

194123 Melville Rinaldo, b. Oct. 8, 1861; m. Oct. 31, 1900.

194080 FELICIA JANE BINGHAM, (1st child of 19460).

B. Jan. 26, 1844.

M. Oct. 9,1866, to Oren S. George; b. Jan. 28, 1841.

D. Jan. 24, 1893.

CHILDREN.

1940280 Florence George. b. May 25, 1873; m. — —, 1896, to Harry Wilcox.

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194081 MARY ELIZA BINGHAM, (2nd child of 19460). B. July 17, 1849.

M. Jan. 7, 1884, to Alfred Arthur, who died June 12, 1896.

194082 HOWARD CLARKSON BINGHAM, (3rd child of 19460).

B. Oct. 19, 1851.

M. Oct. 18, 1876, to Frances Louise Moore; b. Jan. 13, 1849; d. Jan. 19, 1900.

M. Nov. 5, 1902, to Sarah Delia Sharp.

D. June 21, 1913.

CHILDREN BY FIRST WIFE.

1940300 Earl Alexander, b. Dec. 6, 1880; m. Nov. 18, 1903, to Ida Francis Oliver; b. July 14, 1881.

1940301. Nina Maria, b. Nov. 30, 1885; m. to Henry Chase Rich, b. Dec. 21, 1884.

194083 ELLA LOUISE BINGHAM, (4th child of 19460). B. March 30, 1856.

M. Oct. 8, 1879, to Franklin D. Moore; b. Oct. 2, 1851.

CHILDREN.

1940310 Elizabeth Bingham Moore, b. Nov. 18, 1884.

194090 CHARLES DARWIN BINGHAM, (1st child of 19461). B. April 5, 1846, at Carthage, N. Y.

M. May 13, 1868, to Sophie Button (b. Sept. 21, 1850), daughter of Nathan and Eliza Tibbits Button, Rome, N. Y.

Private Battery M. 3rd N. Y. Vol. Artillery, Civil War. Supervisor 2nd Ward, City of Watertown, 1882-4. Police Commissioner 1896-1903. Mayor City of Watertown 1904-5. Republican Presidential Elector 1916. High Priest Watertown Chapter 59, R. A. M., 1882-4. Eminent Commander Watertown Commandery No. 11, K. T., 1887-9. Prelate Watertown Commandery 1895-1917. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, K. T. State of New York, 1903-4. Received 33rd degree, Scottish Rite Masonry, Pittsburg, Sept. 15, 1896.

CHILDREN.

1940380 Jennie Grace, b. April 19, 1869.
1940381 Maud, b. Oct. 6, 1872; d. March 9, 1873.
1940382 Anne Tefft, b. Feb. 25, 1876.
1940383 Alice Earle, b. Nov. 1, 1879; d. Aug. 25, 1895.
1940384 Marguerite, b. May 27, 1888: d. Oct. 26, 1890.
1940385 Josephine Mills, b. June 15, 1892.

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CHARLES DARWIN BINGHAM Born April 5, 1846 Married May 13, 1868

194092 WILBUR FISK BINGHAM, (3rd child of 19461).

B. March 27, 1851, at Syracuse, N.Y.

M. May 14, 1873, to Sarina S. Holden, of Watertown, N. Y.

D. May 30, 1910, in New York City.

Assistant Secretary U. S. Branch Sun Fire Insurance Co., New York.

CHILDREN.

1940390 Anson Holden, b. Sept. 20, 1878. **1940391** Isaac Sabin, b. Nov. 18, 1880.

194096 MARY STAFFORD BINGHAM, (6th child of 19461).

B. Sept. 21, 1861.

M. June 13, 1888, to Rev. Julian Henry Myers; b. Feb. 13, 1856; d. Dec. 7, 1905.

CHILDREN.

1940440 Frank Bingham, b. April 15, 1889. **1940441** William Marsh, b. Nov. 18, 1892.

194110 ISAAC BINGHAM ADAMS, (1st child of 19463).

B. March 16, 1854, in Martinsburg, N. Y. M. Oct. 4, 1882.

CHILDREN.

1940580 Isaac Dewey, b. May 26, 1884; m. Oct. 12, 1910. 1940581 Ann Louise, b. March 1, 1895.

194111 MARY LOUISE ADAMS, (2nd child of 19463).

B. April 18, 1858.

M. Jan. 1, 1873, E. E. Alger, of Martinsburg, N. Y.

CHILDREN.

1940590 William E., b. May 13, 1886. **1940591** Eva E., b., Sept. 4, 1890.

194121 MARY ALICE BINGHAM, (2nd child of 19464).

B. Aug. 31, 1856.

M. Jan. 17, 1883, to Edward A. Willoughby, of Rome, N. Y. D. Jan. 14, 1916.

CHILDREN.

1940690 Ernestine Bingham, b. Sept. 11, 1883. 1940691 Francis Daniel, b. April 30, 1887.

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194123 MELVILLE RINALDO BINGHAM, (4th child of 19464).

B. Oct. 8, 1861.

M. Oct. 31, 1900, at Rome, N. Y., to Theodora Sill Comstock; b. Oct. 4, 1871.

CHILDREN.

1940710 Tom Comstock, b. May 3, 1904.

1940711 Melville Comstock, b. April 28, 1910.

1940280 FLORENCE GEORGE, (1st child of 194080).

B. May 25, 1873.

M. — —, 1896, to Harry Wilcox.

CHILDREN.

19402280 Grace, b. July 22, 1899.

1940390 ANSON HOLDEN BINGHAM, (1st child of 194092)

Physician N. Y. City.

B. Sept. 20, 1878.

M. Nov. 12, 1902, in New York City, to Blanche Hand Muth; b. Sept. 12, 1870.

CHILDREN.

19403380 Grace Muth, b. Oct. 13, 1903; d. Oct. 14, 1903. **19403381** Wilbur Fisk, b. Dec. 16, 1905.

1940391 ISAAC SABIN BINGHAM, (2nd child of 194092).

B. Nov. 18, 1880.

M. Aug. 28, 1914, in New York City, to Margaret Anstee Martino; b. May 22, 1884.

CHILDREN.

19403390 Sabin Holden, b. Oct. 20, 1915. 19403391 Richard Thomas, b. March 1, 1918.