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1. THE SOURCE AND PLAN OF THIS GENEALOGY

It was in 1894 that Walter Percy Butler became interested in his family history. At first, he planned to compile a record merely for himself. But acquiring the wanted data necessitated corresponding with relatives all over the country, and as these relatives wrote, many begged him to make a complete family record, that all might have the benefit of it.

Thus his vast work was started. Relatives gave him the names and addresses of others, most of whom supplied him with the data for their respective families and forbears; and these data were checked against each other until the record was surely accurate.

Mr. Butler was unusually methodical in his procedure. He bought files for all of his correspondence; and each file is crowded with letters from members of a particular branch of the family. He had printed forms which he sent out in great numbers; and these questionnaires were the sources of much of his work. The story of how he accomplished what he did is too long to record here. But if the Butler descendants who cherish the family history could know of the thousands of hours of painstaking work at home and in genealogical libraries; of the sums of money expended in postage and personal inquiries, they would know what a lasting debt they owe to the memory of one who worked for others more than for himself.

Although the compiling of the Butler family record was Mr. Butler's first interest, it was interrupted for months at a time,



Walter Percy Butler

when he was away from home on matters pertaining to his business as a mining engineer. In later years his health was poor, and his income so depleted that he could not devote the time he wished to his beloved Record. But he never gave it up. And so we find some few of the lineages brought quite up to date; but some of them end with the record as of twenty years ago.

Shortly before Mr. Butler's death in 1939, the writer had the opportunity of meeting him in Milwaukee. We had been corresponding for some years, for I too had been working on a Butler history. When he learned of my enthusiasm, he wrote me that he was leaving me all of his family papers, in the hope that some day I would edit and have them published. Could he but know that it is being accomplished!

Our plan here is to follow one branch of the family at a time, as far as it has been carried in the male lines; and to list the second generations, when known, in the female lines. This is the usual procedure in genealogical compilations. The female lines which Mr. Butler has amplified, later will be printed as single lineages, of course with references to their antecedents in the main Butler history.

II. RICHARD AND WILLIAM BUTLER, BROTHERS

When the ship "Hector" reached these new shores in 1632, from it landed two brothers, Richard and William Butler, colonists from Braintree, Essex County, England; and together their courses were laid in the new world. Little is known of William, but, of course, equally with Richard and two sisters left in England, he is a descendant of a still earlier generation, and so knowing their names may help later in tracing the English progenitors. Which was the elder brother, Richard or William, is not known. They settled at Newtown (now Cambridge), Massachusetts, and there William was allotted land and made a freeman on May 6, 1635.

This allotment was described in the public records as follows:

In West end, one house and about one acre*; John Haynes Esq. on the west; the burying place on the north; Lymond Broadstreet on the east; the highway to Watertown on the southwest—More in small Lot Hill, about two acres; Samuel Dudley on southeast; John Steele on northeast; Richard Butler on north west; the highway to the oyster bank on southwest — More in the long marsh, about three roods; Richard Goodman northeast; William Goodwin southeast; John Talcott southwest; Richard Butler northwest — More in the great marsh about two and one-half acres; Will Wadsworth southwest; the oyster bed bay southeast; Richard Butler northeast; Altar Hough northwest.

In June, 1636, William removed to Hartford, Connecticut, with the Hooker party of one hundred settlers. He became an original proprietor, receiving, in the first distribution of 1639, twenty-eight acres. His home lot was number seventeen on the road from the Little River to the North Meadow†, bounded on the east by the

*On the north sde of Brattle St., now Brattle Square.

†Now Front St., between State and Village streets.

road to Wethersfield and on the west by John Talcott's land. William possessed an estate larger than the majority of the settlers of Hartford.

William Butler married Eunice, sister of Tristram Coffin (ancestor of Admiral Coffin), of Nantucket, who came to New England in 1642 or 1644. They had no children and his wife died before him. He was a tanner and worker in leather. On September 29, 1642, the General Court passed an order: "That the country may be better able to kill yearely some Beves for supply of Leather It is Ordered that no calves shall be killed within these Plantations without the approbation of two men within ech Towne, by the Court to be appoynted for that searvice, upon forefeture of ten shillings to the Country." For Hartford, William Butler and George Steele were appointed.

William Butler died at Hartford, leaving a will dated May 11, 1648. The last Will and Testament of William Buttler* late of Hartford, deceased:

I William Buttler of Hartford, in Connecticut, doe make and ordaine this my last will and Testament, wherein I give my earthly goods as followeth:

And first, I make my brother Richard Buttler, dwelling in Hartford, my whole executor, and all that is left of my lands and goods, when hee hath paid all these legacies underwritten, I give to him:

It: I give my sister Wests children that are now living in old England, five pounds a peece. Item, I give my sister Winters children, that are now living in old England, five pounds a peece. Item, I give my loving frends in Hartford, Mr Stone and Mr Goodwyn and Mrs Hooker and Mr John Steele, ten pounds a peece. Item, I give to the Church of Hartford, three-skore pounds. And further, I doe earnestly desire my two frends, Mr John Cullick and William Gibbens, both of Hartford to see that this my last will and testament bee fulfilled; and for there love and paines, I doe bequeath to each of them three pounds a peece. In witness whereof, I the said William Buttler have set to my hand, this eleventh day of May, 1648†

William Buttler

A second paper concerning William Butler's estate is the following:

A true and perfect inventory of the goods and estate of William Buttler, late of Hartford, deceased: Apr'sed by John Cullick and William Gibbens.

Imp : wearing cloaths and mony in his purse	12. 0.0
It: one bed and furniture	10. 0.0
It: One gunn, one sword, powder and shott	2. 0.0
It: 4 yards of searge	1.10.0
It: land at Wethersfeild	60. 0.0
It: Land at Hartford	90. 0.0
It: In debts	193.13.0

Summ Total is\$429.03.0‡

*Note the early spelling of the name.

†Savage's "Genealogical Register" refers to a Peter Butler who died in Boston in 1699 as "perhaps a son of William Butler." No son is mentioned in this will; so Savage must have meant another William.

‡An error in the original record. The true total is £369.03.0.

III. RICHARD BUTLER, ORIGINAL AMERICAN ANCESTOR

First Generation.

1. Richard Butler was born probably at Braintree, England, about 1600; came to America on the ship "Hector" in 1632/3; and died at Hartford, Connecticut, August 6, 1684. The date and place of his first marriage are not known; nor do we have a record of the name of that wife, though she was the mother of three and possibly four of Richard's children. His marriage to Elizabeth Bigelow according to Hinman, was before the family moved to Hartford. Elizabeth died September 11, 1691. Her ancestry is unknown, but in the *Bigelow Genealogy*, page 18, it is stated that she may have been a sister of John Biglo, the progenitor of the Bigelows in America.

Thus far, nothing is known as to the ancestry of Richard Butler, though there is a tradition that he was descended from a branch of the Butlers of the house of the Earls of Ormond. We do not have the exact date of Richard's birth; his age at the time of emigrating to America; whether he married his first wife in England or America; or the exact dates of the birth of his children, most of whom must have been born in Hartford.

The name of Richard Butler first occurs in this country in the records of Cambridge, Massachusetts, earlier called Newtown, where the colonists largely were immigrants from Braintree. Richard was one of the earliest settlers. In 1635, he owned two acres of land at the northeast corner of Main and Dana Streets, adjoining his brother William's two acres. The property extended eastward of Hancock Street. This land, described in the records of the City Clerk of Cambridge, was allotted under an order of the Court dated April 1, 1634:

The constable and four more of the chief inhabitants of every town to be chosen by all the freemen there at some meeting with the advice of some one or more of the next assistants, shall make a surveying of the houses, backsides, cornfields, mowing grounds, and other lands, improved or inclosed, or granted by special order of court, of every free inhabitant there, and shall enter the same in a book (fairly written in words at length and not in figures) with the several bounds and quantities by the nearest extension, and shall deliver a transcript thereof into the court within six months next ensuing; and the same so entered and recorded shall be a sufficient assurance to every such free inhabitant, his and their heirs and assigns of such an estate of inheritance or as they shall have in any houses, lands, or frank tenements. The like course to be taken for assurance of all houses, and town lots of all such as shall be hereafter enfranchised; and every sale or grant of such houses or lots as shall be from time to time entered into the said books by the said constable and four inhabitants or their successors who shall be still supplied upon death or removal; for wh' entry the purchaser shall pay expense, and the like sum for a copy thereof under the hands of said surveyors or three of them.

Richard's allotment was described as being

On small lot hill, about two acres; William Butler southeast; John Steele, northeast; highway to the common pales, northwest; highway to Oyster bank, southwest. More in the long marsh, about three roods; Richard Goodman, northeast; William

Butler, southeast; John Talcott, southwest; Lymond Broadstreet, northwest. More in the long marsh, about two acres and one-half; William Goodwin, southwest; Oyster Bank Bay, southeast; J Talcott, northeast; Altar Hough, northwest.

The land which Richard owned is part of what now is called "Dana Hill"; but as late as 1775 it was known as "Butler's Hill."

In 1633-4, the inhabitants of several Massachusetts towns were evidencing signs of discontent, and talking of changing their places of residence. In 1633, Thomas Hooker had joined the church and congregation at Newtown. He is supposed to have been born at Tilton, Leicester, England, about 1586. He died in Hartford, July 7, 1647. Beside being the founder of Hartford, to him belongs the high distinction of being the father of American constitutional government; for it was his ideas which were embodied in the first constitution of Connecticut, the instrument after which the Federal Constitution was patterned. The General Court had granted these men the right to remove, but the magistrates generally were opposed to such plans and endeavored to prevent them. In 1635, permission was granted to Hooker's party for removal to the Valley of the Connecticut; and in 1636 colonists from Dorchester, Watertown, and Cambridge began their trek towards Connecticut, where grew up the new towns of Wethersfield, Hartford, and Windsor. The second in command after the Reverend Thomas Hooker, was the Reverend Samuel Stone; and Richard and William Butler were in the group of one hundred men and women who fought their way through the wilderness, driving their flocks and herds, upon which they largely depended for food. There is no record of Butler wives or children as members of this party, and it might be assumed that William and Richard were not then married.

Richard was an original proprietor of Hartford, receiving in the first distribution of 1639, sixteen acres as his land allotment. His house and lot were on the corner where the road from George Steele's to the south meadow intersected the road from the mill to the country. It is described as Lot No 26, on the east side of Main Street between State and Village Streets. The house was on the south side of Little River. In November 1674, Richard and his son Thomas drew lot No 2 in the west division, and Richard drew lot No 11. A part of the land allotted to Richard and William Butler was retained in the family for six generations, until sold to the city of Hartford by the grandchildren of Jonathan Butler. It now forms a part of Bushnell Park. Here stands a large elm tree, still known as the "Butler elm," beneath which Richard had his home*

Richard was a freeman in Hartford in 1643; a juror in 1643-4 and 1647-8; townsman in 1649, 1654 and 1658; one of the committee for the mill in 1661; Grand juror in 1660-2; deputy to the General Court in 1656-60, and was appointed clerk of that court on May 20, 1658. He was one of the deacons of the first church. In 1661 he was appointed with William Wadsworth to judge of "that ye varlett doth pay to redeeme ye still." Richard was a merchant and one of the leading citizens of the Hartford of his day. He owned land in

*See frontispiece.

Bradford and Wethersfield also. There was a Richard Butler who owned property in Stratford and was recorded there in other matters, but discrepancies seem to prove him to have been another man.

It appears that our Richard later petitioned for more land, as follows:

Sheweth, That whereas it hath pleased God to preserve your petitioner unto his old age from his first coming into this colony, which was at or near the first settlement of the English in Hartford, and it hath been his desire and endeavor to be in some measure as hee hopeth serviceable according to his capacity to the publique whereof he is a member, and haveing many children, especially sons, and they beeing al long since married, my age hath not that support either from itself, my children or estate as formerly, etc.

The General Court held at Hartford October 11, 1683, ordered:

Upon the petition of Deacon Richard Butlar this Court doe see cause to grant him two hundred acres of land, provided he take it up where it may not prejudice any former grant to any plantation or particular person.

In 1711 this grant was assigned by Joseph Butler of Wethersfield, and later became the northeast part of Ellington.

Richard's will, dated April 2, 1677, disposed of an estate of over five hundred pounds.

Know all men whome it may concern, that I Richard Butler of Hartford upon Connecticut River, being in bodily health, and of sound and perfect memory doe make and ordayne this my last will and testament in form and manner as followeth—

Imprimis, I do give to my son, Thomas Butler, my upper lot in the long meadow. 2dly, I do give to my son, Samuel, all my meadow land in Wethersfield meadow. 3dly, I do give to my son, Nathaniel, my meadow lot near the long meadow gate. 4thly, I do give to Joseph Butler, my son, all my land in south meadow. 5thly, I do give to my sonne Daniel Butler my now dwelling house with all appurtenances of buildings and grounds about it, as also I give to my son Daniel my lot commonly called tenacres. 6thly, I do give my three daughters, Mary Wright—Elizabeth Olmstead and Hannah Green, twenty shillings a piece to be payd out of my movable estate by my present wife Elisabeth whome I appoynt my executrix to this my last will, also it is my will that none of these children aforesaid doe possess or enjoy any of these lands or aught else mentioned but with the consent, death or chang of their mother's condition, that is, by marriage againe, but if my wife Elisabeth should chang her condition and marry againe then my will is that all my aforesaid sonnes and daughters do possess every one his legacy and my wife only the thirds; and for the rest of the chattels and household goods I give them all to my wife provided, as aforesaid, she continues in widowhood but if she marry again then to take the third of all as of the house and lands and so of chattels and household stuff, and the rest equally to be divided amongst all my children aforementioned, and tho there may be divers wills extant that I have written with my own hand yet this is my last and shall stand, written with my hand

Witness

Samuel Butler
Samuel Wright

Richard Butler

April 2, 1677

I do appoynt my two sons Thomas and Samuel Butler to be my overseers of this my last will — My will enjoynes that my daughter Mary Wright shall have one feather bed after her

mother's decease.

Richard Butler

Sworn in court and accepted with above written interlining

S Talcott C. C.

Another paper concerning the estate of Richard Butler is here reproduced:

Inventory of estate of Deacon Richard Butler, deceased August 6, 1684

	£	s.	d.
Money in purse	10	00	00
Wearing cloth		5	
Cloth and serge not made up	6	00	00
Home spun cloth not made up	9		
Feather bed, bolster, pillows, red rug under bed in parlor	7		
Several parcels of sale linen cloth	5		
Bedsted curtains, cord in the parlor	2		
Trundlebed, bolster & blankets there	1		
1 feather bed, 5 feather pillows & bolster	3		
14 payer of sheets	14		
Pillow covers and table linen	3		
Another piece of new cloth, yarn & towels 24	3	11	
Blankets & rug	2	14	
1 cupboard in the parlor & 2 great chests	2		
3 lesser chests, 2 boxes & bedstead in the other room	1	16	
7 press, great table, round table and small table	1	06	
chairs 10s, steel yards 20s, tramels & hearth irons 24s ...	2	14	
cob irons, tongs, fire hooks, & chafing dish	1	01	
spit, gridiron, frying pan & warming pan	13		
Brass kettle, skillits, iron kettle iron pot	10	00	
Pewter and tin ware	2	06	
Wooden dishes and trays	15		
Tallow in the house	7		
Wheat & Indian corn in the house	4	03	
Malt 2s, salt 10s, & sack 26s	3	16	
Tubs, half barrel and lumber in the chamber	14		
Tubs and barrels in the cellar	10		
Glass bottles & earthenware	12		
Books	1	00	
3 cows & four young neat cattle	19		
Swine	15		
House & homestead	50	00	00
8 acres of land in the south meadow lately sold by his order and given to Joseph Butler	100	00	00
4 acres of meadow at the lower end of long meadow	40		
8 acres of land in the upper end of the long meadow	80		
7 acres of meadow, Wethersfield meadow (appraised by Captain Samuel Talcott, Mr Robert Wells, selectmen) ..	55		
Hand tins, and old iron boxes & heater	10	19	
cusions	5		
Warming pan & looking glass	1	12	
Indian debt, mostly secured	35		
Debts due from English	10		
Wheat and sales this crop	2		
Shirts and other wearing linen	3	08	

523f 5s.

This inventory was taken 2d Sepr 1684 by us
Paul Peck, Senior
George Graves

Another inventory, that of Richard's widow, will be of interest to the descendants of the couple; and is, therefore, reproduced here:

Inventory of Elizabeth Butler, Relict of Deacon Richard Butler deceased Sep 11, 1691

As approved in court Dec 3, 1691

Inventory of the estate of Elisabeth Butler, exhibited in court, proved, and approved by the oath of Daniel Butler, who claimed he made a trew presentment of the estate of the deceased to the appraisers so far as he at present knows, and if any more comes to his knowledge he will cause it to be added and returned to the inventory. It appeared by the testimony of Mary Butler that Elizabeth Butler deceased near her death when she was of good understanding and memory did declare that it was her mind that after her death her goods should be equally divided unto her five children, Nathaniel, Joseph, Daniel, and Samuel Butler, and Elizabeth Olmsted. And Daniel Butler, although he be a legate yet affirmed that he heard his mother — the same as testified by Mary Butler, which this court doth accept of as the last will of sayd Elisabeth Butler, only whereas there is a debt of thirteen or fourteen pounds sayd to be due Thomas Butler as he is — to his father's estate and upon his own proper account which this court with the consent of Samuel, David, and Joseph Butler & Elisabeth Olmsted do remit to sayd Thomas Butler and his brethren and sisters only Thomas Butler to have a double portion of it, and the court grant administration on the estate to Samuel Butler and Daniel Butler.

Inventory of our honored mother, widow Elisabeth Butler, widow of Richard Butler, who died 11 Sep 1691.

	£	s.	d.
Imprimis. Money in her cupboard	1	10	00
her wearing clothing	12		
her best feather bed and bolsters	3	16	
the lesser feather bed	2		
2 beds filled cattayls	1		
15 payer sheets	7	10	
5 pillows		07	
small linen napkins, towels	1		
140 brass one with another @ 18d per lb	10	10	
4 iron pots, frying pan & warming pan	1	05	
pewter 25 lbs	1	05	
2 rugs 3s & blankets	2		
new home spun linen cloth	5	16	
linen yarn about 30 lb & tow	1	05	
10 lb flax, 5 lb 7 oz wool, 7 lb tow		13	
1 cupboard, 1 press, 3 tables, 2 bedsteds	2		
chest 10c, chayres & cushions 10s	1		
steelyards 10s earthen & tin ware 5s		15	
remnants of Holland & callico	1	10	
tow bed ticking bolsters	1		
Tramels, cobirons, tongs & slice	1		
Books 10s, swine 50s	3		
salt 3s, malt 3s, sugar 3s, wheat 4s		13	
15 bushel Indian corn		15	
tub & barrels 5s, chamber pot, brass mortar & bed pan, 10s		15	
Trays & wooden ware		10	
Thread, pins, bobbin & lace	1		
Spit 2s, wampum 1-	1	02	
curtains 7s, old iron 5s		12	
This priced as money sack & measure		10	
Several debts due from English & Indians, pay Indian			

corn, tow cloth etc. near as we can come at it is
about

30 00 00

Apprised by Samuel Butler
Daniel Butler

Children of Richard Butler*:

- i. Mary, b. abt. 1635, probably at Cambridge; m. Wright.
2. ii. Thomas, b. abt. 1637.
3. iii. Samuel, b. abt. 1639.
4. iv. Nathaniel, b. abt. 1641.
 - v. Elizabeth†, b. abt. 1643, at Hartford; m. abt. 1672, Deacon Joseph Olmsted, son of Capt. Nicholas and Sarah (Loomis) Olmsted. Joseph was b. 1654 and d. 5 Oct., 1726 at East Hartford. They had nine children:
 1. Joseph, b. 1674.
 2. James, b. 1677.
 3. Nicholas, b. 1679.
 4. Richard, b. 1681.
 5. Elizabeth, m. Joseph Skinner, 28 Jan., 1708.
 6. Nehemiah, bapt. 21 Mar, 1686.
 7. Rebecca, bapt. 26 Aug., 1688, d. 13 Nov., 1690.
 8. Hannah, bapt. 2 Nov., 1690, m. Zechariah Seymour 24 Nov., 1709.
 9. Rebecca, bapt. 20 Aug., 1693, m. Jonathan Hills, She d. 14 Jan, 1778.
5. vi. Joseph, b. abt. 1648.
6. vii. Daniel, b. abt. 1650.
- viii. Hannah, b. abt. 1652 at Hartford; m. John Green of Fairfield, Conn.

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*The first four may have been children by his first wife.

†This line is more thoroughly amplified in Mr. Butler's papers, and will be printed in detail in a future issue.



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IV. THE SONS OF RICHARD, THE IMMIGRANT

2. Sergeant Thomas² Butler, eldest son of Richard¹ Butler. Thomas Butler left fewer records than his father. He was born probably at Cambridge, about 1637, (probably the son of Richard's unknown first wife), and died at Hartford, August 9, (or Nov.) 1688. He held the upper lot in the Long Meadow of his father's estate. For a time he and his wife lived on Main Street in Hartford, where his home lot was number two in the west division; but later they moved west of town. On February 26, 1656 he became a freeman. In 1667-8 he served as chimney-viewer; and he was a townsman of Hartford in November, 1674 and again in 1682-3. About 1658 he married, possibly at Norwalk, Sarah Stone, daughter of the Reverend Samuel Stone and his first wife, Hope Fletcher.*

It appears that Thomas was a creditor of the estate of his father-in-law—

In answer to the petition of Tho. Butlar, Steven Bracey, John Day, who pretend themselves creditors to Mr. Samuel Stone's estate, this court grant them liberty to appoynt an attorney in behalfe of themselves, and the rest of the creditors of that estate accordingly to defend the judgment of Court of Assistants appealed from, and that it pass on to a tryall forthth, this Court

The court referred to was a General Court held at Hartford October 11, 1683.

Thomas' will names only eight of his children—Thomas, Samuel, Joseph, John, Margaret, Hope, Susannah, and Ann. It is recorded in *Hartford Probate Records*, Vol. 6, p. 9, Thomas³ was administrator. The estate distribution was accepted by the Court July 5, 1690.

Thomas and Sarah (Stone) Butler had twelve children. The order and dates of their birth are uncertain, but Mr. W. P. Butler, from what data he had, estimated the list as follows:

7. i. Thomas II b. 1661 m. Abigail Shepherd, Aug. 6, 1691 at Hartford.
- ii. Hannah b. 1663 m. Thomas Cadwell Sept. 23, 1687. He was born Dec. 5, 1662, the son of Thomas and Elizabeth Stebbing Cadwell. (No other data.)
- iii. Samuel b. 1665 m. Mary Gilman March 1703/4. (No other data)
- iv. Elizabeth b. 1667 m. Edward, bro. of Thomas Cadwell. Edward was born Nov. 1, 1660 at Hartford. Their children were: (No other data)

*The ancestry of Sarah (Stone) Butler is very interesting. Mrs. Wilkinson has prepared a sketch of this to publish soon.

1. Edward b. Sept. 24, 1681
 2. William b. Aug. 24, 1684
 3. Elizabeth b. Dec. 5, 1687
 4. Rachel b. April 3, 1689
 - v. Mary b. 1669 m. John Porter, April 3, 1690. He was b. Dec. 12, 1666 the son of Samuel and Hannah Stanley Porter of Hadley, Mass., and grandson of John and Rose Porter. (No other data)
 8. vi. Joseph b. 1672 m. Esther Hubbard in 1694.
 - vii. Hope b. 1674 m. William Gaillard or Gaylord in 1701/2*. He was born in 1677 and died Dec. 19, 1770 at West Hartford, ae 93. For over forty years he served as deacon of the church at West Hartford. A long obituary published after his death gives him an exalted character and closes: "Oh Hartford! lament this departed friend and saint and wherein he imitated Christ, his Master, be ye followers of him."
 - viii. John b. 1676 m. Mary Marshfield March 14, 1705. They had a son John who was born March 7, 1708. He was living in Hartford in 1742/3. (No other data)
 - ix. Margaret b. born 1678 (No data)†
 - x. Susannah b. 1680 m. John Marsh at Hartford, Jan. 1, 1707. She died Dec. 24, 1714. (No other data)
 - xi. Anne b. 1682. (No data)†
 - xii. Sarah b. m. John Day, son of Robert and Editha (Stebbins) Day of Hartford.†
3. Samuel² Butler, second son of Richard¹ Butler. Samuel² Butler was born at Wethersfield or Hartford, Connecticut, probably at the latter town, about 1639. His mother also doubtless was Richard's first wife. In 1664 Samuel married Mary Olmstead, sister of the Joseph Olmstead who married Samuel's sister Elizabeth. Mary, a daughter of Captain Nicholas and Sarah Loomis Olmstead, was born Nov. 20, 1646, and died Oct. 12, 1681. As elsewhere we find it stated that she died at the age of 34 years, 10 months and two days, there is a slight discrepancy in these dates. Captain Olmstead lived in Hartford and served in the Pequot War in 1637, and in King Phillip's War in 1675. He died in 1684. His wife was a daughter of Joseph Loomis. Samuel Butler died after Dec. 30/31, 1692, at Wethersfield. He and his wife Mary had moved to Wethersfield on Oct. 12, 1665, where he was made a free-man; in 1668 he was chosen schoolmaster there, and that same year, May 14th, served as deputy to the General Court. Then there is a lapse of twenty years in the record of his activities, until May 12, 1687, when he again was elected deputy to the General Court, which he also served in Sept. 1689 and May 1692. In Oct. 1687 "Deacon Samuel Butlar was appointed by the General Court of wich he was a member, to settle the bounds of certain lands which had been granted to John Kilborn and others, which service a former committee had failed to perform." In 1688 Wethersfield obeyed the "Usurper's"

*The betrothal letter, in which Sarah (Stone) Butler gives consent for the marriage of her daughter to Mr. Gaillard, has been preserved; and will be reproduced in this magazine soon.

†According to Hinman, one daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Stone) Butler married John Day; and another one married Cornelius Holybut. One of these marriages may have been of the daughter Margaret or Ann, or either one may have been the second marriage of one of the other daughters. The Day line has been amplified and will be presented, although the compiler of this genealogy questions it.

laws, and commissioners for the collection of internal revenue were appointed by the Andros government of Boston, Samuel Butler being chosen commissioner for his town.

On Aug. 21, 1689, Governor Bradstreet wrote:

"The enemy is daily making their incursions upon our frontier towns, murdering and captivating, burning and destroying; and we fearing lest by their suggestions and lies they should incense the Maquas against us, we have sent our messengers Maj. Thomas Savage and Capt. Andrew Belcher, hoping that Major Pyncheon will go along with them to renew our amity with them—"

As a result of the Indian troubles, the General Court on Sept. 3, 1689, appointed commissioners to confer with others representing the Massachusetts, Plymouth, and Rhode Island colonies at Boston, and a train band was organized. "Sam'l Butlar" was appointed "ensign of the traine band of the north end of Wethersfield, and by this Court approued and confirmed, who are to be commissioners accordingly."

In his will Samuel Butler mentions eight children. The two pages of inventory summed up to 429 pounds.

In the name of God, Amen, the 30 day of December in the year of ye reign of our Sovereign Lord and Lady William and Mary by the grace of God of England Scotland France and Ireland, King and Queen, defender of the faith, and in the year of our Lord God one thousand six hundred and ninety two.

I, Samuel Butler, of Wethersfield in the County of Hartford in their Majesty's territory and dominions of New England in America, being sick and weak of body but of perfect and good memory, thanks to Almighty God, and calling to remembrance the uncertain estate of this present life and all flesh must yield unto death when it shall please Almighty God to call Do make constitute, ordain and declare this my last will and testament, revoking and annulling by these presents, all and every testament, will and wills heretofore by me made either in word or writing and this only to be then my last will and testament and no other.

And first, being penitent and sorry for my sins past desiring forgiveness for the same. I give and commit my soul to Almighty God, my Saviour and Redemer in whom, and by the merits of Jesus Christ's death and passion, I trust and believe assuredly to be saved and to have full remission and forgiveness of my sins, and that my soul with my body at the general day of resurrection shall rise again with joy and through the merits of Jesus Christ possess and inherit the Kingdom of Heaven, prepared for his elect and chosen, and my body to the earth from whence it was taken, to be buried in such decent and Christianlike manner as the executors hereafter named shall be thought meet and proper and convenient. And for settling my temporal estate and goods and chattels as it hath pleased God far above my deserts to bestow upon me I give and bequeath the same as follows—

And first I will that all debts and duties that in right or conscious I owe any manner of person or persons be well and truly payed by my executors hereafter named.

Will and bequeath to my beloved son Samuel Butler, my oldest son, my dwelling house and home lot with all the other buildings with the appurtenances and also all my land lying at the upper end of the great meadow and my best bed but one with the furniture, my ladle and also my great iron pot and trawls, he paying my daughter the legacies of five pounds to Mary Hopkins, and ten pounds to my daughter Dorothy, and I give to my son James Butler my lot in the little west field containing

28 acres more or less and two acre in the lower end of the great meadow, also my gun and sword. I give to my son Jonathan Butler my fifty acre lot in the woods and all my interest in the purchased lands in Hartford on the east side of the river. I give to my son George my ten acre lot in the little west field, and also eight acres more or less in the west swamp. I give to my daughter Elizabeth Emons my portion of land in the Indian purchase on the east side of the great river in Wethersfield besides what I have given her already and also one of the biggest pewter platters. I give to my daughter Mary Hopkins five pounds to be payd by my son Samuel and one of the biggest pewter platters. I give to my daughter Dorothy ten pounds to be payd by my son Samuel as above sd and best bed with all the furniture and my chest, I give her also the two biggest kettles, except the greatest, and one skillet and iron kettle and two small pewter dishes and also one of the biggest pewter dishes. I give to my daughter Sarah Butler one of the biggest platters. I give to all my sons all my apparel and books equally between them, my will is that all the rest of my household stuff be equally divided between my four daughters. I give all my stock of cattle sheep and swine, and all my corn and provisions that is in my house, and all my debts that are due or may be due to me, all my tools and utensils whatsoever to my son Samuel, he paying all my just debts and the legacies above said which legacies are to be payd within two years after the date hereof. I make my beloved son Samuel Butler my executor to execute this my will, and I make my beloved friend Benjamin Churchill and Thomas Wickham my overseers of this will and in testimony that this is my last will I hereunto set my hand and seal this day and year above written.

The words all that here is between 33 was blotted out before the subscribing hereof, and the words, but one, was interlined between the 23 and 24 line before signing to the words, to my son Samuel, between the 36 and 37 lines was interlined before signing hereof

Samuel Butler

Signed and sealed in
presents of us

(and a seal)

John Wells

Joseph Wright

Children of Samuel² and Mary (Olmstead) Butler:

- i. Samuel b. Nov. 26, 1665 at Haddon, Conn., m. Nov. 26, 1696, to Mary Kilbourne, dau. of Serg't John Kilbourne. Their children were: (No other data)
 1. Elizabeth b. April 30, 1698
 2. Samuel b. June 29, 1702
 3. George b. Oct. 6, 1704, d. Feb. 26, 1725
 4. Daniel b. Feb. 8, 1707
 5. Abraham b. March 19, 1709
- ii. James b. about 1677 at Wethersfield, m. May 6, 1703, to Hannah Edwards, dau. of Joseph Edwards. Their children: (No other data)
 1. Hannah b. Sept. 26, 1705
 2. Hezekiah b. April 29, 1708
 3. James b. Feb. 4, 1712
 4. William b. Feb. 8, 1715
- iii. Jonathan b. 1678 at Wethersfield, m. Sept. 18, 1707, to Mary Easton.
- iv. George b. d. 1698 unm. Left his property to his bros. & sisters.
- v. Mary b. abt. 1670, probably at Wethersfield, m. Ebenezer Hopkins of Hartford Jan. 21, 1692. He was a son of Stephen and Dorcus Bronson Hopkins and grandson of John Hopkins. Ebenezer was b. abt. 1665. Their children; (no other data)

1. Ebenezer bapt. Nov. 19, 1693, d. young
 2. Jonathan bapt. June 18, 1696
 3. Ebenezer bapt. June 25, 1700
 4. Mary bapt. Jan. 30, 1705
 5. Stephen bapt. Aug. 8, 1707
 6. Isaac bapt. Nov. 28, 1708
 7. Sarah bapt. June 25, 1710
 - vi. Dorothy b. m. June 4, 1676, to Jas. or Jos. Kilborn. (No other data)
 - vii. Elizabeth b. Aug. 20, 1667. m. 1692 to Samuel Emons (Emmons) son of Obadiah and grandson of Thomas Emmons. Samuel was b. in Boston in 1671 and d. in East Haddam, Conn. in 1767, ae 96. They both became members of the church at East Haddam, Oct. 5, 1705. They had six children:
 1. Samuel jr. b. 1696, m. 1721, Ruth Cone of East Haddam. They had nine children.
 2. Jonathan b. 1698, m. 1723, Rachel Griswold. She was b. 1702, d. 1767. Had eight children.
 3. Nathaniel b. 1703, bapt. East Haddam May 4, 1704. He was a major in Millington First, or North Colonial Militia. He lived but a few years after his marriage Sept. 21, 1729 to Elizabeth Wells. Two children, Elizabeth and Thomas.
 4. Mary
 5. Ebenezer
 6. Mehitable
 - viii. Sarah b. d. m. Jan. 23, 1690 to Serg. Samuel Buck. Their child:
 1. Sarah b. March 25, 1701 at Wethersfield, m. there Sept. 26, 1728, to Nathaniel Stoddard, son of Nathaniel and Mary Stoddard. The son was b. Jan. 17, 1693 at Wethersfield, d. Aug. 15, 1756. He and Sarah resided in Newington Society. Her will was drawn Oct. 3, 1757 and she d. Nov. 4, 1757. (No other data)
4. Nathaniel² Butler, third son of Richard¹ Butler. Nathaniel was born about 1641 at Hartford or Wethersfield, and died Feb. 9, 1697 at the latter place, at the age of 56. His wife, Sarah on April 4, 1699 married Philip Alcock for her second husband. Nathaniel was made a freeman May 21, 1668. On May 11, 1698 an inventory of his estate was offered in court, administered by his son Samuel. However, Samuel died before settlement of the estate and "his widow Sarah petitioned the court at Hartford for letters of administration, which were granted June 17, 1708."

The following relates to Nathaniel in the matter of the administration of the estate of Green who married Hannah Butler, sister of Nathaniel. It appears to fix the name as *Joseph* rather than *John* Green.

Whereas complaint is made that a parcell of land that was apprized upon execution for the administrators of the estate of Joseph Green—the court appoynts the Marshall to serve the execution upon the lands of sayd Nath. Butlar—Again, an action of the General Court is cited:

Hartford, Oct. 12, 1693, Nathaniel Butlar is plntf contra Gurdon Saltonstall defendant by way of appeal from the judgment of the Court of Assistants Oct. 5, 1692 * * * etc.

Nathaniel and Sarah had six children, who were mentioned in the father's will. Their birth dates are estimated from other data.

- i. Samuel b. 1666, prob. at Wethersfield, m. abt 1686 to Sarah —, and d. 1706, prob. at Southhamton, L. I. His name first appeared on the list of 1698. He was a merchant. In 1697 he bought from Walter Melvine the former residence of Mr. Josiah Foster. In addition he owned ten acres of land which he inherited from his father, of whose estate he was administrator until his death, when his widow was allowed to conclude this service. Their children, named in his will, were: (No other data)
 1. Martha b. Jan. 18, 1687
 2. Sarah b. April 4, 1690
 3. Amy b. Sept. 15, 1692 m. Zebulon Howell
 4. Mary b. April 5, 1694
 5. Nathaniel b. April 4, 1698
 6. James b. May 18, 1700
 7. Gideon b. Dec. 11, 1701
 8. Ann
- ii. Hannah b. 1668 m. Case. (No other data)
- iii. William b. 1671 m. Hannah Hills, dau. of William Hills, May 23, 1695, at Wethersfield. William Butler d. May 20, 1714. He received 8 acres of land from his father's estate. William and Hannah had eight children:
 1. Eunice b. Jan. 12, 1696 at Wethersfield
 2. Sarah b. Jan. 11, 1698 m. March 1722 to Ebenezer Wright, merchant of Wethersfield
 3. Peter b. April 9, 1700, d. at Middletown
 4. Ruth b. April 29, 1702
 5. Abigail, bapt. Aug. 6, 1704
 6. John bapt. April 13, 1707
 7. Mary bapt. Oct. 9, 1709
 8. Esther bapt. April 6, 1712
- iv. Ann b. 1674 m. Isaac Riley Dec. 17, 1696
- v. Abigail b. 1677 m. Watson
- vi. Ruth b. 1679 m. William Curtis Jan. 8, 1702
5. Joseph² Butler, fourth son of Richard¹ Butler and his wife, Elizabeth Bigelow. Joseph Butler was born about 1648 at Hartford and died Dec. 10 or 15, 1732. In 1667 at Wethersfield, he was married to Mary Goodrich, daughter of Ensign William and his wife Sarah Marvin Goodrich of Wethersfield. William Goodrich was born probably in Suffolk County, England. William was a freeman in Connecticut on May 15, 1656, deputy to the General Court May 15, 1662. He also served as grand juror. He was an ensign in the train band under Lieut. Samuel Wells from Wethersfield in 1663 and was still an ensign at the close of King Philip's War in 1676. Sarah Marvin, born in England, was the daughter of Mathew and Elizabeth Marvin.

Joseph Butler was nominated freeman at Hartford on May 21, 1668, although he had settled on the lands in the South meadows of Wethersfield, which he had received from his father, Richard Butler, Joseph and Mary had seven children, all born at Wethersfield:

 11. i. Richard b. 1667 m. Sarah Goodrich
 12. ii. Benjamin b. 1673 m. Thankful Sage
 - iii. Joseph b. 1675, d. Dec. 7, 1740, drowned at sea. In Aug. 1738 he m. Patience Horton, dau. of Benoni & Mary Horton of Middletown, Connecticut. Patience was b. April 15, 1700. After Joseph's death she m. Crossman. Patience and Joseph

- lived at Middletown Upper Houses, now Cromwell, Conn. They had three children:
1. A son b. 1739, d. in a few days
 2. Mary b. Sept. 3, 1740 at Wethersfield
 3. Houghton D. bapt. June 30, 1743 at Wethersfield
- iv. Mary b. 1677
13. v. Gershom b. 1683 m. Mary Deming
- vi. Charles b. 1686 m. May 17, 1704 to Susannah Williams, dau. of Amos and Elizabeth Williams of Wethersfield, deceased. Susannah was b. July 22, 1680. Charles d. Sept. 25/26, 1711, at Milford, "as he was coming home, being in the Queen's service." They had three children, all b. at Wethersfield:
1. Mary b. Feb. 25, 1706 m. Jonathan Smith
 2. Bethsheba b. Sept. 21, 1709 m. Elijah Miller. In 1741 she and her husband sold Benjamin Miller 37 acres of land in Upper Houses, which had belonged to her Uncle Joseph Butler.
 3. Charles b. March 11, 1712, d. May 1, 1713
- vii. Mary b. 1703 m. David Edwards who d. July 7, 1787, ae 87. Mary d. July 10, 1786. In 1741, Benjamin, Gershom, and Mary and her husband, and Charles Butler sold Richard Edwards 24 acres of land on Russell Plain, Upper Middletown, which had belonged to their brother Joseph Butler, deceased. They had 9 children:
1. Mary b. 1735 m. July 29, 1752 to Moses Hall
 2. Ann b. 1738 m. Jan. 16, 1757 to Jehiel Williams
 3. Mercy b. 1739 m. Nov. 26, 1760 to Eben Backus
 4. Sarah b. May 18, 1741 m. Jan. 27, 1763 to Rev. Edwin Eells
 5. Churchill b. Feb. 27, 1742
 6. Joseph b. March 7, 1744
 7. Martha b. March 18, 1746 m. A. Ramsey
 8. Hepsibah b. Feb. 9, 1747
 9. David b. Dec. 24, 1749
6. Sergeant Daniel² Butler, fifth son of Richard¹ and Elizabeth (Bigelow) Butler. Daniel Butler was born about 1650 at Hartford, and died March 28, 1692. His wife Mabel was another daughter of Nicholas Olmstead, whose son Joseph and daughter Mary married Daniel's sister Elizabeth and brother Samuel. In August 1697, Mabel became the second wife of Michael Taintor, by whom she had other children. Daniel lived in Hartford, where he was a freeman in 1685. He inherited his father's home lot there, with the buildings, and also a lot called "ten acres." On May 15, 1683, he signed as witness to a deed of assignment to the Town of Wallingford. He and Mabel had five or six children. The son Jonathan is not listed in some records and there is no data about him. At Daniel's death his estate inventoried at the sum of 391 pounds 1 shilling. Children of Daniel and Mabel were:
- i. Jonathan
 - ii. Sarah b. Sept. 28, 1680
 - iii. Mabel b. Aug. 12, 1684 m. Kellogg
 - iv. Elizabeth b. Nov. 22, 1686, d. April 11, 1763, m. Dec. 14, 1704. Daniel Clark Jr. of Colchester, Conn. He was a son of Daniel and Hannah Pratt Clark of Windsor and Hartford. Daniel Jr. was b. in 1679 and d. Sept. 14, 1762. He and Elizabeth had twelve children:
 1. Hannah b. June 30, 1706
 2. Elizabeth b. June 29, 1708

3. A son b. July 17, 1710, d. the same day
4. Daniel b. Sept. 28, 1711
5. Josiah b. Dec. 19, 1713
6. Roger b. Dec. 24, 1715
7. Alexander b. Nov. 6, 1717
8. Zerviah b. March 14, 1719
9. Darius b. Feb. 2, 1720
10. Mabel b. Oct. 7, 1721
11. Uriah b. Nov. 2, 1722
12. Rebecca b. June 16, 1726
- v. Mary b. Nov. 7, 1689
- vi. Hannah b. Nov. 17, 1691

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DESCENDANTS OF RICHARD BUTLER OF HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

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(Continued from the last issue)

V. THE FAMILY OF THOMAS² BUTLER

7. Thomas³, son of Thomas² (Richard¹) and Sarah (Stone) Butler, was born in 1661, probably at Hartford; his will being dated Aug. 23, 1725, at Windsor; and he married Aug. 6, 1691, at Hartford, Abigail Shepherd, daughter of John and Rebecca (Greenhill) Shepherd of Cambridge, Mass. Abigail was born in 1665 and died Sept. 5, 1750, ae 85. There is a record showing that Thomas Butler Jr. and wife Abigail received dismission from Chebacco Church at Ipswich to a church at Windsor in 1739; so Thomas' death must have occurred long after his will was written.

Almost nothing has been found as to Thomas Jr.'s activities. He may not have taken much part in the local church or political life. Probably raising eleven children kept him busy enough. His will mentions only nine of these children:

In the name of God, Amen, I Thomas Butler, being sick and weak though of sound memory and understanding, thanks be to God, and calling to mind my mortality and that it is my duty to set my house in order before I die, I do firstly recommend my soul to God that gave it and my body to a decent burial in the earth at the discretion of my executors hereafter named, nothing doubting but that I shall view the same again at the general resurrection and that by the mighty power of God and hope through the incarnate death passion of our Lord Jesus Christ I shall be received to reign with Him forever, and touching the good things of this world that God graciously bestowed upon me I do give and bequeath as followeth:

Imprimis, Unto my well beloved wife Abigail one third part of all my personal estate to be at her own disposal to her and her heirs forever, and the improvement of one third part of all my real estate during her natural life and I do heartily recommend to my wife and children that they live together in love and peace.

Second, I give unto my son Isaac (whome I brought to Corning) besides what I have already given him twenty shillings to be paid him by my executors within one year after my decease.

Third, I give to my son Daniel Butler, one half of the lot called the Brick Kill lot to be divided by a north and south line, and also I give to him my lot lying on the west side of the highway that runs on the east side of the aforesaid lot, which lot given contains about seven acres, also I give him one half my lot called Goodman lot which shall be divided to him equal for quantity and quality the aforementioned parcel of land I give my son Daniel and his heirs forever.

Item, I give to my son Thomas Butler one half of my lot called Brick Kill lot to be divided by north and south line between Daniel and Thomas, and I also give my son Thomas one half of my lot of land called Goodman lot to be divided be-

tween Daniel and Thomas equal for quantity and quality. Forementioned two pieces I give to my son Thomas and his heirs forever and I give to Daniel and Thomas a highway that leads from the country road to the Goodman lot.

Item, I give to my son Elisha my home lot and all the building thereupon, and appurtenances thereto belonging. I also give to him a piece of land at the blew hills called Spring Brook, of about fifteen acres. I also give to Elisha the land adjoining my home lot which I bought [from] Dixwell Elsworth about four acres. The aforementioned parcels of land I give to my son Elisha and his heirs forever and my will is that my wife have the improvement of Elisha's land, housing, and what shall be given him for bringing him until he come of age, if he lives so long, and also to help bring up my daughter Elizabeth.

Item, Upon further consideration my will is that my lot at Blew Hills called Spring Brook, shall be equally divided for quality and quantity between my two sons Thomas and Elisha.

Item, My will is that what my daughters Abigail, Deborah, Sibel, Violet have got by their industry shall not be inventoried as part of my estate.

Item, My will is that Daniel shall have, and I do give him one yoke of oxen and my youngest mare of three years old past.

Item, My will is that my wife and family that now live together shall have this years crop of grass and hay, corn and swine to live together upon for one years provision or so much of it as is necessary for their sustenance, the rest to go to pay my debts.

Item, My will is that when my executors have paid all my just debts and my wife hath received her third part out of my movable estate that then computing what each of my daughters have already received, I do give all the rest of my movable estate not herein before [mentioned] to and amongst all my daughters to be divided so as to make their portions all equal computing what they have already received, and do ordain and appoint my loving wife Abigail and my son Daniel to be my executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other wills by me made and appointing this only to be my will and I do in confirmations thereof declare this to be my only last will and testament to which I do also set my name and affix my seal this 23 day of August Anno Dom 1725.

In presence of

Joseph Talcott

Hannah Caldwell

her

Deborah x Butler

mark

Thomas Butler

Inventory appraisers, John Sheldon, Nathaniel Goodwin, Samuel Wells

Amount	£ 625 00 00
of which in land	445 00 00

180 00 00

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Thomas³ and Abigail (Shepherd) Butler had eleven children:

- i. Abigail, b. Oct. 24, 1692; m. June 30, 1726 Deacon Joseph White of Middletown. She d. Dec. 28, 1751.
14. ii. Isaac, b. Nov. 27, 1693; m. Sarah Marshfield.
- iii. Deborah, b. Sept. 9 (or 29), 1695.

- iv. Amy, b. April 27, 1698.
- v. Daniel, b. Oct. 25, 1700; d. Dec. 28, 1700.
- vi. Sybil, b. March 6, 1702; bapt. March 8, 1702, at Christ's Church, Windsor.
- vii. Daniel, b. Oct. 11, 1704; moved to Massachusetts and then to Windham, Conn.
- viii. Violet, b. Sept. 21, 1706.
- ix. Elizabeth, twin of Elisha, bapt. Sept. 12, 1708 in Christ's Church; m. Deacon Isaac White. She d. Nov. 7, 1781.
- x. Elisha, twin of Elizabeth, bapt. Sept. 12, 1708, in Christ's Church.
- 15. xi. Thomas, b. July 3, 1711; m. three times.
- 8. Joseph³, son of Thomas² (Richard¹) and Sarah (Stone) Butler, was born about 1672, probably at Hartford, and died in 1731. In 1694 he married Esther Hubbard, who died Aug. 30, 1731. Joseph was a farmer, owning land around West Hartford. When he died, his wife and son Gideon were executors of his estate. In 1736, the daughters (Mrs. Bull being dead), relinquished to their brother Gideon their rights and interest in the estate. An inventory of Joseph's estate is in the Hartford probate records.
Joseph³ and Esther (Hubbard) Butler had the following children, whose baptisms are recorded in the book of the First Church of Hartford, page 180:
 - i. Eunice (or Emma), bapt. Feb. 10., 1695.
 - ii. Bethia (or Thankful), bapt. July 23, 1699; m. Thomas Bull; d. before 1736.
 - iii. Amos, bapt. Nov. 1701.
- 16. iv. Gideon, bapt. June 25, 1704; m. Zorlah Ensign.
- v. Rebeckah, bapt. Dec. 8, 1706.
- vi. Esther.

VI. THE FAMILY OF SAMUEL² BUTLER

- 9. Jonathan³, son of Samuel² (Richard¹) and Mary (Olmstead) Butler, was born in 1678 at Wethersfield. His first marriage occurred Sept. 18, 1706, to Mary Easton, who, according to Ward, died in 1763. But Jonathan supposedly married a second time, in 1728, the "widow Easton," whose maiden name was Cadwell. Possibly the varying reports are for the same woman, but that does not explain the second date. Again, we find a record that the last two children belonged to the second wife. This problem requires further study. Jonathan lived on the upper part of Front St. He died Jan. 15, 1755, æ 77. When his mother died in 1681, he was adopted by his aunt Rebecca Olmstead and her husband John Biglow. The uncle's will giving Jonathan some property was contested in court by John's nephew Joseph Biglow (son of Jonathan Biglow). After an expensive and vexatious lawsuit, the case was decided in favor of Butler. According to the *Biglow Genealogy*: "John Biglow, the eldest son of John and Mary Biglow, was born in 1643. He early migrated to Hartford, where he purchased land as recorded May 3, 1669, on which his house was situated, described as follows: 'Was lot of Ann Wesby and bounded west on the highway; east and partly south on Benjamin Huber and Peck; on the north by Thomas Watt's land'. (This land was situated near the present grounds of Trinity College in

Cooper Lane—lot No. 52.) In 1707 John Biglow deeded a portion of his property to Jonathan Butler, a nephew of his wife. John is supposed to have died about 1721, as letters of administration were granted to Rebecca, his wife, on Dec. 5, 1721. An inventory taken Dec. 27 of that year showed the estate amounted to £54-07-01. On May 1, 1722, Joseph Biglow appeared before the court to remonstrate against allowing Jonathan Butler to hold the property deeded to him by his uncle. Joseph's case was overruled on appeal, and the Butlers held the property down to a very recent date."

In Oct. 1726, it is reported that "upon the petition of Nathaniel Goodwin, Jonathan Butler and Sarah Easton, all of Hartford, in the Colony of Connecticut, as they are administrators of the estate of John Easton, late of Hartford, deceased — they were empowered by the court to deed certain lands to one Richard Burnham in consideration for other lands and money." From this it might seem that Sarah was the "widow Easton" whom Jonathan married as second wife. In May 1728, these three administrators were authorized to sell so much of John Easton's lands as to satisfy the debts of his estate. In the same record we find in Oct. 1729, "Jonathan Butler and Elizabeth his wife in administration of the estate of Jonathan Easton." Here two names differ from those in the other record. This may have been due to carelessness of the recording clerk, or it may be an entirely new case.

The beginning of John Biglow's will shows in what esteem he held his adopted son:

To all people to whome these presents may come, greeting: Know yee that I, John Biglow of Hartford in the County of Hartford in the colony of Connecticut in New England, for and in consideration for the love and affection I have and do bear towards my kindsman Jonathan Butler of the same town of Hartford aforesaid--".

The will is given in full in the *Ward Family Register*.

Jonathan³ Butler had nine children, at least seven of whom were by the first wife, Mary Easton. The children were:

17. i. Jonathan, b. Feb. 26, 1708; m. Elizabeth Davis.
- ii. Elizabeth, b. Jan. 11, 1710; m. Jacob Mygatt.
18. iii. Capt. Daniel, b. March 8, 1712; m. 1st Julia Hinsdale; m. 2nd Sarah Bull.
- iv. Moses, b. Aug. 30, 1716, bapt. Sept. 9, 1716 at Christ's Church, Windsor, Conn.; d. Dec. 17, 1801. Owned the Covenant in 1735. He may have had a wife Sarah, who d. Nov. 3, 1813, ae 84.
- v. Mary, b. abt. 1718, prob. at Hartford; m. Feb. 21, 1750, Richard Edwards, son of John and Christian (Williamson) Edwards. Richard was b. Oct. 26, 1723, and d. May 5, 1770. Mary d. Sept. 20, 1795. Their children: (No other data)
 1. Mary, b. Aug. 14, 1750; d. in infancy.
 2. Richard, b. Dec. 3, 1755; d. young.
 3. John, b. July 31, 1757; d. Aug. 29, 1759.
 4. Mary, b. Oct. 3, 1759; m. George Goodwin of Hartford.
- vi. Sarah, b. 1720; m. 1st April 28, 1746, Hesikiah Merrills; m. 2nd Capt. Aaron Bull.
- vii. Rebecca, b. 1723; m. Joseph Barret, who d. Sept. 3, 1770, ae 47. She d. the same year.

viii. George, b. Nov. 17, 1728; d. at sea, 1782; m. Mary Nichols (b. 1728; d. Sept. 3, 1795 at Hartford). Their children: (no other data)

1. Polly, b. 1754; d. Sept. 3, 1840.
2. Richard, b. 1756; d. 1833; m. Miss Rany.
3. George, b. 1759; d. 1759.
4. George, b. 1760; d. 1822.
5. Annie, b. 1762; d. 1844.
6. Welthy, b. 1765; d. 1832; m. Isaac Bliss.
7. Charles, b. 1767; d. 1847; m. Fanny Tryon.

ix. Dorothy, m. Shepherd. Their children: (No other data)

1. Eli.
2. Dorothy.
3. Another daughter.

VII. THE FAMILY OF NATHANIEL² BUTLER

10. John⁴, son of William³ (Nathaniel² Richard¹) and Hannah (Hills) Butler, was born about 1707, as he was baptized April 13, 1707. He married at Middletown, Sarah Foster, daughter of Edward Foster. She must have married a second time [—] Boudoin. John died late in 1747 or in Jan. 1748. They had nine children, all born at Middletown:

- i. Hannah, b. Dec. 20, 1729; m. Dermit Bonfoy of Haddam and had a dau. Penelope, b. Nov. 15, 1762. (No other data)
- ii. William, b. Sept. 29, 1731; m. Margaret [—] of Branford, where they resided. June 27, 1754 he deeded to William Rockwell "all my right in the estate of my grandfather Edward Foster, deceased, for that my mother Sarah Butler (alias Boudoin)) deceased was one of his daughters, as well as in and unto the estate of my father John Butler, late of Middletown, deceased—".
- iii. Peter, b. Aug. 10, 1733. On March 1, 1748 "It was certified to this court by Jabez Hamlin, Justice of the Peace, that Peter Butler a minor, aged 15 years, son of John Butler of Middletown, deceased, before him, the said justice, on the 15th day of Feb. 1748 made a choice of his grandfather, Edward Foster of Middletown to be his guardian."
- iv. Sarah, b. June 20, 1736.
- v. Ruth, b. abt 1739.
19. vi. John, b. Jan. 16, 1741; m. Chloe Norton.
20. vii. Comfort, b. Nov. 16, 1743; m. Mary Berry.
- viii. Thomas, b. abt 1745. Went to Wallingford, Conn., and then to Salisbury, Conn. in 1766.
- ix. Mehitabel, b. Sept. 30, 1747.

VIII. THE FAMILY OF JOSEPH² BUTLER

11. Richard³ son of Joseph² (Richard¹) and Mary (Goodrich) Butler, was born about 1667 at Wethersfield, and died Oct. 27, 1757, æ 90. Apparently he was a bachelor or a childless widower, when he married Dec. 15, 1725, Sarah Goodrich, daughter of his uncle Capt. Ephraim Goodrich of Wethersfield, for we find the first record of his family when he was 58 years old. Sarah's mother was Sarah Treat, daughter of Major Richard and Sarah (Colman) Treat. Ephraim's parents were Ensign William and Sarah (Marvin) Goodrich. Ensign William was born June 2, 1663, and married May 20, 1684. Richard and Sarah settled in Stephny Parish, Rocky Hill, Wethersfield, Conn. Sarah (Goodrich) Butler was born Aug. 3, 1689, and died May 6, 1785. They had three children:

- i. Sarah, b. Feb. 20, 1727. She may have m. — Grimes of Simsbury.

- ii. Joseph, b. Dec. 20, 1729, and d. at the age of seven.
- 21. iii. Charles, b. July 19, 1729; m. Azubah Ranney; and died June 18, 1782.
- 12. Benjamin³, son of Joseph² (Richard¹) and Mary (Goodrich) Butler, was born about 1673 at Wethersfield, and died about 1750. He married Dec. 5, 1734, Thankful (Rachel) Sage, daughter of John and Hannah Sage of Middletown. She was born Feb. 9, 1717. Apparently Benjamin was 61 years of age when he married. After Benjamin's death, Thankful married Elisha Stocking, a widower. Benjamin settled at Middletown Upper Houses, Conn., and exported cattle to the West Indies. They had nine children, all born at Middletown:
 - i. Mary, b. Sept. 7, 1735; d. 1823; m. Nov. 19 (or 30), Willet Ranney Jr., son of Willet and Anna (Johnson) Ranney. He was b. March 28 or May 29, 1731. They lived in Sandisfield, Mass., and later in New Lebanon, N. Y. They had seven children:
 - 1. Chloe (Rebecca), b. March 2, 1753, at Middletown.
 - 2. Mary.
 - 3. James.
 - 4. Lucretia.
 - 5. Seth.
 - 6. Sarah.
 - 7. Sybil.
 - ii. Lucia, b. Sept. 21, 1736; d. 1783; m. Joseph Ward of Middletown March 16, 1758. They had seven children:
 - 1. Olive, d. young.
 - 2. Joseph.
 - 3. Eber.
 - 4. Lucia.
 - 5. Bela.
 - 6. Olive.
 - 7. Phebe.
- 22. iii. Comfort⁴, b. Jan. 23, 1738; m. 2nd. May 6, 1772, Sybil Ranney, dau. of Daniel and Esther (Stow) Ranney. Sybil was b. Aug. 29, 1744; d. Aug. 16, 1781. He m. 3rd, Feb. 1, 1790, Mrs. Elinor Bush, widow of Stephen Bush of Chatham.
- 23. iv. Eli, b. May 26, 1740; m. Rachel Stocking.
- 24. v. Joseph, b. Aug. 26, 1742; m. Abigail Boardman.
- vi. Martha, b. Aug. 21, 1744, probably at Middletown; m. Thomas Wright, whose brother Ebenezer m. her sister Grace. They were sons of the Rev. Ebenezer Wright. Thomas was b. about 1746 at Wethersfield; d. in 1822 at Rome, N. Y. He could not have been b. later than early 1747, as his father d. in May 1746. Martha and Thomas moved in 1799 from Wethersfield to Rome. They had ten children: (Later this line will be amplified.)
 - 1. Thomas, b. 1770.
 - 2. John, b. May 23, 1772.
 - 3. Mary }
 - 4. Patty } twins, b. 1775.
 - 5. Moses }
 - 6. Ebenezer } twins, b. 1777.
 - 7. Joseph, b. 1778.
 - 8. Hannah, b. 1779.
 - 9. Chloe, b. 1781.
 - 10. Allen, b. 1783.
- vii. Hannah, b. June 26, 1746; m. Nov. 7, 1770, Rev. Samuel Eells of Middletown, son of Edward and Martha Eells. Edward was grad. from Yale in 1765 and settled at N. Branford in the ministry. (No other data)

- viii. Chloe, b. Oct. 2, 1747. (No data)
- ix. Grace, b. Jan. 30, 1749; m. Ebenezer Wright and had six children:
(Later this line will be amplified.)
 - 1. Ebenezer, b. July 2, 1769.
 - 2. Benjamin, b. Oct. 10, 1770.
 - 3. Allen, b. June 22, 1773.
 - 4. Hannah, b. Aug. 3, 1776.
 - 5. William, b. July 1, 1778.
 - 6. Joseph, b. 1783.
- 13. Gershom³, son of Joseph² (Richard¹) and Mary (Goodrich) Butler, was born about 1683 at Wethersfield. In 1719 he married Mary Deming, daughter of Jonathan Deming and his second wife, Elizabeth (Gilbert) Deming. Mary was born Oct. 24, 1692 and died April 2 (or 22), 1771. Gershom died May 1 (or 21), 1765, æ 81. They lived at Middletown Upper Houses, where probably their six children were born: (no other data)
 - i. David, b. May 14, 1720; m. Sept. 20, 1738, Hannah Cook. They had five children:
 - 1. David.
 - 2. Samuel.
 - 3. John.
 - 4. George.
 - 5. Hannah.
 - ii. Anna (Ann), b. Feb. 7 (or 17), 1722; m. May 6, 1742, Joseph Wilcox of Middletown. No issue.
 - iii. Milly, b. March 3, 1724; m. Oct. 12, 1747, Asa Belden.
 - iv. Gideon, b. May 29, 1727; d. Feb. 7, 1740.
 - v. George, b. June 19, 1730; m. 1st April 10, 1755, Annie Plumb, who d. June 2, 1756. He m. 2nd Desire Dimmick. He had five children:
 - 1. Mary, b. 1756, only child of first wife.
 - 2. David.
 - 3. Selah.
 - 4. Silas.
 - 5. Josiah.
 - vi. Gershom, b. Feb. 24, 1737; m. Prudence —, who m. 2nd Oct. 29, 1794, Stephen Webster of Hartford. Gershom d. Oct. 1, 1793, in the West Indies. They had six children:
 - 1. Annie.
 - 2. Gideon.
 - 3. Josiah, who had son Philip. (Philip had four children: Henry, Susan, Horace, Carrie. Horace had a son and grandson each named Barnard; Carrie m. A. E. Coe.)
 - 4. Rosetta.
 - 5. Gershom III.
 - 6. Oliver.

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FAMILY BIBLE RECORDS^[a]

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A BABCOCK BIBLE

[Copied by Mrs. A. F. Kachelski of Beaver Dam, Wis., from a Bible in the collection of the Dodge County Historical Society.]

Marriages

Madison E. Babcock of Brookfield, Madison County, New York, and Anna C. Palmer of same, were married Feb. 13, 1841, in presence of Darius Gates, Mary A. Gates, H. W. White and Rev. David Davis.
 Wilmot M. Babcock was married Dec. 25, 1869 to Ada A. Clason, both of Beaver Dam, Wis.

Melissa A. Babcock was married Sept. 18, 1895 to Eldridge Smith of Burnett, Dodge Co., Wis.

T. Benton Babcock was married Oct. 16, 1898 to Flora E. Ritter of Hampden, Columbia Co., Wis.

Births

Madison E. Babcock born May 6, 1817

Anna C.—his wife—born March 18, 1817

[Their children]

Mary S.—Feb. 28, 1842

Parne M.—Nov. 23, 1843

Melissa A.—June 29, 1846

Madison Wilmot—Nov. 2, 1848

Emily Mary—May 8, 1852

T. H. Benton—May 22, 1856

Douglas Ethan—Apr. 11, 1860

Deaths^[b]

Mary S. Babcock died July 8, 1847

Madison E.—Feb. 1, 1875

Emily M.—Nov. 10, 1883

[a] Readers are urged to submit verbatim copies of their own family Bible records. Supplementary items, i. e. further dates, etc., although very welcome, should never be added directly to the records as copied.

[b] The first five are buried in Clason Prairie Cemetery; Melissa at Oakwood Cemetery at Beaver Dam, Wis.; and Douglas and Benton, in the Old Beaver Dam cemetery.

Addie. Ferdinand Ellarson still lives on the farm bought and cleared by his father, his children and grandchildren living near. Loren Ellarson, fifth generation of Ellarsons and sixth of the Muckey family^[1], is the sole descendant of the original pioneers to have his name on the register of the Muckey School in 1941.

DESCENDANTS OF RICHARD BUTLER OF HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

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(Continued from the last issue)

IX. GRANDCHILDREN OF THOMAS² (RICHARD¹) BUTLER

14. Isaac⁴, second child of Thomas³ and Abigail (Shepherd) Butler, was born November 27 (?), 1693, at Hartford. He married (1st) January 22, 1722, at Wintonbury, Sarah Marshfield, daughter of (—) and Rachel Marshfield. Sarah was born in 1696 and died January 12, 1753. His second marriage occurred July 1, 1762, to Thankful Parsons, at Harwinton, Connecticut. Three excerpts from the old family Bible, in the hand of his son Samuel Stone Butler I, are of interest: "January ye 12th 1753 then my honored Mother departed this life aged 57 years." "November ye 15th 1754 then my Honored Grandmother Rachel Marshfield departed this life aged 86 years." "February ye 19th 1777 then departed this life my Hon'd Father Deacon Isaac Butler in ye 85th year of his life."

In 1722 Isaac was graduated from Yale College. He lived much of his life in Hartford, where four of his children were born; but in May 1738, when the first church was organized in the new township of Wintonbury Parish, Windsor (now Bloomfield), he and his wife were on the roll of members; and later he was elected Senior Deacon. About 1758 he removed to Harwinton, where he died. He and Sarah had seven children:

- i. Olive, b. May 2, 1724; d. Sept. 27, 1727, at Hartford.
 25. ii. Samuel Stone⁵, b. Jan. 31, 1727; m. Mary Goodwin.
 - iii. Olive, b. May 10, 1729; d. Sept. 9, 1754.
 - iv. Josiah⁵, b. Nov. 9, 1731; m. Nov. 13, 1754, at Simsbury, Margaret Manly. He d. in Oct. 1799. They had two children. The family resided at Harwinton. (No other data)
 1. Josiah, b. Sept. 2, 1755. Served in the Revolution.
 2. Margaretta, b. July 8, 1763.
 - v. Sarah Stone, b. Aug. 23, 1734; d. Jan. 12, 1753.
 26. vi. Stephen⁵, b. Nov. 2 (or 21), 1736; m. Sarah Rossitter.
 - vii. Richard.
15. Thomas⁴, last child of Thomas³ (Thomas²) and Abigail (Shepherd) Butler, was born July 3, 1711, and died in 1787. He married (1st) March 9, 1732, at Windham, Connecticut, Abigail, daughter of Benjamin and Abigail H. Craft. Abigail was

born in 1708 and died January 11, 1744, the day after the birth of her fourth child. Thomas married (2nd), February 7, 1745, at Windham, Conn., Deborah Meacham, by whom he had no issue. She died March 3, 1749; and he married (3rd) June 19, 1749, Thankful Luce, by whom he had five children. He lived in Windham, but later moved to Norwich, Conn. He had nine children, the first four by Abigail, the last five by Thankful:

- i. Thomas, b. June 23, 1734; m. Sarah Dennison.
- ii. Eleazer, b. Sept. 24, 1736.
27. iii. Benjamin⁵, b. April 21 (May 3), 1739; m. Diadema Hyde.
- iv. Abigail, b. Jan. 10, 1744.
- v. Mary, b. Sept. 20, 1750.
- vi. Deborah, b. March 20, 1752.
- vii. William, b. Jan. 27, 1754.
- viii. Hannah, b. Feb. 2, 1756.
- ix. Sarah, b. March 14, 1760.
16. Gideon⁴, fourth child of Joseph³ (Thomas²) and Esther (Hubbard) Butler, was born in 1704, the year he was baptized, June 25. He died either the first or eighth of May, 1786. On November 24, 1737, he married at West Hartford, Zorah Ensign, who was born about 1714 and died January 20, 1794, æ 80. Their children, all but the first child baptized at West Hartford, were:
 - i. Thankful, b. Dec. 26, 1738.
 - ii. Zaccheus, bapt. Feb. 22, 1741; m. Dec. 18, 1763, Joanna Cadwell.
 28. iii. Gideon⁵, bapt. Aug. 23, 1741, or Feb. 22, 1742^[a]; m. Abigail Olmstead.
 - iv. Zorah, bapt. April 27, 1746; d. Aug. 6, 1758.
 - v. Amos, bapt. Jan. 17, 1748; d. Oct. 13, 1777, at Williamsburg, Mass.^[b]
 - vi. David, bapt. Sept. 15, 1751.
 - vii. Aaron, bapt. Oct. 7, 1753; d. 1777 in the Revolutionary army.
 - viii. Hannah⁵, bapt. April 23, 1758; m. and left one son.

X. GRANDCHILDREN OF SAMUEL² (RICHARD¹) BUTLER

17. Jonathan⁴, first son of Jonathan³ and Mary (Easton) Butler, was born February 26, 1707, at Harwinton or Hartford. He was baptised on June 27th of that year. On January 12, 1737, he married Elizabeth Davis, daughter of Nathan and Elizabeth (Hatch) Davis^[c], who came from Cape Cod. After Jonathan's death, about 1747, Elizabeth (Davis) Butler was married a second time, to a Dr. Wilcox. Their daughter, Sophia Wilcox, married Asher Church of Hartford. When Jonathan died, his and Elizabeth's children were taken to Hartford and distributed among his relatives. These children were:
 - i. Elizabeth, b. Aug. 7, 1738; m. 1761 to Daniel Bigelow.
 29. ii. Jonathan⁵, b. May 23, 1740; m. Ruth Benton (or Burton).
 - iii. Mary, m. 1763, Joseph Day.
 - iv. Rhoda, b. abt. 1743; m. James Jipson (Jepson); d. Sept. 17, 1833, æ 90.
 - v. Roswell, b. 1745; d. Aug. 10, 1762, æ 17, after bathing in a spring of cold water.
 - vi. Rebecca, b. 1748; m. Caleb Bull Jr.; d. 1786.

[a] Could the first date be his birth?

[b] The Rev. Amos Butler.

[c] Nathan Davis died in October, 1785, æ 97. His wife was then living, also æ 97. They had been married for 73 years.

18. Daniel⁴, third child of Jonathan³ (Samuel²) and Mary (Easton) Butler, was born March 8, 1712, at Harwinton or Hartford. He married Julia Hinsdale and they lived at Wethersfield^[d]. After Julia's death, Daniel married Sarah Bull, who died August 12, 1804, æ 78. Daniel died August 17, 1767, æ 55. It appears that Daniel's three children were by the first wife: (No other data)

- i. William.
- ii. Henry⁵, m. Martha Hinsdale. They had seven children: (No other data)
 1. James
 2. Henry^[e]
 3. William
 4. Hinsdale
 5. Jeremiah^[f]
 6. Catherine
 7. Samuel^[g]
- iii. Mary, who may have m. a Mr. Wills.

XI. GRANDCHILDREN OF NATHANIEL² (RICHARD¹) BUTLER

- 19 & 20. See issue of September 1940, page 68, "iii. William³, m. Hannah Hills"; and also issue of December 1940, page 140, "10, John⁴, m. Sarah⁴ Foster." These two records were inserted each ahead of their generation record. (William should have been included in the December record, John⁴ in this one.) John⁴ and Sarah (Foster) Butler's children, fifth generation, Nos. 19 and 20, will appear in their own generation in the next issue, as numbers 30 and 31.

XII. GRANDCHILDREN OF JOSEPH² (RICHARD¹) BUTLER

21. Charles⁴, third and last child of Richard³ and Sarah (Goodrich) Butler, was born July 18/19, 1732, probably at Wethersfield, and died June 18, 1782, æ 49. He was a captain in the Revolution. On October 24, 1754, he married Azubah Ranney, daughter of Thomas and Esther (Wilcox) Ranney. Azubah was born March 31, 1735, and died January 25, 1815. After Charles' death she later moved her children to Brookfield, N. Y., and vicinity. They had nine children: (No other data)

- i. Simeon⁵, b. Aug. 13, 1755; m. Sept. 18, 1783, at Rocky Hill, Conn., Anna Marsh, who was b. Oct. 23, 1765. They had seven children, all born at Rocky Hill:
 1. Abigail, b. Aug. 20, 1785; d. 1824.
 2. Nancy, b. Jan. 8, 1788; unmarried.
 3. William, b. June 14, 1790 (no issue).
 4. Emmera (Emory), b. Feb. 16, 1792; d. March 29, 1792.
 5. Ulysses⁶, b. March 6, 1795; m. ——— Robbins and had a son Frederick⁷.
 6. Norman, b. Sept. 23, 1798 (no issue).
 7. Ansel, b. Aug. 2, 1801; d. 1825.
- ii. Joel, b. May 1, 1757.
- iii. Azubah⁵, b. March 16, 1759; m. Eli March. Abt. 1796 they moved

[d] Mr. W. P. Butler's record is not very graphic for Daniel. He is listed as a captain, and said to have owned the Covenant in 1722; but neither record is explained.

[e] Father of the Rev. Henry S. Butler of Fairport, Ohio, and Blairstown, N. J.

[f] A merchant in Philadelphia.

[g] This Samuel may have been the third child instead of the last.

from Brookfield to Sherburne, N. Y. They had five children:

1. Norman⁶, who had two sons⁷ and six dau.⁷ by his first wife.
 2. Lathrop, b. abt. 1790; m. ——— Sheffield.
 3. Marilla, m. Lewis Lathrup of Sherburne.
 4. Ann, unm., living in Albany in 1874.
 5. Simeon⁶, m. Eliza Carrier and had Jane⁷ and John⁷.
- iv. Richard⁶, b. March , 1791; m. (1st) Lois Goodrich; m. (2nd) Mercy Sage, Jan. 31, 1788. She was a dau. of Solomon and Hannah (Kirby) Sage. Mercy was b. June 9, 1768, at Upper Middletown and d. April 2, 1852, at Jamestown, N. Y. Richard d. Jan. 2, 1839, at Jamestown. He had had one child by his first wife but both soon died. After his second marriage, he lived in Rocky Hill, Conn., until the winter of 1794/5, when he moved to Brookfield, N. Y., one mile from Babcock's Mills. Four years later he moved to Hamilton (Colchester Settlement), N. Y. Again four years later he moved one mile south to the Douglas farm. In 1822 he lived with Mr. William Norton at Sherburne; and three years later he started living first with his son Harvey (Henry) and then with Solomon. In 1833 or 1834 he went to Jamestown, where he died. He and Mercy had six children:
1. Solomon⁶.^[h]
 2. Calmy, m. Andrew Gilbert, a distant cousin.
 3. Esther⁶, m. ——— Lee and had a son Herbert A. Lee⁷ of Weiser, Idaho.
 4. Lois⁶, m. William Newton and had a son Hurbert A. Newton⁷ of Yale College.
 5. Harvey⁶ (Henry)^[h].
 6. Nina, m. ——— Slagg.
- v. Esther, b. Sept. 16, 1763; m. Oliver Paine Lamphine.
- vi. John, b. Feb. 5, 1766; d. unm.
- vii. Dorothy, b. Aug. 14, 1768; m. Philip Miller (or Hamilton).
- viii. Sarah, b. April 30, 1771; m. Nathaniel Gray.
- ix. Desire, m. Oliver Brown and lived in Brookfield, N. Y.
22. Comfort⁴, third child of Benjamin³ (Joseph²) and Thankful (Sage) Butler, was born January 23, 1738, and died after 1790. He was married three times. The name of the first wife is unknown; he m. (2nd) May 6, 1772, Sybil Ranney; and (3rd) Feb. 1, 1790, Mrs. Elinor Bush. (See Dec. 1940 issue, page 141.) He had six children, possibly some by each wife:
- i. Mary⁵, bapt. Nov. 13, 1763; m. Capt. Reuben Kirby of Upper Middletown, where he d. June 29, 1833. Mary d. May 31, 1853, at Hartford, bur. at Upper Middletown. They had six children: (No other data)
 1. Abel.
 2. Maria.
 3. Horace.
 4. Nicholas.
 5. Thomas.
 6. Lucia, d. June 20, 1846, at Hartford, ae 41; bur. at Upper Middletown.
 - ii. Benjamin⁵, b. May 24, 1765, at Upper Middletown; m. June 22, 1787, Mary Treadway, who d. Jan. 15, 1843, ae 73. They had six children: (No other data)
 1. Mary, b. 1790.
 2. Harriet, b. 1792; d. young.
 3. Clarissa, b. 1794; m. Stephen Taylor of Middletown.
 4. James Harvey, b. 1796; d. 1822 at Havana, Cuba^[i].

[h] One of these men had a son, Henry M. Butler, who lived on the old farm at Jamestown where his grandfather Richard had died.

[i] Both James Harvey and Edwin were shipmasters.

5. Harriet, b. 1798; m. John Pratt of Middletown.
6. Edwin, b. 1800; d. 1832 at Havana, Cuba^[1].
- iii. James⁵, b. June 4, 1767, bapt. June 14; m. Sept. 25, 1800, Clara (Clarissa) Sage. He d. at sea Jan. 2, 1807. She d. Oct. 11, 1836. They had two children: (No other data)
 1. James⁶, b. Aug. 7, 1803; m. (1st) Mary Streeter (adopted dau. of Elder Frederick Wightman) and they had a son Frederick⁷. She d. Sept. 11, 1825, and James m. (2nd) Mary Toplef (also an adopted dau. of Wightman). James was a shipmaster. He d. at Matamoray, Mexico, June 5, 1831.
 2. A dau.⁶ who m. Stilman K. Wightman, only son of Wightman above^[1].
- iv. Daniel⁵, m. Mary Keith who d. April 11, 1812 ae 35. He d. 1813 at New Orleans. They had five children: (No other data)
 1. Janette.
 2. Mary, d. Sept. 21, 1822, ae 18, at Middletown.
 3. Daniel, d. 1826 ae 21, at St. Pierre, Martinique.
 4. Alexander, d. at Cincinnati, Ohio.
 5. Benjamin, b. Aug. 6, 1810.
- v. Comfort⁵ Jr., b. 1791; m. Martha Brown and moved to N. Y. State, where their children were born. He lived both in Utica and Brooklyn. He was a harness maker and in his old age became blind. He d. about 1862/3. He and Martha had nine children: (No other data)
 1. William C., b. 1816; m. — Roth.
 2. Mary Ann, b. 1820; m. F. B. Austin.
 3. Catherine Eliza, b. 1822.
 4. Harriet E., b. 1824.
 5. Amelia Wright, b. 1826.
 6. Charles Carol, b. 1828.
 7. James Henry, b. 1830.
 8. George Frederick, b. 1834.
 9. Edward D., b. 1836; connected with Leather Manufacturers Bank, 29 Wall St., N. Y., in 1899.
- vi. Asa⁵, m. Salome Remington. They had three children:
 1. Asa Remington^[k].
 2. Caroline, m. — Bonnell.
 3. Elizabeth, m. — Randell.
23. Eli⁴, fourth son of Benjamin³ (Joseph²) and Thankful (Sage) Butler, was born (January) May 26, 1740, at Middletown Upper Houses, Connecticut. He died April 19, 1802, at New Hartford, New York. On February 20/26, 1765, he married Rachel Stocking, daughter of Elisha and Margery (?) Stocking^[1]. Rachel was born January 29, 1743, and died September 1, 1805. In the Revolutionary War, Eli was a captain in the regiment of Light Horse, commanded by Major Elisha Sheldon from October 25, 1776, to December 4, 1776. These troops were ordered to New York and a portion of them were with General Washington when he retreated through New Jersey, in December 1776. Before that, Eli had served as quartermaster under Captain Jonathan Meigs, Lexington Alarm Forces, in April 1775. In May 1776 he was a captain of a company in the first Connecticut Regiment, under Major William Hart. In 1789, Eli visited an old neighbor and kins-

[j] In 1864 Stillman Wightman was a lawyer in New York, the father of several children.

[k] Ancestor of Mrs. Stryker of Trenton, N. J.

[1] Margery (?) Stocking was daughter of Deacon Samuel Stocking and his wife, Bertha Hopkins. The latter is said to have been a daughter of John Hopkins, son of Stephen Hopkins by his first wife, although this needs proof.

man, Judge Hugh White, founder of Whitestown, New York, and while there he bought property in what is the present town of Paris, Oneida County. In the fall of that year, he settled three of his sons there — Ashbel, Sylvester, and John; and in 1793 he and his son Eli visited there and bought a farm just south of the village of New Hartford. The deed, from Solomon Kellogg, is dated April 17, 1793. This farm, known as the Butler Homestead, passed to Eli Jr. and then to his descendants for over one hundred years^[m].

Eli and Rachel were the parents of eleven children, probably all of whom were born at Middletown, Connecticut:

32. i. Ashbel⁵, b. Nov. 28, 1765; m. Sarah Williams.
33. ii. Sylvester⁵, b. April 18, 1767; m. Lydia Wetmore.
34. iii. John⁵, b. March 28, 1769; m. Hannah Todd.
- iv. Lucy⁵, b. 1771; m. Benjamin Morris of Otsego, N. Y. (He was a widower with three children, William, Charles, and Sylvia). They had four children: (No other data)
 1. George W., d. 1884, no issue.
 2. Harriet, m. William Stone.
 3. Caroline.
 4. Benjamin Butler⁶, b. Sept. 21, 1804; m. (1st) Aug. 16, 1836, Mary Cox, the mother of the three children. He m. (2nd) Oct. 16, 1855, Mrs. Abbie Kirkland of Utica. The children were:
 - i. Charles Lee, b. Aug. 1837; d. 1838.
 - ii. Sarah Elizabeth, b. Dec. 1839; d. 1843.
 - iii. William Truxton, b. 1842.
- v. Rachel⁵, b. April 10, 1773/4; m. Richard Sanger, b. Dec. 26, 1769, and d. Aug. 8, 1843. Rachel d. March 2, 1854. He built the old brick house at New Hartford later known as the Orlando Eames' place. They had five children:
 1. Gerry Elbredg⁶, b. Nov. 11, 1798; m. Lucetta Alexander Stewart^[n].
 2. Henry Kirkland, b. Nov. 11, 1799; m. Caroline Prentice. He d. June 4, 1864.
 3. Eliza, b. May 28, 1802; d. Sept. 1853; m. Freedom Tibbetts.
 4. Jedediah, b. Aug. 13, 1805; d. Oct. 1876; m. Frances Hall.
 5. Richard J., b. Sept. 10, 1810; d. Nov. 8, 1842.
- vi. Martha⁵, b. May 14, 1777; m. Feb. 1, 1804, her cousin, Joseph Butler, son of Joseph and Abigail (Boardman) Butler. (See 24 and 36.)
- vii. Chloe⁵, b. March 22 (?), 1777; m. Moses Maynard son of Lemuel in 1810/11. He d. May 27, 1853. Chloe d. Dec. 19, 1821, at Madison, N. Y. They had seven children:
 1. Butler⁶, b. Jan. 1, 1812^[n].
 2. Edward⁶, b. April, 1813^[n].
 - 3 & 4. Twins, which died young.
 5. Jane M.

[m] A granddaughter, Mrs. Shapley's account of Eli's moving from Connecticut to New Hartford is interesting and amusing. She wrote: "The father, mother and eleven children, with all the hired help to drive the teams and cattle, I think my mother said they had twelve wagons to carry all the household effects and farming implements. They had many cattle and large flocks of sheep. Her father and mother (Eli and Rachel) rode behind in the chaise, and mother being the youngest (Clarissa), rode with them. They looked like a caravan. People by the way would flock out to see them and begin to count the number of persons. It was sport for the Butlers and they would help them count. When they reached their destination there was only a log house to receive them all. Her father immediately set the men to cutting and preparing timber and in three weeks they had a house raised and moved into it as soon as it was covered and the partitions were put in, but it had no lathing or plastering. How long they lived in that way I do not know but from some circumstances which followed I conclude it was for some time, as the daughters soon became acquainted with other young people and received visits from young men. Customs were different in those days. When a gentleman came to see a certain one, the rest of the family retired and the couple 'set up' as it was called."

[n] This line will be amplified later.

6. Mary Ann.
7. De Witt Clinton, d. young.
35. viii. Eli⁵, b. March 28, 1779; m. Rachel Kellogg.
- ix. Sarah⁵, b. March 4, 1781; m. Asa Eames, twin bro. of Hezekiah, who m. her sister Persis the same day, May 17, 1805, at Vernon, N. Y. They were the sons of John and Ruth (Stone) Eames. Asa was born May 17, 1780, at New Hartford; d. Sept. 1832. Sarah d. March 23, 1864 at Freeport, Ill. There were five children. Unfortunately, descendants sent in birth dates which slightly differ. We here give both sets.
 1. Harriet⁶, b. March 7, 1806/8^[a].
 2. Cornelia⁶, b. Jan. 11, 1812/13^[a].
 3. Charlotte⁶, b. Jan. 17, 1815/17^[a].
 4. Charles Butler⁶, b. Feb. 22, 1811/17^[a].
 5. Sarah Frances⁶, b. March 16, 1820/21^[a].
- x. Persis⁵, b. May 14, 1783; d. June 14, 1843, at Milwaukee, Wis.; m. May 17, 1805, Hezekiah Eames^[o]. He d. in New York, Sept. 23, 1828. They had seven children^[p]:
 1. Clarissa⁶ Butler, b. Feb. 24, 1806, at New Hartford.
 2. A twin sister of Clarissa, unnamed, which d. at birth.
 3. Edward Franklin⁶, b. Feb. 16, 1808.
 4. Caroline⁶, b. Dec. 4, 1811.
 5. Amelia, b. May 23, 1813; d. June 24, 1816.
 6. Henry Frederick⁶, b. Jan. 27, 1815, at Utica, N. Y.
 7. Lester H., b. May 18, 1817; d. Sept. 10, 1895, in Chicago; unm.
- xi. Clarissa⁵, b. April 3, 1785, Middletown, Conn.; m. Jan. 9, 1814, Col. James Berthrong, son of Abram and Hannah (Washburn) Berthrong^[q]. James was b. Nov. 13, 1780; d. Oct. 23, 1850. Clarissa and James Berthrong had two children:
 1. Lucius Washburn⁶, b. Oct. 26, 1814^[r].
 2. Jane Eliza⁶, b. May 9, 1816^[r].
24. Joseph⁴, fifth child of Benjamin³ (Joseph²) and Thankful (Sage) Butler, was born August 26, 1742. He married at Wethersfield, Abigail Boardman, who was born May 7, 1748, and died January 5, 1829. Joseph died November 9, 1817. They had seven children:
 - i. Levi, b. March 7, 1768; d. Dec. 24, 1823.
 36. ii. Joseph⁵, b. Feb./July 22, 1770; m. Martha Butler (see No. 23-vi).
 - iii. Abigail, b. April 10, 1773; d. May 20, 1835.
 - iv. Lucy, b. Oct. 23, 1775; d. Aug. 21, 1849.
 - v. Silas⁵, b. Sept. 14, 1778; d. April 9, 1837; had a son, the Rev. J. Glentworth⁶ Butler of Brooklyn, a Presbyterian minister, one time pastor of West Walnut Street Church of Philadelphia^[s].
 - vi. Mary, b. Jan. 5, 1782; d. Aug. 13, 1783.
 - vii. Horace, b. May 2, 1786.

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[o] See mention of his parents under Persis' sister Sarah, ix above.

[p] The lines of 1, 3, 4 and 6 will be amplified later.

[q] Col. Abram Berthrong and a brother came from France. Abram settled in Middlebury, Vt. He was a partner of Col. Hezekiah Sage, and built the Albany Basin and part of the Erie Canal.

[r] The Rev. Glentworth Butler prepared an eleven volume exposition of the Scriptures. He had a son, Dr. Glentworth Reeve Butler, and two daughters who married.

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BEAVER DAM BURIALS

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Names He-Hy

- Elizabeth / Wife of J E [F?]
 HENSLER / Born Oct 1, 1825
 Died Dec 11, 1863^[a].
 Children of J E [F?] & [E?]
 Hensler / George H age 1 day/
 Augusta H. age 16 days / Al-
 bert H. / age 4 days / Clarris-
 sa H. age 4 years / Lewis L.
 age 6(?) years / Theodore L,
 age 1 year / Emma C. age ().
 In memorium of / Kathryn / wife
 of Jonas L. HERMANN /
 Born August 19, 1811 / Died
 Aug 11, 1877.
 David HEWES / Died October
 1852 / Aged 56 years.
 Mary, wife of David Hewes /
 Died July 18, 1858 / Aged 39
 years.
 Cyrus HEWES / Died April 11,
 1860 / Age 59 years.
 Adline R. / Wife of Cyrus Hewes
 / Died Mar 30, 1854 / Age 21
 years 9 mo.
 Asa HODGMAN / Died May 19,
 1871 / Aged 74 2 mo 25 days
 Sally Hodgman / wife of Asa
 Hodgman / Died April 11,
 1882 / Aged 81 yrs 22 days.
 Sarah HOLLINGSWORTH /
 Died Apr 15, 1865 / Age 81
 years^[b].
 George Hollingsworth / Died
 Apr 25, 1857 / Age 48 yrs^[c].
 Ann Hollingsworth / Died Feb
 19, 1887 / Age 80 yrs^[d].
 Jesse Hollingsworth / Died Mar
 7, 1863 / Age 26 years^[e].
 Maria Benedict / Wife of Geo.
 Hollingsworth^[c] / Born Sept
 29, 1837 / died Nov 18, 1896.
 John HOLT / Died March 9,
 1858 / in his 63 year.
 Rachel / Wife of John Holt /
 Died March 18, 1865 / Age 70
 years.
 William Holt / Died July 10,
 1896 / Age 72.
 Hannah M. / Wife Of William/
 Died June 12, 1879 / Age 59.
 Henry M. Holt / Died July 8,
 1854 / Ae 9 mo^[g].

[a] Stone very badly washed.

[b] This is on monument. Headstone reads "Grandma."

[c] Note the two George Hollingsworths. Graves on separate lots. This first inscription is on a monument, and there is a separate headstone, "Father."

[d] This is on monument. Headstone reads "Mother."

[e] Headstone, "Jesse."

[f] On another lot. Who was this George Hollingsworth?

[g] Son of William and Hannah.

- Cornelia J. Holt/ Died August 22, 1856/ Age 36.
- Abraham HORN/ Died October 24, 1860/ Aged 62 yrs 10 mo 11 days.
- Mary Horn/ Wife of Abraham/ Died Oct 27, 1884/ Aged 77 yr's.
- Lottie Horn/ Dau of M & A Horn/ Died August 2, 1874/ Aged 15 yrs 7 ms 6 d's.
- Mary L./ Wife of John HORTON/ Died Oct 13, 1858/ Age 43 years.
- HOSMER: Will J./ Born Jan 29, 1859 / Died August 12, 1912/ Mary S./ Wife/ Born Jan 15, 1855 / Died Feb 6; 1920/ Mary J./ Died Feb 20, 1846/ Aged 1 yr 6 days/ Lucy F./ Died Jan. 10, 1850/ Aged 2 years 3 mo 10 days/ James E. Hosmer / Born in Newburg, Ohio/ May 29, 1822 / Died March 31, 1892/ Urretta Wagner Hosmer / Born in Orange, Ohio / Jan. 22, 1822/ Died March 28, 1901.
- R. Oli(v)ette / Infant Dau of Chas M & Ruth A HOWARD / Died Dec 20, 1879/ Age 11 yrs 5 mo's 23 days.
- Father/ Calvin Howard/ Died July 13, 1878/ Aged 67 years, 21 days/ Born Union, N. Y./ Brother, thou art gone to rest / Thy sins are all forgiven / And saints in light have entombed thee / To share the joys of Heaven.
- Sophronia / Wife of Calvin Howard/ Died Aug 25, 1865 /Age — yrs, 10 months & 5 days.
- George H./ Died Feb 16, 1863/ Age 11 yrs 10 mo 12 days^[h]
- Flora M./ Died Feb. 19, 1863/ Age 2 yrs 12 mo 9 day^[i].
- Abel L/ Son of C & S Howard/ Co. C., 1st N. Y. Engineers/ Died Feb 28, 1865/ Age 29 years 1 mo.^[h]
- Mary Frances / Only child of G W & F L HOWE / Died Oct 1, 1853/ Aged 1 yr 15 day's.
- Sacred to the memory of/ Clarinda HULL (or HALL) / Born April 15, 1801 / Died April 2, 1857.
- William HUTCHINSON/ 1815-1892.
- Elizabeth/ His Wife/ 1841-1929
- Sardis M. Hutchinson/ Died Jan 10, 1852/ Aged 26 yrs.
- Arabella/ Dau of Sardis M & Charlotte Hutchinson / Died Jan 11, 1856/ Aged 9 mo 20 days.
- Boxginda[?] HYDE/ Died Sept 24, 1875/ Aged 88 years.
- Lydia Hyde/ Died October 21, 1855/ Age 51 yrs.
- / July 31, 186()/ Age 15 yrs, 2 mo & 10 da^[i].

Honey Creek Headstone Inscriptions, Prior to 1881

- Janet, wife of John BELL / d. Aug. 20, 1850 / aged 93 yrs.^[i]
- Cynthia J. CHEANEY / b. Feb. 1 1852 / d. March 11 1879^[k]
- Sally, wife of Bennett Cheaney / b. Feb. 24 1821 / at Cazenovia, N. Y.^[i]
- Marian COOPER, wife of John Cooper / b. 1816 / d. 1869^[m]

[h] Children of Calvin and Sophrone Howard.

[i] Broken headstone.

[j] A native of Scotland. Mother of Capt. John Bell.

[k] The wife of Andrew.

[l] No date of death is given, but it was probably before 1881.

[m] The cemetery roll gives her name as Marian A., and the date of her burial as Feb. 16, 1869.

