

Bronson Lineage

1636-1917

Ancestors and Decendants of Captain William Bronson of the
Revolutionary War, and Other Ancestral Lines.



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Introductory

This little Lineage Book is the result of research made to find the descendants of William Bronson eligible to membership in the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. We are especially indebted to Mrs. Clara Louise Adriance, in whose application for membership in this society, reference was made to Bronson's History of Waterbury for the genealogy of her family.

The History of Waterbury, written by Henry Bronson, M. D., in 1858, is now out of print and copies of the history are very rare. Dr. Bronson was a descendant of Isaac Bronson, who, with our own ancestor, John, and their brother, Abraham, was one of the founders of Waterbury. His ancestors were prominent in Waterbury, and among the illustrations in the history, which contains 582 pages, are five portraits of Bronsons—namely Bennet, the father of the author of the history, Dr. Isaac, Josiah, Alvin and Silas. Dr. Bronson removed to New Haven, where he was living when he was engaged in writing the history. Much of the material for the history was collected by his father, Judge Bennet Bronson, who in 1830 wrote a brief account of ancient Waterbury, and delivered it as an evening lecture to his fellow townsmen. Later, the Bronson Brothers, Publishers, proposed to publish a History of Waterbury and applied to Dr. Bronson for the manuscript. Knowing the labor and time which would be required, he at first declined, but later reversed his decision, deeming the early events of Waterbury in most need of a historian—in most danger of being lost.

The family name, originally "de Braundeston," which was of varied orthography, was evidently derived from the place or estate, and as a place-name is of great antiquity in England. The spelling of the name in America is also variable. In 1674, three brothers, signing the same paper, wrote their names "Bronson," "Brounson" and "Brunson." At the present time one branch of the family spell the name "Brunson."

To those who have so kindly aided me during the past two years, in collecting the records of the descendants of Captain William Bronson, I wish to acknowledge my obligations, and I wish to thank especially Mrs. Alice Bronson Bennie, Mr. E. Bruce Brunson, Mrs. Edith Chadbourne and Mrs. Nellie Downs for valuable records and assistance in locating members of the family. I am indebted to Mrs. Blanche Eakin for the drawing of the Coat-of-Arms of Henry de Braundeston, and to my husband for financial assistance. Many of the older records of the family were copied from the Bible of Miss Delia Brunson, kindly sent by Mr. Walter M. Brunson, and I have had some notes on the Ancestry of Frank C. Bronson, through the kindness of Mr. Fred N. Bronson.

One hundred copies of the book have been printed. That the records are incomplete, is due in a measure, to the failure of a part of the family to respond to requests for information. It is hoped that the records of later descendants may be written on the pages provided for that purpose, and that the genealogy may be re-published in a few generations.

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PART I.

Genealogical Notes from the British Museum, London.

Braundeston

Branteston. Braunteston, Bruntestun or Branston is a hamlet belonging to Burton-on-Trent, and situated about two miles south of it, and near the river Trent. The first mention of this small place is at a period before the Conquest—namely 956, when King Eadwig, or Edwy, by his charter bearing that date, and signed by himself, his son Odo, the Archbishop and others and Saxon Dukes, etc., grants to his faithful servant or thane, Eadwig, eight farms of land in Brantestun here follows charter in Anglo-Saxon Latin (Shaw's Stafford., I., 21.). The estate was afterwards the property of Godeva, wife of the Earl of Mercia during the period of Edward the Confessor. It was later held by the Abbey of Burton (Domesday Book). Abbot Godfrey granted the land to his nephew Herbert, in the time of King John. It appears after this that a family who took their name from the place held divers lands here, as follows: About the year 1250, Avice, widow of Robert, son of Ailwin de Brontiston, grants and confirms to God, the Church of Burton, a tenement, and one bovatt of land in Brantiston, in the wood of Littlehay, with the appurtenances, etc. Next Richard, the son, and Margaret his wife, quit claim, etc., to the said Abbey the above "volatum" in Littlehay wood, for which they paid them "in their great necessity" half a mark of silver.

About the year 1320, William, son of Richard of Brontiston, for the sake of charity and his own soul, and those of his ancestors and successors, grants to Robert, Abbot of Burton, and Monks there, two bovatts of land in Brontiston. Avice, the daughter of Roger de Brantiston, for the health of her soul, etc., grants to the said church two bovatts of land in Brontiston (which Humphrey the son of Edwin held) and seven acres of meadow (Register de Barton).

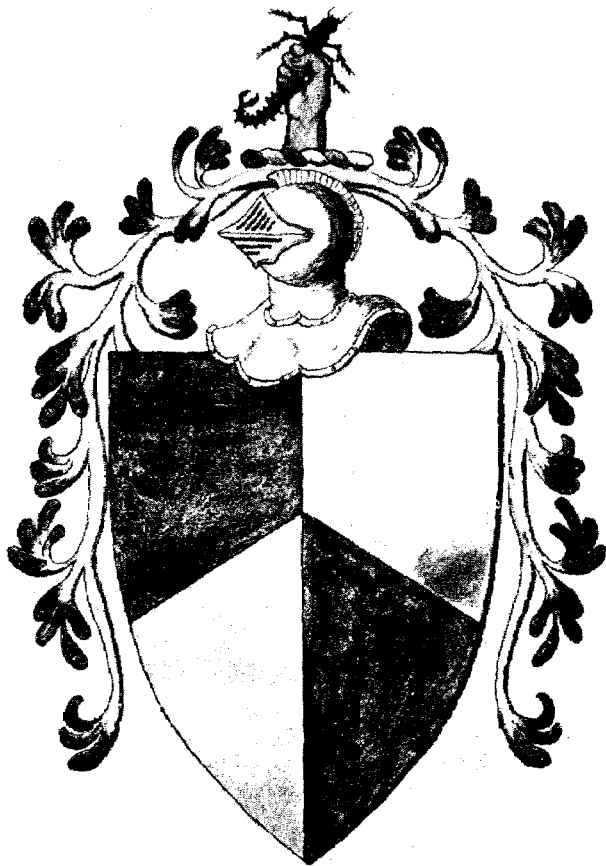
There was also a William Branston, Abbot and Monk of Burton, who died 1472, who was a great benefactor to the Abbey.

Branston, etc., as a place-name is known in Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Norfolk, Suffolk and Northamptonshire.

The oldest record we have been able to find of a Braundeston family is the following, compiled from Dugdale's Warwickshire, and other county histories; also Northamptonshire and Leicestershire Visitations of the Heralds: Radulphus Braundeston was the father of Radulphus Brandeston, who held Brandeston after Robert de Harecourt. The said Radulphus was the father of Hugo de Brandeston (army) who had lands in Granburgh, in the reign of Edward I. He was Lord of Brandeston, Co. of Leicester, and of Lapworth, Co. of Warwick. The said Hugo was the father of Henricus de Braundestone. "He was a priest or professor of some learning, for he hath the addition of 'Magister.' He granted the Manor of Lapworth to Hugh, his brother" (Dugdale) about 1278. Hugo de Brandeston, brother of Henricus died 1298. He held Lapworth, Gran-

borough, Bedenhall (Suffolk), Yatingdeen (Berks.), with free warren on his demesnes. He was knight, and bore for his arms "Or, two bars gu. over all a bendlet az." He married Margareta, and had two sons, Henry and Bartholomew. It seems that the male line died out, since the plea rolls show claimants for the estate through the female line. Henry, son of Hugh, was a knight. He was born 1282, married Petronilla, and had Agnes and Rose. Agnes married Phillip de Aylesbury; Rose married first Nickolas Darvassel; second Richard de Montfort.

Henry de Braundeston, Prebend of Salisbury (Charminster "The Golden Prebend") circa 1274, Archdeacon 1281-7, Dean 1284, was Almoner to King Edward I. On the decease of Bishop Walter Scammel, the chapter elected John de Kirkey Canon of Sarum. The Pope set the election aside (Sarum Register). Henry Braundeston was elected January 2, 1287, and consecrated on Trinity Sunday, the first of June, by the Archbishop of Canterbury. He held the See but for eight months, dying February 11, 1288. He was buried, according to Leland, in the Lady Chapel in Salisbury Cathedral. There is now no trace of his tomb.



Braundeston

Coat-of-Arms

Braundeston

The Arms illustrated are those of Henry de Braundeston, Bishop of Salisbury (See *Fasti, Ecclesiae Anglicanae* (le Neve) Vol. II, p. 598).

The Arms he bore were the Arms of Bronson (See the *Blazon of Episcopacy*, Bedford, p. 111).

The Crest: An arm from the elbow erect, holding a scorpion ppr. (See *The General Armory*, Burke, p. 117, 1883 edition).

Ibid p. 117, Arms described: Per pale and per chevron, counter-changed or and azure (Arms of Branson).

Reference for Arms: See *Glossary of Terms used in Heraldry*, p. 446 (Braundeston).

Reference for Crest: See *Fairbairn's Book of Crests*, edition 1860, Vol. II, plate 110, No. 14 (Bronson).

Ricardus de Brandeston, in 1249 owned Branston Hall or Hunningham Thorp Manor. He was the father of William de Braundeston, who held land in Silveston and Whittlewode, and of Geoffrey de Brandestone, who married Sibill Phelip, and in 1304 held lands in Silveston from the King "in capite" by the service of taking custody of the king's wines in his cellar at Silveston. Geoffrey had Phillip and William de Brandestone. William, in 1340, sued for the Manor of Gildsborough. Phillip had Ricardus de Brandestone, who had John. John de Brandeston held lands in Kirby of the Prior of St. John of Jerusalem, with suit and service at his Manor Court of Blakesley. He held lands also at Silveston and Whittlewode. These reverted to the King on John's death, and his father's sisters became his heirs. (*Plea Rolls in the Geanealogist*, IX).

William Branson married Agnes of the parish of Bergholt and in 1514 makes a will leaving "Fadouce" to his son John; "Bakers" to his son William when 21; "Cardmahers" to his son Richard when 21; "Chirwyns" to his son Thomas when 21; "Huls" to his son James when 21; "Taylers" to his son Christyn when 21. The eldest son, John Brandstone, who has "Faddowes," is a clothier of East Bergholt. His will is dated 1555. He directs the distribution of loaves, good red herrings and cheese to the poor. His wife is named as Katherine, and his children are Thomas, John, William, Robert, Agnes and Emma. Thomas, the eldest son, is given "Fadouce." John, the second son, is a yeoman, and in 1610 wills the Manor of Okehall to his son Stephen. (*Suffolk Pedigrees from Wills in the Prerogative Court at Canterbury*.)

There were several Bronsons connected, in the seventeenth century, with the Navy and Dockyards at Woolwich, Chatham, Deptford, etc. In *State Papers Domestic CCLXIX*, are a number of letters written by Richard Branson, sometimes spelled Braunston, Clerk of the Ropeyard,

to the Secretary for the Lord's Commissioners of the Admiralty at Chatham, dated from 1634 to 1648, and sealed with a coat-of-arms.

Search of the records of the Herald's College, London, regarding the various forms of the name of Bronson was made. The only family of these names, who has recorded at any time a pedigree with the College, is, with the exception of an early marriage of Richard Montford and the daughter, and one of the heirs of Henry de Braundeston, Knight, a modern family of Branstons of Wintrop, Newark-on-Trent, Wimbledon, County of Surrey and Kensington, who recorded a brief pedigree here with arms in 1903.

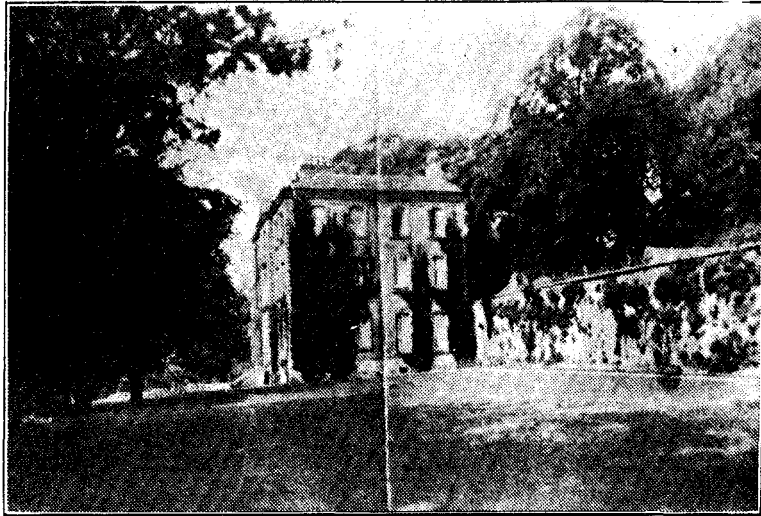
The College of Arms was established in 1483. Authority is vested in it, and it is still possible to obtain a grant of arms, if the applicant holds the social position usually attributed to a "gentleman." The fee is 76 pounds, and a register of such arms and grant, with a pedigree, which may be added to from time to time, is kept at the college. Prior to 1483 it was customary for those of influential position to adopt such arms as appeared suitable to them.

Unfortunately, many valuable writings which had been carefully compiled by the ecclesiastics, and more permanent records "graven on stone," were destroyed at the time of the Reformation and subsequently during the Commonwealth.

There are Bransons, Branstons and Brunsdons in the London, and other directories at the present time.

A thorough search of the records in England has not been made, and it is possible that parish registers and wills might reveal the genealogy of our English ancestors.

PARWICH HALL



THE BROWNSONS

of

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**The Family of John and Richard of
Hartford, Connecticut, 1636**

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The first Brownson of whom we have any knowledge came to England from Scotland in May, 1568, as one of about nineteen or twenty followers or attendants of Mary Queen of Scots.

The queen had been imprisoned in Douglas Castle on Loch Leven in the County of Kinross, under the care of Lady Douglas, the moth-

er of Mary's half-brother, Murray, who had control of the government. According to Abbott's History, two young men of the Douglas household who sympathized with the beautiful and unhappy queen planned her escape, which was carried out on the night of May 2nd. A window in Mary's tower overlooked the water. George Douglas' plan was to bring a boat up to this window in the night and take Mary down the wall into it. William Douglas was, in the meantime, at supper in the great square tower with his father and mother. The keys were lying upon the table. He contrived to get them into his possession, and then cautiously stole away. He locked the tower as he came away, went across the court to Mary's room, liberated her through the postern window, and descended with her into the boat. On the shore of the lake she was met with horses by the Hamilton Lords, and they rode through the night across Scotland to the home of the Hamiltons.

In a week Mary gathered an army of six thousand men, which met and was defeated by the army of Murray. With her small party of about twenty, she fled southward toward England, where she hoped to find a friend in Queen Elizabeth. She soon found herself a prisoner in England, and after eighteen long years of captivity, was finally brought to the block.

The Brownson family traditions tell how the first Brownson, who was one of the attendants of Mary Queen of Scots, settled in Derbyshire, where he married a Derbyshire girl, who helped him to build his first home. It was located near the village of Parwich and Brassington Moor, not far from the city of Ashbourne in the valley of the River Dove.

In due time they acquired title to the tract of land on which they had settled, and here their children were born—four sons, George, Richard, Robert, Thomas, and perhaps daughters. In the beginning of the reign of Charles I, we know of four Brownsons living, but the records do not go back far enough to give their baptism. They were named George, Richard, Robert and Thomas. The registers of many churches in the diocese of Lichfield were destroyed in a great fire about 1641, when the Cathedral burned. To the Cathedral of Lichfield the transcript registers of births, marriages and wills were sent for safe custody, and this reason explains the failure to find the earliest records of the family in Derbyshire.

The family is believed to have inclined toward Puritanism. George, the eldest son, continued to live in Derbyshire; Richard went to Essex; Robert to Devonshire, and Thomas to London. Although there is no proof, it is believed the first Brownson in Derbyshire was called George, which was the usual name for the eldest son in the family.

George, the eldest son, was the ancestor of the Derbyshire branch of the family. About 1620, his eldest son, George, went to live at Parwich Hall, which was formerly the home of the Lord of the Manor, Sir Richard Levinge. This fine, old Elizabethan manor house was built in 1560, but in the next century, the family having estates in Ireland, had ceased to reside there. It was then occupied by the Brownsons, with a farm of about 700 acres attached to it, where the elder branch of the family continued to live until early in the 19th century. Parwich Hall was their home for about 200 years. About the year 1820, descendants of the Levinge family returned to take possession. The old Hall, now rebuilt, has since

changed hands, and was offered privately for sale to Mr. George Brownson, but he did not care to purchase, the house being too large for his needs.

Parwich Hall has twelve principal bedrooms and a very beautiful terrace garden of about five and one-half acres. The site of the Hall is a beautiful spot, and commands a lovely view of the ancient village. It is on a steep hillside, and the gardens are arranged in successive terraces; the Hall itself, and the tennis courts, are on the lowest terrace; on the next are rose gardens laid out by Paston, and on the terrace above are flowers, lawns, a rock-garden, a small lake and a "wilderness garden" leading to the open country beyond.

The house was re-built in 1747, and incorporated parts of the old Hall. At a recent sale of some interesting relics of Jacobean days the property of some of the Parwich Brownsons fetched very high prices. The relics were purchased by the Duke of Portland, who is in the direct line of descent from Charles II.

There is record of Richard Brownson in Chelmsford, Essex, prior to 1633, where he was a member of the church of Rev. Thomas Hooker. Mr. Hooker was vicar of the parish church of Chelmsford (now Cathedral), where he was silenced for non-conformity in 1629, and fled to Holland. Returning afterward, he narrowly escaped arrest, and with about 200 other passengers went on board the ship "Griffin," incognito, at The Downs in Kent, May, 1633.

There is every reason to believe that Richard Brownson, with his two sons, John and Richard, sailed, incognito, on the same ship. On the lists of non-conformists asking for permits to leave England their names are not found, yet they are known to have been in America about this time, as members of Mr. Hooker's church. In July, 1633, the "Griffin" reached Massachusetts Bay, and in the following October Mr. Hooker was invited to be the pastor of the church at Newtown. From Newtown in May, 1636, Mr. Hooker, with his congregation, made the memorable wilderness journey to Hartford. The older Brownsons were buried in the graveyard of Mr. Hooker's church at Hartford.

Robert Brownson removed into Devonshire, where he died in 1642 at Kennerleigh, near Exeter. His will is extant in Devonshire where his descendants, now few in number, are still living. They commonly spelled their name "Brownston" and "Brownson." They have been mostly farmers, harness-makers and dealers in cattle and leather.

Thomas Brownson, the fourth son, was living in London in 1611, as there is a record in the old church of Ashbourne, the mother church of Parwich, of his bringing one or more of his children from London to be baptised there. The descendants of Thomas were finally lost sight of in London.

John Brownson was Lord of the Manor of Alsop-le-dale in Derbyshire. His son, Captain William Brownson, served in the British army in the Welsh Fusiliers, and was with the British forces in South America in 1806-07, when they invaded Montevideo and Buenos Aires. He also served under the Duke of Wellington against Napoleon, in the Spanish Peninsular War, 1808-1814. It is of record in England that "Lt. Bronson was wounded at Montevideo, 1807; at Badajos, 1812." Captain William Brownson ultimately went to Spain, where he obtained high rank in the Spanish army, serving

for a time as a General. He did not return to England, but it is believed that some of his daughter's family are now residing there. The Manor of Alsop-le-dale was finally lost through financial misfortune and passed out of the hands of the family of John Brownson.

There is only one Brownson remaining in the old village of Parwich, James Benjamin, by name, a land-owner in the village, a Justice of the Peace, County Derbyshire, and an ex-county Alderman. He is now almost ninety years of age.

Although eligible for over three centuries, the Brownsons have never applied for a Coat-of-Arms. The arms "per pale and per chevron counterchanged argent and sable" have more than once been mistaken for the "Arms of Brownson," but they belong to an English family named Branson or Braunson (not "Bronson" as represented by a New York genealogist in 1916). The Bransons and the Brownsons are not related. The arms "per pale and per chevron counterchanged or and azure" were borne by Henry de Braundeston, Bishop of Salisbury, 13th century, and were extinct at his death.

The family history contained in this four-page leaflet has been abstracted from letters written during the past year by George Brownson, J. P. of Exmouth, Devon, England. George Brownson's grandfather was born and brought up at Parwich Hall. After leaving the Hall, he went to live at Ashton-under-Lyne, where the father of George Brownson spent the early portion of his life.

In 1855 the family removed to Hyde, Cheshire, four miles away, where George Brownson was born. He was educated at Victoria University, Manchester. His work has been chiefly concerned with education and finance. At the age of 70, having retired from business, he removed to Exmouth, Devonshire. During the summer of 1928 he, with his wife, visited America.

For over thirty years, Mr. Brownson has been interested in historical and genealogical research, and it is due to his painstaking efforts and careful preservation of the old records that the American family of Brownson, Brunson and Bronson are enabled to trace back their ancestry for sixty-five years before the landing of their first Puritan forefathers in New England.

Regarding the motto of the Brownson family, Mr. Brownson says, "The supposed motto of the family is 'What I have I hold'; and certain members of the family have quoted another, 'Nemo me impune lecesset'; but that is really the motto of Scotland. I have heard it often when they dwelt on the memory of the older Brownson and his personal service to the Stuarts."

PART II

Extracts from the History of Waterbury, Connecticut, and other
Records.

First Puritan Ancestors

In the year 1630, about 1500 Puritans from England came to America with John Winthrop, Governor of Massachusetts. These emigrants settled at Salem, Watertown, Roxbury, Dorchester and at Newtown, afterwards called Cambridge. In the autumn of 1635, 3000 additional emigrants arrived, the greater portion of them being from Lincolnshire and the eastern counties.

Winnifred Cockshott's History of the Pilgrim Fathers gives the following account of the first settlement of Hartford. In the autumn of 1635 some sixty men, women and children of Roxbury and Watertown, having gained a tardy permission from the government, migrated westward, but the season was too late. Winter overtook them before their houses were built, their cattle were destroyed, and many of them were driven to face the perils of the return journey rather than live on under such privations. But in the following year came a much greater migration, chiefly from Newtown and Dorchester, led by Mr. Hooker. Driving their cattle before them, and camping by the wayside, about one hundred settlers made their way slowly through the forests. Some of the best spirits of Massachusetts were among them; Vane, Peters, and the younger Winthrop were all active promoters of the new colony.

Reverend Thomas Hooker was of Emmanuel College, Cambridge, England. He began to preach at Chelmsford in 1626, was silenced for non-conformity in 1629; in 1630 he retired to Holland, coming to New England in 1632 as pastor of the church at Newtown. In October, 1635, the Newtown congregation found customers for their old homes in the new party from England, and in the following June Hooker and Stone led their people overland to Connecticut, traveling the 100 miles in two weeks. (Johnston's History of Connecticut).

Among this company which settled Hartford in 1636 were probably to be found the father and two sons, Richard, John and Richard Bronson, mentioned by Hinman in his First Puritan Settlers, as living at Hartford, and who belonged to the congregation of Mr. Hooker.

From Bronson's History of Waterbury:

More than a century and a quarter intervened between the discovery of America and the settlement by Europeans of any part of New England. In 1620, a small band of English Puritans, one hundred and one in number, including women and children, planted themselves at Plymouth, on the eastern shore of Massachusetts. For a long time this feeble colony struggled for existence. At length, however, the English settlers became firmly established at Plymouth and the Massachusetts Bay. In the course of the years 1634 and 1635, several parties from Watertown, Dorchester and Newtown (now Cambridge), in the neighborhood of Boston, made their way through the wilderness to the banks of the Connecticut

River, and established themselves at Wethersfield, Windsor and Hartford. Mr. Hooker and his congregation of sixty persons came from Newtown and settled in Hartford. These towns, in their early infancy, in 1637, waged a successful war with the Pequot Indians, and conquered their country. In 1640, the people of Hartford commenced a settlement at Farmington, being the first made in Connecticut away from navigable waters. In process of time, certain hunters and explorers from Farmington, in their excursions into the western forests, discovered the flats or intervals on the Naugatuck River, where the city of Waterbury now stands. They told their friends what they had seen. So favorable was their report, and such the disposition of the early settlers to push out further into the forest, that they began at once to think of emigration. But at that period, according to the laws of the colony, no person could acquire a title to Indian lands, or make a settlement upon them without the permission of the General Court. Having, therefore, sent out from among themselves a committee to view the place for a new plantation, and obtained from them a favorable report, the Farmington people petitioned the "honored general court" for liberty to make a settlement. This was in the fall of 1673.

The Assembly's Committee (called on the town records the Grand Committee), thus constituted, drew up ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION AND AGREEMENT, which the proposed settlers signed.

(Names of the original signers):

John Langhton, Thomas Hancox, John Andres, William Judd, Thomas Judd Jr., John Warner Jr., Edmund Scott, Thomas Richardson, John Wilton, William Higason, Abraham Andrus, John Carington, Isaac Brunson, Obadiah Richards, John Stanley Jr., Thomas Newell (for son), Samuel Hicok, Serj. John Stanley (for son), Richard Seamor, Daniel Warner, Abraham Brounson, John Warner Sr., Isaac Brounson engageth for him John Porter, John Judd, Joseph Hecoks, John Bronson Jr., Thomas Jud Sr., for his son Sam, Thomas Gridley, Daniel Porter for son, Sam Gridley.

In the following year there were new and obvious reasons for not pushing forward the enterprise. A more serious and pressing business presented itself, demanding attention.

Early in the summer of 1675, the great Indian war of New England, commonly called King Philip's War, broke out. The whole weight of it fell upon New England, then containing about forty thousand people, Connecticut had perhaps ten thousand, widely dispersed in small settlements. It was brought to a successful termination without any assistance from the mother country or the neighboring colonies, in the latter part of 1676, by the death of King Philip, an able, and in many respects a wise chief.

Who among those who subsequently became the planters of Mattatuck or Waterbury, were personally engaged in the war against King Philip and his confederates, I am unable to say. I find, however, the following:

"A meeting of the council in Hartford, December 5, 1676.

"The council granted John Brunson of Farmington the sum of five pounds, as a reparation for his wounds and damage received thereby, and quarteridge, and half pay to the first of the present month." (Col. Rec. II, p. 483.)

There were at this time three persons bearing the name of John Bronson living in Farmington, John, John the son of John, and John Jr., the son of Richard. Probably the extract refers to John, the son of John, who went to Waterbury, and the reward for injuries received in the war just closed. His father, though an old Pequot soldier, was doubtless now too old for active service.

Of the thirty-four proprietors of Waterbury, who became settlers before 1688, all except four were from Farmington. They were all farmers. Some of them had trades, such as are in most demand in new settlements, to which they devoted a part of their time, particularly when the weather was unfavorable for farm work. There were among them a few men of substance: but generally, they were in moderate circumstances. None was rich, none very poor. All labored with their hands. As to family and station, they were from the great "middle class," which lies at the foundation of society and which perpetuates the race. Mr. Hollister, in his history of Connecticut (Vol. 1, chapter 20) has taken some pains to show that the early planters of the colony were of good descent, and belonged to the better classes of the English people. In a certain sense, I admit this. By an invincible law of nature, the "better classes," not the "landed gentry" necessarily, but those of sound mental, moral and bodily constitution, become the true and only progenitors of a people. Several were honorably, or rather respectably connected, but there were no patrician families. I have not succeeded very well in tracing their origin. Farther investigation will discover more facts, undoubtedly; but I have rarely been able to trace them in the ascending line beyond Hartford, or the old towns of Connecticut. We may rest assured, however, that they had an antiquity, and a very hoary one, too. I have not consulted books of heraldry, partly, if you please, because I expected to make no discoveries in that quarter. I do not suppose that the ancestors of the Judds, the Hickoxes, the Bronsons and the Weltons ever "bore arms": and if the fact were otherwise, it would not make an unworthy descendant respectable. It would not save him from the pillory or the halter. Those who are ambitious for coats of arms, may find them in New York, cheaper than broadcloth.

[Since the above was written, I have looked into Burke's Encyclopedia of Heraldry (London 1844). I find there the following names, to wit: Andrews, Barnes, Branson or Braunson, Carrington, Clark, Hancock, Hiccox, Hopkins, Jones, Judd, Lewis, Newell, Peck, Porter, Richards, Richardson, Scott, Southmead, Stanley, Upton, Walton, Warner. Anyone who is interested in this information and is out at the elbows can pursue

the inquiry. It may be he will find something that will fit him, "a coat" on which are emblazoned his forgotten, and with which he may cover his dishonored "arms." (See footnote).]

Bronson

The name is usually spelled Brownson on the Hartford, and Brunson on the Farmington records. John Bronson, the father of the Waterbury Bronsons, was early in Hartford. He is believed, though not certainly known, to have been one of the company who came with Mr. Hooker, in 1636, of whose church he was a member. He was a soldier in the bloody Pequot battle of 1637. He is not named among the proprietors of Hartford in the land division of 1639; but is mentioned in the same year in the list of settlers who, by the "towne's courtesie," had liberty "to fetch woode and keepe swine or coves on the common." His house lot was in the "Soldier's Field," so called, in the north part of the old village of Hartford, on the "Neck Road" (supposed to have been given for service in the Pequot War), where he lived in 1640. Hinman, in his "First Puritan Settlers," thinks that his father, then an aged man, owning no land, Richard by name, was with him.

After the purchase of Tunxis (Farmington) by the Hartford people, John Bronson, about 1641, removed to that place. His house lot was on a road running out of the village in an easterly direction, and half a mile distant. (Richard Bronson, supposed to have been his brother, also an original proprietor and from Hartford, lived near by.) He was one of the seven pillars at the organization of the Farmington church in 1652. He was a deputy to the general court, in May, 1651, and at several subsequent sessions, and the "constable of Farmington," who collected the rate for "ye Fort at Seabrook," in 1652. May 16, 1670, "Cherry and Will, the indian with three of the milford indians were adjudged to pay him for sider they stole from him twenty shillings." His name is on the list of freemen of Farmington in 1669. He died November 28, 1680. Estate, 312 pounds. His children were: I. Jacob; January, 1641, m. Mary —; left posterity, and d. 1708. He lived in Farmington, in the society of Kensington. II John; b. January 1644. III Isaac; b. November 1645, baptized December 7, 1645, in Hartford by Mr Hooker. IV Mary; m. an Ellis or Allis. V. Abraham; baptized November 28, 1647. He signed the Mattatuck articles, but declined the responsibilities of a planter. He removed to Lyme and m. Hannah, dau. of Mathew Griswold, and d. at an advanced age, leaving descendants. VI. Dorcas; m. Stephen Hopkins of Hartford, father of John of Waterbury and d. May 13, 1697. VII. Sarah; m. John Kilbourne of Wethersfield.

John Bronson

He was one of the original subscribers of Waterbury in 1674. The name is written "John Bronson, Jr." The "Jr." on the Farmington records was usually applied to the son of Richard: which fact has led to the conclusion that the settler in Mattatuck was the son of Richard and not of John. I believe, however, but am not entirely confident, that John of Waterbury was the s. of John of Farmington. I find this language used on the Farmington records, under date of March 28, 1695: "Land in Farmington belonging to John Brownson; son of John Brownson at Waterbury," John, the son of the Waterbury John, lived in Farmington. But John the son of Richard appears also to have had a son John.

John Bronson was an early settler of Mattatuck. He is not, however, named in the second division of fence, which fact indicates that he vacillated for a time. He lived on the north side of West Main Street. He married Sarah Ventris, and died 1696. His widow d. January 6, 1711—12. The inventory of his estate, amounting to 141 pounds, 6 shillings, 6 pence with 22 pounds, 3 shillings debts, was taken November 7, 1696. The estate was distributed by Isaac Bronson and Dea. Thomas Judd, according to an order of the Court. The widow was to have a double part and the children to share equally, leaving out the eldest son, John:

"It appearing to this court yt ye eldest soon has already received his full part by deed of gift from his father in his life time, and by his own acknowledgment in court, it is to be understood yt ye widow is to have one third part of ye reale estate during her naturall life and a double part of ye personal estate."

Children:

I. John; b. 1670; d. June 15, 1716. He removed to Farmington (the part which is now Southington) and had several children.

II. Sarah; b. 1672.

III. Dorothy; b. 1675; m. Stephen Kelsey of Wethersfield. They were both living in 1723, and deeded their right in their father Bronson's estate to their son Stephen Kelsey of Wethersfield. (afterwards of Waterbury).

IV. Ebenezer; b. 1677; m. Mary Munn, Aug. 13, 1702, and d. May 23, 1727, leaving dau.s. Elizabeth Knowles, Bethia, wife of Lemuel Wheeler, and others. He lived and died in Woodbury. (See Cothren's Woodbury).

V. William; b. 1682; m. in 1707, Esther Barnes; and d. in 1761, having had several sons and dau.s. He removed to Farmington at an early date. To him his father's homestead was distributed "as his whole portion," valued at 14 pounds, 16s, 4d.

VI. Moses; b. 1686; m. Jane Wait of Stratford, and d. Aug. 12, 1754. His widow and all his children, thirteen in number, are named in the probate record as living at his decease. He was admitted as a bachelor proprietor Jan. 7, 1706—7, and again in Nov. 1722, having the "fifth property lot" so called, which was formerly his own. It seems that he left Waterbury and was absent several years. His friends, having no intelligence

from him, supposed him dead, and the Court, in 1712, ordered his brother, William, to take all needful care of his estate. (Hinman's Puritans). He was discovered however, the next year, in Stratford, where he remained some time afterwards, having several children born there. I find no mention made of him, as an inhabitant of Waterbury, from Feb. 1709—10, till after Nov. 28, 1722, when his bachelor lot was granted him a second time. Thomas Sherwood, of Stratford, assisted him in obtaining this grant, for which assistance, and for his journey, Bronson conveyed to him, by a quit claim deed, "one half of the one hundred and twenty three acres" of land-divisions then to be taken up, on the said bachelor's right. Bronson returned to Waterbury about 1723. He lived up the river on the west side.

VII Grace; b. 1689.

After 1730, the population increased rapidly and spread in every direction. The people had become so numerous in 1732, and were so incommoded in attending meeting, that they began to think of obtaining for themselves "winter privileges;" that is, the privilege of hiring for themselves during the winter months, at their own expense, a minister and of being exempt during the time from old parish rates. In Oct. 1732, they petitioned the General Court to grant them this privilege. Among the 32 names signed to this petition is found that of Moses Bronson . . .

In May 1738, the favor of the petitioners was granted, and the new society incorporated by the name of Westbury. In connection with the report, there was given a list of the heads of families included within the bounds of the proposed society, with the number of persons in each. 37 families are thus enumerated, containing 230 persons. Moses Bronson's family contained eleven.

A list of the Polls and Ratable Estate of Waterbury in 1737, shows that Moses Bronson was taxed 68 pounds, and Stephen Kelsey (the father of Esther Kelsey Bronson) was taxed 46 pounds and 14 shillings.

From "Genealogical Dictionary of The First Settlers of New England," by James Savage, 1860. (Record from F. R. Bronson).

Brownson, Brunson, or recently Bronson.

Abraham, of Lyme, son of John, m. 2 Sept. 1674, Ann, dau. of Matthew Griswold; had Ann, b. 5 Oct. 1675; Abraham, b. 29 Mar. 1677; Mary, b. 21 Jan. 1679; Mercy, 21 Oct. 1681; Elizabeth, 12 Aug. 1682; Sarah, and Francis. At a milit. elec. 1678, had half of the votes of the Co. to be Lt.

Cornelius, of Woodbury, son of Richard of Farmington; though Cothren could not tell his wife, yet he names the children there baptized: Richard in May, 1692; Cornelius Dec. fol.; Elizabeth, Mar. 1694; Abraham, May, 1697; Stephen b. 12 May, 1699; Timothy 14 June, 1701; John bapt. Apr. 1704; Amos, b. Oct. 1707, d. at 3 mo's.

Isaac of Farmington, son of the first John, united with the church there 25 May, 1684, and had Isaac, John, Samuel, Joseph, and Mary, all bapt. 29 June, following. Thomas, 11 Apr. 1686, and Ebenezer, 7 Apr. 1689.

Jacob of Farmington, bro. of the preceding had wife 1679, son Isaac, bapt. 28 Nov. 1686, and Hannah, 28 Oct. 1688

John of Hartford, 1639, removed to Farmington, there, was one of the founders of the church 13, Oct. 1632, died 1680, leaving Jacob, b. 1640; John, b. 1643; Isaac bapt. Dec. 7, 1645; Abraham, 28 Nov. 1647; had daughters: Mary, Dorcas, and Sarah, before Jacob, John and Isaac settled in Waterbury. Mary m. John Wyatt; Dorcas m. Stephen Hopkins; Sarah m. John Kilbourn. A second wife outlived him and d. 4 Dec. 1711.

Richard of Farmington, bro. of John, d. 1687, had baptized 29 May 1659, Abigail, then aged 15 yrs., John, 20 Feb. 1659, a. 13 yrs. as had been Cornelius a. 5 yrs., Hannah, a. 3 yrs., and Eliz. a. 1 yr. all bapt. 17 July, 1653. (I presume, tho Goodwin, in Genealogical Reg. XI, 323, prints it 19, which was on Tues. and so not to be thought of); Elide or Edith, 22 Apr. 1655, and Mary, 13 Feb. 1659; beside Samuel, all except one dau. named or described in the will. For second wf. he took Elizabeth, wid. of Geo. Orvis, who had been wid. of David Carpenter of Farmington.

Samuel of Waterbury, son of preceeding m. Lydia, Dau. of John Warner first of the same.

Genealogy

BRONSON.

1. John Bronson of Hartford and Farmington, had ch.: Jacob, John, Isaac, Abraham, Mary, Dorcas and Sarah. (See p. 137, Bronson's History of Waterbury).

2. Jacob, son of John, (1), had Samuel, Jacob of Kensington, Roger of New Milford, Isaac of Lyme, Elizabeth and Rebecca.

3. John, son of John (1), was one of the first settlers of Waterbury. Ch. John, Sarah, Dorothy, Ebenezer, William, Moses and Grace.

4. Serj. Isaac, son of John (1), had I. Isaac; II. John; III. Samuel; IV. Mary; V. Joseph; VI. Thomas; VII. Ebenezer; VIII. Sarah; IX. Mercy; (See p. 140 and Cothran's Woodbury, p. 505.)

5. Moses, son of John (3), had ch.: I. Eunice, b. Dec. 23, 1714, m. Eliakim Wellton; II. Sarah, b. Sept. 2, 1717, m. John Warner; III. Nathan, b. Sept. 5, 1719, m.—Williams, went to Alford; IV. Martha, b. June 14, 1721, m.—Hill; V. Elnathan, b. Oct. 2, 1723, m. Rachel Hill; VI. Charity, and VII. Comfort, twins, b. Mar. 29, 1726. Comfort m.—Martin; VIII. Esther, b. Feb. 6, 1728, m.—Peck; IX. Jerusha, b. Feb. 9, 1730, m. Thomas Williams; X. Jemima, b. May 25, 1732; XI. William, b. May 30, 1734, went to Alford, Mass.; XII. Moses b. June 19, 1736; XIII. Naomi, b. Mar. 28, 1739, m. Jonathan Hughes.

6. Isaac, son of Isaac (4), had ch. I. Jerusha, b. Nov. 8, 1703, m. Paul Welch of New Milford; II. Isaac, b. Mar. 29, 1707; III. Anna, b. Aug. 23, 1709, m. 1st. Daniel Howe, 2nd. Isaac Tuttle; IV. Josiah, b. June 1713; V. Mary, b. May 29, 1716, m. James Hine of New Milford; VI. Nathan, b.

May, 1719, d. 1722; VII. James, b. Oct. 27, 1721, d. 1725; VIII. Patience, b. Apr. 14, 1725; IX. James, b. Oct. 22, 1727.

7. Lieut. John, son of Isaac (4), had ch.: I. Mary, b. Apr. 9, 1698, m. 1st. Samuel Porter, 2nd. John Barnes and d. 1774; II. John, b. Apr. 23, 1701; III. Hannah, b. Oct. 13, 1704, m. Nathan Gaylord, lived in New Milford; IV. Jemima, b. Aug. 27, 1706, m. Stephen Hopkins; V. Joseph, b. July 15, 1709; VI. Benjamin, b. Oct. 2, 1711; VII. Tamer, b. Mar. 14, 1730 m. Joseph Nichols; VIII. Ezra, b. Apr. 24, 1732; IX. Phoebe, b. Mar. 23, 1734, m. Nathaniel Richardson.

8. Lt. Thomas, son of Isaac, (4), had ch.: I. Thomas, b. Jan. 5, 1710-11; II. Stephen, b. Nov. 25, 1712, d. Dec. 30, 1712; III. Elizabeth, b. Apr. 8, 1714, d. 1715; IV. Elizabeth, b. Apr. 24, 1716, m. Ebenezer Warner.

9. Ebenezer, son of Isaac, (4), had ch.: I. Susanna, b. Apr. 29, 1718, m. William Adams; II. Andrew, b. Nov. 23, 1720; III. Mary, b. Oct. 1723, m. Jonathan Baldwin and d. May 17, 1821; IV. Samuel, b. Mar. 16, 1726; d. 1726; V. Ebenezer, b. Oct. 9, 1730; VI. Thankful, b. Oct. 15, 1733; died, 1750; VII. Ebenezer b. Feb. 1, 1738.

10. Elnathan, son of Moses, (5), m. wid. Rachel Hill of New Fairfield, Dec. 26, 1744. He had ch.: I. Jesse, b. Sept. 11, 1745; II. Esther, b. Sept. 22, 1747; III. Jerusha, b. Jan. 15, 1749-50; IV. Hannah, b. Feb. 29, 1751-2; V. Joseph, b. Dec. 3, 1753.

11. Nathan, son of Moses, (5), m. Obedience, dau. of Thomas Williams, Feb. 22, 1749-50. She d. Mar. 13, 1753, and he m. 2nd. wid. Abigail Lewis, June 29, 1769, who d. Nov. 17, 1800 Ch.: I. Reuben, b. Nov. 28, 1750; II. a dau. b. Feb. 17, 1753.

12. Isaac son of Isaac (6), m. Eunice, dau. of Thomas Richards. July 3, 1734, who d. Sept. 6, 1749, and he m. Abigail, wid. of Caleb Munson, Nov. 22, 1750, and d. Dec. 7, 1799, age 93. His ch. were I. Lois, b. Jan. 26, 1735, m. Isaac Pritchard of Waterbury, d. 1824; II. Isaac, b. Oct. 2, 1736; III. Hannah, b. Jan. 31, 1738-9, m. Timothy Clark, d. 1815; IV. Lydia, b. June 29, 1741, d. Sept. 1749; V. Eli, b. June 30, 1743; VI. Patience, b. Dec. 12, 1746, d. Sept. 1749; VII. Seth, b. Dec. 7, 1748; VIII. Titus, b. Oct. 15, 1751; IX. Abigail, b. Aug. 12, 1753, m. Ambrose Hickox.

13. Lt. Josiah, son of Isaac (6), m. Dinah, dau. of John Sutliff, July 23, 1735. She d. Sept. 10, 1736, and he m. Sarah, wid. of David Leavenworth of Woodbury, May 15, 1740, who d. Aug. 28, 1767, and he m. Rebecca, wid. of Moses Hurlbut of Woodbury, Dec. 23, 1767. She d. June 5-1797 and he m. 4th. wid. Huldah Williams, June 12, 1798. He was born at Breakneck. Blest by nature with a robust constitution, a cheerful, buoyant spirit, and an iron will, he was eminently fitted to grapple with the many difficulties incident to the times in which he lived. He was shrewd, calculating, and social; became a Lieut., secured wealth, and obtained an honorable position in society. With less of the puritan strictness which characterized most men of his day, he was a professor of religion, and died, at a good old age, Feb. 20, 1804. His ch. were I. Lucy, b. Sept. 10, 1736, m. James Porter of Middlebury; II. David, b. June 25, 1741;

III. Abel, b. May 30, 1743, a physician; IV. Zuba, b. Apr. 28, 1745, m. Abner Munson; V. Ruben, b. June 5, 1747; VI. Thaddeus, b. July 22, 1749; VII. Josiah, b. Feb. 1, 1751-2; VIII. Elijah, b. May 15, 1755.

14. James, son of Isaac, (6), m. Sarah, dau. of Josiah Broket of Wallingford, Aug. 22, 1750. Ch.: I. Roswell, b. Sept. 9, 1751; II. Sarah, b. Jan. 5, 1754, m. John Adams; III. Levi, b. June 12, 1757; IV. Asahel, b. Nov. 28, 1759; V. Thankful, b. Mar. 5, 1762, m. Amos Hinman; VI. Jesse, b. July 1, 1763.

15. John, son of John (7), m. Comfort, dau. of William Baldwin of Stratford Mar. 28, 1728. He lived at Jerico, on the Naugatuck, in Northbury, till 1759, when he removed to Nine Partners, N. Y., and became a Baptist deacon. Ch.: Rhoda, b. Mar. 30, 1729, m. Joshua Graves; II. Amos, b. Feb. 3, 1730-1; III. Hannah, b. Mar. 6, 1734, m. David Foot; IV. Thankful, b. Sept. 6, 1736, m. Moses Foot of Waterbury, Aug. 12, 1756, d. Sept. 5, 1757; V. Mary, b. Feb. 25, 1738-9, m. Aron Foot of Harwinton and Sheffield, d. Feb. 10, 1824; VI. John, b. Dec. 22, 1742; VII. Chloe, b. Dec. 29, 1745, m. Col. Barker of Nine Partners, N. Y.

16. Joseph, son of John, (7), m. Anna, dau. of Rev. John Southmayd, June 1, 1732. She d. Aug. 12, 1749, and he m. 2nd. Mary, Dau. of Lt. Gershom Fulford, May 2, 1750 and d. Sept. 19, 1771. Ch. I. Meliscent, b. Dec. 4, 1734, d. 1735; II. Eldad, b. July 1, 1736, d. 1749; III. Desire, b. July 9, 1738, m. Jonathan Guernsey; IV. Seba, b. Sept. 23, 1740; V. Anne, b. May 22, 1751, m. Herman Munson; VI. Bela, b. May 7, 1757.

17. Benjamin, son of John, (7), m. Lois, dau. of Thomas Richards, Mar. 14, 1738, and d. Nov. 16, 1745. His wid. m. Silas Hotchkiss. Ch.: I. Hannah, b. Nov. 16, 1738, d. same month; II. Ruth, b. Sept. 30, 1739, m. Samuel Scovil III. Chloe, b. Dec. 2, 1741, d. 1742; IV. Samuel, b. Dec. 10, 1742; V. Benjamin, b. May 8, 1746, d. Dec. 22, 1765.

18. Capt. Ezra, son of John, (7). He was one of the honored men of his time; was town clerk, town treasurer, a representative to the Assembly, a justice of the peace, and commissary in the Revolution. He m. Susanna, dau. of Thomas Judd, Sept. 6, 1753, and d. Sept. 1, 1795. She d. Oct. 13, 1828, aged 90. Ch. I. Lt. Michael, b. Mar. 25, 1754; II. Hannah, b. Mar. 26, 1757, m. Wm. Leavenworth; III. Mark, b. Aug. 4, 1762; IV. Susanna, b. Mar. 6, 1766, m. Stephen Welton; V. Anne, b. Dec. 26, 1770, m. Joseph Cook; VI. Meliscent, b. June 27, 1773, m. William Durand.

19. Thomas, Esq. son of Lt. Thomas, (8), m. Susanna, dau. of Rev. John Southmayd, Sept. 25, 1734, She d. Aug. 13, 1741. He then m. Anna, dau. of Stephen Hopkins, Esq., Jan. 9, 1746, and d. June 25, 1759. Ch.: I. Stephen, b. June 30, 1735; II. Susanna, b. Dec. 7, 1736, m. Rev. Elijah Sill; III. Daniel, b. Mar. 8, 1739; IV. Samuel, b. June 21, 1741, d. 1741; V. David, b. Sept. 25, 1748, d. 1750; VI. Thomas, b. Mar. 10, 1751; VII. Anne, b. Sept. 28, 1752, m. Joseph Upson; VIII. Elizabeth, b. Oct. 30, 1755; IX. Ruth, b. Feb. 23, 1759, m. Dr. Jesse Upson.

20. Dea. Andrew, son of Ebenezer, (9), m. Mary, dau. of Lt. John Scovill, Feb. 9, 1745-6, and d. Dec. 1799. Ch.: I. Amasa, b. June 8, 1746,

d. 1752; II. Esther, b. Jan. 21, 1747-8, m. Daniel Bronson, in 1770; III. Amasa, b. Apr. 1, 1750, d. 1753; IV. Mary, b. Apr. 23, 1752; V. Thankful, b. Aug. 27, 1755; VI. Lucy, b. June 27, 1760, m. Samuel Porter; VII. Samuel, b. Nov. 1, 1762; VIII. Sylvia, b. Nov. 20, 1764; IX. Andrew.

21. Ebenezer, son of Ebenezer, (9), m. Miriam, dau. of Richard Nichols, Apr. 7, 1763, and d. May 6, 1808. His wife d. July 12, 1812. Ch. I. Joseph, b. Mar. 1, 1764; II. Amzi, b. Apr. 12, 1765; III. Sarah, b. Nov. 27, 1766, d. 1767; IV. Sarah, b. Dec. 16, 1767; V. Susan, b. May 7, 1769; d. 1782; VI. Ebenezer, b. Nov. 14, 1771, m. and had five or six ch., and d. July, 1840, in the State of N. Y. VII. Harvey, b. Feb. 21, 1774; VIII. Clarissa, d. Aug. 26, 1778; IX. Clarinda; X. Isaac. The last three were b. Apr. 18, 1778; XI. Susa, b. Feb. 14, 1784.

22. Capt. Isaac, son of Isaac, (12), m. Mary, dau. of Josiah Brocket of Wallingford, Feb. 13, 1755, and d. Apr. 15, 1826, aged 90. His wife d. Aug. 1, 1816. Ch. I. Eunice, b. Dec. 4, 1755, d. in 1775; II. Mary, b. Sept. 15, 1757, m. Emblem Hill, supposed to be living in Ashtabula Co. O., at this time; III. Isaac, b. Mar. 10, 1760; IV. Laban, b. Feb. 14, 1762, d. 1801; V. Ethel, b. July 22, 1765, VI. Chauncey, b. Dec. 1, 1767, d. 1768; VII. Hannah, b. May 1769, m. Eli Hine, Oct. 30, 1792; VIII. Sarah, b. Mar. 21, 1775; IX. Virtue, b. Mar. 22, 1778, m. Nancy Carrington, d. 1815 or 1816 in Ontario Co. N. Y.

23. Eli, son of Isaac, (12), m. Mihitable, dau. of Capt. Enos Atwater of Wallingford, Mar. 4, 1773, and d. Sept. 30, 1816. Ch.: I. Enos, b. Mar. 31, 1774; II. Mehitable, b. Nov. 29, 1775, d. 1777; III. Mehitable, b. May 7, 1778, m. Eli Thompson; IV. Diantha b. Apr. 11 1780, m. Amos Curtis; V. Capt. Philo, b. May 15, 1782, m. Chloe, dau. of Major Samuel Bronson. He was a deacon, a frequent representative to the legislature, and most excellent man, and d. at Geneva, N. Y., Nov. 29, 1855; VI. A son b. Oct. 31, 1784, d. young.

24. Dea. Seth, son of Isaac, (12), m. Chloe, dau. of George Pritchard, Nov. 27, 1770, and d. Oct. 11, 1828. His wid. d. Jan. 16, 1805. Ch.: I. Anna, b. Jan. 19, 1773, m.—Kelsey of Jefferson Co. N. Y.; II. Chloe, b. Dec. 28, 1777, m. David Tyler of Middlebury, went to Rutland, N. Y., and still lives; III. Jonas, b. Sept. 25, 1779, m. Melinda Baldwin, is deacon of a Congregational church and now lives in Rutland, Jefferson Co. N. Y.; IV. Marcus, b. Sept. 8, 1781, m. Rebecca Thompson and is now living in Middlebury; V. Asa.

25. Titus, son of Isaac, (12), m. Hannah, dau. of Moses Cook Feb. 11, 1779. Ch.: I. Jairus, b. Dec. 9, 1779, m. Irene Mallory of Woodbury, Jan. 11, 1804, is now living in Talmage, O. Ch.: Charles C., Butler, Zuria, Bennet, Maria, Cornelia, and Harriet. II. Horace, b. Feb. 15, 1782, m. Charry Thompson, is now living in Middlebury. Ch: Alfred H. Horace C., John T., Eliza, Mary Caroline, Sarah, and Joseph. III. Augustas, b. June 24, 1784, m. Nancy Bradley, d. in O., 1838; IV. Esther, b. Oct. 19, 1786, m. John Hine, is a widow, lives in New Haven. Ch.: Harriet and Mary. V. Titus, b. Nov. 27, 1788, m. Sally Richardson, d. in 1853. He was a pioneer

settler at Ann Arbor and Kalamazoo, M. and Davenport, Iowa, d. Jan. 1853 while on a visit to his native place, Middlebury. VI. Hannah, b. Apr. 18, 1791, d. in 1851; VII. Sally, b. Sept. 13, 1794, m. A. Benham, and is now living in Middlebury; Ch: William, John, Enos, Sarah, and Franklin. VIII. Leonard, b. June 24, 1797, m. wid. of M. Platt. Ch: Julia Maria, b. Jan. 12, 1820, d. Sept. 1841; George F. b. Jan. 21, 1821; Catherine, d. young; Isaac R. b. May 22, 1826; Edward L.

26. David, son of Lt. Josiah, (13), m. Anna, dau. of Daniel Porter, Mar. 1, 1772, and d. July 23, 1799. His wid. d. Nov. 16, 1814. Ch: I. Hannah b. Nov. 10, 1774, m. E. Stone; II. David, b. Feb. 3, 1777; III. Anna, b. Nov. 3 1778, m. Zerah Brown.

27. Dr. Abel, son of Lt. Josiah, (13), m. Lydia Benham, Dec. 15, 1768, who d. June 6, 1782. He m. 2d. Esther Hawkins, Oct. 24, 1784, and d. Aug. 2, 1805. Ch: I. Sarah, b. June 2, 1771, d. young; II. Abel, b. Oct. 1, 1775; III. A son, b. Feb. 2, 1786, d. next day; IV. Lydia, b. Mar. 21, 1787, m. Col. E. Judd; V. Elvira, b. Aug. 1789, m. Joseph Hall; VI. Sarah, b. Apr. 1, 1791, m. Eben Abbott; VII. Joseph Perry, b. Sept. 25, 1794, is living in Watertown; VIII. Homer, b. Mar. 20, 1796, now living in Egremont, Mass.

28. Reuben, son of Lt. Josiah, (13), m. Jemima, dau. of Lt. Samuel Porter, Nov. 1, 1770. Ch: I. Edmond, b. July 1772, d. 1774; II. Samuel, b. Sept. 1774.

29. Thaddeus, son of Lt. Josiah, (13), m. Abigail Wilmot, Dec. 10, 1772, who d. May 25, 1793, and he m. Anne Hitchcock, Jan. 5, 1794, and d. Mar. 2, 1825. Ch: I. Abigail, b. June 1, 1773, m. D. Pritchard; II. Uri, b. May 30, 1778, m. Anna Atwood, Dec. 5, 1799; III. Olive, b. Mar. 17, 1779, m. David Howe; IV. Lucy, b. Mar. 21, 1781, b. Amasa Gaylord; V. Jerusha, b. May 21, 1784, m. Sherman Curtis; VI. Jared, b. June 18, 1791, lives in Middlebury; VII. Ruth, b. May 17, 1793, m. Stephen Atwood of Woodbury.

30. Josiah, son of Lt. Josiah, (13), m. Tabitha, dau. of Ezekiel Tuttle, Jan. 20, 1780. Ch: I. Truman, b. Jan. 5, 1781, d. in Ohio; II. Alvin, b. May 19, 1783; III. Josiah, b. Sept. 19, 1786, lives at Onondaga, N. Y.; IV. Edward, b. Sept. 1, 1789, resides at Cleveland, Ohio; V. Nancy, b. Feb. 27, 1793, lives at Onondaga, N. Y.

31. Elijah, son of Lt. Josiah, (13), m. Lois, dau. of Stephen Bunnell of Wallingford, Mar. 10, 1778. Ch: I. Giles, b. Feb. 13, 1780, d. leaving one son and two daughters; II. Irene, b. May 28, 1782, m. Roswell Hull of Killingworth resides there, has four sons and two daughters; III. Sabra, b. Mar. 9, 1784, m. Jonathan Blake of Winchester, resides there, has one son and two daus. IV. Selah, b. Feb. 26, 1786, d. at Oswego, N. Y., had one son and one dau. V. Silas, b. Feb. 15, 1788, resides in the city of New York, a merchant, unmarried. VI. Elijah, b. Jan. 1, 1794, resides in Tenn., has five sons and two daus.; VII. Amos, b. Nov. 23, 1795, resides in Tenn., has one son and one dau.; VIII. Polly, b. Dec. 3, 1797, m. Henry S. Wheeler, lives in Middlebury.

32. Roswell, son of James (14), m. Susanna, dau. of William Adams, Nov. 25, 1773. Ch.: Benoni, b. Sept. 1774, d. 1777; II. Roswell, b. Jan. 26, 1777, lives in Clinton, N. Y.; III. Milleb. Feb. 3, 1779, d. Aug. 1826; IV. Nancy, m. Stephen Stone, d. 1828; V. Garry, b. 1791, m. Maria Richardson, d. in 1841.

33. Ashbel, son of James, (14), lived in Middlebury, m. Esther, dau. of Stephen Upson, Feb. 12, 1784, d. Apr. 22, 1850. Ch: I. Sally, b. Dec. 1, 1784, m. Daniel Tyler of Middlebury; II. William, b. May 22, 1787, m. Almira Tyler, dau. of Roswell, d. Sept. 1856; James, d. 1816; IV. Dr. Tracy, lives in Newton, Ohio; V. and VI. Almy and Amy; Almy m. Lyman Camp of Middlebury, Amy d. young; VII. and VIII. Asahel and Esther, b. 1800; Asahel, D. young, Esther d. 1826.

34. Jesse, son of James, (14), m. Esther, dau. of Nathan Osborn of Woodbury, Sept. 30, 1784. Ch: I. Benoni, b. Mar. 1, 1786; II. Marshal, b. Nov. 22, 1787; III. Alvani, (dau.) b. Aug. 30, 1789; IV. Leman, b. Jan. 15, 1792.

35. Capt. Amos, son of John, (15), m. Anna, dau. of Jacob Blakeslee. June 3, 1751, and settled on the homestead at Jerico, which was given him by his father in 1759. He was a prominent man in Northbury, now Plymouth, and d. Sept. 2, 1819. Ch: I. Lucy, b. Nov. 1, 1752, m. Isaac Barnes, d. at Camden N. Y.; II. Phebe, b. Mar. 30, 1754, m. 1st.—Seymour, 2d. Stephen Sanford, and d. at Medina, Ohio, in 1835; III. Tamer, b. Feb. 1, 1756; IV. Zerah, b. Jan. 22, 1758, m. Aaron Welton and d. at Medina, Ohio, in 1836; V. Sylvia, b. Feb. 3, 1760, d. Apr. 1779; VI. Tillotson, b. Jan. 8, 1762; VII. Noah, b. Aug. 6, 1764, d. 1766; VIII. Noah M., b. July 15, 1767, m. Betsy Ives of Plymouth, lives at Medina, Ohio, to which place he removed in 1815, and became one of the original settlers and proprietors. He has been a judge of one of the Ohio courts. IX. Amos, b. Sept. 3, 1769, m. Hannah Thomas, d. at Springville, Pa. in 1825; X. Anna, b. Jan. 20, 1773, m. Joseph Chatfield Alcox of Wolcott; XI. Sarah, b. Nov. 3, 1774, m. 1st. Solomon Barker, 2d. Darius Orton, and 3d. William Wiatt and d. at Medina, Ohio, Sept. 18, 1855; XII. Sylvia, b. Nov. 22, 1776, m. Medad Alcox of Wolcott.

36. Seba, son of Joseph, (16), m. Mary, dau. of Abraham Hickox, July 5, 1764. They both d. in Ohio, in 1816. Ch: I. Levi b. July 24, 1765, m. Sarah Prindle, May 23, 1783, and had ten ch.; II. Olive, b. July 3, 1766; III. Ager, b. Jan. 1, 1768, m. Clarissa, dau. of Michael Bronson d. Dec. 11, 1825; IV. Joseph, b. June 3, 1769; V. Anna, b. Feb. 5, 1771; VI. Seba, b. Sept. 26, 1772; VII. Herman, b. Dec. 18, 1774; VIII. Thomas G., b. Apr. 19, 1776; IX. Abraham, b. Apr. 11, 1778; X. Mary, b. Mar. 13, 1780, m. Ard Welton; XI. Bela, b. Apr. 3, 1782; XII.—b. 1784; XIII and XIV. Southmayd and Daniel, b. Sept. 3, 1786. Southmayd d. Apr. 23, 1814.

37. Maj. Samuel, son of Benjamin, (17), m. Temperence Spencer, May 30, 1776, who d. July 31, 1785 and he m. Huldah Williams, Dec. 1786 and d. July 21, 1813. Ch: I. Benjamin, b. Mar. 19, 1777; II. Samuel, b. Mar. 31, 1779; III. Chloe, b. Aug. 5, 1781, m. Philo Bronson; IV. Temper-

ence, b. Mar. 18, 1784; V. Isaac, b. Aug. 18, 1787, d. 1787; VI. Sally, b. Oct. 14, 1791, d. 1798; VII. Isaac, b. Sept. 11, 1793; VIII. William, b. June 27, 1795, d. 1795; IX. John, b. Dec. 29, 1796; X. Ezra, b. Oct. 19, 1801, d. 1805.

38. Lt. Michael, son of Capt. Ezra, (18), m. Eunice, dau. of Joseph Nichols, July 5, 1776, and d. July 25, 1822. His widow d. 1841. Ch: Clarissa, b. Sept. 30, 1776, m. A. Bronson; II. Horatio Gates, b. Oct. 2, 1777, d. Oct. 23, 1825; III. Hannah, b. Feb. 12, 1780, m. Joel Scott; IV. Ezra, b. Dec. 6, 1783.

39. Mark, son of Capt. Ezra, (18), m. Esther, dau. of Joseph Hopkins, Sept. 16, 1784 and d. 1797. His wid. d. Jan. 19, 1814. Ch: I. Henry, b. Aug. 4, 1787; II. Nancy, b. June 21, 1789, m. Cyrus Clark, Esq. III. a dau. d. young; IV. Esther, b. Jan. 28, 1794, d. 1795; V. Edward.

40. Deacon Stephen, son of Thomas Esq. (19), m. Sarah, dau. of Caleb Hummaston, May 17, 1764, and d. Dec. 15, 1809. His wid., Sarah, d. July 27, 1822. Ch: I. Mercy, b. Dec. 17, 1764, m. John Kingsbury, Nov. 6, 1794, and d. Mar. 21, 1813; II. Jesse, b. June 9, 1766, d. Feb. 4, 1788, unmarried; III. John, b. Aug. 14, 1768, d. Jan. 22, 1782; IV. Susanna, b. Dec. 26, 1770, d. Oct. 21, 1773; V. Content Humaston, b. May 14, 1773, d. Mar. 28, 1806, unmarried; VI. Bennett, b. Nov. 14, 1775, d. Dec. 11, 1850; VII. Susanna, b. Apr. 6, 1780, m. Joseph Burton, June 23, 1805, d. July 14, 1811.

41. Deacon Daniel, son of Thomas Esq. (19), m. Esther, dau. of Dea. Andrew Bronson, July 19, 1770. She d. June 24, 1819, and he d. Nov. 2, 1824. Ch: I. Leva, b. Mar. 25, 1771, d. 1775; II. Noah, b. Sept. 9, 1773, m. Huldah dau. of Jacob Sperry, Dec. 28, 1795. She d. 1829. He m. 2d. Chloe, dau. of Ward Peck; III. Asa, b. Nov. 8, 1775, drowned in 1780; IV. Leva, b. Apr. 19, 1778, d. in 1800; V. Belinda, b. May 21, 1780, d. 1798; VI and VII. b. Nov. 9, 1782, d. the same day; VIII. Esther, b. Apr. 25, 1784, m. William Comes; IX. Orra, b. June 3, 1786, m. Philander Porter, and d. Jan. 11, 1836; X. Asa, b. Sept. 8, 1788, m. Ruth Prindle; XI. Andrew, b. Dec. 14, 1791, d. 1792.

42. Thomas, son of Thomas, Esq. (19), m. Elizabeth, dau. of Capt. Samuel Hickox, Aug. 25, 1774. His wife d. Mar. 15, 1813, and he d. the next day. Ch: I. Molly, b. Mar. 18, 1775, m. Daniel Hickox, d. Mar. 24, 1813; II. Sally, b. 1777, d. in 1840; III. Elizabeth, m. Titus Foote of Watertown, Mar. 12, 1804, d. Oct. 8, 1841; IV. Anne, b. 1786, m. Bela Hotchkiss, d. Apr. 18, 1840.

43. Joseph, son of Ebenezer, (21), m. Sarah, dau. of Dr. Preserved Porter, Dec. 23, 1784, and d. 1851. His wife d. Sept. 1839. Ch: I. Sarah G., b. July 21, 1785, d. 1794; II. Nancy F., b. Aug. 13, 1787; III. Lavinia, b. Sept. 9, 1789; IV. Chloe, b. Jan. 28, 1791; V. Preserved P., May 1, 1794.

44. Amasa, son of Ebenezer, (21), m. Sarah, dau. of Samuel Frost, Jr., Mar. 31, 1788. Ch: I. Lucina, b. Dec. 21, 1789; II. Billy, b. Nov. 14, 1791, d. 1794; III. Philomela, b. Jan. 21, 1794; IV. Billy A., b. June 14,

1796; V. Samuel, M., b. Jan. 2, 1800; VI. Julius G., b. Dec. 21, 1801; VII. Sarah, b. Feb. 22, 1805.

45. Ethel, son of Capt. Isaac, (22), m. Hepzibah, dau. of Joseph Hopkins, Esq., Dec. 30, 1787. Ch: I and II, twins, b. Sept. 11, 1790, d. same day; III. Alfred, b. Oct. 13, 1791, d. 1892; IV. Erastus, b. Feb. 18, 1793; V. Betsey, b. May 6, 1795; VI. Emma, b. Sept. 7, 1797; VII. Isaac, b. Aug. 19, 1800, d. Dec. 31, 1800; VIII. Isaac H.

46. Bennet, son of Stephen, (40), m. Anne, dau. of Richard Smith of Roxbury, May 11, 1801. She d. Mar. 4, 1819, and he m. 2d. Elizabeth, dau. of Dea. Benjamin Maltby, of Branford, May, 1820. She d. June 12, 1840, and he m. 3d. Nancy, dau. of Jacob Dagget, of New Haven, May 27, 1841. He, Bennet, d. Dec. 11, 1850. Ch: I. George, b. Feb. 27, 1802, d. July 21, 1822; II. Henry, b. Jan. 30, 1804, m. June 3, 1831, Sarah Miles, dau. of Samuel Lathrop, and granddaughter of Joseph Lathrop, D. D., of West Springfield, Mass.; III. Jesse, b. Feb. 8, 1806, d. Apr. 14, 1831, unmarried. He was a physician in North Haven; IV. Thomas, b. June 4, 1808, d. Apr. 20, 1851; V. Elizabeth Anne, b. Mar. 3, 1812, d. Apr. 6, 1845, unmarried; VI. Susanna, b. Feb. 26, 1814, d. Aug. 12, 1814; VII. Harriet Maria, b. Sept. 13, 1815, m. Dec. 8, 1841, Zina K. Murdock of Meridan; VIII. Rebecca Tainter, b. Feb. 1822, m. Douglas Maltby, and d. Aug. 8, 1845; IX. Susan, b. Jan. 19, 1824.

Amos Bronson Alcott and Louis May Alcott

Mr. Thomas Alcott, the progenitor of all bearing the name in Conn. came from England in Winthrop's company in 1630. In the covenant of the First church of Boston, Thomas Alcock's name stands forty-sixth on the list of original members.

Amos Bronson Alcott, son of Joseph Chatfield Alcott and Anna Bronson (dau. of Capt. Amos), was b. Wollcott, Conn., Nov. 29, 1799 and d. at Boston Mch. 4, 1888. He was a well known literary man, lecturer and "conversational teacher." He m. May 23, 1830 Abigail, dau. of Col. Joseph May of Boston and Dorothy Sewell. The daughters who lived to maturity were Anna Bronson, Louisa May, Elizabeth Sewell and Abba May.

Louisa May Alcott, dau. of Amos Bronson Alcott and Abigail May, was b. at Germantown, Pa., Nov. 29, 1832, and d. at Boston, Mass., Mch. 6, 1888. During the early part of the Civil War she acted as hospital nurse, and in 1863 issued a volume of Hospital Sketches. "Little Women," her first decided success, was published in 1868.



DR. HENRY BRONSON

Dr. Henry Bronson

From "Biographical Sketches of the Life and Writings of Professor Henry Bronson, M. D., by Dr. Stephen G. Hubbard. Read before the New Haven Colony Historical Society, by invitation, May 27, 1895"—kindly sent by Miss S. F. Bronson:

"Henry Bronson, born in Waterbury on the 30th of January, 1804, died in this city of the infirmities of age, on the 20th of November, 1893. . . . His father, Bennet Bronson, Yale 1797, was a lawyer by profession in Waterbury and was for many years a Judge of the County Court—he was also a large landed proprietor, and a man of wealth and influence. Judge Bronson had already sent two sons to Yale, both of whom died young, and it was the desire of his heart that this son would remain at home and take charge of the estate.

But the intellectual life of the son, so far from being satisfied in its demands by the attractions of a pastoral existence, longed for the mental stimulus and growth to be gained by professional study; and it was only after a critical analysis of his own powers, and a careful balancing of the arguments for and against his natural preference, that he finally adopted for his ultimate pursuit the profession of medicine . . . in 1824 he entered himself as a student in the Medical Department of Yale College . . . he was duly graduated with the class of 1827 as a Doctor in Medicine.

Dr. Bronson's first settlement as a candidate for professional employment was in West Springfield, Mass., where he acquired considerable reputation, and in 1831 married Sarah Miles, daughter of Hon. Samuel Lathrop, a wealthy resident of that town, a lawyer, and member of Congress. . . After removing to Albany, N. Y., Dr. Bronson occupied his leisure hours in writing for the periodical press, articles upon a variety of topics more or less scientific in their nature. . . .

The year 1832 was distinguished by the most disastrous historical event that has characterized any of the years of this century, with the exception of our Civil war; for it was in the early summer of that year that our continent was first visited by Asiatic cholera. . . . The Albany letters of Dr. Bronson . . . were immediately given to the press and were copied by all newspapers on this continent and in foreign lands. They constituted the earliest and most complete dissertation on the nature and treatment of Asiatic Cholera then in existence.

It has been said of him, that on one occasion he received from a relative an urgent letter asking for advice in the case of a child sick with the measles, and whose case, it was feared, the attending physician did not understand, because he was giving the patient a great variety of medicines at short intervals, and the child was becoming rapidly worse.

Without stopping to discuss the merits of this or that pathy, for which he cared nothing, he took a large sheet of paper and wrote in the middle of the great page this prescription:

Take a white china cup
with nothing in it;
Turn the handle toward the
northwest, and give a
teaspoonful every hour.
The little patient will soon be well.

With his remarkable powers of mind strengthened and heightened by his intimate acquaintance with books, and enriched by the experiences of foreign travel, and with a professional judgment matured in the best of all schools, ten years of country practice, supplemented by clinical study in European hospitals and at the bedside, we can understand how eminently qualified he now was to assume the responsibilities of a public teacher of medicine. As soon as he was fitted to fulfill these duties, the place awaited his acceptance, and in 1842 his election as professor of *Materia Medica* and *Therapeutics* in the faculty of his Alma Mater was hailed with great satisfaction by the medical profession of this and the adjoining states. His acceptance of the election, however, rendered it necessary for him to remove his residence to this city. . . . He was by nature a historian, and anyone led by motives of curiosity or of personal interest to examine the recorded history of Waterbury, will, I think, be surprised by the evidences of the laborious personal investigations to ascertain necessary facts, and so far as was possible, by persistent efforts, to gather them personally, and from the original records."

ORIGIN OF THE BROWNSON, BRUNSON OR BRONSON FAMILY IN ENGLAND

— By —

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The Deputy Keeper of Manuscripts at the British Museum, Mr. R. Flower, on being asked who is the best authority on English surnames, replied that it is Professor E. Weekley, The University, Nottingham.

Prof. Weekley, in response to a letter, gave his opinion on the origin and meaning of the names Brandeston, Branston, Branson, Brownson, Brunson and Bronson. He said: "I am no genealogist, so I can only give you the etymological origin of the names in which you are interested, premising that names of somewhat similar appearance and sound have constantly been confused and have interchanged freely in the past.

"Brandeston, Branston: Several places in England. The meaning is the 'ton' in town or homestead of Brand, a common personal name, generally of Scandinavian origin, and meaning flame or sword (poet.)

"Branson: Son of Brand, but also often a corruption of the names above.

"Brownson, Brunson, Bronson: The same as Branson, all son of Brand, which is found in forms Braund, Brond, Brund.

"The spelling in Brownson is due to the instinct for linking the patronymic with the more familiar Brown. The letters 'd' and 't' are often confused in the old records. In such names as Brandeston, the 'd' would inevitably become 't' under the influence of the following 't'. This is called 'assimilation'."

The early orthography is very irregular and there is a confusion of several letters in the ancient documents. In Branston, Bramston and Brampton, the letters "n" and "m" as well as "s" and "p" are interchangeable. Brampton appears in the Feudal History of Derbyshire, Vol. III.

Many English names end in the suffix "ton". A ton or tun was a place surrounded by a hedge or rudely fortified by a palisade. Originally it meant a single croft, homestead or farm. It is a true Teutonic word. Brandeston literally signified "Brande's Ton," the farm of Brand. Brand was a Christian name.

Christian names are older than surnames, which were not in use prior to the Norman Conquest, 1066. Surnames were taken for purposes of identification and the movement was general all over Europe about the same time. A man's surname was a description of himself. The custom of describing himself as "de" or "of" his lands,

dates back as far as the Conquest. A father being so described, it followed that his children were also "de" or "of" the same place. Through custom and usage the name in time became stereotyped and hereditary, and at a later date the "de" was dropped from the name. The custom of taking surnames continued throughout several centuries.

Shaw's History of Staffordshire, Vol. I, p. 22, gives an account of the hamlet called Brantston near Burton upon Trent.

"Brontiston is a small place in Staffordshire, a hamlet belonging to Burton. (Brantestun, Brantiston, Brantston, Bronston). It is situated two miles south of Burton and near the river Trent, and upon the old Roman road, Rykneld Street, now the turnpike to Lichfield.

"The first mention of this small place is before the Conquest, much earlier, I believe, than I shall find any other original document or grant elsewhere in the whole country, viz., 956. when King Edwy grants to his faithful thane Eadwig eight farms of land in Brantestun.

"The estate was afterwards the property of Godeva, wife of Leofric, Earl of Mercia, who died possessed of it, leaving it with other estates to her son Adgar, whose heir Edwyne, having forfeited it by his opposition to the Conqueror, we find it was held of him in the 20th year of his reign, by the Abbey of Burton. For in the Domesday Book it is thus recorded; this Abbey held Brandestone, which the Lady Godeva before held.

"It then consisted of one hide and a half. (A hide was 120 acres). The arable lands of Branteston were 5 caracates, etc., 24 acres of meadow, a wood a half a mile in length and the same in breadth. It had been worth 60 shillings, but then only 40 shillings. (Money had a higher valuation than at the present time.) In the time of Henry I the wood was held by Robert de Farrars.

"It was granted for services to the church by the Abbots of Burton to various persons until in the time of King John (1199-1216) a family became settled there who took their name from the place and had divers lands there as follows: "About the year 1250, Avice, the widow of Robert, son of Allwyn de Brontiston, grants and confirms to God and the church of Burton a tenement and one bovate of land in Branteston, in the wood of Littlehay, with appurtenances, etc.

"Next Richard, the son of Robert de Brontiston, and Margaret his wife, quitclaim etc. to the said Abbey the above Volatum, for which they paid them, in their great necessity, half a mark of silver.

"About the year 1320, William, son of Richard de Brontiston, for the sake of charity and of his own soul and those of his ancestors and successors, grants to Robert, Abbot of Burton and monks there, two bovats of land in Brontiston.

"Avice, daughter of Roger de Brontiston, for the health of her soul and those of her ancestors and successors, grants to God and the church of Burton, two bovats of land in Brontiston, which Humphrey the son of Edwy held, and seven acres of meadow for 3 shillings, 6 pence yearly.

"William Bronston of Branston was Abbot of Burton from 1454, dying March 7, 1472. The marble tomb in St. Mary's Chapel where he was buried was inscribed in Latin: "Abbates gessit, qui hic requiescit. Wilhelmus nomine Branston". (He served as Abbot, who rests here, William Branston by name). He gave to the Abbey six pieces of cloth of silver and gold, and greatly increased the revenues. He appears to have been the last of the name connected with the estate, which passed into the hands of others, and in 1798 was held by the Earl of Uxbridge.

The Rev. F. A. Homer, West Bromwich, who has conducted the research in Staffordshire for this supplement, has found earlier record of the surname Brontiston or Branston than the time of King John.

It is not definitely known when the family first assumed a surname, but it must have been some time in the twelfth century. On the Pipe Roll of Henry II, Vol. I, p. 81, (1175-6), appears the name of "Chanaan de Brontestona", who with 21 other persons was sentenced to undergo the "Water Ordeal" at Stafford. He fled, and his chattels were forfeit to the Crown.

Vol. III, Staffordshire Assize Roll, (King John), p. 86: Hugo, Baggot and Robert de Bramteston, by William de Bramteston, appear as defendants in a case in which the Abbot of Burton is plaintiff, concerning the "peaceful repose" of their ancestors on the Sunday after the feast of St. Michael. (Sunday, Oct. 5, 1203.)

Vol. III, p. 103: Robert de Brandeston seeks to recover, by pledge of Thomas de Egginton, half a mark of silver.

Vol. III, p. 119: Avice, daughter of Roger, for the sake of her ancestors, grants to the Abbot of Burton seven acres of land and a half in Brantiston.

Vol. III, p. 120: Robert de Branteston, son of the presbyter, gives to his Lord the King one half mark that he may be able to follow his own brief against the Abbot of Burton.

Ibid.: Avice, daughter of Roger, petitions the Abbot of Burton concerning seven acres of land and a half in Brantiston, states that she has a husband whose name does not appear in the petition, acknowledges that she owes her Lord the King half a mark, and asks that she be not prosecuted.

Vol. III, Visitations of the Heralds, Staffs. 1583, p. 2, Pedigree of Biddulph of Biddulph: Roger sonne of Thomas (King Edw. I, 1272-1307) had Roger Bydulp. Roger, sonne of Roger, was the

father of John Bydulph and of Agnes, who was the wife of Richard, sonne of William BROWNSONE.

Vol. V Visitations, Staffs., 1614 and 1663-4. Pedigree of Biddulph of Biddulph: Roger de Biddulph was the father of John, 1324, and of Agnes, the wife of Richard, sonne of William BROWNESTON.

Undoubtedly William and Richard Brownssone or Browneston were the ancestors of the Brownsons of Parwich. The name is rarely met with in England. The "ton" in Browneston shows the name to be "local" in origin and it is believed to be connected with the old family de Brontiston near Burton. As Bronson and Brownson are two forms of the same name, so are Bronston and Brownston.

In Leicester, Suffolk and other counties where Branston is a place-name, there were large families who took their surnames from these places during the Middle Ages and they are not thought to have been connected with one another.

Quoting from the "Bronsdon and Box" genealogy, by Mrs. Harriet F. Parker, 1902: "William Bramston was Sheriff in London, 1395, and was the ancestor of the Bramstons of Boreham, Essex, near Chelmsford. The same variations of spelling are noticeable in the name of this family as in the early Bronsdon generations. The Crest of the Bramstons of England is A lion segant or, gorged with a collar sable, charged with three plates."

The Bronsdons, Brunsdons or Brinsdons of America, descendants of Robert, b. in England, 1638, d. at Boston, Mass., 1701, were a Wiltshire family and were there as early as 1335, the surname being "de Brunsdon." (Pedes Finium.)

The Arms of Hugh de Brandeston, knight, of Warwick, 13th century, are described: Or, three bars gules, surmounted by a bend azure. Crest: A dexter hand couped lying fesswise gules.

Arms of Henry de Braundeston (brother to above Hugh), Bishop of Salisbury, 13th century: Per pale and per chevron counterchanged or and azure. Crest: An arm from the elbow erect holding a scorpion proper.

Arms of Branson or Braunson of England (a modern family): Per pale and per chevron counterchanged argent and sable. Crest: An arm from the

elbow erect holding a scorpion proper.

Arms of the Rev. Henry John Branson, rector of Armthorpe, Yorks. (d. 1884): Gyronny of eight or and azure. Crest: A lion segant or, gorged with a collar sable charged with three plates. Motto: "Dum spiro spero."

Arms of Branston, County Derby: Argent on a fesse sable three bezants.

Arms of Branston: Quarterly gules and vert, four buckles or.

Arms of Braunston: Gules, a cross pomette voided or.

Branston as a place name is known in several counties and there may have been as many different families as places by that name or its variations. Mr. John Bean King, Lincoln, says the name Branston is common in Lincolnshire, and is there derived from the place four miles from Lincoln where there is now a village called Branston. At a very early date a family took a surname from the place. Haim de Braunston, 1202, was defendant in a claim at Branzton, Co. Lincoln. In 1263 Helewis, daughter of William de Braunston, was plaintiff in a case about a tenement and land at Braunceton, Co. Lincoln. (Final Concords, A. D. 1244-1250.)

In 1573 at Sedgbrook, Lincs. William Bronson married Jane Baxter. Several Bronstons were married at East Markham, Notts., 1578-84. 1637, John Bronson was chief constable in Aveland (Wapentake) Lincs. 1637, John Brownson or Brunson, son of Richard, vicar of Kilham, Yorks. matriculated at Sidney, Cambridge University, receiving the A. B. degree, 1640-1 as Broundson. In 1651 David Brownson, brother to John, matriculated at Sidney. They were born at Kilham, 1622 and 1633. In 1679 is recorded the adm. of the estate of John Bronson of Orston, Notts. at York. In 1700 Ann Bronson was married to Thomas Wilson and Mary Bronson to Roger Moore at Pinchbeck, Lincs. The consistory will of John Brounson, rector of Ryse in Holderness, Yorks., is recorded at York, 1710. (Parish registers at Lincoln, York, London: Alumni Cantabrigienses, 1922).

Prior to 1800 in the Diocese of Lichfield, there are eleven wills of record under various forms of the name: John Branson, Elvaston, 1560-1. William

Brawnson, Wolfhamcote, 1571. Thomas Branson, Clifton, 1685. Mary Branston, Clifton, 1702. John Branston, Biggin, 1726. John Branson, Derby, 1731. William Brownson, Parwich, 1764. George Brownson, Marston Montgomery, 1765. Thomas Brownson, Parwich, 1766. Ann Branson, Derby, 1767. William Brownson, Parwich, 1781. (Wills formerly at Lichfield, now at Birmingham).

The marriage Bonds and all Cathedral registers which were stored at Lichfield in 1643 were lost. The Cathedral Close was garrisoned for the King and surrendered after a three days seige, during which the Cathedral itself was greatly damaged, but not destroyed.

It is traditional in the Brownson family at Parwich, Derbyshire, that their first ancestor there was one of the attendants of Mary Queen of Scots, coming with her to England in 1568. There is nothing in the story, which for generations was current in the family, to indicate that he was not English. The queen had many foreigners in her service. A letter of inquiry was addressed to Millar and Bryce, searchers of records, Edinburgh, who replied that Brownson is not found in the early records of Scotland, and is more likely to be in the English registers.

Parish registers at Ashborne, commencing in 1640, record the baptism of the children of George, who was the first Brownson to reside at Parwich Hall.

It is believed that Richard Brownson, who with his sons John and Richard, came to New England in 1633 with the Rev. Thomas Hooker, was from Parwich. In the counties Stafford, Derby, Nottingham, York and Lincoln, the three forms of the name, Brownson, Brunson and Bronson are to be found.

Parwich, where the Brownsons lived after 1568, is situated seven miles from the market town of Ashborne. Parwich now has 500 and Ashborne 5,000 inhabitants. About twenty miles south of Ashborne, and just across the boundary line in Staffordshire, is Burton upon Trent. There are six hamlets in the Parish of Burton: Burton extra, Branston, Horninglow, Stretton, Winshill and Stapenhill. There is a township in the Parish of Burton called Branson. Here in the 16th century lived a Branson family, descendants of an earlier family bearing different forms of the name.

When a family has lived for a great length of time in one locality, and within a short distance of a town where a similar name is known to have originated, there is only one logical conclusion to be drawn, which is, that the family came from that place, altho there might be exceptions to the rule.

In no part of England, except in Staffordshire, has the surname Brownston and Brownson been found as early as 1324.

That the Branstons of Derbyshire were a branch of the old

Brandeston or Brontiston family near Burton, no reasonable doubt can be entertained. That the Brownsons of Parwich were of the same stock, through the Brownssones or Brownestons of Staffordshire, is equally beyond question.

Enough evidence has here been shown to justify the conclusion, and it has been virtually proven that the Branstons and Bransons, the Brownstons and Brownsons, the Bronstons (from which form came Bronson and the alternative spelling Brunson), of the counties Stafford and Derby, and some others of the same name in neighboring counties, have all derived their surname in its varying forms, from Branston, Staffordshire, through their ancestors who have lived there.

The Arms of Branston, County Derby, are described as "Argent, on a fess sable three bezants"; recorded in the General Armory, Burke, London, 1884 edition; and in Papworth's British Armorial, p. 795.

At some time in the remote past, certain members of the Brownson family have adopted a motto: "What I have I hold." As a version of this motto, "Quod bonum est tenete" (Hold fast that which is good) is to many preferable.

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Dallas, Oregon, August, 1931.



PART III

Captain William Bronson of the Revolutionary War and his Descendants.

Bronsons In The Revolutionary War

The History of Waterbury (p. 59) gives a list of soldiers who served in the War of the Revolution from Waterbury, and among them are to be found the following Bronsons: Capt. Isaac, Dr. Isaac, Lt. Michael, Titus, Roswell, Asahel, Joseph and Daniel.

The name of Bronson under the form of Branson, Bronsden, Bronsdon, Bronson, Brownson and Brunson appears in Vol. II, Mass. Soldiers and Sailors in the War of the Revolution. From Berkshire County, we find the names of Capt. William and his sons Amos and John.

Amos Bronson served in Capt. Sylvanus Wilcox's company, Col. Ashley's regiment (Berkshire county) enlisted Oct. 15, 1780, service 2 days.

He served in the same company and regiment, enlisted July 8, 1777, discharged July 26, 1777, service 19 days with the Northern Army. Also same company and regiment enlisted Sept. 19, 1777, discharged Oct. 17, 1777, service 28 days with Northern Army.

John Bronson served in Capt. Sylvanus Wilcox's company, Col. Ashley's regiment, enlisted Oct. 15, 1780, service 2 days.

William Bronson, first Lieut., Capt. Sylvanus Wilcox's (Alford) 13th (also given 12th) company, First Berkshire Co. regt.; list of officers of Mass. militia, commissioned May 6, 1776; also (late) Capt. George King's company, Col. Hopkins' (Berkshire Co.) regt.; entered service July 15, 1776, discharged Aug. 2, 1776, service 18 days at Highlands, N. Y.

The following record is given in the application for membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution, by Mrs. Adriance. It was copied by her from a newspaper published in Great Barrington, Mass., about January, 1900. The writer was unknown. It is remembered that about this time a Miss Bronson from Great Barrington wrote to the descendants of Amos Bronson for genealogy, but since then all trace of her has been lost.

"William Bronson (son of Moses) was born in Waterbury, May 30, 1734, and went to Alford, Mass. See Bronson's History of Waterbury, p. 469. When the war of the English against the French and Indians broke out in the campaign of 1755-6, William Bronson served. See Mr. Taylor's Hist. of Great Barrington, also see Records of the State Department at Boston. In 1758 he married Esther Kelsey, daughter of Dea. Stephen Kelsey. Among the quota of men from Alford, Mass., in the War of the Revolution, was William Bronson, commissioned May 6, 1776, as First Lieutenant in Capt. Sylvanus Wilcox's 1st Berkshire Co. On July 15, 1776, he did service in the Highlands, under Capt. George King, Col. Hopkins' regiment; discharged Aug. 2, 1776. See Mass. Soldiers and Sailors in the War of the Revolution, Vol. 2, p. 719. Also in the State Records of Mass. it is recorded that he served from July 21, to Aug. 14, 1777, as an officer in Capt. Ephriam Fitch's Co., Col. Ashley's regt.

William Bronson was also on the committee of correspondence and safety. See Hist. of Berkshire Co., which also states he was Justice of the Peace in 1781. See p. 594. William Bronson was also representative from Alford, Mass., to the Gen. Court or Legislature at Boston from 1785 to 1787. In the records about this time he is given the title of Capt. See Registry of Deeds, Great Barrington, Mass. His will was dated June 30, 1801. His son, John Bronson, was one of the executors of his will."

Will of William Bronson

In the name of God—Amen.

I, William Brunson of Alford, in the County of Berkshire & Commonwealth of Massachusetts Esquire through the goodness & mercy of the al-wise & omnipotent ruler of the universe, am of sound mind & memory, but knowing the uncertainty of Life & the certainty of Death, do make this my last will & Testament as follows:

My soul I committ to the hands of that God who gave it, & who is infinitely good, trusting in his grace & mercy through the Mediator Jesus Christ, for a happy Resurrection.

My Body, I Committ to the dust from which it was taken; & my worldly substance I dispose of in the following manner, viz:

Firstly. My will is, that all my just Debts as I may justly own at the time of my Decease, together with my Funeral charges & expenses, be in the first place, paid out of my estate, by my Executor hereinafter named.

Secondly: I give & bequeath unto my wife Esther Brunson, the one third part of all my Real estate, to use & improve, dureing her natural life.

Thirdly: I give & bequeath to my Son, Amas Brunson, One fourth part of all my Real Estate, after the Second article herein is fulfilled.

Fourthly: I give & bequeath unto my Son John Brunson, one fourth part of all my real estate, exclusive of the one third part of my real estate, exclusive of the one third part of my estate, which is herein bequeathed to my said Wife Esther Brunson.

Fifthly: I give & bequeath to my Son Daniel Brunson, one fourth part of all my Real Estate, the third part, hereinbefore bequeathed to my Wife Esther Brunson, as expressed in the Second articke of this will.

Sixthly: I give & bequeath unto my four Grandchildren Sons & Daughters of my late Daughter Huldah Hamlin Deceased, (viz) William B. Hamlin, Sally Hamlin, Arreovester Hamlin, & Narcissa Hamlin, the one Eighth part of all my real estate, exclusive of my bequest to my wife, Esther Brunson which said Eighth part is to be equally divided, both in quantity & quality, among the above named four Grandchildren.

Seventhly: I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Hansey Phillips: the remaining Eighth part of all my real estate, exclusive of the bequest

herein made to my said wife Esther Brunson, & my further Will is, that at the decease of my wife Esther Brunson, that part of my real estate which is herein bequeathed to her during her life; should be divided among my Children & Graudehildren agreeably to the above bequest to them made, & in the same proportions as is hereinbefore expressed.

Eightly: I give & bequeath unto my above named three sons (viz) Amas Brunson, John Brunson, & daniel Brunson, All my personal property of every description, which shall be equally divided among my said three Son.

And I do hereby make, ordain, institute & appoint my three Sons above named, towit, Amas Brunson, John Brunson, & Daniel Brunson, my Executors to this my last will & testament.

In witness whereof I the said William Brunson have hereunto set my hand and seal, this twentieth day of June in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred & one.

W. BRUNSON (Seal.)

Signed & sealed by the said William Brunson & by him published, pronounced & Delivered. as & for his last will & testament, in the presence of us, who have hereunto published our names in his presence & in the presence of each other.

Wm. Wainwright. Richard Hopkins. Moses Hopkins.

Will Proved Feb. 3, A. D. 1802. Recorded in Book 11, Pittsfield, Mass.

Genealogy

Richard and John Bronson (1), father and son, came from England, and settled at Hartford, Conn., about 1636. John m. 1st. —; 2nd —, who d. Dec. 4, 1711. He d. at Farmington, Conn., Nov. 28, 1680.

3. John, s. of John (1), was b. at Farmington, Jan. 1644, d. at Waterbury, Conn. 1696. The inventory of his estate was taken Nov. 7, 1696. He m. Sarah Ventris who d. Jan. 6, 1711-12, at Waterbury. She was the dau. of Moses and Mary Graves Ventris of Farmington, b. abt. 1649.

5. Moses, s. of John (3), was b. at Waterbury, 1686, d. at Waterbury Aug. 12, 1754, went to Stratford, Conn. 1709, m. Jane Wait of Stratford, who survived him.

47. Capt. William, s. of Moses (5), was b. at Waterbury, May 30, 1734, d. at Alford, Mass. Nov. 5, 1801, m. 1758 Esther Kelsey, dau. of Stephen Kelsey and Esther Hickox, who was b. Aug. 20, 1739, at Waterbury, and d. at E. Bloomfield, N. Y., Oct. 20, 1817. Ch. I: Amos; II. Huldah, b. Jan 9, 1762, d. Dec. 1790, m. Capt. Hamlin and had 4 ch. William B., Sally, Arreoverster, Narcissa. III. John; IV. Daniel; V. Flavius, b. July 9, 1769; VI Hannah, b. Feb. 15, 1773, m.—Phillips.

48. Amos Bronson, s. of William (47), and Esther Kelsey Bronson, was b. at Alford, Mass., May 4, 1760, d. at E. Bloomfield, N. Y., Nov. 8, 1835, m. 1781 in Mass. Lucy Lewis, b. in Mass. July 21, 1760, d. at Pike, N. Y. Apr. 29, 1855. He served as a private all through the Revolutionary war and the war of 1812. He was one of the founders of the Congregational Church at E. Bloomfield, and was a deacon as long as he lived. He and his wife brought a letter from the Church of Christ, West Stockbridge, Mass. dated Jan. 19, 1795. The church at E. Bloomfield was organized 1796. Dea. Bronson removed with his family from Mass. to East Bloomfield, N. Y., 1792 with the first set of pioneers from New England. For further history, see "Stories by Alice Bronson Bennie." Ch. I. Esther; II. Flavius J.; III. Phoebe, b. July 17, 1787, d. July 4, 1843, m. Titus Canfield who d. Aug. 1868; no ch.; IV. Sally, b. Nov. 3, 1789, d. Nov. 18, 1842, m. Robert W. Pierce who d. July 4, 1874; V. Huldah; VI Mary Ann, b. Jan. 29, 1796, d. Feb. 3, 1874, m. Asa Hawley who d. Sept. 13, 1870; no ch.; VII. Amos.

49. John Bronson, s. of William (47), and Esther Kelsey Bronson, was b. at Alford, Mass. Feb. 10, 1764, m. Huldah Hawley, and had one dau. Clarissa, who m. Daniel Crippen. Clarissa Bronson and Daniel Crippen had one dau., Clara Louise Crippen, b. at S. Egremont, Mass. abt. 1837, who m. John Adriance. She has no ch. and is thought to be the last of John's descendants. Res. New Haven, Conn.

50. Daniel Bronson, s. of William (47) and Esther Kelsey Bronson, was b. at Alford, Mass. Mch. 19, 1766, d. at Rochester, Mich. Apr. 28, 1837, m. Jan. 17, 1790 Hannah Ostrom, dau. of David Ostrom of Dutchess Co. N. Y., who was b. Mch. 28, 1775, and d. at Rochester, Mich. June 28, 1838. In Feb 1794 the family removed from Alford to E. Bloomfield, N. Y. and located on a farm which was a part of the Phelps and Gorham Purchase. Capt. Hamlin, who married Daniel Bronson's sister, Huldah, lived in the same community. In 1818 Daniel Bronson removed to Rochester, Mich. The records of deeds at Pontiac, Mich. show that the Daniel Bronson farm was entered in 1819, and in 1827 was patented to William Bronson, assignee of Daniel Bronson. While living at Rochester, Daniel Bronson served as Justice of the Peace and as Co. Judge. He, with his wife and dau. Charlotte, is buried in the Rochester cemetery. Ch.: I. Henry Ostrom; II. William; III: David C. b. May 5, 1796, d. unm. Mch. 18, 1830; Susan Maria; V. Charlotte, b. Dec. 3, 1801, m. Jacob Summers; no ch.; VI Betsy, b. Sept. 21, 1804; VII. Harlot Peak, b. June 1, 1807; VIII. a son, b. Sept. 16, 1814. The last three are thought to have d. inf.

51. Esther Bronson, dau. of Amos (48) and Lucy Lewis Bronson, was b. at Alford, Mass. Jan. 14, 1783, d. Mch. 30, 1876, m. Linus Gunn, who was b. 1783 and d. June 2, 1848. (See Dr. Moses Gunn). Ch.: I. Amos Bronson; II. Clarissa, b. 1808, m. Nathaniel Steele; lived at E. Bloomfield and had 3 sons, Henry, Linus and Charles. III. Lewis, d. in Cal., was a printer; m. and had 3 sons. IV Dr. Moses Gunn.

52. Flavius Josephus Brunson, s. of Amos (48) and Lucy Lewis Brunson, was b. at Alford, Apr. 11, 1785, d. at E. Bloomfield, N. Y. Jan.

3, 1877, m. at E. Bloomfield, Feb. 24, 1820 to Sally, dau. of Benjamin Goss or Gauss, who was b. at E. Bloomfield, Sept. 24, 1799, and d. there May 16, 1876. They celebrated their golden wedding in 1870, 6 of their 8 children being present. He was one of the trustees of the E. Bloomfield Academy. Flavius J. Brunson and his descendants have always spelled the name "Brunson." Ch., all b. at E. Bloomfield: I. William; II. John Coddling; III. Edward; IV. Caroline; V. Loring; VI. Harriet; VII. Delia, b. Sept. 18, 1837, d. June 25, 1910, burial at E. Bloomfield; unm.; VIII. Lt. Amos, b. Dec. 3, 1839, d. May 24, 1862, unm. The following is taken from a Hist. of Ontario Co. N. Y.: "Lt. Amos Brunson enlisted for three years with the union forces in the Civil War Aug. 1861. He became a Lt. with Co. B. 85th regt. N. Y. Volunteers. He died of camp fever at Bottom's Bridge, Royster Farm Hospital, Va. At the time of his enlistment he was attending Hobart College, Geneva, N. Y. There, he was one of the charter members of the Chi Phi fraternity, which afterwards became a national organization. A letter from the Regiment Headquarters to his brother Edward dated May 26, 1862, contains the following about Amos Brunson: "He, in common with us all, has endured the hardships and privations of the campaign, has been a faithful officer, doing his duty promptly and well, and has now given his life to his country; the offering no less valuable than if he had died on the battle field."

53. Huldah Bronson, dau. of Amos (48) and Lucy Lewis Bronson, was b. Apr. 30, 1792, d. Feb. 5, 1855, m. at Canandaigua, N. Y. to Charles Crane, who d. June 2, 1841. Ch.: I. Flavius Bronson Crane; he was a wealthy real-estate man of Denver, Colo. who gave much to charity. He organized a Railroad Mission Sunday School; deeded property to the city and gave money for its maintenance. He d. at Denver. II. Albert Crane, a wealthy real-estate man of Chicago. III. Caroline Crane m. Henry Chipman, an Episcopal minister, and had 2 daus. Rene and Marcia. IV. Walter Crane, a wealthy real-estate man of Detroit. V. Huldah Crane m. Wm. P. Rathbone.

54. Amos Bronson, s. of Amos (48) and Lucy Lewis Bronson, was b. at E. Bloomfield, N. Y. Jan. 11, 1798, d. at Olean, N. Y. Mch. 29, 1888, m. at E. Bloomfield, Oct. 3, 1828 Caroline Peck, dau. of Col. Samuel B. Peck (War of 1812) of Cheshire, Conn. Caroline Peck was b. at Cheshire, Nov. 22, 1801 and d. at Olean, Sept. 29, 1875. Her marriage took place at the home of her uncle, Gen. Micah Brooks. They went back to Conn. for their bridal trip in a one-horse chaise, returned to E. Bloomfield and lived on the old homestead. Five of their children were born to them there and one after they moved to the village. Their 8 sons died in infancy.

Their daughters were: I. Emily Cornelia, b. May 21, 1830, d. at Olean, N. Y. Jan. 28, 1897, m. Wm. E. Hammond May 4, 1854 at Pike N. Y.; no ch. II. Alice Elizabeth Brooks; III. Caroline Amelia, b. May 11, 1840, m. Eugene M. Conklin Sept. 10, 1859 and d. Jan. 4, 1880; no ch. Amos

Bronson went to Cattaragus Co., 1850. He m. 2nd. Mrs. Eliza Platt Atwood of Waterbury in 1878, who survived him.

55. Henry Ostrom Bronson, s. of Daniel (50) and Hannah Ostrom Bronson, was b. at Alford, June 4, 1791, d. in Mich. April. 21, 1872, m. Laura Keyes, dau. of William Keyes of Batavia, N. Y. He served as a cavalry officer in the War of 1812 at E. Bloomfield; afterwards engaged in the mercantile business at Stafford, N. Y. In 1819 he removed to Detroit, Mich., later, located on a farm at Rochester, and in 1847 removed to Jackson where he built a hotel and owned other real estate, including the hall where the Republican party was organized in 1856. Ch. William, George, Henry, Chauncey, Mary and Lewis Cass. I. William K., m. Colista — and d. in Mich. Dec. 6, 1862; no ch. II. George H., went to Cal. d. at Medford, Ore. 1900; no ch. III. Henry D., m. Nellie — and lived in Jackson; no ch. He d. 1891. IV. Chauncey, d. 1893, m. Antoinette Shaver and had 3 ch.: Frank C., Fred N. and Mary L. Frank C. m. Ada R. Bell, and had 2 ch.: Fred B. and Alvira B. and d. in Chicago. Fred N. lives at Los Angeles, Cal. Mary L. d. unm. V. Mary W. Bronson, b. June 29, 1831, d. July 20, 1847. VI. Lewis Cass.

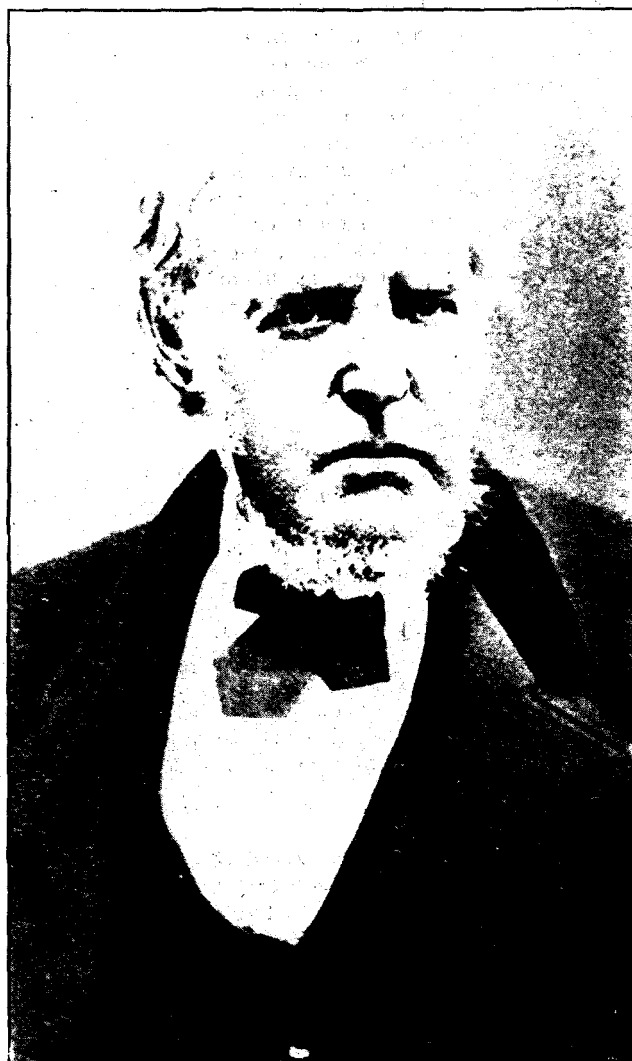
56. William Bronson, s. of Daniel (50) and Hannah Ostrom Bronson, was b. at Alford, Nov. 23, 1793, d. at Suisun, Cal. June 2, 1879, m. at Troy, Mich. Sept. 16, 1828 Almira Penelope Marvin, dau. of Henry A. Marvin and Almira Keyes, who was b. at West Bloomfield, N. Y. July 2, 1811 and d. at Hume, N. Y. Oct. 31, 1883. The Bronson farm in Oakland, Co. Mich. was located about two and one half miles from Rochester. They had 12 ch. all born at Rochester. I. William Marvin; II. Delia and Celia twins; Celia d. Nov. 4, 1833; III. David Ostrom; IV. Howe Cuyler; V. Celia Helen; VI. Almira L.; VII. Henry Harrison; VIII. Kate A.; Maria, b. Jan. 30, 1846, m. at Detroit, Mich. Mch. 22, 1869 Jasper Griggs who was b. at Centerville, N. Y. Jan. 4, 1842. She was one of the heirs to the estate of George Warner Marvin of Hume, N. Y.; no ch. X. Ada L., b. Feb. 9, 1848, d. at Rochester, Mich. Oct. 21, 1877, m. Warren Summers at Rochester, Feb. 22, 1874, who d. at Rochester; no ch. XI. Mary C., b. July 17, 1850, d. May 7, 1852. William Bronson went to Cal., 1873, where he d. at the home of his son Marvin. Almira P. Bronson d. at the home of her half brother, George Warner Marvin, a wealthy banker of Hume, N. Y. Their descendants, numbering about 120, are all recorded in this book.

LETTER OF WILLIAM BRONSON (56).

From the "Weekly Solano Republican," published at Suisun, Cal. May 20, 1875:—

"We find the following concerning a resident of this township, in the "Pontiac (Michigan) Gazette":

'A few days since, we received the following letter from Mr. Bronson, now living in California, with a fine photograph enclosed. Mr. Bronson



WILLIAM BRONSON (53)

is over 81 years old, and lived in the town of Avon, Oakland County, over half a century. A year or two ago, he determined to go to California to spend the remainder of his days with his sons, several of whom are living there. The old man of 80, feeble and trembling with age, but with an eye yet expressing the spirit and resolution of a first class American of the old genuine stamp, went to Detroit to proceed alone to California. His friends followed and persuaded him to return and wait until such time as he could find acquaintance for company, when he proceeded. Arrived there, the genial climate revived, and in a measure renewed his health, he went sporting with his gun, killing wild geese and other game of the country, briefly experiencing again the touch of youth on the boundaries of the final sunset. We deem his letter, out of respect to an old and worthy citizen, and as a leaf of pioneer history, worthy a place in the press, and its chirography ahead of most editors and doctors.

'Suisun City, Cal. March 11th, 1875.

Dr. F. M. Wilcox,

Dear Sir:

I send you my likeness on your father's account. We were boys together at the same school, trained in the same company under Capt. Burt Heacock, Wm. Bronson 1st. Lieut., Wm. Wilcox 2nd Lieut., all of an age, I think; this in East Bloomfield, Ontario Co., N. Y.

I was born in Berkshire Co. Mass. Nov. 23, 1793. My father, Daniel Bronson, moved to the Genesee country and settled in East Bloomfield Feb. 15th, 1794, and moved from thence in 1818 to Mich. by sleighing, and located in Avon, Oakland County before the county was organized, on Sec. 24. Tp. 3 N. Range 11 E., where he lived and died. I lived in Mich. 55 years. I crossed the plains and Rocky Mts. in 1853 in five months with my son Marvin, returned in '54 by water in 23 days to New York, went to Cal. by rail in 1873 in seven days, having been absent 20 years and 20 days. Three of my boys live in California and one in Oregon. . . .

(Signed.)

WILLIAM BRONSON."

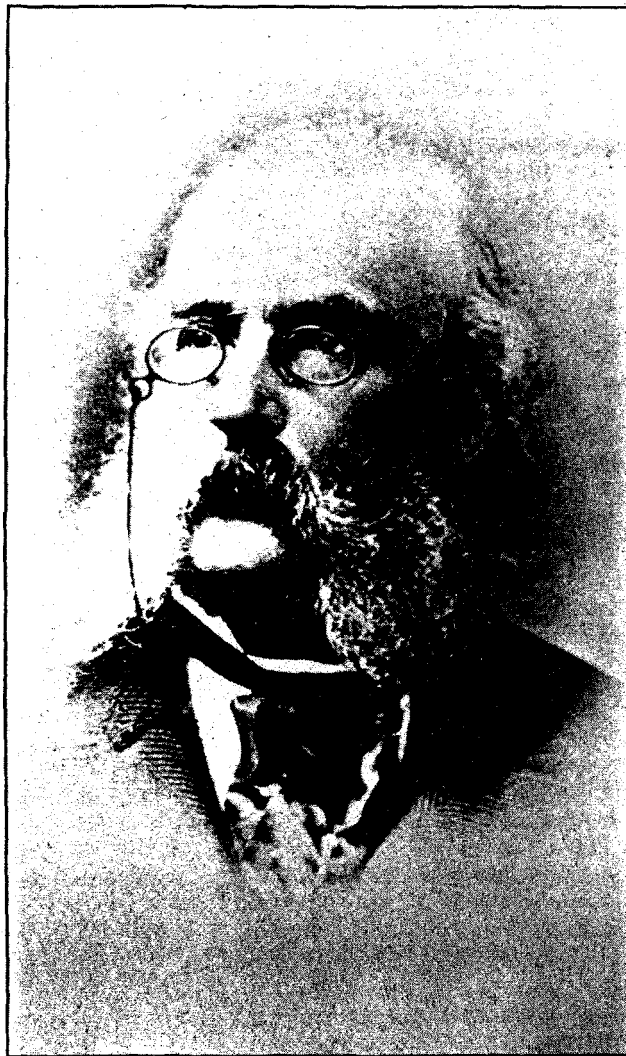
57. Susan Maria Bronson, dau. of Daniel (50) and Hannah Ostrom Brunson was b. at East Bloomfield, N. Y. May 28, 1798, and m. Russell Loomis. Ch.: I. Charlotte Loomis, m. — Marshall and had 1. Florence, d. unm.; 2. Alice, m. — Easley and had Gertrude; 3. Rose. II. Lucy Loomis, m. Wellington Johnson and had a son, Grant. III. Sohrina Loomis, m. William Greeley, and had 1. Russell, unm.; 2. Emma, m. Fred Rerchland and had William; Ada; Mabel; Carl; Grace; a boy; Eunice. IV. Charles T. Loomis. V. Sarah Loomis, m. Thomas Cooper and had Matilda; Charles; Frank; Harry; Ione. VI. Augustus Loomis.

58. Amos Bronson Gunn, s. of Esther Bronson (51) and Linus Gunn, was b. at Batavia, N. Y. June 22, 1806, d. at Ogden, N. Y. Sept. 2, 1864, m. May 5, 1831 Wealthy Chapman Whittlesey, who was b. at Ogden, N. Y. Mch. 16, 1808 and d. Feb. 12, 1877. Ch.: Harriet Stewart; Mary Whittle-

sey; Lucy Bronson; Ella Theresa; Rene Chipman; Amanda Louise. I. Harriet Stewart Gunn was b. Mch. 30, 1832, d. Apr. 4, 1915, m. Albert Keep and had 1 dau. Lucy who m. Ralph Isham 1894 and d. 1896; 1 son, Albert Keep Isham. II. Mary Whittlesey Gunn, b. Mch. 22, 1835, d. May 5, 1909, m. William H. Cross, and had 4 ch. 1. George Cheney Cross, who m. Stella Taller; no ch. 2. Lucy Cross, m. Arthur Ranney, 4 ch., 3 d. inf., 1 s. Hamlin living. 3. Harriet Ella Cross, unm. 4. Jennie Louise Cross d. inf. III. Lucy Bronson Gunn, b. Dec. 11, 1836, m. G. G. Merrick; 5 ch.: Mary, Albert, Bessie, Ethel, Robert. IV. Ella Theresa, b. Mch. 8, 1841, d. 1903, m. D. H. Donovan; 1 ch. d. inf. V. Rene Chipman, Gunn, b. Aug. 5, 1842, unm. VI. Amanda Louise Gunn.

59. Dr. Moses Gunn, son of Esther Bronson (51) and Linus Gunn, was b. at East Bloomfield, N. Y. Apr. 20, 1822 and d. at Chicago Ill. Nov. 3, 1887. He m. Augusta — and had four ch.: Glyndon, Clara, Walter and Malcom. He was an eminent surgeon and instructor of anatomy for many years at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and at Rush Medical college, Chicago. The Catalog of members of the Faculty of Ann Arbor has the following record of Dr. Moses Gunn: "Moses Gunn, A. M., M. D., Prof. of Surgery 1854-67; Prof. of Anatomy and Surgery, 1849-52; Prof. of Surgery and Lecturer on Anatomy, 1852-54; resigned March, 1867 to accept the Chair of Surgery in Rush Medical College, Chicago." From "Memorial Sketches of Doctor Moses Gunn, by his wife."

"His father, Linus Gunn was of Scotch descent: tall and powerfully built, he was the embodiment of vigor. Many stories are told of his prowess and endurance; and the ancient tradition of the universal hospitality of the Scots seems to have been transmitted to him. His liberality, his honesty of purpose, and his Christianity bore fruits in acts of benevolence that made him respected and beloved. His wife, Esther Bronson, was a comely, clever, thrifty woman, who served as a balance-wheel to keep in bounds her husband's sometimes ill-advised generosity. She was kind and affectionate; a loving wife and mother. To her he was indebted for the many comforts of his home and much of his success. Their pioneer days were over; their early home exchanged for one in East Bloomfield. Here they had settled, and though not exempt from the necessities of economy were, in farmer phrase, "fore-handed" or well to do. Their house on the main stage road from Rochester to Canandaigua was known for miles as a favorite resting place. . . . When Moses Gunn was twelve years of age a young theological student became a member of his father's family, and was his tutor for three years. He then entered East Bloomfield Academy. . . . later he entered Dr. Carr's office in Canandaigua as a student of medicine. On the 1st of Sept. 1861 Dr. Gunn joined the Army of the Potomac as surgeon to the Mich. 5th. . . . and went through the Peninsular Campaign with Gen. McClellan. . . . The climate impaired his health and he resigned July 1862. His son, Glyndon, then a lad of twelve years, accompanied his father through the four months' Peninsular Campaign and aided his father in contributing to the comfort of the



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wounded soldiers.. . . (The unfortunate death of Glyndon Gunn by drowning while bathing in the Detroit river occurred in 1866 at the age of 16.)

In 1879, Dr. Gunn, with a party of physicians toured Europe. Professor James Nevins Hyde has this to say of Dr. Gunn: "Professor Gunn's reputation as one of the leading surgeons of the country was, however, largely attained after the establishment of his connection with Rush Medical College, Chicago. . . . Here he remained actively engaged in his practice as a surgeon, and in his duties as a teacher of medicine, up to the time of his death, which occurred after an illness of several weeks, on the fourth of November, 1887. At the date of his death, he was a member of the American Surgical Association, an original member of the American Association of Genito-Urinary Surgeons, and in each capacity a member of the Congress of American Physicians and Surgeons, a member of the Illinois State Medical Society, of the American Medical Association, and of the Chicago Medical Society. Besides the work required in his college professorship he served as a surgeon on the active and consulting staff of a number of the public charities of this city, including the Cook County Hospital, St. Joseph's Hospital, St. Luke's Hospital, and more particularly the Presbyterian Hospital, where in later years some of his most brilliant surgical operations were performed."

60. William Brunson, s. of Flavius J. (52) and Sally Goss Brunson, was b. at E. Bloomfield, N. Y. Jan. 3, 1821, m. at E. Bloomfield Apr. 18, 1843 to his 1st cousin, Mary Ann Pierce, dau. of Sally Brunson and Robert Pierce, who was b. at E. Bloomfield, Aug. 9, 1821, and d. at St. Johns, Mich. Oct. 26, 1891. They removed from E. Bloomfield, N. Y. to Clinton Co. Mich. Sept. 1843 and located on a farm; a few years later they returned to N. Y. afterwards settling on a new farm in Clinton Co. Mich., where they lived until 1861, when Mr. Brunson was elected Sheriff and they removed to St. Johns. They were charter members of the Congregational Church organized 1845. Ch.: I. Sarah E. Brunson, m. Addison A. Wheelock June 2, 1865; 1 dau. Helen, b. June 20, 1869; II. Harriet E. Brunson, b. 1848, m. Dec. 27, 1870 James H. Collins and d. at St. Johns, Mich. 12, 1881; 2 ch.: John Brunson, b. Apr. 2, 1872; and Cora Louise Collins, b. Dec. 11, 1876. III. Henry, d. inf. IV. Mary, d. inf. V. William H., m. June 14, 1888 Elizabeth Finch; s. William.

61. John Coddling Brunson, s. of Flavius J. (52) and Sally Goss Brunson, was b. at E. Bloomfield, N. Y. July 20, 1822, d. at Victor, Mich. 1907. m. Nov. 21, 1849 Mary Sill Hollister, dau. of Dr. I. T. Hollister, and adopted dau. of Newman Skiff, who d. at Victor, Sept. 3, 1890. John C. Brunson was Justice of the Peace for 20 years, and served as representative in the State Legislature in 1873. He left no descendants.

62. Edward Brunson, s. of Flavius J. (52) and Sally Goss Brunson, was b. at E. Bloomfield, Aug. 14, 1824, and d. at Solomon City, Kans. Aug. 6, 1890. On Mich. 30, 1852, he m. Harriet Amelia Howey, b. Oct. 24,

1832, dau. of John Howey of Canandaigua, N. Y.* They had 6 ch.: I. Caroline Amella; II. George Howey; III. Amos, b. July 1864, d. Feb. 3, 1869; IV. Amos Edward; V. Howell Mariner; VI. Johnney, b. Nov. 19, 1874, d. Dec. 25, 1874 at E. Bloomfield. On Feb. 10, 1876 Mr. Brunson m. at E. Bloomfield, Miss Sarah L. Howey, b. Apr. 2, 1821, a sister to his 1st wife. Until the later 70s, Mr. Brunson had his residence at E. Bloomfield. During his residence there he twice represented the western district of Ontario Co. in the State Legislature, and was repeatedly made a member of the Board of Supervisors. About the year 1879 he removed with his family to Kans. and engaged in farming north of Detroit, Dickenson Co. While there his second wife d. July 2, 1881 and was buried at Abilene, Kans. On Christmas Day, 1883 in Leavenworth, Kans. he m. Mrs. Virginia Emma Wanless, a school teacher of that place, who had an 11 year old son, Richard. She was the dau. of Robert Smith of Kirkwall, Orkney Islands, and Jessie Anderson of Dolkeith, Scotland and was b. at Parkersburg, W. Va. Jan. 21, 1845. She d. at N. Y. City Dec. 28, 1916. Her body was cremated and buried beside that of her first husband, John Wanless at Abilene, Kans.

Mr. and Mrs. Brunson made their home on a sheep ranch east of Solomon, for one year, then removed to Solomon, where a son, Elmer Bruce was born. Soon after Gen. Harrison became president, Mr. Brunson was appointed postmaster at Solomon which position he held at the time of his death. He was buried beside his 2nd. wife.

63. Caroline Brunson, dau. of Flavius J. (52) and Sally Goss Brunson, was b. at E. Bloomfield, N. Y., May 9, 1828, d. Aug. 25, 1905, m. Dec. 2, 1858, Frank Sanford Peck at East Bloomfield, who was b. Nov. 17, 1826 and d. Mch. 9, 1905. They removed to Greenville, Mich., where two ch. were born: Edward Whitney and Emily Caroline.

64. Loring H. Brunson, s. of Flavius J. (52) and Sally Goss Brunson, was b. at E. Bloomfield, May 21, 1830, d. at Canandaigua, N. Y. June 5, 1908, m. 1st. Martha Mitchell at Tecumseh, Mich. Mch. 18, 1859, who d. May 1, 1864. They had 1 son, Walter M. Brunson, b. Feb. 28, 1860; who lives at Brockport, N. Y.; m.—, who was b. Dec. 10, 1856 and d. July 27, 1915. Loring H. Brunson m. 2nd. at Chapenville, N. Y. Mch. 14, 1866, Nan Dennis, dau. of Jacob and Nancy Longfellow Dennis, who was b. at China, Me. Nov. 18, 1830, and d. at E. Bloomfield, N. Y. Apr. 5, 1905. They had 1 dau., Fannie M. Brunson, b. May 30, 1870, who resides at Rochester, N. Y.

65. Harriet Brunson, dau. of Flavius J. (52) and Sally Goss Brunson, was b. at E. Bloomfield Mch. 20, 1833 and d. Dec. 16, 1865. She m. Nov. 22, 1855 Merwin Andrus Jones. 1 son, Flavius Brunson of Victor, Mich., who m. May, 1879, Ruth Huycks, and had: I. Henry Merwin Jones, b. Mch. 8, 1879; II. Arthur Brunson Jones, b. Feb. 23, 1882; III. Ralph Jones, b. Feb. 28, 1886; IV. Mary Jones, b. Mch. 1, 1888; V. George Jones, b. Jan. 7, 1891.

* She d. Dec. 19, 1874 at E. Bloomfield, N. Y.

66. Huldah Crane, dau. of Huldah Bronson (53) and Charles Crane, m. William Palmer Rathbone, and removed to Detroit, Mich. 1850. Wm. P. Rathbone was a wealthy, prominent and respected citizen who d. Nov. 1882. They had 3 ch.: William S., Charles Albert, and Kate B. I. William S. Rathbone was b. at Detroit, 1852, m. Edith Kate Howarth and had 1 dau. Edith Kate Rathbone. He was a Hardware merchant, and later in life was interested largely in real estate, retiring from business, 1910. II. Charles Albert Rathbone was b. at Le Roy, N. Y. Aug. 4, 1854. He is unm. and lives at Detroit, Mich. He was General Manager of Buhl Malleable Iron and Steel Plants at Detroit, and retired from business 1912; is prominent in society, and as a club member; served in the Spanish War in 1898 on the U. S. Ship Yosemite, and saw active service in Cuba. III. Kate B. Rathbone was b. at Detroit, 1864; unm.

67. Alice Elizabeth Brooks Bronson, dau. of Amos (54) and Caroline Peck Bronson, was b. at East Bloomfield, N. Y. Apr. 10, 1837, m. at Olean, N. Y. June 15, 1864 to Hamilton David Bennie, b. 1830, a retired Hardware and Crockery Merchant, res. Olean, N. Y. Mrs. Bennie is a descendant of Rev. David Brooks, who served as a chaplain in the Revolutionary War. They have 2 ch.: Charles Bronson Bennie and Alice Hamilton Bennie. I. Charles Bronson Bennie was b. at Olean, N. Y. Apr. 6, 1865, and is District Freight Solicitor for the Pa. R. R., Rochester, N. Y. II. Alice Hamilton Bennie was b. at Olean, N. Y. June 19, 1875, m. to Marcus George Van Campen May 8, 1901, who is Credit man, Office of Scoville, Brown, Co. Wellsville, N. Y. Ch.: I. Ruth Bennie Van Campen, b. Dec. 26, 1902; II. Louis Bennie Van Campen b. Jan. 14, 1905; III. Marcus George Van Campen, Jr. b. Dec. 31, 1908; IV. John Hamilton Van Campen, b. Nov. 7, 1913.

STORIES

By Alice Bronson Bennie

These stories, told me by my grandmother, show some of the privations and dangers of those early days, and the fortitude with which they were endured.

For a long time, all their meal and flour were ground by hand. When my grandfather heard of a grist mill in Rochester, he and a neighbor went there with a load of corn and wheat. Although Rochester is only twenty-two miles from East Bloomfield, it took them six days to make the trip. They were obliged to cut their trail most of the way, and were tormented almost beyond endurance by mosquitoes. When they returned safely with meal and flour, my grandmother felt as rich as a queen.

During the absence of my grandfather, my grandmother lived alone with her three little girls two miles from their nearest neighbors. One evening, she had just nursed the baby, Huldah, and put her in her little homemade cradle, when the door of the log cabin opened, and in walked

an Indian so tall that he had to stoop to enter. He was followed by three others. They demanded food—the best she had.

My grandmother, aware that the Indians were committing depredations among the white settlers, was much frightened, as were her little girls, who clung to her in terror. Yet, as carefully as she could, she prepared a meal, baking a Johnny cake before the open fire. Then having made ready for her guests the evening meal intended for her own family, she spread the table with her best table cloth and set it, with the china and silver that she had brought from her eastern home.

While my grandmother was making these preparations, the Indians went to the cradle, felt of the baby's hands and feet, and muttered in their unintelligible language. After talking over the child for a time, the chief asked its name. When he heard that it was "Huldah Maria" he said in broken English to the others, "It's a girl. We'll let her live."

My grandmother felt then, that God had answered her prayers and that the Indians would not molest her.

Having eaten everything that was set before them, the guests bade her "Good-night," and departed. As soon as the door closed behind them, my grandmother knelt with her little ones, and thanked the Heavenly Father for his protecting care.

68. Lewis Cass Bronson, s. of Henry Ostrom (55) and Laura Keyes Bronson, was b. Aug. 29, 1833, d. at Detroit, Mich., Nov. 1, 1892; m. Jan. 24, 1866, at Rochester, N. Y. Imelda Beatrice Dean, who was b. at Rochester, N. Y. Mch. 4, 1840 and d. at Detroit, Mich. July 12, 1914. They had 1 son, Harry Dean Bronson.

69. William Marvin Bronson, s. of William (56) and Almira P. Marvin Bronson, was b. at Rochester, Mich., June 1, 1830, d. at Suisun, Cal. Mch. 19, 1904, m. in Mich. Jan. 10, 1872, Mrs. Elizabeth King, who was b. Feb. 18, 1831 and d. at Suisun Dec. 15, 1913. He crossed the plains to Cal. in 1853, remaining 6 years, and again in 1860, remaining 4 years. In 1874, he with his wife removed to Cal. and located permanently on a farm near Suisun, Solano Co. They had no ch. In 1875 they adopted William Marvin Bronson Jr., s. of Henry Harrison and Julia Hubbard Bronson.

70. Delia Maritta Bronson, dau. of William (56) and Almira P. Marvin Bronson, was b. at Rochester, Mich. Oct. 25, 1832, d. at Foosland, Ill. Feb. 16, 1917, m. at Rochester, Jan. 25, 1852 John Summers, who was b. June 2, 1826 and d. at Foosland, Aug. 25, 1896. They lived for 13 yrs. on the old Summers homestead near Utica, Mich. and 3 yrs. in the town of Utica. In 1868 they removed to Bloomington, Ill. and in 1879 to Foosland. Ch. Carrie; Seward; Howard; Cora; Nellie. John Summers was a descendant of a Revolutionary soldier in the following line: He was the s. of Jacob Summers and Mary Hiles; the said Jacob was s. of John and Ann Van Doren; said John was s. of George and Barbara Longstreet; said "George Summers was commissioned Ensign Capt. Joseph Mackey's co.

1st. regt. Sussex Co. N. J. militia Col. Jacob West, June 6, 1777." Reference, Nat'l No. 85218, D. A. R.

71. David Ostrom Bronson, s. of William (56) and Almira P. Marvin Bronson, was b. at Rochester, Mich. Jan. 28, 1835, d. at Dallas, Ore., Jan. 25, 1915, m. at Rickreall, Ore. Jan. 26, 1870 Mary Jane Dempsey, who was b. at Knoxville, Ill. Feb. 11, 1848; living at Dallas. He went to Cal. via. Panama, 1857, and again in 1861 crossing the plains; removed to Oregon 1864 and engaged in the mercantile business at Rickreall. In 1867 he engaged in the cattle business in Yakima, Wn. pre-empting 160 acres of land at Prosser. In 1872 he removed with his family to Knoxville, Ill., returning to Oregon April, 1873, and in Sept. purchased a farm near the village of Lewisville. Polk county registered farm name "Maple Glen," where he lived until Oct. 1912, when he removed to Dallas. Ch.: Blanche; Harriet; William; Charles; George; Walter Hubert, b. at Lewisville, May 3, 1884, d. there Oct. 26, 1905.

72. Howe Cuyler Bronson, s. of William (56) and Almira Penelope Marvin Bronson, was b. at Rochester, Mich. Dec. 4, 1836, d. at Suisun, Cal. Dec. 13, 1899, m. at Suisun, Apr. 8, 1872 Elizabeth S. Folsom, dau. of James W. Folsom and Sarah L. Staples, who was b. at Baldwin, Me. Oct. 6, 1846; now living at Alameda, Cal. H. C. Bronson crossed the plains to Cal. in 1861 and located on a farm in Suisun Valley, Solano Co. where he lived, and died. Ch. all b. there: Grace; Florence Ellen, b. Oct. 17, 1874, lives at Alameda; Malwine; Howard; Lewis, Vivienne Penelope, b. Apr. 9, 1886, private secretary, Alameda, Cal.

73. Celia Helen, dau. of William (56) and Almira P. Bronson, was b. at Rochester, Mich. March 8, 1838, and was m. at Avon, Mich. March 2, 1859 to James Madison Larison, a merchant in the wholesale shoe business, who was b. at Bloomington, Ill. Oct. 5, 1834 and d. at Mc. Alester, Okla. March 29, 1909. In 1861 they crossed the plains from Ill. to Cal., an account of which is given by Mr. Lee Larison, brother to James M., who was with the party. "We crossed the plains in the summer of 1861. We left Omaha early in May, in company with 30 other emigrants, in all a train of 12 to 15 wagons, and about forty persons. We traveled together to Green River, when we separated, most of the party going by Lawson's Cut-off, and we with two wagons and our party of only eight, went via. Salt Lake City. Seventy-five miles beyond Salt Lake we found our former traveling companions stranded. They had had a skirmish with the Indians, one man was shot in the knee, and all of their horses stampeded and driven off by the Indians only the night before. We formed a party, pursued the Indians, and succeeded in taking five of their horses. We again traveled together, and with a company of about 100 persons, most of whom were armed. From the many signal fires seen on the mountains, we fully expected an attack, but fortunately none came." The family spent the winter in Cal., returning the following summer to Ill. Two of Celia Larison's brothers, David Ostrum and Howe Cuyler, were with this party.

Mrs. Cella Larison is still living at McAlester, Okla., with her son, John W. Larison. James M. and Cella Bronson Larison were the parents of four children—Frances H., John W., Carrie A. and James M. Jr.

74. Almira L. Bronson, dau. of William (56) and Almira P. Marvin Bronson, was b. at Rochester, Mich., May 9, 1840, d. at Lehigh, Okla. Aug. 15, 1906, m. 1st. in Mich., June 24, 1882, Col. Albert Sidney Bronson, who was of a Ga. family. He was traveling for a N. Y. firm, and d. in N. Y. City Jan. 1, 1883, aged 64. Mrs. Bronson went from Mich. to Weldon, Ill. They had 1 son, Bert B. Bronson. She m. 2nd. at Ashburton, Mo., May 12, 1897, Asa Buck, w. hom she survived.

75. Henry Harrison Bronson, son of William (56) and Almira Penelope Marvin Bronson, was b. at Rochester, Mich. May 12, 1842, d. at Fairfield, Cal. July 14, 1902, m. at San Francisco Mich. 26, 1874, Julia J. Hubbard, who was b. at Hartford, Conn., Nov. 22, 1849 and is now living at San Pablo, Cal. Her ancestry is recorded in "One Thousand Years of Hubbard History, 866 to 1895, From Hubba the Sea King to the enlightened present" by Edward W. Day. This genealogy, with several others referred to, Marvin, etc., is to be found at the Library of Congress, Washington, D. C. H. H. Bronson, in 1868 went to Cal. via Panama and lived in San Francisco until 1884. In Lagoon Valley, Cal. he developed a fine fruit ranch which bears his name. C.: William; Roy; Fred. Ray; Maud; Zeo.

76. Kate A. Bronson, dau. of William (56) and Almira Penelope Marvin Bronson, was b. at Rochester, Mich. Jan. 19, 1844, m. at Ann Arbor, Mich., Mich. 5, 1868, m. James Covell, who was b. at Utica, Mich. Mich. 1844 and d. at Detroit, Mich. June 10, 1890. Mrs. Covell removed to Suisun, Cal., 1893, where she is now living. They had one dau., Edith.

77. Caroline Amelia Brunson, dau. of Edward (62) and Harriet Amelia Howey Brunson, was b. at E. Bloomfield, N. Y., May 6, 1858, and was m. at Denver, Colo., July 2, 1907 to Herbert Roger Jones, a mining man of Victor, Colo., who was b. at Yellow Springs, O. Res. Victor.

78. George Howey Brunson, s. of Edward (62) and Harriet Amelia Howey Brunson, was b. at E. Bloomfield, N. Y. Aug. 30, 1861, d. at Denver, Colo., Nov. 14, 1916, m. Sept. 1885 Emma O. Thayer, who was b. at Morris, Ill. Sept. 24, 1867 and d. at Monte Vista, Colo. Aug. 4, 1892. Ch.: I. Walter Thayer; II. Alva Edward; III. Nellie Gertrude; IV. Veta G. Brunson, b. July 14, 1892, d. Oct. 10, 1892 at Monte Vista. George H. Brunson went to Kans. 1879, and to Colo. 1883, where he engaged in farming and sheep raising for 20 years. He was an active promoter in the upbuilding of both Monte Vista and Alamosa and was prominent in politics, holding the office of Sheriff and other offices. In 1892 he entered the service of the Rock Island R. R. Co. at Denver.

79. Amos Edward Brunson, s. of Edward (62) and Harriet Amelia Howey Brunson, was b. at E. Bloomfield, N. Y., Oct. 4, 1870, m. at Solomon,

Kans. June 1, 1892, Mame Halpin, who was b. at Carrolton, Ill., May 2, 1871. He is an engineer on the Union Pacific R. R. residence Denver, Colo. Ch. I. Nona Amelia; II. Marion Amos Brunson, b. at Denver, Jan. 15, 1896.

80. Howel Mariner Brunson, s. of Edward (62) and Harriet Amelia Howey Brunson, was b. at Bloomfield, N. Y. Sept. 26, 1873, m. at Solomon, Kan. June 24, 1903, Alma Hopkins, who was b. at Solomon, June 25, 1874. He is foreman at the Armour Packing Co., Kansas City, Mo. Ch.: I. Grace Brunson b. at Solomon, July 19, 1904; II. Martha Kathryn Brunson, b. in Kansas City, Dec. 9, 1913.

81. Elmer Bruce Brunson, s. of Edward (62) and Virginia Smith Wanless Brunson, was b. at Solomon, Kans. Mich. 22, 1887; in 1911 received the degree of B. S. from Hobart College, Geneva, N. Y., in 1914, M. S. in Agr. from Cornell University, N. Y. He is a farmer residing at Abilene, Kans., unm.

82. Edward Whitney Pack, s. of Caroline Brunson (63) and Frank Sanford Peck, was b. at Greenville, Mich. Sept. 6, 1859, m. at Greenville, June 1883, to Jennie Bexter, b. Sept. 6, 1862. He is bookkeeper for the International Harvester Co., Chicago. No. ch.

83. Emily Caroline Peck, dau. of Caroline Brunson (63) and Frank Sanford Peck, was b. at Greenville, Mich. Oct. 27, 1861, m. at Greenville, Aug. 4, 1891 to William Merrill Brown, who was b. Sept. 7, 1847, an architect of Menominee, Mich. Ch.: I. William Merrill Brown Jr. b. at Menominee, Sept. 21, 1893; chemist for Illinois Valley Laboratory, Ottawa, Ill., unm. II. Joseph Stanley Brown, b. at Menominee, Oct. 28, 1899; student at Menominee.

84. Harry Dean Bronson, s. of Lewis Cass (68) and Imelda Beatrice Dean Bronson, was b. at Jackson, Mich. Sept. 8, 1867, m. at Detroit, Mich. June 17, 1911 to Frieda Lillian Mary Magnus, who was b. in Chicago, Aug. 29, 1889. They have 1 dau., Beatrice Dean Bronson, b. at Detroit, Nov. 21, 1914. Res. Detroit.

85. Carrie Viola Summers, dau. of Delia Bronson (70) and John Summers, was b. at Utica, Mich. Jan. 31, 1853, m. at Bloomington, Ill. Jan. 3, 1873 Edgar S. Van Meter, and d. at Fresno, Cal. Dec. 28, 1900. Mr. Van Meter lives at Fresno, Cal. Ch.: I. Edna Bronson; II. James Price; III. Harry Summers; IV. Harlow Gamble; V. Ethel Williams; VI. Walter Tupper.

86. William Seward Summers, s. of Delia Bronson (70) and John Summers, was b. at Utica, Mich. May 11, 1855, d. at Fresno, Cal. Mich. 28, 1917, m. July 22, 1913 Lillian A. Goodhead of Griggsville, Ill., who d. at Fresno, Feb. 9, 1917. Mr. Summers was a merchant.

87. John Howard Summers, s. of Delia Bronson (70) and John Summers, was b. at Utica, Mich. Apr. 2, 1857, m. at Farmer City, Ill. Mich. 7, 1883 to Dora Mitt Williams, who was b. at Leroy, Ill. Sept. 3, 1859. He is a farmer; res. Gibson City, Ill. Ch.: I. Charles Edwin; II. Warner

Marvin; III. Ethel Marie, b. Apr. 19, 1895, d. Aug. 5, 1897; IV. Bruce W. Summers, b. at Foosland, Ill. May 26, 1898; student at Gibson City.

88. Cora Summers, dau. of Delia Bronson (70) and John Summers, was b. at Utica, Mich. Mch. 25, 1862, m. at Denver, Colo. Dec. 29, 1891 Samuel Dallas Brosius, a lawyer of Pueblo, Colo, who was b. at Alliance, O. Sept. 20, 1855. 1 dau. Olive Helen Brosius, b. at Pueblo, June 27, 1896.

89. Nellie Eva Summers, dau. of Delia Bronson (70) and John Summers, was b. at Belleflower, Ill. Dec. 9, 1870, m. at Gibson City, Ill. Sept. 19, 1888 to Patrick William Downs, who was b. at La Salle, Ill. Mch. 20, 1861. Res. Foosland, Ill. Ch.: I. Edyth Warner Downs, b. at Gibson City, Oct. 3, 1898; II. George Marvin Downs, b. at Gibson City, Feb. 20, 1904.

90. Blanche Bronson, dau. of David Ostrom (71) and Mary Dempsey Bronson, was b. at Rickreall, Ore. Mch. 8, 1871, m. at Lewisville, Ore. May 27, 1895 to Hort C. Eakin, lawyer and abstractor of Dallas, Ore., who was b. at Cheshire, O. Aug. 26, 1857. Res. Dallas, Ore. 1 son, John Bronson Eakin, b. at Dallas, Apr. 17, 1896; student at O. A. C. Corvallis, Ore.

91. Harriet Bronson, dau. of David Ostrom (71) and Mary Dempsey Bronson, was b. at Knoxville, Ill. Feb. 17, 1873, m. at Lewisville, Ore. Dec. 14, 1895 Joseph Elmer Sibley, lawyer and abstractor of Dallas, Ore., who was b. at Fairfield, Ill. Feb. 21, 1864. Res. Dallas. 1 dau. Evelyn Maude, b. at Dallas Apr. 18, 1907.

92. William Iddings Bronson, s. of David Ostrom (71) and Mary Dempsey Bronson, was b. at Lewisville, Ore. Oct. 27, 1874, m. at Portland, Ore. Feb. 8, 1904, Della Waters, dau. of John Waters and Sarah Ritner of Falls City, Ore. who was b. at McTimmonds Valley Polk Co., Ore. Mch. 23, 1878. He is a farmer; lived at Prineville until 1907 when he removed to McTimmonds Valley. Ch.: Roverta Mabel, b. at McTimmonds Valley, Dec. 25, 1907; II. Juanita Lucile, b. Apr. 1, 1917, at McTimmonds Valley, d. Nov. 3, 1917 at Portland, Ore. He purchased a farm at Harrisburg, Ore. Aug. 1917.

93. Charles Dempsey Bronson, s. of David Ostrom (71) and Mary Dempsey Bronson, was b. at Lewisville, Ore. Nov. 16, 1876, m. at Dayton, O. June 28, 1905 Ada Belle Kumler, dau. of Samuel E. and Mary L. Kumler, who was b. at Dayton, O. June 15, 1879. He went to Portland in 1897, graduated in law 1900, and went to Washington, D. C. 1902. Located first in N. Y. City, and soon after went to Dayton, O. and was in the legal dep't of the Nat'l Cash Register Co. In 1906 he formed a partnership with Alfred A. Thomas, which lasted until the death of Mr. Thomas 1915, and was candidate for Judge of Court of Common Pleas, 1916. Ch. all b. at Dayton, I. Charles Dempsey Jr. b. June 9, 1906; II. Robert Kumler, b. June 24, 1911; David Greyson b. Sept. 4, 1912.

94. George Herbert Bronson, s. of David Ostrom (71) and Mary Dempsey Bronson was b. at Lewisville, Ore. May 13, 1881, m. at Lewis-

ville, Nov. 13, 1904, Myrnie F. Smith, dau. of Henry S. Smith and Kate Yeater, who was b. at Lewisville, Ore. Oct. 9, 1884. He is engaged in the sawmill business at McTimmonds Valley, Ore. Ch.: Mildred Rose, b. Dec. 18, 1905, at Lewisville; II. Garlin Maxine, b. May 24, 1909, at Monmouth, Ore.

95. Grace Folsom Bronson, dau. of Howe Cuyler (72) and Elizabeth Folsom Bronson, was b. at Suisun, Cal. Mch. 22, 1873, m. at San Francisco, May 16, 1900, to Edwin La Forge Bailey, who was b. at San Francisco Jan. 13, 1871; a banker of Redding, Cal. Ch.: I. Ralph La Forge Bailey, b. at San Francisco, Feb. 21, 1902; II. Edwin La Forge Bailey Jr. b. at Alameda, Cal. Nov. 13, 1905.

96. Malwine Celia Bronson, dau. of Howe Cuyler (72) and Elizabeth Folsom Bronson, was b. at Suisun, Cal. Mch. 20, 1876; formerly a teacher; m. at Alameda, Cal. Oct. 10, 1915, to Duncan McDonald Bayne, a merchant of Alameda, who was b. at Dunblane, Perthshire, Scotland, May 8, 1872. He had 3 daus. by a former marriage; Jean, b. June 26, 1903; Hertha, b. Feb. 14, 1905; Lillie, b. Sept. 5, 1907.

97. Howard Cuyler Bronson, s. of Howe Cuyler (72) and Elizabeth Folsom Bronson, was b. at Suisun, Cal. Jan. 17, 1879, m. at Oakland, Cal. Mch. 8, 1902 Eva T. Oliver, who was b. at Suisun, June 27, 1882. He is accountant for Pacific Nat'l Fire Insurance Co. Sacramento. He served in the Spanish American War; enlisted in the 23rd U. S. Inf. in San Francisco, June 1898, went to Manila, took part in the capture of that city; in Apr. 1899 was sent with his regt. to Jolo, where he saw active service, and was honorably discharged with the rank of corp. Sept. 1899. Ch. b. at Sacramento: I. John Ogden, b. Sept. 17, 1903; II. Howard Cuyler Jr. b. Sept. 25, 1916.

98. Lewis Pierce Bronson, s. of Howe Cuyler (72) and Elizabeth Folsom Bronson, was b. at Suisun, Cal. May 17, 1881, m. at Cordelia, Cal. June 10, 1904 Kathryn Marie Loeser, dau. of Carl Frederick Loeser, who was b. in Stade, Province of Hanover, Germany, Mch. 23, 1883. He is a banker of Red Bluff, Cal. 1 son, Lewis Elmer was b. at Oakland, Cal. Dec. 28, 1906.

99. Frances H. Larison, dau. of Celia H. Bronson (73) and James Larison, was b. at Bloomington, Ill. Dec. 12, 1859, m. 1st Nov. 19, 1881 at Caldwell, Kan. to Decatur C. Millard, who was b. at Clinton, Ill. Oct. 10, 1857 and d. at Colorado Springs, Colo. Aug. 25, 1896. Ch.: I. George Larison; II. Robert Wilcox; III. Decatur Clark Millard, b. at Wellington, Kans. Feb. 25, 1896; he is a moving picture photographer. Mrs. Frances Millard m. 2nd. at Winfield, Kans. May 19, 1904 William R. Moore, who was b. at Prairie City, Ill. Sept. 20, 1841, d. at Kansas City, Mo. May 11, 1914. Mrs. Moore is matron at one of the girls' dormitories at the Presbyterian school, Parkville, Mo.

100. John W. Larison, s. of Celia H. Bronson (73) and James Larison, was b. in Cal. Dec. 13, 1861, m. at Wellington, Kans. Jan. 25, 1886,

to Nellie Grace Banks, who was b. at Camppoint, Ill. May 26, 1870. He is Deputy Sheriff and Constable at McAlester, Okla. They have ten ch.: I. Frances Helen Larison, b. at Caldwell, Kan. Apr. 2, 1887, m. Nov. 29, 1903 to Fred H. Arbuckle, b. Sept. 15, 1881, who is in the Gov't civil service. They have 2 ch.: I. Fred Larison Arbuckle, b. at Oklahoma City, Okla. Aug. 28, 1904; II. F. Lara Arbuckle, b. Sept. 22, 1910, at Luther, Okla.

II. Myron Hazel Larison, b. at Argonia, Kans. Nov. 19, 1888, m. Feb. 22, 1912 at McAlester, to Ivy Myrtle Massey, who was b. at Hopkinsville, Ky. July 17, 1891. He is a blacksmith.

III. Mary Elizabeth Larison, b. Dec. 9, 1890 at Argonia, Kans. m. Aug. 1, 1912 at McAlester, to William Carl Stewart, who was b. at Routon, La., June 22, 1891. He is a carpenter. 1 dau. Nellie Grace Stewart was b. at McAlester, Sept. 1, 1913, and d. Jan. 23, 1914.

IV. Nellie Grace Larison, b. at Argonia, Kans. Oct. 28, 1894.

V. John Ray Larison, b. at McAlester, Nov. 25, 1896.

VI. George Marvin Larison, b. at McAlester, Feb. 11, 1899.

VII. Gladys Maria Larison, b. at McAlester, Feb. 4, 1901.

VIII. Ruth Marie Larison, b. at McAlester, Aug. 22, 1903.

IX. Ruby Estelle Larison, b. at McAlester, May 17, 1906.

X. G. B. Larison, b. at McAlester, July 29, 1911.

101. Carrie Ada Larison, dau. of Celia H. Bronson (73) and James Larison, was b. at Stanford, McLean Co. Ill. Dec. 13, 1863, m. 1st. Myron Dow Wilcox at Wellington, Kan. Nov. 8, 1882, who was b. at Cleveland, O. Sept. 8, 1857. They had 1 dau. Celia L. They were divorced at Ellensburg, Wn. June 26, 1895; she m. 2nd. Charles Frederick Petersen, Sept. 1, 1896 at Ellensburg, who was b. at Rochester, Ind. Mch. 22, 1861. Res. Seattle. She was State President of the Ladies of the G. A. R. and Matron of the Home for soldiers' widows.

102. James Madison Larison, s. of Celia H. Bronson (73) and James Larison, was b. at Bloomington, Ill. Aug. 15, 1871, m. at Wellington, Kans. Mch. 21, 1894 to Minnie Van Delen, who was b. at Edgerton, Kans. Jan. 21, 1871. He is a farmer and stock raiser at Anadarko, Okla. and was Deputy Sheriff 1907-8. Ch.:

I. Elmer Larison, b. near Corbin, Kans. Jan. 17, 1895, m. Mch. 20, 1916 to Mattie Jones, who was b. near Loquo, Okla. Feb. 12, 1898; he is a farmer.

II. Edith Larison, b. at McAlester, Okla. Jan. 3, 1897, m. June 17, 1915, to James Beets, a farmer, who was b. near Springfield, Mo. Jan. 6 1894.

III. Ethel Larison, b. at Wellington, Kans. Apr. 25, 1899.

IV. Millard Larison, b. at Corbin, Kans., Nov. 23, 1900.

V. Ray Larison, b. at Anadarko, Okla. July 1, 1902.

VI. Helen Larison, b. at Anadarko, Okla. Mch. 8, 1905.

VII. Nellie Larison, b. at Anadarko, Dec. 26, 1913.

103. Bert B. Bronson, s. of Almira L. Bronson (74) and Albert Sidney Bronson, was b. at Champaign, Ill. Aug. 7, 1883, m. at McAlester, Okla. Dec. 28, 1905 to Jennie Elizabeth Hoar who came from St. Ives, England in 1904. He is chief clerk at the R. I. freight offices at McAlester, Okla. 1 dau., Gladys Edwina, was b. at Midway, Okla. Nov. 5, 1907.

104. William Marvin Bronson, s. of Henry Harrison (75) and Julia Hubbard Bronson, was b. at San Francisco, Jan. 1, 1875, m. Oct. 5, 1904 to Olive M. Tracy, who was b. at Two Rock Valley, Sonoma Co. Cal., Nov. 19, 1877. He is a farmer; the adopted son and heir of his uncle, William Marvin Bronson, and lived at Suisun until Nov. 15, 1914 when he removed to Santa Barbara, Cal. Ch.: I. Edith Tracy, b. Dec. 10, 1905; II. Ruth Ramona, b. Sept. 21, 1908; III. Melba May, b. Aug. 1, 1911; all b. at Suisun.

105. Frank Roy Bronson, s. of Henry Harrison (75) and Julia Hubbard Bronson, was b. at San Francisco, Nov. 12, 1875. At the outbreak of the Spanish-American War, he enlisted May 9, 1898, went to Manila Nov. 1899, as a clerk in the Quartermaster's Dept. In 1907 he was granted an eight month's vacation, and made a trip around the world; returned to Manila, and in 1909 went to Alaska. In Jan. 1911 he was appointed to a clerkship with the Isthmian Canal Commission and went to Panama, where he remained until Mch. 1912; engaged in business in Oakland, Cal., for two yrs., was re-instated in the civil service Apr. 1914, and was in the Adjutant General's office at Washington, D. C. until May 25, 1917, when he enlisted in the U. S. Army.

106. Fred C. Bronson, s. of Henry Harrison (75) and Julia Hubbard Bronson, was b. at San Francisco, Feb. 12, 1878. He was for several years a blacksmith at Siskiyou, Cal. Res. Oakland, Cal.

107. Harry Ray Bronson, s. of Henry Harrison (75) and Julia Hubbard Bronson, was b. at San Francisco, Jan. 21, 1880, is an automobile machinist of Oakland, Cal. He is a member of the United Spanish War Veterans; served through the Philippine War, enlisting in Co. G, 4th Inf. July 13, 1899, arriving in Manila Sept. 11th. He saw much active service, and took part in the following battles: Sept. 29, Puente Julian; Sept. 30, to Oct. 6, Seige of Imus; Oct. 8, San Nicolas; Nov. 18, Anabo; Nov. 20, Puente Julian; Nov. 25, Imus; Jan. 7, 1900, Puente Julian; Jan. 8, Caviete-viejo. He was transferred to Co. G, 21st Inf. Dec. 20, 1901, returning to U. S. May, 1902, and was honorably discharged July 12, 1902.

108. Maud Viola Bronson, dau. of Henry Harrison (75) and Julia Hubbard Bronson, was b. at San Francisco, Mch. 27, 1883. On May 19, 1905 removed to Hartford, Conn., where she was m. Sept. 28, 1910 to Augustine E. McEwen, who was b. at Colton, N. Y. June 22, 1876. They live at Huxley, Alberta, Canada. Ch.: I. Roy Bronson McEwen, b. at Huxley, Dec. 8, 1912, d. July 20, 1913; II. Hazel Viola, b. Apr. 15, 1915 at Huxley.

109. Zeo May Bronson, dau. of Henry Harrison (75) and Julia Hubbard Bronson, was b. at Fairfield, Cal. Mch. 28, 1885; removed with her mother and sister to Hartford, 1905, returning to Oakland, Cal., in 1911,

where she was m. July 22, 1914 to Walter Banner, a potter, of San Pablo, Cal., who was b. at Stoke-on-Trent, England, Feb. 26, 1886 Res. San Pablo.

110. Edith Covell, dau. of Kate A. Bronson (76) and James Covell, was b. at Detroit, Mich. Mch. 3, 1871, m. at Detroit, Sept. 29, 1892 to Grant Chadbourne, an orchardist of Suisun, Cal., who was b. at Suisun, Feb. 19, 1870, and d. at San Francisco, Jan. 10, 1911. Mrs. Chadbourne is the successful manager of a large orchard at Suisun. Ch.: I. Warner S. Chadbourne, b. at Suisun, Oct. 8, 1894; graduate of Berkeley, 1917; II. Grant H. Chadbourne, b. at Suisun, Apr. 1, 1903.

111. Charles T. Loomis, s. of Susan Maria Bronson (57) and Russell Loomis, was b. Apr. 5, 1836, d. at Eugene, Oregon Mch. 8, 1907, m. May 13, 1868 Martha E. Creighton, who was b. July 18, 1850; and lives at Eugene. The Loomis family removed from Almira, Cal. to Eugene, Ore. Oct. 1897 and purchased a farm at Eugene. Ch.: Ada; Jane; Harry; Charles Roy; Eleanor; Frank; Edgar; William.

112. Ada B. Loomis, dau. of Charles T. Loomis (111) and Martha E. Creighton, was b. at Almira, Cal. Aug. 22, 1870, m. at Almira, Dec. 30, 1891 to A. B. Keaton. Ch.: I. Gladys M. Keaton, b. Mch. 14, 1893, m. 1914 to Frank Atkinson, II. Velm J. Keaton, b. Jan. 17, 1900; III. Ruth Keaton, b. Jan. 18, 1908.

113. Jane C. Loomis, dau. of Charles T. Loomis (111) and Martha E. Creighton, was b. at Almira, Nov. 23, 1871, m. Mch. 17, 1908 to G. H. Conant. 1 son, Charles b. Dec. 23, 1913.

114. Harry B. Loomis, s. of Charles T. Loomis (111) and Martha E. Creighton, was b. at Almira, Oct. 1, 1874, m. 1897 Gertrude McNaughton.

115. Charles Roy Loomis, s. of Charles T. Loomis (111) and Martha E. Creighton, was b. at Almira, July 8, 1877, m. Dec. 25, 1900 Lena See-horn. Ch.: I.: I. Willa C. Loomis, b. Nov. 21, 1901; II. Jessie S. Loomis, b. Feb. 1, 1905; III. Maud Ellen, b. Sept. 30, 1906; IV. Charles T. Loomis, b. Aug. 16, 1908; V. Harry B. Loomis, b. Aug. 18, 1910.

116. Eleanor M. Loomis, dau. of Charles T. Loomis (111) and Martha E. Creighton, was b. at Almira, Feb. 15, 1880, m. at Eugene, Ore. Dec. 24, 1906 to S. R. Gilliam. Ch.: Eleanor D. Gilliam, b. Apr. 26, 1908; II. Kathryn E. Gilliam, b. Oct. 18, 1910; III. Crystal M. Gilliam, b. Nov. 21, 1912.

117. Frank B. Loomis, s. of Charles T. Loomis (111) and Martha E. Creighton, was b. at Almira, Apr. 8, 1882, m. Jan. 22, 1910 to Jennie Cox.

118. Edgar E. Loomis, s. of Charles T. Loomis (111) was b. at Almira, Jan. 3, 1884, m. Dec. 26, 1909 to Ruby Plowman; 1 dau. Eula E. Loomis b. Sept. 21, 1912.

119. William I. Loomis, s. of Charles T. Loomis (111) and Martha E. Creighton, was b. at Almira, July 22, 1886, m. Oct. 28, 1911 to Anna Pice. Ch.: I. Helen R. Loomis, b. Mch. 8, 1913; II. William I. Loomis, Jr. b. June 28, 1915.

120. Amanda Louise Gunn, dau. of Amos Bronson Gunn (58) and Wealthy Chapman Whittlesey, was b. Apr. 21, 1845, m. G. W. Hubbard, a Hardware merchant of Flint, Mich. Ch.: I. William Newton Hubbard; II. Louise Gunn Hubbard. III. Bruce Gunn Hubbard, b. June 10, 1883, d. unkn. Aug. 16, 1916.

121. William Newton Hubbard, s. of Amanda Louise Gunn (120) and G. W. Hubbard, was b. Dec. 12, 1872, m. Cynthia Curtis Feb. 4, 1914; he is a Hardware merchant of Flint, Mich.

122. Louise Gunn Hubbard, dau. of Amanda Louise Gunn (120) and G. W. Hubbard was b. May 8, 1881, m. J. E. Burroughs Sept. 21, 1904. Ch.: I. Louise Gunn Burroughs, b. Jan. 30, 1905; II. James Romig Burroughs, b. Oct. 10, 1909; III. George Hubbard Burroughs, b. Feb. 28, 1913.

123. Walter Thayer Brunson, s. of George Howey (78) and Emma Thayer Brunson, was b. at Monte Vista, Colo. Apr. 8, 1887, m. June 16, 1913 to Ora Nellie Phillips, who was b. at White Path, Ga., June 16, 1894. He is an Automobile machinist. 1 ch.: Walter Phillips Brunson, b. Dec. 10, 1914 at Magdalena, New Mex.

124. Alva Edward Brunson, s. of George Howey (78) and Emma Thayer Brunson, was b. at Monte Vista, Colo. Jan. 11, 1889, m. Sept. 27, 1911 to Esther Marie Carlson, who was b. in Omaha, Neb. Sept. 15, 1890. He is manager of an Automobile Garage at Denver, Colo. 1 ch.: Gordon Edward Brunson, b. at Denver Aug. 28, 1912.

125. Nellie Gertrude Brunson, dau. of George Howey (78) and Emma Thayer Brunson, was b. at Monte Vista, Colo. Dec. 27, 1890, m. June 9, 1908 to James Emmulus Bliven, who was b. in N. J. Ch.: I. Brunson Pendleton Bliven, b. Dec. 10, 1910 at Estrella, Cal. II. Dorothy Mae Bliven, Apr. 15, 1913 b. at Paso Robles, Cal.

126. Nona Amelia Brunson, dau. of Amos Edward (79) and Mame Halpin Brunson, was b. at Ellis, Kans. Apr. 24, 1894, m. May 12, 1910 to Howard C. Duckson. 1 son, Donald William Duckson, b. Nov. 30, 1912 at Cincinnati, O.

127. Edna Bronson Van Meter, dau. of Carrie Viola Summers (85) and Edgar S. Van Meter, was b. at Mansfield, Ill. Aug. 17, 1874, m. at Fresno, Cal. Sept. 18, 1894 to Elmer E. Van Winkle, who d. Jan. 17, 1905. 1 dau.: Nellie Estelle.

128. James Price Van Meter, s. of Carrie V. Summers (85) and Edgar S. Van Meter, was b. at Clinton, Ill. Nov. 30, 1876, d. at Fresno, Cal. Jan. 30, 1911, m. at San Francisco, 1899 to Clare Belle Arnold. Ch.: I. George Edgar Van Meter, b. at Fresno, June 22, 1900; II. Enid Clare Van Meter, b. at San Francisco, June 28, 1902; III. Arnold Van Meter, b. at Fresno, Feb. 11, 1903; IV. Violet Dorothy Van Meter, b. at Fresno, Mch. 27, 1905; V. James Van Meter, b. at Kern City, Cal. Sept. 1910.

129. Harry Summers Van Meter, s. of Carrie V. Summers (85) and Edgar S. Van Meter, was b. at Clinton, Ill. May 5, 1879, d. at Fresno, Cal. Feb. 21, 1906, m. at Fresno. Sept. 13, 1904 to Nettie Geddis. 1 ch. Olla Vivian Van Meter, b. at Fresno, Dec. 23, 1905.

130. Harlow Gamble Van Meter, s. of Carrie V. Summers (85) and Edgar S. Van Meter, was b. at Clinton, Ill. Feb. 5, 1883, m. at Fresno, Feb. 28, 1904 to Clarabel Dowd. 1 son, Edgar Houston Van Meter, b. at Fresno, Jan. 2, 1905.

131. Ethel Williams Van Meter, dau. of Carrie V. Summers (85) and Edgar S. Van Meter, was b. at Bloomington, Ill. Dec. 8, 1886, m. at Fresno, Dec. 8, 1903 to Gartrell Hooper. Ch.: I. Gartrell Berton Hooper, b. at Fresno, Nov. 15, 1904. II. Harry Snowdon Hooper, b. at Fresno, Dec. 9, 1907.

132. Walter Tupper Van Meter, s. of Carrie V. Summers (85) and Edgar S. Van Meter, was b. at Fresno, Feb. 15, 1893, m. at Clovis, Cal. Aug. 1, 1914 to Ethel Spencer.

133. Charles Edwin Summers, s. of John Howard (87) and Dora Mitt Williams Summers, was b. at Gibson, Ill. June 2, 1885, m. at Gibson, City, Feb. 14, 1907 to Leah Ethel Rowan, who was b. Oct. 18, 1887. He is a farmer at Gibson City. Ch.: I. John Richard Summers, b. June 4, 1914; II. Robert Clark Summers, b. Sept. 3, 1916, at Gibson City.

134. Warner Marvin Summers, s. of John Howard (87) and Dora Mitt Williams Summers, was b. Apr. 22, 1889, m. at Danville. Ill. Mch. 17, 1910 to Anna Dean Bailey, who was b. Dec. 5, 1887. Ch.: I. Doris Maritta Summers, b. Dec. 5, 1912; II. Marvin Bailey Summers, b. Dec. 28, 1914. He is a farmer at Gibson City, Ill.

135. George Larison Millard, s. of Frances H. Larison (99) and Decatur C. Millard, was b. at Wellington, Kans. Sept. 9, 1884, m. Aug. 15, 1907 to Gertrude May Kerr, who was b. at Caldwell, Kans. Feb. 28, 1886. He is in the employ of the Prairie Oil and Gas Co., Kansas, City. Ch.: Frances Gertrude Millard, b. at Kansas City, Jan. 19, 1909; II. Elsie Jean Millard, b. at Kansas City, Dec. 16, 1912.

136. Robert Wilcox Millard, s. of Frances H. Larison (99) and Decatur C. Millard, was b. at Wellington, Kans. Apr. 29, 1886, m. at Kansas City, Apr. 29, 1915 to Louise Marie Buente, who was b. at Warrensburg, Mo. Nov. 18, 1890. He is Interchange Clerk at the Freight Offices, Milwaukee and St. Paul R. R. Co. 1 ch.: Robert Henry Millard, b. at Kansas City, Jan. 29, 1916.

137. Celia Lucretia Wilcox, dau. of Carrie Ada Larison (101) and Myron Dow Wilcox, was b. at Seattle, Wn., Mch. 22, 1890, m. at Seattle, June 2, 1912, to Harlan Meredith Jackson, an architect of Everett, Wn., who was b. at Brid Centre, Kans. Sept. 5, 1888. Ch.: I. Harlan Wilcox Jackson, b. at Victoria, B. C. May 8, 1913; II. Betty Jean Jackson, b. at Everett, Dec. 21, 1915.

138. Nellie Estelle Van Winkle, dau. of Edna Bronson Van Meter (127) and Elmer E. Van Winkle, was b. at Fresno, Cal. May 19, 1896, m. at San Francisco, Apr. 11, 1912 to Jesse L. Bullfinch. Ch.: I. Bernice Alline Bullfinch b. at River Bank, Cal. Oct. 6, 1914; II. Edith May Bullfinch, b. at Angolia, Cal. Mch. 1916.

PART IV

Other Ancestral Lines.

Beckwith

1. Matthew Beckwith, b. in England abt. 1610, bought land in Hartford, Conn. in 1645; moved in 1652 to New London and Lyme, his land lying in both towns; and was killed by accident Oct. 21, 1680. Elizabeth, his wife, m. 2nd Samuel Buckland, and d. before 1690.

2. Joseph, s. of Matthew (1) and Elizabeth, m. Susanna and d. abt. 1718; his widow m. 2nd a Mr. Way.

3. Capt. Joseph, s. of Joseph (2) and Susanna, was b. at Lyme Apr. 15, 1679. May 11, 1727, the General Assembly convened at Hartford. Among other records is the following: "The Assembly do establish and confirm Mr. Joseph Beckwith of Lyme to be Captain of the east or second company in the town of Lyme aforesaid, and order he be commissioned accordingly." (Conn. Col. Rec.) Capt. Joseph Beckwith d. at East Lyme, Aug. 9, 1741. He m. Marah Lee (dau. of Thomas Lee), who, after the death of Joseph Beckwith, m. 2nd May 16, 1745 Capt. Daniel Sterling; m. 3rd Capt. Riggs of Derby, Conn. and d. in 1759. She was called Mary in later life. (Beckwith Notes, No. 6, pp. 1-5.)

4. Mary, dau. of Capt. Joseph (3) and Mary Lee Beckwith, was b. at Lyme Apr. 3, 1710, m. at Lyme Capt. Matthew Marvin Apr. 20, 1732, and they both died on the same day, of smallpox, Dec. 25, 1760, at Lyme. (See Marvin Genealogy.)

CODDING-GAUSS (OR GOSS).

Benjamin Gauss was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, as is shown by an abstract of records in the State Library at Albany, N. Y., which reads as follows: "Certificate No. 4317, 18 pounds, 10, pence, dated Nov. 1781, issued to Benjamin Gauss for services as private in Capt. Elihu Marshall's co. in the regt. of Levies, commanded by Lt. Col. Marinus Willett.

"Cert. No. 4385, 2 pounds, 4 d., dated 31 Dec. 1781, issued to Benjamin Gause for services as private in said co. and regt. .

Certificates of Treasurer (Manuscript record) Vol. I.

"Cert. No. 7001, 32 pounds, dated 31 Dec. 1782, issued to Benjamin Gauze, for services as private in Capt. James Cannon's co. in the regt. of Levies commanded by Lt. Col. Marinus Willett.

Certificates of Treasurer (Manuscript Record) Vol. II.

The marriage of Benjamin Goss and Miss Coddling was the first wedding of white persons to be held in Ontario Co. N. Y.

Miss Coddling was the daughter of George Coddling of whom a "History of Ontario County, N. Y.," has to say: "George Coddling with his

son George, came out in 1789. Himself and sons, with their families, became widely known, and the number is limited who have done more to clear the fields of Bristol and give an impetus to the great and dominant interests of religion, education, and pure morality. . . . He was the first Justice of the Peace of the town. . . . Mr. Coddling died in town an aged and highly respected pioneer of its settlement."

Sally Goss, dau. of Benjamin Goss m. Feb. 24, 1820 Flavius J. Brunson.
—Record from E. Bruce Brunson.

DEMPSEY

It is believed that the first ancestor came from Ireland. The date is unknown, but there were many Dempseys in Pennsylvania during the Revolutionary period. The name is spelled Dempsey, Dempsee, Dimsey, etc.

Cornelius Dempsey m. Ann Iddings, who was related to Gen. Anthony Wayne's mother, Elizabeth Iddings of Chester Co. Pa. During the Rev. War, the family lived on a farm in Buffalo Township, Northumberland Co. When the war broke out Cornelius Dempsey took his wife and infant daughter on horseback to Philadelphia, and left them with relatives. He served as a private in Capt. Wm. Harris' militia co. Chester Co. Pa. 1780-1. See Pa. Arch. Series V, Vol. 15, pp. 608, 642. Their ch. were: I. a dau., d. inf. II. Mary, b. June 25, 1775, m. Robert Elder and d. at Knoxville, Ill., at an advanced age, and had several ch. III. James, b. Dec. 15, 1778, d. at Knoxville, Nov. 21, 1859, m. Susannah Piper, who was b. in N. J. Aug. 25, 1775, and d. at Knoxville, Sept. 20, 1865. IV. Jonathan, b. 1782, m. Isabel. The death of Cornelius Dempsey was accidental. While engaged in building a log house in Pa. a timber fell upon him, causing internal injuries from which he died in 1786. Letters of administration were granted to his widow, November 8, 1786, recorded at Sunbury, Pa. Will Book I. p. 44. In 1812 the family removed to Jackson, Ohio, where Ann Dempsey died. She lived with her son, Jonathan, whose descendants are living in Jackson, Co. O.

The father of Susannah Piper came from Germany before he was 21. He was the only one of his family who came. The Pipers were Quakers. He m. in N. J. where the following ch. were b.: William, Henry, Phillip, Susannah, Sally and two others. Mr. Piper removed to Pa. and about 1812 inherited an estate in Germany. He, however, failed to return to Germany, and the estate went to the government. His wife d. first; it is not known whether in N. J. or Pa.

The families of James Dempsey and Mary Elder removed to Knoxville, Ill. in 1837. Ch. of James and Susannah: I. Jonathan, b. Oct. 28, 1802, d. unm. II. Cornelius, b. Oct. 31, 1804, m. Julia Brown and had 5 ch.: Mary, Eliza, Julia, Lucinda and Albert. III. Catherine, b. Mch. 17, 1807, m. 1st. Webb and had 2 ch.: Susannah and Malissa; m. 2nd. Jas. M. Maxey. IV. Annie, b. Jan. 16, 1810, d. unm. at Knoxville, aged 98.

V. Mary, b. July 5, 1812, m. Cornelius Ward and had Cornelius, Isaac, Catherine, Phoebe, Ann, Susan and Hiram. VI. James b. Mch. 5, 1815, m. 1866 to Virginia Ferguson and had 12 ch.: Grace, Salinda, John, Frank, William, Charles, Ida, Thomas, Mattie, Isaac, Jennie and Nellie. VII. Susannah, b. June 18, 1817, m. Booker Pickerel and had John, Mary, Richard, Sarah, Ann, Mandana, and Susan. VIII. Isaac Iddings, b. Aug. 21, 1820, m. 1840 Nancy Ferguson and d. at Rickreall, Ore. June 25, 1887. He removed to Polk, Co. Ore. in 1862, served in the State Legislature 1866, and as Co. Judge 1884. Ch. of I. I. Dempsey and Nancy Ferguson, all b. at Knoxville: I. Julia Ann, b. Mch. 7, 1842, d. at Rickreall, Feb. 20, 1914. m. at Rickreall, Sept. 27, 1864 to Wm. Edgar Goodell, who was b. at Troy, N. Y. July 4, 1839 and d. at Rickreall, June 10, 1914. II. James A., b. May 23, 1843, d. at Monmouth, Ore. Dec. 7, 1893, m. at Rickreall, Oct. 6, 1864 to Alice Irene Embree, b. on the plains July 9, 1844. III. Chestina, b. Dec. 25, 1845, m. at Rickreall, Dec. 25, 1865 to Isaac Newton Davidson, who was b. at Monmouth, Ill. June 16, 1842, d. at N. Yakima, Wn. Apr. 20, 1908. IV. Mary Jane, b. 1848, m. 1870 to David Ostrom Bronson.

HICKOX

Hicox, Hikox, Hecock, Hickcock, etc. Hist. of Waterbury, pp. 148-9 and 497.

The planters of Waterbury bearing the name, Samuel and Joseph are supposed to have been brothers, and sons of William Hickox of Farmington, one of the original proprietors and first settlers of that town. The latter died early. The names of Samuel and Joseph are on the list of proprietors of Farmington in 1672.

Samuel Hickox was one of the original thirty, and is believed to have been a member of the first company that came to Waterbury. He was one of the assignees of the first Indian deed, and is named in all the fence divisions and proprietors lists. So far as appears he never once halted in the work he had undertaken. He was called sergeant as early as 1688. When the train band was organized, or reorganized, after the resumption of the Colonial government under the charter, he was appointed sergeant, and ever afterwards known as sergeant Samuel Hickox. He held different offices by appointment of the grand committee and proprietors—was townsman in 1682, etc. He was one of the leading men of the settlement, and died at his post at a critical time, when men of his stamp could be poorly spared. His inventory was taken Feb. 28, 1694-5, amounting to 434 pounds.

1. Sergeant Samuel Hickox had ch.: Samuel; Hannah; William; Thomas; Joseph; Mary; Elizabeth; Stephen; Benjamin; Mercy; Ebenezar.

2. Ebenezar, s. of Serg. Samuel (1), was b. 1693. He chose in 1707 his brother, William, his guardian. He removed to Bethel Soc. in Dan-

bury. He was in Danbury in June 1722. He m. 1st. Esther Hine, Dec. 1714; 2nd. Abigail, dau. of Samuel Stephens of West Haven, Aug. 28, 1729. His ch. recorded in Waterbury were as follows: I. Esther, b. July 10, 1715, m. Stephen Kelsey, s. of Stephen of Wethersfield, Aug. 25, 1733; II. Samuel; III. Ambrose; IV. Elizabeth; V. Abigail; VI. Ebenezer; VII. David; VIII. John; IX. Seth;

3. Esther Kelsey, dau. of Esther Hickox and Stephen Kelsey, b. 1739, m. in 1758 Capt. Wm. Bronson, s. of Moses.

HUBBARD

From the Hubbard Genealogy by Edward W. Day.

A Hubbard Coat-of-Arms was granted to Thomas Hubbard of Calais by King Henry VII.

I. George Hubbard, b. 1601 probably in eastern or southeastern England, settled in vicinity of Boston in 1633, removed to Hartford, Conn. in 1635-36, then to Middletown, Conn. in 1650, m. in 1640 to Elizabeth Watts, d. at Middletown, 1684. When leaving Hartford, he carried with him a commission from the Colonial Government as "Indian Agent and Trader for the Mattebesett District."

2. Samuel, s. of George (1) and Elizabeth, was b. May, 1648 in Hartford, d. there Nov. 4, 1732, m. Aug. 9, 1673 Sarah Kirby.

3. John, s. of Samuel (2) and Sarah, was b. Aug., 1691 in Hartford, d. in Bloomfield, Conn. Feb. 14, 1775, m. Agnes (Spencer) Humphries in 1715.

4. Nathaniel, s. of John (3) and Agnes, was b. 1724, d. Nov. 16, 1773, m. Mary Cadwell; lived in Bloomfield, Conn.

5. Asa, s. of Nathaniel (4) and Mary, was b. in Bloomfield, Mch. 16, 1753-4, d. there Apr. 13, 1843, m. Nov. 20, 1776 Submit Bishop. (Revolutionary service).

6. Benoni, s. of Asa (5) and Submit, was b. Apr. 2, 1783 at Wintonbury Parish, now Bloomfield, Conn., d. there Dec. 26, 1870; m. Abigail Francis in 1813.

7. Henry, s. of Benoni (6) and Abigail, b. at Bloomfield, May 24, 1820, m. Clarissa E. House, 1846, removed to Cal. in 1848 and d. at Suisun, Cal. Dec. 31, 1895.

8. Julia J., dau. of Henry (7) and Clarissa, was b. at Hartford, Conn. Nov. 22, 1849, m. Henry Harrison Bronson at San Francisco, 1874.

INGERSOLL

In the year 1629, Richard Ingersoll and his brother John came from England and settled at Salem, Mass. Richard d. in Salem in 1644. John Ingersoll, Richard's younger brother, was b. in England in 1615. For a

time he lived with his brother Richard in Salem. We next hear of him in Hartford, Conn., where he settled after his brother's death. In 1651 he married Dorothy Lord, dau. of Thomas Lord, one of the first settlers of Hartford. She was about 22 at the time of her marriage. The first two children by this marriage were born in Hartford: I. Hannah, b. 1652; II. Dorothy, b. 1654: In 1655 John Ingersoll removed to Northampton, Mass., where another dau. was born, Marjory, in Jan. 1656-7. At this time Dorothy Lord Ingersoll died, aged 24. John Ingersoll m. 2nd. Dec. 12, 1657, Abigail, dau. of Thomas Bascón, one of the first settlers of Windsor, Conn. and had by this marriage 4 daus. Abigail, Sarah, Abiah and Hester. In 1666 John Ingersoll removed to Westfield, Mass. and in Apr. of that year his 2nd. wife died. In 1667 he m. Mary Hunt, dau. of John Hunt, and granddaughter of John Webster, 5th. Governor of the Colony of Conn. In 1679 John Ingersoll was one of the "Seven Pillars" or "Foundation Men" who united to form the church at Westfield. By his 3rd. wife he had 8 ch.: Thomas, Joan, Abel, Ebenezer, Joseph, Mary, Benjamin and Jonathan. John Ingersoll d. in Westfield Sept. 3, 1684, in his 70th year and his grave may be found in the old Westfield cemetery. His widow, Mary, d. in Westfield Aug. 18, 1690. The land granted to John Ingersoll in Westfield and on which he built his house has always remained in the Ingersoll family and been known to the people of Westfield as the "Ingersoll Place."

Hannah Ingersoll, dau. of John and Dorothy Lord Ingersoll, b. in Hartford, 1652, m. Nov. 15, 1672 Stephen Kelsey, (s. of William, one of the first settlers of Hartford) who was bapt. Nov. 7, 1647 at Hartford. He d. Nov. 30, 1710. (The Ingersolls of Hampshire, by Lt. Charles Stedman Ripley, Boston, 1893).

KELSEY

1. William Kelsey, the emigrant, was born abo. 1600, and settled at Cambridge, Mass. 1632; was made a freeman Mch. 4, 1635 and in 1636 was one of the settlers of Hartford, Conn. coming with Rev. Thomas Hooker. He was one of the original proprietors, his home-lot being in the western part of the town. In the distribution of 1639 it was on the road to Centinel Hill to the North Meadow (now Village St.). He removed to Killingworth, Conn. about 1663: was representative from that town in 1671 and was living in June, 1674. His wife's name is not known. His ch.: I. John Killingworth; II. Abigail, b. Apr. 19, 1645; III. Stephen, b. 1647; IV. Daniel, b. July, 1650.

2. Stephen Kelsey, s. of William (1), was bapt. Nov. 7, 1647, m. Nov. 15, 1672 Hannah, dau. of John Ingersoll, and d. Nov. 30, 1710. His father gave him his dwelling house and he remained in Hartford. The inventory of his estate, amounting to 516 pounds, 1 shilling, 10 pence, was taken Dec. 20, 1710. The widow was living. The children named are Stephen, the eldest son, John, Daniel, William, James, Charles, Hannah Kibbe.

3. Stephen Kelsey, s. of Stephen (2) and Hannah Ingersoll, was b. abt. 1677, removed to Wethersfield, and m. Jan. 11, 1699-1700, Dorothy Bronson, dau. of John of Waterbury. She was b. 1675, and was living at the time of his death. He lived in Newington parish for a time, and then removed to New Hartford, where he died probably in the spring of 1745. The inventory of his estate was taken May 17, 1745. Their ch.: I. Stephen, b. Oct. 18, 1700; II. Jonathan b. Oct. 7, 1702; III. Dorothy, b. Feb. 28, 1703-4; IV. Ebenezar, b. Mch. 3, 1705-6; V. Esther, b. Aug. 10, 1707; VI. Daniel b. May 10, 1709; VII. Sarah, b. Feb. 20, 1710; VIII. Eunice, b. Sept. 20, 1712; IX. Abigail, b. Sept. 8, 1714; X. Timothy, b. July 7, 1716; XI. Samuel, b. July 8, 1718. Stephen Kelsey was one of the petitioners for Newington parish and resided west of Beckley Quarter. Stephen Kelsey and his wife, Dorothy deeded their right in their father Bronson's estate to their son Stephen of Wethersfield, afterwards of Waterbury (See Hist. of Waterbury).

4. Stephen Kelsey, s. of Stephen (3) and Dorothy Bronson, b. Oct. 18, 1700, m. Esther Hickox, Aug. 25, 1733. She was a dau. of Ebenezar Hickox and Esther Hine, b. July 10, 1715. Their dau. Esther Kelsey, was b. Aug. 20, 1739, and was m. in 1758 to William Bronson, s. of Moses.

KEYES

It is not known definitely just when William Keyes came to Batavia, N. Y. but the statement is made in the History of Batavia that it was before 1801.

In a family record compiled by Frank C. Bronson, he mentions that "the family of Keyes were from Salisbury, Conn." The records of deeds at Salisbury show that a Keyes family lived there during the latter half of the 18th. century. Their names were Asa, Daniel, Stephen and Benjamin; also Amasa of Hartford and Elnathan of Farmington 1790-4. It is probable that William Keyes was related to this family.

In the Keyes Genealogy compiled by Asa Keyes, Brattleboro, 1880, reference is made to William Keyes of Batavia, but his origin is not known. "About the year 1789 or '90 four brothers by the name of Keyes settled at East Bloomfield, N. Y., the date not certain, but the town was settled 1789, and some of them were there in its earliest days. . . . Names of the Brothers: Henry; John; William, res. Batavia, N. Y., s. Chauncey; Benjamin."

Beer's Gazetteer of Genesee Co. N. Y. (Batavia) pp. 175-176 has the following: "During the summer of 1802 William Munger erected the west half of what was known later as the Keyes House (or tavern) occupied by him, then by Mr. Rowe, and afterwards by Keyes, who enlarged, improved and kept it as a tavern for many years. . . . Abel Rowe was the first tavern keeper, and located nearly opposite the land office in 1801, but later moved and founded the "Keyes" stand, afterwards called Frontier

House. Keyes occupied it as late as 1829, and was proprietor of a line of stages, and died in 1833."

William Keyes had three children: Almira, Laura and Chauncey. Almira, b. 1786, d. 1812, m. Henry A. Marvin of West Bloomfield, and had two daughters, Laura, who m. Benedict, and Almira Penelope, who m. William Bronson (56). Laura Keyes, m. Henry Ostrom Bronson (55). Chauncey had a store of goods at Batavia, and was interested in a line of stages. Probably he was in partnership with his father.

The will of William Keyes was proved and recorded at Batavia, Feb. 3, 1834. He names as legatees: Laura Bronson, daughter; Laura Benedict, granddaughter and Chouncey Keyes, son. His widow's name is given as Juliana Keyes.

LORD

Thomas Lord, smith, embarked Apr. 19, 1635 in the "Elizabeth and Ann" at London, aged 50, with his wife Dorothy (maiden name unknown) aged 46, and the following children: Thomas, aged 16; Ann, aged 14; William aged 12; John aged 10; Robert aged 9; Aymie aged 6 and Dorothy aged 4. He had also a son Richard b. abt. 1611. Dorothy, b. 1631, m. abt. 1651 John Ingersoll of Hartford afterwards of Northampton, where she d. in Jan. 1657. (The Memorial History of Hartford Co. Conn. edited by J. Hammond Trumbull L. L. D., 1886).

The following extract is from the "Stanton Family" 1635-1891, by Wm. A. Stanton Ph. D., D. D.:

THE LORD FAMILY

Dr. Thomas Lord was b. 1585; Dorothy, his wife, was b. 1589. They were married in England in 1610, and came to America April 29, 1635 in the "Elizabeth and Ann." Mrs. Lord died in 1676, aged 87 years. She sealed her will with the arms of the "Lord alias Laward" family. The arms are thus described:

"Ar. on a fess gu. between three cinque foils az. a hind pass. between two pheons or."

The following copy of the first medical license granted in the New England Colonies will be full of interest to every reader, and especially so to us who are descendants of the herein licensed Doctor Lord:

COURTE IN HARTFORD, 30TH. OF JUNE, 1652.

"Thomas Lord, having ingaged to this Courte to continue his abode in Hartford for the next ensuing yeare, and to improve his best skill amongst the inhabitants of the Townes uppon the River within this jurisdiction both for setting of bones and otherwise, as at all times, occasions and necessities may or shall require; This Courte doth graunt that hee shall be paid by the Courte the sum of fifteene pounds for the said ensuing

yeare, and they doe declare that for every visitt or journye that hee shall take or make, being sent for to any house in Hartford, twelve pence is reasonable; to any house in Wyndsor, five shillings; to any house in Wethersfield, three shillings; to any house in Farmington, six shillings; to any house in Mattabeseck, eight shillings; (hee having promised that hee will require no more,) and that hee shall bee freed for the time aforesaid from watching, warding and training; but not from finding arms, according to lawe."

It will be of interest to learn a little as to the brothers and sisters of Mistress Stanton nee Lord. They were all born across the sea, and as follows:

Richard, b. 1611; Thomas Jr., b. 1619; (Ann, who married Thos. Stanton, b. 1621); William, b. 1623; John, b. 1624; Robert, b. 1626; Aymie, b. 1629; Dorothy, b. 1630.

MARVIN

"The Marvin Family, Descendants of Reinold and Matthew, 1635-1904," by G. F. Marvin, N. Y. City, and Wm. T. R. Marvin, Boston.

REINOLD and MATTHEW MARVIN, two brothers, came to America and settled, Reinold in Lyme in 1637, and Matthew in Hartford in 1635.

1. Reinold, son of Edward and Margaret Marvin, was bapt. Oct. 25, 1594 in St. Mary's Church, Great Bentley, Essex, England. He d. in Lyme, Conn. in 1662. He m. Marie, (judging from the date of bapt. of her eldest child,) probably in 1617-18. She d. in Lyme abt. 1661. Her death was attributed to withcraft. It is not known where they were buried, but there are two stones of great age still standing in the Duck River burying ground. Ch. (Entries in St. Mary's Register): I. William; II. Elizabeth; III. Marye; IV. John; V. Elizabeth; VI. Sara Marie; VII. Reinold or Renald; VIII. Abigail; IX. Mary.

2. Lieut. Reinold, son of Reinold (1) and Marie, was christened in St. Mary's Church, Great Bentley, England, Dec. 20, 1631, and d. at Lyme Conn. Aug. 4, 1676, m. abt. 1662 Sarah, 3rd. dau. of Geo. Jr. and Sarah Clark, bapt. 18 Feb. 1643-4 in Milford, Conn; by her age as given on her grave stone she was b. abt. 1642, m. 2nd. Feb. 12, 1677-8 Capt. Joseph Sill, the famous Indian fighter. She d. in Lyme, Feb. 1, 1715-6, and her grave is in the Duck River Burying ground. On her stone is the following: "Here lyeth the body of Mrs. Sarah Sill who died Feby. ye 1 in the year of our Lord 1715-16, aged 74 years." Ch. I. John; II. Mary; III. Reinold; IV. Samuel; V. Sarah.

3. Dea. Samuel, son of Lt. Reinold (2) and Sarah Clark Marvin, was b. in Lyme, Conn. 1671 and d. there May 5, 1743 and was interred in the Duck River burying ground; m. May 5, 1699 Susannah, dau. of Henry and Mary Graham of Hartford, Conn. Samuel was elected townsman of Lyme in 1699-1709 and 1718-20 inclusive. Dec. 21, 1725 he was town clerk.

Ch. b. in Lyme: I. Samuel; II. Zechariah; III. Thomas; IV. Matthew; V. Abigail; VI. Elizabeth; VII. Nathan; VIII. Nehemiah; IX. Mary; X. a son; twin to Mary.

4. Capt. Matthew, son of Dea. Samuel (3) and Susannah Graham Marvin, was b. in Lyme, Nov. 7, 1706 and d. there Dec. 25, 1760; m. Apr. 20, 1732 in Lyme, Mary, dau. of Capt. Joseph and Mary Lee Beckwith. Capt. Matthew was an Inn-holder as well as a farmer, and he and his wife died on the same day of Smallpox taken from a transient person who came to their house, which was then turned into a hospital (as a contemporary wrote). The children recovered. The Capt. and his wife were interred in the same grave at Niantic. He was confirmed Lt. of the train band in Oct. 1741 and Capt. in May 1754. Ch. born in Lyme: 1. Seth, who enlisted Sept. 17, 1776 in Capt. Durkie's Co. in Wyoming, Pa.; 2. Eunice; 3. Elizabeth; 4. Mary; 5. Matthew; 6. Ezra; 7. Abigail; 8. Rhoda; 9. Phebe; 10. Joseph.

Capt Ezra (5), son of Capt. Matthew (4) and Mary Beckwith Marvin, b. July 15, 1744 in Lyme, Conn. d. in East Granville, Mass. Dec. 26, 1811; m. Jan. 17, 1766, Susannah, dau. of Jasper and Sarah Clark Peck b. Aug. 11, 1744 in Lyme d. Sept. 29, 1829. Ezra and his wife joined the church in Lyme June 1772. They resided in Fairfield, Conn. for a time, but about 1774 removed to Granville, Mass. He was a man of great shrewdness and efficiency, often moderator of town meetings, and a selectman, public spirited, and a great friend and supporter of educational interests. He amassed a competent fortune and was an early proprietor of lands in the Holland and Phelps and Gorham Purchases. Ch. (the first four and perhaps the fifth born in Lyme, the others in Granville): 1. Mary, b. Feb. 25, 1767; 2. Matthew, b. abt. 1768, d. 1774; 3. Sylvanus, b. Oct. 17, 1770. 4. Jasper Peck, b. 1772; 5. Son, an infant; 6. Matthew, b. abt. 1774; 7. Nathan, b. June 7, 1775; 8. Russell, b. 1783; 9. Henry A. b. Oct. 15, 1782; 10. William Noyes, b. Apr. 10, 1784; 11. Infant b. abt. 1787.

Henry A. (6), son of Capt. Ezra (5) and Susannah Peck Marvin, b. Oct. 15, 1782 in Granville, Mass d. at West Bloomfield, N. Y. Oct. 10, 1837; m. 1st. Almira Keyes abt. 1808, who was b. 1786 and d. May 26, 1812 at West Bloomfield. Married 2d. Abigail S. Mills; m. 3d. Aug. 27, 1817, Drucilla Moore, a cousin of his second wife. He early removed to Bloomfield, where he was the proprietor of a large hotel, and owned with others a line of stages running from Canandaigua to Buffalo; and was also interested in a bi-weekly line from Buffalo to Westfield; these stages were two-horse wagons, canvas covered, with seats in the box on wooden springs. He was an active and energetic business man, and after the close of the War of 1812 he has acquired a handsome property, but a few years before his death he engaged in operations which proved unsuccessful or disastrous. Ch. by 1st. wf.: 1. Laura b. Apr. 24, 1809, West Bloomfield, N. Y.; 2. Almira, b. July 2, 1811, Ch. by his 2nd wife: Maritta, b. abt. 1814; Thomas P., b. abt. 1816. Ch. by his 3rd wife: Drucilla and Henry." (The last named child is no doubt a mistake, the youngest child being named George War-

ner. Abby Drucilla was unm. George Warner married but had no ch. Maritta m. Greggs or Griggs. Laura, the eldest ch. m. Benedict.)

No record of military service in the Revolutionary War of Ezra Marvin has been found, altho he may have served. The following record is to be found in the Town Records at Granville, Mass.: "Capt. Ezra Marvin was chosen Assessor of the town of Granville March 12, 1782, and again on March 17, 1783. Between this time and 1795, he served repeatedly as selectman and moderator of town meetings."

OSTROM

The name is spelled Ostrom, Ostrum, Oastrom, etc.

Daniel Bronson (50) m. Hannah Ostrom, eldest dau. of David Ostrom. The History of Oneida Co. N. Y. gives the following account of David Ostrom: "David Ostrom was a soldier in the Revolution, and among the earliest settlers of Oneida County. About the year 1790 or 91, he removed from Dutchess Co. N. Y. to New Hartford, and afterwards lived in Paris, from whence he removed to Utica about the year 1797. Upon the organization of Oneida Co. in 1798 Mr. Ostrom was appointed one of the County Judges which office he held until the year 1815, with the exception of three years in which his name was omitted from the general Commission of Peace of the County. Although not educated for the bar, he was in 1812 admitted "ex gratia," an attorney and counselor of County Courts, and by an advertisement of that period, it seems he opened an office in Utica. He also represented the County in the Assembly for several years from its organization. He was a man of sound practical sense and judgment, and shared largely in the good will of the community. David Ostrom died March 17, 1821, aged 68 years. Joshua Ostrom, his son, died Oct. 4, 1828. General John H. Ostrom, another son, was distinguished as a political leader, and for the urbanity of his manners. As a lawyer of fair talents, he was not prominent in his profession; he was a man of great activity, and prosperous in his various undertakings. He held the office of County Clerk, Mayor of the City and various other posts of honor and profit. He was highly respected by an extensive circle of acquaintances for his integrity and the correctness of his habits, sentiments and principles. He died Aug. 10, 1845, aged 51 years. The persons named in his will are Mary E. Ostrom, Nicholas Ostrom, Anna Maria Ostrom, Henry B. Ostrom, Charlotte Bronson, William Bronson and Maria Loomis. Henry B. Ostrom was the son of Joshua Ostrom and was the first white child born in Utica."

"In the land records at Utica, N. Y., David Ostrom and his wife, Susan were signers to deeds, about 1809."

The fore-going information was received through the kindness of Mr. J. S. Schwarz, Rome, N. Y. and Mr. W. C. Rowley, Utica, N. Y. The records of Frank C. Bronson give the name of Rowley as that of one of his ancestors. It is probable that either David Ostrom or William Keyes married a Rowley.

PECK

From "A Genealogical Account of the Descendants in the Male Line of William Peck, one of the Founders in 1638 of New Haven Colony," by Darius Peck, 1887, and the "History of Waterbury":

1. Deacon William Peck was a merchant of London, and emigrated to New England with his wife, Elizabeth, and his son, Jeremiah, in the company of Gov. Eaton, Rev. John Davenport and others, in the ship Hector, arriving in Boston Harbor June 26, 1637. William Peck was b. in London, 1601, and m. 1622. His wife, Elizabeth, d. Dec. 5, 1683, and he m. 2nd Sarah, wid. of William Holt, and d. Oct. 4, 1694, aged 93. His ch., all by his 1st wife: I. Jeremiah, b. in London; he was the first minister of Waterbury; II. John; III. Joseph; IV. Elizabeth. Dea. Wm. Peck was one of the founders of New Haven Colony, and one of those who signed the fundamental articles in 1639. He was chosen Deacon in 1659, and was one of the trustees of the grammar school for many years. His gravestone is still standing in the Grove Street Cemetery, where it was removed with others from the old church in 1821. It is inscribed: "Here Lyes Deacon William Peck—aged—93 Deceased October ye 4 1694." His will was recorded in New Haven, Probate Rec. Book II, p. 176, Oct. 11, 1694.

2. John, s. of William (1), and his wife Elizabeth, was b. in New Haven probably in 1638, m. Nov. 3, 1664, Mary Moss and was admitted a freeman of the colony in 1669 and resided in New Haven until 1672. He then moved to Wallingford where he d. in 1724. His wife d. there Nov. 16, 1725. The title of Mr. and Lt. are prefixed to his name in the Wallingford records.

3. Joseph, s. of William (1) and Elizabeth, was bapt. in New Haven Jan. 17, 1641, settled in Saybrook and afterwards in Lyme. He m. Sarah —. He was a prominent man in Lyme, being for many years a townsman, surveyor, recorder, Justice of the Peace, and was the first Deacon in the Congregational Church at Lyme. He d. in Lyme Nov. 25, 1718 and his wife d. Sept. 14 1726, aged 90. They had 8 ch.

4. John, s. of John (2), and Mary Moss Peck, was b. in New Haven Aug. 1671, emigrated with his father to Wallingford in 1672. He m. there 1st Susanna Street May 23, 1704, who d. Apr. 21, 1704-5, aged 29 years. He m. 2d Mary Bradley, July 21, 1706, who d. June 12, 1737; and m. 3rd Martha Street May 24, 1738 who survived him and d. in Wallingford May 25, 1771 aged 87 years. John d. June 28, 1768, aged 97 years. He outlived all his children, so disposed of his property by will to his grandchildren.

5. Joseph, s. of Joseph (3) and Sarah, m. Susannah Griffin at Lyme, October 3, 1704. They had 7 ch.

6. Samuel, s. of John (4) and his first wife, Susanna Street, was b. in Wallingford, Oct. 19, 1704, m. Jan. 18, 1727, Mary Parmalee and resided in Wallingford where he was a prominent man. He d. there May 20, 1755 and his wife d. there Oct. 14, 1781, aged 75 years. They had 13 ch.

7. Jasper, s. of Joseph (5) and Susannah Griffin, was b. at Lyme, Feb. 3, 1708, m. Sarah Clark at Lyme, Nov. 24, 1731, and d. there Oct. 21, 1788. They had 6 ch. Sarah; Nathaniel; Jasper, who served in the French and Indian War and in the Revolutionary War; Judith; Reynold; and Susannah; who was b. at Granville, Mass. Sept. 29, 1829. (See Marvin Genealogy).

8. John, s. of Samuel (6) and Mary Parmalee, was b. in Wallingford, Nov. 5, 1727, m. 1st Patience Doolittle Nov. 16, 1752 who d. Sept. 14, 1753; he m. 2nd Jerusha Hall, July 10, 1755 and resided in Cheshire, Conn. where he d. Jan. 15, 1799. Jerusha d. Aug. 19, 1817 aged 85 years. Both are buried in Cheshire, Conn.

9. Samuel, s. of John (8) and Jerusha Hall, was b. May 23, 1777. He lived in Cheshire until 1827; in Prospect, Conn. from 1827 to 1835; when he emigrated to East Bloomfield, N. Y., where he d. Apr. 21, 1848. He m. 1st Elizabeth Brooks, Feb. 22, 1801, who d. Sept. 2, 1807; m. 2nd Lydia Tyler, Feb. 1, 1809, who d. Jan. 17, 1821; and m. 3rd Harriet Bocket, Nov. 13, 1822. He had by his first wife, Elizabeth Brooks, a dau. Caroline who m. Amos Bronson (54), and by his 3rd wife, Harriet Bocket, a son Frank Sanford, who m. Caroline Brunson (63). In 1862 his widow was living in Greenville, Mich. He had 13 ch., 4 b. in Cheshire, 8 in Prospect, and one in East Bloomfield. He was a Capt. in the War of 1812, and later a Major and Lt. Col. in the Conn. militia; a deacon in the Congregational Church at Prospect, Conn. and a Justice of the Peace for more than 20 years in the towns of Cheshire and Prospect, both of which towns he represented in the State Legislature.

John Peck, a grandson of Joseph (3), kept a tavern at Lyme, Conn. His old swinging board sign with the Peck "Arms" painted upon it, was kept by his descendants at Lyme, who, when it was crumbling with age, had another painted exactly like the original. It is owned by Mrs. Augusta Peck Clark of Old Lyme. The Coat-of-Arms indicates an officer in the Scottish Navy. The Shield: per fess, embattled; three anchors. The Crest: a lion and anchor. Motto: "By the Name of Peck."

SIBLEY

1. The Sibleys are thought to have come from St. Albans, England, 1629. They were John and Richard, supposed to have been brothers. Both had wives. They settled at Salem. They united with the church at Charlestown 21 Dec. 1634, and John took the freeman's oath 6th May, 1635. He was a selectman of the town of Salem and went to the General Court at Boston. He d. 1661, and had 5 daus. and 4 sons. The sons were: John, b. Mch. 4, 1648; he was a Capt. and selectman. William, b. July 8, 1653; he was a yeoman. Joseph, b. 1655; he was a fisherman. Samuel, b. Feb. 12, 1657; his wife's name was Mary, of Salem.

2. Joseph, s. of John, b. 1655, on his return from a fishing voyage, was impressed on board a British Frigate, and put to hard service for

seven weeks, and was then released and sent home. This said Joseph was the father of the Sibleys of Sutton, Mass. His wife was Susannah Follett. They had 7 ch.: Hannah, m. E. Daggett, 1722. Joseph, b. Nov. 9, 1694; John b. Sept. 18, 1687. Jonathan, b. May 1, 1690. Samuel, b. 1697. William, b. Sept. 7, 1700. Benjamin, b. Sept. 19, 1703. The two first and three last of the aforesaid brothers, settled at Sutton, Mass. the first part of the 18th century, but Benjamin shortly afterward removed to Union, Conn.

3. Benjamin, s. of Joseph and Susannah, b. 1703, d. at Ashford, Conn. His will is recorded in Probate Book 3, pp. 304 and 307, town of Willington, Conn., now at Stafford Springs, Conn. The will was proved Nov. 10, 1789. The records show that at his death he had 5 sons, a grandson, Ezra, (who is described in the will as "my son Ezra's son") and two daus. living. One dau. Hannah m. Jonathan Poole, and the other, Susannah, m. Samuel Johnson. The sons were: Joseph; Ezekiel; Jonathan; Benjamin; Samuel.

4. Ezekiel, s. of Benjamin, m. at Willington. May 23, 1753, Sarah Yeomans and had ch. as follows: Priscilla, b. Mch. 31, 1754; Aaron, b. Jan. 25, 1756; he died while a soldier in the Rev. War. Hannah, b. Aug. 5, 1759. Moses, b. Mch. 5, 1762. Ezekiel, b. Oct. 2, 1766. John, b. Mch. 26, 1774. Ezekiel Sibley's wife. Sarah, d. and he m. 2nd Hannah Cray, and had a s. Aaron, who had a dau. Hannah. The town records at Willington show that Ezekiel served on the school committee, Dec. 4, 1775.

5. Ezekiel, s. of Ezekiel and Sarah, b. 1766, m. Mehitable Hulbert, and had ch.: Ezekiel b. Aug. 27, 1789; William, b. Aug. 1, 1791; Mehitable, b. June 1, 1793; Clarissa, b. May 16, 1795; Benjamin and Stephen, b. Mch. 26, 1798; Elijah, b. June 29, 1800; Allen, b. Feb. 14, 1803; Priscilla, b. Mch. 22, 1805; all b. at Willington. Mehitable Hulbert d. Feb. 8, 1845 and Ezekiel d. Jan. 11, 1856. They had removed from Willington to a place between Westfield and West Springfield, Mass. Ezekiel was a farmer, and was one among the early New England Methodists in the region of Westfield, his house long being the place for holding Methodist meetings, and a home for the Methodist ministers.

6. Ezekiel s of Ezekiel and Mehitable, b. 1789, m at Westfield, Olive Yeomans Nov. 22, 1810. The ch. were: Armenia Olive, b. Mch. 27, 1814, m. — Partridge. Ezekiel, b. Oct. 22, 1816; he was the father of Judge Hiram L. Sibley, Marietta, Ohio. William, b. Nov. 2, 1816. The family then removed to Bennington N. Y. where two s. were b.: Charles, b. Sept. 30, 1818; Ira D., b. Feb. 20, 1826. From N. Y. in 1830 the family removed to Trumbull Co. O. to a place known as the Conn. or Western Reserve.

7. Charles, s. of Ezekiel and Olive, b. 1818, m. in Trumbull, Co. O. Azuba L. Waters, dau. of Hiram. Her mother d. and she was adopted by an aunt, Mrs. Tina Simons. She was b. on the Conn. Reserve, Aug. 28, 1821, and d. at Fairfield, Ill. June 28, 1892. Charles d. there Oct. 15, 1879. Before locating at Fairfield, they lived at a number of places in O. one of them being Middleport, Meigs Co. O. They went to Ill. abt.

1854. Ch.: I. Charles Wilbur, b. Oct. 6, 1841, m. Mary Lalance, and had Charles Theo, Frank, Austin, Kate and John R. He was a physician at Fairfield and d. there Jan. 13, 1903. II. Mary Jane, b. Oct. 7, 1843, d. unm. at Fairfield, June 26, 1916. III. Hiram Flavius, b. Oct. 17, 1846, m. Corella Woods. Two ch. lived to maturity, Emma and Sadie. Res. Vincennes, Ind. IV. Cassius Ezekiel, b. Oct. 28, 1850, d. at Dallas Ore. May 7, 1915, unm. V. William Clifford, b. Aug. 26, 1857, m. Ida Swan, and had 1 dau., Louise. He is a physician of Fairfield. VI. Florence May, b. Feb. 15, 1860, d. Aug. 20, 1875. VII. Joseph Elmer b. Feb. 21, 1864. He removed to Dallas, Ore. Sept. 1889 and engaged in the law and abstract business with Hort C. Eakin. He has served as Co. Judge, and Co. Attorney of Polk Co. Ore.

("Ancestry, Life and Times of Hon. Henry Hastings Sibley, LL. D." and the Records of Judge Hiram L. Sibley.)

VENTRIS

Moses Ventris of Farmington, Conn. was made a freeman in 1651, and married Jan. 14, 1647 Mary Graves. Their children: I. Sarah, b. abt. 1649, m. John Bronson; II. Grace, b. abt. 1652, m. John Blakesley; both Sarah and Grace were bapt. July, 1653. III. Moses, bapt. Feb. 18, 1655; IV. Mary, bapt. Feb. 21, 1657. Moses and Mary d. unm. Moses Ventris sen. d. abt. 1697. (Savage's Genealogical Dictionary of N. E.)

The early Conn. Probate Records, compiled by Chas. W. Manwaring, Vol. I. Hartford Dist., 1635-1700 show that the inventory of the estate of Moses Ventris sen. of Farmington was taken April 12, 1697, amounting to 17 pounds, 15 shillings. His will dated June 16, 1693 contains the following: "I, having now for a long time been weake and infirm, and my only son and youngest daughter having taken special care of me, I acknowledge the Goodness of God therein and think it my duty, and in some measure to requite them according to my ability."

"Imprimus: I give to my daughter Sarah, the wife of John Brunson, a feather pillow and a pewter salt Cellar, she having formerly received her portion." Other children mentioned are Grace, wife of John Blakesley, Moses and Mary.

* Sarah Ventris, dau. of Moses and Mary Graves Ventris, m. John Bronson son of John (1), and d. at Waterbury, Conn. Jan. 6, 1711-12. Grace Ventris Blakesley lived at New Haven, and had John, Hannah and Moses. (See Blakesley Genealogy, Hist. of Waterbury).

WOODFIN

The Woodfins, Maxeys and Fergusons were Virginia families who settled in Kentucky after the Revolutionary War. Samuel Woodfin was born Sept. 17, 17—, and died Jan. 21, 1832. He married Obedience Gath-

wright, and had 3 ch. about whom little is known. Samuel, the eldest, died in his 21st year. Mary m. Ephriam Maxey and had 8 ch. No record of service of Samuel Woodfin in the Rev. War has been found at the Va. State Library.

Ch. of Ephriam Maxey and Mary Woodfin, all b.in Hart Co. Ky.: 1. Martha, b. Sept. 21, 1799, d. at Knoxville, Ill. July 19, 1861, m. in Hart Co. Ky. Feb. 6, 1817 to James Ferguson who was b. in Hart Co. Ky. Dec. 5, 1796, d. at Knoxville, Dec. 27, 1841; removed to Knoxville from Hart Co. Ky. 1831; served at Major in the Black Hawk War. 2. Narcissa, b. Sept. 20, 1801, m. in Hart Co. Apr. 27, 1820 to Hugh Ferguson (bro. to Jas.) who was b. in Hart Co. Sept. 26, 1798, d. July 1, 1874. 3. Thomas J. Maxey, m. Judith Hume. 4. James Madison, m. 1st Lucinda Alderson; 2nd Mrs. Catherine Dempsey Webb, and lived in Knox Co. Ill. 5. David Woodfin, m. Mary Jane Whitman; lived in Hart Co. Ky. Altho he is known to have been a slave holder, he is said to have been killed by his neighbors during the civil war for his sympathies with the union cause. 6. Phillip, m. Susanna Bates. 7. Nancy, m. William Hair. 8. Mary O., b. Jan. 27, 1812 d. June 25, 1846, m. Dec. 2, 1829, Edward W. Lewis of Hart Co. Ky. who was b. Apr. 29, 1807, d. Sept. 8, 1846.

The families of James and Hugh Ferguson and their sister Polly, who m. Turner Roundtree, removed to Knoxville, Ill.

Ch. of James Ferguson and Martha Maxey, the first 6 b. in Hart Co. Ky. the last 4 in Knoxville: I. Narcissa Maxey, b. Jan. 8, 1818, m. 1st — Robinson; 2nd — Westfall. II. Nancy Woodfin, b. Feb. 19, 1820, d. at Rickreall, Ore., Oct. 3, 1894, m. June 8, 1840 at Knoxville to Isaac Iddings Dempsey. III. Mary Ann, b. Aug. 26, 1822, m. 1st—Richmond; 2nd — Brown. IV. Frances Thomson, b. Sept. 17, 1824, m. — Lawrence. V. Virginia Amos, b. Aug. 27, 1827, d. at Rickreall, Ore. Feb. 5, 1810, m. at Knoxville, Dec. 19, 1866 James Dempsey who d. at Knoxville, Nov. 15, 1887. VI. Sarah Elizabeth, b. May 15, 1830, m. 1st — Godfrey; 2nd — Wier, VII. Cynthia Eleanor, b. May 6, 1833, m.—Jacobs. VIII. Andrew Jackson, b. Apr. 25, 1836, m. Victoria Woodmancy; lived at Knoxville. IX. Thomas Jefferson, b. Apr. 27, 1838, d. unm. at Knoxville. X. Martha Jane, b. Nov. 13, 1840 m. 1st — Swingle; 2nd — Fravel.

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