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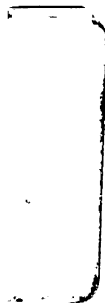


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Preface.

IN 1868-9 a few data for a book of genealogy of Converse families in America were collected by Mrs. Pamela Mott (Converse) Reed and her husband, Joseph James Reed, but the work was not completed. After the death of Mr. and Mrs. Reed, the manuscript was deposited in a fragmentary condition with Mr. John Heman Converse of Philadelphia. To some extent it was found to cover the same ground as *The Family Record of Deacons James W. Converse and Elisha S. Converse*, compiled and edited by William G. Hill, Malden, Mass., privately printed, 1887; yet it contained lines of descent and data not included in Mr. Hill's book, which additional records, though meagre and incomplete, proved sufficient to afford the necessary connecting links and basis for this work.

The Reed manuscript included a few notes on de Coignerles-Coniers-Conyers lines in England. They were, however, fragmentary and incomplete, and consequently seemed to afford no information of value in this connection. Therefore they are not included here; but it is thought that it might be amiss to omit to mention the fact as showing the direction of Mr. Reed's foreign searches, and because of the reader's possible interest in the coincidence that Mr. Reed and Mr. Hill were both treading the same ground, though presumably unaware of it (see pages 273 and 858).

From *Family History in the line of Joseph Convers of Bedford, Mass., 1739-1828*, compiled and edited by Rev. John Jay Putnam, printed at Worcester, Mass., by F. S. Blanchard & Co., and from a book entitled *Ephraim and Pamela (Converse) Morris, Their Ancestors and Descendants*, by Tyler Seymour Morris, Chicago, information may be obtained regarding the branches which they record. *The History of Rindge, N. H.*, by Ezra S. Stearns,

contains genealogical particulars of some descendants of Joshua Convers⁶ (John,⁴ Maj. James,⁸ Lieut. James,² Deacon Edward¹). See also Notes on the Family of Dea. Edward Convers, by Alfred C. Vinton, printed as a supplement to the Woburn Record of Marriages published by the city of Woburn in 1891.

In the compilation of this book it was originally the intention to have as many pictures of members of the families recorded as could be obtained; but after nearly five hundred had been procured, it became necessary to abandon this project because it was found that the time and attention required to collect and reproduce so many pictures would prolong the work beyond hope of completion.

In the appendices will be found historical-genealogical notices of many families who have been identified with New England from its first settlement, who, although selected primarily because of the author's descent therefrom, have been described sufficiently in detail to render the accounts of value to any descendant of those families. Of special interest is the account of the Edgecumbe family which includes Mr. Eben Putnam's historical notes on the Edgecumbes of Plymouth, England, and very valuable information added by him concerning the connection of the Edgecumbes of Mt. Edgecumbe with the early settlements on the Maine coast.

It has been the aim of the compiler to make his book of value not only to the Converse family but also to all interested in New England genealogy and history.

The preparation and publication of this record has been made possible by means provided therefor by Mr. John Heman Converse.

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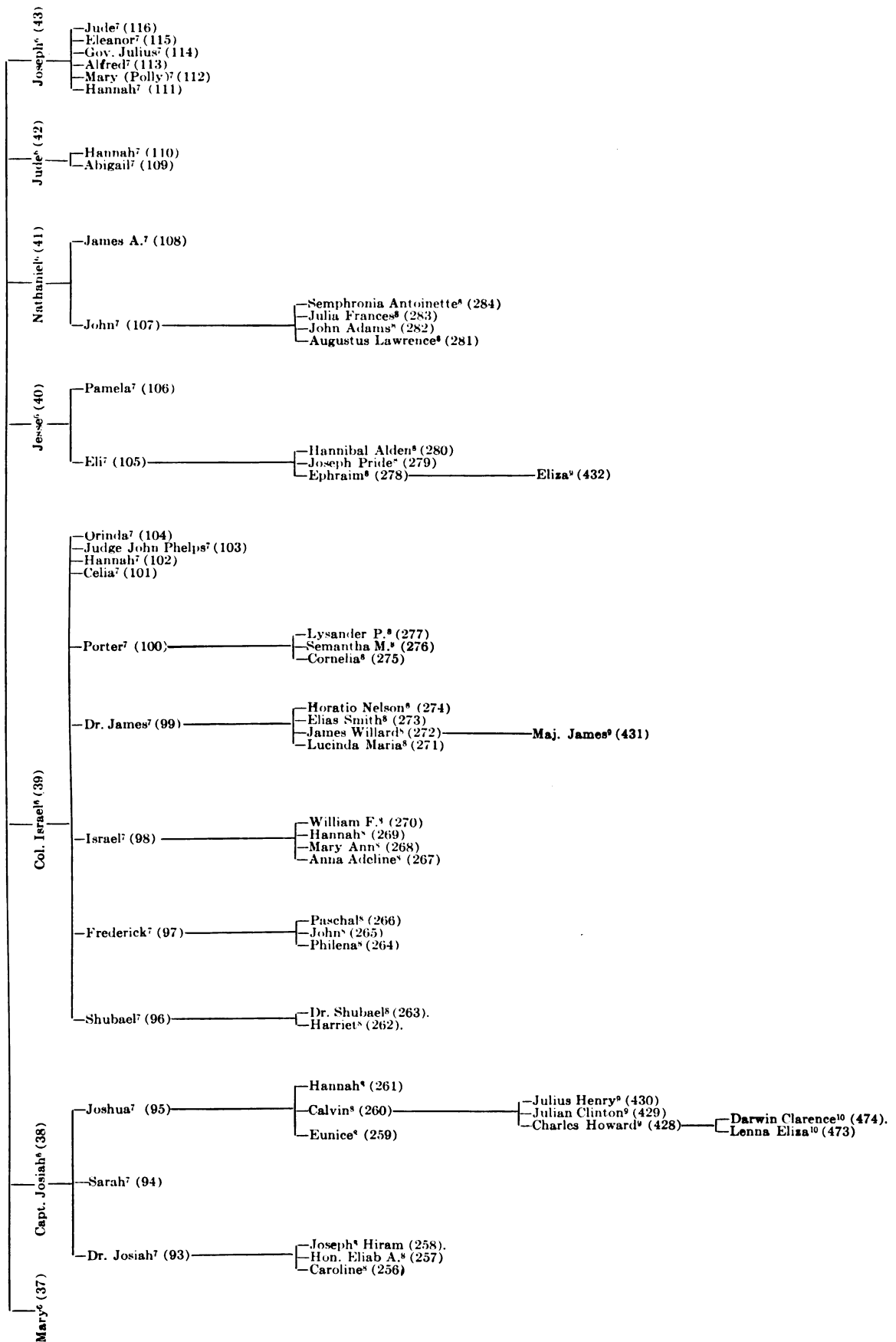
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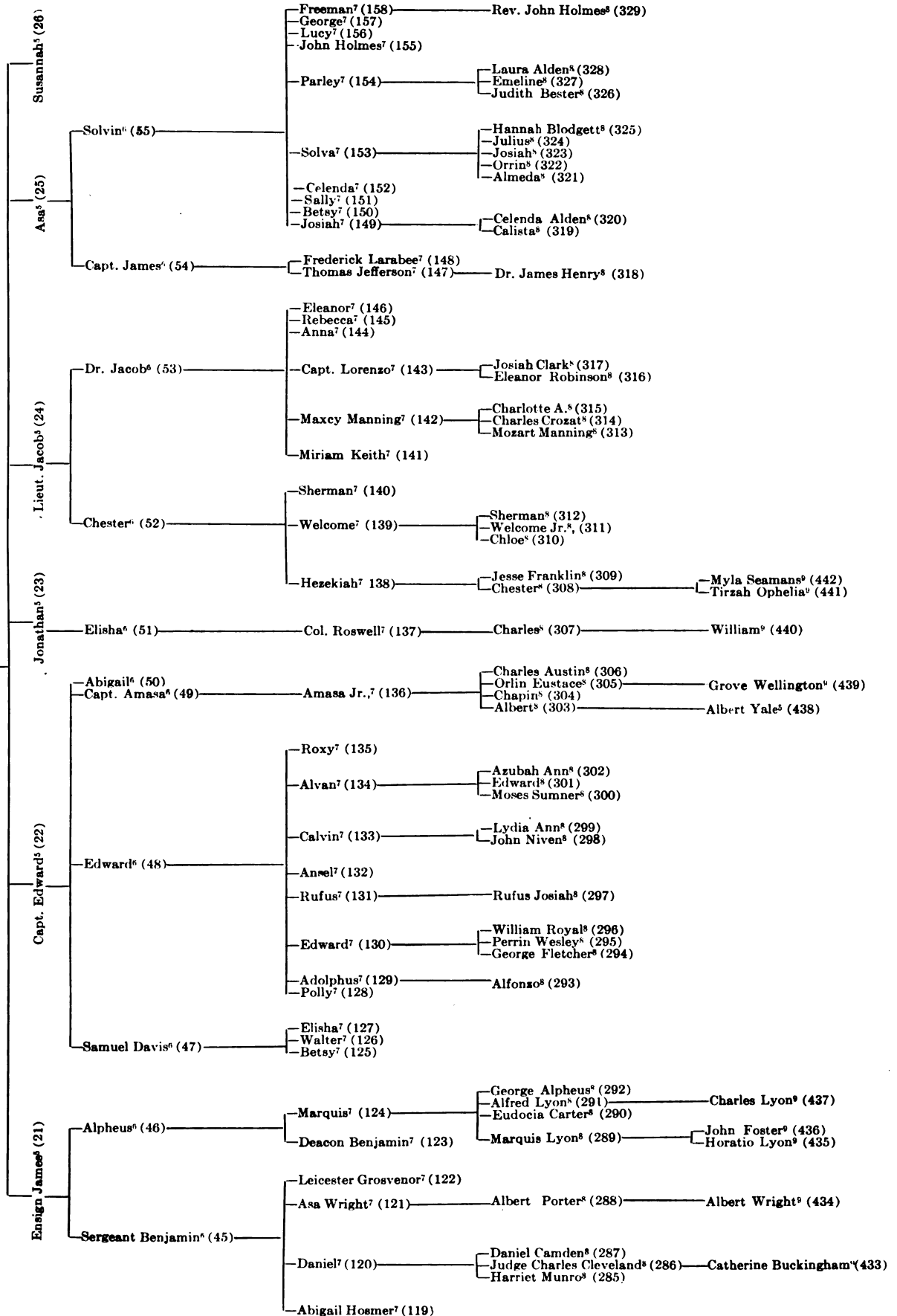
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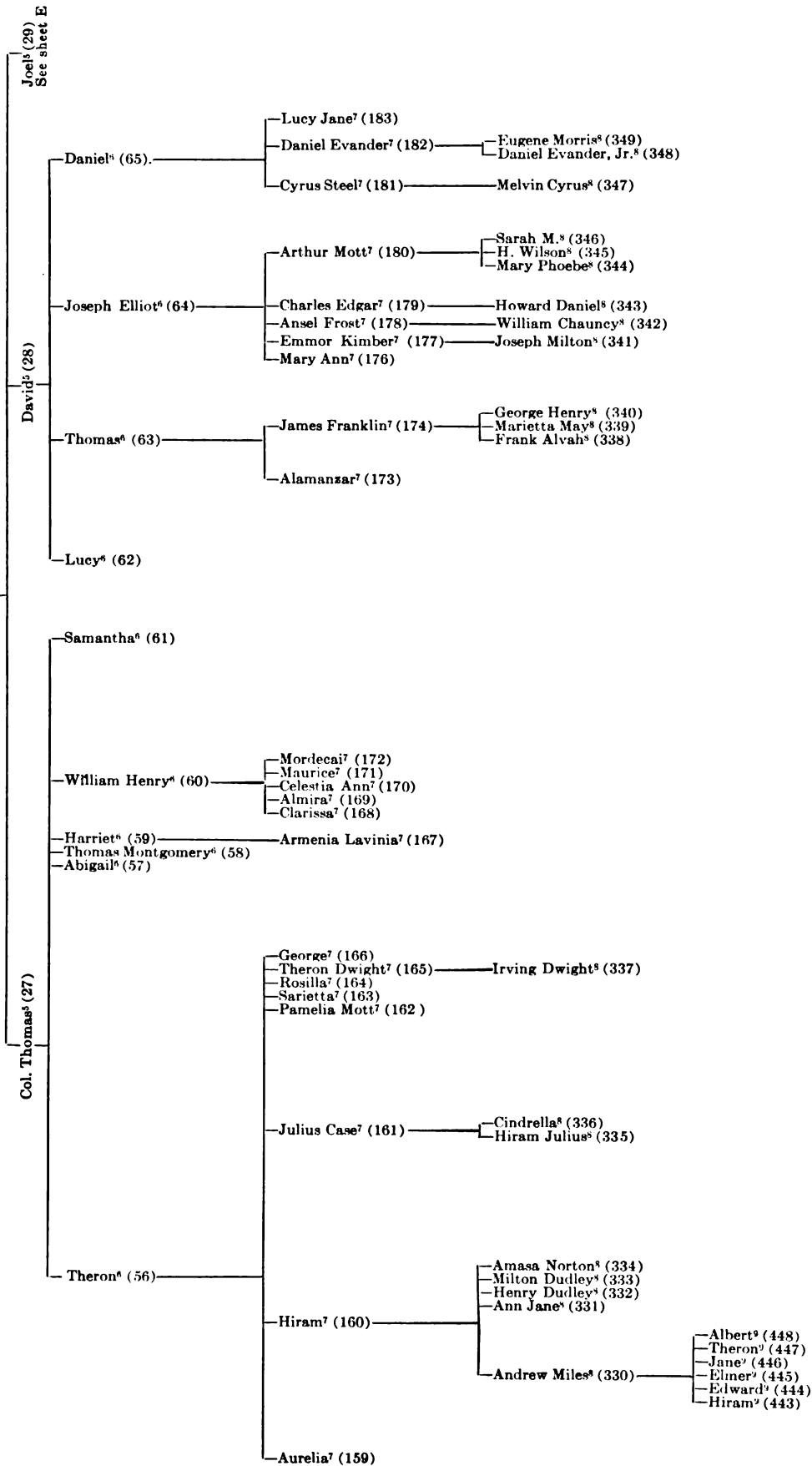
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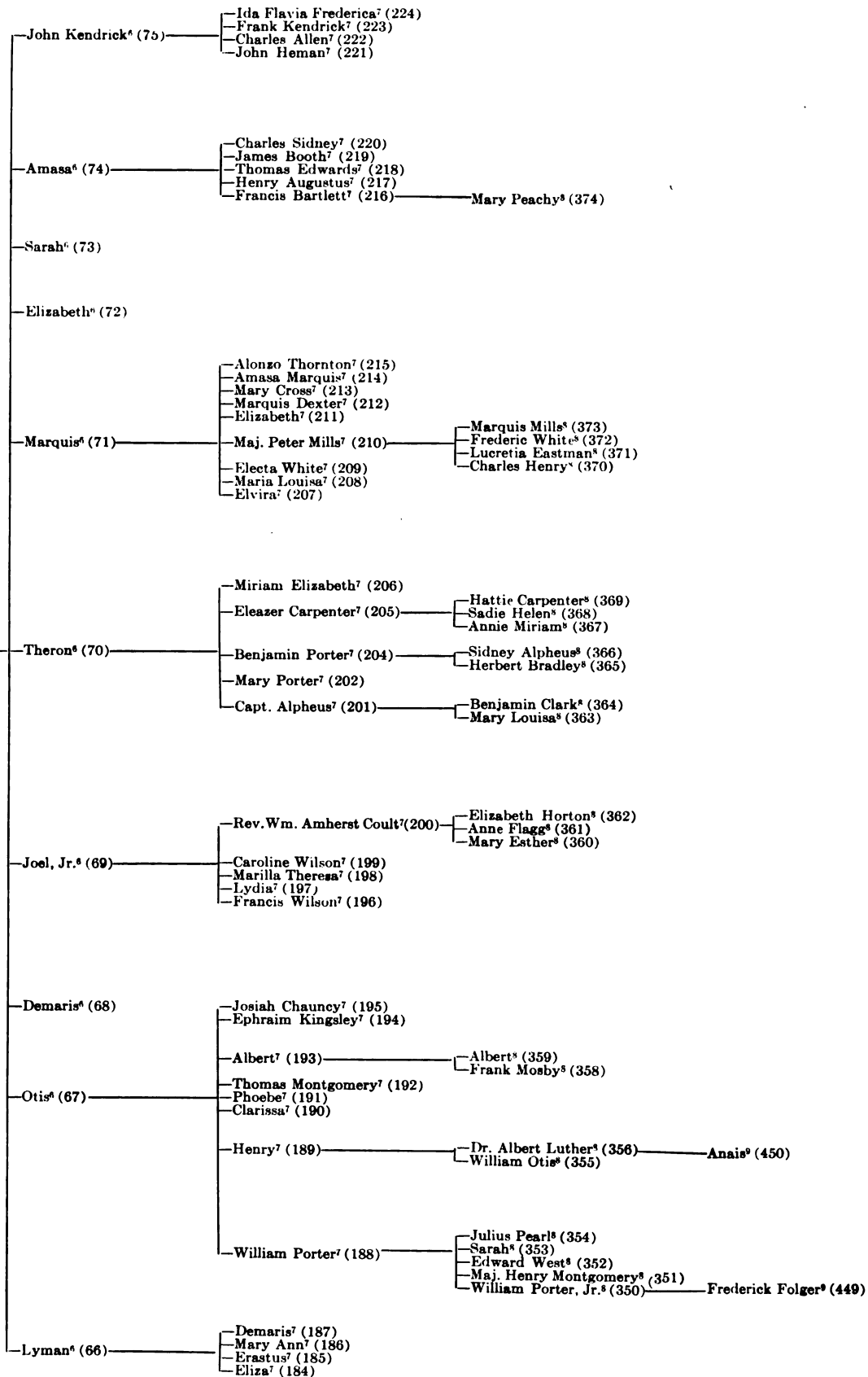


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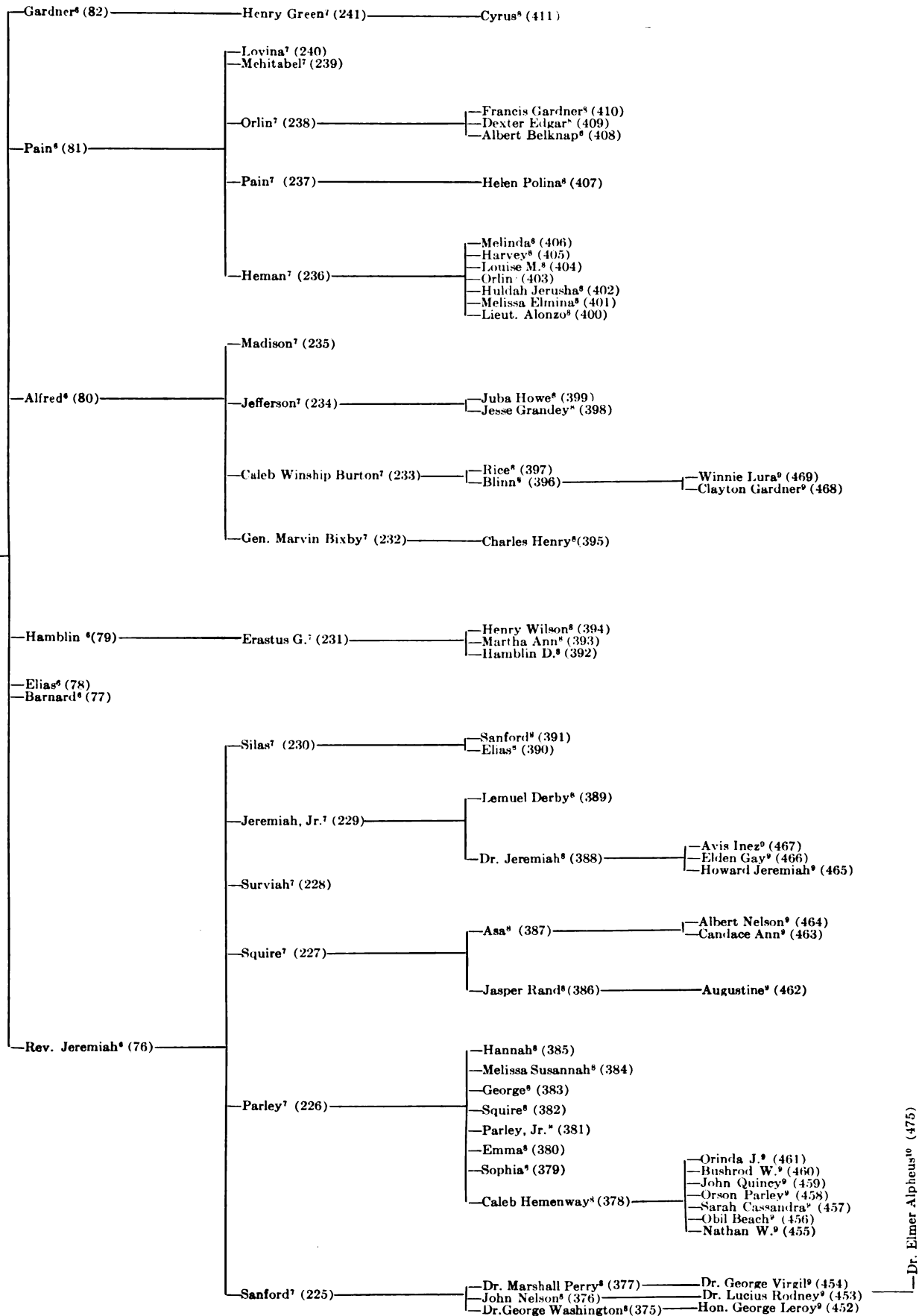


THOMAS CONVERSE⁴ (15)





CAPT. PAIN CONVERS^s (30)



The Converse Family.

1. DEACON EDWARD CONVERS was one of the select company of Puritans who came from England to this country in the fleet with Winthrop, whose ship, the *Arbella*, preceding the other vessels of the fleet, arrived at Salem 12 June 1630, after a stormy passage of sixty-three days. With him came his wife, Sarah, and children, Josiah, James and Mary. They settled first in Charlestown, Mass. "Edward Convers and Sarah Convers, his wife," were among the first members of the church received on the Sunday following its organization in Charlestown 30 July 1630, and which included in its congregation members on both sides of the river, the majority of whom had removed to Boston within a few months. This was the First Church of Boston, and from it Edward and Sarah Convers and thirty-three other members were dismissed 14 October 1632, to be embodied as the First Church of Charlestown, entering into mutual covenant for this purpose 2 November 1632.

The name of Edward Convers appears among those who "desire to be made freemen" 19 October 1630, and took the oath as such 18 May 1631, these being the first to be admitted to the company in New England.

He established the first ferry between Charlestown and Boston under the vote of the General Court of 9 November 1630, and 14 June 1631 was authorized to charge, for ferrying, "two pence for every single person, and one penny apiece if there be two or more." This lease was renewed 9 November 1637, for three years, Mr. Convers agreeing to pay therefor forty pounds each year into the Colonial treasury. This ferry crossed the river where the Charlestown bridge now crosses it, and was called the "Great Ferry," to distinguish it from the ferry operated by Thomas Williams between Charlestown and Winnisimmet. Mr. Convers held the lease of the "Great Ferry" until 7 October 1640, when it was granted for the support of Harvard College. Rev. John Jay Putnam, the author of the valuable monograph entitled "Family History in the line of Joseph Convers of Bedford, Mass.," says that this surrender of the lease of the ferry for the benefit of Harvard College has been ascribed to an acquaintance with John Harvard, whose generous bequest to the college led to the adoption of his name as its title, and this is probable from the fact that they were fellow

townsmen, and, moreover, in 1638, Harvard owned 120 acres of land in Waterfield (Charlestown Village) not far from the location where Convers so shortly after established a home.

In the Colonial records the name of Edward Convers appears 28 September 1630 as one of a jury impanelled to inquire concerning the death of Austen Bratcher. We also learn therefrom that 7 October 1640, he was appointed, with two others, to "set the bounds betweene Charlestown & Mr. Cradock's farme on the other side of the Mystick Ryver;" and in December 1641 it was ordered "that Lieft Sprague and Edward Convers should repair the bridge at Meadfoard over Mystick Ryver & the same to bee paid for out of the treasury."

Edward Convers served Charlestown as selectman from 1635 until his removal in 1640 to the new town, in the projection of which he was active and prominent, and which afterwards was called Woburn. It was first called Charlestown Village, and consisted of a grant by the General Court of territory two miles square on the western border of Charlestown. This was afterwards enlarged to four square miles, and included what is now Woburn, Winchester, Wilmington, and Burlington. Edward Convers was one of a small company who went in May 1640, and in September and November of the same year, to explore the new territory. On one occasion they narrowly escaped death by the fall of a large tree under which they had rested during a great storm in the night and on another were overtaken and lost in a snow storm. He was one of the committee of thirteen chosen by the town of Charlestown, 4 November 1640, to "sett the bounds betwixt Charlestown and the Village, and to appoint the place for the village." It was, however, by the instrumentality of seven commissioners appointed by the church of Charlestown that the establishment of the town and church of Woburn was effected. Sewall's History of Woburn says that the name of Edward Convers stands at the head of these seven commissioners appointed by the Church for effecting the settlement of Woburn, and that he appears to have been ever zealous and persevering in his labors for this end, and that after the incorporation of the town in 1642 he became one of its most popular and useful citizens. After the Church in Charlestown had aided as she did in the plan of establishing the new settlement as a distinct town, she became alarmed lest the project would tend to depopulate Charlestown, and interposed some opposition to the plan. But, as Sewall, in his History of Woburn, says:—"She soon found that the spirit of emigration which she herself had helped to raise and foster she could not check or put down at will.

She therefore prudently yielded to circumstances; and within a fortnight from the time she began to frown upon their work, full power was given to Edward Convers and Company to go on with it anew." Many other disheartening difficulties and trials were encountered in effecting the new settlement. The History of Woburn shows the first settlers to have been a courageous, hardy, industrious, charitable, sober and pious race of men.

-Rev. Leander Thompson in his sketch of Edward Convers referred to below, says that "to the persistent energy of Edward Convers more than to any other one man, the success of the seven commissioners seems to have been due." Also, "outstripping all others in his zeal" he built the first house in Woburn previous to 4 January 1641, which was at the mill once called by his name in the South Village, now Winchester. He also built this first mill there,—a corn mill. Of the first bridge built in Woburn (10 February 1640-1) and the first house built there, Sewall says, in History of Woburn:—

"This bridge, the first that was built in Woburn they called Cold Bridge. It was in after times better known as the 'Convers Bridge' from the name of the proprietor of the adjacent mill, and, as it is said in the records to have been laid 'over against EDWARD CONVERS' hows,' it is inferred that that house, which continued many years in the occupation of that distinguished family, and the site of which is still well remembered, was either already standing when the bridge was built, or that it was erected immediately after, and before the entry just quoted from the records was made, and that it was the first built dwelling house in Woburn."

In the back of this book will be found an Historical Sketch of Winchester, Mass., which contains a picture of this house, and many references to Deacon Edward Convers. The Winchester Record, of October 1885, contains a picture of the site of Deacon Edward's house.

Upon the organization of the town of Woburn, 13 April 1644, Edward Convers was chosen one of the seven selectmen, he being named second in the record; and he continued to serve the town as selectman until his death in 1663. On 3 March 1649, he was one of four selectmen appointed to negotiate with the town of Charlestown the matter of the disputed boundary between the two towns.

From 1649 to 1660 he was one of the three commissioners for the trial of small causes. Of these officers Sewall's History of Woburn says:—

"The appointment of these commissioners was sanctioned by law in all towns where there was no magistrate, and they constituted an inferior Court

of Justice, having the power of magistrates (except that of committing to prison) to hear and determine according to their own best judgment all causes in which one of the parties belonged to the town in which they presided, and in which the debt, trespass, or damage did not exceed forty shillings. In Woburn Records they appear to have been elected by the people with other town officers, but the law required them to be licensed by the County Court, or by the Board of Assistants. They continued to be appointed in this town, though not uniformly every year, till 1674; were frequently the same persons as three of the Selectmen, and were always men of great weight of character, and of principal influence in the town."

In 1660 Edward Convers was Deputy to the General Court.

He was one of the first two deacons chosen by the Church in Woburn, and continued in that office until his death.

He was also one of the tithing men, who, Sewall says, were wont to be men of the first respectability in the town.

In May 1663, Isaac Cole, Constable, and Edward Convers, one of Captain Johnson's associates in the board of selectmen at Woburn, were arraigned; the former for refusing to take and publish the King's letter, and the latter for having spoken of it as Popery. The Court, after a hearing, discharged Convers, on the ground that his language did not reflect on his Majesty's letter.

An evidence of Deacon Edward Convers' high sense of justice and honor has come down to us in the record of his satisfactory settlement of a difference with a neighbor, Robert Hale, because of the overflow of the latter's adjacent meadow in 1649, in consequence of Deacon Convers' erection and operation of his mill on the Abajona River.

Deacon Edward Convers was known as a man of influence, energy, strength of character and of substantial estate. The following is from a sketch of his life written by Rev. Leander Thompson of Woburn, and published in the Winchester Record in October 1885:—

"Among the first settlers of Woburn Edward Convers has always been regarded as a pioneer and leader . . . A man of more than usual enterprise, we find him from the very outset ever restlessly pushing forward some new work. . . . It is hardly too much to say that he was on every committee and had a part in every movement that had the new settlement in view. . . . Six of the seven commissioners were on the town committee of thirteen, and to these six men, with Edward Convers at the head, was due the success of the enterprise they had in view. . . . From the time of the organization

of the town of Woburn until his death he appeared, as ever before, to have been a foremost man in all public business. . . . As a member of the Church he was ever prominent. . . . From all that has been ascertained respecting his religious character we readily infer that he was a man of strongly marked idiosyncrasies. Prompt, clear headed, devout, conscientious, outspoken, and unflinching, yet prudent, self contained, and uniform are the adjectives that best describe his whole career.”

This sketch of Deacon Edward Convers is taken principally, by permission of Mr. Wm. G. Hill of 84 Converse Avenue, Malden, Mass., from “Family Records of Deacons James W. Converse and Elisha S. Converse,” edited by Mr. Hill, and privately printed in 1887. From that book, also by Mr. Hill’s permission, comes much of the record herein of Deacon Edward Convers’ descendants in the line of his grandson, Samuel, Jr.,³ down to the fourth generation inclusive.

Mr. Hill, in his book, gives an account of what he states he had proof was the English ancestry of Deacon Edward Convers, the place of his residence in England as Wakerly, County of Northampton, the date of his birth as 30 January 1590, and his first wife as Jane Clarke, who died probably before 1617 and was the daughter of William Clarke of Theckenham, Worcestershire, England. Mrs. Sarah Convers died 14 January 1661–62, and Deacon Edward again married, 9 September 1662, Joanna Sprague, the widow of Ralph Sprague of Charlestown, Mass., the last two dates being from Woburn Records.

Richard Frothingham, in his History of Charlestown, Mass., says:— “She (Joanna) may have been Edward Convers’ third wife.” She bore no children to him, and she died 24 February 1679–80.

Deacon Edward Convers died in Woburn 10 August 1663. His will was dated August 1659, and recorded 7 October 1663. His estate was valued at £827. In his will he mentions his wife, Sarah; his sons, Josiah, James, and Samuel; Edward, the son of James; his daughter Mary and her children by her first marriage; his “kinsman, Allen Convers;” “his kinsman,” John Parker; and his “kinswoman” Sarah Smith. Mr. Eben Putnam suggests that Sarah Smith may be the Sarah Converse named in the will of Samuel Fuller of Plymouth, the good physician who relieved the sick at Salem and Charlestown, dated and probated in 1633. The reference is as follows: “whereas there is a childe comitted to my charge called Sarah Converse, my wife dying as afore I desire my Brother Wright may have the bringing up of her. And if he refuse then I comend her to my loving neighbor and brother in Christ

Thomas Prence* . . . to performe the duty of a step Father unto her and bring her up in the Fear of God as their owne which was a charge laid upon me by her sick Father when he freely bestowed her upon me."

Nothing has thus far been discovered to show the relationship between Allen Convers and Deacon Edward Convers other than that the latter mentions Allen Convers in his will as a "kinsman," and made him an overseer of his will. Allen Convers was first in Salem. Land was granted him there in 1639. He was in Woburn in 1642, taxed there in 1645, made freeman in 1644, appointed Commissioner of the Rate in Woburn in 1666, taught school there in 1676, and died 19 April 1679 (Sewall's Woburn). His widow, Elizabeth, died 9 August 1691.

Rev. Mr. Putnam, in "Family History in line of Joseph Convers of Bedford, Mass.," says that the children of Allen Convers and wife, Sarah, were Zechariah (born 11 October 1642), Elizabeth, Sarah, Joseph, Mary, Theophilus, Samuel, Mary again, and Hannah. Judge Parker L. Converse (born Woburn 14 February 1822, died there, 21 April 1899), author of "Legends of Woburn," was a descendant of Allen Convers. A genealogy of this family will be found in the New England Historical Genealogical Register, Vol. 50. A brief genealogy of the immediate descendants of Edward Convers, especially connected with Woburn will be found in "Woburn Marriages," pp. 325-331, published by the town and compiled by Alfred C. Vinton.

Children of Deacon Edward and Sarah Convers:

JOSIAH CONVERS,² DEACON, born in England probably in 1618; died in Woburn, 3 Feb. 1689-90; married Esther Champney. (2)

JAMES CONVERS,² LIEUTENANT, born in England probably in 1620; died in Woburn 10 May 1715; married Anna Long. (3)

MARY CONVERS,² born in England in 1622; married, 1st, Simon Thompson; married 2nd, John Sheldon. (4)

SAMUEL CONVERS,² SERGEANT, baptized in Charlestown, Mass., 12 March 1637; died 20 Feb. 1669; married Judith Carter. (5)

* Afterward governor of the colony.

Second Generation.

2. DEACON JOSIAH CONVERS² (*Deacon Edward*¹), born in England, probably in 1618, as he testified in April 1660 that he was aged forty one years and his gravestone states that he was aged seventy two at his death, which took place in Woburn 3 February 1689–90. He came with his father to New England in 1630; abode awhile at Charlestown, and went with his father to Woburn to dwell about 1641; deacon of the Church of Woburn in 1674; one of the Selectmen of Woburn; executor of his father's estate. He died intestate; administration to his son Josiah Converse 15 April 1690; inventory of estate £646 8s. 6d. He married, 26 March 1651, Esther, daughter of Richard Champney of Cambridge, Mass., a ruling elder of the Church there in 1658. She survived her husband, and married, 17 November 1690, Jonathan Danforth, Sr., of Billerica, and died 5 April 1713.

Deacon Josiah Convers had one son:

JOSIAH CONVERS,³ CAPTAIN, born in Woburn 15 March 1660; died 15 July 1717; married Ruth Marshall. (6)

3. LIEUTENANT JAMES CONVERS² (*Deacon Edward*¹), born in England in 1620; came to this country with his father in 1630, sat down first at Charlestown, and thence removed to Woburn, Mass., in 1641, where he died 10 May 1715, aged 95, surviving his son Major James Convers.³ He was Sergeant 1658 to 1672, Ensign 1672 to 1688, and Lieutenant 1688 to 1715. As Lieutenant he served with the Woburn company in garrison there during King Philip's War. He was one of the Selectmen of Woburn, a Commissioner of the Rate, and one of the leading members of the Woburn Church. He was Deputy to the General Court, 1679, 83, 84, 85, 86 and 89. Sewall's History of Woburn says of him—"Through a long life he was a very valuable and highly esteemed citizen; was repeatedly honored by the town with the principal offices it had to confer, and . . . in his will, dated Aug. 28, 1712, he bequeathed as follows:—'To my Reverend Pastor, Mr. John Fox, twenty shillings; and to the church of Christ in Woburn twenty shillings to purchase a large flagon withall.' The

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last twenty years of his life were spent in retirement. But he was not one who under any circumstances could live without care or concern for the good of others. As indicative of this, the following anecdote respecting him seems worth preserving. As Hon. Judge Sewall was once journeying homeward from Newbury to Boston he took the road through Andover and Woburn, then adjoining towns. His passage through Woburn he notices in his diary thus:—"1702, August 12.— Right [Wright] conducts me to Wooburn through the Land of Nod [in which he was largely interested]. This is y^e first time I have seen it. Got late to Fowl's at Wooburn. Sick there, which made me uneasy. Aug. 13. Visit Mr. Fox. View y^e Hop-Yards. Come home. Very hot. Met Mr. Converse, the Father, and discours'd him under a Shady Tree. Won't give his Grandchildren till after his death, for fear of giving offence. Expressed his Grief that Gov^r Dudley put men in place that were not good."

He married, 24 October 1643, Anna Long, daughter of Robert Long of Charlestown, by whom he had ten children. She died 10 August 1691. He married, second, Anna, widow of Dea. John Cooper of Cambridge. She is mentioned in Major Convers' will, together with her children Samuel Cooper and Anna Cooper. Anna Cooper was the daughter of Nathaniel Sparhawke.

Epitaphs from old burying ground, Park Street, Woburn Centre:

HERE LYES THE BODY OF
LIEUT. JAMES CONUERS
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE
MAY THE 10TH 1715
IN YE 95TH YEAR
OF HIS AGE

"THE MEMORY OF THE JUST IS BLESSED"

HERE LYES Y^e BODY OF
ANN CONUERS
WIFE OF
JAMES CONVERS
AGED 69 YEARS.
DIED
AUG. 10, 1691

Children of Lieut. James and Anna (Long) Convers:

ANNA CONVERS,³ born 15 July 1644; died 30 January 1644-5.

JAMES CONVERS,³ MAJOR, born 16 Nov. 1645; died 8 July 1706; married Hannah Carter. (7)

DEBORAH CONVERS,³ born 25 July 1647; married, 1 July 1663, John Pierce.

SARAH CONVERS,³ born 21 April 1649; died 20 Feb. 1692; married, 29 June 1680, Moses Pengry of Ipswich.

REBECCA CONVERS,³ born 15 May 1651; married Enoch More.

LYDIA CONVERS,³ born 8 March 1653; died 20 May 1655.

EDWARD CONVERS,³ born 27 Feb. 1654-55; died 26 July 1692; married Sarah Stone. (8)

MARY CONVERS,³ born 29 Dec. 1656; died 1690; married, 31 March 1675, Nathaniel Davis.

ABIGAIL CONVERS,³ born 13 Oct. 1658; died 1690; married, 1676, Jona. Kettell of Charlestown.

RUTH CONVERS,³ born 12 Feb. 1660-1; married, 25 Dec. 1698, Philemon Dean, of Ipswich.

4. MARY CONVERS² (*Deacon Edward*¹), born, in England, 1622; married, first, 19 December 1643, Simon Thompson² (*James*¹) who died May 1658; married, second, 1 February 1659, John Sheldon, of Billerica, Mass., who died 24 May 1690.

James Thompson's great grandson, Ebenezer Thompson, married Hannah Convers⁵ (*Capt. Josiah*,⁴ *Major James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), and their son Benjamin was father of Benjamin, the distinguished Sir Benjamin Thompson, Count Rumford.

Simon and Mary (Convers) Thompson had six children, viz :

JOHN THOMPSON,³ born 4 April 1645; died 12 April 1645.

SARAH THOMPSON,³ born 20 Feb. 1647.

JAMES THOMPSON,³ born 2 March 1649.

MARY THOMPSON,³ born 25 Jan. 1651; died 1657.

ANN THOMPSON,³ born 10 July 1655.

REBECCA THOMPSON,³ born May 1658.

John and Mary (Convers) Sheldon had :

JOHN SHELDON,³ born 1660; died 27 Aug. 1724.

5. SERGEANT SAMUEL CONVERS² (*Deacon Edward*¹), of Woburn, Mass., youngest son of Deacon Edward Convers, was baptized 12 March 1637-8, in the First Church, Charlestown, Mass.; born probably but a few days or weeks earlier; died 20 February 1669. He married, 8 June 1660, Judith Carter, daughter of Rev. Thomas and Mary (Parkhurst) Carter. Rev. Thomas Carter was the first minister in Woburn, and continued in that position forty-two years. He died, in Woburn, 5 September 1684, in the seventy-fourth year of his age. He matriculated at St. Johns College, Univ. Cambridge, England, 1 April 1626, at which University he took degree of A.B., January 1629-30, and M.A., 1633. Sewall's History of Woburn says that he came to this country, while yet a student of divinity, in 1635, and may reasonably be supposed to be the Thomas Carter who embarked with forty others, at London, 2 April 1635, on board the "Planter," Capt. Nicholas Trarice, bound to New England. The passengers brought with them certificates from the minister at St. Albans in Hertfordshire, which has led to the supposition that Rev. Thomas Carter came from that place. He was first in Dedham where he took the freeman's oath 9 March 1636-7. Thence he removed to Watertown, where he was an Elder in the Church, and proprietor of a homestead of ten acres, and a farm of ninety two acres. It was probably in Watertown that he married Mary Parkhurst, who died 28 March 1687. She was the daughter of George Parkhurst, Senior, of

Watertown, but was long supposed to have been born a Dalton. The late William H. Whitmore, however, in *New England Historical Genealogical Register*, Vol. 37, p. 364, printed a deed of Ruth wife of Rev. Timothy Dalton, of Hampton, dated 22 March 1663-4, and also her will dated 8 December 1665. Mr. John L. Blake of Orange, N. J., in a most carefully prepared monograph entitled the *English Home of Timothy Dalton*, makes clear the exact relationship in which the Daltons and Carters stood. Mr. Whitmore assumed that Ruth Dalton was the sister (or possibly the sister-in-law) of George Parkhurst, Sr., of Watertown, Mass. In that case, Deborah Smith, Elizabeth Merry, Phebe Arnold, Joseph Parkhurst, George Parkhurst, and Mary Carter, who are known to have been his children, were respectively the nephews and nieces of Mrs. Dalton. These were all beneficiaries under the deed aforesaid. In Sewall's *History of Woburn*, page 161, the wife of Rev. Thomas Carter is described as "Mrs. Mary (Dalton) Carter." Her son in law, John Wyman, Jr., "reseed" a part of the "legeisie weh whas given to my mother-in-law Merri Carter by Mrs. Ruth Dalton of Hampton deiseised."

Little is known of George Parkhurst, whose name is sometimes spelled, Parkers, and Parkis. It is not known when he came to America, or whether he brought a wife with him, but he brought at least two children, viz:—George and Phebe who married Thomas Arnold. George Parkhurst, Senior, married about 1645, Susanna, widow of John Simpson of Watertown, and about that time removed to Boston. In 1642 he was proprietor of a homestead of 12 acres, and five other lots of land in Watertown. Mr. Eben Putnam, genealogist, suggests that Sir Robert Parkhurst, knt., of London, who died in 1636, was connected with many of the New England families, and may have been a relative of George, but adds that there is no suggestion of this in his will printed in *Waters' Gleanings*.

"When Rev. Thomas Carter was first invited to preach at Woburn 3 November 1641, it is mentioned as a reason for his not being applied to earlier that it had been doubted whether Watertown would be willing to part with him." He was appointed minister of the Church in Woburn in 1642, and was ordained 22 November 1642. There is an account of his ordination in "*The History of New England from 1630 to 1649* by John Winthrop, Esq., First Governor of Mass.," and also in Capt. Edward Johnson's "*Wonder-Working Providence*," which describes him as a "reverend, godly man, apt to teach the sound and wholesome truths of Christ," and one who had "much encreased with the encreasings of Christ Jesus." And in the following lines addressed by him in the same work to Mr. Carter, he is represented as a plain, but very faithful and successful

minister, a pastor of distinguished humility and meekness, and in gentleness toward his flock as rather exceeding than otherwise:—

“Carter, Christ hath his wayes thee taught, and thou
Hast not withheld his Word, but unto all
With's word of power dost cause stout souls to bow,
And meek as lambs before thy Christ to fall:
The antient truths, plain paths, they fit thee best,
Thy humble heart all haughty acts puts by;
The lowly heart, Christ learns his lovely hest,
Thy meekness shows thy Christ to thee is nigh.
Yet must thou shew, Christ makes his bold to be
As lions, that none may his truths tread down;
Pastoral power he hath invested thee
With, it maintain, leest he on thee do frown.
Thy youth thou hast in this New England spent,
Full sixteen years to water, plant, and prune
Trees taken up, and for that end here sent;
Thy end's with Christ; with's saints his praises tune.”

From the time of his ordination he ministered thirty six years constantly without aid till Rev. Jabez Fox was invited to assist him, and from that time he ministered, in connection with Mr. Fox, about six years more, till his death.

Sewall's History of Woburn says:—“Mr. Carter appears to have lived secluded in great measure from the world; and hence he is seldom if ever named in history among the eminent clergymen of his day. Still there is abundant evidence that he was a very pious, exemplary man, an able and sound preacher of the gospel, and one whom God honored and prospered in his work. Under his ministrations the church was greatly enlarged and built up, and the town flourished, and was for the most part in peace. Mr. Chickering in his dedication sermon thus speaks of him:—‘During his ministry, which was prolonged more than forty two years, there appears to have been the greatest harmony between him and the Society.’ In 1602-3, John Maningham, a student at law of the Middle Temple, London, kept a diary that has been preserved in the British Museum, which contains this grim definition of a Puritan:—‘A Puritan is one who loves God with all his soul, and hates his neighbor with all his heart.’ This appears to be disputed by the life of Rev. Mr. Carter, who followed rather the command of his Divine Master to love his neighbor as himself, never joining in persecution of Indians, Quakers, Baptists, Churchmen, or poor old women charged with witchcraft.’”

This account of Rev. Mr. Carter is from Sewall's Woburn, and a pamphlet entitled "The Carter Family Reunion at Woburn, Mass., 11 June 1884, with Historical Address by Samuel R. Carter," Boston, Coburn Bros. & Snow, Printers, 1884. The latter book says that Mr. Pavor, an English genealogist was employed to trace the pedigree of Rev. Thomas Carter but could find no further record of him in the University of Cambridge than his matriculation and graduation as above specified; nor could record of him be found in the town of St. Albans, consisting of three parishes, of which the records of the Abbey parish for the desired period had been burned, those of St. Michael did not extend as far back as Rev. Mr. Carter's time, and those of St. Peters had no record of him. Nor was any record of him found in Walford, which included the Manor of Garston. Nevertheless Mr. Pavor was of opinion that Rev. Mr. Carter was descended from Richard Carter, lord of the Manor of Garston, whose arms were argent, a chevron sable, between three Catherine wheels, vert. "A coat of arms in the possession of the venerable Charles Carter of Marlborough, Conn., was found to be identical with that of the Garston Carters, and can be traced back to the fourth and perhaps the third generation of Rev. Thomas, and in my mind fully confirms the conjecture of Mr. Pavor." So says Mr. Samuel R. Carter in the historical address above mentioned, and he also states that the Virginia Carters claim the same English ancestry as claimed for Rev. Thomas, their first ancestor in this country (John Carter) having brought the coat of arms of the Garston family. Mr. Samuel R. Carter questions whether Rev. Thomas may not have been the Thomas Carter aged 25, who, with John Carter, aged 22, embarked on the "Safety" 10 August 1635 for Virginia; yet he states that he has not examined this carefully enough to warrant a decided opinion. Mr. William G. Hill and the historian Sewall mention only the embarkation on the "Planter," as above.

Judith, wife of Samuel Convers, survived him, and married Giles Fifield, of Charlestown, 2 May 1672, and died 1677. Giles Fifield's will was proved 25 October 1676, in which he gives to his wife Judith "all she brought him." It also states, "I further give and bequeath unto Samuel Convers, and Abigail, his sister, as a Legaci of my love, to each of them ten shillings in silver, to be payed unto them by my executor." Judith Fifield's estate was appraised 3 October 1678.

Samuel Convers² was admitted freeman, 1666, and was Sergeant in the Woburn Train Band. He came to an untimely death by an accident in the corn mill which he inherited jointly with his brothers from his father, Deacon Ed-

ward Convers. The records of his death, on file at East Cambridge, are as follows:—

“We, Isaac Brooks and James Thompson, being about the 21 of Feb. 69, in the Corne mill belonging to the Converse, at Wooburne, on of a suddain we heard a voice about the mill wheel saying stop the wheel, upon wh the said Thompson did run to the mill gate & looking towards the mill wheel he saw as he thought a man laid down and cried out my unkle is killed. Isaak in the mean time did run to the water wheel and found Samuel Converse with his head fastened between the water wheel and water wall.

The said Thompson in the mean time did shut the gate and came running to the sd Brooks. Now the water wheel being turned backwards did raise upwards and wee seeing his head cleared went unto him and did take him up alive who bled excessively. We did carry him into his house and soon after we brought him in his bleeding stopt & and in about half an houres time as we conceive he was quite departed.

THE VERDICT OF THE JURY OF QUEST ON THE DEATH OF SAMUEL CONVERSE.

We subscribed being by the Constable of Wooburn Summoned a jury of quest upon the suddain and untimely death of Scargt. Samuel Convars late of Wooburne, upon examination of the Witnesses that did take him up, going to the place from whence he was taken up & viewing of the Corps, doe conceive that the said Convars was cutting some ice from off the water wheele of the corne mill & so overreaching with his axe was caught by his coate with some parte of the wheele whereby his coate was rent to the Choller thereof & that not giving way his head was drawne untill it was sucked in between the water wall & the water wheele. now as is said he did call to shutt down the wheel but in all probabilitie he received his mortall wound soone after he spake to stop the wheele. We saw much blood in the place whereabouts he was judged to stand, also there was blood upon the snow from the place to his house, as is said he was carried to his house alive and being set in a chair his blood quickly settled within him wholly preventing him from speaking & in about half an hour was dead. We found the back side of his head greatly brusied his nose grizzle as wee think was broken so that the said Convars his head lying as before expressed we judge his death to be by the water wheele of the Corn Mill.

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RICHARD GARDNER
MATTHEW JOHNSON
JOHN WRIGHT
JOHN RUSSELL
EDWARD IVONS
WILLIAM JOHNSON

JOHN CARTER
JOHN NORRIS
INCREASE WINN
JOHN MOUSALL
JOHN BROOKS
WILL SYMES.

Samuel Convers died intestate. Among the papers relating to his estate, recorded Vol. III page 209, Middlesex Probate Records, is

“An Inventory of the estate presented to us, subscribed, of Sergt. Samuel Convers of Woburne, lately deced.

	£.	s.	d.
Imp. In land at a place called Indian Hill about 30 acc's	030	00	00
It. In arrable land vpon blind Bridge playne about 40: acc's	050	00	00
It. In pasture land neere to his barne about 30 acc's	003	00	00
It. In vpland at a place called Breakenecke Hill 6 acc's	005	00	00
It. Twelve accers & $\frac{1}{4}$ in Woburne comon vpland	002	10	00
It. Interest in the said comon as to herbage and woodland	020	00	00
It. In vpland at the eastermost side of Aberjona river about 24 acres	020	00	00
It. In vpland & orchard about the dwelling house about 4 acres	016	00	00
It. In meddow at a place called bucke meddow about nine acres	030	00	00
It. In meddow upon Aberjona river about seven acres	035	00	00
It. In make meddow at a place called great meddow about 2 acres	001	00	00
It. In an 8 th of a saw mill upon Aberjona river & pond thereof	020	00	00
It. In vpland at a place called pine meadow Playne 6 acres	003	00	00
It. In a third of a corne mill vpon Aberjona river	020	00	00
with a third of the utensils belonging thereunto	020	00	00
It. In a third of a kell house & haire cloth	000	10	00
It. in a barne and hen house	030	00	00
It. in a dwelling house	080	00	00

IN THE KITCHEN.

Imprimis. In peauter	001	05	00
It. In a warming pan, pestle & mortar, skillets, dishes & earthen ware	000	15	00
It. In trammell handjrons, spit, slice and tongs	000	16	00
It. In a fowling piece, woolen wheell, a cradle 5 chaires & table	001	07	00

IN THE LEANTO.

It. In a brass Kettle 2 Iron Kettles & an iron pott	002	00	00
It. In tubs, treyes & cheeze press	000	10	00
It. In a chearne, frying pan, scieves and other lumber	000	08	06
It. In salt	000	01	06
It. In the cellar, meat tubs, barrels w th other lumber	002	00	00

IN THE HALL.

Imprimis: In a high bedstead, feather bed curtaines, vallents, rug blanket a paire of sheetes & pillow as it now stands	007	00	00
It. In money	004	17	03
It. A trundle bed, its coverlet, 2 blankets, flock & strawe bed	002	10	00
It. A cupboard & quushion handjrons table & foarne	002	00	00

IN THE HALL CHAMBER.

Imprimis: In broade cloth about 4 yds & $\frac{1}{2}$	003	16	00
It. 4 paire of sheetes, 2 pillow beeres, 21 napkins and a table cloth	003	12	00
It. In cotten, wooll cotten & linnen yarne	001	10	00

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It. In apparell woollen and linnen	007	02	00
It. Three chestes, a bed sted & table	001	15	00

IN THE KITCHEN CHAMBER.

Imprimis: A chaf bed, bed stead, a pillow 2 blankets a sheet & coverlet .	001	10	00
It. A saddle pillion & cloth, bridle girts, crupper & pannell	001	10	00
It. A muskett, bandeleers, 2 bellts, sword, rest & pike	001	10	00
It. 16 bushels of rye, 11 bush: of wheat, 20 bush: Indian 3 bush: barley	009	00	00
It. 2 bush of oates, two hogs heads & a few hops	000	16	00

IN THE GARRET.

It. In nailes hemp & old jron & feathers	001	07	00
It. In tooles	000	14	00
It. In rye vpon the ground	002	00	00
It. In chaines yoakes jrons, a plow w ^t share & boul,	001	00	00
It. In about one hundred & half of boarde	000	07	06
It. In a long carte & dung carte w th the wheeles	002	06	00
It. In a third of grind stone, harrow teeth & timber chaine	000	3	4
It. In a third of a frame neere mistick bridge laid	005	00	00
	438	10	03

IN STOCK IN THE YARD.

Imprimis: Three working cattell	012	00	00
It. In a horse	003	00	00
It. In two coves	006	00	00
It. In two heifers	005	00	00
It. In a young bull	001	00	00
It. In three yearlings	002	05	00
It. In nine sheep & 2 lambs	003	10	00
It. In eight swine	004	00	00
	37	05	00
It. In a man servant about a year	09	05	00
The totall sum of this Inventory is	475	00	03
The debts and credits of this estate being compared, the clere estate at present is	446	12	03
Errors excepted.			

WILL: SYMMES.
JOHN CARTER.
WILL: JOHNSON

ESTATE OF SAMUEL CONVERS, DEBTOR^r.

Imprimis. To Josiaa Conuers	016	03	06
It. To M ^r . Norton	000	17	4
It. To Hennery Balcum	000	15	7
It. To John Wilson sen ^r	000	15	6
It. To M ^r . Cuttler	002	16	8
It. To John Berbeen	000	7	10
It. To Allien Conuers for rates	000	9	4

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It. To John Mousall of Wooburne	000	2	6
It. To William Butter	000	2	3
It. To Jonathan Thompson	000	4	00
It. To goodman Peirson	000	3	00
It. To Captaine Johnson	000	4	00
It. To M ^r Carter	001	7	00
It. To M ^r Thomas Line	000	3	00
It. To John Whittimore	000	12	6
It. To Daniel Champney	001	5	00
It. To good wife Conuars	002	4	6
It. To an annual paiment to be made to his mother Conuers during her naterrall life	001	13	4
It. To goodman Jakewith	000	2	6
It. To goodman Clarke	000	1	6
It. To the estate of Tho: Whittimore	000	8	00
It. To John Smith	00	18	00
It. To John Lowden	000	5	6
It. To John Smith	000	16	8
It. To John Ted	00	4	6
It. To Moses Cleaueland sen ^r	000	4	06
It. To Clothes for Nath ^l . Hellin*	005	00	00
	38	09	00
ESTATE CREDITOR.			
By John Russell	000	3	00
By James flowle	000	8	00
By Gersham flag	000	14	00
By John Craggin	000	08	00
By Jonathan Cary	000	9	00
By Theophilus Richardson	000	2	00
By Edward Win	000	5	00
By Samuel Barnard	000	18	10
By Proctor	000	5	00
By Isaack Brooks	003	1	04
By Mr. Ballard	000	16	00
By Samuel Carter	001	9	00
By Nath Hellin	000	5	00
	09	04	08
By James Conuers Jun ^r	00	16	11
	10	11	07

Children of Sergeant Samuel² and Judith (Carter) Conuers:

SAMUEL CONVERS,³ born, in Woburn, 4 April 1662; died in Thompson Parish, Killingly,
Conn., about 1732; married Dorcas ———. (9)

ABIGAIL CONVERS,² born, in Woburn; died 14 July 1689.

* One of the several spellings of Holland.

Third Generation.

6. CAPTAIN JOSIAH CONVERS³ (*Deacon Josiah*² (2), *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Woburn, 15 March 1660; died 15 July 1717. Inventory £1444 1s. 9d. He married, 8 October 1685, Ruth Marshall of Woburn, who died in Watertown, 16 March 1737. Sewall's History of Woburn says he was much employed in town business; and mentions him as one of a committee of two to care for the town lands, and as one of the school committee. Reed says that he was a captain in the King's service. He was captain in 1707 of a company raised for intended expedition to Canada (Register Society Colonial Wars for 1897-8).

Captain Convers in signing the bond of administration to his father's estate in 1690 used a seal, a lion rampant. This same heraldic seal is affixed to his own will of 1717. His son Josiah Convers also used a seal, the exact character of which cannot be deciphered because of the paper covering, but the lion rampant and a crest can be made out. This last described seal is smaller than the older examples which do not show the crest. An heraldic seal was originally affixed to the will of Major James Converse (7) but only the top of the crest now remains.

Children of Captain Josiah and Ruth (Marshall) Convers:

RUTH CONVERS,⁴ born 28 May 1686; died 16 March 1758; married, 7 Dec. 1704, William Symmes of Charlestown and Medford.

HESTER CONVERS,⁴ born 3 Oct. 1688; died 7 Nov. 1703.

JOSIAH CONVERS,⁴ born 8 Feb. 1691; died 30 Dec. 1693.

TIMOTHY CONVERS,⁴ born 6 July 1693; died 14 Sept. 1693.

REBECCA CONVERS,⁴ born 2 Nov. 1694; married Samuel Pierce.

JOSIAH CONVERS,⁴ born 14 April 1697; died 30 April 1697.

KENIAH CONVERS,⁴ born 27 March 1699; married Henry Spring. (10)

MARY CONVERS,⁴ born 12 Jan. 1702; married John Fowle, Jr.

JOSIAH CONVERS,⁴ born 25 April 1704; died *s. p.* at Watertown, Mass., in 1774. His will dated 21 Jan. and proved 25 Oct. 1774 leaves his estate to his cousin Marshall Spring, to the heirs of cousin Hester Hoar, and to cousin Ruth Thomas. He was a physician, a magistrate, and a selectman of Watertown.

7. MAJOR JAMES CONVERS³ (*Lieut. James*²(3), *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Woburn, Mass., 16 November 1645; died 8 July 1706. His residence in

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Woburn was a short distance east of Winter Pond in the present town of Winchester. He was made freeman in 1671. Selectman eight years, 1680-1688; and town clerk 1688, 1691, and 1693 to 1700. He was one of the two citizens of Woburn appointed to appear for the town in the controversy with the town of Medford regarding repairs of Mystick Bridge. He was one of the leading members of the Woburn Church, and one of the Church Committee for the settlement of Rev. Mr. Fox there. He was Deputy to the General Court five terms 1679-92, and elected Speaker of the House 1699, 1702 and 1703. He was noted for his gallant defence of Storer's Garrison at Wells, 1691-92. For efficiency in this service he was promoted to the rank of Major, and placed in command of all the military forces of Massachusetts in Maine.

6 July 1690. "Two companies under the Captains Floyd and Wiswal were now scouting, and on the sixth day of July discovered an Indian track, which they pursued until they came up with the enemy at Wheelwright's Pond [in Lee], where a bloody engagement ensued for some hours, in which Wiswal, his lieutenant Flagg, and sergeant Walker, with twelve more, were killed and several wounded. It was not known how many of the enemy fell, as they always carried off their dead. Floyd maintained the fight after Wiswal's death, till his men, fatigued and wounded drew off, which obliged him to follow. The enemy retreated at the same time for when Captain Converse went to look after the wounded he found seven alive, whom he brought in by sunrise the next morning, and then returned to bury the dead." *Belknap's History of New Hampshire*, Vol. I, p. 261.

10 June 1692. "On the tenth day of June, an army of French and Indians made a furious attack on Storer's garrison at Wells, where Captain Convers commanded; who, after a brave and resolute defense, was so happy as to drive them off."—*Ibid.*, p. 264.

Sewall's History of Woburn describes Maj. James Convers' defence of Storer's Garrison as follows:

James Convers, Jr., the last of those worthies who subscribed the above Declaration of the Church of Woburn in 1703, and familiarly known in his day as Maj. James Convers, was the eldest son of James Convers, Senr., and was born in Woburn November 16, 1645. He was a gentleman that, for a succession of years, appears to have faithfully and acceptably discharged various civil trusts reposed in him by the town.

But he is most celebrated for his services to his country in the military line, and especially for his gallant defence of Storer's garrison at Wells, during the war against the French and Eastern Indians, which began in 1688, and has been called

“The Ten Years War.” That exploit of Major (then Captain) Convers is spoken of, both by Hutchinson and by Belknap in their respective Histories, in terms of commendation. Mather also, in his History of this War, entitled “Decennium Luctuosum,” gives a minute and interesting account of this celebrated action, and as it is highly creditable to this distinguished son of Woburn, an abridgment of it may not improbably be gratifying to the citizens of Woburn at the present day.

It seems that on November 29, 1690, six Indian sachems had agreed at Sagadahock with Capt. John Alden upon a truce till the first day of May 1691, on which day they promised to bring all the English captives in their hands into Lieut. Storer’s house at Wells, and there conclude upon terms of a firm and lasting peace.

Accordingly, on the day appointed, Deputy Governor Danforth and certain other gentlemen came from Boston to Wells, suitably guarded, expecting the fulfilment of this engagement by the Indians. But, as Mather expresses it, “the Indians being poor musicians for keeping time,” Captain Convers went out, and returned with some of them, who brought in six English captives in company, and promised “that in twenty days more they would bring in to Captain Convers all the rest.” After waiting for the Indians beyond the term agreed upon, the Deputy Governor and company withdrew; and Captain Convers, suspecting treachery, made earnest application to the County of Essex for help to be sent him as speedily as possible; and received from that quarter thirty-five men. This providential re-enforcement saved the place. For scarcely half an hour had elapsed from their entering Storer’s house on June 9, 1691, before Moxus, a fierce sachem, beset it, with two hundred Indians. But, receiving a brave repulse from the garrison within, he became discouraged and drew off. This gave occasion to Madockawando, another noted Indian sachem, and a virulent foe to the English, to say, as was afterwards reported, “My brother Moxus has miss’d it now; but I will go myself the next year, and have the dog Convers out of his hole.” The event proved that this was no empty threat; that Madockawando meant as he said. For on June 10, 1692, just a year and a day from the time that Moxus commenced his attack on the garrison of Wells the year before, the cattle of that place came suddenly home from the woods affrighted, and some of them wounded. Warned by this infallible sign that the Indians were nigh, the inhabitants of the place fled for refuge to the garrison house; and the next morning an army of French and Indians, from 300 to 500 in number, commanded by Laboree, a Frenchman, and under him, by Moxus, Madockawando, Egeremet, and other Indian sachems, was discovered lurking around. To defend himself against this host, Captain Convers had only fifteen men in the garrison, and as many more aboard of two sloops and a shallop in the river hard by, which had recently arrived from Boston with ammunition for the soldiers, and a contribution of supplies for the impoverished inhabitants of that vicinity. So weak and contemptible did the Indians account these

few opponents, and so sure were they of victory, that one of the first things they did after their arrival was to agree upon a division among themselves of the prisoners and of the spoils.

They then made a violent assault upon the garrison. But meeting there a hot reception, and having no cannon, they were glad to leave it for that time, and try their efforts upon the sloops. So narrow was the river or inlet where these lay, that the enemy could approach them within twelve yards of the land; and from hence, behind a pile of plank, and a haystack fortified with posts and rails, they discharged their volleys upon them. By means, too, of fire arrows, they succeeded several times in setting the sloops on fire. But the sailors, "with a swab at the end of a rope tied to a pole, and so dipt into the water," contrived to extinguish the spreading flames; and, encouraged by their resolute commander, Lieutenant Storer, they made such stout resistance that before night their assailants, disappointed, withdrew. But they soon returned, to try the effect of stratagem and threatening. In the course of the night, they inquired of the men on board the sloops, Who were their commanders? And being answered, "We have many commanders," the Indians replied, "You lie; you have none but Convers, and we will have him too before morning." But morning arrived, and found Convers still alive and well within the walls of Storer's house. On that morning by daylight, the Indians commenced preparations for another assault upon the garrison. They began to march towards it in a body, with great display; and so terrific was their appearance, that one of the garrison ventured to suggest the expediency of a surrender. But Captain Convers, rendered indignant by such a proposal, "vehemently protested that he would lay the man dead who should so much as mutter that base word any more." When the Indians had come within a short distance from the garrison they raised a shout that caused the earth to ring; and crying out in English, "Fire, and fall on, brave boys," they all, being drawn into three ranks, fired in a body at once.

But, violent as this onset was, Captain Convers was prepared to meet it. His men were all ready, waiting his commands; and the female inhabitants of the town, who had fled to the garrison for protection at the approach of the enemy, were not only active in handling ammunition to the men, but several armed themselves with muskets, and discharged them. Captain Convers had given orders to his men to refrain from firing till they could do it to most advantage; and, when they came to discharge their artillery at his word, such was the execution done, that many of the enemy were swept down before them, and many others were constrained to flee. Baffled in this, their second attack upon the garrison, the enemy now renewed their attempts upon the sloops. They constructed a raft, eighteen or twenty feet square, which they loaded with combustible materials, and then towing it as near as they dared, set fire to it, and left it for the tide to float it toward the sloops. And now the men on board, perceiving their imminent

danger of perishing by fire, commended themselves to God for help. And suddenly it is recorded, the wind shifted, and the raft was driven upon the opposite shore, and so much split as to let in water, with which the fire was quenched. By this time, the enemy's ammunition was nearly exhausted, and numbers of them disheartened with their ill success, began to draw off. The rest, after some consultation, thought best to send a flag of truce towards the garrison advising them to surrender. But Captain Convers sent them word, that "he wanted nothing but for men to come and fight him." The Indians replied, "Being you are so stout, why don't you come and fight in the open field, like a man, and not fight in a garrison like a squaw?" The Captain rejoined, "What a fool are you! do you think thirty men a match for five hundred? No: come with your thirty men upon the plain, and I'll meet you with my thirty as soon as you will." Upon this, the Indian answered' "Nay, mee own, English fashion is all one fool; you kill mee, mee kill you! No: better ly somewhere, and shoot a man and he no sec; that the best soldier!"

With this, the Indian enemy, from daring Captain Convers, had recourse to coaxing and flattery. But, finding him too wise to trust the promises of insidious foes, and that all their devices to induce him to surrender, or to draw him from his stronghold, were ineffectual, they were thrown into a rage, and with a horrid imprecation declared, "We'll cut you as small as tobacco before to-morrow morning." But the only reply which the intrepid captain made to this vapoing threat, was, "to bid them come on; for he wanted work." The enemy themselves, notwithstanding their boast what they would do with him, came near him no more. Having now continued before the garrison and in its neighborhood forty-eight hours and been disappointed in all their confident expectations, and defeated in all their efforts to get the dog Convers (as they called him) and his men into their power, they first wreaked their vengeance upon all the cattle they could light upon, and cruelly tortured to death a poor unhappy captive they had taken on the morning they came to Wells, and then marched off, leaving some of their dead behind them, Labocree, their commander-in-chief, among the rest; thus giving cause of joy and thanksgiving unto God to the garrison, and to the country at large, for so wonderful a deliverance.

For this, his brave and successful action, Captain Convers was promoted the following year, by Governor Phipps, to the rank of a Major, and appointed to the command of all the Massachusetts forces then in Maine. Here, and in the Legislature, he still continued to serve his country during the remainder of the war; and shared at last in the honor of bringing it to an end. Towards the close of the year 1698, he and Colonel John Phillips, a member of the Council of the Province, with Captain Cyprian Southack, commander of the Province Galley, sailed from Boston for the Eastern country, intrusted by the Government with full powers for effecting a peace with the Indians. Proceeding to Casco Bay, they there met

with the leading Indian sachems, and persuaded them, January 7, 1699, to accede to and solemnly subscribe a treaty, which was the same, in the main, with the one they had entered into at Pemaquid, but which they had broken, as they alleged, through the persuasion of the French. Peace had, previously to this, been made with the French by the treaty of Ryswick, 1697.

In 1699, the year in which peace with the Indians was concluded, and in the four preceding years, and again in 1701, and the four following years, Major Convers was sent a member for Woburn to the General Court; and in three of those years, viz: 1699, 1702, 1703, he was chosen Speaker of the House. In 1706, he was again returned to the lower branch of the Legislature, but did not live to finish the term for which he had been elected. Being seized, apparently, with some sudden, violent sickness, death put an end at once to his usefulness and his life, July 8, 1706, in the 61st year of his age.

Major Convers married, January 1, 1668-9, Hannah, a daughter of Capt. John Carter. By her, he had nine children, six sons and three daughters. Four of these died in infancy or childhood, or in youth unmarried. Two of his sons, Robert and Josiah, the second son of the name, were men of influence and distinction in their day, and descendants of Josiah, of the third and fourth generations from his son, Josiah, Jr., still live in Woburn, and maintain a highly respectable position and character in society.

While this distinguished citizen of Woburn was Town Clerk, he performed one piece of service, for which the town doth now, and ever will, owe him a grateful remembrance. After his accession to that office, observing that his predecessors had recorded the Births, Marriages and Deaths in Woburn upon sundry loose papers which were then in a shattered and perishing condition, he procured a blank folio volume, well bound, at his own expense, and transcribed those Records into it, adding, in his own records of births, the names of both the parents, instead of the father only, as had previously been the custom. By this, his laudable care, and by the subsequent purchase of the new volume by the town, at the recommendation of his successor in the Clerk's office, Lieut. Fowle, the valuable records of almost fifty years on the above mentioned topics, were preserved for posterity in a fair hand, and in a durable form, which otherwise had long since perished, or been scattered and lost.

There is also an account of Maj. James Convers' defence of Storer's garrison in Parkman's "Frontenac and New France under Louis XIV," pages 353 to 356. In the same volume (p. 360) Parkman says that the French failure at Pemaquid completed the discontent of the Abenaki Indians, "and despondency and terror seized them when, in the spring of 1693, Convers, the defender of Wells, ranged the frontier with a strong party of militia, and built another stone fort at the falls of the Saco."

During the latter part of his life Major Convers added the final "e" to his name. His autograph taken from a page of his records while town clerk of Woburn is appended.

James Convers Town Clerk

James Converse Town Clerk

Maj. James Convers married, 1 January 1668, Hannah Carter, who was born 19 January 1650, and is named in his will.

Children:

JAMES CONVERS,⁴ born 5 Sept. 1670; died in the lifetime of his father.

JOHN CONVERS,⁴ born 22 Aug. 1673; died 6 Jan. 1707-8; married Abigail Sawyer. (11)

ELIZABETH CONVERS,⁴ born 23 April 1675; died 27 July 1694.

ROBERT CONVERS,⁴ CAPTAIN, born 29 Dec. 1677; died 20 July 1736; married, 19 Dec. 1698, Mary Sawyer and by her had 12 children. Sewall's History of Woburn says that he and his brother Capt. Josiah were men of distinction and influence in their day.

HANNAH CONVERS,⁴ born 12 June 1680; died 7 Sept. 1748; married, 9 Nov. 1697, Jacob Richardson, who died 9 Aug. 1763.

JOSIAH CONVERS,⁴ born 24 May 1683; died 18 Oct., 1683.

JOSIAH CONVERS,⁴ CAPTAIN, born 12 Sept. 1684; died in 1771; married Hannah Sawyer. (12)

PATIENCE CONVERS,⁴ born 6 Nov. 1686; died 23 July 1707.

EBENEZER CONVERS,⁴ born 16 Dec. 1688; died 9 Nov. 1693.

8. EDWARD CONVERS³ (*Lieut. James*² (3), *Deacon Edward*¹), born 27 February 1655; died 26 (28, Woburn records) July 1692. He was admitted freeman 1685. He married, 5 November 1684, Sarah Stone, daughter of Samuel Stone.

Children:

SAMUEL CONVERS,⁴ born in Woburn, 9 Oct. 1685.

ANN CONVERS,⁴ born 3 Oct. 1687; married John Merry, Jr., of Reading.

SARAH CONVERS,⁴ born 14 Oct. 1689; died 1713.

EDWARD CONVERS,⁴ born 26 Oct. 1691; died in two days.

9. SAMUEL CONVERS³ (*Sergeant Samuel*² (5), *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Woburn, Mass., 4 April 1662; died in Thompson Parish, Killingly, Conn., about 1732; married Dorcas ———, prior to 1694. A search for the identity of Dorcas was made by Miss Emily W. Leavitt, of Boston, genealogist, who wrote as follows 5 June 1900:—

"It seems my inference is correct that Dorcas was Dorcas Pain, on the author-

ity of Judge Johnson of Woburn, who consulted a local historian. You know Mrs. Judith Convers married, second, Giles Fifield and went to Charlestown to live, of course taking her children with her. She died in Charlestown, and Giles Fifield, in his will, mentioned Samuel Convers and his sister Abigail. The Pains were early in Charlestown, and Samuel may have married Dorcas there. Wyman's Charlestown gives early members, Stephen, Edward, etc. I have not found a Dorcas there in the history, but a search in Middlesex Co. records may reveal her. In the Pain early families of Ipswich there was a Dorcas, and it seems to come in other lines."

By other genealogists, however, who have carefully followed this clue, it is suggested that as a thorough examination of Massachusetts records fails to show this connection, the son was probably named Pain, on account of friendship with the Pain family, the families being closely associated.

In a sketch of Deacon Edward Convers in the issue of the "New York Genealogical and Biographical Record for January 1895," it is stated that Samuel Convers³ founded the town of Thompson, Conn.

The following is from Mr. Wm. G. Hill's "Family History of Deacons James W. and Elisha S. Converse":—

"July 2, 1705, Samuel and Dorcas Convers gave deed of five acres land on Abijona River, Woburn, to John Convers for £14. In February, 1709, they gave deed of seven acres land in Woburn, to Thomas Belknap, for £21. On April 8, 1710, they conveyed to James Richardson, for £205, eighty acres land in Woburn (see Middlesex Deeds). In 1710, Samuel³ Convers and his family removed to and occupied a farm and dwelling house in Thompson Parish, Killingly, Conn., which farm he had previously bought of Richard Evans, the first settler in Killingly. Mr. Convers was the first settler of Thompson. The farm was located in that part of the town which, in later years, was set off as Putnam. The region was at that time very rude, rough and wild, and uninhabited except by Indians, otherwise then properly called savages. The place where Mr. Convers settled was about sixty miles nearly due west of Boston; the family finding their way, most of the distance, chiefly by means of blazed trees through the forest. In 1716 he sold the Evans farm and purchased part of the "Quinatisset Farm," laid out to John Gore of Roxbury, Mass., surveyor, in 1686. (Quinatisset was the Indian name for that region.) This farm is about a mile southwest of Thompson Hill, and in 1882 was occupied by Stephen Ballard and Benj. Bugbee. Here Mr. Convers removed his residence, conveying portions of his farm to his sons as they settled in life. They attended worship in Killingly, and were connected with its church till the erection of Thompson Parish in 1728. Mr. Convers and his sons were active in building

Thompson meeting-house, and providing for religious worship, and his name heads the list of church members at its organization, January 28, 1730, a distinction denoting seniority in age or acknowledged leadership in position.

But little is known of the early life of Samuel Convers. He was left fatherless at the age of seven, and an orphan at the age of sixteen, by the death of his mother, Mrs. Fifield, of Charlestown; and living, as he did, remote from other settlements, in a wild country, but little has been gleaned concerning him in Thompson. We are unable to discover the precise date of his death, or any record of the distribution of his property thereafter."

In her *History of Windham County, Connecticut*, Miss Ellen D. Larned, mentions Samuel Convers and his sons as follows:—

Vol. I, p. 168. Purchase of the Northern farm of Richard Evans in the North part of Killingly by Samuel Convers of Woburn in 1710.

Vol. I, p. 174. "The first settler in the vicinity of Quinntisset Hill was Samuel Converse of Woburn who secured a deed of land from Richard Evans in 1710, and with his wife and five sons settled about a mile South of the hill top. The Killingly settlers were near him on the South, but northward to the old towns of Oxford and Mendon the country was a savage wilderness, its rude paths only designated by marks on tree trunks. Mr. Converse's dwelling house stood near the Boston road, and furnished rest and entertainment to many a passing traveler."

Vol. I, p. 177. Samuel Converse, for fifty pounds conveyed "a part of High Plain, near Quinntisset," to Urian Horsmor of Woodstock, in 1716.

Vol. I, p. 306. July 9, 1728, the first public meeting of the inhabitants north of Killingly was held, and Samuel Converse "the first settler near Quinntisset Hill, still active in public affairs, with four grown sons," joined in organizing a religious society, which was the second society in Killingly, then called the North Society of Killingly, and two years afterward renamed Thompson Parish.

Vol. I, p. 308. Samuel Converse and his four sons from the Quinntisset farm and meadows, working with others, in building the meeting house.

Vol. I, p. 309. November 15, 1728, Samuel's son Edward, chosen with five others to provide for the raising of the meeting house.

Vol. I, p. 310. January 20, 1729, Samuel's son, Edward, one of committee of five on finishing outside work of meeting house.

Vol. I, p. 311. January 28, 1730, Samuel, and his sons Edward and Thomas, with twenty-five others, original signers of the covenant in the formation of the new church.

Vol. I, p. 315. Purchase of farms in Thompson Parish from Josiah Wolcott by Samuel's sons, Edward, Samuel and Josiah.

Vol. I, p. 315. Sale of two hundred acres of land with dwelling house and orchard by Samuel Converse to Ephraim Guile.

Vol. I, p. 317. March, 1733, Samuel's son, Thomas, one of committee of three to provide for building seats in the gallery of the meeting house.

Vol. I, p. 533. 1737, Edward Converse appointed to rebuild Killingly portion of bridge over the Quinnebaug at the Falls.

The first division of land to Samuel Convers, Jr., is thus described in the first volume of Proprietors' Records of Killingly:—

Laid out to Samual Convers, Jun^r on the 21 Day of November, 1720 nine acres and fourty rods of land in our undivided Lands in Killingly for his first Division of Land, and is bounded as followeth. Beginning at a heap of stones in the farm line formerly belonging to Mr. Goor thence running Easterly upon line 30 rods to a heap of stones from thence running Sotherly 60 rods to a white oak tree from thence Running northerly to the bound first mentioned. Laid out and allowed (?) by us to be 9 acres and 40 rods.

Recorded July 13th, 1721
by me David Church, town Clerk

PETER ASPENWELL
JAMES LEAVENS
JOSEPH CADY
Com^{tee}

Samuel and Dorcas Convers had six children :

SAMUEL CONVERS,⁴ born, in Woburn, 26 May 1694; married, 1st, Hannah Bartlett; married, 2nd, Sarah Atwell. (13)

EDWARD CONVERS,⁴ ENSIGN, born, in Woburn, 25 Sept. 1696; married Elizabeth Cooper. (14)

THOMAS CONVERS,⁴ born, in Woburn, 28 Oct. 1699; married, 1st, Martha Clough; married, 2nd, Abigail Fay. (15)

DORCAS CONVERS,⁴ born, in Woburn, 1 Feb. 1702-3; married, 28 April 1723, Daniel Whitmore.

PAIN CONVERS,⁴ born, in Woburn, 25 Nov. 1706; died 10 Sept. 1781; married Mary Halford, (16)

JOSIAH CONVERS,⁴ baptized, in Killingly, 20 Nov. 1714; married Mary Sabin. (17)

Fourth Generation.

10. KESIAH CONVERS⁴ (*Capt. Josiah*³⁽⁶⁾, *Deacon Josiah*², *Deacon Edward*¹), born 1699; married Henry Spring, 3rd,⁴ who was born in 1692, and was the son of Henry, Jr.,³ and Lydia (Cutting) Spring, and grandson of Henry Senior,² and Mehitable (Bartlett) Spring, and great grandson of John¹ and Elinor Spring, as follows:—

JOHN SPRING,¹ born 1589; married Elinor.

HENRY SPRING, SENIOR,² born 1628; died 1695; married, 1657, Mehitable Bartlett, born 1640; daughter of Ensign Thomas Bartlett, born 1594, died 1654; of the Watertown militia in Pequod War (Bond's Watertown and Savage's Genealogical Dictionary).

HENRY SPRING, Jr.,³ of Watertown, Mass., born 1 March 1662; died 1749; married, 1685, Lydia Cutting, who was born 1 Sept. 1666, and was the daughter of Richard Cutting (baptized 6 Feb. 1621; died 1696) and wife Sarah, born 1625; died 4 Nov. 1685. Richard Cutting came from Ipswich, Eng., in the ship "Elizabeth" with Henry Kimball, who had married his mother Sarah: the widow of Richard Cutting and a daughter of Richard Stone of Great Bromley, Essex (see *The Genealogical Bulletin*, Vol. I, No. 4).

Of the children of Henry, 3rd, and Kesiah (Convers) Spring this record has note of one only, viz :

CONVERSE SPRING,⁴ born 1734; Corporal in Company of Foot under Capt. Jonathan Brown Colonel William Williams' regiment raised for the reduction of Canada. He served at Lake George in 1758. He married, 1760, Mercy Learned, baptized 1737, and among their children was:

MERCY AMELIA SPRING,⁶ born 1761; died 1846; married, Nov. 1780, Abijah Bigelow,^{*} born 16 April 1756; died 22 Oct. 1848; private in Abraham Pierce's Co., from Waltham, in Lexington alarm and also served at Bunker Hill.

*The children of Abijah and Mercy Amelia (Spring) Bigelow were:

NABBY BIGELOW, b. 30 Sept. 1781; d. 1802.

SALLY BIGELOW, b. July 1783; d. 7 Jan. 1826; m. Rev. Luther Willson.

MARSHALL SPRING BIGELOW, b. 1785; d. 1847; had three daughters and one son, viz.:

FRANCES MARIA BIGELOW, m. Foster Marshall and had son Henry Marshall of Newton.

OLIVE S. BIGELOW, b. 9 Oct. 1814; m. Norton Corse; residence, Montreal.

GEORGE BIGELOW, b. 11 June 1816; died, unmarried, in California.

SARAH DICKINSON BIGELOW, b. 9 Feb. 1822; d. 20 Dec. 1841.

ZIBIAH BIGELOW, b. 1787; d. *s. p.* 1881; m. Rev. John Nelson, D.D., of Leicester, Mass.

JACOB BIGELOW, b. 1790.

ABIJAH BIGELOW, JR., b. 1792; d. in Cincinnati, O., 1854; m. Susan Maria Phelps of Windsor, Vt., and they had two children, viz.:

AMELIA BIGELOW, m. Edwin Matthews in Laporte, Ind., and d. *s. p.*

EDWARD BIGELOW, lawyer in Laporte, Ind.; went to California overland in early days, and died on way home, probably on board Ohio River steamer.

The Converse Family

Among the children of Abijah and Mercy Amelia (Spring) Bigelow was:

SALLY BIGELOW,⁷ born 6 July 1783; died 7 Jan. 1826; married Rev. Luther Willson, who was born in New Braintree, Mass., 26 April 1783; died

Abijah Bigelow, m., 2nd, Rebekah Ogden, in Canada (probably Waddington) They went West, probably in 1836, and had five children, viz.:

WILLIAM BIGELOW, in New Orleans with his Uncles Ogden. He was in the Confederate service, and died during the war.

CHARLOTTE BIGELOW, m., in Montreal, Geo. Holmes, who died. She now (1902) resides in Pictou, Canada, and probably has one son.

GERTRUDE BIGELOW, m., 1st, — — Houghton, who died soon; m., 2nd, Dr. Geo. F. Bigelow, her cousin, who died. She now resides in Jamaica Plain. Her children are Fred (of Phila. Evening Post), and Alice, a student in 1902.

SARAH BIGELOW, unmarried, resides in Pictou with her sister Charlotte.

JOHN BIGELOW, of New Orleans; married; no children.

AMELIA BIGELOW, b. 1794; d. 1880. (Concerning her descendants consult Mrs. Ellen M. Doubleday, 111 E. 16th St., New York City.)

LUCY BIGELOW, b. 1797; d. 1890; m., 1822, Herbert Williams of Brooklyn, Conn., and had five children, viz.:

WOLCOTT BIGELOW WILLIAMS, b. Aug. 1823; m., Oct. 1853, Mary Augusta Thompson, and had four children, viz.:

ALICE WILLIAMS, d. in infancy.

EDITH BURR WILLIAMS, b. 1856 or 1857; d. Aug. 1876.

SARAH NELSON WILLIAMS, b. Jan. 1859.

HERBERT WILLIAMS, b. 1863 or 1864.

AMELIA SUMNER WILLIAMS, d. in infancy.

AMELIA SUMNER WILLIAMS, b. 29 June 1829; d. 29 Jan. 1886; m., 16 Nov. 1852, Chas. C. Burr. Children:

LUCY WILLIAMS BURR, b. 28 Oct. 1853; resides Auburndale, Mass.

CHAS. WOLCOTT BURR, b. 4 Sept. 1866.

LUCY MARIA WILLIAMS, d. in infancy.

ELLEN DICKINSON WILLIAMS, b. Clinton, Ind., 5 Oct. 1837; m., 3 Oct. 1867, Joseph Chry Haddock. Mrs. Haddock, care Miss Lucy W. Burr, Auburndale, Mass., may be consulted for particulars concerning the descendants of Lucy (Bigelow) Williams. She had two sons:

HERBERT WILLIAMS HADDOCK, b. 22 Sept. 1868.

FRANK DICKINSON HADDOCK, b. 6 Feb. 1872; m., 15 Aug. 1899, Mabel Mulford, and had MARGARET WILLIAMS HADDOCK.

INCREASE SUMNER BIGELOW, b. 1800; d. 1805.

ABIGAIL BIGELOW, b. 1802; d. 1816.

INCREASE SUMNER BIGELOW, b. 21 Sept. 1805; d. 1881; m., 27 Nov. 1837 Hannah P. Bell, b. 4 Aug. 1815. They had eight children, viz.:

SARAH ELLEN BIGELOW, b. Sept. 1838; d. in infancy.

ALFRED CASTLEMAN BIGELOW, b. Aug. 1839; d. in infancy.

HERBERT SUMNER BIGELOW, b. July 1842; d. January 1846.

MARY FRANCES BIGELOW, b. 1 Dec. 1845; unmarried; resides in Boston.

HERBERT NELSON BIGELOW, b. 11 July 1847; d. 21 Sept. 1876; twice married; no children.

HELEN LOUISE BIGELOW, b. 27 Dec. 1849; m., April 1881, Wm. L. Wood; resides in Chicago; no children.

LUCY AMELIA BIGELOW, b. 22 Nov. 1854; d. May 1872.

CHARLES SUMNER BIGELOW, b. 18 Aug. 1859; resides in Boston; m., 1883, Ella Harper Anderson of Xenia, O., and had Dickey Sumner Bigelow, who died at 4 years.

SUSANNA BIGELOW, b. 1808; d. 1809.

in Petersham, Mass., 20 Nov. 1864;* was graduated from Williams College, 1807, *i.e.* left college in junior year to become principal of Leicester (Mass.) Academy, receiving his degree later; studied for ministry 1817; installed over First Parish in Petersham, Mass., 23 June 1819; resigned October 1834, on account of experiencing a change of religious feeling which led him to adopt the Unitarian point of view. On announcing this to his Trinitarian church and offering his resignation, so great had been his position and influence with its members, the church as an organization decided to follow him and ever since has been Unitarian. He was son of Joseph Willson (born Leicester, Mass., 1762; died, Leicester, 1844) and Sarah Matthews (born 3 Oct. 1763; died 16 June 1802) of New Braintree and Sutton, Mass. Among the children of Rev. Luther and Sally (Bigelow) Willson was

ZEBIAH NELSON WILLSON,^a born in Brooklyn, Conn., 1 Sept. 1818; moved to Petersham, Mass., with her father before one year of age. When seven years old her home was changed to Leicester, Mass., into the family of John Nelson, D.D., whose childless wife, Zebiah Nelson, was her mother's sister. She married, 9 Aug. 1837, Joseph Lyman Partridge, who was born in Hatfield, Mass., 7 June 1804; died in Brooklyn, N. Y., 4 Feb. 1900; a descendant of Wm. Partridge who settled in

*The children of Rev. Luther and Sally (Bigelow) Willson were:

MERCY AMELIA WILLSON, b. 1807; m. Aaron Brooks, widower, and had four children, *viz.* :—

JAMES BROOKS, unmarried.

JOHN BROOKS, m. Harriet Hendricks, and had Arthur Hendricks Brooks, and Martha Ethelwynne Brooks.

ABBY MORGAN BROOKS, m. Prof. John Fiske, and had:

MAUDE FISKE, m. Grover Flint, and had Cuvier Grover Flint.

HAROLD FISKE.

CLARENCE STOUGHTON FISKE, m. Margaret Gracie Higginson, and had Margaret Gracie Fiske, Barbara Fiske, and John Fiske, Jr.

RALPH BROWNING FISKE, died unmarried.

ETHEL FISKE.

HERBERT HUXLEY FISKE.

MARTHA WILLSON BROOKS, unmarried; residence, Petersham, Mass.

WILLIAM COOPER WILLSON, b. 1809; d. 1865; m. Sarah O. Hastings, and had two sons, *viz.* :

WILLIAM COOPER WILLSON, JR., m. Julia Brown, and had son, Julian Willson.

CHAS. HASTINGS WILLSON, m. Carrie M. Bullard and had son, Donald Willson.

GEORGE CAMPBELL WILLSON, b. 1811; m. Arethusa Parkhurst, and had six children, as follows:

WILLIAM PARKHURST WILLSON, killed in the Civil War.

JULIANA WILLSON, deceased.

HELEN WILLSON, unmarried; address 484 Boylston St., Boston, Mass.

GEORGE LUTHER WILLSON, unmarried.

EUGENE BIGELOW WILLSON, m. Isabel Mack, and had four children, *viz.* :

EUGENE PARKHURST WILLSON, b. 1891.

EDNA LUCILLE WILLSON, b. 1894.

KENNETH MACK WILLSON, b. 1896.

FREDERICK BROOKS WILLSON, b. 1898.

EDMUND BROOKS WILLSON, m. Annie Rumser, and had Juliana Willson, b. 1894.

The Converse Family

Hartford, Conn., in 1640. The ancestors of Mrs. Joseph L. Partridge resided in Hadley and Hatfield, Mass., from 1668 continuously for 200 years. Joseph Lyman Partridge was graduated at Williams College in 1828 and began the study of divinity at Andover Theol. Sem., but on account of ill health gave up the idea of the ministry. He taught two years at the "Berkshire Gymnasium," Pittsfield, Mass. In 1834 he went to Leicester, Mass., remaining there twelve years, being principal of Leicester Academy. He then removed to the vicinity of Boston building in 1848 the first house at Auburndale, Mass., being one of the editors of the "Puritan Recorder," a Boston paper. From 1854 to 1858 he lived in Brooklyn, N. Y., and was of the firm of Woodruff & Robinson. In 1858 he removed to Lawrence, Mass., residing there until 1878, being successively a paper manufacturer, Collector of Internal Revenue 1861, and later for the greater part of his residence there Treasurer of the J. C. Hoadley Steam Engine Manufacturing Co. His tastes were scholarly. Until over 85 years of age he read, Virgil each summer, and his Greek Testament every Sunday. Until his 96th year he was exceptionally active physically, with no impairment of sight or hearing or of his intelligent interest in matters of the past and present. Joseph Lyman and Zebiah Nelson (Willson) Partridge had three sons, viz:

JOHN NELSON PARTRIDGE, COL.,⁹ born 1838; engaged in business in Boston at 19 years of age; served as Lieutenant and Captain in 24th Mass. Infantry, 1861-64; after the war engaged in busi-

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- JOSEPH WILLSON, b. 1816; m. Elizabeth Otis Weed, and had four children, viz.:
- LUCY AMELIA WILLSON, m. James Henry Williams, and had three children, viz.:
- JAMES HENRY WILLIAMS, JR.
ARTHUR PRENTICE WILLIAMS.
ELIZABETH FRANCIS WILLIAMS.
- EDMUND HOLLIS WILLSON, m. Clara F. Babbitt, and had two children, viz.:
- ELIZABETH FRANCIS WILLSON.
PAULINE WILLSON,
- MARY JANE WEED WILLSON, m. Dr. Maurice D. Clarke of Haverhill, Mass.
JOSEPH SPENCER WILLSON.
- ZIRIAH NELSON WILLSON, b. 1 Sept. 1818; living April 1902; m. Joseph Lyman Partridge.
- REV. EDMUND BURKE WILLSON, of Salem, Mass., b. 1820; d. June 13, 1895; m. Martha Anne Buttrick, and had six children, viz.:
- SOPHIA EDYELL WILLSON, m. Francis Higginson Lee of Salem.
MARTHA BUTTRICK WILLSON.
LUCY BURR WILLSON.
ALICE BROOKS WILLSON.
ROBERT WHEELER WILLSON, m. Annie West; no children.
EDMUND RUSSELL WILLSON, of Stone, Carpenter & Willson, Providence, R. I.; m. Anne Lemoine Frost and had:
- AMEY LEMOINE WILLSON
MARTHA BUTTRICK WILLSON.
- LUCY WILLIAMS WILLSON, b. 1822; d. 1849; m. Charles Chauncy Burr of Auburndale, Mass.; no issue.
- JAMES WILLSON, b. 1824; d. 1825.

ness in New York, and was managing clerk in firm of Woodruff & McLean. Joining the 23rd regiment as Lieut., he became Colonel in 1880, resigned in 1882, reelected five years later, and resigned in 1894. He served as Fire Commissioner 1882-83, and as Police Commissioner of Brooklyn 1884-85, under Mayor Seth Low. He was President of the Brooklyn City and Newtown R. R. Co., 1886 to 1897. On the election of Theodore Roosevelt as Governor of New York, Colonel Partridge was appointed by him State Superintendent of Public Works, and two years later was reappointed by Governor Odell. In 1901 he resigned this office to accept the appointment by Mayor Seth Low, of Police Commissioner of Greater New York, which position he resigned in 1903. He married Sarah Howard Manning of Boston, Mass., and they have one son:

NELSON HOWARD PARTRIDGE,¹⁰ broker, of Colorado Springs, who married Blanche Emily Jones, and has two children, NELSON HOWARD PARTRIDGE, JR.,¹¹ and JOSEPH STANLEY PARTRIDGE.¹¹

JOSEPH LYMAN PARTRIDGE, JR.,⁹ born 1845; died 1849.

EDWARD LASELL PARTRIDGE,⁹ M.D., born in Auburndale, Mass., 27 Sept. 1853; graduate Coll. Physicians & Surgeons 1875; received Honorary Degree of A.M. from Williams College in 1880. After serving as interne in the Charity Hospital he established himself in New York City and developed a large and lucrative practice. An important part of his work has been in the hospitals and institutions for medical instruction. He has held positions as visiting physician and later consulting physician to the New York Hospital, and to the New York Infant Asylum; visiting physician to the New York City Maternity Hospital, to the Nursery and Child's Hospital, and to the Sloane Maternity Hospital, and was for five years one of the Board of Managers of the latter institution. In 1883 he was appointed Professor of Obstetrics in the New York Post Graduate Medical School and Hospital, and in 1885 was appointed Adjunct Prof. of Obstetrics in the College of Physicians and Surgeons (Medical Department of Columbia University). In 1890 he resigned this position in order to give his time wholly to private practice. In 1884 he was editor of "Verrier's Practical Manual of Obstetrics," and in 1885 author of "A Manual of Obstetrics," and contributed from time to time to current medical literature. He is a member of the Academy of Medicine, the Practitioners' Society, the Medical and Surgical Society, the State Medical Society, etc., and Medical Director of The Society for Instruction in First Aid to the Injured. His summer home after 1890 was upon "Storm King," the most northerly of the mountains constituting the "Highlands of the Hudson." He is a member of

the University Club, the Century Club, and the Society of Colonial Wars. He married, in Sept. 1884, Gertrude Edwards Dwight, daughter of Prof. Theodore W. Dwight, LL.D., founder and for thirty-three years the head of Columbia College Law School. This marriage was the fourth between the Dwight and Partridge families. To Dr. Edward Lasell and Gertrude Edwards (Dwight) Partridge, one son, THEODORE DWIGHT PARTRIDGE,¹⁰ was born 26 Dec. 1890.

11. JOHN CONVERS⁴ (*Maj. James³ (7), Lieut. James,² Deacon Edward¹*), born in Woburn, 22 August 1673; died at Woburn 6 January 1707-8; married 22 May 1699, Abigail Sawyer, daughter of Joshua Sawyer of Woburn. She was born 17 May 1679, and she married, second, 29 November 1720, John Vinton of Charlestown. In 1722, as Abigail Vinton, she quitclaims to her children given below, her right of dower.

Children of John and Abigail (Sawyer) Convers:

JAMES CONVERS,⁵ born 26 Feb. 1699-1700; died 1752.

JOHN CONVERS,⁵ born 3 Feb. 1700-1; married, 1st, Abigail Baldwin; married, 2nd, Mary Damon. (18)

JOSHUA CONVERS,⁵ born in Woburn, 3 June 1704; married, 31 July 1729, Rachel Blanchard. The descendants of their son Zebulon are shown in Stearns' History of Rindge, N. H. The descendants of their son Joseph are shown in "Family History in the line of Joseph Convers of Bedford, Mass., 1739-1828, compiled and edited by John Jay Putnam," Worcester, Mass., F. S. Blanchard & Co., 1897.

In the line of Joseph are the Mead family, which includes Larkin G. Mead the sculptor, Wm. Rutherford Mead of McKim, Mead & White, architects, and Mrs. William Dean Howells; also Rev. James Converse of Weathersfield, Vt., Edmund Winchester Converse and Edmund Cogswell Converse of the National Tube Works Co.; and Rev. John Jay Putnam of Worcester, Mass.



John Jay Putnam.

ABIGAIL CONVERS,⁵ born 1705; was in her sixteenth year, 27 March 1721 (Midd. Probate Rec.).

PATIENCE CONVERS,⁵ born 1 May 1707.

12. CAPTAIN JOSIAH CONVERS⁴ (*Maj. James³(7), Lieut. James,² Deacon Edward¹*), born in Woburn, Mass., 12 September 1684; died in Brookfield, Mass., in 1771; removed about 1727 to Leicester, Mass., and thence to Brookfield, Mass.; He married, at Woburn, 30 December 1706, Hannah Sawyer, who was born 25 November 1689, and who died in Brookfield 18 June 1747. She was the

daughter of Joshua and Sarah (Wright) Sawyer of Woburn. Another daughter was Mrs. Ayres of North Brookfield. Temple's History of North Brookfield calls Josiah Convers "Capt.," and "Esq.;" says he was in Brookfield in 1735, a leading man for the next twenty years, representative six years; that he married, second, Dorothy ——— who died 27 May 1750; "by Hannah and Dorothy he had eight children;" that he married, third, 18 November 1755, Mercy, widow of Capt. Thomas Gilbert and of Samuel Barns, and daughter of Deacon Henry Gilbert. Temple's North Brookfield also contains the following references to Josiah Convers:

Page 247. Signed petition for new meeting house, 1748.

Page 249. On committee of town of Brookfield to oppose the setting up of a new precinct with parish privileges, 1749.

Page 254. Pew in new meeting house, 1753.

Page 287. Representative to Legislature from Brookfield, 1740, 1742, 1743, 1745, 1747, 1750.

Capt. Josiah and Hannah (Sawyer) Convers had nine children:

HANNAH CONVERS,⁵ born, in Woburn, 25 Oct. 1707; married Ebenezer Thompson. Regarding their descendant, Count Rumford, see under head of Mary Convers² (4), daughter of Deacon Edward¹.

JOSIAH CONVERS,⁵ LIEUTENANT, born, in Woburn, 2 March 1710; died in Stafford, Conn., 11 Sept. 1775; married Eleanor Richardson. (19)

PATIENCE CONVERS,⁵ born, in Woburn, 21 July 1712.

RUTH CONVERS,⁵ born, in Woburn, 28 July 1714.

DOROTHY CONVERS,⁵ born, in Woburn, 20 Jan. 1716-7; died 22 April 1736.

JESSE CONVERS,⁵ born, in Woburn, 18 Feb. 1719-20. On page 209 of Temple's History of North Brookfield the name of Jesse Convers appears on roll of men from Brookfield who went to Fort Dummer, 6 Aug.--20 Aug. 1748, under command of Captain Thomas Buckminster.

JUDE CONVERS,⁵ born, in Woburn, 14 March 1722-3; died 3 May 1749. In Temple's North Brookfield his name appears on same roll as that of his brother Jesse as above, viz.:—roll of men under Captain Buckminster who went to Fort Dummer, Aug. 6-20, 1748.

JAMES CONVERS,⁵ COLONEL, born, in Woburn, 2 Sept. 1725; died, in Brookfield, 16 July 1811; married Dorothy——. (20)

SARAH CONVERS,⁵ born, in Leicester, 5 Nov. 1729.

13. SAMUEL CONVERS⁴(*Samuel*³ (9), *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born, in Woburn, 26 May 1694; married, first, 11 December 1716, Hannah Bartlett, of Newtown, who died 2 November 1728; married, second, Sarah Atwell, who joined the church in Thompson Parish, by letter from the First Church of Lynn, Mass., 7 January 1738. He received from his father, in 1718, a deed of fifty acres upland and meadow, part of the Quinatisset homestead, which he sold

in a few years, removing to Porter's Plains in the north part of the society. He did not join the church,* and was less in town than his brothers.

Samuel Converse had four children:

RUTH CONVERS,⁵ born 28 May 1718.

AMWELL CONVERS,⁵ born 20 June 1722; was received into the church 1 Jan. 1744. She married, 14 June 1743, Josiah Davis of Sturbridge, and had JOSIAH DAVIS,⁶ baptized 3 Aug. 1746.

HANNAH CONVERS,⁵ born 12 April 1724. Reed says she was baptized 1729, and joined a church organized in Thompson Parish in 1730.

DORCAS CONVERS,⁵ born 12 April 1724; died 21 Nov. 1734. Reed says that she was baptized in 1729, and joined a church organized in Thompson Parish in 1730.

14. ENSIGN EDWARD CONVERS⁴ (*Samuel*³ (9), *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Woburn, Mass., 25 September 1696; died 9 July 1784. At the age of fourteen he removed with his parents to Thompson, Conn. He married, 6 August 1717, Elizabeth, daughter of John and Elizabeth Cooper. She died, 19 February 1776, in her seventy-sixth year. Edward Converse received from his father, 6 February 1718, a deed of fifty acres of land north of the home farm, and soon after built the house thereon occupied by him, and his sons, well known as the "Converse Tavern." He was a man of energy, and sound judgment, much employed in public affairs, was one of the constituent members of the church, and served as committee in building the meeting house. He was chosen to repair bridges, help survey doubtful bounds, collect, receive and distribute school money, and "settle with distrained Baptists on as easy terms as he could." He was active in military affairs, serving as ensign for many years. The rank of ensign corresponds with that of second lieutenant at the present time. At a town meeting, held the first Tuesday of December, 1732, he was chosen constable. His tavern received a good share of travel and patronage, and "Landlord Converse' District" heads the list of school districts laid out in 1762. He died intestate, and only an inventory of some of his personal estate has been found. His real property, no doubt, was made over to his sons during his lifetime.

INVENTORY.

We the subscribers being desired to appraise the Estate of Mr. Edward Converse late of Killingly Dec. & being made under oath for that purpose have appraised as followeth, viz.

	£	s	d
Coat & Jacket 35/ great Coat 3/ K Buckles 8	1	18	8
1 Hat 3/		3	
1 Bed 2 Blankets 1 coverlid Bolster Pillow & curtain	4	6	0
1 pr Sheets & other clothes		16	6

*Reed says that he united with the church in 1719, and his wife in 1722.

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	£	s	d
1 Shirt—1 drawers 8 ^s & one warming pan frying 4/6		12	6
Shovel & Tongs & other old Iron 3/6 Iron Kettle & And Irons 6/		9	6
Long table & Bench 9/ saddle 4/ Band 1/ Under bed 5		19	0
Great Round table 14/ Square table 1/ Desk 27/	2	02	0
Bread trough 1/6 two trays Hh @ @ 6d—3 tubs 2/6		06	
2 Bedsteads 4/—1 Box 1/ two Iron wedges & Bar 11/2		16	0
4 chairs 7/—cupboard 6/ crane 5/—2 chairs 11/1	1	09	0
1 wooden wheel clock & cap. 54/	2	14	0
Old Pewter 10/ teapot 3/ Bowl 1/6—2 canisters 1/6		16	0
Candlestick 6d steelyards 1/ 1 Looking Glass 1/		02	6
A note against Jacob Convers & y ^e Int	16	17	4
A note against Josiah Convers & y ^e Int	1	06	0
A note against Asa Convers & y ^e Int	10	07	0
A note against Jonathan Bixby & y ^e Int	1	06	0
	£46	17	0

Signed STEPHEN KEITH } Appraisers.
SIMON DAVIS }

Killingly, Dec. 27th 1784.

At a Court of Probate holden at Pomfret in the District of Pomfret on the 4th day of July 1785 the foregoing Inventory was presented by Jacob Convers Adm^r under oath & the same is accepted by this Court & ordered to be kept on file.

Test. LEMUEL GROSVENOR
Clerk of Probate.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT }
DISTRICT OF POMFRET } SS PROBATE OFFICE

I hereby certify that the above are true copies of Records as appears in this Office.

(Signed) Attest: E. P. HAYWARD, *Judge.*

Pomfret, June 27, 1881.

Children of Ensign Edward and Elizabeth (Cooper) Convers :

JAMES CONVERS,⁵ CAPTAIN, baptized 27 Sept. 1719; died 13 Dec. 1753; married Mary Leavens. (21)

EDWARD CONVERS,⁵ CAPTAIN, baptized, at Killingly, 8 Nov. 1720; died in Windsor, Mass., 9 Dec. 1800; married Mary Davis. (22)

JONATHAN CONVERS,⁵ baptized 28 April 1723; died 1761; married Keziah Hughes. (23)

JACOB CONVERS,⁵ LIEUTENANT, born, at Killingly, 26 Feb. 1727; married Anna White. (24)

ASA CONVERS,⁵ born 30 Sept. 1730; married Ruth Lee. (25)

JESSE CONVERS,⁵ born 30 Nov. 1732; married, 23 Nov. 1758, widow Demaris Chandler.

ELIZABETH CONVERS,⁵ born 4 April 1736; died 18 March 1737.

ZACHARIAS CONVERS,⁵ born 4 April 1736; probably died young.

ELIZABETH CONVERS,⁵ born 29 March 1738; married, 20 May 1757, Timothy Attwood.

SUSANNA CONVERS,⁵ born 28 Oct. 1741; died Aug. 1833; married, 1st, Diah Johnson; married, 2nd, Dr. Samuel Ruggles. (26)

15. THOMAS CONVERS⁴ (*Samuel*³(9), *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Woburn, Mass., 28 October 1699. No record of his death has

been found except a brief memorandum left by his son Joel, stating that he died in Thompson, Conn., about 1760. He was a constituent member of the church in Thompson, and active in public affairs. In 1742 he was elected to serve as deacon but declined the office. He occupied for a time the farm left by his brother Samuel, and then purchased part of the Sampson home farm, and built a house on the site now occupied by Jerome Nichols, near the Norwich and Worcester Railroad station.

The following is from the Killingly town records:—"At a town meeting held 2 December 1729 then voted and chose Pain Convers and Thomas Convers fence viewers" (and sworn), also, "chose Thomas Convers tything man."

Meeting 20 Jan'y 1736/7, 'lay out of highway by Thomas Convers."

Thomas Convers was married, first, by Rev. John Fisk, 11 April 1723, to Martha Clough (sister, probably, of Jonathan Clough, who settled in Thompson in 1722, and daughter of Thomas Clough, Senior, of Salisbury). She died 18 June 1735, and he married, second, 3 November 1737, Abigail Fay.

Abigail Fay³ was the daughter of Samuel² and Tabitha (Ward) Fay and granddaughter of John Fay.¹

JOHN FAY¹ born in England about 1648; embarked at Gravesend, 30 May 1656, in ship "Speedwell" of London, Robert Locke, master, and arrived in Boston June 27. As he was then but eight years old, he must have had parents or relatives in this country. He located first in Sudbury; was in Marlboro, Mass., 1669, where the births of his children are recorded; removed to Watertown, and returned to Marlboro, where he died 5 December 1690. On the breaking out of King Philip's War in 1675, he was in Marlboro and was designated among others to defend the garrison house of William Kerley in case of attack.

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Marlborough the 1 of Octobr, 1675.

At A meeting of the inhabetants in order to take care for the safty of our town these folloing proposals were Agreed upon And volentaryly chosen unto that in case of assalt these places heare After mentioned should be defended by the persons that are expressed by name that is in:

william Kerlys hous.

of the town
soulders: 2:
or soulders allowd
to the town

} JOHN FAY.

All these men to be maintained In their respective percels by the families In the severall fortifications wheare they are placed.

This Above written was the Act of the town Agreeing with the Act of the Comettee of melecti as Attest.

WILLIAM KERLY, Clarke.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,

BOSTON, APRIL 10th, 1900.

I certify the foregoing citation to be a true abstract from the military series of the Massachusetts Archives deposited in this office.

WITNESS the Seal of the Commonwealth.

(SEAL)

WM. M. OLIN, Secretary.

John Fay married, first, Mary, daughter of Thomas Brigham of Cambridge, by whom he had four children, including Samuel.² (For particulars of Mary Brigham and her father see below.) John Fay married, second, 5 July 1678, Mrs. Susanna (Shattuck) Morse, widow of Joseph Morse, and eldest daughter of William Shattuck. By her he had four children. His grandson, Capt. Stephen Fay of Vermont (son of John, Jr.), was Captain of Militia and landlord of the historical Catamount Tavern at Bennington, Vt., and active in the Revolutionary War, rendering efficient service in a civil capacity. It is said that five of Capt. Stephen's sons were engaged in the Battle of Bennington. The Fays were of French origin. During the persecution of the Huguenots, they fled to Wales, and from Wales the ancestor of the American family came to the colonies.

Samuel Fay,² born 11 October 1673; died previous to 1749; married, 16 May 1699, Tabitha Ward.³

Tabitha Ward³ was born 16 May 1675, and was daughter of Increase² and Record Ward, and granddaughter of William Ward¹.

WILLIAM WARD¹ was in Sudbury as early as 1639, and was proprietor of lands there. He was living at that time with his second wife, who was named Elizabeth. He represented Sudbury in 1644 in the General Court. He was for several years Chairman of Selectmen there. He moved to Marlboro in 1660, and died there, 10 August 1687. He was one of the founders of the town of Marlborough, Deacon in the Church first organized there, Deputy to the General Court from Marlboro in 1666, and in the garrison at Sudbury in King Philip's War. A book of genealogy entitled "The Ward Family and Descendants of William Ward who settled in Sudbury, Mass., in 1639" by Andrew Henshaw Ward, A.M., says "that his house and fifty acre house lot were situated on the South side of the road in Marlborough and nearly opposite the site of the first meeting house, which was not far from where the Gates Academy now (1851) stands;" that "his lands by subsequent acquisitions extended Westward to what in some of his conveyances he called Belcher's Pond, near which was erected the public house, long known as the Williams Tavern, and kept by Abraham Williams, who married his eldest daughter;" that "he endured great hardships and sustained great losses by Indian hostilities, more especially in the time of King Philip's War, when his buildings were fired, his cattle destroyed, and one of his sons slain by the enemy;" and "that his second wife, when past her 74th year, made several journeys to Boston, as appears by the records there before she effected a settlement of his estate with

the exorbitant and tyrannical Andros, Governor, Judge of Probate, etc. Considering the distance she resided from Boston, exceeding thirty miles, much of the way a wilderness frequented by lurking savages, a bridle way her road and on which one of her sons had been a few years before shot down by the enemy at noon-day, she must have been a person of fortitude and possessed of physical powers to an unlimited degree." She died in Marlborough, and the inscription on her gravestone was as follows:

"Here lyes the body of Elizabeth Ward, the servant of the Lord, deceased in 87 year of her age Dec. ye 9, in the year of our Lord 1700."

Gen. Artemas Ward, first Major General of Continental Forces and member of Congress in the Revolutionary War, was the great grandson of William Ward. His line was William,¹ William, Jr.,² Col. Nahum,³ Gen. Artemas.⁴

RECORDS OF THE MASS. BAY COLONY. Vol. 2, 66.

The 29th of the 3th Mo, a 1644. At a Genrall Cort of Election at Boston.

psent, The Govrnor,
Deputies psent.

Willi: Ward.

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Att a Generall Courte of Elections held att Boston the 4th and 5th Monnths, 1644.

The Acts & Determinatons of the House of Deputyes

The sevall names of those townes, wth their Deputyes yt were return'd with ye warrants to serve att this Courte, vizt:

Sudbury: WILLIAM WARD.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
BOSTON, APRIL 9, 1900.

I certify the foregoing citations to be true abstracts from the printed records of the Massachusetts Bay Colony on file in this office.

WITNESS the Seal of the Commonwealth.

(SEAL)

WM. M. OLIN, Secretary.

Increase Ward² of Marlboro. His farm was on the river, and he had a saw mill. He died 4 August 1690 aged 46. His wife died 26 July 1726. The Ward Genealogy above mentioned says that he was born 22 February 1644, and resided in that part of Marlborough which is now Northboro.

Abigail Fay,³ born 19 January 1709; married Thomas Converse.

See Charles Hudson's History of Marlborough, Mass., L. R. Paige's History of Hardwick, Mass., F. C. Pierce's History of Grafton, Mass., Wm. Spooner's History of Plymouth, Mass., Joel Whittemore's History of Fitzwilliam, N. H., Savage's Genealogical Dictionary.

MARY BRIGHAM, who married John Fay, was the daughter of Thomas and Mercy (Hurd) Brigham of Cambridge, Mass. Thomas Brigham came to New England in the "Susan & Ellen" in 1635, then aged 32. He was first in Watertown, Mass. In Cambridge, about 1638, he resided at the Easterly corner of Brattle and Ash Streets. He was Constable in 1639 and 1642, Selectman 1640-

1647, and died 8 December 1653. He was proprietor of several hundred acres of land, a mill, cattle and many swine.

In his later years he seems not to have increased in wealth, but the reverse. The reasons for this are unknown, unless it was the erection of a grist mill on the Charles River ruined his wind mill. Nevertheless, he left a handsome estate, including a house spacious for that period, and articles that were a luxury in that time, such as silver spoons and other utensils of silver, join chairs, join stools, cushions, damask cloth, livery table, feather beds, and the wardrobe of a New England gentleman. The inventory of his estate was £449-9-4,—a handsome estate for his time. Governor Danforth was overseer and trustee under his will, and the distinguished Wm. Brattle of Boston assisted his executrix. Thomas Brigham married, about 1637, Mercy Hurd. She married, second, Edmund Rice, Senior, of Sudbury, March 1655-6, who removed to Marlboro; and, in May 1663, she married, third, Wm. Hunt of Concord, whom she survived, and died in Marlboro 22 or 28 December 1693. "On her second marriage she took with her to Sudbury and to Marlborough all her children, from whom descended a numerous posterity residing in and near Marlborough, some of whom attained high distinction."

The above is from Paige's History of Cambridge, Mass., Savage's Genealogical Dictionary, Hudson's Marlboro, Bond's Watertown, and Rev. Abner Morse's "Genealogical Register of Several Ancient Puritan Families." In the latter book will be found a fuller account of Thomas Brigham, including a more extended description of his possessions.

Of Mrs. Mercy (Hurd) Brigham, Rev. Abner Morse says: "Thomas Brigham married about 1637, Mercy Hurd, a lady ten or fifteen years his junior, of whom tradition has brought down a high character, alleging that she and her sister, who married Wm. (?) Cutler, were so tantalized in England for non-conformity that they resolved to seek their liberty and fortunes in New England, and arrived unattended by husbands or lovers." Mr. Morse says the tradition is direct and probably reliable. "Success rewarded the enterprise. They were in as quick demand as unmarried teachers at the West, and if the number of worthy husbands whom a lady marries is the measure of her worth, then Madam Brigham was a most worthy and attractive woman, for she married no less than three . . . During her third widowhood she saw two bloody Indian wars. During the first Marlborough was burnt, and she with one of her sons is believed to have retreated to their former home on the rocks in Cambridge, while her two sons went in pursuit of the enemy."

Thomas Convers had nine children, three by his first wife and six by the last, as follows:

MARTHA CONVERS,⁵ baptized 1727; married, 15 Feb. 1756, Diah Johnson. She died early leaving:

MARTHA JOHNSON,⁶ married, 1st, Archelaus Town; 2nd, Israel Tourtelotte.

SYRIL JOHNSON,⁶ married Jesse Bixby.

SOLOMON JOHNSON,⁶ died in the war.

EBENEZER CONVERS,⁵ born 27 July 1730; died 8 May 1741.

TABITHA CONVERS,⁵ born 4 June 1732; died March 1745.

THOMAS CONVERS,⁵ COLONEL, baptized at Killingly, 5 Nov. 1738; died in Rutland, N. Y., in 1809; married, 1st, Mary Morse; married, 2nd, Abigail Colton; married, 3rd, Sabrina Smedley, married, 4th, Mary Colton, widow. (27)

SAMUEL CONVERS,⁵ born 7 Aug. 1740; married, 27 Oct. 1767, Mereba Burrill of Thompson.

ABIGAIL CONVERS,⁵ born 18 Nov. 1744; married, 14 Feb. 1764, Joseph Green, of Westborough, Mass.

DAVID CONVERS,⁵ born 2 July 1746; married Rachel Elliott; removed to Bridgewater, N. Y., where he died. (28)

TABITHA CONVERS,⁵ born 5 March 1749.

JOEL CONVERS,⁵ born 2 Sept. 1750; died in Lyme, N. H., 29 June 1822; married, 1st, Demaris Wilson; 2nd, Elizabeth Bixby. (29)

16. PAIN CONVERS⁴ (*Samuel³(9), Sergeant Samuel,² Deacon Edward¹*), born, in Woburn, 25 November 1706; died 10 September 1781; married Mary Halford who died 5 April 1790. Both united with the church in Thompson, he 5 July 1730, she in 1735. In 1728, his father deeded him the homestead farm which he occupied through life. His son Pain sold the farm in 1793, to Thomas Day of Killingly, Conn., and in 1902 it was in possession of Stephen Ballard. He was more employed in society and town affairs than was either of his brothers. In 1760 he was chairman of the selectmen, and served upon many important committees. He assisted in laying out new school districts in 1762, and examined the accounts after the renovation of the meeting house. For many years he was usually chosen to be moderator at society meetings.

The following appears in the records of the Supreme Court of Suffolk County, Mass., under date of 1731:

“Pain Converse of Tompson, in the County of Windham, in the colony of Connecticut, husbandman, Complainant, vs. Thomas Stimson of Woodstock in the County of Worcester, practitioner in Physick, Deft. The Complainant shewing that at an Inferiour Court of Common Pleas held at Worcester on the Second Tuesday of May last he recovered Judgment for the Sum of £6:9:00 and costs. From which judgment the sd. Stimson appealed to this Court. In default, etc., ruled in favor of sd. Converse £6:11:4d and costs £7:6:9d.”

The following is from the Killingly town records:

“At a town meeting held 2 December 1729 ‘then voted and chose Pain Converse and Thomas Converse fence viewers. They took the oath of office the same day. Also chose Thomas Converse tything man.’”

First Tuesday of December 1754. Deacon Boaz Stearns, Jacob Dresser, Esq., Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Pain Converse and Mr. John Falshaw chosen Selectmen. Also chose Pain Converse tything man.

In the years 1758, 1759, 1760, Pain Converse is the first named on the Board of Selectmen. At town meeting 1765 Pain Converse is mentioned as highway surveyor.

Pain and Mary (Halford) Convers had four children:

MARY CONVERS,⁵ born 1 Aug. 1734; married, 28 May 1752, Nicholas Parker of Thompson.

PAIN CONVERS⁵, CAPTAIN, born 28 Oct. 1739; died in Bridport, Vt., 29 March 1800; married, 11 Dec. 1760, Mary Lee.

BATHSHEBA CONVERS,⁵ born 8 Dec. 1741. Her name and those of other young women appear upon a petition in 1760 for additional pew accommodations (Thompson Parish Records). Leicester, Mass., records contain the entry of marriage of Bathsheba Convers and Samuel Babbitt of Killingly at Killingly, 15 Nov. 1763.

STEPHEN CONVERS,⁵ born 5 Aug. 1745. In the Bureau of Pensions in Washington there is the following record:

Military History of Stephen Converse, a soldier in the Revolutionary War as contained in his widow's application for pension.

DATES OF ENLISTMENT	LENGTH OF SERVICE	RANK	OFFICERS UNDER WHOM SERVICE WAS RENDERED		STATE
			CAPTAIN	COLONEL	
1 Dec. 1776	3½ mos.	Sergt.	Payne Converse	John Ely	Conn.
May 1777	8 "	"	Eldridge	Roger Eno	"
Oct. 1778	2 "	"	Chase	Sparhawk	"

Residence at enlistment: Ashford, Conn.

Date of widow's application for pension: 5 April 1837.

Widow's residence at date of application: Stafford, Conn.

Widow's age at date of application: 80 years.

Remarks:—He was born 16 Aug. 1745, married Zurniah Sanger 19 Nov. 1768, who died 27 April 1777. He remarried, Sarah Kimball, 12 Oct. 1778. He died 2 Oct. 1823, and she was pensioned his widow.

"Connecticut Men in the Revolution" has the following: Stephen Converse, private, enlisted 6 June 1777; discharged 9 Jan. 1778; term 8 months; Manning's company, 2nd regiment Connecticut line; Formation of 1777-1781.

17. JOSIAH CONVERSE⁴ (*Samuel³(9), Sergeant Samuel,² Deacon Edward¹*), the youngest child of Samuel³ and Dorcas Convers, was baptized, in Killingly, 20 November 1714. His parents and brothers and sister arrived in Thompson, from Woburn, only four years before his baptism, viz. 1710. He married, 7 December 1737, Mary Sabin. He purchased and occupied a farm, described as "a corner between Walcott & Thompson," which, in 1882, was the residence of Deacon Valentine Ballard. He and his wife "owned the covenant" in 1739, and two years later both were received into full communion.

Children of Josiah and Mary (Sabin) Converse:

ESTHER CONVERS,^s born 15 July 1739; died 2 Sept. 1742.

MARY CONVERS,^s born 24 Nov. 1741; died 13 Sept. 1742.

JOSIAH CONVERS,^s born 15 July 1742; died 6 June 1750.

ESTHER CONVERS,^s born 24 Aug. 1744; died 7 Nov. 1750.

JOHN CONVERS,^s born 9 Jan. 1746; died in Charlestown, N. H., 1830; married Kezia Nichols. (31)

DORCAS CONVERS,^s born 10 March 1749; died 5 Nov. 1750.

MARY CONVERS,^s born 27 Aug. 1751.

BENJAMIN CONVERS,^s born 28 Aug. 1751.

Fifth Generation.

18. JOHN CONVERS⁵ (*John*⁴(11), *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born 3 February 1701; removed from Woburn to Leicester, thence to Brookfield, Mass. He married Abigail Baldwin about 1727. Washburn's History of Leicester, Mass., says that he was a blacksmith, and that he married, second, in 1751, Mary Damon, by whom he had children, as set forth below. His name is given as John Conyers in a record left by Hiram Converse,⁷ son of Damon Reed Converse.⁶ That record says that the name was then spelled with a "y" instead of with a "v"; that there were several generations by the name of John Conyers, all iron workers; that John⁵ removed from Charlton, Worcester County, Mass., to Kent, Conn., where he and his sons had a smelting furnace as described under the head of Damon Reed Converse,⁶ and that John⁵ forged steel bayonets there for the Connecticut troops of the line during the Revolutionary War. That record includes a statement that "short-armed John Conyers, so called, went in Lovewell's long march to Piquacket Pond." In April 1725, during Father Rasle's War, Capt. John Lovewell marched with forty men to strike the Pequawkett Indians, whose village was near a pond which was in what is now Fryeburg, Me. In the battle with these Indians Captain Lovewell and many of his men were killed, or wounded, but the Indians were worsted, and suffered so severely that they deserted the spot and went to settle on the headwaters of the Connecticut (see Bryant's Popular History of the United States, Vol. III, p. 194). Although the name of John Convers is not found on the list of Lovell's men preserved in Massachusetts Archives, it does occur on a roll of volunteers commanded by Captain Willard who served from 28 August to 28 October 1725 (Archives, Vol. 91, 176). In his record above referred to, Hiram Converse also says:—"My great grandmother's maiden name was Lida Thomas, and her birth-place was Middletown, Conn. My grandmother's maiden name was Demmon, and her native place was Woburn, Mass."

Children of John and Abigail (Baldwin) Converse:

JOHN CONVERSE,⁶ born 31 July 1728.

BENJAMIN CONVERSE,⁶ born in Leicester, Mass., 20 May 1732; married, 1754, Prudence Harrington of Spencer. (32)

LUKE CONVERSE,⁶ born in Leicester Mass., 6 Oct. 1734; died 10 June 1810; married, 1759, Ruth Lamb of Spencer. (33)

ROBERT CONVERSE,⁶ born, in Leicester, 2 April 1737; married Sarah Newton. (34)

(43)

ABIGAIL CONVERSE,⁶ born 5 March 1739; married Ambrose Wilson of Kent, Conn. About 1829 she was living in Kent, a widow. They had a son, John Wilson, of Kent, Conn. The Wilsons were of Irish descent.

Children of John and Mary (Damon) Converse:

PHOEBE CONVERSE,⁶ born 22 March 1752; married Elon Stone and removed to Clarksville, Ohio, 12 miles from Sandusky.

DANIEL CONVERSE,⁶ born, in Leicester, 2 March 1754; died 25 July 1814; married Mary Wheelock. (35)

DELIVERANCE CONVERSE,⁶ born 3 Oct. 1756; died 1759.

ELIJAH CONVERSE,⁶ born, in Leicester, 27 Sept. 1759; served in the war of Independence.

“On the 23rd April 1775 Congress resolved to raise 13,600 men from Massachusetts. In the Leicester Company (Seth Washburn, Captain) appears the name of Elijah Converse” (Washburn’s History of Leicester, page 216).

The Reed MS. also mentions another son of John and Mary (Damon) Converse, viz:

DAMON REED CONVERSE,⁶ born 1764; married Sarah Lee. (36)

All that is said of his parentage is that his given name, Damon (or, as his descendants spell it, Denmon) was the family name of his mother. His descendants say that he had two brothers, Elijah and Joshua, and that the latter, viz.:

JOSHUA CONVERSE,⁶ removed to Kent, Conn.; died in Quaker Hill, and had a daughter who married — Nickerson and lived in Carmel, N.Y.

19. LIEUTENANT JOSIAH CONVERS⁵ (*Capt. Josiah⁴ (12), Maj. James,³ Lieut. James,² Deacon Edward¹*), born in Woburn, Mass., 2 March 1710; died in Stafford, Conn., 11 September 1775; buried in the oldest cemetery at Stafford Street. He held a commission as a Lieutenant under his father, and was a leading man in Leicester, Mass., whither he removed with his father when about 17 years of age. He was chosen Moderator in Leicester, in March 1733, and was afterwards First Selectman, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, and First Assessor; and, in May 1733, Representative to the General Court. In the dispute between the townsmen of Leicester and their first pastor, the Rev. David Parsons, Lieut. Josiah Convers espoused the cause of Mr. Parsons. The following account of this controversy, especially as to an adjourned meeting held in January 1729, is from Washburn’s History of Leicester, Mass., pp. 85, 86:

“An adjournment was accordingly had; and then the town being convened and the proposals read, Mr. Moderator and Mr. Parsons, with some others of their company, made some unhandsome reflections, by reason that the proposals did not suit them; and so the moderator dissolved the meeting. These certainly look like rather high handed measures. The moderator who thus played the part of autocrat over this little republic was Mr. Josiah Convers, and the triumph of ‘their company’ was short lived. In April 1732 the town voted that they would not

raise any money to pay Mr. Parsons' salary for the year 1731. But within a few months the scale turned, and Mr. Convers was again chosen moderator of a meeting, called, among other things, 'to see what method the town will take to call in the town's money, so that Mr. Parsons' arrears may be paid.' Before reading this article the meeting was adjourned; and the town clerk, who had made so full and circumstantial a record of the action of the moderator at the former meeting, probably anticipating what would be the action of the adjourned meeting, staid away from it, and withheld his book of records. The people came together at ten o'clock, and, in the words of the record, 'they tarried until one of the clock; and the town clerk, who was Mr. Joshua Nichols, neglecting his duty in bringing or sending the town book and papers that was then in his hands, there could be nothing further done in the affairs, and so the moderator dissolved the meeting.' But Mr. Nichols staid away to no purpose. Mr. Convers' star was more than ever in the ascendant, and his popularity was well nigh unbounded; for, at the March meeting in 1733, he was chosen Moderator, First Selectman, Town Clerk (thereby superseding Mr. Nichols), Town Treasurer, First Assessor, and Hog Reeve. In April they voted not to allow any part of the money assessed upon the land for the five years past to be disposed of to any other use than to pay Mr. Parsons, until all his arrears were paid. In May, Mr. Convers' cup of honor was made full by his election to the General Court."

Lieut. Josiah Convers purchased a farm in Stafford, Tolland Co., Conn., 8 December 1735 from James Renolds, and moved there shortly after. He also bought a tract of 50 acres in Stafford, 1 November 1751, from Azariah Dickinson.

He married in Leicester, Mass., 27 December 1732, Eleanor Richardson, who was born in Woburn in 1714, died 6 August 1785, and was the daughter of Nathaniel and Abigail (Reed) Richardson.

Gov. Julius Converse of Vermont, their grandson, said that Lieut. Josiah was rather below the common size, but that his wife, Eleanor, was of very large size, and "came from a family of giants."

In the possession of Alfred W. Converse of Windsor Locks, Conn., in 1869, was a copy of a Bible printed in London in 1761 by Mark Baskett, and by the assigns of Robert Baskett, which bears Lieut. Josiah's autograph on the fly leaf, and also that of his wife—the name "Elinor Convers Hur book," under the name of her husband. There are also the names Eli; Eli, Jr., and Pamilla Convers on the same page, written, it is supposed, by themselves; while on the opposite page appears the inscription "Jesse Convers, His Holy Bible, April 4-1790," and below it the name of Mary his wife. Therein were also

given the dates of birth of the children of Lieut. Josiah and Eleanor as specified below.

Eleanor Convers, widow of Lieut. Josiah Convers, was appointed administratrix of his estate and gave bonds with Jesse Convers, 4 November 1775; and on 3 May 1776 an agreement between the heirs was exhibited and accepted.

Recent visitors to the graves of Lieut. Josiah and his two sisters at Stafford found the tombstones in good condition. The following were the inscriptions on his tombstone and that of his wife:

IN MEMORY OF
LIEUT. JOSIAH CONVERSE
HE DIED SEPT. 11. 1775
IN Y^r 65 YEAR OF HIS AGE

"Mark the perfect man and behold the upright
For their end is peace."

IN MEMORY OF
MRS. ELENOR
WIFE OF
LIEUT. JOSIAH CONVERSE
WHO DIED AUG. 6. 1785
IN Y^r 73D YEAR OF HER AGE.

Children of Lieut. Josiah and Eleanor (Richardson) Converse:

MARY CONVERSE,⁶ born, in Leicester, 12 July 1733; married Maj. John Phelps of Stafford. She and her two sisters are mentioned in the Reed MS. as beautiful. (37)

ELEANOR CONVERSE,⁶ born, in Leicester, 21 March 1735; married Col. Stephen Moulton. She was grandmother of the wife of Gen. Wool, of Troy, N. Y. A son SALMON MOULTON,⁷ married Susannah Johnson and had AURORA MOULTON,⁸ who by wife Rebecca Maynard had JULIA A. MOULTON,⁹ wife of Charles G. Riggs, whose daughter, LOUISA M. RIGGS,¹⁰ married Chauncey W. Colton and had JULIA HELEN COLTON,¹¹ who married Hon. George A. Willard of Boonville, N. Y.

JOSIAH CONVERSE,⁶ CAPTAIN, born, in Stafford, 4 June 1737; died, in Stafford, 25 Oct. 1814; married Elizabeth Lewis. (38)

JOSHUA CONVERSE,⁶ born, in Stafford, 21 May 1739. The Reed MS. queries:—"Was this the Joshua mentioned in Washburn's History of Leicester, pp. 234, 353? If so he had three children, Francis, Chloe and Henry, by his wife, Mehitabel Wicker, of Worcester, Mass., whom he married in 1772, and he lived in Leicester, Mass." But Miss Amelia Converse says that he died in the Old French War, unmarried.

DOROTHY CONVERSE,⁶ born, in Stafford, 11 June 1741; married, 1st, Dr. Staunton, who died 28 March 1806, and she married, 2nd, James Steele of Randolph.

ISRAEL CONVERSE,⁶ COLONEL, born, in Stafford, 7 Aug. 1743; died in Randolph, Vt., 28 Mar. 1806; married, 1st, Sarah Lewis; married, 2nd, Hannah Walbridge. (39)

JESSE CONVERSE,⁶ born, in Stafford, 1 Sept. 1745; died there 8 July 1805; married Mary Moulton. (40)

NATHANIEL CONVERSE,⁶ born, in Stafford, 1 May 1748; died in Troy, N. Y., 18 Oct. 1810; married Abigail Lawrence. (41)

JUDE CONVERSE,⁶ born, in Stafford, 11 June 1750; died in East Randolph, Vt., 23 Oct. 1816; married Abigail ———. (42)

JOSEPH CONVERSE, ⁶	} Triplets: born, in Stafford,	died aged three weeks.
HANNAH CONVERSE, ⁶		lived to be 19, and died unm.
BENJAMIN CONVERSE, ⁶		died in 1756, aged 4 years.

They were carried to the baptismal font by their three elder sisters, Mary, Eleanor and Dorothy.

JOSEPH CONVERSE,⁶ born, in Stafford, 28 December 1754; died in Randolph, Vt., 10 December 1826; married Mary Johnson. (43)

20. COLONEL JAMES CONVERS⁵ (*Capt. Josiah*⁴ (12), *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Woburn, Mass., 2 September 1725; settled in North Brookfield, Mass.; died in Brookfield, Mass., 16 July 1811. He was an officer in the American army in the Revolutionary War.

"I have before mentioned Seth Washburn, son of Col. Seth, as having marched to Cambridge in April 1775 from Wilbraham. He afterwards lived in Hardwick; and in July 1777 was a soldier in an expedition to Providence and Rhode Island. In August the same year he marched to Bennington in Col. James Converse's regiment" (Washburn's History of Leicester, page 223).

James Convers was Colonel of the 4th Worcester Co. regiment, Brig. Gen. Jonathan Warner's brigade; commissioned 10 April 1776. Men were detailed from his regiment 17 August 1776 for defence of lines at and about Boston. His regiment was one of the militia regiments (return of 28 November 1776) which marched to New York under Maj. Gen. Lincoln. He was in service at Dobbs' Ferry, Tarrytown, and North Castle, N. Y., in 1776; also Colonel of the 7th regiment, Brig. Gen. Warner's brigade; resigned latter 22 September 1778. Also Colonel 4th Worcester Co. regiment, 5 July 1779 (Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War, pp. 912 and 913).

Temple's History of No. Brookfield contains the following references to James Convers:

Page 215—On roll of Capt. Jabez Upham's Co. 9 August 1757; served 17 days; marched on alarm for the relief of Fort William Henry.

Page 233—Chosen Colonel 10 April, 1776, 4th Worcester Co., Regt. of Militia.

Page 287—Representative to Legislature from Brookfield in 1777.

Sundry army lists, etc., yellow with age, and worn at edges, relating to Colonel James, and which were among his effects, are now (1900) in the possession of Maj. James Converse of San Antonio, Texas.

Copies of these follow.

A matross was formerly one of the soldiers in a train of artillery who were next to the gunners and assisted them in loading, firing and sponging the guns. They carried firelocks and marched with the store wagons as guards and assistants.

A Trew Return of Cap^t John Banisters Company being the first Company of matrafs in Gen^l Warners Brigade Col^l Convafs Regt.

Mens Names presant

Lieut. Gideon Walker 1	Capt. John Banister in the province
Sergt. Amos Adams 1	Servis 1
Sergt. Nicholas McCluer 1	
Sergt. Joshua Abbott 1	Mens Names in the Continental Servis
Corpl. Phinehas Slaton 1	Lieut. James Hathaway 1
Corpl. Thomas Wood 1	Clark Joseph Richardson 1
Corpl. Phinehas Walker 1	Sergt. Joseph Olmstead 1
Drumer Jonat ^h Richardson 1	Corpl. Hezekiah Cutting 1
Josiah Adams 1	Sam ^l . Bunn* 1
Elihu Blake 1	Will ^m Hamilton 1
Nath ^l Dodge 1	Asa Hamilton 1
Benja Hayward 1	Sam ^l McCluer 1
Moses Hastings 1	John Stevenson 1
Caleb Loomis 1	John Wood 1
Thomas Marsh 1	Solomon Wilder 1
Ebenezer Miller 1	
Jonas Newton 1	Total 12
Reuben Olds 1	Per M ^r . Gideon Walker, Lieut.
Benjm Richardson 1	
Silas Rice 1	
Robert Stevenson 1	
Thos. Taylor 1	
Joel Wesson 1	
Benj. Wood 1	
Willm Wood 1	

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* Samuel Bunn (alias Brown) of Brookfield, appears in a return of men enlisted into the Continental Army from Capt. Banister's company, Col. Converse's Regiment, sworn to at Brookfield, 18 Feb. 1778.

Roxbury January 31st 1776.

We the subscribers do acnoleg y^t we have Recd all our pay for our servis dun in the Contanol Servis in a Company of molisha under the command of Capt James Convers in Col. Learnards Regt except what is deu as safs money.

Peter Washburn	Reuben Read
(Fredk?) Gilbert	Josiah Putnam
Zadok Gilbert	Esra Olds
Philip ———	Jeremiah Streeter
Comfort Barns	John Wood
John Ayres	Jonathan Marble
David Watson	Elisha Brigham
Thomas Slayton	James Hathway
Eli Bartlet	Thomas Chaddock
Jonathan Snow	Silas Rice
Abner Witt	Thomas Olds
Esra Tucker	Jonathan Moore
Silas Whitney	Joseph Packard
Benj Walker	Eph ^m Walker
Benjamin Richardson	Thomas Potter
Samuel Patrick	Daniel Newell
Nathan Blodgett	Antinas Bruce
Henry White	Charles Bruce
Thomas Wood	Hezekiah Cutting
John McAllister	Roger Bruce
John Stratton	
Reuben Blair	
Caleb Brooks	
James Mills	
Silas Stone	
Elisha Rice	
Justus Rich	

On the reverse side of this return of Capt. James Convers' Co. is the following:

Paid to David Watson 13-0 shilling old Tennor towards pass money for Himself & Bartlett.
Due to Mr. Hathy x 0-3-3 x old Tenor March 14th 1777. Due to me from

WYMAN BARTLETT 0: 4: 7 £ net

Copy of a letter directed

On the Public Service

To

Col James Convers
Brookfield

Sir You are required to meet me at the Widow Sterns in Worcester on Monday 27th Instant at Eleven OClock in the forenoon to regulate the Militia according to an order I have received from the Council & that as many as may be Convenient of your other field officers to attend.

from Your

May 17 1776.

JON^{AR} WARNER Brigad^r

A Return of the first Company in the forth Regt Comanded By Capt Jonathan King wheir of James Convarce Esq. Conol

Jonathan King Capt	1
Daniel Bulard Second Lieut.....	1
Eph ^m Cooley Clark.....	1
Abraham Adams Serg ^t	1
William Hincer, Jun Do	1
Jesse Abbot Do	1
Tilly Brigham Corpl	1
Solomon Banister Do	1
Simion Rockwood Do	1
Rank & file	58
Total	67

Those in the Continentel Servis

First Lieut	1
One Sergt	1
One Corpl	1
One Drummer	1
Rank & File	57
Total	61

In the servis at or about Boston

Rank & File	4
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Brookfield Aug. 20th y^e 1776

A Return of the Laram List in the third Precinct In Brookfield whereof Josathan King is Capt.

Phinehas Upham	Adoniram Walker	Benj ^m Jennings
Ithamor Wright	Elisha Hamilton	Benj ^m Furbush
Daniel Walker	Elias Staples	Nathan Whitne
Moses Dorr	Asa Bigelow	Jorge Herington
Moses Jenings	Ezekiel Old	John Hill
Joshua Spooner	Josiah Hamilton	Samuel Green
Joshua Upham	Ephraim Walker	Issac Upham
Frances Foxcraft	William Hincer	William Old
John Upham	Thomas Hamilton	Elethen Rice
John Hamilton	Comfort Olds	
Mical Marten	James Brigham	

Thomas Wood in the Continental servis.

To Col Convers

A Return of the men Belonging to Bolton and Harvard that was drafted from the melita in september last to Go into the Servis of the State of the Mafsachusetts Bay and ordered to march in the Company under my Command and have Refused to Joyne thure Company &c

John Pollard	} Bolton men 9
Nathaniel Hasting	
William Burges	
Gabriel Priest Jn ^r	
William White	
Lemuell Burnham	
John Ross	
John Burnham	
John Welsh	

Richãrd Gooldsmith	} Harvard men 2
William Burte	

North Cafel, November the 7 1776.

LEMUEL HILL, Cap^m.

Brookfield 13 March 1778.

Sir,

Brigadier Warner has given order to detach from his Regt a Company of Men consisting of one Capt, three subalterns and fifty eight non Commissioned Officers and private soldiers to be marched to Gen^l Heath's Head Quarters in Boston well equipped according to law, by the 2^d Day of April next and to continue [there?] till the 2^d Day of July next unless sooner dist [dismissed?] The S^d Officers and Soldiers to have the same pay and subsistance as the Officers and Soldiers doing

duty in Cambridge. You are accordingly required to draft from the Company under your Command seven private soldiers and to see that they conform to the above Directions. And should any one thus drafted neglect or refuse to march in Consequence thereof or hire a Man in his room . . . being drafted a fine of ten Pounds shall be . . . and treated as a Soldier in that Draft. And you are to cause others to be drafted instead of those who pay their Fines or other Men to be hired with S^d Fines. And you are to make a return of your doings to me as soon as may be. Sir you will make an exact Return of the Men on both your lists and their Equipments.

I am Sir

and Very humble Servt

(signed) JAMES CONVERS, Col^o

Capt Crafford.

On the reverse side of the latter is the following:—

Col Converse S^r

in Obedience to y^r within orders

I have Draughted

W^m Crawford

Silas Partridge

Marshal Walker

W^m Stevenson

Jacob Bixby

John Butler

(Signed) JOHN CRAWFORD Capt.

fir according to your orders

I heave Detached feotway whitecomb and John Pollard

Brookfield May the 20 1778

ASA DANFORTH Capt

to Col^o Convers

Col. James Convers married Dorothy , and had ten children as follows:

JAMES CONVERSE,^o born, in Brookfield, 30 April 1749; settled in Northampton, Mass.

DOROTHY CONVERSE,^o born 20 Dec. 1751; married, Nov. 1770, John Cutler of Brookfield.

EPHRAIM CONVERSE,^o born 17 June 1754; died 20 Dec. 1756.

PATIENCE CONVERSE,^o born Dec. 1759.

JEMIMA CONVERSE,^o born 21 Feb. 1762.

SARAH CONVERSE,^o born 6 Jan. 1764; married, Oct. 1789, Thomas Ayres, son of Benjamin Ayres and grandson of Capt. Wm. Ayres, who died 1789. Said Benjamin Ayres' sister Elizabeth married Gen. Rufus Putnam, the founder of Ohio.

JOSIAH CONVERSE,^o born 7 Oct. 1765; removed to Bakersfield, Vt.; married, 4 June 1793, Matilda Ayres of Brookfield, second cousin of Benjamin Ayres who was father of Mrs. Sarah (Convers) Ayres' husband, Thomas Ayres.

DEBORAH CONVERSE,^o born 30 April 1768; married, 8 April 1790, Cheney Rice of Brookfield.

SAMUEL CONVERSE,^o born 5 Oct. 1770; married Rebecca Kittredge. (44)

LUCY CONVERSE,^o born 5 July 1772; married, 24 Feb. 1799, Isaac Hunter of New Braintree.

21. ENSIGN JAMES CONVERS⁵ (*Ensign Edward¹ (14), Samuel,³ Sergeant Samuel,² Deacon Edward¹*), baptized 27 September 1719; died, 13 December 1753, in his thirty-sixth year. He married, 18 February 1740, Mary Leavens of Thompson, Conn., who died, 16 January 1778, in her fifty-ninth year. He and his wife are buried in the Nichols graveyard, near by the farm of Thomas Convers⁴ now occupied by Jerome Nichols. A handsome monumental stone was erected to their memory. James Convers was chosen Ensign in 1750. He was not only active in the military affairs of the town but being a young man of superior ability was prominent in school matters.

Children of James and Mary (Leavens) Converse:

BENJAMIN CONVERSE,⁶ baptized 1 Nov. 1741; died 19 Nov. 1745.

JAMES CONVERSE,⁶ baptized 8 July 1744; died young.

BENJAMIN CONVERS,⁶ SERGEANT, baptized 14 Sept. 1746; married, 1st, Hannah Porter; married, 2nd, Esther Grosvenor. (45)

ALPHEUS CONVERSE,⁶ baptized 23 Aug. 1752; died 8 May 1825; married Jerusha Elliott. (46)

22. CAPTAIN EDWARD CONVERS⁵ (*Ensign Edward¹ (14), Samuel,³ Sergeant Samuel,² Deacon Edward¹*), baptized 8 November 1720, at Killingly, Conn. He married Mary Davis, whose father, Samuel Davis, had bought a large tract of land on French River in 1715, and had died in 1727. Mr. Converse occupied a fine farm on the river, received, as he stated, from "our father Davis' estate." He united with the church in 1741, and was often engaged in promoting the affairs of the society. In 1761 he was appointed Captain of the 7th Company 11th Regiment Militia (Family History of Deacons James W. and Elisha S. Converse, by Wm. G. Hill). There is no record of him in Killingly or Thompson, Conn., after 1761. He died in Windsor, Mass., 9 Dec. 1800, and the records of the town of Gageborough, Mass. (afterwards called Windsor), include the following regarding Capt. Edward Convers⁵ and wife Mary:

29 June 1769. Edward Convers, Jun^r, of Killingly, Conn., from Noel Nash of Hatfield, lot 13, 2nd division, in No. 4 alias Williamsburg. Town Records, Vol. 8, p. 549.

1 Feb. 1771. From Edward Convers of No. 4 alias Williamsburg, to "my well beloved Son" Amasa Convers "one half of my farm," lot 13, 2nd division. *Ibid.* Vol. 8, p. 545.

19 Aug. 1771. Warrant for meeting of plantation called No. 4, alias Williamsburgh, incorporated into town of Gageborough. Meeting called at house of Landlord John Hall. Capt. Edward Convers and others appointed Selectmen. *Ibid.*

Edward Convers from Killingly, Conn., signer of confession of faith without date but earlier than 1773. Edward Convers admitted 3 March 1773, and Mary Convers, 2 Oct. 1773. Church Records.

1778. The inhabitants of the town of Gageborough met at the house of

Benjamin Convers, who was chosen assessor. They voted that they build at either of the two places,—on Capt. Converse's hill where the Committee set the stake, or Benj. Converse's hill. They decided on Capt. Converse's hill. Town Records.

1784. Capt. Edward Convers, Surveyor. *Ibid.*

Widow Mary Convers relict of Capt. Edward Convers departed this life July 18th, 1814, in the 93rd year of her age. *Ibid.*

The definite records of residence, as above, give reasonable assurance that the following records also refer to Capt. Edward:⁵

1771–1779. Edward Convers, Selectman. *Ibid.*

16 May 1775. Edward Convers of Gageborough to Samuel Watson of Killingly, Conn., east half of lot 10, 2nd division, 56 acres in Gageborough. *Ibid.* Vol. 16, p. 20.

Edward Convers of Gageborough to Zebediah Morse of Gageborough, 20 Feb. 1778, $\frac{1}{2}$ of lot 17 in 2nd division Gageborough. *Ibid.* Vol. 20, p. 298.

4 Nov. 1780. Edward Convers of Windsor, Mass., Gent., to Joshua Clark of Rochester, Mass., farm in Windsor, 50 acres, for £5.000. *Ibid.* Vol. 11, p. 449.

The Windsor, Mass., town records and church records include the following regarding Edward Converse:⁶

24 Aug. 1796. Edward Convers of Canaan, N.Y., from Arunah and Sibbel Hill of Richmond, 70 acres in Richmond. *Ibid.* Vol. 36, p. 324.

10 May 1799. Edward Convers and wife Phebe of Richmond to John Dryer of West Stockbridge, 70 acres in Richmond. *Ibid.* Vol. 38, p. 586.

Mortgage of foregoing given to Converse by Dryer. *Ibid.* Vol. 38, p. 732.

29 March 1803. Edward Convers of Windsor to Dryer, above land mortgaged 10 May 1799.* *Ibid.* Vol. 38, p. 907.

Phebe, y^e wife of Edward Converse died 6 Oct. 1807, æ. 58. Church Records.

Edward Converse departed this life 9 April 1816, aged 69 years. Town Records.

To which Edward the following has reference is in doubt, because Edward Convers is therein called "Junior," and Ensign Edward⁴ died two months before this date. Capt. Edward⁵ however was called "Junior" in other records, and he might in this record have been so called from force of habit. There is no record except this to indicate that Edward⁶ lived in Windsor until later:

9 Sept. 1784. Edward Convers, Jun., of Windsor to Solomon Phillips of Windsor, parts of lots 47 and 50 in Windsor. Town Records, Vol. 22, p. 229.

* Mr. Moses Sumner Converse,⁸ son of Alvin Converse,⁷ writes:

"When father was six years old (1797) I have heard him say they removed (from New Canaan) to Dalton, Mass., and not long after to Windsor, Mass." Dalton adjoins Richmond and the farm may have lain between the two. In any case, this evidence confirms the date of removal from New Canaan, and the removal soon after to Windsor.

No solution has yet been found as to the identity of the Widow Lydia Converse referred to below, who may have been a second wife of Edward,⁶ but no tradition of such marriage is found among his descendants:

Widow Lydia Converse, consort of Edward Converse, deceased, departed this life 26 Aug. 1817. Town Records.

Children of Capt. Edward and Mary (Davis) Converse:

SAMUEL DAVIS CONVERSE,⁹ baptized 17 Feb. 1742; removed from Chesterfield to Dummerston, Vt., and thence to Worthington, Mass. (47)

EDWARD CONVERSE,⁹ baptized 10 June 1745; died 1745.

EDWARD CONVERSE,⁹ born 6 June 1747; died, in Windsor, 9 April 1816, "aged 69." (48)

AMASA CONVERSE,⁹ CAPTAIN, born 8 June 1750; died 1826; married, 1st, Olive ———; married, 2nd, Mrs. Sarah Cleveland. (49)

MARY CONVERSE,⁹ born 1 March 1753.

ABIGAIL CONVERSE,⁹ born 23 Aug. 1756; died in Windsor, Mass., 28 Dec. 1824; married Asa Hall. Their marriage record calls them both of Gageborough. (50)

23. JONATHAN CONVERSE⁵ (*Ensign Edward*⁴ (14), *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), baptized 28 April 1723; married Keziah Hughes. His descendants are set forth very fully in "Family Record of Deacons James W. Converse and Elisha S. Converse" compiled and edited by William G. Hill of Malden, Mass., and privately printed in 1887. The following memorial of Deacon James W. Converse⁸ (*Elisha*,⁷ *Deacon Jonathan*,⁶ *Jonathan*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹) is from The Watchman of the 15 March 1900, published at Tremont Temple, Boston:

IN MEMORY OF DEACON CONVERSE.

On Friday afternoon, the 9th, a beautiful marble tablet, in commemoration of the life and benefactions of the late Deacon James Wheaton Converse, was unveiled in the vestibule of Tremont Temple. This incident will have more than a temporary influence, for, by a vote of the directors and executive committee of the Temple, the main auditorium will be known hereafter as "Converse Hall."

Dr. Lorimer had charge of the services, which were simple yet altogether appropriate. Mr. Costello C. Converse and Mrs. Isaac W. Chick, children of the late Deacon Converse, were present at the unveiling. Mr. C. C. Converse's wife and son, the son and daughter of Mr. Chick, the venerable Dr. William Howe, Mr. Chester W. Kingsley, S. N. Brown, and nearly all the deacons were also present. The tablet reads:

Converse Hall.

*In memory of James Wheaton Converse,
a constant and generous benefactor of
Tremont Temple and the Baptist Denomination.
Born January 11, 1808, Died August 26, 1894.*

The memorial is placed on the wall of the vestibule about the height of the eyes, and will be seen readily by all ascending the stairs to enter the main auditorium. It is about two by three feet. The body is of light colored Belgian marble, while a raised border of dark Egyptian marble gives the tablet a modest prominence. The inscription is in large letters, and can be easily read. The donors of the tablet are Mr. Elisha S. Converse, brother of the deceased, Mr. Costello C. Converse, and Mrs. Isaac W. Chick, children of the late Deacon Converse.

Dr. Lorimer's address in substance was as follows:

Deacon James Wheaton Converse (born Jan. 11, 1808, died Aug. 26, 1894), in whose honor this great hall is to be named, was one of the foremost laymen of the Baptist denomination. He united with the Charles Street Church, October 1821, under the pastorate of Rev. Daniel Sharp, D.D., and afterwards became one of the constituent members of the Federal Street Church in 1827. In moving to Jamaica Plain he connected himself with God's people there, and subsequently was a member of Tremont Temple, Shawmut Avenue, and the First Church. He was chosen a deacon in 1837, which office he held to the close of his life. From the beginning of his religious career he was intensely active and practical. But what was specially noticeable from the first was his broad and progressive views concerning the extension of God's kingdom. While he was never a restless, vagrant Christian, wandering about in search of new sensations on the Sabbath, but was always to be found in his own pew each Lord's Day, sustaining his pastor loyally, nevertheless, he was in his religion what he was in his business, a sagacious expansionist, ever seeking larger fields for operations, and opportunities for new investments. He did not neglect to build up opposite his own home, but he believed in helping his neighbor to build up opposite his as well. The man's conception of the Christian spirit and the magnificent compass of his obligations is illustrated in the encouragement he extended to Rev. Wm. Howe, D.D., when a student at Newton (1833), whom he helped financially, and by his counsel inspired to begin that magnificent mission work in Boston which contributed to the formation of Tremont Temple and quickened and stimulated other churches; and it is further shown in his watchful care for young Lyman Jewett, who afterwards became one among the greatest of our missionaries. Thus Deacon Converse realized that the child of God was called to embrace not only his own city, but the world, in his sympathies and benefactions; and this spirit in him was recognized at an early day, and consequently he was appealed to by feeble churches, infant colleges, and debt-burdened seminaries all over the land, probably more frequently than any other layman of his generation; and was chosen to serve the Missionary Union on its Executive Committee, which he did for many years, guiding and helping it by advice and money in more than one crisis of its history. The number and value of his gifts to the Baptist denomination are not easy to compute. Were all of his gifts collected into

one sum, the total amount given in his life would probably largely transcend the donations bequeathed by others—with a rare exception here and there—in their death. Struggling institutions of learning in the West and South, innumerable school buildings he never saw, and church edifices he never entered; and, in addition, youths educated and endowments enriched, bear witness to his liberality. From Boston to Grand Rapids, from Grand Rapids to Chicago, and from Chicago to destitute home fields and far-off heathen desolation, his money was sent on its enlightening and evangelizing ministry. And among those who are entitled, therefore, to rank as the real benefactors of our denomination, Deacon J. W. Converse occupies a leading position.

When the Tremont Temple enterprise was first projected, its avowed leader, Deacon Timothy Gilbert, relied largely on the judgment and on the open purse of his brother. Indeed, much of the financial responsibility was assumed by Deacon Converse, and notes which he paid for the infant society yet extant prove the depth of his interest. When hours of trial came he did not lose heart, and in financial emergencies the assistance of his credit was not withheld. As his business foresight and pecuniary aid helped in securing the Merrimac Street property, so they were both engaged in the purchase and preservation of the Temple property. From the first to the day of his death he thoroughly believed in the mission of the "Strangers' Sabbath Home," and in the duty of the denomination to see it established on sure and abiding foundations. When he was a member of the Temple Church his liberality was proverbial. His rule was to give twice as much for every object as the richest of his brethren donated and always so modestly that hardly any one knew about it. Had he survived to see the new Temple he would have been the most generous of its benefactors. But after the fire, and while we were rebuilding, he was too feeble for me to make the subject of money the theme of our conversation; and, moreover, I knew from my long intimacy with him, that if he bequeathed not a single dollar, his benefactions had been so generous, extensive, and varied when in health, that he might well be saved from applications of the kind when in sickness and on the threshold of dissolution. What he did not live to accomplish, his brother, venerated by all honorable men, the Hon. Elisha S. Converse, and his children, Mr. Costello C. Converse and Mrs. Isaac W. Chick, in the best spirit of their father, have done for him and in his name; and if this great property has been able to diminish its mortgage debt to a safe, if not an altogether satisfactory limit, it is mainly due to their liberality.

The monument raised to departed worth is proof that sufficient worth yet survives to be appreciative of excellence. Hence the Temple Church has striven to commemorate the heroic loyalty of its leaders by naming one of its halls in honor of Deacon Timothy Gilbert, and another in honor of Deacon Geo. W. Chipman, and now desires to render the same tribute to James Wheaton Converse.

The following regarding Deacon Elisha S. Converse⁸ (*Elisha*,⁷ *Deacon Jonathan*,⁶ *Jonathan*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹) is from the Boston Herald of 28 July 1900:

The Hon. Elisha Slade Converse, one of Malden's best known citizens and philanthropists, and one who has done a world of good for the City of Malden, is celebrating his 80th birthday and also the 50th anniversary of his residence in that city, at his home, 2 Main street, today.

A large number of friends called upon him at his beautiful mansion to congratulate him on reaching the good age of 80 years in robust health. Many came from Boston and a large number of friends and relatives came from the more remote towns and cities through the country. Letters, telegrams and cables from friends at home and in foreign lands expressing congratulations were received. These congratulations from the absent and from those present were very cheering to the recipient, whose memory, mental vision and sympathies are as keen and bright as they ever were.

The most cheering greetings were the heartfelt "God bless you" of the citizens of Malden, who came in large numbers, and were from all walks of life, from the wealthiest to the poorest, and from the halls of learning and also from the rooms in the manufactories. All met on a level there, and each one vied with the other in congratulating the "good deacon," as he is affectionately called by all the people of Malden, not only upon the 80th anniversary of his birth, but upon the 50th of his settlement in Malden.

The entire city seemed to participate in spirit in this double anniversary, and every man, woman and child apparently thanked heaven for sparing the benefactor so long to them, and prayed for a long continuance of his life and health. There were many tokens of affectionate remembrance sent by absent friends, and also left by those who were able to be present.

Mr. Converse was assisted in receiving by his wife and Col. and Mrs. H. E. Converse, and Mr. and Mrs. Costello C. Converse and F. T. Ryder. The house and rooms were beautifully decorated with cut flowers and palms, and several beautiful floral designs were received from friends.

Among those who called to tender their congratulations were Mayor Charles L. Dean, members of the city government and other prominent men in business and social life.

The Hon. Elisha S. Converse was the youngest child of Elisha and Betsy (Wheaton) Converse of Thompson, Conn., and was born 28 July 1820, during the temporary residence of his parents in Needham, Mass. He is a descendant of Dea. Edward Converse, who was one of the founders of Woburn, Mass., in 1640. He was also the favorite grandson of Dea. Jonathan Converse of Thompson, who

was made deacon of the First Baptist Church of that town located on Brandy Hill, "November ye 1 day, 1792." 2 Dec. 1832, Elisha S. Converse was admitted to membership in this church.

In 1839, in partnership with Albert G. Whipple of Thompson, he first became actively engaged in business pursuits on his own account. This business, under the management of Mr. Converse, so prospered that the firm soon established a branch store at Webster, Mass., a town about five miles north of Thompson Centre. This branch was under the sole management of Mr. Converse, and also prospered.

On the most direct road, and midway between Thompson and Webster and the two stores, was the residence of Capt. Hosca Edmands, and his daughter, Mary Diana. Mr. Converse journeyed over this road almost daily, frequently called to see the gallant captain, and was married here, to his daughter, Mary Diana Edmands, 4 Sept. 1843. They forthwith went to "keeping house" in Thompson Centre.

In about a year, having closed out his business in Webster, and in Thompson they moved to Boston, where he immediately formed a co-partnership with Benjamin Poland, and carried forward a wholesale boot, shoe and leather business on North Market Street, under the firm name of Poland & Converse.

This firm soon took on the additional business of manufacturing and dealing in dyestuffs, spices, etc., purchasing and operating the so-called "red mills," in Stoncham, Mass., three-quarters of a mile west of the present Wyoming station of the Boston & Maine railroad.

To this charming spot in 1847 Mr. and Mrs. Converse removed and again set up their household gods.

Sept. 5 of the same year, both united with the Baptist Church of Malden. In those days there was no road between the "Red Mills" and Melrose, and the only way to drive between was *via* Malden. Beautiful as was the location at the "Red Mills, it was a little isolated, and a little lonesome in the winter for Mrs. Converse, so in 1850 they moved again, and to Linden court, later Linden avenue, in Malden, where they remained until 1860, when they entered their present palatial abode.

Several citizens of Malden, considering the pecuniary wants of their community, resolved to attempt the establishment of a bank of loan and issue, and in pursuance of that resolve a meeting of citizens was held at the hotel of Nathaniel Pratt in Malden, 14 Nov. 1850, and a committee consisting of James Eaton, E. S. Converse, Henry Barrett and others, was chosen for the purpose of soliciting subscriptions to stock. 1 July 1851, Timothy Bailey, John G. Webster, Elisha S. Converse, Gardiner G. Hubbard and others were chosen as the first board of directors of the new Malden bank.

30 Oct. 1856, Elisha S. Converse was unanimously elected president. From the above dates Mr. Converse has served the bank continually as director and as president, a period of forty-nine years.

4 Nov. 1856, Elisha S. Converse and others were chosen by the town to purchase land and to build a new "Town House." On 29 Oct. 1857, the new town hall was dedicated.

Mr. C. C. P. Moody described the several members of the building committee and Mr. Converse as follows:

"Elisha was a meek and quiet man, and the people made him president over all the money; moreover, he had banded himself with certain other men, and they had great buildings at a city called Edgeworth, and men servants and maid servants who labored much, because they made sandals for the multitude; moreover he walked in the ordinances of the Baptists, and was a deacon among his brethren." The building committee was described as "the seven wise men of Malden."

When "Elisha was made president of all the money" in 1856, he was thirty-six years of age; when he was made a "deacon" and a leader "among his Baptist brethren" in 1854, he was thirty-four and when on 8 Sept. 1853, Gardiner G. Hubbard, later of Bell telephone fame, induced him to abandon the "Red Mills" and come to Edgeworth, where they "made rubber sandals for the multitude," he was but thirty-three years of age.

From those remote times to the present he has labored hard and successfully in the church, in the town and city, in the banks, in the rubber shoe business and elsewhere for the welfare of the people of Malden and for mankind at large.

From the manufacture of 600 pairs of "sandals" daily at a loss, the business, under the management of Mr. Converse, has increased to more than 55,000 pairs daily, it is stated, at a small profit. From less than 100, employment and money are now given to more than 3,000 happy "men servants and maid servants."

For nine years Mr. Converse worked hard on the Malden water board, and as many more on the Industrial Aid Society, the Malden Improvement and similar associations, serving usually as president or chairman.

He was representative to the General Court in 1879-80, and was in the State Senate in 1880-81. In 1882, when Malden became a city, by unanimous choice, he became its first mayor.

Entering the city of Malden in any direction, the visitor at once meets with the public benefactions of the Hon. Elisha S. Converse. From the west, and just over the Medford line, tower the Malden Hospital buildings, largely the growth of his labor and his gifts. From the north, and before quite leaving Melrose, one is attracted to the "Pine Banks Park" with its hundred acres of shady groves, beautiful drives, walks and useful buildings, all free to the general public. From the east, the magnificent "Memorial Public Library building," with a capacity to house 150,000 volumes, greets the eye of the student and the scholar, which, with much that is within, is the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Converse. A few rods beyond, the stranger is informed that a grand cathedral which he sees is the third Baptist church

edifice that the good "deacon" helped to build for his brethren and the Lord, he always paying more than half the cost. Further on the splendid home of the Young Men's Christian Association meets the eye; and still farther, that for aged people is seen. Half or more is to be passed up to the credit of the same generous public benefactor. Indeed his monuments are all around. Best of all, however, is the fact that the Hon. Elisha S. Converse is still hale and hearty, and may be found almost daily at his desk in the private office of the great company of which he has been so long the head, which office is in his own building, 101 Milk street, Boston.

Apparently Deacon Converse has many more years of labor and of usefulness before him.

Dr. John Langdon Sullivan of Malden, one of Mr. Converse's oldest friends, has written these lines:

TO E. S. C., ON ATTAINING HIS EIGHTIETH BIRTHDAY, JULY 28, 1900.

His birthday. In the flush of summer born,
No glint of gold, no glamor of romance,
Gild the low roof that grandeur eyes askance.
Lending a hand, in life's ungentle morn,
To work, such work as pampered pride may scorn,
He bursts the iron bond of circumstance,
Ennobling wealth as sovereign of Finance
And saviour of the needy and forlorn.
So modest, when his gracious deeds are told,
So firm beneath his burden of fourscore,
Our hearts refuse to own or think him old.
Christ, if there yet is healing from above,
Touch the dim eyes, give him to see once more,
God bless the good gray head that all men love!

24. LIEUTENANT JACOB CONVERS⁵ (*Ensign Edward*⁴ (14), *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born at Thompson Parish, Killingly, 26 February 1727; married, 6 June 1754, Anna White of Pomfret. He succeeded to the family homestead and tavern, and maintained its previous high reputation. He was one of the first highway surveyors and collectors appointed in Thompson, after its incorporation as a town in 1785, and served the town in several other capacities; was lieutenant in militia for many years, and one of the choristers in the old meeting-house, having charge of "tuning the Psalm." In

1793, he gave a deed of the home farm to his son, Chester; and probably accompanied him to Monson, Mass., no record being found of the death of himself or his wife in or about Thompson.

Children of Lieut. Jacob and Anna (White) Converse:

CHESTER CONVERSE,⁶ baptized 7 Dec. 1755; married Esther Green. (52)

ANNA CONVERSE,⁶ baptized 12 March 1758; married, 17 Oct. 1793, Richard Dresser of Charlton, Mass.

JACOB CONVERSE,⁶ DOCTOR, baptized 11 May 1766; died 1804; married, 1st, Miriam Keith; married, 2nd, Ellen Robinson. (53)

REBECCA CONVERSE,⁶ baptized May 1769; married Noah Green of Monson, Mass.; had son Oriin Green,⁷ who was lost when the steamer "Erie" was burned.

CHLOE CONVERSE,⁶ baptized 29 Sept. 1776; married, 4 Sept. 1800, John Hamilton of Palmer, Mass. She was remarkable for her bodily strength and energy.

25. ASA CONVERSE⁵ (*Ensign Edward*⁴ (14), *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born 30 September 1730; married, 19 January 1755, Ruth Lee. He had a farm in the north part of Thompson, but removed with his family to Stafford, Conn., in one of the early emigrations. The exact date of his death is not known (Family History of Deacons James W. and Elisha S. Converse by Wm. G. Hill).

The Windsor, Mass., town records include the following:

27 November 1783. Asa Converse of Windsor from William Davis and Lucy Davis of Windsor 30 acres in Windsor. Vol. 22, p. 232.

15 June 1785. Asa Converse of Hudson, N. Y., from Jedediah and Lydia Cleveland of Windsor, part of lot 4, 1st division, Windsor. Vol. 23, p. 78.

The town records also show that Asa Converse served in the Revolutionary War in 1780, in Capt. Wm. Clark's Company, and in the same company when under the command of Lieut. John Cole.

Mass. Soldiers and Sailors in the War of the Revolution has the following:

ASA CONVERSE, private Capt. William Clark's Co., Col. Benjamin Simonds Regt.; marched from Windsor to Shaftsbury, Oct. 13, 1780, by order of Gen. Fellows on an alarm at the Northward; discharged Oct. 18, 1780; service 6 days. Vol. III, p. 910.

ASA CONVERSE, private, Lieut. John Cole's Co., Col. Benjamin Simond's Regt. Company marched from Windsor by order of Gen. Fellows 20 Oct. 1780, on an alarm at the Northward; service 3 days. *Ibid.* p. 914.

ASA CONVERSE, private, Lieut. John Cole's Co., Col. Benjamin Simond's Regt.; enlisted 26 Oct. 1780; discharged 28 Oct. 1780; service 3 days; company marched from Windsor by order of Gen. Fellows on an alarm. *Ibid.*, p. 912.

According to Miss Larned's History of Windham County, Conn., Asa Converse and others, in 1770, received permission from Thompson Parish to lengthen the front pew in the men's gallery at their own expense, and for their own use. He had, previously, in 1760, been given permission to build a pew for himself on the men's side.

Children of Asa and Ruth (Lee) Converse:

JAMES CONVERSE,⁶ CAPTAIN, born in Thompson, Conn., 1757; baptized 16 Aug. 1761; died, in Pittsford, N. Y., 26 April 1817; married, 1st, Mrs. Whitman, a widow; married, 2nd, Sally Larabee Wheeler; married, 3rd, Chloe Walker. Was this the James Converse mentioned in Windsor, Mass., church records as admitted from Spencertown, 20 July 1799? (54)

ASA CONVERSE,⁶ JR., baptized 16 Aug. 1761. From land records of Windsor, Mass. (which is same as Gageborough, Williamsburg, and No. 4), Vol. 2, p. 212: "Asa Converse, Jun. and Levi Thompson of Killingly, Conn., from Daniel Bishop of Norwich, Conn., lot 47, 1st division, and 100 acres at West end, lot 50, in Gageborough."

SUSANNAH CONVERSE,⁶ baptized 16 Aug. 1761.

SOLVIN CONVERSE,⁶ born in Thompson, Conn., 17 April 1758; baptized 13 Sept. 1762; died at. 56; married Sarah Holmes. (55)

DARIUS CONVERSE,⁶ baptized 17 June 1764.

ZILPAH CONVERSE,⁶ baptized 4 May 1766.

MILLER CONVERSE,⁶ baptized 17 Jan. 1768.

26. SUSANNA CONVERS⁵ (*Ensign Edward*⁴ (14), *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born 28 October 1741; died August 1833; married, first, 11 April 1764, Diah Johnson.

Children:

JOTHAM JOHNSON,⁶ married Hannah, daughter of Capt. Stephen and Hannah (Carroll) Crosby. Captain Crosby was a very excellent man, a soldier of the Revolution; he fell dead, from drinking cold water during the retreat from New York, 15 Sept. 1776.

SUSANNAH JOHNSON,⁶ married Deacon Stephen Crosby, son of Capt. Stephen Crosby. Mrs. Susanna (Convers)⁶ Johnson, married, second, 23 April 1786, Dr. Samuel Ruggles of Hardwick, Mass., settling in Thompson.

Children:

TALCOTT CROSBY,⁷ HON., died 8 Dec. 1870; a very influential and much respected man, president of Thompson Bank, Judge of Probate.

STEPHEN CROSBY,⁷ highly esteemed in Thompson.

27. COLONEL THOMAS CONVERS⁵ (*Thomas*⁴ (15), *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), baptized in Killingly, Conn., 5 November 1738; married, first, in 1762, Mary Morse; married, second, Abigail Colton; married, third, Sabrina Smedley; married, fourth, Mary Colton, a widow. He was a deacon

for many years. He enlisted in the Old French War from Thompson, Conn., served two years as sergeant and participated in the capture of Quebec, 12 September 1759; served in the American army during the whole of the Revolutionary War as set forth below; and for meritorious service was made Colonel by brevet. His original commission as Captain was in the possession of his grandson, Hiram Converse of Watertown, N. Y., and was loaned by him to Mr. and Mrs. Reed of Philadelphia, who kept it in Rev. Dr. Amasa Converse's "Christian Observer" office. It was lost in the confiscation of that property by the government at the beginning of the Civil War.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

HARTFORD, APRIL 19, 1898.

This is to certify that

THOMAS CONVERSE

served in the War of the Revolution, and the following is said service, according to the records of this office:

On page 142, "Connecticut Men in the Revolution" appears the following:

"Thomas Converse of Goshen, Captain, 7th Company Conn. Line, Jan. 1st 1777;—probably at Battle of Germantown, Oct. 4th, 1777; wintered at Valley Forge 1777-78; there appointed Sub-Inspector, Huntington's Brigade, March 29th, 1778."

On page 217, same book, appears the following:

"Adjutant Thomas Converse of Goshen."

On page 313, same book, appears the following:

"Thomas Converse of Goshen continued as Sub-Inspector, 2nd Conn. Brig., July 14th, 1781, to Jan. 1st, 1783."

On page 375, Thomas Converse appears in name as a member of Connecticut Cincinnati Society, 1783, from Goshen, joined Jan. 1776.

In testimony whereof we have affixed hereto the seal of this office.

Seal.

(Signed) WM. E. F. LANDERS,

Col. & Ass't Adj. General.

In the "Historical Register of Officers of the Continental Army during the War of the Revolution, April 1775 to December 1783" by F. B. Heitman, Washington, D. C., 1893, Colonel Converse is mentioned as follows:

"CONVERSE, THOMAS (Conn.), Ensign of Burrall's Connecticut State Regiment, 23 January 1776, left behind, sick, on the retreat from Quebec in April

1776: 1st Lieutenant and Adjutant, 7th Connecticut, 1st January 1777; Captain, 3rd November 1777; transferred to 2nd Connecticut, 1st January 1781; Brigade Inspector, 14 July 1781; retired, 1 January 1787."

The following is his Revolutionary War record in "Connecticut Men in the Revolution":

—CONVERSE, Ensign, Colonel Burrall's Regiment, 1776. Reported "left behind" in retreat from Quebec, April '76. [This regiment was raised on Continental basis to serve in the Northern Department under Gen. Schuyler for the year 1776, its term expiring Jan. 19, 1777. It reinforced the troops besieging Quebec under Arnold and Wooster, and after the retreat from that position in April '76, was stationed at Ticonderoga and vicinity, where the men suffered severely from smallpox. Two companies of the regiment, Captains Downs' and Stevens', were engaged in the affair at the Cedars, forty miles above Montreal, on May 19, and nearly all made prisoners.] Page 110.

THOMAS CONVERSE, of Goshen, Capt. 7th "Conn. Line," Jan. 1, '77; probably at battle of Germantown, Oct. 4, '77; wintered at Valley Forge, '77-'78; there appointed Sub-Inspector Huntington's Brig., March 29, '78. Page 142.

THOMAS CONVERSE, Adjutant. Goshen. Com. Jan. 1, '77; prom.; Seventh Regiment, "Connecticut Line." Formation of 1777-1781. [Regiment raised from Jan. 1, '77, for the new "Continental Line," to continue through the war. Recruited in Fairfield and other counties. Went into the field, spring of '77, at Camp Peekskill, N. Y., and in September was ordered, under Gen. McDougall, to join Washington's army in Pennsylvania. Fought at Germantown, Oct. 4, '77 and suffered some loss. Wintered at Valley Forge, '77-'78, and on June 28th following present at battle of Monmouth. Encamped during the summer at White Plains, and assigned to Huntington's Brigade. Wintered '78-'79 at Redding. In summer of '79 served on east side of the Hudson in Gen. Heath's wing. Its Light Co. under Capt. Chamberlain detached to Meigs' Light Regt., and engaged in storming Stony Point, July 15, '79. Wintered at Morristown huts, '79-'80 and in the following summer served with the main army on the Hudson. Wintered, '80-'81, at Camp "Connecticut Village," near the Robinson House, upper Hudson, and there consolidated for formation of '81-'83.] Page 217.

THOMAS CONVERSE, Goshen. Adj. as above; prom. Capt., vice Elderkin, Dec. 16, '77; cont. in '81. Page 218.

THOMAS CONVERSE, of Goshen. Capt. 2^d Conn. Regt. (formation '81-83); appt. Sub-Inspector 2^d Conn. Brig. July 14, '81. Cont. to Jan. 1, '83. Page 313.

THOMAS CONVERSE, Captain. Goshen. Cont. from '77-81. Captain Converse's Company, Second Regiment, "Connecticut Line." Formation of 1781-

1783. [Second Regiment in the second formation of the "Line," serving from Jan. 1, 1781, to Jan. 1, 1783; composed of the Fifth and Seventh regiments of previous formation. Its record for the two years appears in the text preceding, under heading D. Regiment consolidated in Dec., '82, for third formation, Jan. to June, 1783. The following rolls of non-commissioned officers and privates represent the state of the command on Jan. 1, 1782, as per pay accts., Comptroller's office, Hartford. The record of the commissioned officers is brought down to Jan. 1, 1783.] Page 323.

THOMAS CONVERSE, Capt. Place of Abode, Goshen. Time of Service, Jan., '76. Resolution of Congress by which Deranged, Aug. 18, '82. Connecticut Cincinnati Society, 1783.

Taken from List of the Members of this Society as Entered in the Original Records in Possession of the Connecticut Historical Society, Hartford. Page 375.

For meritorious services, Col. Thomas Converse received a grant of land in New York State, and after the close of the war he went to Granville, Washington Co., N. Y., organized a militia regiment, of which he took command as Colonel, and was thenceforth known as Col. Thomas Converse. He afterwards lived at Bridgewater, N. Y., and at Rutland, Jefferson Co., in the same state, where he died just before the breaking out of the war of 1812, aged 71. He was elected Deacon of the Presbyterian Church at Rutland, N. Y., and faithfully served the church as deacon for many years.

Children of Col. Thomas Converse:

MARY CONVERSE,⁹ baptized 29 Dec. 1763, daughter of 1st wife who died when Mary was 15 days old; married — Norton; lived in Hebron, Washington Co., N. Y., and had Sylvester Norton and Theron Norton.

THERON CONVERSE⁹ (by 2nd wife), born 6 Dec. 1775; settled at Watertown, Jefferson Co., N. Y., in 1800; married Nancy Case; died in Watertown, Nov. 1858. (56)

ALICE CONVERSE (by 2nd wife), married Hancock Utley; lived at Truxton Hollow, N. Y. had:

ALMIRA UTLEY, died early, unmarried.

THOMAS UTLEY, died early, unmarried.

ABIGAIL CONVERSE⁹ (by 2nd wife), born in Goshen, Conn., 7 Feb. 1781; married Ebenezer Hayward. (57)

THOMAS MONTGOMERY CONVERSE⁹ (by 2nd wife), born in Goshen, Conn.; died in 1811; married Peggy Thompson. (58)

HARRIET CONVERSE⁹ (by 3rd wife), born 3 May 1794; died 8 Oct. 1867; married, 1st, Joshua Goodrich; married, 2nd, Samuel Gardner. (59)

WILLIAM HENRY CONVERSE,⁹ born 10 June 1796; died 29 May 1872; married Julia Woodworth. (60)

HEMAN SWIFT CONVERSE,⁹ died in infancy.

SABRINA CONVERSE,⁹ died in infancy.

HORACE CONVERSE⁶ (by 3rd wife), died about 1820, unmarried; served in the war of 1812 as private in U. S. artillery; enlisted, 13 May 1812, at Clarendon and discharged, 13 May 1817, at the close of the war, at Fort George, Castine, Maine.

SAMANTHA CONVERSE,⁶ born in Bridgewater, N. Y., in 1800; died in Rodman, N. Y., 2 July 1842; married Daniel Fuller. (61)

28. DAVID CONVERS⁵ (*Thomas*⁴ (15), *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹). The Killingly, Conn., town records give the date of his birth as 2 July 1746. The family Bible of his son, Daniel Converse, which is in the possession of Daniel Evander Converse, Jr., gives the date of his birth as 13 July 1746. Ten days difference may be accounted by assuming one record as old, the other according to new style. He resided in Belchertown, Mass., from 1780 to 1793, when he removed with his family to Bridgewater, N. Y., where he died 18 June 1829. Arthur M. Converse⁷ says that his father, Joseph Elliott Converse,⁶ told him many times that David Converse⁵ had been a private soldier in the American Army in the Revolutionary War, and told of one occasion when General Putnam, riding up to some soldiers including David, shouted an inquiry as to where they were going, adding "You are going straight into Hell! The red coats will surround you in fifteen minutes unless you march right through that Swamp!" Upon another occasion David, with other soldiers, was marching past some supplies which they knew would fall into the hands of British troops. With the butt of his musket he knocked the lid from a stores chest, and helped himself to a bottle of rum, and some army bread, remarking that they might as well have it as the British. By his grandson, Gurdon Turner Converse, it is also claimed that he was a neighbor of General Putnam, and was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. The musket, then carried by him, Gurdon Turner Converse claims to have had in his possession.

No official record, however, can be found of any Revolutionary War service of David Converse, either in "Connecticut Men in the Revolution," or "Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolutionary War." It is possible, therefore, that his descendants had confused him with their ancestor, Capt. Joseph Elliot, as regards military service.

David Converse married, 29 July 1770, Rachel Elliot, daughter of Capt. Joseph and Jerusha (Bury) Elliot.

Joseph Elliot marched, as Captain, on the Lexington Alarm (service 11 days) and also served from Killingly, as Captain of the 8th Co. of the 3d Connecticut regiment (Gen. Putnam's regiment). He was commissioned 1 May 1775, and discharged 11 Aug. 1775 (Connecticut Men in the Revolution). Miss Larned, the Historian of Windham Co., Conn., says there is ground for belief that he helped

cover the retreat at the Battle of Bunker Hill, after the ammunition was exhausted; and that fatigue and exposure brought on fever, from which he died at his home, 12 August 1775, in his 47th year.

Mrs. Rachel (Elliott) Converse was born 15 February 1751, and died instantly of heart disease 26 October 1815. Her death, in the night, was so sudden that her husband, sleeping beside her, was not awakened. She was a good Christian mother, and of excellent business ability. Both David and Rachel (Elliott) Converse were members of the Presbyterian church.

Children of David and Rachel (Elliott) Converse:

WILLARD CONVERSE,⁶ born 27 May 1771; baptized 13 March 1774; he did not enjoy good health and died, unmarried, 9 January 1811.

DAVID CONVERSE,⁶ JR., born, in Belchertown, 27 Nov. 1772; baptized 13 March 1774. A nephew who saw him once in 1851, when he came to visit the State Fair at Rochester, N. Y., says that he was tall, well built, not given to much conversation, and had few equals in mowing and other hard labor. Efforts to trace him or his descendants have thus far been unsuccessful. The Reed MS. says that he had a son who married a member of the Society of Friends, and that the latter had three sons, members of the Society of Friends, who, in 1888, resided in Lyons, N. Y. Another account is that he had no children. Another account is that he had two daughters, one of whom married James T. Clark. Still another account says he lived in Woodville, N. Y., and died there, that his daughter married Harrison Wood and lived in Woodville, N. Y., and that his wife's given name was Chloe.

LUCY CONVERSE,⁶ born 15 Nov. 1774; married Moses Ward. (62)

RACHEL CONVERSE,⁶ born 1 Dec. 1777; married, 1st, — Church, and had son, DARIUS D. CHURCH⁷; married, 2nd, — Hitchcock, and had son, HENRY HITCHCOCK.⁷

JERUSHA CONVERSE,⁶ born 26 March 1780.*

THOMAS CONVERSE,⁶ born in Belchertown, Mass., 7 May 1782; died Sept. 1858; married Lydia Stratton. (63)

ABIGAIL CONVERSE,⁶ born 7 Aug. 1785.*

JOSEPH ELLIOTT CONVERSE,⁶ born 30 Oct. 1786; died 11 Feb. 1867; married, 1st, Sarah Mott; married, 2nd, Harriet Frost; married, 3rd, Sarah Sheldon; married, 4th, Mrs. Eliza Sheldon, a widow. (64)

SARAH CONVERSE,⁶ born 23 July 1788.*

DANIEL CONVERSE,⁶ born 17 Sept. 1791; died 2 March 1873; married, 1st, Martha B. Wolcott; married, 2nd, Parthena Bogat. (65)

29. JOEL CONVERSE⁵ (*Thomas*⁴ (15), *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹). The Killingly, Conn., town records give the date of his birth as 12 September 1750. Mr. William G. Hill gives the date as 2 September 1750, a difference explainable by the change in reckoning from old to new style, but an old family Bible in the possession of Herbert Bradley Converse of Claremont, N. H.,

* Ansel Frost Converse thinks that Jerusha, Abigail and Sarah died young, as he never saw them.

gives 22 September 1750 as the date of Joel's birth. Miss Larned's History of Windham County, Conn. (Vol. II, p. 82), says that in the church in Thompson Parish, Killingly, Conn., Jacob and Benjamin Converse and Ebenezer Gay were appointed choristers, in 1771, and Joel Converse and Thaddeus Larned requested to assist them in "tuning the psalm." The same history gives a list of the names of the signers of the freeman's oath at the first town meeting in Thompson, 21 June 1785, among which are the names of Joel Converse, Pain Converse, Lieut. Jacob Converse, Elijah Converse, Alpheus Converse, and Samuel Fay. Joel Converse married, first, 10 September 1778, Demaris Wilson, the date of whose birth is given as 2 May 1746 in the Killingly town records, and as 5 August 1752 in the old family Bible above referred to. She was the daughter of Thomas and Abigail Wilson. Thomas Wilson was born 5 March 1709-10, and was the son of James and Margaret Wilson. To Joel and Demaris, three children were born: Lyman, Otis and Demaris. She died 6 April 1784, and Joel Converse married, second, 20 January 1785, Elizabeth Bixby, whose first name is given as Eliza in the Killingly town record of births. She was born 2 September 1762, and was the daughter of Jonathan and Eliza Bixby of Killingly. Her line of descent is shown on a subsequent page of this book. Joel Converse was one of the first settlers of Lyme, Grafton Co., N. H., where, in 1788, he selected a piece of wild land on a high hill now indicated on maps of the town as "Davidson's Hill," made a clearing, and erected a frame house. At that time but fifteen families had settled there, "under great hardships and discouragements." His wife's brother, Samuel Bixby, and William Davidson had made a settlement there in 1786. In March 1789, he moved his wife and five children to the farm at Lyme, where the remainder of his life was spent, and where he died, 29 June 1822. The location of his farm on Davidson's Hill was three miles east of the main road which leads from Lyme to Orford, and on the hill road which leaves the main road near Lyme Pond. Its outlook toward the southwest and towards the west was a grand one from twelve to forty miles in extent. The intervening hills were lower than that on which the farm was situated, and shut out the view of the Connecticut Valley only, leaving the distant outlook unobstructed. The farm was good wheat land; and it is recalled by one of the descendants of Joel Converse that



Mrs. Elizabeth (Bixby) Converse.

in those days wheat in that locality "was food, and money too." Joel Converse was said by his son, Amasa, to have served in the American army during the Revolutionary War for a few months only, as he had to provide for a widowed mother.

Miss Ellen D. Larned, historian of Windsor Co., Conn., says:—"The Revolutionary war service of Joel is not reported in Connecticut's official record, but I have no doubt but that he went out, probably with the militia. All the men of sound body went out some time; but in many cases no report was made."

A son of Joseph Elliott Converse⁸ recalls hearing his father (son of Joel's brother David) tell about Joel having been spoken of as "an educated man" by David, while deploring his own lack of educational opportunities.

Joel Converse was of medium height, of strong athletic build, with light complexion and blue eyes. He was a stern disciplinarian in his family. His second wife, Elizabeth Bixby, was of very large stature, and all of her sons and daughters were of commanding size. Her brothers, Samuel Bixby, Jacob Bixby and Jonathan Bixby, were soldiers in the American army during the Revolutionary War, Samuel from New Hampshire, and Jacob and Jonathan from Connecticut.

The Bixby family were also among the first settlers of Lyme. Samuel, brother of Elizabeth (Bixby) Converse, first came to Lyme about 1776. He was a young man, unmarried. He entered the War for Independence, and afterwards married and brought his bride to Lyme. With his brother Jonathan he settled there in 1786, his farm adjoining that of Joel Converse⁵.



Mrs. Elizabeth (Bixby) Converse
(aged 88).

Mrs. Elizabeth Bixby Converse died in Lyme, 12 November 1850.

The following recollections of her are contributed by her granddaughter, Mrs. Miriam Elizabeth (Converse) Smith of Ypsilanti, Mich.:

Grandmother's home in Lyme, N. H., was the old hill farm, joining the farm of her brother Samuel Bixby. This also was my early home. I was fifteen years old when she died, and, as she died at the age of 90 years, I only remember her as an old lady, sitting in her easy chair knitting or sewing, for she was very industrious. She also helped about the lighter housework, as far as her strength allowed.

She was very intelligent,—a great reader,—tho' in those days books and newspapers were not very plentiful in the country homes of New England. Perhaps

the Bible was studied all the more for this reason. I know that grandmother read and studied hers regularly and had her daily seasons of secret prayer. She was a deeply religious woman. Christian duties always had the first place in her heart and life, and it seemed to me that there was no end to the hymns she could repeat, and which she seemed to enjoy repeating so much, especially on the Sabbath, really making it a day of worship at home when unable to attend church, which was many times the case on account of the distance and the weakness of age.

No one ever came to our home even for a short stay, when she did not inquire of them tenderly and earnestly in regard to their relations to God. With a child's curiosity I used to watch and listen for these confidences. I remember of a 'tramp' coming once, a man well known in the town as a tramp, and addicted to the habit of drinking liquor whenever he could get it. I saw and heard her put the usual question to him. To my surprise he took from his pocket a part of a Testament, and assured her of his interest and the comfort he had in reading it.

I think that in her younger days she must have been energetic, courageous and high spirited. I often heard her tell of her first coming to Lyme. She came on horseback from Connecticut to visit her brothers, riding a spirited horse that had been used in the army during the Revolutionary War. She never failed to say that when riding through a town or village she would spur up her horse that she might make a fine appearance.

She was always happy and cheerful when well. Sometimes when ill she would be somewhat depressed and anxious, but in her last illness, which lasted only a few days, she had no anxiety, no wish to recover. She was satisfied with life, ready to go, and so was the promise verified: 'At evening time it shall be light.'

"From the children of Joel Converse large families have sprung; and, whether residents of Lyme or other places, they have been reckoned among the substantial and respected citizens. Many of them have become teachers of much ability and extensive learning."

The original farm, since its first settlement, continued in the family in direct descent, from Joel⁵ to Theron,⁶ to Benjamin Porter,⁷ to Sidney Alpheus.⁸ In 1889 the homestead was sold to George W. Kibbe. The original house forms a part of the present dwelling (1900).

Children of Joel and Demaris (Wilson) Converse:

LYMAN CONVERSE,⁹ born in Thompson Parish, Killingly, Conn., 3 July 1779; died in Lyme, N. H., 16 Sept. 1864; married, 1st, Mary Kent; married, 2nd, Mrs. Electa (White) Converse, a widow. (66)

OTIS CONVERSE,⁹ born 24 Sept. 1781; died in Parishville, N. Y., in 1826; married Clarissa Porter. (67)

DEMARIS CONVERSE,⁹ born, in Thompson Parish, 6 Aug. 1783; married Asa Taintor. (68)

Children of Joel and Elizabeth (Bixby) Converse:

- JOEL CONVERSE,⁶ JR., born, in Thompson, 5 Nov. 1785; died in Lyme, N. H., 22 May 1874; married, 1st, Hope Tinkham; married, 2nd, Abigail Coult. (69)
- THERON CONVERSE,⁶ born, in Thompson, 19 May 1787; died in Lyme, N. H., 7 April 1861; married, 1st, Mary Porter; married, 2nd, Miriam Carpenter. (70)
- MARQUIS CONVERSE,⁶ born in Lyme, N. H., 12 July 1789; died there 21 Nov. 1840; married Electa White. (71)
- ELIZABETH CONVERSE,⁶ born in Lyme, N. H., 20 May 1791; died in Orfordville, N. H., 16 April 1863; married, 1st, Asa Taintor; married, 2nd, Ira Morey. (72)
- SARAH CONVERSE,⁶ born, in Lyme, 2 July 1793; died there 11 Feb. 1864; married Joshua Thornton. (73)
- AMASA CONVERSE,⁶ D.D., born, in Lyme, 21 Aug. 1795; died in Louisville, Ky., 9 Dec. 1872; married Flavia Booth. (74)
- JOHN KENDRICK CONVERSE,⁶ REVEREND, born, in Lyme, 15 June 1801; died in Burlington, Vt., 3 Oct. 1880; married Sarah Allen. (75)

30. CAPTAIN PAIN CONVERS⁵ (*Pain*⁴ (16), *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born 28 October 1739; married, 11 December 1760, Mary Lee. He was an active business man, much employed in public affairs; appointed captain 7th Company, 11th Regiment, in 1761; one of the first selectmen chosen after Thompson became a town, and served on a committee to settle with Killingly. He removed with his large family about the year 1790 to Bridport, Vermont, Addison County, near Lake Champlain.

The above record of Captain Pain is from Mr. Wm. G. Hill's "Family Record of Deacons James W. and Elisha S. Converse."

The following additional particulars have been collected:

Captain Pain served in the American Army in the Revolutionary War, as stated in the Reed MS., and as set forth in the following certificate:

STATE OF CONNECTICUT,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
HARTFORD, Jan. 31st, 1899.

This is to certify that
PAIN CONVERSE

served in the war of the Revolution, and the following is said service according to the records of this office.

On page 14 "Connecticut Men in the Revolution" appears the following:

Pain Converse, Ensign, from the town of Killingly. Number of days in the service seven (7). In the list of men who marched from the Connecticut towns for the relief of Boston in the Lexington alarm, April, 1775.

On page 464, same book, appears the following:

Company commanded by Lieut. Converse. Lieut. Pain Converse in the Eleventh Regiment of Militia at New York in 1776.

On page 424, same book, appears the following:

Payne Converse, Jr., Captain in Fourth Battalion. John Ely, Colonel State Regiments under Gens. Spencer and Wooster. In Rhode Island and Connecticut 1776-77. A portion of this regiment served in Rhode Island, the others were with Wooster in the early spring of 1777.

In testimony whereof we have affixed hereto the seal of this office.

WM. E. F. LANDERS,
Col. & Asst. Adjutant-General.

(Seal)

His Revolutionary War service is thus given in "Connecticut Men in the Revolution" which says:

In November, 1776, the Assembly voted to raise four State battalions to join the Continental army near New York to serve until March 1777. Those battalions did not march out of the State at that time, but remained in part on the Westchester border under Gen. Wooster or went to Rhode Island under Gen. Spencer, who was assigned to command in that State in December 1776. A portion of Col. Ely's regiment served in Rhode Island. The others were with Wooster in the early spring of 1777. The records are not clear as to the services of these troops. Page 424.

The following is from the Killingly town records:

At a town meeting held 22 Nov. 1764, "Amos Bixby, Capt. Convers, and Richard Bloss chosen tithing men."

At meeting held 6 Dec. 1774, Capt. Pain Convers chosen as one of the surveyors of highways.

At meeting held 19 May, 1777, "Voted that the town will Raise money for a further encouragement to such soldiers as shall hereafter engage in y^e Continental Service for three years or during the war, from this town. Voted and chose

Capt. Pain Convers
Lieut. Abidiah Clough
Hon. Daniel Larned
John Williams
Capt. Joseph Cady and others

} A Committee to procure soldiers to enlist to fill up the quota of said Town for the Continental service, as many as they can procure."

WARNING.

These are to warn all the Inhabitants of ye town of Killingly that are qualified to mete at the meeting house in the first or middle Society on the 10th of Nov. instant at one o'clock after noon then and there to see if they will agree upon Some

proper and speedy method to Furnish our Continental soldiers sent by this town with Clothing agreeable to a late act of the General Assembly and to act upon any other business by order of the Selectmen.

Nov ye 3, 1777

JOHN MASON, Town Clerk.

The inhabitants met agreeable to the foregoing warning and chose Simeon Larned moderator.

Voted and chose a Com^t to procure s^d clothing:

Capt. Simon Larned	Is ^a Jared Talbot
Capt. Pain Convers	Sampson Howe
Lieut. Obediah Clough	Lieut. Daniel Waters
De ^c Jason Phips	Capt. Ephraim Warren
Capt. James Dike	Lieut. Sam ^l . Danielson
Is ^a Nath. Brown	Zadock Spaulding
Eleazar Meghils	Lieut. Comfort Day
John Mason	James Day.

A genealogical record made by Francis Gardner Converse⁸ states that Capt. Pain's family consisted of twelve children, that nine of them were sons, and that only three remained permanently in Bridport, viz.:—Gardner, Hamblin and Alfred, all three of whom became prominent in that town.

The first mention of the name of Convers on record is Bridport in a deed from Benj. Miner, Senior, to Capt. Pain Convers, of Thompson, Conn., of 100 acres of land, dated 3 April 1793: consideration 190 pounds, lawful money. The farm now owned by E. L. Miner.

Capt. Pain was prominent in the town affairs of Bridport. In 1794 he was elected grand juror. In 1795 he was elected selectman. In 1794 he was appointed a committee of one to provide entertainment for the Council and others who were to be present at the installation of the first minister, the Rev. Increase Graves. The following is a bill rendered to the town by Capt. Pain for the entertainment of said Council and others:

		Feb. 29 th , 1794.		
The town of Bridport to Pain Convers, Dr.		£	s	d
To forty-six meals of victuals		2	6	0
To Hors batins fourteen		0	5	0
To Hors Keeping eight nights		0	6	0
To Two galands brandy		1	5	0
To one of rum		0	9	6
To one of wine		0	10	6

	£	s	d
To two quarts of Jinn	0	5	0
To two pounds loaf sugar	0	4	0
To sider	0	7	0

Bridport, Vt., March 13th, 1794.

Rec'd the contents of the within acc't pr Mr. Pain Convers.

Captain Pain died 29 March 1800, at the old home in Bridport, and is buried in the village cemetery.

Mrs. Mary (Lee) Converse, wife of Captain Pain, married, second, 1 July 1804, Roswell Hopkins* of Vergennes, Vt. She died 13 December 1809, and is buried in Bridport. Her epitaph reads:

"Here lies Mary Hopkins, 2nd wife of Col^o Roswell Hopkins. Her first husband was Capt. Pain Converse. She died December 13 1809, greatly beloved and sincerely."

Col. Roswell Hopkins had lived in Amenia, Dutchess County, N. Y.

Newton Reed's History of Amenia says that Roswell Hopkins, Sam'l King and Silas Marsh were a committee to present the "Patriotic Pledge" in June and July, 1775, 420 signing and 6 delaying or refusing to sign. Also that name of Col. Roswell Hopkins appears in petition of officers of Col. Graham's regiment in 1776 for appointment of Dr. Abraham Teller as surgeon. Also that he with others was noticed for bravery in battle near Ft. Independence (Peekskill, N. Y., 1777, etc.). He is said to have died in 1818 in Vermont. He was born in Harwinton, Conn., May 18, 1733, son of Stephen Hopkins and Jemima Bronson, daughter of John Bronson. He was descended from John Hopkins, Cambridge, 1634, Hartford, Conn., 1636 and was the grandson of Ebenezer who was grandson of John. An article written by George F. Koon of the Historical Committee of the Grand Lodge

*Col. Roswell Hopkins by his first wife had daughter:

MARY HOPKINS,³ married, 1st, Daniel son of James and Elizabeth (Castle) Reed; married, 2nd, John Jerome. Daniel and Mary (Hopkins) Reed had daughter:

JOANNA REED,³ married, 1st, —Hascall; married, 2nd, Jno. D. Farley, and they had daughter: HELEN MAR FARLEY,⁴ born 1 Sept. 1829; married, 16 Feb. 1858, Rev. H. L. Dickerson (son of Jesse, and descendant of Philemon, Salem, 1636), and they had daughter:

ELLA B. DICKERSON,⁵ born 3 Dec. 1858; married, 29 June 1879, Samuel M. Cutler, Special Examiner U. S. Pension Bureau, and descendant of John Cutler (Hingham, Mass., 1637), and in 1903 they had seven children living, viz.:

FRANK G. CUTLER,⁶ b. in Ft. Scott, Kansas, 13 May 1881; resided in Chicago, 1903.

THOMAS H. CUTLER,⁶ b. in Ft. Scott, 12 Aug. 1882; Senior Ky. State College, 1903.

SAMUEL P. CUTLER,⁶ b. in Troy, Ind., 19 Sept. 1884; d. in Clinton, Ind., 19 Feb. 1885.

MARY HELEN CUTLER,⁶ b. in Ft. Wayne, Ind., 21 March 1886.

FLORA MAY CUTLER,⁶ b. in Detroit, Mich., 2 May 1891.

WM. VICKERY CUTLER,⁶ b. in Washington, D. C., 16 June 1894.

ALBERT LEE CUTLER,⁶ b. in Washington, D. C., 16 June 1894.

MARGARET ELLA CUTLER,⁶ b. in Louisville, Ky., 19 Oct. 1896.

of Masons of Vermont and published in the "Voice of Masonry" for March 1878, says:—"Dr. Roswell Hopkins, son of Roswell Hopkins and Mary Converse, his wife, was born at Amenia, Dutchess Co., N.Y., 16 May 1757, came to Bennington, Vt., and opened what was undoubtedly the first drug store in the State."

Bridport, Vermont, was chartered by King George in 1761. It had many struggles to encounter during its early history. Major Carlton raided the town in 1778 and all improvements were burnt by the Indians. The town was organized 29 March 1785 by a regular town meeting, and the election of a full board of officers. Many had been coming there to seek homes. At that time it was nearly all a dense forest of large tall pines. The town plot had been previously staked out, and land surveyed. With the tools then obtainable, the settlers had much to do to obtain their daily bread, or before they could accumulate much of a surplus. The first burial in the cemetery was in April 1786. It was necessary to clear away the trees and brush, which required all the forenoon, in order to have the funeral in the afternoon.

The Bridport town records have the following:

Pain Converse,—sheep ear mark swallow tail off the right ear and a half penny off the under side of same. Recorded 17 May 1794.

Hamblin Converse,—sheep ear mark swallow tail in the end of left ear and a half penny off the under side of same. Recorded 1 June 1796.

Gardner Converse,—sheep ear mark, a half cross (or cross) off the under side of right ear. Recorded May 1805.

Alfred Converse,—sheep ear mark. 1806.

Esquire Converse,—sheep ear mark. 1806.

Pain Converse,—sheep ear mark. 1806.

Parley Converse,—sheep ear mark. February 1807.

Voted to let Captain Converse have improvement of the improved land on the common for the term of six years, said Converse having said land well fenced and stocked with grass. 1796.

Of the children of Capt. Pain and Mary (Lee) Converse there is record of the following:

JEREMIAH CONVERSE,⁶ REVEREND, born 4 Aug. 1761; married Rhoda Converse. (76)

BARNARD CONVERSE,⁶ born 15 January 1764; died, in Bridport, 17 March 1806; married

Peggy ——. As no other Barnard or Bernard Converse has been found at that time by the compiler of this record, it is concluded that he was the Bernard Converse who, in the Revolutionary War, served from Killingly in Col. Canfield's regiment of militia at West Point, Sept. 1781 (Conn. Men in the Revolution). (77)

- ELIAS CONVERSE,⁶ married Sarah Burrows: removed to Onondaga Co., N. Y., in 1812. (78)
- HAMBLIN CONVERSE,⁶ born, in Thompson, 15 Oct. 1767; died, in Bridport, 9 Aug. 1874; married Mary Green. (79)
- LEVINA CONVERSE,⁶ born 8 Aug. 1769; married Nehemiah Fay; had one child, a daughter; removed from Bridport to Wardsborough, Vt., now Dover, in Windham Co. The daughter married — Perry and died leaving four children, one of whom was MARTIN PERRY,⁶ of Dover, Vt.
- ALFRED CONVERSE,⁶ born 25 May 1772; died, in Bridport, 18 January 1849; married, 1st, Phoebe Elithorpe; married, 2nd, Sarah Burton Smith. (80)
- ORINDA CONVERSE,⁶ born 27 Nov. 1774; married, 26 March 1806, Samuel Sherwood.
- PAIN CONVERSE,⁶ born 4 June 1777; died in Canton, N. Y., Feb., 1864; married Sarah Gale. (81)
- ERASTUS CONVERSE,⁶ born 5 Oct. 1780.
- GARDNER CONVERSE,⁶ born 7 April 1782; died 12 April 1839; married Polly Sibley. (82)

31. JOHN CONVERSE⁵ (*Josiah*⁴ (17), *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Thompson, Conn., 9 January 1746; removed in 1800 from Thompson, Conn., to Charlestown, N. H., where he died in 1830. He married, 20 January 1774, Kezia Nichols.

Children of John and Kezia (Nichols) Converse:

- JOSIAH CONVERSE,⁶ born 1775; married — Parker of Springfield, Vt., and removed to Crown Point, N. Y.; had four sons and eight daughters, most of whom settled in St. Lawrence Co., N. Y.
- ROBY CONVERSE,⁶ born 1777; married Capt. John Metcalf. Their son RALPH METCALF was Governor of New Hampshire. (See Metcalf family in Rev. Henry H. Saunderson's History of Charlestown, N. H.)
- WALTER CONVERSE,⁶ born 1780; died 1848; married, 1st, in January, 1802, Polly Lamson of Unity, who died in 1812, leaving four children, viz:
- KEZIA CONVERSE,⁷ b. 1804; d. in Wisconsin in 1853; m. Stephen Walker, and had three girls and one boy.
- JOHN CONVERSE,⁷ b. 1805; d. 1872; m. Sophia J. Sutton of Boston, lived in Boston and had FRANCES CONVERSE,⁸ CHARLES CONVERSE,⁸ FRED. CONVERSE,⁸ and ELIZABETH CONVERSE.⁸
- JOSIAH CONVERSE,⁷ died in infancy.
- ALVINA CONVERSE,⁷ b. 1808; d. 1853; m. Dyer Wright of Charlestown, N. H.
- Walter Converse⁶ married, 2nd, 19 Dec. 1814, Nancy Towner of Charlestown, N. H., b. 1790, d. 1832, and they had four children, viz:
- JOSIAH CONVERSE,⁷ b. 1815; lived in Charlestown and d. in 1837.
- CLARK W. CONVERSE,⁷ b. 1818; selectman of Charlestown, N. H., 1852-3-4; removed to Fond du Lac, Wis., in 1870; d. in his 83rd year. He married, 25 Feb. 1840, Ellen H. Putnam, d. in Fond du Lac about 1902, daughter of Nathan Parker Putnam, and had three children:
- MARIE LOUISE CONVERSE,⁸ b. 1841.

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FRANC. S. CONVERSE,⁸ b. 1850; m., 1872, E. H. Cameron of Milwaukee, Wis., and had JESSIE M.,⁹ b. 1874, d. 1874, and HENRY HARION.⁹

WM. RAND CONVERSE,⁸ b. 1853.

LOUISA N. CONVERSE,⁷ b. 1822; m., 1847, Sumner A. Howard of Charlestown, N. H.; settled in Danvers, Mass., where she died in 1875.

HENRY WALTER CONVERSE,⁷ b. 1824; d. 1842; lived in Charlestown, N. H.

Walter Converse,⁶ married, 3rd, 1834, Betsey Young of Cornish, N. H., who died 1847.

(This record of Walter Converse and family is from Sanderson's History of Charlestown, N.H.)

Sixth Generation.

32. BENJAMIN CONVERSE⁶ (*John*⁵ (18), *John*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Leicester, Mass., 20 May 1732; married, in 1754, Prudence Harrington of Spencer. He lived in the northwest part of the town of Leicester, where he built the house afterwards occupied by Azariah Eddy and later taken down. He served in the War of Independence. Washburn, in *History of Leicester*, page 215, names Benjamin Converse as one of the members of the Leicester company of minute men who marched to Lexington on 19th April 1775 under Capt. Seth Washburn.

Benjamin Converse had three sons:

PHINEAS CONVERSE,⁷ born 15 Dec. 1754.

ABIEL CONVERSE,⁷ born 26 March 1756.

ABRAHAM CONVERSE,⁷ born 31 Dec. 1757.

33. LUKE CONVERSE⁶ (*John*⁵ (18), *John*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Leicester, Mass., 6 October 1734; died in Leicester, Mass., 10 June 1810. At one time he lived in Charlton, and removed thence to Spencer, Mass., where he settled on the northeasterly part of lot 58. There he built a saw and grist mill, which many years after was owned by Hiram Howe. For several years before his death, he lived in the house west of the mills at Burncoat Pond which he managed. He served in the French and Indian War.

Washburn's *History of Leicester* mentions him as one of the fifteen men enlisted in 1756 from Leicester in the expedition to march to Crown Point. He married, in Leicester, 6 June 1759, Ruth Lamb of Spencer, who died in Spencer, 8 January 1821, aged 83; who was the daughter of Jonathan Lamb, Jr.

Children of Luke and Ruth (Lamb) Converse:

LYDIA CONVERSE,⁷ born 10 Feb. 1760.

JUDE CONVERSE,⁷ born 17 May 1762; married, 10 Dec. 1782, Lydia Bemis. (83)

RUTH CONVERSE,⁷ born 31 Oct. 1764; married, 30 Nov. 1786, Jonathan White.

PATIENCE CONVERSE,⁷ born 24 March 1767; married, 30 Sept. 1784, Nathan Prouty.

REUBEN CONVERSE,⁷ born 25 April 1769; married, 18 Dec. 1788, Pamela Stevens. (84)

ESTHER CONVERSE,⁷ born 20 Nov. 1771; married, 23 Oct. 1791, Nathaniel Bemis.

(79)

ASAPH CONVERSE,⁷ born 22 April 1774.

TAMAR CONVERSE,⁷ born 29 Aug. 1776; married, 13 April 1795, Daniel E. Adams.

URIAH CONVERSE,⁷ born 13 March 1779; married, 12 May 1799, Esther Lackey.

JOANNA CONVERSE⁷ (?), married James Lawton of Leicester.

34. ROBERT CONVERSE⁶ (*John*⁵ (18), *John*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Leicester, Mass., 20 April 1737; resided in Marlborough, N.H., as early as 1776. There he settled on a farm known as the Converse place. Bemis' History of Marlborough says that his house was situated above S. H. McCollester's farm, and on the westerly side of the road leading to the John Wiswall place. He married, 24 May 1762, Sarah Newton, who died 17 September 1820, aged 75 years.

Robert and Sarah (Newton) Converse had ten children:

DINAH CONVERSE,⁷ born 29 Sept. 1762; married Daniel Woodward.

JONAS CONVERSE,⁷ born 6 Oct. 1764; died 29 April 1778; killed by the fall of a tree.

JOHN CONVERSE,⁷ born 21 Feb. 1767; died 22 Sept. 1849; married, 1st, Polly Wright; married, 2nd, Mrs. Betsy Brabrook. (85)

NABBY CONVERSE,⁷ born 21 July 1769; died 28 Sept. 1803; married, 13 Nov. 1799, James White; settled in Boston.

SALLY CONVERSE,⁷ born 15 Jan. 1772; married Ebenezer Rhodes, Jr.

ROBERT CONVERSE,⁷ born 14 April 1774; died 19 Sept. 1848; married Ednah Hale.

URIAH CONVERSE,⁷ born 22 Nov. 1776; died 1 Aug. 1778.

LUTHER CONVERSE,⁷ born 23 April 1779; died 20 Jan. 1780.

AMASA CONVERSE,⁷ born 1 March 1782; died 1813; married Zeuriah Capron. (86)

LOVISA CONVERSE,⁷ born 15 July 1784; died 19 July 1786.

35. DANIEL CONVERSE⁶ (*John*⁵ (18), *John*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Leicester, Mass., 2 March 1754; died 25 July 1814; married, in 1778, Mary Wheelock, who was born in 1746, and died 2 August 1808. These dates of their deaths, and of the births of their children, Eliot and Betsy, are from the town records of Spencer, Mass. A record left by Hiram Converse⁷ (son of Damon Reed Converse) says that they lived in Worcester County, Mass.

Daniel and Mary (Wheelock) Converse had five children:

WILLARD CONVERSE,⁷ born 20 Feb. 1779; died 19 March 1850; married, 1st, Betsey Sibley; married, 2nd, Sally Davidson. (87)

POLLY CONVERSE,⁷ born 4 Dec. 1781; died 4 Sept. 1874; married Abner Wheelock. (88)

SALLY CONVERSE,⁷ born 1 Dec. 1783; died April 1836.

BETSY (ESTHER) CONVERSE,⁷ born 30 May 1788; died 24 July 1814.

ELIOT CONVERSE,⁷ born 9 Oct. 1791; died Jan. 1835; married Elizabeth McIntire. (89)

36. DAMON REED CONVERSE⁶ (*John*⁵ (18), *John*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Charlton, Worcester Co., Mass., 18 March 1764; resided in Kent, Litchfield Co., Conn., and died there 3 July 1834. He

and his father, and some of his brothers, including Elijah and Daniel, were iron workers in Kent, Conn. They carried on a smelting furnace there, and made iron from ore obtained in the vicinity, using a trip hammer to forge it into what they then called blooms, by means of water power, which was abundant in Kent at that time. This process of making iron was called blooming. The mills were called "slitting mills." The record left by Hiram Converse,⁷ referred to below, says that the first steel made in America was made at the Converse Iron Works in Kent. In 1872, Damon Reed Converse's old house was still standing in Kent, but his father's house and smithy were gone, although the well was still there. Damon Reed Converse married, in Harwinton, Conn., 25 January 1784, Sarah Lee who was born in Goshen, Litchfield Co., Conn., 15 December 1763, died in Kent, Conn., 9 January 1837, and was the daughter of Hezekiah Lee, Senior. The record left by Damon Reed Converse's son Hiram says that the Lees were of Welsh descent, and were a noted family of scholars and physicians, that Sarah Lee's father, Hezekiah, was taken prisoner in West Chester Co., N. Y., by the British, during the Revolutionary War, and was confined for a long time in the old prison ship "Asia," which was the cause of the disability that ended in his death: that Sarah Lee had two brothers, Daniel and Hezekiah, Jr., of whom the former (Daniel) was killed in the Battle of Fort Erie in the war of 1812. The same record also says that Damon Reed Converse was with the American Army in the Revolutionary War.

Children of Damon Reed and Sarah (Lee) Converse:

- ELIJAH CONVERSE,⁷ born in Kent, Conn., 29 Nov. 1784; drowned, 10 May 1786, in the stream which flowed by his father's iron mill, in Kent.
- MARY D. CONVERSE,⁷ born, in Kent, 11 Sept. 1787; died in Danbury, Conn., 9 May 1789.
- ELIJAH DAMON CONVERSE,⁷ born in Danbury, Conn., 16 Aug. 1789; died in Columbus, Ohio, 1 Aug. 1850; married Rebecca Abbott. (90)
- HIRAM CONVERSE,⁷ born in Kent, Conn., 22 Sept. 1793; died in Sterlingville, Jefferson Co., N. Y., 1 July 1878; married Sarah Rust. (91)
- DANIEL DAMON CONVERSE,⁷ of Springfield, Ohio, born, in Kent, 18 May 1797; died in Delaware, Ohio, 30 March 1830. He had son, DR. BOLIVAR COOK CONVERSE,⁸ who, in the Civil War, had command of a line of military posts from Fort Laramie to the western line of Idaho Territory, and who in 1902 resided in Columbus, Ohio. His wife's name was Rachel and they had two daughters.
- WILLIAM LEE CONVERSE,⁷ born in Kent, Conn., 11 Aug. 1800; died 12 Sept. 1846; married Polena Hubbell. (92)
- SARAH CONVERSE,⁷ born, in Kent, 24 Aug. 1804; died the same day.

37. MARY CONVERSE⁶ (*Lieut. Josiah*⁵ (19), *Capt. Josiah*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Leicester, Mass., 12 July 1733; married Maj. John Phelps of Stafford, Conn., and had three daughters, of whom one

married — Mills, and lived and died in New Haven; another married — Ankotal; and the other, very beautiful, married — Beers, and died in September 1862, aged 98.

38. CAPTAIN JOSIAH CONVERSE⁶ (*Lieut. Josiah⁵ (19), Capt. Josiah,⁴ Maj. James,³ Lieut. James,² Deacon Edward¹*), born in Stafford, Conn., 4 June 1737; died there 25 October 1814; buried at Stafford Street where a headstone marks his grave. He married Elizabeth Lewis and settled at Wilbraham, Mass. Josiah Converse⁶ marched to the relief of Boston as Lieutenant on the Lexington alarm, and served ten days. He also served as Ensign in 3rd Co., Capt. Elijah Robinson, of Gen. Spencer's regiment, 26 June to 18 December 1775. This regiment was posted at Roxbury, and served during the siege until expiration of term of service, December 1775. Detachments of officers and men were engaged in the Battle of Bunker Hill, June 17, and in Arnold's Quebec Expedition, September—December 1775. He was also 1st Lieut., 2nd Co., 3rd Battalion, Col. Sage, of Wadsworth's Brigade. This brigade was raised in June 1776, to re-enforce Washington in New York. It served in N. Y. City and on Long Island, and was caught in the retreat from the city 15 September, and suffered some loss. Engaged at Battle of White Plains October 28. Its term of enlistment expired 25 December 1776. A letter in the Reed MS., from one of his descendants, without signature, or minus the sheet bearing the signature, says that Capt. Josiah Converse was a man of great personal bravery, and served with distinction in the Revolutionary War, receiving a Captain's commission, that he bore an honorable part also in the French and Indian War; and tells the following story regarding him:

When he returned home from the latter service [the French and Indian War] he was followed by an Indian determined to take his life in revenge for the loss sustained by his braves at the hands of Capt. Converse. The savage showed the cunning of his nature in his schemes for drawing the Captain from his house in order to shoot him. In the night the cattle were let out of the barn and turned into the garden; but, being forewarned by a neighbor, of the presence of a suspicious Indian, Capt. Converse, although he heard the noise and knew the cattle were destroying the garden, put his family in the cellar, and waited till morning, guarding the house with his faithful musket. With the light to aid, he sought a glimpse through a window of the skulking Indian, and by the practice of a little successful strategy drew him from his concealment, and shot him, and so saved himself and family from the revengeful scalping knife."

Children of Capt. Josiah Converse were:

- JOSIAH CONVERSE,⁷ DOCTOR, of Stafford, born 1776; died 1839; married Martha Hyde Alden. (93)
- ELIZABETH CONVERSE,⁷ married Julius Palmer Shaw, and settled in Massachusetts. They had two children: MARY SHAW,⁸ married — Hyde; and CHAUNCY SHAW.⁸
- SARAH CONVERSE,⁷ married William Knight, settled in Wilbraham, Mass.; removed to Poland, Columbiana Co., Ohio. (94)
- JOSHUA CONVERSE,⁷ born, in Stafford, about 1760–1762; died in Hancock, Vermont, about the age of 50; married Mary Trask. (95)
- SAMUEL CONVERSE,⁷ settled in Vermont; he had a family.
- NATHAN CONVERSE,⁷ died young.
- BENJAMIN CONVERSE,⁷ died unmarried.
- POLLY CONVERSE,⁷ married John Shaw of Wales, Mass.
- LUCINDA CONVERSE,⁷ married Captain Robinson of Somers, Conn.
- HANNAH CONVERSE,⁷ married John Young; settled in Stafford, Conn.
- ELEANOR CONVERSE,⁷ unmarried.

39. COLONEL ISRAEL CONVERSE⁶ (*Lieut. Josiah*⁵ (19), *Capt. Josiah*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹) born in Stafford, Conn., 7 August 1743; died in Randolph, Vt., 28 March 1806. He marched as Sergeant to the relief of Boston, on the Lexington Alarm, 19 April 1775, and served seven days. He also served 9 May 1775 to 16 October 1775, as Sergeant in Capt. Robinson's Co., the 3rd Co., of Gen. Spencer's regiment. For an account of the service of this regiment see record of Jude Converse.⁶ Commissioned 2d Lieutenant in Capt. Abiel Pease's Co., 8 June 1776, and was commissioned Captain 25 September 1776. He was Captain in Col. Wells' regiment. Two state regiments composed of detachments of militia were raised in the spring of '80 for service along the western coast. Colonel Wells commanded one, and Colonel Beebe the other. On 9 December '80, Colonel Wells, at Horseneck, was attacked by the enemy and taken prisoner together with 1 captain, 2 lieutenants, 2 ensigns, and 20 or more privates (Conn. Men in the Revolution, pp. 22, 47 and 615). The Reed MS. says that Israel Converse was a colonel. Gov. Julius Converse says that Col. Josiah was of unusually large stature, had a giant frame, and wonderful physical strength, though not equal in muscular strength to his brother Josiah, who had a large frame but not so much flesh. During the last part of his life Col. Israel was very fleshy, and it is said that at the time of his death (which was caused by an accumulation of fat on the vitals) he weighed 300 pounds. Another account says 400 pounds. For fifteen years prior to his death he was not able to buckle his shoes. His silver knee buckles are in the possession of Maj. James Converse of San Antonio, Texas.

Col. Israel Converse was a large proprietor and land owner and one of the first settlers of Randolph, Vermont, whither the family moved from Stafford soon after 1780, the year Randolph was founded. He was prominent in civil as well as in military life, and he was buried with military honors, with a band of music, and was followed by his old war horse, riderless. The procession reached from his house to the cemetery, two miles.

Colonel Converse married, first, Sarah Lewis, who died 15 June 1769; and he married, second, in 1771, Hannah Walbridge, who was born 13 October 1751, and who died in Parkman, Ohio, 17 October 1830. She was the daughter of Amos Walbridge.

Children of Colonel Israel and Sarah (Lewis) Converse :

- SHUBAEL CONVERSE,⁷ born 30 April 1766; died 23 March 1823; married Phœbe Smith. (96)
 FREDERICK CONVERSE,⁷ born 22 July 1768; died 4 July 1828; married Philena Robinson. (97)

Children of Colonel Israel and Hannah (Walbridge) Converse :

- ISRAEL CONVERSE,⁷ born in Stafford, Conn., 24 May 1772; died 23 Jan. 1773.
 ISRAEL CONVERSE,⁷ born in Stafford, Conn., 14 Nov. 1773; died at Randolph, Vt., 26 Nov. 1827; married Anna Smith. (98)
 JAMES CONVERSE,⁷ DOCTOR, born in Stafford, Conn., 5 Nov. 1775; married, 23 Dec. 1802, Lucinda Smith; died 1 Sept. 1828. (99)
 PORTER CONVERSE,⁷ born in Stafford, Conn., 28 Feb. 1778; married Rhoda Howard; residence Unionville, Lake Co., Ohio. (100)
 SARAH LEWIS CONVERSE,⁷ born in Stafford, Conn., 28 March 1780; died in Parkman, Ohio, 31 May 1858; unmarried.
 CELIA CONVERSE,⁷ born, in Stafford, 18 Feb. 1783; died in Chautauqua Co., N. Y., 2 Aug. 1840; married Jeremiah York. (101)
 HANNAH CONVERSE,⁷ born, in Stafford, 8 April 1785; died in Grand Detour, Ill., 31 Aug. 1856; married Joseph Cumins. (102)
 ELEANOR CONVERSE,⁷ born in Randolph, Vt., 14 April 1787; died in Cambridge, Ill., 27 Oct. 1865; married, 1st, Wm. Copp; married, 2nd, Robert Scott.
 DANIEL GILBERT CONVERSE,⁷ born in Randolph, Vt., 26 March 1790; died in Saranac, Mich., 5 Sept. 1858; married, 1st, 1 April 1813, Polly Morgan, who died in Parkman, Ohio. After her death he married again.
 JOHN PHELPS CONVERSE,⁷ JUDGE, born, in Randolph, 27 Jan. 1792; died in Parkman, Ohio, 20 Feb. 1865; married, 1st, Betsy Collins; married, 2nd, Hannah Parkman. (103)
 ORINDA CONVERSE,⁷ born, in Randolph, 25 Jan. 1794; married Dr. Chauncy Beadle. (104)
 JOSIAH CONVERSE,⁷ born, in Randolph, 7 Nov. 1797; died there 14 Jan. 1817.

40. JESSE CONVERSE⁶ (*Lieut. Josiah⁵ (19), Capt. Josiah,⁴ Maj. James,³ Lieut. James,² Deacon Edward¹*), born in Stafford, Conn., 1 September 1745;

died, in Stafford, 8 July 1805. In the Revolutionary War he served 8 May to 10 December 1775, as a private in 3rd Co. (Capt. Elijah Robinson), of Gen. Spencer's regiment. For an account of this regiment see under head of Jude Converse⁶ (Conn. Men in the Revolution, p. 47). Jesse Converse⁶ married Mary Moulton.⁶ She was the daughter of Samuel⁵ (*Robert*,⁴ *Robert*,³ *Robert*,² *Robert*¹) and Mary (Haines) Moulton, and died, in Stafford, 8 October 1810.

Children of Jesse and Mary (Moulton) Converse:

SARAH CONVERSE,⁷ born 7 Jan. 1768.

ELI CONVERSE,⁷ born 28 Sept. 1770; died 5 Nov. 1853; married Eunice Hyde. (105)

POLLY (MARY) CONVERSE,⁷ born 26 March 1773; died in Vermont; married Col. Joseph Pride; no children.

HANNAH CONVERSE,⁷ born 30 July 1775; lived and died in Randolph, Vt.; married Moses Pearson.

They had six children, viz.:

AMELIA PEARSON,⁸ b. 11 Aug. 1799; d. 3 Aug. 1883; m., 24 Feb. 1829, David Graves, b. 14 Nov. 1801, d. 22 June 1884. Residence, Brookfield, Vt., and Plainfield, Ill. Their children were:

DANIEL PEARSON GRAVES,⁹ b. 27 Nov. 1829; m., 4 Oct. 1854, Leanora E. Diggins.

ROBERT BLYNN GRAVES,⁹ b. 18 Dec. 1832; m., 1st, 22 Nov. 1856, Marietta Ketchum. She died 11 June—. He married, 2nd, 15 Sept. 1875, Marietta King. He served in the Civil War. Residence, Plainfield, Ill.

Children of Robert B. Graves:

WALTER ROBERT GRAVES,¹⁰ b. 18 Dec. 1857.

ALICE AMELIA GRAVES,¹⁰ b. 22 Sept. 1876.

ROBERT KING GRAVES,¹⁰ b. 24 June 1881.

WILLIAM EUGENE GRAVES,⁹ b. 13 Feb. 1834. Served in the Civil War. He resided at Pevely, Mo. Unmarried.

HANNAH PEARSON.⁸

POLLY PEARSON,⁸ m. Jasper Tucker.

ZIRA PEARSON,⁸ died.

LUCINDA PEARSON,⁸ died unmarried.

AMANDA PEARSON.⁸

PAMELA CONVERSE,⁷ born, in Stafford, 28 Feb. 1777; died in Bethel, Vt., 2 Feb. 1846; married Ephraim Morris of Bethel, Vt. Their descendants are shown in "Ephraim and Pamela (Converse) Morris, their ancestors and descendants," by Tyler Seymour Morris, published in Chicago in 1894. (106)

AMANDA CONVERSE,⁷ born 28 Aug. 1778; died 31 July 1780.

AMANDA CONVERSE,⁷ born 26 Aug. 1780; married Reuben Brown; lived and died in Freedom, Cattaraugus Co., N. Y.

ESTHER CONVERSE,⁷ born 1 April 1782; married Calvin Pierce; lived and died in Hamburg, near Buffalo, N. Y. They had a son, DRYDEN PIERCE.⁸

41. NATHANIEL CONVERSE⁶ (*Lieut. Josiah*⁵ (19), *Capt. Josiah*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Stafford, Conn., 5 May 1748; settled in Brookfield, Vermont; removed to Troy, N. Y., and died there 18 October 1810. He married, 27 May 1772, Abigail Lawrence who was born 17 January 1754, and died in 1834.

Nathaniel and Abigail (Lawrence) Converse had ten children:

SUSAN CONVERSE,⁷ married, 1st, — Powers, by whom she had SUSAN POWERS⁸ and EVELINE POWERS.⁸ She married, 2nd, — Farewell of Randolph, Vt.

CLARISSA CONVERSE,⁷ married — Salisbury; lived in Troy, N. Y. She had four children: ELAM SALISBURY,⁸ JOSEPHINE SALISBURY,⁸ ELIZA SALISBURY,⁸ JULIA SALISBURY.⁸

ELEANOR CONVERSE,⁷ married — Adams; lived in Troy, N. Y.; all her five children died between 1844 and 1849. They were: ELIZABETH ADAMS,⁸ m. — Curtis. ABBY ADAMS,⁸ m. — Raymond, ANTOINETTE ADAMS,⁸ CLARISSA ADAMS,⁸ a SON.⁸

JOHN CONVERSE,⁷ born in Brimfield, Mass., 7 Aug. 1774; died 10 Dec. 1831; married, 1st, Elizabeth Backus; married, 2nd, Eliza Griswold; married, 3d, Caroline C. Davis. (107)

JOSIAH CONVERSE,⁷ resided in Troy, N. Y.; died before 1869.

ELAM CONVERSE,⁷ born in Tewksbury, Mass., 1790; died 1870; resided in Troy, N. Y.; married, 1818, Susannah Salisbury, and had two sons, viz.:

FRANKLIN CONVERSE,⁸ b. 1827; m. Sarah Frances Brown, and had HENRY T. CONVERSE⁹ and FRANK B. CONVERSE,⁹ both of Albany.

AMOS SALISBURY CONVERSE,⁸ b. 1821; resided in Albany, N. Y., and had WM. HENRY CONVERSE,⁹ and AMOS CONVERSE.⁹

JAMES A. CONVERSE,⁷ settled near Brookfield, Vt., and died there. (108)

NATHANIEL CONVERSE,⁷ lost at sea.

ABIGAIL CONVERSE,⁷ } twins: died unmarried in Brookfield, Vt.
BETSY CONVERSE,⁷ }

42. JUDE CONVERSE⁶ (*Lieut. Josiah*⁵ (19), *Capt. Josiah*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. Josiah*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Stafford, Conn., 11 June 1750; died in East Randolph, Vt., 23 October 1816. He was a soldier in the American Army in the Revolutionary War; as a drummer marched from Stafford to the relief of Boston on the Lexington alarm, 19 April 1775, and served nine days; also served 9 May to 16 October 1775 as private in 3rd Co., Capt. Elijah Robinson's, of Gen. Spencer's regiment. This regiment was raised on the first call for troops by the Legislature, April–May 1775, and was recruited mainly in the present Middlesex Co., and eastern part of the Colony. Marching by companies to the camps around Boston, it took part at Roxbury, and served during the siege, until expiration of term of service, December 1775. Detachments of offi-

cers and men were engaged at the Battle of Bunker Hill, 17 June, and in Arnold Quebec Expedition September-December 1775. The regiment was adopted as Continental in July and was reorganized for service in 1776, under Col. Wyllis (Connecticut Men in the Revolution, pages 22 and 47). Jude Converse removed to East Randolph, Vt. He married Abigail Alden who was fifth in descent from John Alden.

JOSEPH ALDEN, second son of John and Priscilla Alden, born 1624; died 8 Feb. 1697; married Mary, daughter of Moses Simmons. Their son

JOSEPH ALDEN (Deacon) of Bridgewater, born in 1667; died 22 Dec. 1747; married Hannah, daughter of Daniel Dunham of Plymouth. She died 13 Jan. 1748, æt. 78. Their son

DANIEL ALDEN, born in Bridgewater, Mass., 29 Jan. 1691; died in Stafford, Conn., 3 May 1767; married, in 1717, Abigail Shaw who died 12 July 1755, aged 61. Their son

DANIEL ALDEN, born in Bridgewater, Mass., 1720; died in Lebanon, New Hampshire, 18 May 1790; married, in 1747, Jane Turner of Weymouth, Mass. She was born 30 March 1725, and died in Lebanon, N. H., 6 May 1817, aged 92. Their daughter

ABIGAIL ALDEN of Stafford, Conn., born October 1750; died, May 1814, aged 64; married Jude Converse about 1772.

Jude and Abigail (Alden) Converse had eight children:

SILENCE CONVERSE,⁷ born 18 March 1773; died April 1773.

DOROTHY CONVERSE,⁷ born 20 Aug. 1774.

HOWARD CONVERSE,⁷ born 23 Aug. 1776.

SETH CONVERSE,⁷ born 28 Sept. 1778; left Vermont for Ohio; one account says that he went to New Orleans; another that he settled in Cincinnati or St. Louis.

JUDE CONVERSE,⁷ born 15 Aug. 1780; left Vermont for Ohio; one account is that he went to New Orleans; another that he settled in Cincinnati or St. Louis.

ABIGAIL CONVERSE,⁷ born 12 Oct. 1782; died 6 Oct. 1839; married — Mansfield of Randolph, Vt. (109)

DANIEL CONVERSE,⁷ born 15 Sept. 1784; removed from Vermont to Ames, Athens Co. Ohio, and was elected lister and constable 1 June 1802.

HANNAH CONVERSE,⁷ born 21 Aug. 1786; married Samuel Blodgett of Randolph, Vt. (110)

43. JOSEPH CONVERSE⁸ (*Lieut. Josiah*⁵(19), *Capt. Josiah*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Stafford, Conn., 28 December 1754; died in Randolph, Vt., 10 December 1826. He was a man of unusually large stature. He was a farmer and lived in Stafford until January 1801, when he removed to Randolph, Vt.

Joseph Converse married, 27 February 1777, Mary Johnson, who was born, in Stafford, 9 February 1759, and died May 1842. She was the daughter of

Deacon Seth and Mary (Edson) Johnson. Mary Edson was a daughter of Timothy Edson whose wife, Mary Alden, was a daughter of Deacon Joseph and Hannah (Dunham) Alden, and a descendant of John Alden of the Mayflower. For further details see under Jude Converse.

The tombstone in West Stafford of Deacon Seth Johnson gave 29 December 1804 as the date of his death, in his 85th year, and bore this couplet:—

“ Death is a debt to nature due
Which I have paid, and so must you ”

Children of Joseph and Mary (Johnson) Converse, all born in Stafford, with the exception of Jule, the youngest:

DOROTHY CONVERSE,⁷ born 29 Jan. 1778; died 1859; married Aholiab Johnson in 1796, and resided in Stafford. They had son:

AHOIAB JOHNSON,⁸ Jr., lawyer, who resided in Enfield, Conn., and had a large family.

JULIA JOHNSON,⁸ d. before 1869; married Geo. Arms of Macon, Ga. They had one child who died.

HANNAH CONVERSE,⁷ born 19 Sept. 1779; died in Monson, Mass., 2 June 1875. She married Nathan Rockwell. (111)

LYDIA CONVERSE,⁷ born 12 Dec. 1781; died unmarried in Randolph, Vt., in 1857.

JULIA CONVERSE,⁷ born 1 Feb. 1784; married, 1st, in 1808, James Tarbox, merchant; married, 2nd, Sylvester Griswold, farmer, of Brookfield, Vt. She survived her second husband, and died in Chardon, Ohio, 20 Dec. 1856. By her first husband, she had two children who died young.

WARREN CONVERSE,⁷ born 19 June 1786; died in Westmoreland, N.Y., s. p., 3 Jan. 1866;



Warren Converse.



Mrs. Sophia (Kellogg) Converse.

married Sophia Kellogg, who survived him. He lived in Westmoreland, near Kirkland, Oneida Co., N. Y.; was a teacher and agent for a manufacturing company. He was a member of the New York State Legislature for two years.

- MARY (POLLY) CONVERSE,⁷ born 9 July 1788; died 17 June 1870; married Jos. W. French, of Randolph, Vt. (112)
- SETH CONVERSE,⁷ born 21 July 1790; died, unmarried, 4 April 1811.
- SUSAN CONVERSE,⁷ born in 1792; died in 1852 *s. p.*; married Josiah Henry Green, farmer, of Randolph, Vt.
- ALFRED CONVERSE,⁷ born 4 April 1795; died in Moretown, N. J., 20 Oct. 1855; married Finelia Perrin. (113)
- JULIUS CONVERSE,⁷ Hon., born 27 Dec. 1798; died at Dixville Notch, N. H., 16 Aug. 1885; married, 1st, Melissa Arnold; married, 2nd, Jane Elvira Martin. (114)
- ELEANOR CONVERSE,⁷ born 6 June 1800; died 12 Aug. 1883; married Sylvester N. Hoyt. (115)
- JUDE CONVERSE,⁷ born in Randolph, Vt., 21 July 1805; married Mrs. Sidney (Metcalf) Denton, a widow; merchant in Chardon, Geauga Co., Ohio. (116)

44. SAMUEL CONVERSE⁶ (*Col. James⁵(20), Capt. Josiah,⁴ Maj. James,³ Lieut. James,² Deacon Edward¹*), born in Brookfield, Mass., 5 October 1770; settled in North Brookfield, Mass., on the place formerly occupied by his father and died there. He married, 29 May 1794, Rebecca Kittredge, who was born 21 December 1775.

Samuel and Rebecca (Kittredge) Converse had eight children:

- SAMUEL CONVERSE,⁷ JR., born 25 Jan. 1795; died 19 July 1796.
- SARAH CONVERSE,⁷ born 31 May 1797; died 21 Aug. 1818; married, 3 Dec. 1817, Asaph Bemis of Spencer.
- NANCY CONVERSE,⁷ born 18 Sept. 1798; died, in Brookfield, 23 Feb. 1822; married, 25 May 1820, Nathaniel Bemis, Jr., of Spencer.
- JAMES CONVERSE,⁷ born, in Brookfield, 13 Dec. 1799; died there 19 Jan. 1879; married Laura Morris. (117)
- SOPHRONIA CONVERSE,⁷ born 11 Aug. 1803; died, in Worcester, 28 March 1871; married, 4 Oct. 1820, Samuel Harrington, of New Braintree, Mass.; and they had DR. SAMUEL HARRINGTON,⁸ JR., of Kausas; and JULIA HARRINGTON,⁸ who married Capt. Bigelow.
- DOLLY CONVERSE,⁷ born 1804; died 18 Sept. 1805.
- THOMAS K. CONVERSE,⁷ born 4 Nov. 1809; married Nancy Newton. (118)
- MARCIA ANN CONVERSE,⁷ born 22 Oct. 1812; published, 1st, 25 April 1833, to Luther P. Pellett of Brookfield; and, 2nd, 3 Jan. 1849, to Adolphus Hamilton of West Brookfield. They had REBECCA HAMILTON,⁸ who married Dr. Robinson; GEORGE HAMILTON,⁸ and EDWARD HAMILTON.⁸

45. SERGEANT BENJAMIN CONVERSE⁶ (*Ensign James⁵(21), Ensign Edward,⁴ Samuel,³ Sergeant Samuel,² Deacon Edward¹*), baptized 14 September, 1746; died at or near Marietta, Ohio, in 1790. He married, first, 29 July 1770, Hannah Porter, daughter of Samuel Porter of Thompson. She died 25 July 1785, aged 34, and he married, second, Esther Grosvenor of Windsor, published 17 May 1786.

He was a very active and enterprising man, much respected in Thompson; received permission from the Ecc. Society in 1777 to open the graves at the Burying Place on his land, believed to have been the old Quaddie Burying Ground. He was Sergeant in Capt. Elliott's company, Putnam's regiment, and was at Cambridge 1775. In 1788 Benjamin Converse removed to Marietta, Ohio, assisting in the first settlement of that state (Mr. Wm. G. Hill's Family Record of Deacons James W. and Elisha S. Converse).

While resident at Windsor he bought the estate of Thomas Robinson of Hardwick, Mass., at and near the Old Furnace, 19 October 1780, for £20,000, in the depreciated currency of that period. Windsor, Mass., was formerly known as Gageborough, Williamsburg, and No. 4. The land records contain the following conveyances:

7 Oct. 1780. Benjamin Convers of Windsor, Mass., from William Dawes of Boston, 200 acres in No. 6 (now Seaconk) £2000. Vol. 16, p. 3.

19 Oct. 1784. Benjamin Convers and wife Hannah of Windsor, Mass. Thomas Robinson of Hardwick, Mass., £20,000 lawful money, 2 tracts in Windsor, Mass., 255 acres. (He is called Captain Convers in description.) Vol. 18, p. 56.

16 March 1780. Benjamin Convers of Windsor, Mass., to Moses Smith of Windsor for £5,000, lot 34, 1st division in Windsor, known as the minister's lot. Vol. 18, p. 153.

1 Feb. 1780. Benjamin Convers of Windsor to Joseph Pierce of Windsor, for £3,000, lawful money, lot 10, 1st division, called the school lot, in Windsor. Vol. 22, p. 54.

14 Nov. 1787. Benjamin Convers of Killingly, Conn., to Noadiah Russell of Thompson, Conn., 20 acres in Windsor, beginning at S. E. cor. of lot 55, 1st division. Vol. 26, p. 237.

Benjamin Converse removed to Hardwick. In 1781 and 1782 he was a merchant and for a few years seems to have been prosperous. But in the troublesome times that followed he became an active military partisan of Shays, appearing as Adjutant at Worcester 6 September 1786.* See Paige's History of Hardwick, Mass., which says that by his first wife he had Royal, who died young, Asa Wright, and a second Royal. Accounts have come down to us that he was a merchant of high integrity but was financially ruined by his connection with Shays's Rebellion and removed to Ohio in the winter of 1788-9, and that by his second wife he had Leicester Grosvenor Convers and Hannah Porter Convers.

* "The next attempt was at Concord in the Co. of Middlesex. Here Shays's followers were joined by a party from Worcester, about 90 strong, under Wheeler of Hubbardston, and Converse of Hardwick." (Barry's History of Mass. Vol. III, p. 228.)

STATE OF CONNECTICUT,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

HARTFORD, Dec. 11, 1899.

This is to certify that

BENJAMIN CONVERSE

served in the war of the revolution, and the following is said service, according to the records of this office. On page 57 "Conn. Men in the Revolution" appears the following:

Sergeant Benjamin Converse enlisted May 9th, 1775, in Captain Joseph Eliot's Company of Killingly. Discharged Dec. 14th, same year. In the 8th Company, Third Regiment, Colonel Israel Putnam. This regiment marched by companies to the camps forming around Boston, and was stationed there during the siege in Putnam's Centre Division at Cambridge, until expiration term of service, Dec. 10th, 1775. In testimony whereof, we have affixed hereto the seal of this office.

(Seal)

WM. E. F. LANDERS,

Colonel and Adjutant General.

[The above mentioned Regiment was raised on the first call for troops by the Legislature at special session of April-May, 1775. It was recruited in Windham County, with one Company from New London County, as indicated by the residences of the officers. Marching in May by companies to the camps forming around Boston, it was stationed during the siege in Putnam's Centre Division at Cambridge until expiration of term of service, Dec. 10, 1775. In July it was adopted as Continental. A detachment of the officers and men was engaged at Bunker Hill, as stated in the note on the battle appended to the last Company; a few men also joined the Quebec expedition. In re-enlisting troops for service in 1776, this regiment was re-organized with Benedict Arnold then before Quebec as Colonel.]

The Windsor, Mass., town records show that Benjamin Convers marched from Windsor, 20 October 1780, in Capt. Wm. Clarke's Company.

Mass. Soldiers and Sailors in the War of the Revolution, Vol. III, p. 910, has the following:

BENJAMIN CONVERS, private Capt. William Clark's Company, commanded by Lieut. John Cole, Col. Benjamin Symond's regiment; marched from Windsor, 20 Oct. 1780, by order of Gen. Fellows on an alarm, service 3 days.

BENJAMIN CONVES, private Lieut. John Cole's Company, Col. Benjamin Simond's regiment; enlisted 26 Oct. 1780; discharged 28 Oct. 1780; service 3 days. Company marched from Windsor by order of Gen. Fellows on an alarm. *Ibid.* p. 914.

The records of the town of Gageborough, Mass. (afterwards called Windsor), which began with the year 1771, include the following:

“1778. The inhabitants of the town of Gageborough met at the house of Benjamin Convers, who was chosen assessor. They voted that they build at either of the two places—on Capt. Converse’s hill where the committee set the stake, or Benj. Converse’s hill. They decided on Capt. Converse’s hill.”

The following is an extract from “Reminiscences of Shays’ Rebellion,” by Park Holland, in the *New England Magazine* for January 1901:

The main body of Shays’s troops marched through the town* to the northern bounds, passing through a valley which was in some measure protected from the cold. Here they made a halt, probably to consider what it was best to do next, whether to make a stand and give General Lincoln battle, or continue their retreat. They appear to have chosen the latter, as many of them returned to their homes. The place where they halted was immediately in front of my home, where my family then were. The latter, as may be imagined, felt themselves in a very unpleasant situation, since it was well known that I was out in Lincoln’s army, and of course unfriendly to Shays. They had reason to expect some abuse from Shays’s men. My wife was at this time confined to her chamber by illness; but as soon as she saw that they intended to halt, with her usual presence of mind she told the young man who was staying with her to make a good fire in every room of the house, and bring from the cellar and the pantry everything she had prepared and offer it to them for breakfast. The house was soon filled to overflowing with men half starved and half frozen, among whom was a Mr. Converse, now quartermaster, an acquaintance of ours. My wife sent for him and told him she had done all in her power for their relief and comfort, and hoped he would see that they did no damage in the house. He assured her that he was very grateful, and that he would as far as possible comply with her request; and he kept his word. When, therefore, they had eaten and warmed themselves to their satisfaction, they departed, having done no damage, except to clear the house of everything eatable in it.

The following account of the emigration to the West in which Benjamin Convers took part is from Miss Larned’s *History of Windham County, Conn.*:

In the great movement westward initiated during this period Killingly was deeply interested. Not only did she send many valued citizens to the western wilds, but one of her own sons was largely instrumental in opening the western territory to emigration and settlement. Dr. Manasseh Cutler, Hamilton, Mass., a man of unusual breadth and solidity of character, deeply interested in the develop-

* Petersham.

ment of the Nation, assisted in the organization of the Ohio Company in 1786, served as one of its directors and counsellors, urged its claims before Congress, and, by his forcible arguments and commanding influence aided very greatly in securing the purchase of one and a half millions of land for the Ohio Company, and the famous Ordinance for the Government of the Territory northwest of the Ohio River. Emigrants were urged to take immediate possession. Dr. Cutler's son, Ephraim, then residing with his aged grandfather in Killingly, acted as agent for the company, and prevailed upon some twenty Windham County citizens to take shares in the purchase. Jervis son of Dr. Cutler, Captain Daniel Davis, Theophilus Larned, and Samuel Felshaw were with the party that left Hartford January 1, 1788, under the direction of General Rufus Putnam, crossed the Alleghenies by the old Indian pathway, descended the Youghiogeny by boats they paused to build, landed at the mouth of the Muskingum April 7, and there began the settlement of the township of Marietta and the future state of Ohio. They were followed when the spring opened, by other men from the same vicinity, *i.e.*, Theophilus Knight, Benjamin Converse, John Leavens, George, Jeremiah, and David Wilson, Aaron Clough, and John Russell, who went out not as members of a company, but, as reported in the diary of Theophilus Knight, 'on our own hook, according to our own roving disposition and desire to see the world. We had a team of four horses and a baggage wagon for clothes, farming tools, and provisions, and off we set and had a very merry journey through the country. Part of the way we had eleven of us in company, and sometimes we were as merry as people need to be. Sometimes we met with disagreeable things, bad luck, bad travelling, but upon the whole we did pretty well.' They were just forty days upon their journey, landing at Marietta May 18, 1788. Mr. Knight witnessed many interesting scenes during his sojourn in the territory—the arrival of the first women and children; the funeral of the first white man; the organization of the first court; the celebration of the Fourth of July, when Dr. Cutler delivered the oration, and all partook of a twenty five pound pike barbecued for the occasion; the magnificent parade at the funeral of Judge Varnum escorted by the officers of the garrison and a company of United States troops, together with 'old Revolutionary officers and Indian chiefs in abundance,—a very long procession to travel in a forest,'—and they also helped build the first houses in Ohio. Most of his companions made their homes in the new country, but two, after twenty months, returned with him to Connecticut 'not thinking it was so much better than any other country that it would pay a man for carrying a large family to such a wilderness inhabited by savages and wild beasts of the forest.' Their report and example had no apparent effect upon their fellow townsmen. So many other families emigrated westward from Killingly and adjoining towns that it seemed as if 'New Connecticut' would drain the life blood of its namesake. Many of these Killingly settlers were strong intelligent men who had great influence in moulding the institutions and character of Ohio.

Ephraim Cutler, who removed to Waterford in 1795, was a member of the convention that formed the state constitution in 1802. Captain Perly Howe, who left Killingly at the same date, and Captains Daniel Davis and John Leavens were men of wisdom and experience whose counsels were held in high esteem. Benjamin Converse died the year after settlement in Waterford, having already manifested 'genius, public spirit and enterprise' that his death was mourned 'as a serious blow to the whole community.' The adventures of his son, Daniel, who was taken captive by the Indians in 1791, and after suffering great hardships managed to escape, and work his way through Canada and Vermont to Killingly, made a deep impression upon his former townsmen, but did not deter them from following the narrator back to Ohio, where he became one of the most respected citizens of Zanesville.

Sergeant Benjamin Converse's descendants have retained the ancient spelling of the name without the final "e," viz.:—Convers.

In the early Woburn and in the Middlesex County records, as well as by members of the family the name is spelled in various ways, chiefly Convers, Convars, Converse, the first having the preference for at least three generations.

In the Massachusetts archives of the War of the Revolution, the name appears as Convars, Converse, Convas, Converce, Converse, Convers, Conves, Convice, Convirce, Convis (Mass. Soldiers and Sailors in the War of the Rev., Vol. III, p. 912).

The children of Sergeant Benjamin Convers were :

JAMES CONVERS:⁷ left no children. In a little pamphlet entitled "A Brief History of Fairfield County" (Ohio) by George Sanderson, Esq., published by Thomas Wetzel, Lancaster, Ohio, 1851, he is mentioned as follows:—

"James Converse, in 1799, brought from Marietta (to Lancaster) by way of the Ohio and Hockhocking Rivers nearly a canoe load of merchandise, and opened a 'very large and general assortment' of dry goods and groceries in a cabin at Hunter's settlement. He displayed his specimen goods on the corners of the cabin and upon the stumps and limbs of the tree before his door, dispensing with the use of flags altogether,—he, of course, was a modest man."

Hunter's settlement was "on Zane's trace, upon the bank of the prairie, west of the crossings, and about 150 yards northwest of the present turnpike road."

The same history says:—"About this time (1800-1801), merchants and professional men made their appearance. James Converse, Mathews & Scofield, Wm. & C. King, Thomas Hart and John Creed commenced merchandizing."

The same pamphlet mentions James Converse as foreman of the "first grand inquest" of the first court in Fairfield Co. in January 1801, and again as a member of a jury in April 1801. His nephew, Judge Horace P. Biddle, recalls hearing of the loss at New Madrid, on the Mississippi River, by an earthquake, in 1811, of several flat boats belonging to James Convers, loaded with produce for the New Orleans market.

- ABIGAIL HOSMER CONVERS,⁷ baptized 1 Jan. 1774; died in Hocking Co., Ohio, Nov. 1817; married Benjamin Beadle. (119)
- DANIEL CONVERS,⁷ born 9 April 1775; died in Zanesville, Ohio, 12 Aug. 1848; married Sarah Munroe. He was a dry goods merchant at Zanesville. (120)
- ROYAL CONVERS,⁷ born 27 Oct. 1776; died 5 Feb. 1781.
- SIMEON CONVERS,⁷ born 31 Jan. 1779; died, unmarried, in Lancaster, Ohio, and is buried there.
- ASA WRIGHT CONVERS,⁷ baptized 18 March 1781; married Eliza Club. (121)
- ROYAL CONVERS,⁷ baptized 12 May 1782. He was a farmer in Hocking Co., Ohio. His farm was about three miles from Benjamin Biddle's. His children, all of whom died before 1868, were: ALMA CONVERS,⁸ SARAH CONVERS,⁸ ROYAL CONVERS,⁸ JR.
- MARY CONVERS,⁷ married Jasper Stone of Washington Co., Ohio; lived on Muskingum River, near Marietta; had COLLINA STONE,⁸ who married Emerson Marsh of Vinton, Ia., and they had son, CHARLES E. MARSH,⁹ Esq., lawyer, of Evansville, Ind. Charles E. Marsh died several years previously to 1900 in Indianapolis, leaving a widow and one son, CONVERS MARSH.¹⁰ Mrs. Marsh married, 2nd, Rev. Mr. Jeffries, a Baptist minister, who died before 1900.
- LEICESTER GROSVENOR CONVERS⁷ (by second wife), resided at the mouth of the Hocking River, where he had a cooperage. (122)
- HANNAH PORTER CONVERS⁷ (by second wife), married — Duval. She died before 1868, leaving one daughter and three sons. One son died before 1868.

46. ALPHEUS CONVERSE⁸ (*Ensign James*⁵⁽²¹⁾, *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), baptized 23 August 1752. He was a soldier in the American army in the Revolutionary War, in company commanded by Lieut. Pain Converse, 11th regiment militia, and at New York in 1776. He married, 17 March 1771, Jerusha Elliott, daughter of Capt. Joseph and Jerusha (Bury) Elliott. The Elliotts came to Thompson Parish about 1750, viz:—Thomas and his two sons Francis and Joseph. For Revolutionary War Service of Capt. Joseph Elliott see under head of David Convers⁵ (p. 67), who married his daughter Rachel Elliott. There is ground for belief that Capt. Joseph Elliott helped cover the retreat at the Battle of Bunker Hill after the ammunition was exhausted. Fatigue and exposure brought on fever from which he died at his home, 12 August 1775, in his forty-seventh year.

Miss Larned's History of Windham County, Conn., mentions Alpheus⁶ Converse as Constable in Thompson in 1785.

Mr. William G. Hill says that he lived at the homestead in Thompson previously occupied by Thomas Converse. Temple's History of Palmer, Mass., which calls him "Captain," contains a record of his family. This authority states that he died 8 May 1825, that his wife died 5 March 1817, that he was Selectman in 1799, on committee for rebuilding meeting house, on committee for hiring an assistant minister, on committee to arrange for call and ministry of

Rev. Simeon Colton, and, that in the war of 1812, he was a delegate to the convention protesting against that war. The war was unpopular in the river towns, as tending to cripple commerce and restrict state rights.

Alpheus and Jerusha (Elliott) Converse had eight children as follows:

ALPHEUS CONVERSE,⁷ born 27 Feb. 1773; died young.

ROSANNA CONVERSE,⁷ born 30 May 1775; died 3 May 1778.

JOSEPH CONVERSE,⁷ born 21 Jan. 1777; one account is that he settled in Vermont. Temple's "Palmer," says he married, 16 April 1801, Polly Smith, and that he died 13 Jan. 1851.

DEACON BENJAMIN CONVERSE,⁷ born 13 Oct. 1779; died, in Palmer, 18 May 1859. He married Margaret Brainerd. (123)

CHARLES CONVERSE,⁷ born 21 Feb. 1781; died Sept. 1810; married Hannah Smith.

ALPHEUS CONVERSE,⁷ born 27 Feb. 1783; died 20 Dec. 1816; married Polly Baldwin in 1802. They had seven children, viz.:

BENJAMIN CONVERSE,⁸ b. 2 March 1803.

JAMES CONVERSE,⁸ b. 18 Sept. 1806.

LYDIA CONVERSE,⁸ b. 13 June, 1807.

ASAHEL CONVERSE,⁸ b. 18 Oct. 1808.

JOSEPH CONVERSE,⁸ b. 10 April 1811.

BETSEY CONVERSE,⁸ b. 10 Dec. 1813.

DANIEL CONVERSE,⁸ b. Feb. 1816.

MARQUIS CONVERSE⁷ born 25 Sept. 1785; died 12 Oct. 1842; married Sophia Lyon. (124)

ADELPHIA CONVERSE⁷ (a daughter), born 28 April 1788; died 3 May 1789.

47. SAMUEL DAVIS CONVERSE⁶ (*Capt. Edward⁵(22), Ensign Edward,⁴ Samuel,³ Sergeant Samuel,² Deacon Edward¹*), baptized 17 February 1742; removed from Chesterfield, N.H., to Worthington, and died at his son's in Worthington. Randall's History of Chesterfield says that he lived in Chesterfield until 1782, and then removed to Dummerston, Vermont. Randall's History of Chesterfield mentions him as one of the thirteen inhabitants of Chesterfield reported as refusing to sign the famous "Association Test," and says concerning him:

SAMUEL DAVIS CONVERS, private in Chesterfield Company, commanded by Lieut. Jas. Robertson who marched for Ticonderoga 29 June, 1777. Longest service of these men, 13 days;—some only 2 or 3 days. Page 94.

The 8th Company of the regiment commanded by Col. Moses Nichols in Stark's brigade was commanded by Capt. Kimball Carlton of Chesterfield. This Company marched 22 July 1777 to meet the British at Bennington. Among the privates was Samuel D. Converse. Capt. Nichols' Company was sent 16 August to the rear of the enemy's left wing. The battle was opened at 3 p. m. by Colonel Nichols' detachment. A detachment of Carlton's Company and another company were sent to Greenbush, N.Y and fell into an ambush. *Ibid.*, p. 96.

Most of the men in Carlton's Company served till 24th September. *Ibid.*, pp. 99, 100.

Samuel Davis Converse had four sons and two daughters, viz.:

WILLARD CONVERSE.⁷

BETSEY CONVERSE,⁷ baptized 24 Aug. 1766; married Simeon Thrasher. (125)

WALTER CONVERSE,⁷ born 19 July 1767; lived in Butternuts, N. Y. (126)

JOHN CONVERSE,⁷ M.D., born in Chesterfield, N. H., 5 March 1772; died in Durham, Me., 5 (or 15) Dec. 1815; married in Windham, Me., in 1799, Sallie Hanson who survived him, as did also six daughters and one son JOHN HARRIS CONVERSE.⁸ One of the grandchildren of Dr. John Converse⁷ is Edward B. Merrill, Esq., Counsellor at Law, 17 William St., New York City.

ELISHA CONVERSE,⁷ married Lucy Curtis. (127)

POLLY CONVERSE.⁷

48. EDWARD CONVERSE⁶ (*Capt. Edward⁵(22), Ensign Edward,⁴ Samuel,³ Sergeant Samuel,² Deacon Edward*), born at Killingly, Conn., 6 June 1747; died in Windsor, Mass., 9 April 1816, "aged 69;" married Phebe Perrin, born 1748, died 6 October 1807. Edward Converse resided in Chesterfield, Mass., between 1775 and 1780, as shown by the town records, which give dates of birth of three children: Lucy, Polly and Adolphus. In 1791 he resided in New Canaan, N.Y., where the twins Calvin and Alvin were born. In 1796 he bought 70 acres of land in Richmond, Mass., and in 1799 sold this land, and, according to the statement of Moses Sumner Converse⁸, son of Alvin Converse,⁷ removed to Windsor, Mass., where he resided until his death. His military service in the War of the Revolution is shown in "Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolutionary War," as:

EDWARD CONVERSE, Chesterfield, drummer Captain Robert Webster's Company of Minute Men, General Pomroy's regiment, which marched April 21, 1775, in response to the alarm of April 19, 1775; service 14 days; also Captain Oliver Lyman's Company, Col. Dike's regiment; return for travel allowance etc.; warrant for pay allowed in Council September 12, 1776.

EDWARD CONVERSE, Chesterfield, private, Capt. Oliver Lyman's Company, Col. Dike's regiment; pay abstract for travel allowance etc., dated Dorchester, Nov. 27, 1776. It is probable, but not certain, that the following also refers to Edward Converse⁶:

CONVERSE, EDWARD, private Capt. William Clark's Co., Col. Benjamin Simond's regiment, marched from Gageborough September 20, 1777, to reinforce General Lincoln at Pawlet. Service 15 days. *Ibid.*, Vol. 3.

Children of Edward and Phebe (Perrin) Converse:

SARAH CONVERSE,⁷ born 8 Dec. 1770; married Jacob Daily; lived in Canada and had two daughters. The families of Sally, Lucy and Edward lived near each other in

northern New York and southern Canada, near the northern end of Lake Champlain.

WILLIAM ROYAL CONVERSE,⁷ born 16 Feb. 1773; lived at New Hartford, Oneida Co., N. Y., until about 1820, when he removed to Franklin Mills, Portage Co., Ohio. He had four children:

CHAUNCEY CONVERSE,⁸ never married.

COLEMAN R. CONVERSE,⁸ married and had a small family.

CHANDELIER CONVERSE,⁸ not married, history unknown.

A DAUGHTER,⁸ unmarried, and history unknown.

LUCY CONVERSE,⁷ born in Chesterfield, Mass., 22 Feb. 1775; married Nathaniel Douglass; lived in northern New York or Canada.

POLLY CONVERSE,⁷ born in Chesterfield, Mass., 17 June 1777; died 22 Nov. 1844; married John Niven. (128)

ADOLPHUS CONVERSE,⁷ born in Chesterfield, Mass., 15 Feb. 1780; died in Windsor, Mass., 5 Oct. 1819; married Hannah Cushman. (129)

EDWARD CONVERSE,⁷ born 23 March 1782; died 15 Feb. 1854; married Leah Matthews. (130)

RUFUS CONVERSE,⁷ born 20 June 1785; died 2 Oct. 1849; married Betsy Posthill. (131)

ANSEL CONVERSE,⁷ born 11 Nov. 1788; died 17 Oct. 1846; married Olive Torrey. (132)

CALVIN CONVERSE⁷ (twin), born in New Canaan, N. Y., 6 Nov. 1791; died in Union Valley, N. Y., 21 Jan. 1856; married Harriet Fuller, of Butternuts, N. Y. (133)

ALVAN CONVERSE⁷ (twin), born in New Canaan, N. Y., 6 Nov. 1791; died in Butternuts, N. Y., 23 Feb. 1861; married Matilda Sumner. (134)

ROXY CONVERSE,⁷ born in New Canaan, N. Y., 8 Sept. 1795; died in Coventry, N. Y., 29 May 1833; married Leonard Allis. (135)

49. CAPTAIN AMASA CONVERS⁸ (*Capt. Edward⁵ (22), Ensign Edward,⁴ Samuel,³ Sergeant Samuel,² Deacon Edward¹*), born 8 June 1750; died 9 March 1826. He served in the American army in the Revolutionary War; in Capt. Wm. Clarke's Co., Col. Benjamin Simond's regiment, marched from Gageborough (later Windsor) to Bennington (Vt.), by order of General Stark, 14 August 1777 on an alarm, service 8 days; also same company and regiment marched from Gageborough 5 September 1777 to reinforce General Lincoln at Pawlet, service 27 days; also Sergeant same company and regiment, marched from Windsor to Shaftsbury 13 October 1780 by order of General Fellows on an alarm at the northward; discharged 18 October 1780, service 6 days; also Lieut. John Cole's Co., Col. Benjamin Simond's Regiment, marched from Windsor 20 October 1780 by order of General Fellows on an alarm, service 3 days. ("Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the War of the Revolution" published by the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.)

He was Selectman and Assessor in Windsor, Mass., for seven or eight years till 1787.

He married, first, Olive——, who died, in Windsor, 14 March 1813, aged 61.

In the Windsor town records the date of the entry of his intention of marriage to Mrs. Sarah Cleveland of Dalton, Mass., is 2 March 1815. The record in the Bureau of Pensions in Washington (O. W. & N. Division,—J. R. W.—No. 23836, wid.—Rev. War) shows that they were married 20 March 1815, and that she was pensioned in 1845 as the former widow of William Cleveland whom she had married 5 January 1779, who had died 28 December 1799, and who had served 2 years, 10 months and 9 days, from 20 February 1777 as a private in Col. Samuel Wylly's Connecticut regiment in the Revolution.

One of the descendants of Capt. Amasa Convers, viz., Miss Ruth M. Morse of Westfield, N.J., has a bedspread worked by Mrs. Amasa Convers (second wife) for her husband with the inscription in stitch "A. C. 72-1822." Miss Morse's record gives Capt. Amasa's occupation as farmer, and says he was Captain of militia, and that he lost several children by an epidemic, said to have been variola.

Children of Capt. Amasa and Olive Convers:

AMASA CONVERS,⁷ JR., LIEUTENANT, born in Windsor, Mass., 8 Feb. 1777; married, 1st, Sinai Chaffee; married, 2nd, Esther Walker. (136)

OLIVE CONVERS,⁷ born, in Windsor, 24 April 1779; date of entry of marriage intention to Willard Morse of Windsor 13 Feb. 1802 and 3 May 1802. In the Berkshire County probate records he is called "Willard Morse of Dalton." They had three sons: ALONZO MORSE.⁸

AMASA CONVERSE MORSE,⁸ m. Caroline E. Cogswell (dau. of Richard C. Cogswell of Pittsfield, and cousin of Ralph Waldo Emerson and Oliver Wendell Holmes) and had two sons: Dr. WILLARD H. MORSE⁹ and RICHARD MORSE.⁹ Dr. Willard H. Morse m., 12 Aug. 1879, Linnie Knox, and had dau., RUTH M. MORSE,¹⁰ b. 19 March 1882.

THADDEUS MORSE.⁸

SYLVANIA CONVERS,⁷ born, in Windsor, 20 June 1782; married, 1 Dec. 1803, Frederick Dunham of Windsor; removed to Canaan, N. Y.

PATTY CONVERS,⁷ born, in Windsor, 18 July 1785; died 16 March 1813.

ROXEY CONVERS,⁷ born, in Windsor, 4 April 1789; died there 18 March 1813.

MARY CONVERS,⁷ born, in Windsor, Feb. 1793. Her intention of marriage to Bennit Pratt of Dalton was published 8 Oct. 1819. They had five daughters: MARY PRATT,⁸ HARRIET PRATT,⁸ JULIA PRATT,⁸ ANN PRATT,⁸ and EMELINE PRATT⁸ who m. Francis Knox of Pittsfield and had two daughters: LINNIE KNOX⁹ who m. Dr. Willard H. Morse, and NELLIE KNOX.⁹

50. ABIGAIL CONVERS⁶ (*Capt. Edward*⁵ (22), *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born 23 August 1756; married in Windsor, Mass., to Asa Hall. On the church records in Windsor is the following:—"December 28, 1824, Abigail Hall, wife of Asa Hall aged 68 years; appoplexy." The inscription on her tombstone at Windsor, Mass., reads:—"In memory of Abigail, wife of Asa Hall, who died Dec. 27, 1824, in the 68th year of her age."

Asa Hall died 14 April 1825, in his 73rd year. He was born in Plainfield, Conn., 20 March 1752, and was the son of Capt. John Hall and wife, Mrs. Jemima (Kinney) Read, who were married in Norwich, Conn., 6 June, 1749. Capt. John Hall was the son of Samuel Hall and Abigail Fellows, who were married in Plainfield, Conn., 4 January, 1720-21.

Asa and Abigail (Convers) Hall had thirteen children, born as follows:

CHARLOTTE HALL,⁷ born 18 Oct. 1771; married — Stone. She was the mother of Philander Stone of Churchville, N. Y., who was the father of Burt Stone and Mrs. Lottie (Stone) Bushnell of Churchville.

PHANELEE HALL,⁷ born 24 (or 14) April 1773; married, 27 March 1800, Wm. Prince.

OLIVE HALL,⁷ born 23 (or 30) June 1775; died 23 Feb. 1817; married, 28 June 1796, Wm. Clark of Conway.

ASA HALL,⁷ JR., CAPTAIN, born in Windsor, Mass., 12 Sept. 1777; married, in Windsor, 1 Jan. 1801, Martha (or Patty) Ford, daughter of Benjamin and Sarah (Brett) Ford. The Ford line is as follows: 1. Andrew and Eleanor (Lovell) Ford. 2. Andrew and Abiah Ford. 3. Ensign Andrew and Marcey (Whitmarsh) Ford. 4. Jacob and Sarah (Pool) Ford. 5. Benjamin and Sarah (Brett) Ford. On the Brett side Martha Ford descended from John Alden and Priscilla Mullins of the Mayflower. He was Captain in Mass. State Militia. Like his father and grandfather he held many town offices in Windsor:

In 1802 he was surveyor and tything man.

In 1805 surveyor with his father.

In 1801 surveyor with his uncle, John Hall.

In 1807 and 1808 school committee.

In 1809 committee with his father to hire a singing master.

In 1811 school committee and tything man.

To Capt. Asa and Martha (Ford) Hall eleven children were born as follows:

ALVAH HALL,⁸ b., in Windsor, 16 Sept. 1802; d. in Honeoye Falls, N. Y., where he lived for many years and was a prominent member of the Presbyterian Church, and a highly respected citizen. He married, 7 June 1826, Nancy Graves, b. 4 April 1806, d. 29 Dec. 1878. They had five children:

CHARLES FRANKLIN HALL,⁸ b. 15 June 1829; m., 17 June 1868, Mary Kidder, b. 22 Oct. 1833, d. 1 Feb. 1892. No children.

MARY JENNIE HALL,⁸ b. 29 June 1831; m., 7 Sept. 1881, Asher L. Conger, b. 26 Jan. 1822, d. 25 May 1884. No children.

JULIA JUSTUS HALL,⁸ b. 16 July 1833; d. —

MARTHA CAROLINE HALL,⁸ b. 18 June 1835; m., 20 Sept. 1865, Addison Shaw, b. 6 July 1829, d. 12 Feb. 1895. They lived for many years in West Brighton, N. Y., near Rochester, till his death, when she moved to Honeoye Falls to live with her brother and sisters. They had one child:

ADDIE HALL SHAW,¹⁰ b. 22 Nov. 1869; d. Aug. 1870.

FRANCES ABIGAIL HALL,⁸ b. 2 Aug. 1844; m., 13 Feb. 1867, Luther Rogers, b. 25 Nov. 1843, son of Wm. H. B. and Marietta (Stanley) Rogers. They had six children:

- ALVAH HALL ROGERS,¹⁰b., in Honeoye Falls, 7 June 1869; m. in Rochester, N. Y., 12 Oct. 1892, Lola Judson and had two children, viz.:
- JUDSON ROGERS,¹¹ b. 9 Oct. 1894.
- CLESSEN ALDEN ROGERS,¹¹ b. in Gloversville, N. Y., 25 Jan. 1899.
- WM. HENRY ROGERS,¹⁰ b. 21 April 1872; d. 12 Aug. 1872.
- ARCHIBALD LUTHER ROGERS,¹⁰ b., in Honeoye Falls, 28 July 1874; m. in Gloversville, N. Y., 26 July 1898, Fannie Wemple, b. May 1873.
- CHARLES CLARK ROGERS,¹⁰ b. 25 Sept. 1875; d. 12 Aug. 1889.
- HARRY ADDISON ROGERS,¹⁰ b. 10 July 1877.
- JEROME STANLEY ROGERS,¹⁰ b. 8 Nov. 1884.
- NORTON HALL,⁹ b., in Windsor, 25 July 1804; m. his cousin, Harriet Hall, b. 18 Feb. 1808, daughter of Daniel and Lydia (Smith) Hall; they had two children:
- EDSON OSCAR HALL,⁹ b. 8 May 1834; m. and d. *s. p.* Sept. 1880.
- FRANCES L. HALL,⁹ b. 21 April 1839; m. — Gould, and had two sons:
- ARTHUR S. GOULD,¹⁰ b. 5 Nov. 1864.
- CLARENCE D. GOULD,¹⁰ b. 25 May 1866.
- PHILO HALL,⁹ b. 12 June 1806; d. April 1879; m. Angeline Frost, a beautiful singer, who was blind for some years before her death. They had two daughters who died in early youth and also a son and another daughter, viz:
- HENRY MARTYN HALL,⁹ b. 1833; resides in Detroit, Mich.; m., 10 Jan. 1853, Eliza Douglass Stowe, b. 27 Aug. 1836. Four children, viz:
- LIZZIE HALL,¹⁰ b. 11 June 1855; m., 25 May 1881, Wm. H. Beeman of Toledo, Ohio, and has one child: W. HARRY BEEMAN,¹¹ b. 2 Oct. 1882.
- EMMA ETTA HALL,¹⁰ b. 26 Sept. 1858; m., 24 Nov. 1886, — Major; no children.
- ROSWELL ELMER HALL,¹⁰ b. 26 May 1861; m., Oct. 1888, Emma Zemlin. They had four children, viz:
- ELMER HALL,¹¹ b. 23 Oct. 1889.
- MILDRED HALL,¹¹ b. 1 Aug. 1892.
- GRACE HALL,¹¹ b. 1894; d. Nov. 1898.
- LAWRENCE HENRY HALL,¹¹ b. 19 March 1900.
- GERTRUDE HALL,¹⁰ b. 9 Jan. 1872; m., 3 Nov. 1887, Walter D. Stickney and has three children, viz:
- HAROLD ALVIN STICKNEY,¹¹ b. 23 July 1888.
- WALTER BEEMAN STICKNEY,¹¹ b. 11 July 1890.
- ROY JOHN STICKNEY,¹¹ b. 19 Jan. 1893.
- JANE AUGUSTA HALL,⁹ m. — Gates; in 1901 resided, a widow, in St. Louis, Gratiot Co., Mich.
- CHAPIN HALL,⁹ b., in Windsor, 1 May 1808; d., 14 Dec. 1867, in Bergen, N. Y., where he is buried. He m., 1st, 29 Dec. 1836, Roxana Lydia Langdon, b. in Verona, N. Y., 23 May 1814, daughter of Seth and Elizabeth (Avery) Langdon; d., in North Bergen, N. Y. He m., 2nd, in Fremont, Ohio, 16 Sept.

1858, by Rev. F. S. White, Betsey Edgerton, b. in Pawlet, Vt., 29 Dec. 1824, daughter of Reed and Harriet (Griswold) Edgerton. After the death of her husband, Mrs. Betsey (Edgerton) Hall and her three sons remained in Bergen until 1 July 1880, when, their home having been burned, they removed to Fremont, Ohio, where she died 15 July 1893. She was buried there. Chapin and Roxana Lydia (Langdon) Hall had five children, viz:

WALDO NOYES HALL,⁹ b. 26 Aug. 1839; d. 16 April 1857.

SETH CHAPIN HALL,⁹ b., in North Bergen, 9 Aug. 1842. His boyhood was spent on a farm with his parents. Later, he lived for many years in Byron, N. Y., where he was engaged in the general merchandise business with Chas. Seaver under the firm name of Seaver & Hall. In the Civil War he enlisted in response to the first calls for troops, first in the 129th N. Y., and later in the 8th N. Y. Heavy Artillery. He rose to the rank of Lieut. in the regiment last named. When mustered out he was acting captain, but not commissioned. He is a member of the G.A.R., and of the Masonic order. He married in Byron, N. Y., 7 March 1878, Sarah Frances Todd, who was born 1 May 1852, and is the daughter of Isaac Appleton and Frances (Dewey) Todd. They now (1901) live at 117 Cady St., Rochester, N. Y. Their three children were all born in Byron, N. Y., viz:

CHARLES TODD HALL,¹⁰ b. 2 March 1879. He removed from Rochester to Denver, Colo., where he is a drug clerk in the employ of T. J. Brown & Co.

MINNEISKA LOUISE HALL,¹⁰ b. 30 July 1881.

IDA HELEN HALL,¹⁰ b. 17 April 1887.

ALVIRA ELIZABETH HALL,⁹ b. in North Bergen, N. Y., 22 May 1847; lived for many years in Syracuse, N. Y., where she was married, 28 Oct. 1875, to Loren G. Little. He died, in N. Y. City, 10 Jan. 1895, aged 53 years. She lived for several years in N. Y. City, then in Rochester and is now (1901) living in Fremont, Ohio, with her brother Gilbert E. Hall.

INFANT SON,⁹ b. 30 Aug. 1854; d. 30 Sept. 1854.

HERBERT LANGDON HALL,⁹ b. 4 Dec. 1857. After the death of his mother, he was adopted by his uncle, Alvah Hall of Honeoye Falls. He died there 6 May 1862.

To Chapin and Betsey (Edgerton) Hall, three children were born, viz:

GILBERT EDGERTON HALL,⁹ b. 25 Oct. 1859; resides in 1901 in Fremont, Ohio, where he is associated in business with the Herbrand Co., manufacturers of drop forgings and carriage hardware.

MARSON HENRY HALL,⁹ b. 18 Sept. 1861. He was a young man of much promise. He lived in Bergen, N. Y., his native town, until 1877, when he went to Fremont, Ohio, where he entered the employ of his uncle, Gilbert Edgerton Hall, in the office of his lumber yard, and sash and blind factory. He graduated with honor from the High School of Fremont, but was stricken with consumption and died 5 May 1882.

FRANK MORGAN HALL,⁹ b., in Bergen, 22 Dec. 1862; lived in Bergen till 1 July 1880, when he moved to Fremont, Ohio, where he entered the employ of S. Buckland & Son as drug clerk. In Oct. 1882 he went to Pueblo, Col., as drug clerk, and, after a few months, to Denver, Col., where he went into the drug business for himself. He is located at 2701 Larimer Street under the firm name of F. M. Hall. He was married, in Fremont, 24 Feb. 1885, by Rev C. E. Barnes, to Lizzie Garvin, who was born, in Fremont, 3 Nov. 1864, the daughter of David and Lucy (Bartlett) Garvin. Their three children were born in Denver as follows:

FLORENCE BETH HALL,¹⁰ b. 31 March 1887; d. 4 Aug. 1887.

ROLLIN MARSON HALL,¹⁰ b. 6 March 1890.

DOROTHY HALL,¹⁰ b. 17 April 1900.

MARY HALL,⁸ b. 6 March 1810; d. 9 June 1810.

ORRY HALL,⁸ b., in Windsor, 15 June 1811; d. 18 Dec. 1863; m., 12 Dec. 1833, Wm. A. Bates of Windsor who d. 3 May 1884. They had three children, viz:

EDWARD GRAHAM BATES,⁹ b. 18 Oct. 1838; m. Sophia —; and had two children, viz:

EUGENE A. BATES,¹⁰ b. 3 Sept. 1866.

ERNEST GRAHAM BATES,¹⁰ b. 13 Feb. 1870.

ALMA LILLIAN BATES,⁹ d. 14 Oct. 1900; m. — Hawks.

MARTHA BATES.⁹

SAMUEL NOYES HALL,⁸ b. 2 May 1813; d. 10 Nov. 1889; m., 2 Oct. 1838, Sarah Wiley Russell, who was born 6 Sept. 1819, and died 5 Jan. 1891. They lived in Pittsfield, Mass., and had four children, viz:

SARAH M. HALL,⁹ b. 1 Nov. 1840; m. Edwin W. Field, who was born 29 Jan. 1841. They had three children, viz:

LUELLA E. HALL,¹⁰ b. 25 Oct. 1866; m. — Frary.

SAMUEL HALL,¹⁰ b. 18 May 1868.

MARIAN S. HALL,¹⁰ b. 9 April 1876.

SAMUEL HALL,⁹ b. 14 Sept. 1844.

MYRON HALL,⁹ b. 5 Jan. 1851.

KATE A. HALL,⁹ b. 14 May 1853; m. George Wentworth, D.D.S., of Pittsfield, Mass., who was for many years in partnership with his wife's uncle, Clark Hall, in dentistry in Pittsfield. The three children of Geo. and Kate A. (Hall) Wentworth were born in Pittsfield as follows:

BESSIE N. WENTWORTH,¹⁰ b. 12 Nov. 1876.

RALPH WENTWORTH,¹⁰ b. 19 Feb. 1878.

ETHEL L. WENTWORTH,¹⁰ b. 18 March 1879.

MORGAN HALL,⁸ b., in Windsor, 8 April 1815; d. 5 Feb. 1883; m., 1st, 15 April 1846, Mary H. Snow, who was b., in Windsor, 15 Jan. 1819, and d. 25 Jan. 1848. He m., 2nd, 5 April 1849, Lydia M. Goldthwait, who was born in Peru, Mass., 30 Jan. 1823, and died 8 Aug. 1891. Morgan and Lydia M. (Goldthwait) Hall had three children, viz:

MARTHA E. HALL,⁹ b., in Windsor, 20 Jan. 1850; d. 15 March 1850.

EMMA L. HALL,⁹ b., in Worthington, 4 Sept. 1852; d. 10 Aug. 1887; m.,

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- 13 Nov. 1877, Arthur M. Johnson. Their two children were born in Worthington:
- EVA B. JOHNSON,¹⁰ b. Nov. 1878.
HOWARD JOHNSON,¹⁰ b. Jan. 1881.
- ALICE L. HALL,⁹ b. in Worthington, 6 Sept. 1854; d. 6 June 1891; m., 19 Jan. 1887, C. E. Torrey, who was b. 7 Nov. 1845. They had one child:
- LYLIAN A. TORREY,¹⁰ b., in Windsor, 29 Aug. 1888; d. 8 Oct. 1888.
- MEHITABEL HALL,⁸ b. 6 June 1817; d. 24 Feb. 1897; m., 8 April 1846, Albert W. Wells. They lived in Sumner, Bremer Co., Ia., where he was a farmer. They had seven children as follows:
- HENRY A. WELLS,⁹ b. 21 Feb. 1847; married, and in 1901 had four daughters, and one son. The two oldest girls are teaching school and live in Sumner.
- SILENUS A. WELLS,⁹ b. 6 Nov. 1848; lives in Kansas; married; several children.
- MATTIE E. WELLS,⁹ b. 2 Sept. 1850; lives in Sumner.
- NELLIE WELLS,⁹ b. 30 Jan. 1853; m. — Roberts; lives in Fairmount, Buchanan Co., Iowa, and has two daughters and one son.
- JENNIE WELLS,⁹ b. 9 Sept. 1856; m. — Stevens; lives in Monte Vista, Col.; two children.
- LIZZIE WELLS,⁹ b. 16 March 1860; m. — Neal, and has one child. She lives near the others in Iowa.
- WALTER WELLS,⁹ the youngest child, died 1895.
- ELIAS HALL,⁸ b. 4 July 1820; d. 5 March 1821.
- CLARK FORD HALL,⁸ b. 11 July 1822; d., unmarried, 18 Nov. 1891.
- DANIEL HALL,⁷ born, in Windsor, 11 Jan. 1780; died April 1780.
- POLLY HALL,⁷ born 6 June 1781; died 26 May 1782.
- DANIEL HALL,⁷ born, in Windsor, 16 July 1783; died 13 Nov. 1858. He married, 1st, Lydia Smith, who was born 17 Oct. 1784, died 21 Feb. 1811, the daughter of Adra and Kezia (Hume) Smith. He married, 2nd, Sally Smith, who was born 8 June 1780, died 10 Nov. 1869. She was his first wife's sister. To Daniel and Lydia (Smith) Hall three children were born, viz:
- LOMIRA HALL,⁸ b. 15 Oct. 1805; d. 21 April 1832; m. Ira Stone.
- HARRIET HALL,⁸ b. 18 Feb. 1808; d. Nov. 1871; m. her cousin, Norton Hall, son of Asa and Martha (Ford) Hall.
- LYDIA HALL,⁸ b. 23 Jan. 1811; d. 4 Oct. 1876; m. Abram Fisher.
- Daniel and Sally (Smith) Hall had eight children:
- NAOMI HALL,⁸ b. 15 May 1812; d. 21 Jan. 1863; m. David Wentworth.
- HIRAM HALL,⁸ b. 1 Jan. 1814; d. 2 April 1895; m. Lucy Greene, and was father of FRANKLIN HALL,⁹ of Churchville, N. Y., and of WARD P. HALL,⁹ of Churchville, who married Sarah Hill, an aunt of Frances Willard.
- ELECTA HALL,⁸ b. 13 Nov. 1815; d. 14 Sept. 1898; m. John Curtis.
- ELIZA HALL,⁸ b. 5 April 1818; d. 12 Oct. 1818.
- ELIZA PHANELA HALL,⁸ b. 1 Feb. 1820; d. 23 Aug. 1821.
- FANNY HALL,⁸ b. 17 Feb. 1822; d. 16 Dec. 1849; m. James Williams, who died 24 Nov. 1850, aged 30.

CHARLOTTE HALL,⁸ b. 8 March 1825; m. James Alexander, and lives in Wayne, Mich.

WARD HALL,⁸ b. 28 Feb. 1828; d. 10 Dec. 1830.

CLARK HALL,⁷ born 27 (or 29) Jan. 1786; died 14 Dec. 1859; married Betsey Parker, and had a son, HENRY HALL,⁸ who was born 4 Feb. 1812. This son lived for many years in Scottsville, N. Y., and died 9 July 1886. He married Celia M. S——, who was born 31 Aug. 1813, and died 11 Aug. 1890. They had a son HOMER L. S. HALL,⁸ b. 24 May 1857.

ABIGAIL HALL⁷ (also called Nabby), born 25 Oct. 1788; married, 27 Oct. 1808, Festus Francis.

ALVAH HALL,⁷ born 17 Jan. 1791; married Nancy Bussey, and was father of MILO HALL,⁸ of Churchville, N. Y. "Alvah Hall and Nancy Bussey intend marriage. Entered 9 Nov. 1820." (Town Records.)

ELIAS HALL,⁷ born 27 April 1793; died 26 Aug. 1816.

POLLY HALL,⁷ 2nd, born 3 July 1795; died 29 Sept. 1796.

CLARISSA HALL,⁷ born 6 Nov. 1797; died 20 May 1836; married, 31 May 1825, to Chauncey Baldwin of Hinsdale.

51. ELISHA CONVERSE⁶ (*Jonathan*⁵ (23), *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born 13 March 1758; lived when a boy with James Larned of Killingly, Conn. He was enlisted in Putnam's regiment, 8 May 1775 (3rd Conn. Regt., 8th Co., enlisted 9 May 1775, discharged 14 Dec. 1775), though only seventeen years of age, and was with the army at Cambridge through that memorable campaign, sharing in the closing scenes of the battle of Bunker Hill. This account of him is from "Family History of Deacons James W. and Elisha S. Converse," by Mr. Wm. G. Hill, which also says that he was a man of great energy, and much engaged in running mills, and in manufacturing experiments. He removed after a time to Wardsbury, Vt., where he acquired a considerable estate. He married, first, ——. He married, second, Mary Wells of Woodstock, Conn., and had nine children.

Children:

ROSWELL CONVERSE,⁷ COLONEL, born 1780; died 1870; married Theodosia ——. (137)

JONATHAN CONVERSE.⁷

POLLY CONVERSE.⁷

LUCY CONVERSE.⁷

ADELPHI CONVERSE.⁷

LOVISA CONVERSE.⁷

ESTHER CONVERSE.⁷

ELISHA CONVERSE.⁷

JOHN MASON CONVERSE.⁷

52. CHESTER CONVERSE⁶ (*Lieut. Jacob*⁵ (24), *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Thompson Parish, Killingly, Conn.,

was baptized there 7 December 1755. He was a farmer. In 1793 his father gave to him a deed of the home farm in Thompson. Chester Converse marched on the Lexington alarm, and also served in the militia, doing duty in New York in September 1776 (Larned's History of Windham County, Conn.). The following is from "Connecticut Men in the Revolution":

CHESTER CONVERSE, Private, from the town of Killingly. 7 days in service, Lexington Alarm, for the Relief of Boston, April 1775. Page 14.

CHESTER CONVERSE. Company commanded by Lieut. Paine Converse, Eleventh Regiment of Militia (at New York in 1776). Page 464.

Chester Converse removed to Monson, Mass., about 1800, and owned a fine farm on what was then and is now known as East Hill. Later his son Welcome came into possession of the farm and subsequently sold it to the town of Monson, which holds it as a town farm. Chester Converse died, in Monson, 24 October 1815, from injuries received from being thrown from his carriage, while returning home after carrying his children to school. He married Esther Green, who died, in Monson, 4 April 1815, and both she and her husband lie buried near the front wall of the old cemetery on Main Street in Monson.

Esther Green was the daughter of Hezekiah Green, who was fourth in descent from Lieut. Henry Green of Malden, Mass., viz.: Henry Green of Malden,¹ Henry Green, Jr., of Killingly,² Henry Green,³ 3rd, Hezekiah Green⁴. So says Miss Ellen D. Larned, the historian of Windham County, who also states that the first Henry of Malden married Esther Hesse who lived to be 98 years old, surviving her husband thirty years and who was a woman of much character. She made her will at 90 years of age, leaving wearing apparel to her daughters and mentioning four great granddaughters. Lieut. Henry Green was a son of Thomas Green of Malden, and the name Esther was perpetuated among many generations of his descendants.

Chester and Esther (Green) Converse had three sons, viz.:

HEZEKIAH CONVERSE,⁷ born 9 Sept. 1784; farmer in Monson, Mass.; married, 27 Feb. 1805, Abigail Town. (138)

WELCOME CONVERSE,⁷ born in Thompson, Conn., 24 Dec. 1787; married Huldah Howard. He was a farmer, lived in Monson, Mass., and died there 12 Feb. 1855. (139)

SHERMAN CONVERSE,⁷ married, 1st, Ann Huntington; married, 2nd, Eliza Nott. (140)

53. DOCTOR JACOB CONVERSE⁸ (*Lieut. Jacob*⁵ (24), *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Thompson, Conn.; was baptized 11 May 1766. He married, first, Miriam Keith, probably of Thompson,

who died without issue. He married, second, at Plymouth, Mass., Miss Eleanor Robinson, a descendant of Rev. John Robinson, the Leyden pastor of the Plymouth church and of Eleanor Robinson, a legatee of Capt. Miles Standish. Her father, James Robinson, a farmer, who was born in Plymouth, and lived and died there, had a family of fourteen children of whom she was the youngest. Of her six brothers, four served in the army during the Revolution. One, Dr. Gain Robinson, returned from the war, settled in Palmyra, N. Y., and died there, leaving a large family. Another, Major Clark Robinson, returned to his homestead in Cummington, Mass., and died there leaving three children. The seven sisters of Mrs. Converse married respectively Fay, Macintire, Kinney, Horr, Bradish (ancestor of Luther Bradish, Lieut. Governor of New York), Collins and Reed. All had large families.

Dr. Converse died at Palmer, Mass., in 1804, and his widow married, second, Jairus Howard, a farmer, of Worcester County, Mass., the father of her eldest daughter's husband. She married, third, Deacon Woods of Enfield, Mass., whose granddaughter married William E. Chandler of High Street, New Haven, Conn., of Converse descent, a nephew of Sherman Converse of Westboro, Mass.

Mrs. Eleanor (Robinson-Converse) Woods died in Enfield.

Dr. Jacob Converse had studied medicine, but was professor of the dead languages at Providence, R.I., and later at Palmer. He was graduated from Brown University in 1790, and his son, Maxcy Manning, was so named after two presidents of Brown University, both of whom were his godfathers.

Children of Dr. Jacob and Eleanor (Robinson) Converse:

MIRIAM KEITH CONVERSE,⁷ born in Palmer, Mass., 29 Jan. 1797; died in Enfield, Mass., 24 Aug. 1833; married Daniel Howard. (141)

MAXCY MANNING CONVERSE,⁷ born in Palmer, Mass., 10 Dec. 1799; died in Elmira, N. Y.; married Anna Guthrie. (142)

LORENZO CONVERSE,⁷ CAPTAIN, born in Palmer, 6 Oct. 1800; died 27 July 1853; married Eliza Reid. (143)

ANNA CONVERSE,⁷ born 1803; died in Brimfield, Mass., 6 May 1849; married Hezekiah Ferry. (144)

REBECCA CONVERSE,⁷ born in Palmer, 18 April 1805; died in Enfield, Mass., 22 Feb. 1834; married John Crosby. (145)

ELEANOR CONVERSE,⁷ died in Brimfield, Mass., 4 Aug. 1853; married, 24 Nov. 1831, Solomon Homer. (146)

54. CAPTAIN JAMES CONVERSE⁶ (*Asa*⁵ (25), *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Thompson, Conn., 1757; baptized

in Thompson Parish, Killingly, Conn., 16 August 1761; died in Pittsford, N.Y., 3 A.M., 26 April 1817. He lies buried in Pittsford. He served in the Revolutionary War as a private in the Eighth Company (Capt. Levi Wells of Colchester, Conn.), 2d Regiment Connecticut Continental troops, commanded by Col. Joseph Spencer. He enlisted 16 May 1775, and was discharged at Pittsford, N.Y., 1 December 1775. This regiment was raised on the first call for troops by the Legislature April-May 1775, recruited mainly in the present Middlesex County, and eastern part of the Colony. Marching by companies to the camps around Boston, it took post at Roxbury and served during the siege until expiration of term of service December 1775. Detachments of officers and men were engaged at the battle of Bunker Hill, June 17, and in Arnold's Quebec Expedition September-December 1775. The regiment was adopted as Continental in July and reorganized for service in 1776 under Colonel Wyllis (Conn. Men in the Revolution, p. 47). Capt. James Converse resided in or near Stafford, Conn. He was thrice married: first, to Mrs. Whitman, a widow, "whose daughter, Lucy Whitmore, married Frederick Larabee Converse's brother." This first wife, by whom he had several children, died in Connecticut—undoubtedly in Stafford. He married, second, in Stafford, Conn., 25 September 1800, Sally (Larabee) Wheeler of Stafford, daughter of Captain Larabee of New Hampshire, and by her had three children, Timothy, Thomas Jefferson, and Frederick Larabee. With this family he emigrated to Wayne County, N.Y., crossing the Hudson River on the ice, and making the entire journey by wagon. Mrs. Sally (Larabee) Converse died in Clyde, N.Y., 9 October 1812, aged 46 years. He married, third, in Penfield, N.Y., 14 March 1813, Chloe Walker, who died in Bloomfield, N.Y. It is possible that there were other children than those here named. A statement in the hands of the writer giving the number of children may be read as 11, 21 or 22. The children by the first wife are not recorded strictly in the order of their births.

Children of Captain James Converse:

SALMON CONVERSE,⁷ died in Stafford, Conn.

JAMES CONVERSE,⁷ died in Stafford, Conn.

DANIEL CONVERSE,⁷ said to have died in Schenectady, N. Y. (Was this the Daniel Converse who was a private in 13th U. S. Infantry in War of 1812, and who died in Utica, N. Y., 5 March 1813?)

HORACE CONVERSE,⁷ died in Clyde, N. Y.

LYMAN CONVERSE,⁷ died in Ohio.

ALVIN CONVERSE,⁷ died in Washington.

POLLY [MARY] CONVERSE,⁷ died in Mendon, N. Y. She had a daughter who married — Ladd and lived in Pittsford, N. Y.

Children by second wife:

- TIMOTHY CONVERSE,⁷ born in Stafford, Conn., 2 Nov. 1801; died in Albany, N. Y.
 THOMAS JEFFERSON CONVERSE,⁷ born in Stafford, Conn., 17 Nov. 1802; died 1890;
 married, 1st, Sarah Jane Hendrick; married, 2nd, Sarah Higgins. (147)
 FREDERICK LARABEE CONVERSE,⁷ born, in Stafford, 17 June 1806; died in Bloomfield,
 N. Y., 25 Oct. 1889; married, 1st, Debora Pool; married, 2nd, Sally Whitmore
 Tiffany Peters; married, 3rd, Elizabeth Lay. (148)
 HARRIET CONVERSE⁷.

Child by third wife:

LORING CONVERSE,⁷ born 10 Dec. 1814; died at sea, date unknown.

55. SOLVIN CONVERSE⁸ (*Asa*⁵ (25), *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Thompson (Killingly), Conn., 17 April 1758; baptized 13 September 1762; married, 30 March 1780, Sarah Holmes, who was born 10 July 1760. Oliver Wendell Holmes was her first cousin once removed. Her line was John,¹ David,² Josiah,³ Sarah,⁴ as follows:

JOHN HOLMES,¹ the pioneer, settled in Woodstock, Conn., in 1678, and had son:
 DAVID HOLMES,² SENIOR, married Bathshua Sanford whom Larned's History of Windham County, Conn., describes as the heroine of Woodstock Colony, because of her many daring deeds during the Indian assaults on that frontier. David and Bathshua (Sanford) Holmes had two sons, the eldest of whom, Josiah, is specified below. The younger son, David Holmes, Jr., born 11 Aug. 1721, had son, Abial Holmes, who was President of Harvard College, and father of Oliver Wendell Holmes.

JOSIAH HOLMES,³ married, 1st, ——— Robinson; married, 2nd, ——— Dunton.
 SARAH HOLMES,⁴ married Solvin Converse.

After their marriage Solvin and Sarah (Holmes) Converse resided in Stafford, Conn., and there he died at fifty-six years of age and was buried at Stafford Street. The house in which he died was built by him and, after his death, continued to be the home of his widow and her son, Parley. Mrs. Converse lived to be eighty-four years old.

Children of Solvin and Sarah (Holmes) Converse, all born in Stafford:

- JOSIAH CONVERSE,⁷ born 20 March 1781; died 14 July 1809; married Joanna Alden. (149)
 BETSY CONVERSE,⁷ born 26 June 1783; died 9 July 1877; married John Baker. (150)
 SALLY CONVERSE,⁷ born 4 Feb. 1786; died 18 March 1865; married Olney Brown. (151)
 CELENDIA CONVERSE,⁷ born 4 April 1788; died 16 Nov. 1844; married Luther Markham.
 (152)
 SOLVA CONVERSE,⁷ born 1 April 1790; died 22 Nov. 1877; married Esther Blodgett.
 (153)
 PARLEY CONVERSE,⁷ born, in Stafford Spa, 6 May 1792; died 25 Nov. 1869; married Sally Alden. (154)

JOHN HOLMES CONVERSE,⁷ born 1 July 1794; died 19 May 1825; married Wealthy Dimmock. (155)

LUCY CONVERSE,⁷ born 29 Oct. 1796; died 4 June 1831; married David Brown. (156)

GEORGE CONVERSE,⁷ born 11 July 1799; died 22 Nov. 1877; married Mary Dart. (157)

WASHINGTON CONVERSE,⁷ born 18 Dec. 1800; died in Stafford, Conn., 29 Dec. 1813.

FREEMAN CONVERSE,⁷ born 29 Oct. 1803; died 18 May 1846; married, 1st, Sarah McDonald; married, 2nd, Emily Miller. (158)

56. THERON CONVERSE⁶ (*Col. Thomas*⁵ (27), *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹) born in Goshen, Conn., 6 December 1775; married in Bridgewater, Oneida County, N.Y., 20 October 1799, Nancy Case, who was born in Fort Edward, N.Y., in April 1779. They lived in Bridgewater, N.Y., nine years; thence removed, in 1808, to Watertown, N. Y., where he was a manufacturer of hats and caps. He died, in Watertown, November 1858, and she died there March 1863.

Children of Theron and Nancy (Case) Converse:

AURELIA CONVERSE,⁷ born in Bridgewater, N. Y., 25 Nov. 1800; died in Wellington, near Oberlin, Ohio; married Jerry Stark. (159)

HIRAM CONVERSE,⁷ born 30 June 1802; died 22 Feb. 1892; married Fanny Dudley. (160)

JULIUS CASE CONVERSE,⁷ born in Bridgewater, N. Y., in 1804; died in New Orleans, La., in 1842; married Maria Losie. (161)

THOMAS NORTON CONVERSE,⁷ born, in Bridgewater, August 1806; married Mary Bull Carthy, sister of Charles H. Bull, who married Sarietta Converse; resided in Meaford, Canada, in Pilot, Kankakee Co., Ill., and in Iowa; died in Van Wert, Ia., in Sept. 1886. He was a Quaker. Two sons:

DARWIN CONVERSE,⁸ died, in Canada, aged 18.

THOMAS CONVERSE,⁸ resided in Mount Vernon, Mo.; had a large family.

MILES M. CONVERSE,⁷ born in Watertown, N. Y., 5 March 1809; died there 13 Jan. 1829.

PAMELIA MOTT CONVERSE,⁷ born in Watertown, N. Y., 1811; died in Philadelphia, Pa., 28 July 1883; married Joseph James Reed, journalist, of Philadelphia. (162)

CHARLOTTE ALICE CONVERSE,⁷ born in Watertown, N. Y., 25 Feb. 1813, and died there January 1902; unmarried.

NANCY EVALINE CONVERSE,⁷ born in Watertown, N. Y., 29 March 1815; educated in Springville, N. Y.; married in Norwalk, Ohio, 30 Oct. 1839, to Edmund Phillip Wait, who was the son of Joseph and Sarah (Fox) Wait of Fulton Co., Ohio. Edmund Phillip Wait died in Joliet, Ill., 24 April 1892, and was buried in Rome, N. Y., his former home. He was very successful in mercantile and in real estate operations. Mr. and Mrs. Wait were members of the Presbyterian Church. They had no children. They resided in Ohio ten years, at Springfield, Wellington, Eaton, Camden, at Logansport, Ind., six years from 1882, and in 1888 removed to Joliet, Ill., where, in good health, at 85 years old, she lived by herself, and did her own work. She died, in Joliet, 7 Oct. 1903.

SARIETTA CONVERSE⁷ (twin), born in Watertown, N. Y., 18 Feb. 1817; died 12 March 1850; married Charles Henry Bull. (163)

MARIETTA CONVERSE⁷(twin), born in Watertown, N.Y., 18 Feb. 1817; died, in Watertown, 12 Jan. 1843.

ROSILLA CONVERSE⁷ (twin), born in Watertown, N. Y., 25 March 1820; died there Oct. 1860; married George Town. (164)

LAVILLA CONVERSE⁷ (twin), born in Watertown, N. Y., 25 March 1820; died there, unmarried, 20 June 1848.

THERON DWIGHT CONVERSE,⁷ born in Watertown, N.Y., 13 Feb. 1822; married Emma M. Wilson; died in Great Falls, Montana, 27 April 1902. (165)

GEORGE CONVERSE,⁷ born in Watertown, N. Y., 20 Nov. 1825; died in Salem, Ohio, 28 Sept. 1888; married Lavinia D. Stowell. (166)

57. ABIGAIL CONVERSE⁶ (*Col. Thomas*⁵ (27), *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Goshen, Conn., 7 February, 1781; married Ebenezer Hayward who was born in Milford, Mass., 26 September 1776, and was the son of Daniel Hayward, born 21 February 1750. His mother's maiden name was Davis; she was born 6 March 1746. Ebenezer Hayward was a farmer and resided in Rutland, Jefferson County, N.Y. Most of their children died without issue.

Children of Ebenezer and Abigail (Converse) Hayward:

PARMENAS HAYWARD,⁷ born in Rutland, N. Y., 19 Sept. 1803; died near Martville, Cayuga Co., N. Y., in 1886; married late in life but left no children.

SOPHIA HAYWARD,⁷ born in Rutland, N. Y., 19 Sept. 1805; died 31 Oct. 1863.

ALEXANDER H. HAYWARD,⁷ born in Rutland, N. Y., 31 Oct. 1807; died in Hermon, St. Lawrence Co., N. Y., 14 July 1834; married and left two daughters, of whom only one is now (1901) living, somewhere in Michigan.

LEVI HAYWARD,⁷ born in Rutland, N. Y., 24 Sept. 1809; died in Hermon, N. Y., 22 Oct. 1835.

JOSEPH WARREN HAYWARD,⁷ born in Rutland, N. Y., 6 April 1812; died in Honolulu, H.I., June 1865.

HENRY LAURENS HAYWARD,⁷ REVEREND, born in Rutland, N. Y., 5 July 1815; died 26 Dec. 1897. He fitted for the ministry, studying with the settled clergyman in Watertown, N. Y.; was ordained in Henderson, Jefferson Co., N. Y., in 1841, and was a Universalist clergyman for more than forty years. He was a fine-looking man and an excellent preacher, having a remarkably fine voice and manner, but suffered from poor health for many years. He was settled as pastor in Champion, Homer, Auburn, Scipio, Genoa, Fort Plain, Fairport, all in New York, Springfield, Ill., in Farmington, Tecumseh, Grand Rapids in Michigan, Rochester, Minn., and Longmont, Colo. While he was still in the ministry, he edited the Tecumseh (Mich.) Herald for three years, during his residence there from June 1864 until about 1872. Thence he removed to Colorado Springs, Colo., where he edited the Free Press for two years. In June, 1874, he removed to Longmont, Colo., where he was pastor of the Universalist Church for three years, and then became publisher and editor of the Longmont Ledger, which position he held during the remainder of his life. A gentleman of fine mental ability and character he was universally respected, both as pastor and editor. He never allowed his paper to be defiled by personalities or matters unfit to be read in the family circle. He was a vigorous editorial writer, and in politics was a Republican. He married, 2nd, in Mattawan, Mich., 6 April 1855, his first cousin once removed, Miss Mary Elmina Fitch, daughter of Henry and Arminia Lavinia (Converse) Fitch. For her genealogical record see under head

of Arminia Lavinia Converse⁷ (*Thomas Montgomery*,⁵ *Col. Thomas*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹).

LYMAN HAYWARD,⁷ born in Rutland, N. Y., 24 April 1818; died in Martville, N. Y., 7 July 1888; married and left a daughter and son living in Oswego, N. Y. The address of the former is, Mrs. A. J. Bushnell, care of J. Miner, Oswego, N. Y.

DANIEL HAYWARD,⁷ born in Rutland, N. Y., 7 Sept. 1820.

58. THOMAS MONTGOMERY CONVERSE⁶ (*Col. Thomas*⁵ (27), *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹). His granddaughter, Mrs. Hayward, says he was born in Goshen, Conn. He married Peggy Thompson; settled in Watertown, Jefferson County, N. Y., and died in 1811. The place of his death was probably Rutland, Jefferson County, N. Y., as that was the home of the family.

Children of Thomas M. and Peggy (Thompson) Converse:

ARMENIA LAVINIA CONVERSE,⁷ born in Watertown, N. Y., 5 Aug. 1806; died in Mattawan, Mich., 20 Oct. 1886; married Henry Fitch. (167)

ERASMUS DARWIN CONVERSE,⁷ resided in New York City; died in Mobile, Ala., of cholera, while there on business; left a daughter: CARRIE CONVERSE,⁸ who resided in New York City.

59. HARRIET CONVERSE⁶ (*Col. Thomas*⁵ (27), *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born 3 May 1794; died 8 October 1867; married, first, 16 June 1825, Joshua Goodrich of Rutland, who was born 12 March 1794, and died in 1836. She married, second, in 1840, Samuel Gardner of Cape Vincent, N. Y.

Children of Joshua and Harriet (Converse) Goodrich:

LEWIS GOODRICH,⁷ born 24 Oct. 1826; married Mrs. Minerva Heath. She died in 1886. In the Civil War, he served in the N. Y. Artillery until the close of the war. In 1890 he lived in La Salle, Ill. They had two daughters, viz:

ELIZABETH GOODRICH,⁸ married; had two children; died about 1880.

HARRIET GOODRICH,⁸ died soon after her mother.

HARRIET M. GOODRICH,⁷ born in Rodman, N. Y., 29 Sept. 1828; married, 23 March 1854, John T. Hosmer of La Crosse, Wis. Residence, West Point, Miss. They had six children, viz:

DE WITT C. HOSMER,⁸ b. in La Crosse, Wis., 8 March 1855; m., 1 May 1878, Estelle I. Proctor, and had:

DAISY PEARL HOSMER,⁹ b. 24 June 1879.

CECILINA HOSMER,⁹ b. 6 Oct. 1880.

GROVER C. HOSMER,⁹ b. 15 Jan. 1885.

STODDARD T. HOSMER,⁹ b. 19 Feb. 1856; d. 14 March 1875.

GEORGE A. HOSMER,⁹ b. 24 Sept. 1857; m. 27 Sept. 1887.

CHARLES G. HOSMER,⁹ b. 27 Dec. 1866.

HARRY E. HOSMER,⁹ b. 28 Oct. 1871.

FRANKLIN I. HOSMER,⁹ b. 23 July 1873.

- LAURA S. GOODRICH,⁷ born in Rodman, N. Y., 20 Jan. 1832; married, 12 March 1850, William C. Dawes, who was born in Peasmarsh, Sussex Co., Eng., 14 Nov. 1817, and came to this country with his parents in 1829. Mr. and Mrs. Dawes lived in Cape Vincent, N. Y., until spring of 1864, when they moved to Waterloo, Wis. In 1890 they were living in Pittsville, Wis. They had fourteen children, viz:
- MARY A. DAWES,⁸ b. 4 Jan. 1851; m., 3 June 1888, George Prellen, who was born in England, 8 March 1865. Had one child: LOTTIE PRELLEN,⁹ b. 3 March 1889.
- JAMES C. DAWES,⁸ b. 2 March 1852; residence, Pittsville, Wis.; m., 5 Oct. 1873, Mary A. White, and had:
- ARTHUR E. DAWES,⁹ b. 11 Sept. 1874.
 OTIS D. DAWES,⁹ b. 11 Nov. 1875.
 EDNA O. DAWES,⁹ b. 22 July 1879.
 LULU E. DAWES,⁹ b. 23 April 1886.
- CHARLES H. DAWES,⁸ b. 18 July 1853; m., 26 May 1880, Laura A. Gardner of Cape Vincent, N. Y. She was born 26 March 1855. They live in Pittsville, Wis., and have had four children, viz:
- ERNEST E. DAWES,⁹ b. 14 April 1881.
 HENRY L. DAWES,⁹ b. 14 Oct. 1883.
 LEWIS G. DAWES,⁹ b. 12 April 1885.
 MARVIN Z. DAWES,⁹ b. 10 April 1888; d. in 1888.
- JOHN W. DAWES,⁸ b. 2 May 1855.
 LEWIS G. DAWES,⁸ b. 26 Oct. 1856; d. 14 Oct. 1861.
- ABBY P. DAWES,⁸ b. 2 Nov. 1857; m., 20 Sept. 1878, John T. Lepper, who was born 26 April 1856; they had two boys, twins, born 20 Aug. 1879, Edward and Albert. Albert died in infancy.
- HARRIET DAWES,⁸ b. 15 July 1859; m., 12 March 1884, Abraham L. Covey, who was born 10 Feb. 1861. They had two children, viz:
- ESTELLE M. COVEY,⁹ b. 14 July 1888.
 LEON L. COVEY,⁹ b. 12 May 1889.
- LAURA S. DAWES,⁸ b. 2 June 1861.
 WILLIAM C. DAWES,⁸ b. 27 Aug. 1863.
 FREDERICK F. DAWES,⁸ b. 4 Nov. 1865.
 GEORGE S. DAWES,⁸ b. 17 Dec. 1867.
 ALBERT S. DAWES,⁸ b. 15 July 1870.
 SARAH E. DAWES,⁸ b. 9 May 1872; m.——.
 EDWARD L. DAWES,⁸ b. 6 Sept. 1875.
- POLLY ANN GOODRICH,⁷ born 29 Feb. 1836; married, 4 Jan. 1854, Joel E. Stroup. In 1890 they lived in South Shore, Coddington Co., Dakota. Mr. Stroup served in the Civil War, in a Wisconsin cavalry regiment, until nearly the close of the war. He had a severe sunstroke, while in service, from which he never fully recovered. They had ten children viz:
- FREDERICK J. STROUP,⁸ b. 16 Nov. 1854; m., 3 Dec. 1882, Cynthia Straight, and had:
- BESSIE E. STROUP,⁹ b. 11 Jan. 1884.
 ARCHIE L. STROUP,⁹ b. 7 April 1885.
 CHESTER A. STROUP,⁹ b. 9 Jan. 1887.

ESTHER L. STROUP,⁸ b. 20 Nov. 1856; m., 15 Nov. 1881, Frank Sawyer. Resided in Dakota in 1890.

CHESTER O. STROUP,⁸ b. 26 Sept. 1858; d. 12 Jan. 1864.

JOHN E. STROUP,⁸ b. 5 May 1861.

HARRIET E. STROUP,⁸ b. 22 Jan. 1863; m., 1 July 1884, John Linnell, and had two children, viz:

ETHEL M. LINNELL,⁹ b. 5 April 1885.

MABEL F. LINNELL,⁹ b. 19 Oct. 1887.

MARY J. STROUP,⁸ b. 18 Nov. 1864; m., 25 Dec. 1883, Andrew Murray, and had three children, viz:

EDITH M. MURRAY,⁹ b. 2 June 1885.

GRACE MURRAY,⁹ b. 9 Dec. 1886.

BERTHA MURRAY,⁹ b. 5 Sept. 1888.

LAURA A. STROUP,⁸ b. 20 Dec. 1867; m., 10 March 1886, Ephraim Picket, and had two children, viz:

LILLIE M. PICKET,⁹ b. 29 Nov. 1886.

GRACE PICKET,⁹ b. 27 Nov. 1887.

LILLIE M. STROUP,⁸ b. 1 Dec. 1869; m., 24 July 1887, Byron Emery, and had one child: RUBY M. EMERY,⁹ b. 6 May 1888.

MYRTLE J. STROUP,⁸ b. 4 March 1871.

EDWIN L. STROUP,⁸ b. 17 May 1874.

Samuel and Harriet (Converse-Goodrich) Gardner had one son:

CHARLES IRA GARDNER,⁷ born in Cape Vincent, Jefferson Co., N. Y., 5 June 1841. He followed farming until the breaking out of the Civil War, when he enlisted in Co. D. 16th N. Y. Volunteer Infantry. During his period of service of nearly two years he participated in the following battles: First Bull Run, Second Bull Run, West Point, Mechanicsville, Goldens Farm, Gains Mills, Charles City Cross Roads, and South Mountain, Md. At the last named battle he received a wound which resulted in the loss of his left arm near the shoulder. He was mustered out of service 3 March 1863, at which time he was holding the office of sergeant. His education was obtained in the common schools, and in Union Academy at Belleville, N. Y. He also attended school at a Commercial College in Albany, N. Y. He united with the Baptist Church in Richville, N. Y., in 1859. He married, 18 Dec. 1865, Alvira T. Johnson, who was born 1 June 1840, and is the daughter of Deacon Russell and Abigail (Van Duzee) Johnson of Richville, St. Lawrence Co., N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Gardner removed to Cape Vincent, N. Y., 1 May 1867, where he entered the Customs service, and has remained in that service until the present time (October 1900), serving under eight Presidents, and seven different Collectors. Mr. and Mrs. Gardner have two sons, viz:

FRANK R. GARDNER,⁸ b. 8 Nov. 1868; m. Ethel Rutan of Pictou, Can., where he now resides.

ARTHUR C. GARDNER,⁸ b. 23 Sept. 1871; m., 2 June 1897, Lena M. Wilson of Watertown, N. Y., who was b. 22 Dec. 1876. They reside in Cape Vincent, N. Y.

60. WILLIAM HENRY CONVERSE⁶ (*Col. Thomas⁵ (27), Thomas⁴, Samuel³, Sergeant Samuel², Deacon Edward¹*), born in Oneida County, N. Y., 10

June 1796; married in Euclid, Ohio, 30 September 1824, by Rev. Mr. Downing, Julia Woodworth, born 1 September 1803, died 18 March 1878, daughter of Luther and Clarissa (Murray) Woodworth.



William Henry Converse.



Mrs. Julia (Woodworth) Converse.

William Henry Converse left Rodman, Jefferson County, N.Y., in 1829, and settled in Cleveland, Ohio. In 1869 he resided in Collamer, Cuyahoga County, where he owned a farm and lived a quiet home life. He died in East Cleveland, Ohio, 29 May 1872. He and his wife were devoted Christians, having united with the Baptist Church early in their married life. God's word was their constant guide, and they lived lives of daily faithfulness.

Children of William and Julia (Woodworth) Converse :

- CLARISSA CONVERSE,⁷ born in Rodman, N. Y., 1 Jan. 1826; died in Euclid, Ohio, 29 Dec. 1889; married Dr. Samuel Hazen. (168)
- ALMIRA CONVERSE,⁷ born in Rodman, N. Y., 12 May 1828; married Wilson Hunt Armstrong. (169)
- WILLIAM THOMAS CONVERSE,⁷ born in Rodman, N. Y., 14 April 1830; died in Euclid, Ohio, 11 Oct. 1852.
- HARVEY CONVERSE,⁷ born in Euclid, Ohio, 14 June 1833; died in Chester, Ohio, 6 Feb. 1845.
- CELESTIA ANN CONVERSE,⁷ born in Kirtland, Ohio, 19 April 1836; died in Cleveland, Ohio, 23 May 1899; married, 1st, Thomas George Draper of Cleveland, Ohio; married, 2nd, Lester Charles Beardsley. (170)
- MAURICE CONVERSE,⁷ born in Chester, Ohio, 26 Sept. 1839; died in Cleveland, Ohio, 26 April 1894; married, 1st, Flavia S. Holden; married, 2nd, Frances Augusta Kirk. (171)
- MORDECAI CONVERSE,⁷ born in Chester, Ohio, 25 Nov. 1842; died in No. Lewisburgh, Ohio, 21 Dec. 1879; married Margaret McClung. (172)

61. SAMANTHA CONVERSE⁶ (*Col. Thomas⁵ (27), Thomas,⁴ Samuel,³ Sergeant Samuel,² Deacon Edward¹*), born in Bridgewater, N.Y., 1800; died in Rodman, Jefferson County, N.Y., 2 July 1842; married, in Rodman, in 1826, to Daniel Fuller of Rodman, who was born 28 May 1802, died 9 December 1875, and was the son of Abner and Jenima (Jones) Fuller of Rodman.

Daniel and Samantha (Converse) Fuller had three children, viz:

WILLIAM FULLER,⁷ born in Rodman, N. Y., 23 May 1827; died in Watertown, N. Y., 22 Feb. 1866; married, by Rev. C. B. Ellsworth of Pierrepont Manor (N. Y.) P. E. Church, 8 March 1853, to Nancy D. Hammond, who was born in Adams, N. Y., 24 April 1831, died in Adams Centre, N. Y., 7 Dec. 1898. She was the daughter of William and Elizabeth (James) Hammond of Adams. William and Nancy D. (Hammond) Fuller had one child:

MARY ELIZABETH FULLER,⁸ b., in Rodman, 17 June 1865; m. in Baptist Church, Adams Centre, N. Y., 27 April 1899, by Rev. J. O. Perkins, Benjamin Richardson Hutchings, b. in Cleveland, Ohio, 14 Sept. 1864, son of Samuel (b. in Stowells' Corners, N. Y., d. in Cleveland, Ohio) and Demaris (Richardson) Hutchings. He resides in Watertown, N. Y., where he is an architect and contractor, and a member of the Watertown Masonic Lodge.

CAROLINE FULLER,⁷ born, in Rodman, in 1833; died without issue in Adams, N. Y., 28 Feb. 1900; married in Rodman, in 1860, to George Post, who was born in Pamela, N. Y., in 1840, and died in Adams, N. Y., in 1898.

EMELINE FULLER,⁷ born, in Rodman, 18 March 1837; married, 4 Nov. 1863, by Rev. L. J. Mettison of Watertown Baptist Church, to Rolland Greene, son of Horace and Samantha (Lee) Greene of Adams Centre, N. Y. Two sons were born to them, viz:

EDWARD FULLER GREENE,⁸ b. in Clayton, N. Y., 7 Nov. 1865; residence, Utica, N. Y.; druggist.

ROLLA RUFORD GREENE,⁸ b., in Adams Centre, 15 April 1876; m., in Adams, 25 Feb. 1897, by Rev. R. J. Thompson, Martha Oatman. He is a machinist and lives in Watertown, N. Y. Two daughters:

MONA EMELINE GREENE,⁹ b. 2 Oct. 1897.

DORIS GREENE,⁹ b. 6 Nov. 1899.

62. LUCY CONVERSE⁶ (*David⁵ (28), Thomas,⁴ Samuel,³ Sergeant Samuel,² Deacon Edward¹*), born 15 November 1774; married Moses Ward. They resided in Houndsfield, Jefferson County, N.H.

Children:

MARY WARD,⁷ married Aaron Stevens; in the fifties a traveling salesman for Rapplegee & Co., seedsmen of Rochester, N.Y. They had a son, HENRY STEVENS,⁸ born probably about 1833 or 1834, who married Emeline Sheldon, daughter of Joseph and — (Payne) Sheldon and had several children who reside in Michigan. In 1864 he enlisted for the Civil War, but died of pneumonia in Elmira, N.Y., before going to the front.

SARAH ANN WARD,⁷ married — — Cummings; no children

63. THOMAS CONVERSE⁶ (*David*⁵ (28), *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Belchertown, Mass., 7 May 1782; removed to Woodville, Jefferson County, N. Y., and died in September 1858. He acquired a knowledge of the Dutch language, the speech formerly of a large section of New York. He married Lydia Stratton, who was born 9 March 1785 and died June 1858.

Children of Thomas and Lydia (Stratton) Converse:

CYRENA CONVERSE⁷ (twin), born May 1800; married; no children.

CYRENUS CONVERSE⁷ (twin), born May 1800; married; no children.

THOMAS DARIUS CONVERSE,⁷ born 28 Feb. 1806; resided in Clare, Clare Co., Mich.; married — and had two sons, viz:

JAMES AMBROSE CONVERSE,⁸ b. in Bridgewater, Oneida Co., N. Y., 1 Nov. 1834; resided in 1901 in Frankfort, Mich.; m. in Woodville, N. Y., 20 Feb. 1859, Elina M. Burnham, b. in Ellisburgh, Jefferson Co., N. Y., 7 Nov. 1839, dau. of Emerson Gilman Burnham (b. in Westmoreland, N. H., 13 Sept. 1811; d. in Clare, Mich., 23 Aug. 1888) and Emily Ellsworth (b. in Vernon, Oneida Co., N. Y., 30 Oct. 1812) who were married 12 Jan. 1834.

MILTON CONVERSE,⁸ b. in Woodville, N. Y., 23 April 1838; d. 7 April 1886, in Clare, Mich.; m. Jennie E. Moore, b. in Co. Tyrone, Ireland, 5 Jan. 1848, dau. of Wm. Moore, who died in Oswego, N. Y. Children of Milton and Jennie E. (Moore) Converse, both born in Pierrepont Manor, Jefferson Co., N. Y.:

LUCIUS M. CONVERSE,⁹ b. 26 March 1869.

J. LILLIAN CONVERSE,⁹ b. 20 July 1871.

ALAMANZAR CONVERSE,⁷ born in Bridgewater, N. Y., 21 Feb. 1808; died in Woodville, N. Y., 3 Sept. 1888; married Cornelia Hungerford Turner. (173)

JOHN WILLARD CONVERSE,⁷ born 6 Oct. 1812; lived in Whitewater, Wis.; had only one son, AZARIAH CONVERSE,⁸ who married, and died in Whitewater about 1897 or 1898, leaving a family.

SAMANTHA CONVERSE,⁷ born 11 Jan. 1815; married — Doane; no children.

RUFUS HOVEY CONVERSE,⁷ born 14 Aug. 1816; married; no children.

GEORGE ELLIOTT CONVERSE,⁷ born 7 Oct. 1818; living in Woodville, N. Y., in 1901; married and has three children.

HIRAM DWIGHT CONVERSE,⁷ born 19 Oct. 1821; lived in Ohio, and had children.

LUCY CORNELIA CONVERSE,⁷ born 7 Aug. 1823; married Cyrus Rowe; at one time lived in Mason, Mich.

JAMES FRANKLIN CONVERSE,⁷ born in Bridgewater, N. Y., 2 Oct. 1825; married Martha Bull. (174)

SARAH JERUSHA CONVERSE,⁷ born 12 Oct. 1828.

MARY JERUSHA CONVERSE,⁷ born 13 Oct. 1831; married — Rowe (brother of her sister Cornelia's husband) and had three children, with one of whom, James Rowe, she is now (1901) living in Connecticut.

64. JOSEPH ELLIOTT CONVERSE⁶ (*David*⁵ (28), *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Belchertown, Mass., 30 October

1786; died in Farmington, N.Y., 11 February 1867. When he was eight years old his father emigrated from Belchertown, Mass., to Bridgewater, Oneida County, N.Y., taking his son with him. He attended common school about three months of the year, and in youth worked for his father and for his brothers David and Thomas on their farms, and was afterwards engaged in farming on his own account. He used to go to mill to Utica, a distance of about twenty miles, on horseback, with a grist of corn for the family bread. He also made many trips with teams to Albany, ninety miles, that being the nearest market. Several teams would go in company, the drivers carrying their provisions and camping out on the road. He also made one trip, with others, to Hudson, a much longer distance. On one of these trips he visited Rochester, N.Y., which then consisted of seven log cabins. He was orderly sergeant in the Bridgewater militia until he joined the Society of Friends, when he severed his connection with the militia. He married four times. At the age of 21 he married Sarah, daughter of John Mott, a member of the Society of Friends, and who probably lived in Bridgewater, N.Y., or Paris, Oneida County, N.Y. By her he had Milton⁷ and Sarah.⁷ After her death, he removed to Skaneateles, N. Y., and was married there in 1818, by the Friends' ceremony, to Harriet Frost, who was born in Pittsfield, Mass., 23 September 1792, and died 1 September 1828. She was the eldest child of Joseph Frost who was born in Williamsburgh, 4 April 1770, and lived for many years in Skaneateles, and died in Rochester, N.Y., 8 May 1838. Her mother's maiden name was Submit Allis, born in Conway, Mass., 22 September 1772, married 29 September 1791.

Joseph Elliott Converse removed to Farmington, N.Y., about 1820, where he continued farming. Some time in the thirties he removed to Chili, Monroe Co., N.Y., where he lost his third wife, Sarah Sheldon, to whom he was married in Farmington, N.Y., 28 October 1829, by the ceremony of the Society of Friends. About the time of her death and of his residence in Chili he was afflicted, continuously, for about twelve years with sickness in his family, losing several children. Mrs. Sarah (Sheldon) Converse was a member of the Society of Friends, was the mother of eleven children, died in February 1851, and is buried in the Friends' Cemetery in Rochester, N.Y. She was the daughter of Nathaniel and Sarah (Winslow) Sheldon. The original certificate of this marriage, issued by authority of the Farmington, N.Y., monthly meeting of Friends at a public meeting of that Society is now (1902) in the possession of Arthur Mott Converse of Ferry, Mich.

About 1852 Joseph Elliott Converse returned to Farmington, where he

resided until his death, engaged in farming and in shipping cattle, in which he was expert, being an unusually good judge of cattle.

Although living among people of other than his own religious faith, he gained and kept the warmest friendship among his neighbors, and was highly esteemed for his religious sincerity by his acquaintances of all denominations. Having embraced the religious tenets of the Society of Friends, he followed strictly in its teachings, and not only refrained from bearing arms, but also refrained from voting for public officers. Although living to the advanced age of 81 years, he voted but twice in his life. He was, however, deeply interested in schools and was a member of school boards, but would accept no other office.

Though acutely alive to current events, and living in the stirring times of the slavery agitation, he held that all men who in religious faith were opposed to war in any event, had no right to vote on political questions, because war might result from the casting of votes, and the voter might be bound to engage in war in support of the principles for which he had voted. He was a supporter of the Anti-Masonic sentiment which prevailed after the disappearance of Morgan, and was drawn on the trial jury when the famous trials were held at Canandaigua, N. Y., in connection with that affair.

He married, fourth, in March, 1852, Eliza (Gardiner) Sheldon, widow of John Sheldon. She was born in Rensselaer Co., N. Y., 20 April 1801. Mr. Converse was buried in the Friends' Cemetery at South Farmington.

Children of Joseph Elliott and Sarah (Mott) Converse:

MILTON CONVERSE,⁷ born in North Bridgewater, N. Y., 4 March 1808, and died there, unmarried, March 1867. He was born, lived and died in the same house in North Bridgewater. He received a common school education; and, jointly, with his sister, inherited a farm of 250 acres adjoining North Bridgewater P. O. He always made annual or semi-annual visits to his father, though living at a great distance. He was Supervisor of his town fifteen years. He was a member of the Congregational Church of North Bridgewater and was buried in the cemetery of that church there.

SARAH CONVERSE,⁷ born, in North Bridgewater, in 1811; died in Ithaca, N. Y., Dec. 1882; buried in Ithaca; member of the Society of Friends. During the life of her brother Milton she lived with him as did also their aunt, Deborah Mott. She devoted her life to them. On the death of her mother, she sold the farm, and moved to Ithaca, Tompkins Co., N. Y., where she lived the rest of her life.

Children of Joseph Elliott and Harriet (Frost) Converse:

MARY ANN CONVERSE,⁷ born in Skaneateles, N. Y., in 1819; died before 1850; married James Connolly. (176)

EMMOR KIMBER CONVERSE,⁷ born, in Skaneateles, 4 March 1821; died in Paola, Kan., in 1897; married, 1st, Anna Sheldon; married, 2nd, Catherine Van Denburgh. (177)

EDWARD CONVERSE,⁷ died in infancy.

HARRIET MARIAH CONVERSE,⁷ born in Farmington, Ontario Co., N. Y., 20 July 1828; died, Dec. 1894, unmarried. She mostly lived with her father during his life. She received an injury to her head by a fall which brought on fits of insanity of irregular periods.

Children of Joseph Elliott and Sarah (Sheldon) Converse:

PHOEBE CONVERSE,⁷ born 9 Sept. 1831; died at. 16.

NATHANIEL SHELDON CONVERSE,⁷ born 5 April 1833; died 11 April 1844.

JOSEPH ELLIOTT CONVERSE,⁷ JR., born 28 Jan. 1835; died 5 April 1903, buried in Palmyra, N. Y. He had a son FRED E. CONVERSE⁸ of the firm of Hopkins & Converse, Attorneys, Palmyra, N. Y., and Cor. Sec'y Soldiers' & Sailors' Monument Assn. of Palmyra.

ANSEL FROST CONVERSE,⁷ born in Farmington, N. Y., 16 July 1838; married Selinda Power Payne. (178)

CHARLES EDGAR CONVERSE,⁷ born in Chili, N. Y., 14 Oct. 1841; married Lucy McLouth. (179)

ARTHUR MOTT CONVERSE,⁷ born in Chili, N. Y., 15 Dec. 1844; married Jane S. Doty. (180)

65. DANIEL CONVERSE⁶ (*David*⁵(28), *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born 17 September 1791; died in Crittenden, Erie Co., N. Y., 2 March 1873. He was a farmer all his life, as were also his sons; he resided in Farmington, N. Y., until about 1860, when he sold his farm there and returned to Jefferson County, N. Y.

He married, first, Martha Burnham Wolcott, who was born in New Haven, Conn., 28 February 1794, and died in Chili, N. Y., 13 November 1853, having had ten children by Mr. Converse. She was the daughter of Roger and Mary (Steele) Wolcott. He married, second, 21 December 1854, Parthena Bozat of Jefferson Co., N. Y., who was born 29 April 1820, and died 15 March 1872.

Children of Daniel and Martha B. (Wolcott) Converse:

SALLY WOLCOTT CONVERSE,⁷ born 13 Dec. 1812; died at birth.

SALLY WOLCOTT CONVERSE,⁷ born 4 Nov. 1813; died 29 March 1879; married, 4 Dec. 1831, Joel Rogers. They had a large family of children, who lived in Rochester and Brockport, N. Y.

MARY MARIAH CONVERSE,⁷ born 4 July 1816; died 5 July 1881; married, 27 Dec. 1835, Frederick Avery. One child living, WM. AVERY,⁸ of Buffalo, N. Y.

CYRUS STEELE CONVERSE,⁷ born in Bridgewater, N. Y., 12 Sept. 1819; died in Chili, N. Y., 1 July 1900; married, 1st, Sarah Ann Woodin; married, 2nd, Ann Norton. (181)

LUCY ANN CONVERSE,⁷ born 5 April 1821; died 24 Feb. 1823.

DAVID ELLIOTT CONVERSE,⁷ born 13 June 1823; died 26 Nov. 1891; married, 12 June 1850, Anne Kearney. He lived near Rochester, N. Y., and had two sons, viz:

CYRUS CONVERSE,⁸ of Rose, Wayne Co., N. Y.

HERBERT CONVERSE,⁸ of Olean, N. Y.

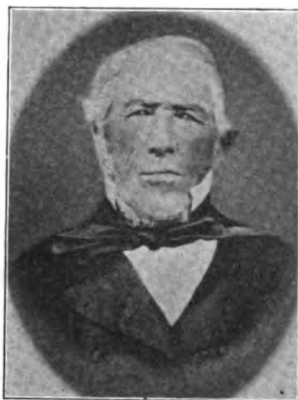
DANIEL EVANDER CONVERSE,⁷ born in Jefferson Co., N. Y., 19 Nov. 1826; died 31 May 1889; married Anna Walsh. (182)

LUCY JANE CONVERSE,⁷ born in Philadelphia, Jefferson Co., N. Y., 21 Jan. 1829; married Henry Wedd. (183)

ROGER WOLCOTT CONVERSE,⁷ born 4 July 1831; died Sept. 1892; married, Nov. 1854, Maryett Heath. He spent his last years in Middleville, Mich., where his family now (1901) reside. His second son is GEORGE ALFRED CONVERSE,⁸ of Kansas City, Mo. EDWARD LEWIS CONVERSE,⁸ of Middleville, is also a son.

WILLARD CONVERSE,⁷ born 22 March 1835; served in Civil War and died in the service 19 Sept. 1864; married, 4 July 1858, Mary E. Clark. No children.

66. LYMAN CONVERSE⁶ (*Joel⁵(29), Thomas,⁴ Samuel,³ Sergeant Samuel,² Deacon Edward¹*). The date of his birth is given in the Killingly town record



Lyman Converse.

of births as 3 July 1779, and in the old family Bible as 8 July 1779. He was one of the pioneers of Lyme, having removed with his father to that place in 1789, and settled on a wooded tract of 200 acres, where he lived in a log house. His farm was in the north part of the town on the road leading from Lyme to Orford. He was an excellent farmer, and by industry and economy accumulated a large property, and built a fine brick residence. He died, at his home in Lyme, 16 September 1864.

Mr. Converse was married, first, by Rev. Mr. Lambert, to Polly Kent, who was born in Newburyport, Mass., 19 July 1781, and was the daughter of Abel and Sears (Lancaster) Kent. For an account of the Kent family see Elvira Converse⁷ who married Capt. Charles Kent. Mrs. Polly (Kent) Converse died in Lyme 16 September 1848, aged 67. Lyman Converse married, second, Mrs. Electa White Converse, his half brother's widow, who died, in Lyme, 28 July 1875.

Lyman and Polly (Kent) Converse had six children, viz:

ASENATH CONVERSE,⁷ born, in Lyme, 19 Oct. 1805; died, unmarried, in Brandon, Vt., 23 Nov. 1842.

ELIZA CONVERSE,⁷ born, in Lyme, 10 May 1807; married Wm. Harrison Latham; and died in Kankakee, Ill. (184)

ERASTUS CONVERSE,⁷ born, in Lyme, 16 June 1809; died 10 Sept. 1889; married Rebecca Handley. (185)

MARY ANN CONVERSE,⁷ born 31 July 1814; died 17 May 1888; married Prof. Elijah King Prouty, Jr. (186)

DEMARIS CONVERSE,⁷ born, in Lyme, 24 Nov. 1822; married Apollos Perkins. (187)

FRANCES LAURETTA CONVERSE,⁷ born 27 Feb. 1824; married, in Lyme, 14 Nov. 1844, by

Rev. Erdix Tenney, to Lucius Fuller, who was born in Salem, Mass., 12 Sept. 1820, son of Jesse and Anna (Hazzard) Fuller of Lebanon, N. H., and Salem, Mass., and died in Troy, N. Y., 2 June 1850. She resided in Nashua and Boston, and died, in the latter city, 19 May 1892. She and her husband were interred in Springfield, N. H.

67. OTIS CONVERSE⁶ (*Joel*⁵ (29), *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born 24 September 1781, as per record in the old family Bible. His oldest son, writing probably from memory, gave the place of his birth as Pomfret, Conn., the year as 1782. There is no other evidence of residence of the family in Pomfret. The family moved to Lyme, N. H., in 1789.

He married, in 1803, Clarissa Porter, who was born, in Lyme, 17 June 1785. She was the daughter of Deacon William and Phœbe (Kingsbury) Porter, who came from Coventry, Conn., to Lyme about 1780 and whose home has been known as "Porter Place" for more than 120 years. In 1899 it was occupied by Col. Francis Porter, 84 years old, a grandson of Deacon William Porter, and a son of O. K. Porter.

Phœbe Kingsbury, born in Coventry, Conn., 22 March 1766, was the daughter of Ephraim Kingsbury, Jr., by his wife Phœbe French. Ephraim Kingsbury, Jr., was a farmer in Coventry, a son of Ephraim and Martha (Smith) Kingsbury of Norwich, Conn., and grandson of Deacon Joseph (Jr.) and Ruth (Denison) Kingsbury. Deacon Joseph Kingsbury, Jr., of Norwich, Conn., was Ensign 1721 Selectman 1723, Captain 1726, and Deacon 1736. Andrew Kingsbury, an officer in the Revolution, and State Treasurer of Connecticut 1793 to 1818, was a descendant of Ephraim. Phœbe French was the only daughter of Major John French of Norwich, by his wife, Phœbe Hyde, a granddaughter of Thomas Hyde. (See Wentworth's Hyde Genealogy, and Caulkin's History of Norwich, Conn.)

Otis Converse removed with his family to Parishville, St. Lawrence Co., N. Y., where he died in 1826. His widow died in New Orleans, 30 October 1846, at the home of her son, Thomas Montgomery Converse in Gaiennie Street, and is buried in the Firemen's Cemetery at Metery Ridge.

Otis Converse was a farmer. His reputation was that of a man of intellect, and the older residents of Lyme, his contemporaries, were wont to speak of him in the highest terms. He was captain in the State Militia.

Children of Otis and Clarissa (Porter) Converse:

WILLIAM PORTER CONVERSE,⁷ born in Lyme, N. H., 28 July 1804; died, in New York City, 19 March 1873; married, 1st, Sarah Paradise West; married, 2nd, Mrs. Amanda Griffin (Johnson) Battelle, widow. (188)

- HENRY CONVERSE,⁷ born, in Lyme, 6 June 1806; died in Springfield, Ill., 25 Jan. 1889; married, 1st, Niana Jones Priest; married, 2nd, Mrs. Sarah L. Adams, widow. (189)
- CLARISSA CONVERSE,⁷ born, in Lyme, 25 Feb. 1808; died in De Kalb, Ill., 21 Oct. 1876; married Silas Whitmore. (190)
- PHOEBE CONVERSE,⁷ born 1810; died, in New York City, 20 Aug. 1864; married Samuel Pratt Bullard. (191)
- THOMAS MONTGOMERY CONVERSE,⁷ born, in Lyme, 30 Jan. 1815; died in San Francisco, Cal., 18 Aug. 1880; married Jane Agnes Sherman. (192)
- SALLIE CONVERSE,⁷ born 1820; died in infancy.
- ALBERT CONVERSE,⁷ born, in Lyme, in 1821; died in 1865; married Mary Moseby. (193)
- EPHRAIM KINGSLEY CONVERSE,⁷ born, in Lyme, 23 June 1823; married Margaret Anais Deneufbourg. (194)
- JOSIAH CHAUNCY CONVERSE,⁷ born 1825; died 1859; married Ellen Shaw. (195)

68. DEMARIS CONVERSE⁶ (*Joel*⁵ (29), *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Thompson, Conn., 6 August 1783; married in Plymouth, N. H., Asa Taintor, who, after his wife's death, married her half-sister, Elizabeth. (For record of Asa Taintor, see sketch of Elizabeth Converse, page 134.)

Children of Asa and Demaris (Converse) Taintor:

LYDIA LOOMIS TAINTOR,⁷ born in Orford, N. H., 23 June 1804; married in Lyme, N. H., 26 Nov. 1825, by Rev. B. Perry, to John Bishop, who was born in Lyme, N. H., 15 March 1800. There is a tradition in the family that he had held a captain's commission. He was stern and blunt in manner, upright, honest, and a devoted Congregationalist. In 1825 he removed to Otselic, N. Y., which was then all forest and unsettled. He bought land there, made a clearing, rented a log house, and, returning to Lyme for his marriage, brought his wife and household goods to Otselic with horses and sleigh in the winter of 1825. He was a deacon for many years in the Congregational Church in Smyrna, N. Y., and led the choir, he playing bass viol, and he and his daughters singing. In 1828 or 1829 he built a frame house; and, with the exception of one year's residence in Smyrna, the family lived on the original farm until about 1863, when they moved to Otselic Flats, where Mr. and Mrs.



John Bishop.
Mrs. Lydia Loomis (Taintor) Bishop.

Bishop spent the remainder of their lives. She died 18 Oct. 1867. He died 23 Sept. 1885.

Children of John and Lydia Loomis (Taintor) Bishop:

MARY LATHAM BISHOP,⁸ b., in Otselic, 13 Oct. 1826; taught school seven or eight years; m., in Otselic, 18 March 1847, by Mr. Pomeroy, Congregational minister, Albert Nelson Pritchard, son of A. N. Pritchard of Cornwall, Conn.

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Mr. Pritchard was a member of Co. D, 103rd Reg't, 19th Brigade, N.Y. N. G. from 1865 to 1876. He was for years leader of the choir of his church, president of the Society of Christian Endeavor, and Sunday School Superintendent. He was postmaster under two administrations. He was a farmer, and, with his son-in-law, conducted a general store under the firm name of Pritchard & Amsbry. In 1891, Mr. Amsbry bought Mr. Pritchard's interest, and in 1897 admitted Floyd A. Bartlett to partnership.

The following is from an obituary which appeared in a neighboring newspaper:

Albert N. Pritchard was born in Cornwall, Conn., April 11, 1827. When only fifteen years of age, with a strong body, clear head and warm heart, he came alone to Chenango Co., N. Y., and entered upon his life work with a manly pride and a public spirit that made him successful in business and an acknowledged leader in the community.

About twenty years ago Mr. Pritchard made a profession of religion and experienced great happiness in Christian duties.

He was a member of the Masonic Order for twenty years; of the I.O.O.F. nearly six years; prominent in the Grange movement and among the Good Templars, and a staunch advocate of temperance.

For some time his health has been failing, but he still discharged his manifold duties till appendicitis set in. He peacefully passed away Sept. 16, 1895, saying that his trust was in the Lord Jesus Christ.

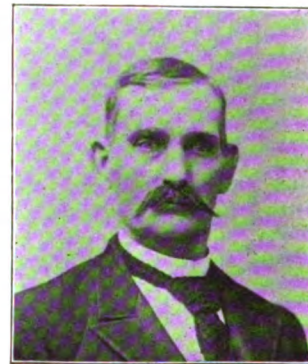
Funeral services were held at his residence at North Otselic. The Masonic and I.O.O.F. fraternities, to the number of nearly two hundred, formed a guard of honor to the cemetery. He left an only brother, Frederick S. Pritchard.

Mrs. Pritchard was a member of the Meth. Epis. Church at Otselic. She died 12 Dec. 1889. Mr. and Mrs. Pritchard were good Christian people, charitable, and helpful to those in sorrow or distress. Their children were:

HARRIET ELIZA PRITCHARD,⁹ b., in Otselic, 28 May 1848; d., in Otselic, 2 Nov., 1875; attended school at De Ruyter; m., 2 Jan. 1866, George Washington



Mrs. Mary Latham (Bishop) Pritchard.



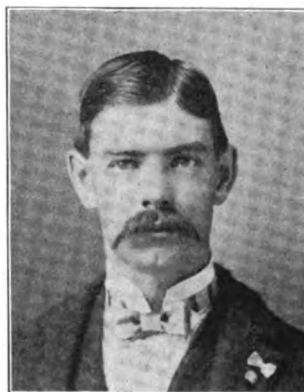
Albert Nelson Pritchard.

Bartlett, b. 6 Feb. 1839, a school-teacher and farmer. They lived in Smyrna until April, 1875, when they moved to Otselic. They had two sons:

FLOYD ALBERT BARTLETT,¹⁰ b., in Smyrna, 16 Nov. 1869. He attended the Lowell Business College in Binghamton, N. Y., and has engaged in business, and been telegraph operator in DeRuyter on the Lehigh Valley R. R.

WILLIAM E. BARTLETT,¹⁰ b. 17 Aug. 1875; d. 8 Sept. 1875.

SARAH EVALYN PRITCHARD,⁹b., in Otselic, 11 May 1852; a member of Otselic Lodge of Good Templars and a charter member of the Order of the Eastern Star of Georgetown; m., 19 June 1870, in Otselic, by Mr. Lord, M. E. minister, George Lincoln Amsbry of Georgetown, N. Y., b. in Georgetown, 30 July 1846, son of Truman and Clarissa (Lincoln) Amsbry. He lived on the old homestead until 1880, when he sold the farm to Geo. W. Pease, and in 1882 moved to Otselic,



Floyd Albert Bartlett.



Mrs. Sarah Evalyn (Pritchard) Amsbry.



George Lincoln Amsbry.

bought out W. F. Jaquith and conducted a general store until his death 23 Sept. 1898. He was buried with Masonic honors, being a charter member of Cautious Lodge, F. & A. M. He was a member of Co. G, 42nd Regt. N. Y. N. G., and in his youth had been a member of the Georgetown Silver Cornet Band.

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EMMA KATHERINE PRITCHARD,⁹ b., in Otselic, 11 May 1859; d. 15 July 1891; m., in Otselic, 23 Oct. 1877, Elbert L. Parker, b., in Otselic, 15 June 1853, son of Daniel Parker. He was a teacher, and a clerk in a dry goods store and has been, for many years, a very successful traveling salesman for the Clark Hat and Cap Co. of Binghamton, N. Y., where he resides. He has long been a member of the Masonic order. One



Mrs. Emma Katherine (Pritchard) Parker.



Elbert L. Parker.

daughter, NELLIE EVALYN PARKER,¹⁰ b. 31 March 1886. The following is taken from an obituary in a local paper:

Mrs. Parker moved to this city with her family in '82. About two years ago her health began to fail, with a tendency to consumption. A



Nellie Evalyn Parker.

temporary residence in the Adirondacks and at Asheville, N. C., failed to arrest the progress of the disease, and on Wednesday last the patient spirit laid down to rest upon the bosom of her Saviour. Her sufferings were borne with the patience and fortitude that can come only from a spirit that is at peace with its God. Mrs. Parker was a devoted member of the First Presbyterian Church in this city, and her last hours were comforted by the presence of its pastor, Rev. Dr. Nichols. Gentle and modest, loving her home and family next to her God, her death removes one whose life was a song of peace, and her death a benediction. The sympathy of friends goes out in full measure to the husband, and daughter Nellie, but theirs is the sweet

memory of a life full of good deeds and kindly offices. The remains were taken to Otselic, N. Y., for interment.

SARAH BISHOP,⁸ b., in Otselic, 15 April 1828; m., 11 March 1845, by Rev. Charles Hester of the M. E. Church, Charles Raymond. He d. Sept. 1899. They

- lived many years in Corry, Pa. The widow lived in New York State with her daughter until her death in Lebanon, N. Y., 7 Feb. 1900. Children of Charles and Sarah (Bishop) Raymond:
- FLORENCE ADELIA RAYMOND,⁹ b. in Corry, Pa., 4 March 1849; d., in Otselic, 11 March 1884; m., in Otselic, Oct. 1866, to Stephen Ferris, who moved with his children to Pennsylvania. Children, born in Otselic:
- GAY AUSTIN FERRIS,¹⁰ b. 1 Dec. 1869; d. 26 Jan. 1899; m. Emma Raymond.
- CLAUD PERCIVAL FERRIS,¹⁰ b. 22 Sept. 1872; m. Jane Boggs of Pa.
- RAY STEPHEN FERRIS,¹⁰ b. 8 June 1883.
- FRANKLIN ADELBERT RAYMOND,⁹ b. 16 Nov. 1851; married, and had three children.
- ARTHUR BISHOP RAYMOND,⁹ b. 10 Aug. 1859.
- ADDIE MAY RAYMOND,⁹ b. 24 Sept. 1862; m., in Otselic, 23 April 1882, Frank Wynn of Lebanon, N. Y.
- HARRIET ASENATH BISHOP,⁸ b. in Otselic; d. 28 Oct. 1895; m., by Mr. Gallard, Congregational Minister, Otselic, 23 Oct. 1850, Milo S. Robinson, of Brookfield, N. Y., b. there 10 Jan. 1828, d. 21 April 1897. Children:
- JOHN A. ROBINSON,⁹ b., in Brookfield, 27 April 1852; m. Frances Marden of Otselic, 20 Sept. 1870, and had:
- FLOYD ROBINSON,¹⁰ b. 26 July 1874; d. 10 July 1878.
- EARL ROBINSON,¹⁰ b. 20 June 1882.
- EDITH A. ROBINSON,⁹ b. in Corry, Pa., 27 Nov. 1858; m., in Otselic, 24 Oct. 1878, Andrew B. Morey, and had:
- GLEN A. MOREY,¹⁰ b., in Otselic, 11 Jan. 1886.
- LEON E. MOREY,¹⁰ b. 4 April 1892; d. 14 March 1893.
- WM. A. ROBINSON,⁹ b. in Corry, Pa., 31 Dec. 1860; m., 3 July 1880, Mary Johnson of Otselic, and had:
- MAUD ROBINSON,¹⁰ b. 4 Sept. 1885; d. 21 Aug. 1887.
- MABEL ROBINSON,¹⁰ b. 5 Nov. 1886; d. 19 Aug. 1887.
- WALLACE ROBINSON,¹⁰ b. 20 July 1888.
- LOUIS ROBINSON,¹⁰ b. 1 Nov. 1889.
- LEWIS ROBINSON,¹⁰ b. 1 April 1892; d. 18 Aug. 1896.
- LYDIA ANN BISHOP,⁸ b., in Otselic, 22 May 1835; m., 9 Jan. 1855, Lucian Kinney, farmer, of Otselic, b. in Georgetown, N. Y., 27 Sept. 1833; removed to Minnesota, and had:
- FRANK CLINTON KINNEY,⁹ b., in Otselic, 29 June 1856; m. in Wabasha, Minn., Nov. 1881, Nora Catherine Wentworth, formerly of Otselic; resides in Mazeppa, Minn. They had; DANIEL CLINTON KINNEY,¹⁰ b. Mazeppa, 5 March 1884.
- JOHN WESLEY KINNEY,⁹ b., in Otselic, 30 March 1860; m. in Wabasha, Minn., 3 July 1884, Marguerette Hartman, and had; WILLIAM FRANK KINNEY,¹⁰ b. 27 Oct. 1890.

EMILY CULVER BISHOP,⁸ b. 24 April 1838; d. 7 June 1886; m., in Earlville, 13 Feb. 1854, by Rev. Chauncy White, Francis Elisha Miles, of Otselic, son of Lorenzo Miles. Children:

CHARLES HENRY MILES,⁹ b., in Otselic, 14 Sept. 1856; resides in Canastota, N. Y.; m., in Otselic, 25 Dec. 1883, by Rev. Jos. B. Wilson, Mary Ella Buckingham, b., in Otselic, 11 Oct. 1867, daughter of Edwin Buckingham.

IDA MAY MILES,⁹ d. in infancy.

MOTT CLARENCE MILES,⁹ b., in Otselic, 25 Dec. 186-; m. in Georgetown, N. Y., 3 June 1883, by Rev. Preston King Sheldon, Cora Ernestine Ward, b., in Otselic, 29 Oct. 1866; residence, Norwich, N. Y. Children:

FRANCES LEWIS MILES,¹⁰ b., in Otselic, 12 June 1884.

CLAUD PEARL MILES,¹⁰ b., in Otselic, 16 April 1887.

EARL KINNEY MILES,¹⁰ b., in Otselic, 30 Oct. 1892.

HENRY ADELBERT MILES,⁹ b. 30 Jan. 1865; m. Harriet Perkins of Otselic.

FLOYD R. MILES,⁹ b., in Otselic, 26 Nov. 1867; resides in Georgetown, N. Y.; m., 17 Aug. 1892, by Rev. Mr. Rowley, Bertha Tyler, b. 6 June 1873. Children:

RUBY OLIVE MILES,¹⁰ b. 14 Sept. 1894.

WALKER FLOYD MILES,¹⁰ b. 7 June 1897.

ROY TYLER MILES,¹⁰ b. 16 Nov. 1899.

DEMARIS TAINTOR,⁷ born 13 July 1808; married in Plymouth, N. Y., 12 Nov. 1829, by Rev. Mr. Clark of Plymouth, N. Y., to Thomas Champlain Bates. One child was born to them, 13 July 1830, HARRIET ELIZA BATES,⁸ who died in Hamilton, N. Y., 6 Feb. 1844. Mr. and Mrs. Bates resided in Columbus, Smyrna, Earlville, Hamilton and Otselic, N. Y. She died, in Otselic, 9 May 1851, and he married her half sister, Harriet.

ASA LOOMIS TAINTOR⁷.

69. JOEL CONVERSE,⁶ JR. (*Joel⁵(29), Thomas,⁴ Samuel,³ Sergeant Samuel,² Deacon Edward¹*), born in Thompson, Conn., 5 November 1785; lived in Lyme and died there 22 May 1874. He married, first, Hope Tinkham who was born in Lyme in 1788, and died in Lyme 27 October 1813; there were no children by this marriage. He married, second, 4 April 1814, Abigail Coult, who was born, in Lyme, 6 March 1791, and died, in Lyme, 11 October 1869.



Mrs. Abigail (Coult) Converse.

Abigail Coult's father was Amherst Coult, M.D., born in Lyme, Conn., 27 July 1759. He lived most of his life in Lyme, N. H., where he practised his profession, and died in Chester (now Auburn), N. H. Her mother, Miriam

Giddings, daughter of Deacon Thomas and Mary Giddings of East Hartland, Conn., was married 12 September 1784, and died in Lyme, N. H., 28 October 1835. Abigail was the fourth of ten children.

Joel Converse Jr.'s farm, where he lived and died, was purchased from his father, and consisted of a hundred acres one mile west of his father's farm. One large pine tree, four feet in diameter, was, however, reserved by his father to give to the eldest son, Lyman, for shingles, and it is said that some of those shingles are doing service now (1900). One of his early memories was that of his father starting Lyman and himself with oxen and steers to church, in winter, four long miles, for an all-day service. The Bixbys and the Dimicks added two or more yokes, and the sled was filled with boys and girls from the numerous families.

Children of Joel, Jr., and Abigail (Coult) Converse:

FRANCIS WILSON CONVERSE,⁷ born 17 January 1815; died, in Lyme, 26 Sept. 1880; married, 9 Nov. 1852, Clara H. Chandler. (196)

JULIUS MINER CONVERSE,⁷ DOCTOR, born 3 January, 1816; studied medicine with Dr. Woodward of the State Lunatic Asylum, Worcester, Mass., and afterwards in Philadelphia, where he died, 16 May 1841, while engaged in hospital practice.

ABIGAIL MATSON CONVERSE,⁷ born 6 May 1817. About 1842 or 1843 she went to Hanover Co., Va., to teach in several families, principally, however, in those of Col. Shelton, and Wm. T. H. Pollard. At the home of the latter she had both boarding and day scholars. "Some of the noblest women in Hanover Co. at this time are indebted, for their development, both of heart and intellect, to her teaching in which she exerted a very elevating and beautiful and lasting influence. As a woman she was one of the purest and sweetest in disposition. As a poetess she was highly gifted." She was stricken down with her last illness while teaching in Hanover Co., and died in Richmond, Va., 4 Dec. 1851.

WILLIAM CONVERSE,⁷ born 10 Nov. 1818; died, in Lyme, 27 March 1819.

LAURA ADELIA CONVERSE,⁷ born 13 Feb. 1820; died, in Lyme, 15 Oct. 1848.



Dr. Julius Miner Converse.



Abigail Matson Converse.

- LYDIA CONVERSE,⁷ born 7 July 1821; married William Washburn Morey; died in Franklin, Mass., 23 June 1885. (197)
- SAMUEL BIXBY CONVERSE,⁷ born 7 May 1823; died in Orford, N. H., 12 Jan. 1844.
- HARRIET NEWEL CONVERSE,⁷ born 11 Dec. 1824; died, in Lyme, 16 March 1854.
- MARILLA THERESA CONVERSE,⁷ born 7 Sept. 1826; died in Oakdale, Mass., 5 Jan. 1892; married, 1st, Harrison W. Babbitt; 2nd, Harrison Wyman. (198)
- CAROLINE WILSON CONVERSE,⁷ born 8 July 1828; married, 1st, T. Jerome Stark; 2nd, Apollos Everett Howard. (199)
- WILLIAM AMHERST COULT CONVERSE,⁷ REVEREND, born 30 April 1830; married, 1st, 11 July 1858, Mary Tibbetts; married, 2nd, Mrs. Sarah Dimick Waite Smith. (200)
- MARY CONVERSE,⁷ born 4 March 1835; died 4 March 1835.



Harriet Newell Converse.

70. THERON CONVERSE⁶ (*Joel*⁵(29), *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Thompson, Conn., 19 May 1787. He married,

Theron and Miriam
(Carpenter) Converse.

first, in Lyme, N. H., 25 October 1810, Mary Porter who was born, in Lyme, 1 September 1791, and was the daughter of Deacon William and Phoebe (Kingsbury) Porter.* By her he had five children. She died, in Lyme, 23 February 1821. He married, second, in Lyme, 20 November 1821, Miriam Carpenter, daughter of Jesse and Polly (Fairfield) Carpenter, born, 8 May 1793, on the farm in the eastern part of Lyme where her parents resided for many years. She died at the old Converse homestead, in Lyme, 13 August 1860, where her husband also died 7 April 1861. They were both members of the Congregational Church of Lyme. He was very genial and hospitable, fond of company, full of humour, and a good *raconteur*. He was also fond of music, played the fife in his younger days, taught singing school, and sang a great deal even to old age. About 1822 he lost more than half of his right hand by the accidental discharge of a gun,

*Mary Porter's older sister, Clarissa, married Otis Converse, Theron's older brother.

which was always a serious inconvenience; yet he was able to do all kinds of work on the farm which he had from his father, and where his life was spent. One of the elders of the present generation, who visited Lyme in his boyhood, recalls Theron Converse as a grand old man.

Children of Theron and Mary (Porter) Converse:

ALPHEUS CONVERSE,⁷ CAPTAIN, born 27 July 1811; married, 1st, Salome Snow; 2nd, Jane Clark; died 8 Sept. 1851. (201)

MARY PORTER CONVERSE,⁷ born, in Lyme, 8 March 1814; died 9 Oct. 1839; married Moses Wood. (202)

LOUISA CONVERSE,⁷ born 29 June 1816; baptized 11 Oct. 1821; died 29 Nov. 1845.

BENJAMIN PORTER CONVERSE,⁷ born 25 June 1818; died 2 March 1886; married, 1st, Miranda H. Walker; 2nd, Abby C. Hosford. (204)

JOSIAH CHAUNCY CONVERSE,⁷ born 28 May 1820; baptized 11 Oct. 1821; died 11 Jan. 1823.

Children of Theron and Miriam (Carpenter) Converse:

THERON BRADLEY CONVERSE,⁷ born 7 April 1824; died 22 June 1842.

ELEAZER CARPENTER CONVERSE,⁷ born 2 June 1827; married, 14 Sept. 1848, Amanda Tibbets of Orford, N. H.; residence, Newport, N. H. (205).

MIRIAM ELIZABETH CONVERSE,⁷ born 13 Feb. 1835; married John Frank Smith. (206)

71. MARQUIS CONVERSE⁶ (*Joel*⁵ (29), *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Lyme, N. H., 12 July 1789, on a large hilly farm, mostly uncleared land, in the northeastern portion of the town. He was the first Converse born in Lyme. He had the same aspiration for an education that led his two younger brothers, Amasa, and John Kendrick Converse, to surmount all difficulties and obtain a college education later on; but being the fifth son of a large family of ten children (seven sons and three daughters), and all the help the "boys" could give being absolutely required to fell the trees, and prepare the land for crops sufficient for the support of so large a family, a college course of study seemed an utter impossibility; yet he improved every spare moment, and utilized every facility for acquiring knowledge; and after he became settled in life he was regarded by his townspeople as a "learned man." He taught many terms in district schools with great ability, and officiated as one of the selectmen of Lyme. After a tedious journey on horseback, to what was then called "out west," he returned satisfied in respect to the healthful location of his New Hampshire home among the granite hills, and bought a farm of 125 acres, two miles southwest of the parental home, where he settled immediately after his marriage, on 1 December 1814, to Electa White of Vershire, Vt., and

where he died, after a week's illness with pneumonia, 21 Nov. 1840. Mrs. Converse was well educated for those times; she was born in Vershire, 5 January 1793, the daughter of Samuel and Mary (Cross) White of Vershire, and died, in Lyme, 28 July 1875.

In an obituary notice she was described as "a woman of great energy of character, and fine perception of duty; her Christian principles being the leading characteristics of her life." In early life Marquis Converse received deep religious impressions from a devotedly pious mother; and, when a young man, joined the Congregational Church in Lyme, of which he remained a worthy active member till the last. His characteristic and leading trait was preeminently that of "peace-maker." His aged pastor, Rev. Erdex Tenney, informed the writer that in his early pastorate there was no member of his church upon whom he depended more "to settle difficulties, and bring order out of confusion," than he did upon Marquis Converse. And his labors in that line were not confined to the church. In all parts of the town he was called in cases of arbitration, and his clear head and wise judgments, conciliatory to both parties, were often subjects of remark.



Mrs. Electa (White) Converse.

He was eminently domestic in all his tastes, and in his unselfish devotion to home duties. He felt that his large family of ten children (five sons and five daughters) demanded all the energies of his ripe manhood for their physical, mental and moral development, and resolutely declined all public offices proffered him, whether of church, town, or state. Nobody ever doubted his word, or his strict integrity. In all circumstances he proved himself an honest man — the "noblest work of God."

Like his mother, his children were all of large stature, the sons averaging six feet, and the daughters five feet and seven inches in height.

Children of Marquis and Electa (White) Converse:

ELVIRA CONVERSE,⁷ born, in Lyme, 29 Nov. 1815; married Capt. Charles Kent of Lyme. (207)

MARIA LOUISA CONVERSE,⁷ born, in Lyme, 28 April 1817; died 26 Aug. 1888; married Jesse H. Tyler. (208)

ELECTA WHITE CONVERSE,⁷ born, in Lyme, 18 Oct. 1818; died 16 Dec. 1895; married Thaxter Foster. (209)

PETER MILLS CONVERSE,⁷ MAJOR, born, in Lyme, 28 Dec. 1820; married, 1st, Ruth K. Eastman; 2nd, Sarah Speare Clement. (210)

ELIZABETH CONVERSE,⁷ born, in Lyme, 8 March 1823; died, in Lyme, 25 Dec. 1890; married George Webster. (211)

MARQUIS DEXTER CONVERSE,⁷ born, in Lyme, 17 Nov. 1824; died 1855; married Martha A. Smith. (212)

MARY CROSS CONVERSE,⁷ born, in Lyme, 8 July 1826; married Samuel Storms Houghton (213)

AMASA MARQUIS CONVERSE,⁷ born 28 Nov. 1828; died 9 April 1889; married, 1st, Emma Clark; married, 2nd, Blanche Bizenay. (214)

JOHN KENDRICK CONVERSE,⁷ born, in Lyme, 29 Sept. 1831; united with the Congregational Church in Lyme in 1843; went to the Sandwich Islands in 1853, and died in Hawaii in 1860 or previously.

ALONZO THORNTON CONVERSE,⁷ born, in Lyme, 8 April 1835; died there 6 May 1891; married Julia A. Clement. (215)

72. ELIZABETH CONVERSE⁶ (*Joel*⁵ (29), *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Lyme, N.H., 20 May 1791; died in Orfordville, N. H., 16 April 1863. She married Asa Taintor, who was her deceased half-sister's husband. He was born in Orford, N. H., in September 1778, and was the son of Deacon Michael and Lydia (Loomis) Taintor.*



Mrs. Elizabeth Converse (Taintor) Morey.

By his first wife, Demaris, Asa Taintor was the father of Lydia Taintor, who married John Bishop of Otselic, N. Y., or vicinity, of Demaris Taintor who married Thomas Champlain Bates of Otselic, N. Y., and of Asa Loomis Taintor. See pages 124 *et seq.*

Asa Taintor's farm was located on the line between Orford and Lyme. He died 9 November 1818. The following obituary notice appeared in the local press:

In Orford, on 9th inst. of consumption, Mr. Asa Taintor, aged 40. In the death of Mr. Taintor his companion mourns the departure of an affectionate hus-

* Deacon Michael Taintor and Lydia Loomis of Colchester, Conn., were married in 1767. He died 14 April 1832, as stated in the following obituary notice, taken from a newspaper clipping preserved by his descendants:

DIED.

In Orford, April 14th, Deacon Michael Taintor, aged 83. He was the last of the four first deacons of the 1st Church, whose ages averaged more than 85 years. He was born in Colchester, Conn., March 14th, 1749; had been a member of the church fifty-one years and a deacon thirty-two years. He was a pious, good man, and came down to the grave "as a shock of corn cometh in in his season, fully ripe." "Let me die the death of the righteous and let my last end be like his."

band, six children are bereaved of a kind and indulgent parent, and society sustains the loss of a useful member. His mind was early impressed with divine truth, which he cherished in subsequent life. At the moment when the solemnities of eternity were near in view, a time when things appear as they are, he enjoyed the sweet consolation which the gospel only affords; he viewed the approach of the King of terrors with perfect serenity and resignation, and died with a hope of a glorious immortality. Who would not desire "to die the death of the righteous?"

Mrs. Elizabeth (Converse) Taintor married, second, 27 October 1831, Ira Morey, who was born in Orfordville, N. H., 5 February 1783, and died in North Bridgewater (now Brockton), Mass., 18 March 1869, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Huldah Leach. He was the son of Benoni Morey, who was born in Charlton, Mass., and who marched from Worcester to Boston, with his seven brothers, after the Battle of Bunker Hill, and who afterwards resided in Orford, N. H., and died in Bradford, Vt. Ira Morey's mother's maiden name was Huldah Brown of Charlton, Mass.*

Ira Morey worked different farms in Orfordville on shares, the last one being one of Col. Strong's farms near the centre of the village. He was a member of the Congregational Church; and, towards the last of his life, being very deaf, always occupied a chair down in the front of the church near the pulpit.



Ira Morey.

Mrs. Elizabeth (Converse) Taintor Morey rests in the Dame Hill Cemetery in Lyme. She is thus recalled by a relative:

She was a devoted Christian woman, beloved by all who knew her. I remember well the first time I saw her, over forty years ago, and how forcibly she reminded me of Solomon's virtuous women (Proverbs 31:10-31). Especially appropriate to her seemed the 26th verse: 'She openeth her mouth with wisdom, and in her tongue is the law of kindness.' All her conversation was sensible and loving, and her kindness was prominently apparent in her thoughtful, tender treatment of her second husband, Ira Morey, who was then fast losing his sight, and soon after became totally blind. At the time of the funeral, her neighbors who had lived near her for years, and knew well her kind unselfish ways, expressed great sympathy for the aged blind husband who was so dependent on her loving ministrations.

After her death Mr. Morey went to Bradford to live with his son Washburn, who married Lydia Converse⁷ (*Joel*,⁸ *Joel*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), with whom he remained a year, and until taking up his resi-

*Herbert E. Morey, numismatist, of Boston, Mass., is a grandson of Ira Morey.

dence for the remainder of his life with his daughter, Mrs. Huldah (Morey) Leach at Abington and North Bridgewater (Brookton), Mass.

Asa and Elizabeth (Converse) Taintor had three children, as follows:

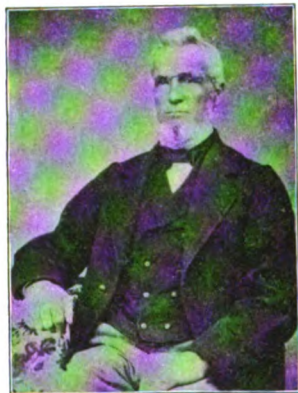
ELIZABETH CONVERSE TAINTOR,⁷ born in Orford, N. H., 12 March 1812; lived there with her mother and attended school until 1829, from which time until her marriage



John Barber.

Mrs. Elizabeth Converse (Taintor) Barber.

she taught school in Lyman and Lisbon, N. H., making her home with her aunt, Mrs. Sarah Converse Thornton in Lyman, where she was married, Jan. 1832, by Esquire Thornton (husband of Sarah Converse Thornton) to John Barber. Mr. Barber was born, 29 Nov. 1810, in Lyman, N.H.(where he lived all his life), and was



Erastus Fisk.



Mrs. Elizabeth Converse (Taintor) Fisk.

the son of William and Anna (Moulton) Barber. He was a farmer and also a clerk in the general store of his cousin, B. B. Paddleford, and afterwards manager for The Union Store Company, and had charge of the post office. He was town treasurer for many years, and held other town offices. He died, 4 May 1862, respected

by all who knew him. She married, 2nd, in Lyman, N. H., 7 Dec. 1865, Erastus Fisk of Lisbon, N. H., who was born in Lunenburg, Vt., 7 April 1807, died in Lyman, N. H., 4 Jan. 1891, and was the son of Asa and Betsy (Henry) Fisk of Lancaster, N. H.* Mrs. Fisk resided in Lisbon until her death there 22 Oct. 1877. The following announcement of her death is from a Lisbon paper:

Mrs. Erastus Fisk died Monday evening after an illness of four weeks. She was greatly esteemed and loved by a large circle of friends and acquaintances. She was reconciled to the great change, and anxious to "cross the mysterious river," to enjoy that higher, grander inheritance prepared for the redeemed.

John and Elizabeth Converse (Taintor) Barber had two children as follows:

MIL0 ALONZO BARBER,⁸ b. in Lyman, N. H., 27 March 1833. In the fall of 1862 he enlisted for nine months in Co. K, 15th Regt., Vt. Vols. He m. in Lisbon, N. H., 3 Dec. 1863, by Rev. Geo. S. Dearborn, of the M. E. Church, Abbie Burbank Prescott, b. in Warren, N. H., 18 Nov. 1843, daughter of Harrison



Mrs. Abbie Burbank (Prescott)
Barber.



Milo Alonzo Barber.

and Mary Jane Prescott of Haverhill, N. H. He worked at farming, and at clerking in the store of Miner & Titus for several years. He afterward bought a large farm in Lisbon, N. H., where he lived until his health failed. In the fall of 1880 he went to Florida, hoping to resist that dread disease, consumption. He remained there until called home in Sept. 1881, by the serious illness of his wife, who had been intending to spend the winter with her husband in Florida, but died, in Lisbon, 31 Dec. 1881. He returned South with his only daughter, where they remained most of the time until his death, 27 Dec. 1884, of which mention was made in a Lisbon paper as follows:

We regret to learn the death of Milo A. Barber, who died Saturday Dec. 27th 1884 at North Haverhill, aged 51 years. He was a man who had many friends wherever he went. He was highly esteemed for his sterling integrity, warm heart, and unassuming manner. Funeral service at the Congregational Church (Lisbon).

*Asa Fisk was born in Templeton, Mass., April 1775, and died in Lancaster, N. H., in March 1849. Betsy Henry was born in Worcester, Mass.

His daughter, BELLE BARBER,⁹ b. in Lyman, N. H., 25 April 1866, after the death of her father attended school at Haverhill Academy, and afterwards a young ladies' school in Boston, Mass. She made her home with her uncle, A. K. Prescott, Helena, Mont., and was married there 5 June 1895, by Rev. J. H. Crooker, to Franklin Kendrick Turner, son of Henry



Mrs. Belle (Barbour) Turner.



Margaret Barbour Turner.

and Eleanor (Whittingham) Turner of Birmingham, Eng. Mr. Turner is a merchant at Helena. They have one daughter, MARGARET BARBOUR TURNER,¹⁰ b. in Helena, 6 June, 1897.

HARRIET ELIZABETH BARBER,⁸ b. in Lyman, N.H., 7 June 1836. After leaving the



Harriet Elizabeth Barber.



Mrs. Harriet Elizabeth (Barber) Titus.

public schools of Lyman she attended the Orford Academy during 1854, and at McIndoes Falls, Vt., during 1855 and 1856, and afterwards taught successfully many terms in her native town; she was married in Lisbon,

N. H., 11 Feb. 1862, by Rev. Geo. S. Dearborn, to Ira Edson Titus, b. 28 Oct. 1833, son of Captain Calvin and Sarah (Porter) Titus. In the spring of 1898 when he was a candidate for school committee, a Revere, Mass., paper printed the following:

Ira E. Titus is a native of Lyman, N. H. He attended the common schools of that town, finishing his school course at Newbury Seminary, Newbury, Vt., after which he worked upon a farm for a time, then entered the mercantile business under the firm name of Miner & Titus in Lyman.

Mr Titus was postmaster of the town during the many years he remained in business there, was town clerk for six consecutive years, justice of the peace for many years, doing most of the business in town. After leaving the mercantile business he moved to Littleton, an adjoining town, where he was employed by the Singer Mfg. Co. as salesman, and soon after was appointed manager of their Littleton office on Main Street, employing men and looking after their business throughout Grafton Co., until coming to Boston in 1886, as their collector, which position he still holds. Since buying his present home on Crescent avenue, in 1888, he has had charge of their collecting in Chelsea, Winthrop and Revere. He is also agent for a piano company and is interested in the welfare of the town, and if elected on the school board will faithfully perform his duties.



Ira Edson Titus.

He is a member of the School Board, and one of the Trustees of St. Paul's Episcopal Church at Beachmont (Revere), Mass. of which both Mr. and Mrs. Titus are members. They were formerly members of All Saints Church at Littleton, N. H. Their children are:

CLARENCE LESLIE TITUS,⁹ b. in Lyman, N.H., 23 May 1866; educated in the schools of Lisbon and Littleton, N.H., until 1883, and then, for one year, in a school at Jamaica Plain, Mass. From 1885 he was for several years clerk in Houghton & Dutton's store in Boston, then hotel-office clerk in the Carlton House, Chelsea, Mass., and since May 1898, has been lessee and manager of the Central House, Chelsea.

FLOYD BARBER TITUS,⁹ b. 20 Oct. 1877, in Lisbon, N.H.; d. in Littleton, N.H., 15 Jan. 1886.



Clarence Leslie Titus.

HARRIET TAINTOR,⁷ born in Orford, Grafton Co., N. H., 21 July 1818. Her father died when she was about two years old. She was an invalid during much of her youth,—in fact was such to some extent during her whole life. Possessing from childhood a great love for books she strove to avail herself of all the means of intellectual

improvement afforded by her environment, and early manifested a taste for poetical composition which was developed in later years. She attended Bradford (Vt.) Academy, and afterwards was for several years engaged in teaching in towns near Boston, spending much of her leisure at the home, in Malden, of her stepbrother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. David B. Morey. On 9 Nov. 1851, she was married in Georgetown, Madison Co., N. Y., to Thomas Champlain Bates, the husband of her deceased



Thomas Champlain Bates.



Mrs. Harriet (Taintor) Bates.

half-sister, Demaris Taintor.* After marriage she removed with her husband, about 1853-54, to Sherburne, N. Y.; thence, in 1858, to North Norwich, N. Y.; in 1862, to Otselic, N. Y.; in 1868, to So. Otselic, N. Y.; and in 1870 to North Pitcher, N. Y., where her husband resumed his former occupation of milling. The remainder of her life was spent in No. Pitcher, and she died there 28 Sept. 1887. She was of a religious nature, and by all who knew her was regarded as a truly Christian woman.

A neighboring newspaper, about the time of her death, printed the following obituary:

Being by nature highly intellectual and possessing a strong taste for literature she was not slow to profit by her frequent association with some of the most gifted minds in the land. . . . During their sojourn in several different communities she, as well as her husband, commanded the respect of all. Sincere in her friendships, charitable in her judgments of erring humanity, trustworthy in all the relations of life, she will leave an influence for good among all her associates and will ever be regarded with esteem by those who knew her best.

Her husband, Thomas Champlain Bates, was born 26 Sept. 1803, and was the son of Daniel and Phœbe (Gavit) Bates of So. Kingston, R. I.

Phœbe Gavit was of French descent. Her father was Edward Gavit, b. in West-erly, R. I., 1750, d., in Smithfield, 12 June 1832. Her mother was Marie Champlain

*Thomas Champlain Bates was married, first, 12 Nov. 1829, by Rev. Mr. Clark of Plymouth, N. Y., to Demaris Taintor, who was born 13 July 1808, and died 9 May 1851. They resided in Columbus, Smyrna, Earlville, Hamilton, and Otselic, N. Y. One child, Harriet Eliza, was born to them 13 July 1830, and died 6 Feb. 1844.

The Converse Family

of Westerly. Edward Gavit was a private in Capt. Bagley's Co. in the American army in the Revolutionary War, fought at Bunker Hill, Princeton and other battles, served the seven years of the war, was wounded in both knees, and drew a pension as long as he lived. Daniel Bates had auburn hair, which he wore braided down his back. His mother's maiden name was Sally Winman.

Previously to 1851 Thomas Champlain Bates became a member of the Congregational Church of Otselic, N. Y. He died, in No. Pitcher, 5 March 1881. He was a man of strict integrity, scrupulously honest and conscientious in all his dealings with his fellowmen, of strong affections, domestic in his tastes, and temperate in his habits. To Mr. and Mrs. Bates, was born one child:

EMMA JANE BATES,⁸ b. in Sherburne, N. Y., 3 Aug. 1854. For some years previous to marriage she was engaged in teaching. She is a member of the Congregational Church in No. Pitcher, N. Y., and has been Treasurer of



Mrs. Emma Jane (Bates) Smith.

the church since February 1897. She was married 25 June 1887, by Rev. W. W. Hunt, at McLean, N. Y., to DeWitt David Smith who was born, in North Pitcher, 7 April 1834, son of David and Laura (Ufford) Smith. During 1863-64 he was engaged in mercantile business in Cincinnati, N. Y. Afterwards he took up farming, which he has followed to some extent ever since. His farm for ten years comprised between three and four hundred acres, but now consists of about eighty-five acres. He has been a member of the Odd Fellows Order and of the Farmers' Alliance. He was a charter member of the former, and in the latter held the offices of President and Lecturer.



DeWitt David Smith.

JOHN WELLS TAINTOR,⁷ born, in Orford, N. H., 16 July 1815; died in Chester, Pa., 1 July 1871; married, in Philadelphia, 5 April 1854, Mrs. Mary Caroline (Palmer) Reed, widow, b. in Milford, Del., 10 May 1829, d. in Chester, Pa., 12 May 1896; daughter of Elwin and Mahala (Lingo) Palmer. John Wells Taintor throughout his life engaged in teaching. He began at Orford, N. H., in 1836, thence he removed to Lima, Delaware Co., Pa. Later he taught as follows: 1855, Oak Grove School, Chester, Pa.; 1859, Odessa, Del. Academy; 1861, McDonough, Del.; 1864, Port Penn., Del.; 1867, Delaware City, Del. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Chester, Pa. Children:

MARY NEWLIN TAYNTOR,⁸ b. in Orford, N. H., 22 Jan. 1855; member of North Chester Baptist Church; m., in Chester, June 1876, John McCain, Jr., of Chester, son of John and Jane (McMinnigal) McCain.

CHARLES WESLEY TAYNTOR,⁸ b. in Aston, Delaware Co., Pa., 24 March 1857; attended public school in Delaware City two years. Beginning at his eleventh year, he entered the woolen mills at Chester of James Irving & Son, was employed there eight years, by Shaw & Esery six years, and by Lilley & Son four years, and had charge of the carding department for eleven years. For six years he was a real estate assessor in Chester. He has been a constant and active worker in the Republican party and is a member of the Young Men's Republican Club, the Keystone Republican Club, also of the Moyamensing Hook and Ladder Co. of the Chester Fire Department. He m., 1st, in Chester, 20 Jan. 1879, by Rev. Wm. Robinson, Martha Adaline Smart, b. in Philadelphia, Pa., 14 Jan. 1860, daughter of James and Almira (Moulton) Smart, the former b., in New Hampshire, 30 Jan. 1812, and the latter in Boston, Mass., 21 July 1814. She died leaving one daughter. He was m., 2nd, in Chester, by Rev. Mr. Wood, 2 Jan. 1885, Mary Agnes Hasson, b. in Wilmington, Del. Children:

BERTHA EMMA TAYNTOR,⁹ b., in Chester, 24 July 1880.

CHARLES LAWRENCE TAYNTOR,⁹ b., in Chester, 9 Jan. 1886

CORA AGNES TAYNTOR,⁹ b., in Chester, 3 June 1891.

FRANCES EARL TAYNTOR,⁹ b., in Chester, 14 Oct. 1892.

HELEN MERE TAYNTOR,⁹ b., in Chester, 10 Feb. 1895.

FLORENCE CAROLINE TAYNTOR,⁹ b., in Chester, 4 Oct. 1897.

HARRIET NEWIL BATES TAYNTOR,⁸ b. in Odessa, Del., 24 June 1859; m. Anthony F. Opperman.

LYDIA EMMA TAYNTOR,⁸ b. in Odessa, Del., 4 Dec. 1862; m. Edward Siep.

EDWARD LINCOLN TAYNTOR,⁸ b. in Port Penn, Del., 16 April 1865.

LAURA ASH TAYNTOR,⁸ b. in Delaware City, Del., 28 Jan. 1868.

WILLIAM PORTER TAYNTOR,⁸ b. in Chester, Pa., 23 May 1870; m. Elizabeth Tenola.

73. SARAH CONVERSE⁶ (*Joel*⁵(29), *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Lyme, N. H., 2 July 1793; died there 11 February



Mrs. Sarah (Converse) Thornton.

1864; married in Lyman, N. H., May 1830, Joshua Thornton, who was born in Uxbridge, Mass., 1 November 1764, and died in Lyman, N. H., 27 July 1843. Sarah Converse was his second wife. He enlisted in the American Army in the Revolutionary War as a musician (fifer) when thirteen years of age. His granddaughter, Mrs. M. M. Stevens of Lisbon, N. H., remembers his telling her, when a child, of his great suffering from cold and hunger with Washington at Valley Forge. After the war he married and settled in Plymouth, N. H., and raised a family of four children. He bought a farm of 200 acres in Lyman, N. H., where his first wife died. In Lyman, Esquire Thornton, as he was always called, was very much respected. He was tall and of

commanding presence. He held the offices of representative, selectman, and justice of the peace for many years.

By one who knew her intimately Mrs. Sarah Converse Thornton is thus recalled: "Hers was a fine character, and she lived a true, noble life, always ready to 'lay her own advantage by, to seek her neighbor's good'. She was firmly fixed in Christian principles; and, with great energy and perseverance, almost invariably carried out her plans for promoting the right. Her large heart was full of sympathy for the afflicted and overburdened, and she made the poor of her immediate neighborhood her constant care. Actuated by unusual benevolence, self-forgotten, kind, helpful, energetic, persevering and possessing much executive ability, she was a very useful member of the community, and was greatly beloved by all who knew her."

74. REVEREND AMASA CONVERSE,⁶ D.D. (*Joel*⁵ (29), *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹).

The following biographical sketch of the late Rev. Amasa Converse, D.D., by Rev. L. P. Yandell, M.D., was prepared in compliance with the request made by the Presbytery of Louisville, at its sessions in Louisville, April 8, 1873.

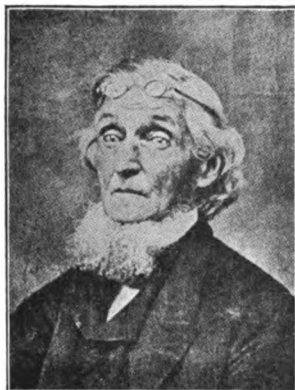
At the meeting of the Presbytery of Louisville in this city, on the 8th of April, the undersigned was appointed a committee to prepare a sketch of the life of the Rev. Amasa Converse, D.D. The subjoined memoir has been written in obedience to that order.

The subject of this memoir was the oldest, but one or two, of the members of this Presbytery. He had been nearly half a century a minister of the gospel, and a conductor of a religious newspaper, and at the time of his death he was one of the oldest editors in our country. He lived in eventful times in the Presbyterian Church in the United States, and as editor was called upon to bear an active part in the stirring events. His influence was felt in the great crisis of 1837, and equally in that of 1861, which resulted in a second division of the Church. In both, his position was a trying one, but in both he acted with a firm moderation which, however it may have failed to satisfy the party passions of the time, has already, in the judgment of calm men, been justified by events. The record which he has left behind him is one that his family and Church will recur to with increasing satisfaction.

HIS FAMILY AND EARLY LIFE.

Amasa Converse was born in the township of Lyme, New Hampshire, on the 21st of August 1795. His father, Joel Converse, was a native of Thompson, Con-

necticut, and the youngest son of Deacon Thomas Convers of that place. According to records preserved in England, his family is of Norman descent. The original name was Coigneurs. His remote ancestors came from Normandy to England about the time of the Norman Conquest. The name was gradually Anglicized and abbreviated, and became Conyers. Subsequently it was changed to Converse, one branch of the family omitting the final "e". Another is now represented by the Earl of Conyers, that branch having received the title of nobility not long after the Normans obtained control of England.



Rev. Amasa Converse, D.D.

The ancestors of Dr. Converse came to America with the colony of Massachusetts Bay, about the year 1630, and their names are found in the records of some of the churches planted at that time, and also in the annals of the military expeditions of the Colony against the hostile Indians. Edward Convers was a member of the First church of Charlestown, and Maj. James Convers had command of the garrison at Woburn, Mass., and defended the infant settlements against the repeated assaults of savages.

The mother of Dr. Converse was named Elizabeth Bixby. She was a native of Woodstock, Conn., and was born in 1760, and died in 1850, at the advanced age of ninety years. Three of her brothers were revolutionary soldiers, and one of her sisters was still living in 1871, having lived over a hundred years. His father removed in 1788 to Lyme, where he was born, in a house which still remains in possession of one of the family. The memory of his parents continued precious to him to the end of his days. They were pious, godly people, who bore their children before the mercy seat in the closet and in the worship of the family.

Their example in all the relations of life was in harmony with their prayers; and gave force to the truths and sanctions of religion, which they endeavored to impress upon the minds of their children. His father died of pneumonia in the seventy-third year of his age.

The country into which his father had removed at the time of his birth was new; primeval forests covered the hills, from which the farmers must draw their subsistence. "The trees were to be felled, and in June the underbrush was to be cut down with a brush scythe, preparatory to burning the surface over during the dry weather in July and August. This was followed by the clearing of the land, piling up and burning the logs and large branches of trees which covered the ground, fitting it for the reception of seed for a crop of wheat. Here was work for boys and men, too." Such was his employment in the month of September; in the previous months of April, May and June, it was driving teams to plow the fields

for corn, planting corn and potatoes, hoeing and gardening; and in July it was spreading the mown grass, raking the hay, and all the other labor required in carrying on a farm. He was put to work at the age of six or seven years, and before he was ten he persuaded his father to buy him a scythe, that he might help his older brothers in mowing. By such labors in summer, and by similar labors in winter in the woods, providing fuel for the fires, it was that his constitution was invigorated in early life, and endued with strength to bear the toils of student life in subsequent years.

He was not able to remember when or by whom he was taught his letters. The earliest lesson he could recall was at his mother's knee, reading and spelling words of four letters. At the age of four or five years he was sent to the common district school, taught by a man who had a stiff leg. To compensate for his lack of activity, the schoolmaster kept at his side a switch long enough to reach across the school-room, and ready to be brought down upon the head or shoulders of any unlucky urchin who might be caught at play, or whispering to a schoolmate. "The discipline of these schools," remarks Dr. Converse, "was stern to a degree which I would by no means recommend." And yet he adds that he found the lessons required of him less of tasks than a sort of game, in which he often excelled his school-fellows. He was taken from the summer school when seven years old to work on the farm, and at twelve he was kept from school a part of the winter to bear his part in such labors as were required for the comfort of a farmer's family in that season. He loved the school, and in order to enjoy its privileges, sometimes rose and went to the work assigned to him before daylight, that he might gain time to resume his studies in it at 9 o'clock.

ASPIRATIONS FOR A COLLEGE EDUCATION.

In the days of his childhood, there was published in the village of Hanover, a newspaper called the Dartmouth Gazette, which had fifty-two subscribers in his native town. To save postage, the subscribers went, once a year, by turns to Hanover for their papers, and brought them to a store in the village, whence they were distributed. At the age of ten or eleven, he persuaded his father to let him go to the college for the papers when his father's turn came to go or send for them. He was longing to see the college, described to him as a larger building than any in his native town, and especially to see how that mysterious art, printing, was performed. He was accordingly put upon horseback at the proper time, and started off to find his way to Hanover; and he described in his old age, how, as he saw a student walking across the college campus, he "coveted the privilege and honor enjoyed by him, not then imagining that it would ever be his own good fortune to be a member of the college."

He had now a genuine thirst for knowledge, and to meet its cravings was in the habit of borrowing all the books he could hear of, among which he seemed

to remember with peculiar pleasure "Addison's Spectator." Sometimes, when thus absorbed in reading, his father would say to him: "My son, you must lay aside your book; we must go to work." Occasionally he spoke to his father of his earnest desire to be a scholar but knew very well that his father was not able to defray his expenses at college from the products of a farm in that cold country, which required the labors of all his sons under the age of twenty-one to support his family, and keep the "wolf from the door," during the long, cold winter.

But at the age of sixteen or seventeen he formed a resolution to make an effort to obtain a classical education. He knew not where or how to procure the funds necessary to accomplish his purpose. He had no rich friend to whom he might look for assistance. The wealth on which he expected to commence life, was a little more than a hundred dollars, which his father would be able to give him on his coming of age. But this would not defray his expenses at college a single year. A small tract of wild land, in the neighborhood of his father's, was offered for sale about this time and he made an arrangement with his father for two years of his time, instead of the hundred dollars he was to receive, and purchased thirty acres of the land. In June he entered with his scythe and axe, accompanied by a cousin who had joined him in the purchase, upon the work of clearing his farm. In July, the season for making hay, the young laborers hired themselves to the neighboring farmers to obtain money to pay their board and purchase seed wheat to sow upon their "field of promise." And so he took the first step towards entering college. The next step was to procure employment for the winter, and deeming himself "qualified to teach a good school," he went to the Rev. Nathaniel Lambert, his pastor, for testimonials to introduce him as a schoolmaster to strangers. After a due examination as to his attainments in English grammar, arithmetic, penmanship, etc., Mr. Lambert gave him a certificate, commending him as entirely competent to fill the humble office to which he aspired. For this he paid him a fee of one silver dollar, and then rode to Bradford, Vermont, distant about fifteen miles from Lyme, and engaged to teach a district school for three months, at twelve dollars a month and board. That sum was then considered a good price for the services of a teacher.

He was now nineteen years of age, and toiling on in the prosecution of his plan of becoming a scholar. At the close of his school in March, he commenced the study of Smith's Latin Grammar with a private teacher, and committed it to memory (or such parts of it as pupils were then required to memorize) in ten days. He then went to Kimball Academy, at Meriden, and as he studied only the grammar, the preceptor very injudiciously gave him his first lesson in Virgil, which he was to study out alone, so as to give a good translation at the hour of recitation. His knowledge of the grammar was, of course, very imperfect, and so his lesson, though only five or ten lines, was mastered with so much difficulty, that he was strongly tempted to throw aside the grammar and dictionary and return to the

farm, and make the cultivation of the earth the business of his life. His pride, however, prevailed; no difficulties must be permitted to turn him from his purpose. He rose early and applied himself earnestly to the task of making good sense of a few lines of the beautiful epic; and in a few weeks he was able to translate the hexameters of the Mantuan bard with a good degree of facility. He was soon ahead of his townsmen, two young men who had commenced Virgil with him, and had the pleasure of proceeding alone, reciting daily as many lines of the *Æneid* as he could construe. In these exercises he continued some three months, his field of wheat growing in the meantime, and ripening for the reaper's sickle.

He returned to Lyme in July, pale and emaciated from want of proper exercise, and went to work with his brothers making hay, in order to secure their aid in harvesting his crop of wheat. This secured and disposed of, he went to Dartmouth College and resumed his classical studies. In November he returned to the vocation of schoolmaster, in which he spent three months, and then went to Phillips' Academy, in Andover, Mass. His account of the journey is interesting: "Early in April," he writes, "having sent forward a trunk containing my scanty wardrobe, I started for Andover on foot, in company with Isaac Grant and Joel Hasford, two young men about my own age, who were going to Boston as laborers. They had a horse to take to Boston, which we rode by turns, and tied at the side of the road to relieve one of the two foot travellers on their arrival. In this way we severally found relief from walking, and made our journey of a hundred miles in about three days."

He passed the winter profitably in this institution, deemed at that time one of the best preparatory schools in New England, when his funds being exhausted, he made known his situation to the Principal, Mr. Adams. This worthy man procured for him a scholarship, but said to him at the same time: "Converse, do you go home, and don't you come back here until you look better than you do now." He thought as many others did, that the student was the victim of consumption, but the disease proved to be dyspepsia, brought on by too intense application to study. It was February, the thermometer was below zero, and the roads were filled with drifted snow. The journey home must be performed on foot; but it was the very remedy needed in his case, and after three weeks at home he was ready to return to the Academy from which he went, the following August, to Dartmouth College.

In those days it was hardly considered proper for the son of a farmer, who had barely the means of a comfortable support, to aspire to the position of a college student. There had been only two or three such cases among all the young men reared in his native town. The son of a plain farmer in college seemed to be out of place. Hence the colloquy between a maternal uncle, Jonathan Bixby and himself, to the following effect: "Well, Amasa," said his uncle, "I understand you are going to college." He replied, "I hope to go." And the uncle went

on, "What are all you college-learned men going to do for a living? The farmers have to support them all. We have more lawyers than are needed already and as many ministers as can be supported. How are all you learned men going to live?" He replied, "I am not at present concerned how they are to live. I want no bond from the farmers, obliging them to support me after I get through college."

EARLY RELIGIOUS IMPRESSIONS.

Of his early religious impressions, Dr. Converse has left the following interesting history:

I was taught in my infancy to fear God and to offer to him a child's prayer on retiring to bed. The instructions of a pious mother were daily repeated in my early childhood; but for several years they seemed to make no permanent impression on my heart, which was alienated from God from my infancy. The exhortations of my father, and the hallowed lessons received from both my parents seemed to be lost upon me. I soon neglected the habit of prayer, and indulged the hope of the infidel, that the sanctions and doctrines of the Christian faith were a fiction. Yet I cannot say that parental piety and example were wholly without influence upon me. I recollect that in one instance my father, when sick, fainted and fell to the floor while praying with his family. I feared that he was soon to die, and retired to a secret place to offer prayer that God would spare his life. His health was restored, and the impression made by this incident was soon effaced or disregarded. I was required to read the scriptures, and also to commit the Shorter Catechism to memory. But I felt little or no interest in what I read in the Bible, and my lessons in the catechism were irksome tasks. Both were neglected and discarded before I was sixteen years old, and I was captivated and led into known sin by associates addicted to profane swearing, card playing, Sabbath-breaking, etc.

About the time he was entering Phillips' Academy, he became acquainted with Mr. Asa Lord, of whom he speaks as "a plain man of superior understanding, whose Christian life commended religion to my attention more impressively than anything I had ever heard from the pulpit." It suggested inquiry, "and inquiry led me," he writes, "to see that I was living like an atheist, without God and without a hope in the world." He became anxious and prayed much, seeking information in the religious experience of others, but apparently making little progress, "at one time attempting to renounce all belief in the doctrines of religion," and again "amazed that God did not instantly sink me in hell. Thus I continued," he writes, "for twelve months or more, thinking if I was rejected as a reprobate, I would perish pleading for mercy." He continues his narrative thus:

"One evening, my fellow-students, thinking probably that I was truly a Christian, were looking for me to conduct our weekly prayer meeting, which was numerously attended; but I was not found till the services were commenced, and then

was in the meeting, in the corner of a large school room, enjoying such a view of God, of his majesty and love as I had never had. I felt that if I were in hell, I would adore him and bless his name for his supreme excellence and glory. His perfections seemed inexpressibly lovely and glorious. The vision lasted perhaps an hour. I had then no hope that I was a converted man, or that my heart was changed. My ecstatic feelings were but for an hour or two, and then gradually subsided into the former state of doubt in regard to my spiritual state. But from that period I began to examine my feelings. I resolved to be a Christian—a resolution I had previously formed—though the world were in arms against me. I began to think that I loved God just as He was revealed in His Word; that I took delight in his service, and that I would preach his gospel, if not prevented by some insuperable obstacle. After a few weeks, I had a conference with Rev. Drs. Porter and Woods, and was received as a member of the Congregational church connected with the theological seminary in Andover.”

COLLEGE AND SEMINARY LIFE.

He entered Dartmouth College in September, 1818, at the age of twenty-three, when that institution was involved in a lawsuit, the decision of which has since been quoted as a precedent in so many similar cases; with which the name of Daniel Webster is indissolubly associated. The decision was in favor of the old Board of Trustees, and so gratifying was the result to the Faculty of the College that it was announced to the country by the roar of artillery. While in college, young Converse devoted most of his time to the study of languages, which he preferred to that of mathematics. The winter vacations he spent teaching district schools acquiring the means to continue his college course; but with this help added to his other slender resources, he could not have accomplished his purpose without a loan of eighty or a hundred dollars a year from the American Education Society. By rigid economy, availing himself of every occasion to improve his exchequer, and working hard all the time, he closed his collegiate course with honor, receiving his diploma the day on which he was twenty-seven years of age.

On quitting college, he resumed his work as a teacher, and reopened a select school in Chelsea; taking charge afterwards, of the Sanderson Academy at Ashfield, from which, at the close of the year, he went to Princeton to enter upon the study of theology. A few months after entering the seminary, his health failed him. In connection with his illness, he speaks with great feeling of the venerable Dr. Alexander, who “visited him and was very attentive to his wants during his sickness and when he was able to ride, furnished him with his horse and carryall, in which he was accustomed to ride.” He thought his physician drugged him too much with laudanum, and ventured to omit part of his prescriptions. For this, the doctor very naturally reprimanded him; but he replied that the opiate “made him stupid, and that if this was to be his last illness, he did not wish to go out of

the world in a state of insensibility." The answer of the physician was one which he was not likely to forget: "Young man," said he, "by neglecting my prescriptions, you have put your life in peril; and what is of *more importance*, you have imperiled my reputation."

On recovering his health, he went to his friends in Ashfield, and renewed his theological studies; and while there, at a meeting of the Franklin Association of Congregational ministers, was examined in reference to his qualifications for the ministry, and licensed to preach as a probationer. He returned, in November, to Princeton, with the view of prosecuting his studies; but Dr. Alexander, "who acted the part of a father to him, seeing how feeble he remained, advised him to seek a milder climate and go to work as a preacher, adding encouragingly, 'you have learning enough to be engaged in your vocation.'"

EVANGELISTIC LABORS IN NOTTAWAY COUNTY, VA.

He took the advice of his venerable friend, and went to Virginia. Arriving at his place of destination in Nottoway county, he made arrangements with Dr. Wm. J. Dupuy for board in his family, and the use of a horse, and opened a school, which grew upon his hands; rode much upon horseback, and preached occasionally to a vacant church in the neighborhood. His health rapidly improved under his changed mode of life, and wishing to devote himself to the work of the ministry, after looking about sometime for a vacant church, he accepted from the Young Men's Missionary Society of Richmond, the office of evangelist for the counties of Nottoway and Amelia. Here he entered zealously upon his work, and a few months later, at the request of a little church to which he preached, was ordained, by the Presbytery of Hanover, a minister of the gospel. Entering thus fully upon his mission, in the thirty-first year of his age, he was full of confidence in the power of truth, but with "little hope of being useful unless he could compel men to inquire for it, and make the great themes of revelation the subjects of earnest inquiry and thought."

Among those who early connected themselves with his little church in Nottoway, he speaks of Peter R. Bland, "a lawyer, who, a few months after the profession of his faith in Christ, became a minister in the Presbyterian Church."*

Another prominent member of the bar became anxious concerning his spiritual state about the same time. He had announced profanely, at a public dinner, that neither he nor his family would be taught by a Yankee." A few weeks later, he came to the young preacher, inquiring "what must I do to be saved?" and finally, was received into the church with his wife, bringing his children to be baptized.

*This faithful servant of God removed, a few years later, to the neighborhood of Belmont, Tenn., and was received into the Presbytery of Memphis. After more than twenty years of pious labor, during which his house was the seat of an elegant hospitality, he was called to his rest, leaving a cherished name in all the churches to which he had ministered.

Other instances of hopeful conversion were witnessed in the community, in the course of a few months, and the church was encouraged to hope for greater blessings. But there was no systematic arrangement in the church for the support of a Presbyterian pastor. Nothing of the sort had ever been attempted. The people were accustomed to listen to ministers, who proclaimed that "They did not preach for money." It was unpopular to attempt to raise a support for the family of a minister, and few would dare to circulate a subscription for that purpose. The roads being bad in winter, and most of the houses of worship in a dilapidated condition, a preacher during three or four months of the year was restricted to a few churches.

He could see, therefore, no prospect of support, or permanent usefulness among this people, though he rejoiced in the evidences of progress in religion, which he had witnessed among them. For ten years he had been fighting the hard battle of life, toiling for bread in his preparation for college, and four years in college, and then in the theological seminary till health and strength broke down. He now wanted a permanent resting place, and a field where he might toil with the hope of doing good in the Lord's vineyard.

HIS LIFE-WORK COMMENCED.

Such were the views he entertained near the close of the year 1826, when solicited to take charge of the editorial department of the *Family Visitor*, commenced in 1822, and the *Literary and Evangelical Magazine*, conducted heretofore by the late Rev. John Holt Rice, D.D. Thinking that he could accomplish more with his pen than he could as a preacher with a weak voice and impaired health, he was prepared to listen to the overtures made him.

After taking the best counsels he could obtain, with his fathers and brethren in the ministry, he made a contract with Mr. Nathan Pollard, the proprietor of both publications, on terms to give him an equal right in the editorial management of the publications; took an affectionate leave of his growing charge in Nottoway, and commenced his work as an editor about the 20th of February, 1827.

He was aware that the office was heavily in debt when he entered it, but he was not aware of the perplexing difficulties and labors to be endured in efforts to remove those debts. Many subscribers were delinquent in their payments; the patronage of the office was not sufficient to meet the current expenses of publication; and while the religious press was regarded as the *right arm for the Southern Church*, there was not enough strength to wield that arm with effect, or to remove the obstacles which paralyzed its influence.

He had heretofore had no experience in this kind of work, but he was learning very fast. He had been in the office but a few weeks when he saw, as he thought, that an earnest appeal should be made for the only religious paper then published in the Southern States, with an honest statement of its financial condition, to create

an interest among its friends to relieve it from embarrassments which threatened its utter ruin. But his partner in the work would not have such a statement made to the public. He said it would ruin the credit of the office. After a few months he stated to Mr. Pollard that this connection with the office as *Editor* must close; at the same time he offered him his services as a traveling agent to make collections for him. Mr. Pollard answered that if he left the editorial charge, he would discontinue the paper and close up the concern.

Dr. J. H. Rice was called for counsel in the business, who earnestly entreated him as a son in the gospel to continue in the charge of the papers. As the result of repeated conferences, he consented to purchase the publications. The sale of the publications to Mr. Converse was made on the first of July, 1828. He had then been connected with them one year and about five months. His loss by his partner's failure had been about twenty-five hundred dollars. He now engaged openly and earnestly in efforts to increase the circulation of the weekly paper, having transferred to it the subscribers to the magazine, the publication of which was suspended at the close of this year.

On the 16th of December, 1828, he married Miss Flavia Booth, in Brunswick, Virginia, a descendant of an old family of good repute from Massachusetts. He



Mrs. Flavia (Booth) Converse.

endowed his accomplished wife with his "worldly goods," which, as he expressed it, "were worth nothing." It is true he had about eleven hundred and fifty subscribers to a weekly journal, but they were "not half enough to meet the current expenses of its publication." Still, with such a wife for his companion, to counsel and encourage him, he adds, "the want of gold or silver could not make me either miserable or very poor." He redoubled his efforts to increase and extend the circulation of his paper, called the *Visitor and Telegraph*, the *North Carolina Telegraph* having been united with the *Visitor* in 1827, and in three years he found his subscription list increased to more than three thousand. It now afforded him a competent support, with a prospect of becoming remunerative.

THE DIVISION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

"But at this period (in the words of Dr. Converse) the discussion of questions on which the Church divided in 1741, was revived in the Northern churches, and many copies of a Northern paper, advocating the stricter views of what was called the Old School party, were circulated in the Southern Church. In this way, there was a check made to the growing success of my labors as an editor.

"It is proper to state in this connection, that there were diverse elements united

by compromise in the Presbyterian Church in 1704 and 1705, when the first Presbytery was formed. There was the old side which adhered to the strict interpretation of the Westminster Confession; and the new side which claimed more liberty in the interpretation of the Westminster Standards. The new side became the majority about the year 1740, and a few years later founded Princeton College. These parties separated in 1741, and after seventeen years were again united."

In 1831 and 1832 new issues had arisen. For many years the Presbyterian Church had aided the work of Foreign Missions in connection with the American Board, but as early as 1831 a Presbyterian Board was formed, and earnest efforts were made to carry on the work of missions both at home and abroad, under the direction of Presbyterian Boards.

On one side it was contended that all the benevolent operations of the Church should be conducted by ecclesiastical boards formed by her judicatories; and, on the other, it was maintained that education for the ministry and missions should be carried on by voluntary societies in connection with Congregationalists, as they had been for some twenty years, especially as both sides in our Church had united in forming plans of union with Congregational Associations.

"There were also questions connected with the doctrines of the atonement and the subject of slavery, on which the two parties in our Church were antagonistic to each other. Among such diverse elements in the Church, and so many conflicting opinions on topics of great interest and importance, it is not surprising that there should be controversy and that good men, in the heat of debate in their zeal for what they conceived to be truth and right, should fall into error.

"The world has been admonished by the oldest controversy on record that the servants of God are tempted to sacrifice charity and lose their temper (as Job's friends did) in their zeal for truth; but the admonition does not appear to have been duly regarded in the Church."

He endeavored up to the year 1837, he writes, to maintain a conservative neutral ground; but such a course "was not satisfactory to zealous men on either side," and the excising act of the General Assembly that year, left, as he thought, no ground for neutrality. Four Synods, containing some five hundred ministers, and as many or more congregations, were cut off from the Presbyterian Church, without trial, or citation to trial, the accusers being also judges in the case. Believing this to be in violation of the constitution of the Church, he took strong ground against it. The controversy that ensued in the religious newspapers was long and acrimonious, "editors refusing to exchange the common courtesies of life with brethren whom they once recognized as personal friends." Pastors from the pulpit exhorted their flocks against supporting a paper opposed to the "reform." Dr. Plumer, then preaching to one of the churches in Richmond, issued a prospectus for a new paper to defend the "reform measures." The war went on, and in its progress the subscription list of the Telegraph was greatly changed, many old subscribers quitting it, and many new ones coming to its support. The paper

was still self-sustaining, but it appeared advisable to the editor to accept a proposition from Philadelphia to unite with it a religious paper printed there, and issue it in that city. Accordingly, in January, 1839, he shipped his printing press and the furniture of his office to Philadelphia, and on the 9th of that month reached the city with his family. The united paper, the *Telegraph and Observer*, was soon issued, and its patronage steadily increased for a time.

THE ANTI-SLAVERY AGITATION.

Mr. Converse now flattered himself with prospects of peace after the angry storm through which he had passed. But the prospect was delusive. The elements of another storm were gathering all along the horizon. Soon after settling in Philadelphia, the Rev. Albert Barnes called on him and informed him that he was writing a book on the subject of slavery, and the editor saw at once that he was destined to meet this question not only in the press and in private circles, but in all the judicatories of the Church. He attempted to dissuade Mr. Barnes from writing his book, telling him plainly that, in his opinion, no one was qualified to write on slavery who had not lived at least five years in a slave-holding community, but he got no thanks from the great commentator for his friendly advice.

The discussions on this subject in the Church, continued for many years, brought him in conflict with those whose fanatical views or feelings disposed them to disregard the teachings of the Bible, and who maintained that "if the Holy Scriptures sanctioned slavery, they could not be received as a revelation from God," that there was a higher law which they found in their speculations about the nature of things. Such was the reasoning of the late Albert Barnes on this question.

One side became fanatical and assumed the ground of *rational* infidelity (if infidelity ever can be called rational). But the war of words went on, on the ground assumed by the higher law party, till at length it kindled the fires of fanaticism in the General Assembly of the New School branch of the Church, where it prompted the majority to adopt measures in 1857 which excised the Southern Church no less effectually than was the excision made by the acts of 1837; and then in 1861 it burst upon the country like the pent-up fires of a volcano, sweeping millions to untimely graves before the tempest subsided and the country was restored to peace.

In reverting to these scenes, Dr. Converse recalled some personal incidents that may be of interest. This mania, rising and spreading on every side in the Church gave him no prospect of peace in his position as an editor. As early, perhaps, as 1846 or 1847, he received a formal visit from several prominent ministers of Philadelphia, who sympathized with the Abolition party. They came for the purpose of persuading him to renounce the conservative principles he held, and change the character of the *Christian Observer*, and make it the supporter of their *moderate* anti-slavery opinions. "They had expected," they said, "when they requested him to take charge of their paper, that he would advocate their views and opin-

ions." One of their number, the Rev. Dr. Phelps, read him a document pointing out what he and they conceived to be wrong in the character of the Observer, and prescribing the course which it ought to maintain in the future. At the close of their fraternal criticisms and counsel, the Rev. Albert Barnes asked him in tones of harshness which seemed to indicate displeasure, "Will you promise to conduct the Observer in the future in accordance with our views?"

He replied in substance that as long as he conducted the paper, it would be devoted to the defence and diffusion of truth, and of the principles which the best interests of the Church required.

The brother who read the document containing the friendly remonstrance and counsels then asked, "Will you publish this letter for us in your paper?"

"Yes, if you desire its publication," he replied, "and I will answer it."

A copy of it was never furnished for publication.

Another incident of the same kind is narrated. In a brief notice of Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe's work, "Uncle Tom's Cabin," he mentioned some of the author's caricatures of the blacks and whites, and spoke of it as "one of the great hobbies of 1852." The remark gave offence to a brother minister (the Rev. Dr. Brainerd) who, meeting him at Presbytery a short time after, said to him by way of admonition, "If you speak of my friend, Mrs. Stowe, in this style, I shall have to call attention to the matter in some of the papers."

"Very well," he replied, "the columns of the Christian Observer are open to you."

A DISASTROUS FIRE.

In the midst of this excitement, and while the anti-slavery party were endeavoring to supersede his paper, which they had failed to make the advocate of their cause, his publication office took fire, and was destroyed, with nearly all its contents. The cry of fire waked him from sleep about midnight, July 5, 1854. Hastening with his oldest son to the place of the disaster, he reached the fire just in time to see the burning ruins of a block of twenty buildings, and to hear from policemen and firemen on the ground that nothing had been saved from his office. He "returned to his residence, retired to his chamber and slept. At daylight," he adds, "I returned to the smouldering ruins, and was again told by the firemen that nothing had been saved from my office." This seemed to him very much like the beginning of financial ruin. He had left his ledger and books containing the accounts of thousands of subscribers on his desk, and his office was not insured. He relates that "as his children assembled that morning, having their Bibles to read at family worship, the sight of the Bible suggested the thought, and he remarked, 'If the fire has consumed all our worldly goods in the office, God has left us something better—ininitely greater riches in His Holy Word.'"

An hour or two later in the day he was greatly relieved to learn that his books had been saved. A gentleman who was using a part of Mr. Converse's office at the time, as a matter of economy, seeing the building on fire, had burst open the

door, entered the office full of smoke, and in the dark had fortunately laid his hands upon them, and carried them to a place of safety. "To others, this incident," he remarks, "may seem too small a matter to be worthy of note; but I recognized in it the hand of God, enabling me to prosecute my work as an editor, and educate two of my sons who were pursuing their course of studies at college."

WAR OF THE ABOLITIONISTS AGAINST THE OBSERVER.

He received letters of sympathy from many conservative men, but the radicals continued their war upon his paper, and his position as editor was a trying one. The unceasing efforts of the abolitionists to supplant the paper upon which the support of his family depended, brought to his mind the words of the prophet: "take ye heed, every one, of his neighbor, and trust ye not in any brother; for every brother will utterly supplant, and every neighbor will walk with slander." A proposition was made to buy the Observer; but the proposition was accompanied by a "promise," which sounded to him very much like a threat, that if he declined to sell, another paper would be started. A brother whom he greatly esteemed (Dr. John C. Smith of Washington City), wrote him a letter full of kindly sentiments, earnestly exhorting him to yield to the wishes of this party, and warning him that, if he did not surrender to them the control of the religious press in Philadelphia, "he was a ruined man."

Nevertheless, he declined the offer, for "it was repugnant to my manhood, he writes, "to accept an overture from Christian brethren who were holding a threat as a rod over my head, to punish me in case I refused their offer. And besides, I deemed that I was acting for thousands of patrons who, I had reason to believe, would not take such a paper as the leaders in the negotiations proposed to publish." To his friend, Dr. Smith, he wrote in reply to his friendly warning, that he was not contending with his brethren for gold or silver, but for something far more precious, and that if he was a ruined man he would pray, with David, that "he might fall into the hands of the Lord, and not into the hands of men."

The promised rival in due time was started, and the two papers went on side by side for a number of years, the Observer continuing to gain new subscribers, and afford support to the family of its proprietor. Meantime, the Kansas question mingled fresh materials with the elements of strife, kindling the smouldering embers of the abolition controversy into aflame. The election of Lincoln followed in 1860. It seemed impossible any longer to keep political discussions out of the church. While the Kansas struggle was going on, collections had been taken up on the Sabbath in some churches to aid immigrants going to that territory, and to purchase fire arms to drive out settlers from the South. The crisis had at length come. The right of seceding from the Union, which had been claimed and threatened by a large convention of politicians at Hartford, Conn., during the war of 1812, was carried out by the South, in the winter of 1860-61. Dr. Converse, as a young man, had been of the party who affirmed the right of Secession

in 1812, and he was ready to affirm it in Philadelphia in the maturity of his age, and in the face of threats of violence. At a meeting of some thirty clergymen for the discussion of the subject, he relates that he was "distinctly advised by one of the junior doctors present, that the publication of opinions affirming that right might cost him his life."

"Madness," he writes of these times, "ruled the hour. The parties had become hostile to each other, and in Philadelphia, it became dangerous to advocate the rights of the minority, and the doctrine of peace, in opposition to the majority.

"Self-constituted committees or spies were appointed to report the private conversations of their neighbors, if opposed to the views of the majority. The strife of words had proceeded too far to be settled by written constitutions, laws, compromise or arguments. The appeal was to the sword, the majority had become intolerant, religion and politics were strangely intermingled in the partisan contentions of the day, and while these elements of strife were raging in the war of words, devices were perfidiously employed by Mr. Wm. H. Seward, Mr. Lincoln's secretary of State, to provoke the forces of the seceded States to fire on Fort Sumter, a fort of the U. S., near Charleston, S. C., erected for the defence of that city, and thus initiated the civil war. The perfidious management of the Secretary succeeded. Fort Sumter was obliged to surrender after a protracted bombardment, though not a man was killed on either side in the fight. The confederates had fired first, and captured a fort of the U. S. That was enough to arouse the North to arms. The war clamor prevailed.

"The state of partisan feeling in Philadelphia, in the spring and summer of 1861, rendered it a very undesirable place of residence for an editor, who resolved to maintain his right and the liberty of the press. The cries for war against the South were mingled with the prayers of the sanctuary and the services of the Sabbath, and it was dangerous to publish facts, or advocate the principles of peace, and the sacred duties of religion, in the face of a community where the minds of the uneducated masses of the people were nearly all enlisted for the coming conflict, by the rousing cry 'to arms, to arms,' reiterated by leaders or those aspiring for popularity under the specious names of 'Liberty' 'Free Soil,' and 'Patriotism.'

"The columns of the Christian Observer were repeatedly assailed by 'the war shriekers,' and efforts were made to torture the remarks of the editor into something which savored of treason. His life was threatened by some of the self-styled patriots who had been roused to action.

"Not heeding such threats," he says, "for I did not believe myself in danger of violence, I quietly pursued my work, hoping that this storm of passion might subside. To many in the city I had been personally known for years, not only as an editor, but as a minister of the gospel of Christ, and had been repeatedly heard as a preacher in some twenty or more of their churches. I could not, therefore, think that my life was in peril among a civilized Christian people, though I entertained

and expressed opinions opposed to the views of the majority on the absorbing question of the war.' "

At last, on the 22d of August, 1861, Mr. Seward "rang his little bell," and Dr. Converse was arrested. His paper was suppressed, his property seized, and the earnings of a lifetime almost swept away. The marshal who had orders to arrest him declared, it is said, that "a strange, unaccountable feeling came over him in the presence of the venerable servant of Christ," and though he knew that he was liable to a severe reprimand for disobeying orders, he declined to take him into custody.

THE CLOSING YEARS OF HIS LIFE.

Thus deprived of the means of providing for the wants of his family, and denied the right of expressing the convictions of his understanding and his conscience at the North, he turned his thoughts once more towards his old home in Virginia. He was successful in finding a path southward and by the middle of September, less than a month after his paper was suppressed in Philadelphia, the *Christian Observer* reappeared in Richmond. In that beleaguered city he labored during the war, writing, preaching, visiting the hospitals and prisons, conversing and praying with the sick, the wounded and the dying of both armies, accomplishing there, it may be, the greatest work of his long and useful life. With the close of the unhappy struggle, came another reverse in his pecuniary affairs. Like most of those around him, he found nearly all his earthly possessions gone, and at the age of three score years and ten, had to begin life again almost as poor as when he commenced it in the same place, a young man, forty years before. His printing office, however, escaped when Richmond was burned; and with a consciousness that he had suffered his losses in "liberty's defence," he "bated not a jot of heart or hope," but resolved to enter the field as a journalist once more; and so, without available means enough to defray the expenses of the office for a single week, before money had begun to circulate in the devastated city, "before mail routes were re-opened or post offices established, and before any other weekly paper in the Southern States" was started, he again issued the *Christian Observer*. The faith which had supported him in the midst of so many other troubles, and which finally sustained him in a dying hour, rose with his increasing trials, and he felt assured that he should not want. He was inured to labor and to hardship, and the prospect of an old age of toil gave him no concern; but rather it was the fulfilment of a wish he had often expressed, that it might be his privilege to wear out in the service of his Master, and not be doomed to rust out.

In 1869, Mr. Logan, who had become editor of the *Free Christian Commonwealth*, wrote to Dr. Converse, proposing to unite his paper with the *Christian Observer*; and an arrangement to that effect having been made, Dr. Converse removed to Louisville in August of that year, and commenced the publication of the paper under its present name of the *Christian Observer and Commonwealth*,

in this city. He was then seventy-four years of age. His new home proved to be to him all that was promised. His enterprise prospered beyond his most sanguine expectations. In a few years he was able to pay off a debt of between eleven and twelve thousand dollars, by which it had become embarrassed in consequence of the war. Its subscription list continued to increase, and he had the satisfaction of seeing it, under his direction, grow to be the leading religious newspaper of the Southwestern States.

His children had grown up around him, and his sons were aiding him in conducting his paper. Three of them had become ordained ministers of the gospel two were at the bar, and all, with their sister, were members of the Church. "His last days," one of his friends has remarked, "were his best days."

His old age was green and vigorous. The number of the Observer which announced his death, contained several articles from his pen. His last effort was to write to an absent son. After finishing his letter, he took it to the post office to insure its going off by the early morning mail. The night was cold, and though the distance was short, he came home with a severe chill upon him, which proved to be a precursor of pneumonia. After kneeling down with Mrs. Converse, as was his custom, and invoking the blessing of God on his Church, his country, and his family, he retired to bed greatly indisposed. He sank slowly, but steadily under his disease, and after an illness of less than four days, expired, as stated by a son who watched by his bedside, "without a murmur of complaint or repining, and without a single groan, so calmly and peacefully that it seemed like a child dropping into sweet slumber." He died at 10 o'clock, Monday morning, December 9, 1872, in the seventy-eighth year of his age. His last words were "I shall not want." The last article which he wrote for his paper was on "the Providence of God," and this he left unfinished. His last act was an act of prayer, and his last words, just quoted, were expressions of confidence in that Providence by which he felt that all his steps had been directed. His end was peace; and looking over the record of his life devoted to the service of the Master and the best interests of his fellowmen, we may with truth, exclaim:

"Servant of God, well done!
Rest from thy loved employ;
The battle fought, the victory won,
Enter thy Master's joy."

THE CHARACTER OF DR. CONVERSE.

The character of Dr. Converse is one upon which the mind dwells with eminent satisfaction. His industry, evinced early in life and continued down to the evening when he left his house for the last time, his perseverance in the face of difficulties, his devotion to principle, his mingled moderation and firmness, his love of knowledge, are qualities which should be held up for imitation to the young men of our country, who, like him, are beginning life poor.

His Christian example was not less admirable. While the gentleness of his manner his great courtesy, his respect for the opinions and feelings of others, gave the idea of a yielding temper, he had in his nature a firmness of purpose equal to any moral pressure that ever was brought to bear upon it.

He was eminently a man of faith and prayer and devotion to duty. When Richmond fell, and the Confederate army was retreating, Sunday morning, one of his sons said to him that he meant to follow it. "No, my son," he replied, "not on the Sabbath day. Wait till morning, and then decide on the path of duty." In every event, it has been said of him, he saw the hand of God. Even when most pressed by business, he still found time to visit his closet, and regularly as the morning came round, spent a season there in secret communion with God, before going to the work of the day. And morning and night he called his family around him, each member with Bible in hand each in turn reading a few verses, and all uniting with him in fervent entreaties at the throne of grace. The widow of this great and good man and six of the eight children born to them, survive. In his good name and godly example they have a legacy which is above riches.

The issue of the Christian Observer of 17 February 1897 was made a memorial number to commemorate the seventieth anniversary of the beginning of the editorial work of the Rev. Dr. Amasa Converse on that journal, and contained the following sketch of him, which is included here as it contains some facts of interest not included in the foregoing:

LIFE OF REV. A. CONVERSE, D.D.

In the year 1824, a young man pale, emaciated, with sunken eyes, feeble in his gait, and with hair prematurely gray, was wearily making his way on horseback from Princeton Theological Seminary through Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia to a more Southern clime. He had been a farmer's boy. His youth had been spent among the foothills of the White Mountains of the old Granite State. When ten years old, he attended a commencement at Dartmouth College; his whole being was then fired with a determination, which nothing could shake, to obtain an education. At an age when most boys think themselves too old to go to school, he began preparing himself for college, and though he received but little encouragement from the people of his community, he worked and taught during vacations, and studied in term time, till at length he received his diploma from Dartmouth College on his twenty-seventh birthday.

He was a close and hard student, specially fond of the classics, a master in the use of the English language, a man of great resolution and determination, and, above all, a Christian, going to God in prayer for guidance in every affair of life. He chose the ministry as his life work. But before he had completed the theological

course at Princeton Seminary, the venerable Dr. Archibald Alexander, who acted the part of a father and counsellor to him, saw that he was studying far beyond his strength, and that his health was broken down. Feeling that Mr. Converse could not live long in that sedentary life and in that rigorous climate, Dr. Alexander urged him to leave the Seminary and find a field of labor in the South, in such work as would keep him on horseback and in the open air.

With feelings of peculiar sadness Amasa Converse, then a licentiate, bade adieu to his old professors and fellow students and started off, with no very bright prospects of long life before him, to find a home and a field of usefulness among strangers. He went first to North Carolina. Disappointment awaited him there; but it was the hand of Providence leading him back to Nottoway Co., Va. There he took charge of a large evangelistic field in which his labors as a missionary were especially blessed.

The church and the world are very greatly indebted to Rev. John Holt Rice, D.D., the founder of the Union Theological Seminary, for the religious press as it exists today. He early conceived the idea that it might be made the right arm of the church. It was largely through his efforts that the Religious Remembrancer was started, as a Presbyterian weekly at Philadelphia in September, 1813. He himself commenced the Evangelical and Literary Magazine as a monthly, not much later; and in the year 1822, he began the Family Visitor as a weekly at Richmond, Va. He was impressed with the peculiar qualifications which this young man possessed for the editorial work, and in February, 1827, he induced Mr. Converse to remove to Richmond to take charge of the Visitor and Telegraph, for the North Carolina Telegraph had just been united with the Family Visitor, and also to edit the Evangelical and Literary Magazine.

Mr. Converse entered upon the work with diffidence,—not with the remotest expectation that it was to be his life work. It was a work peculiarly difficult. Mail facilities amounted only to a mail sack on a stage coach—which travelled six miles an hour. The number of subscribers was only about eleven hundred and fifty. Many of them were delinquent in payments, and the income was not nearly adequate to the expenses. Mr. Converse, being without experience in business life, when asked to endorse the notes of the paper, did so. By and by he realized that the paper was bankrupt,—overwhelmingly in debt,—and that he was personally liable by these endorsements for its previous debts to the amount of about twenty-five hundred dollars. Could he have retired with honor and a clear conscience, he would willingly have done so. But these debts must first be paid. It was the work of several years to clear them off. In the meantime the circulation of the paper steadily increased. By the year 1831 it had grown to about three thousand. The paper, under his management, was taking a strong hold upon the affections of the people, and was evidently doing an important work for the Presbyterian Church in Virginia and the neighboring States. At this time the

attention of the Church was happily directed to the mission work, Home and Foreign. This is evident from the large amount of space given to Missions.

But there were troublous times ahead. The controversies which subsequently resulted in the disruption into Old and New School—in 1837—were becoming more and more intense. As the lines were becoming sharply drawn, Mr. Converse's convictions of duty led him to take the position which was least favorable to the pecuniary interests and prosperity of the paper. He planted himself firmly and inflexibly upon the principles which have since been indorsed by, and are now, the fundamental principles of our own beloved Southern Presbyterian Church. Thoroughly conservative in doctrine, he upheld the old orthodox teachings of the Church; having no sympathy with the errors of Barnes and Beman, he contended with all his power against them. Yet, when the proposal was made to turn ministers and churches on the Northern border out of the Presbyterian Church by a resolution of the General Assembly, without allowing them a trial before the Presbytery, he resisted it in 1837 as earnestly as he protested against similar action (when directed against the Southern members) in 1866.

The disruption of the Church in 1837 well nigh ruined the paper. Many ministers who differed from him earnestly urged their congregations to discontinue it, and a large portion of its support was lost.

REMOVAL TO PHILADELPHIA.

But Providence was opening the way for a wider and more important field of usefulness. Arrangements were soon made for the union of his paper at Richmond, originally the Family Visitor, but now known as the Southern Religious Telegraph, with the Philadelphia Observer (the old Religious Remembrancer) and for its publication in Philadelphia by Mr. Converse. Its name was then [1839] changed to the Christian Observer. From this point a more extended circulation was possible. And further, the event proved that he was then called to the North in order, in subsequent days, to oppose those heresies of abolitionism which were beginning to pervade the North (and the Presbyterian Church as well), and threatening to deluge our land with blood.

Before many years were past, some of the prominent Presbyterian ministers were so carried away with the abolition excitement as to preach from pulpit and press, that "if the Bible tolerates or sanctions slavery, men will not and they *ought* not, to receive it as a revelation from God." They were thus led to set up their own standards of what the Bible *ought* to teach, and to exhort their people to reject it should it not be found teaching in accordance with their preconceived notions.

The Christian Observer in Dr. Converse's hands was a stanch advocate of the inspiration and the infallibility of the Bible. It vehemently opposed this growing spirit of anti-slavery infidelity, and earnestly advocated peace.

Dr. Converse was in a decided minority among the ministers of the Synod of Pennsylvania in his opposition to the strides of abolition fanaticism. Earnest efforts were made by his opponents to oust him. They attempted to purchase his paper; they pressed him to suppress his convictions on these subjects. Failing in this, in 1856 they started a rival paper, the American Presbyterian, with the avowed purpose of supplanting and destroying the Observer. Nearly all the leading pastors in Pennsylvania used their influence to make the subscribers to the Observer transfer their patronage to the new paper. A fund of ten thousand dollars was raised to carry it on. When this fund was exhausted, another fund of ten thousand dollars was also raised to maintain the warfare of the abolitionists against the Christian Observer. But Dr. Converse pursued the even tenor of his way, and notwithstanding all these efforts, the circulation of his paper was nearly a thousand greater in 1861 than it had been in 1856.

This abolition excitement rose to such a height that, in 1857, the New School Assembly, in session at Cleveland, Ohio, adopted resolutions condemning the holding of slaves as "*sin per se*" and making it a cause for discipline by the church courts. To this action, the Christian Observer dissented most emphatically. It proved so distasteful to New School Presbyterians residing in the South, as to lead to the withdrawal of the Southern Presbyteries and Synods from the New School Church, and to their organization into the "United Synod." The Observer was generally recognized as its medium of communication.

In January, 1858, Dr. Converse's oldest son, Rev. F. Bartlett Converse, was associated with him as editor.

Meanwhile war clouds gathered and thickened. Passion and fanaticism became rife all through the North. In Philadelphia especially, no countenance was given to moderate views.

Dr. Converse was vigorously opposed to the inauguration of a war against the South and urged in his columns the efforts for peace. He was repeatedly threatened with personal violence. In August, 1861, just after the publication of another appeal for peace, his labors in Philadelphia were cut short by a telegram from Mr. Stanton, Secretary of War, ordering his arrest and confinement in Fort Delaware, the suppression of his paper, and the confiscation of his property. The latter part of the order was executed, the former was not.

This outrage was utterly unjustifiable even as a war measure. It was an attack on the liberty of the press such as the American people were not, even when inflamed by the passions of civil war, ready to permit. When the case was carried into the courts, the United States District Attorney, acting under orders from Washington, declined to prosecute, and the subscription list, accounts, etc., which had been seized (and which had been held by United States officials until they were nearly worthless) were ordered to be returned.

AGAIN IN RICHMOND.

In the meantime, as his work was thus ended in the North, Dr. Converse returned to his old home in Virginia. His son, F. Bartlett Converse, the present senior editor of the Christian Observer, had preceded him to Richmond and, in three weeks after the suppression of the Christian Observer in Philadelphia, Dr. Converse was wielding his vigorous editorial pen in Richmond, Va., the capital of the Southern Confederacy.

During the war he rendered invaluable service through his paper, not only to the Church, but also to the soldiers in the field, to the prisoners of war in Libby and other prisons, and to the sick and wounded in the hospitals. These services will never be fully known in this world. It was a joy and a privilege to share with his brethren of the South, the trials and privations and hardships of the war.

UNION OF THE CHURCHES IN THE SOUTH.

During the war—about the year 1863–64, a movement was started for the union of the Old School and the New School Presbyterians (the United Synod) in the Southern States. Their doctrinal teachings were the same, and their churches were contiguous. In the negotiations to this end, Dr. Dabney on the part of the Old School, and Dr. Stiles on the part of the New School were the chairmen of the respective committees. Resolutions were adopted by both committees, showing their doctrinal concurrence. After this, the union of the Old School Church South and the United Synod was effected upon the basis of “the cordial adherence of the two bodies to their existing symbols of faith and order.” The part which Dr. Converse took in this arrangement is described in the letter from Dr. Dabney, which we append.

At the close of the war, Richmond, as is well known, was laid in ashes. (The office of the Observer on the edge of the burned district was spared.) The money of the Southern Confederacy was destroyed. Industrial and manufacturing enterprises of every kind were paralyzed. Mails were re-established in the Southern States only after great delays. Yet within six weeks after the fall of Richmond, and before the ashes of her ruins were fairly cooled off, the Christian Observer had been re-established, and it was again being sent abroad, through the mails, or by private opportunities when there was no mail, to infuse cheer and hope and encouragement to the dispirited and suffering and downcast, but not forsaken, Presbyterians in all parts of our Southern country.

Though more than three score years and ten, Dr. Converse was not willing to lay down his labors. His work was appreciated. His calm courage, his dauntless resolution, his cheerful hope, his wise and judicious counsels, his firm reliance on One who never forsakes his followers, and the spirit which he aimed to infuse into the downcast and crushed South, were everywhere appreciated. The Observer

was warmly welcomed into many families where it had hitherto been a stranger. Its circulation increased notwithstanding the financial troubles which were felt everywhere, even more rapidly than at any previous period.

In 1866, when the Northern Assembly undertook to exclude Kentucky and Missouri ministers, without trial, from membership in the Presbyterian Church, Dr. Converse maintained the same position which he held thirty years before—no exclusion from the Church without regular trial by Presbytery or Session.

REMOVAL TO LOUISVILLE.

The publication of the *Christian Observer* was continued in Richmond until 1869. Then Dr. Converse was invited to come to Louisville, Ky., and, uniting the *Free Christian Commonwealth* with the *Christian Observer*, take charge of the united paper. Here the three remaining years of his life were spent with marks of continued approval and encouragement in his life work. His last days were his best days. In December, 1872, he went home from his office leaving an editorial unfinished. That evening he had a congestive chill, speedily sank into unconsciousness, and in three or four days had gone home to receive the rewards of a long, a faithful and a useful life.

For forty-six years he had been uninterruptedly the editor and the publisher of the same paper. His name had become a household word in Presbyterian families, a household word identified with the purest standards of Presbyterianism in Presbyterian households all over the country. At no time was his influence so wide or so strong as at the close of his long and faithful labors.

His sons took up the work which the father laid down. They have endeavored to emulate the golden example which he set them, and they are aiming to use their best energies to make the paper which he was instrumental in establishing, an agent of the greatest possible spiritual good to thousands of households.

The following is from the New Orleans "Times-Democrat" of 28 May 1901:

POE'S MARRIAGE TO VIRGINIA CLEMM.

An interesting document, writes Gen. James Grant Wilson in the current number of the *New York Independent*, has just been discovered in the office of the clerk of the Hustings Court of Richmond, Va., which dispels many errors and uncertainties contained in the numerous biographies in regard to the marriage of Edgar A. Poe and Virginia E. Clemm, the "Annabel Lee" of his exquisite poem. It is a marriage bond, with Thomas Cleland as surety, permitting the poet to marry Miss Clemm; a Virginia statute, repealed in 1860, requiring a bond before the issuance of a license. A curious feature of the document is the affidavit of Thomas Cleland, whoever he may have been, that the lady is twenty-one, while it is well known that she was but fourteen years of age. Many of the biographies represent the marriage ceremony as having been performed in Baltimore in 1835 by the Rev. John Johns, afterward Bishop of Virginia, whereas it appears by the following notice, found in the *Richmond Inquirer* of May 26, 1836, that they were married in the latter city by the Rev. Amasa Converse, a Presbyterian clergyman:

MARRIED—On Monday, May 16, by the Rev. Mr. Converse, Mr. Edgar Alan Poe to Miss Virginia Eliza Clemm.

At the beginning of the twentieth century Poe is generally esteemed by European critics as the greatest of American poets, and perhaps the only one, with the possible exception of Longfellow, whose writings in prose and verse can be read in seven Continental languages. A letter received from a prominent English author during March places Poe first on the list of ten New World poets, the others being named in the following order: second, Ralph Waldo Emerson; third, William Cullen Bryant; fourth, James Russell Lowell; fifth, Henry W. Longfellow; sixth, John G. Whittier; seventh, Oliver Wendell Holmes; eighth, Fitz-Greene Halleck; ninth, Walt Whitman; tenth, Bayard Taylor. As writers of prose he considers Cooper as the chief, naming Irving, Motley, Parkman and Prescott as next in the order named.

Rev. Dr. Amasa prepared during the later years of his life a partial autobiography in which he said:

Our ancestors came to this country with Winthrop in 1630, and their names are found in the records of some of the churches planted at that time, and also in the annals of the military expeditions for the defence of the colonies against the assaults of hostile Indians.

Edward Converse was a member of the First Church of Charlestown, Mass., and Major James Converse was in command at the defence of Storer's garrison at Wells, and defended the infant colony successfully against the repeated attacks of the Indians.

My father's eldest brother, Colonel Thomas Converse, enlisted in the British army at eighteen years of age, and marched against the French in Canada; and, if I mistake not, was with the army of General Wolfe at the capture of Quebec. At the breaking out of the Revolutionary War, he enlisted in the American Army, and served as a gallant officer to the close of the war.

My mother, Elizabeth Bixby, was a native of Woodstock, Conn., born in 1760 and died in 1850, aged 90 years. Of her family little is known to me, except her brothers, Samuel, Jacob and Jonathan, who were Revolutionary soldiers, and Amasa, Walter and Willard. She had two sisters, Martha and Chloe. The latter was still living, in 1871, at the age of 100 years, in the State of Vermont.

My father bore arms in the Revolutionary War for a few months only, as he had the care of providing for a widowed mother. Two of his brothers were in the American army during the Revolutionary War.

My father sold the old homestead in Thompson, Conn., in 1787, and removed in 1788, with his family, to Lyme, Grafton Co., N. H., where he purchased 150 acres of land.

Amasa Converse graduated at Dartmouth College 21 August 1822, and delivered an oration on the theme, "Oratory Considered as an Art." It was in December 1823 that he went to Princeton and became a member of the Theological Seminary under the instruction of Rev. Drs. Alexander, Miller, and Chas. Hodge. He was ordained to the ministry by Hanover (Va.) Presbytery in April 1826. He received the degree of D.D. from Clinton College, Miss.

The religious paper which he established and developed is a strong publication, has a large circulation through the Southern States, and is an important factor in the work of the Presbyterian Church in that part of the country.

The other members of his father's family were supporters of the Union during the Civil War.

Mrs. Flavia Booth Converse was born in Longmeadow, Mass., 23 December 1804. Her father was David Booth, and her mother — Colton. Her home was in Longmeadow until she accepted a position to teach in Brunswick Co., Va., where she first met Dr. Converse. She died in Louisville, Ky., of heart failure, 26 June 1885.

Children of Rev. Dr. Amasa and Flavia (Booth) Converse:

JOHN THORNTON CONVERSE,⁷ born in 1831; died in infancy.

SARAH ELIZABETH CONVERSE,⁷ born in Richmond, Va., 23 Sept. 1832; unmarried; she early showed a taste for teaching, and began to practise that calling in childhood whenever nurse or playmates would be pupils. At 19 she began in earnest and up to this time (1900) has taught altogether twenty-seven years, of which five years were in schools in Pennsylvania, thirteen in Virginia, three in Arkansas, and six in other Southern States. Her residence in 1900 was in Alderson, Monroe Co., W. Va. Her mother, Mrs. Flavia Booth Converse, was the great granddaughter of Capt. Joseph Booth, an officer in the Revolutionary War, under General Gates, when Burgoyne surrendered. A friend says of Miss Converse "she is a faithful devoted friend, and always sympathetic and ready to help those in need."



Sarah Elizabeth Converse.

WILLIAM ATKINSON CONVERSE,⁷ born in 1835; died in infancy.

FRANCIS BARTLETT CONVERSE, D.D., born in Richmond, Va., 23 June 1836; married, 3 May 1866, Ellen Elizabeth Pollard. (216)

HENRY AUGUSTUS CONVERSE,⁷ born in Philadelphia, Pa., 8 May 1839; married, 1st, Eliza Lentz; married, 2nd, Maggie E. Baer; died in Harrisonburg, Va., 5 Dec. 1880. (217)

THOMAS EDWARDS CONVERSE,⁷ D.D., born in Philadelphia, Pa., 25 Oct. 1841; married, 1st, Eliza J. Leyburn and, 2nd, Rose Baylies Dickey. (218)

JAMES BOOTH CONVERSE,⁷ REVEREND, born in Philadelphia, Pa., 8 April 1844; married, 1st, Pamela Hopkins Campbell and, 2nd, Eva Almeda Dulaney. (219)

CHARLES SIDNEY CONVERSE,⁷ REVEREND, born in Philadelphia, 1 Jan. 1847; married, Charity Ann Burd. (220)

75. REV. JOHN KENDRICK CONVERSE⁶ (*Joel*⁵ (29), *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Lyme, N. H., 15 June 1801; died in Burlington, Vt., 3 October 1880. The pecuniary obstacles to obtaining an edu-

cation attending the farm life of that period were overcome by him by industry and close study; and he fitted for college at Thetford, Vt., under the tuition of Rev. John Fitch. He entered Dartmouth College with the class of 1827. The closest application marked his college course. He developed fine scholarship and literary ability, and was deeply interested in the discussions and debates of the College Literary Society, of which he was a member, which doubtless contributed largely to the facility in extemporaneous speaking which characterized his subsequent efforts in the pulpit.



Rev. John Kendrick Converse.

During the winter of his second year at college he taught a school at Acton, Mass., and the necessity for self-support led to his leaving Dartmouth after two years to become the principal of a large school at Keene, N. H. Later in the same year he conducted a classical school in Nottoway Co., Va., at the same time pursuing his college

studies. He spent the last year of his college course at Hampden Sidney College in Virginia, where he was graduated in 1827; Dartmouth College also subsequently conferred upon him the degree of A.B. Upon his graduation at Hampden Sidney, he pronounced an English oration on the subject of "Classical Education," and, on the evening of the same day, a valedictory oration before the Philanthropic Society on "The Origin and Influence of Literary Societies."

After graduation, he continued teaching the school in Nottoway County for a year. Among his pupils was a quiet, studious lad, whose mistaken zeal for his native state of Virginia led, later in life, to an act of aggression of which he doubtless afterward repented,—Edmund Ruffin. Preparatory to a course of theological study, Mr. Converse, at the end of the year, resigned the Nottoway County School, and for nearly two years assisted his brother, Amasa, in the editorial charge of *The Southern Religious Telegraph* and *The Literary and Evangelical Magazine* at Richmond, Va. During a portion of this time he had been studying theology, which he continued at the Princeton Theological Seminary, where he graduated in 1832. During that year he received calls to the pastorate of the neighboring historic church of the sainted Tennent, and to churches in Burlington, Vt., and Trenton, N. J. On 8 August 1832 he was installed as pastor of the Congregational Church in Burlington, Vt., long known as the White Street Congregational Church. He was its pastor for twelve years.

In 1839, his acceptance of a call to the Congregational Church of Providence, R. I., was prevented by the burning of his church in Burlington, and his sense of duty to continue in a field where his labors were then so much more needed in consequence of that catastrophe.

“THE FIRST CHURCH” BUILDING.

The first house of worship in Burlington was erected in 1812, by the First Calvinistic Congregational society. Previous to that date the church with which this society was connected worshipped in the first county court house, an old wooden building afterwards destroyed by fire, and in the college chapel. The first church building was a large structure of wood with a spire. It stood nearly where the present church building stands, but faced north, towards Pearl street. It was painted white and for many years was familiarly known as “The Old White Church.” It was set on fire by an incendiary in the early morning of June 23, 1839, and wholly consumed. Some time previous the only Catholic church in town, which stood at the north end of what is now North Prospect street, where the old French church stands, was destroyed by fire—its destruction, as it was commonly believed, being one of the results of a heated controversy which had been in progress between two factions in the church as to which should control the buildings. Among some of the Catholic population, however, the burning of their church was laid at the door of the Protestants, and to avenge the wrong a zealous Catholic set fire to the Old White Church. He was seen coming from the church before the flames broke out, and was sent to the State’s prison for his act. The present brick structure which is now in process of extensive repairs, was designed by an architect named Searles. While it was in process of construction, the congregation worshipped in the old wooden vestry or chapel, which long since gave place to the present chapel. It was enlarged for the purpose by a temporary addition. The church was dedicated April 14, 1842, and barring changes of color of the paint on the exterior, and of tints of the walls and ceiling in the interior, has remained substantially unchanged for more than half a century. It will be much improved by the changes now in progress, which will be described later.—(*Burlington Free Press*, Aug. 17, 1899.)

During his pastorate, Mr. Converse labored with untiring energy, and the growth of the society was rapid and constant. While he was pastor, a portion of the church was set off to form a new church in the adjoining town of Winooski, in which he always felt a deep interest. During the same period he laid the foundation for the Congregational Church at West Milton, Vt.

A pastor who had been a contemporary of Mr. Converse (the Rev. James Buckham) says of him, in the preface to the memorial of him written by his eldest daughter and published in 1881:—

“Cowper’s description of the preacher (such as Paul, were he on earth, would

hear, approve, and own) was as fully exemplified, I think, in Mr. Converse, as almost any other minister that I have known:—

“Simple, grave, sincere;
 And plain in manners; decent, solemn, chaste,
 In doctrine uncorrupt; in language plain,
 And natural in gesture; much impressed,
 Himself, as conscious of his awful charge,
 And anxious mainly that the flock he feeds,
 May feel it too; affectionate in look,
 And tender in address, as well becomes
 A messenger of grace to guilty men.”

He was married, 21 May 1834, in Burlington, by Rev. Joseph Torrey of the University of Vermont, to Sarah Allen, who was born in Milton, Vt., 13 August



Mrs. Sarah (Allen) Converse.

1810, and was the daughter of the Hon. Heman and Sarah (Prentis) Allen. Heman Allen of Milton and Burlington, Vt., was designated M.C., to distinguish him from his contemporary in public life of the same name, the United States Minister to Chile. Mrs. Converse died in Burlington, Vt., 14 April 1873. Her ancestry is shown in a subsequent part of this book. In youth she was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Burlington. It is interesting to recall that the church at that time was not supplied with an organ, the instrumental music being furnished by an orchestra composed of a bass viol, violin, and two flutes, in which her brother, George

Allen (afterwards Professor of Greek and Latin in the University of Pennsylvania), played the violin, and her brother, Charles Prentis Allen, played second flute. She subsequently united with the Congregational Church of Burlington.

The development of a bronchial affection led to Mr. Converse's resignation of his pastorate in the spring of 1844, to become the head of the Burlington Female Seminary, of which he was the principal for about twenty-five years. It was the first advanced school for young women in that locality, drawing pupils from nearly every State in the Union, and from the Canadas.

A memoir of Mr. Converse written by his daughter mentions the deep attachment felt for him by all his pupils, his great influence over them for good, and his broad methods of instruction, which for that period were advanced, and greatly tended to stimulate their best efforts toward intellectual development.

He was a man of fine presence and distinguished by an unusual courtesy and ease of manner, which doubtless was largely due to his previous residence in the South.

During a portion of the time when he was Principal of the Seminary, he was also pastor of the Congregational churches of the neighboring towns of Colchester and Winooski, the former from 1850 to 1855, and the latter from 1855 to 1861; and he subsequently supplied the pulpit of the West Milton Church for several years.

During this period he was also for several years Superintendent of public schools in Burlington, and his advocacy of a higher grade of scholarship in the



The Converse School, Burlington, Vermont.

public schools, and improved school buildings, contributed to considerable improvement in that service.

Having seen much of the workings of slavery during his residence in Virginia, and being thoroughly interested in the welfare of the colored race, he early took strong interest in the American Colonization Society, and in the Republic of Liberia, as affording a solution of the great Southern problem. He was the

active Secretary of the Vermont Colonization Society for over twenty-five years; and during the latter part of his life, for a number of years, until incapacitated by physical infirmity and advancing years, he was the agent of the American Colonization Society for Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, and Northern New York, speaking in many pulpits, raising funds, and devoting himself to the work of the Society with characteristic earnestness and success.

Since his death, in Burlington, on 3 October 1880, a large new public school building has been named after him, the "Converse School," and one of the new streets of Burlington has been named "Converse Place" in memory of him.

The remains of John Kendrick and Sarah (Allen) Converse lie in Lake View Cemetery, Burlington.

Children of Rev. John Kendrick and Sarah (Allen) Converse:



Lizzie S. Converse.

LIZZIE S. CONVERSE,⁷ born in Burlington, Vt., 26 Feb. 1835; died, unmarried, at Rosemont, Pa., 15 May 1891. She was a member of the Congregational Church at Burlington. After graduating from the Burlington Female Seminary she devoted several years to educational work, teaching in a seminary in Virginia, and in her father's school. She founded a scholarship in the University of Vermont called the "Lizzie S. Converse Scholarship." She wrote a memoir of her father, published by J. B. Lippincott & Co., Philadelphia, in 1881. Her remains lie in Lake View Cemetery, Burlington.

JULIA ALLEN CONVERSE,⁷ born, in Burlington, 30 Sept. 1837; she was educated in her father's school; unmarried. With her sister Helen she resides in the old homestead in Burlington which has been occupied by the family for some fifty years, and which is the central of the three buildings built by Bishop Hopkins for a boys' school, and subsequently used as one of the buildings of the Burlington Female Seminary.

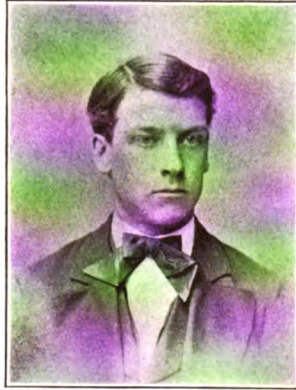


Helen Christine Converse.

HELEN CHRISTINE CONVERSE,⁷ born, in Burlington, 7 July 1839; unmarried. She was educated in her father's school, and subsequently taught therein; for several years, including 1900, she was one of the deaconesses of the Third Congregational Church in Burlington; in 1902, Vice-regent Green Mountain Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution.

JOHN HEMAN CONVERSE,⁷ born, in Burlington, 2 Dec. 1840; married, 9 July 1873, Elizabeth Perkins Thompson. (221)

WILLIAM KENDRICK CONVERSE,⁷ born, in Burlington, 3 Jan. 1842; died 27 April 1844.



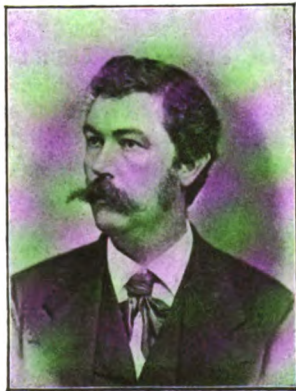
Charles Allen Converse.

CHARLES ALLEN CONVERSE,⁷ COLONEL, born, in Burlington, 17
May 1847. (222)

Mrs. Ida Flavia Frederica (Converse)
Simpson.

FRANK KENDRICK CONVERSE,⁷ born, in Burlington, 4 Nov.
1849; married Abbie Adelia Conner. (223)

IDA FLAVIA FREDERICA CONVERSE,⁷ born, in Burlington, 24
Aug. 1851; married Dr. George Foster Simpson. (224)



George Foster Simpson, M.D.

76. REV. JEREMIAH CONVERSE⁶ (*Capt. Pain*⁵(30), *Pain*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born 4 August 1761; died in Darby Township, Madison Co., Ohio, 26 June 1837. He married, 26 November 1778, his second cousin, Rhoda Converse⁶ (*Jonathan*⁵, *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹). She was born 23 August 1756, and died, in Darby Township, 27 January 1842. A sketch of Hon. George Leroy Converse in *The National Cyclopædia of American Biography* says that Rev. Jeremiah Converse had been a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and was wounded by a musket ball in the left shoulder, from which he suffered until he died. The following is from the *History of Madison County, Ohio*:

During the Revolutionary War Rev. Jeremiah Converse enlisted as a private in the cause of freedom. On one occasion he with his company was sent out as a scouting party to ascertain the strength and position of a marauding band of Indians. They had traveled many miles along the banks of the Muskingum river when, toward evening of the second day, they found themselves confronted by about four hundred savages secreted behind fallen timber, trees, underbrush, etc. The deadly fire from the first volley laid half and more of their company in the dust. The surviving ones stood bravely the galling fire from their hidden foe until the Indian warwhoop and rush of savages reminded them that their only safety was in retreat.

In his desperate struggle for life Mr. Converse was pursued by a single warrior, with gun in hand and uplifted tomahawk, ready to inflict the deadly blow, but being outdistanced by his fleeing foe, the savage halted and shot him through the shoulder. Reeling and benumbed by the shock, his gun instantly dropped from his hand thus made powerless, but he soon rallied and made good his escape by fording the river and secreting himself in the thick underbrush that grew upon the opposite bank.

On the third day he, with three others arrived in camp, being all that were left to tell the sad story. His wound disabled him for life; therefore he was soon after discharged from the military service. He subsequently became a traveling minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

In the year 1814 this Revolutionary soldier and his wife with their family emigrated to Darby Township, Madison Co., Ohio. He and most of his sons bought homes adjacent to, or in near proximity to each other, and settled upon what was then known as "Darby Plains."

The Rev. Jeremiah Converse was the first pioneer minister in this portion of the country; therefore, he was generally known and equally esteemed for his uprightness and zeal for the cause he espoused. He always lived upon the farm of his first purchase, where he also died.

Rev. Jeremiah and Rhoda Converse had nine children, viz:

SANFORD CONVERSE,⁷ born in Vermont; married, 17 Dec. 1801, Alice Surls (or Searle). (225)

PARLEY CONVERSE,⁷ born 5 July 1781; died 3 Dec. 1866; married, 1st, Arpa Hemenway; married, 2nd, Sally (Beach) Ketch. (226)

SQUIRE CONVERSE,⁷ born 4 Nov. 1782; died 19 Nov. 1823; married Anna Rand. (227)

LOTHROP CONVERSE.⁷

ORINDA CONVERSE.⁷

SURVIAH CONVERSE,⁷ died, in Bridport, 10 Jan. 1819 (town records); married, in Bridport, 30 Dec. 1804, Jacob Elithorpe. (228)

JEREMIAH CONVERSE,⁷ JR., married, 26 Dec. 1813, Melinda Derby. (229)

SILAS CONVERSE,⁷ born, in Vermont, 29 Nov. 1792; died in Darby, Ohio, 21 Feb. 1879; married, 1st, Hannah King; married, 2nd, Julia Bowers; married, 3rd, Betsey E. Gorham; married, 4th, Mrs. Diadama (Phinery) Bowers. (230)

CHARLES CONVERSE.⁷

77. BARNARD CONVERSE⁶ (*Capt. Pain*⁵ (30), *Pain*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born 15 January 1764; married Peggy —; lived in Bridport; died, in Bridport, 17 March 1806. They had several children who probably moved West as there is trace of but one child.

Children:

VALVIUS (or VALORUS) CONVERSE,⁷ born 8 Dec. 1805.

OTHERS.

Two of the grandchildren of Barnard⁶ were said to have been living in Michigan a few years before 1869.

78. ELIAS CONVERSE⁶ (*Capt. Pain*⁵ (30), *Pain*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹). He removed to Onondaga County, N. Y., in 1812. He married Sarah Burrows.

Children:

LUCY CONVERSE,⁷ born in Bridport, Vt., 18 April 1788, married, in Bridport, 16 Dec. 1804, Nehemiah Bunye. Children:

WILLIAM BUNYE,⁸ b. 14 Oct. 1805; probably died young.

SALINA CONVERSE BUNYE,⁸ b. 2 April 1807; d. 25 July 1808.

WILLIAM CONVERSE,⁷ born, in Bridport, 9 Dec. 1789; died 14 Oct. 1803.

SIMON CONVERSE,⁷ born, in Bridport, 9 Oct. 1793.

ROSWELL CONVERSE,⁷ born, in Bridport, 25 March 1796.

ROYAL CONVERSE,⁷ born, in Bridport, 21 Sept. 1797.

GEORGE CONVERSE,⁷ born, in Bridport, 5 May 1799.

ELIAS B. CONVERSE,⁷ born 5 Feb. 1801.

SALLY CONVERSE,⁷ born July 1802.

JERUSHA CONVERSE,⁷ born 21 Sept. 1805.

79. HAMBLIN CONVERSE⁶ (*Capt. Pain*⁵ (30), *Pain*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Thompson, Conn., 15 October 1767; lived in

Bridport, Vt., and died there 9 August 1847. He married, first, in Thompson, Conn., by Rev. Noadiah Russell, Mary Green, who was born in Thompson, and was the daughter of Seth and Hannah (Winter) Green of Thompson. She died in Bridport, 8 August 1840, aged 72. Mr. Converse married, second, 4 December 1843, Mrs. Anna Douglass, a widow. He was prominent in all town affairs, and owned a large farm in Bridport, of which a part is now (1900) owned by Francis Gardner Converse,⁸ the latter having bought it of the Erastus G. Converse heirs.

Children of Hamblin and Mary (Green) Converse:

- MATILDA CONVERSE,⁷ born, in Bridport, 14 July 1795; died, in Bridport, 18 Sept. 1802.
- ERASTUS CONVERSE,⁷ born, in Bridport, 19 April 1800; died, in Bridport, 11 Sept. 1802.
- ERASTUS G. CONVERSE,⁷ born, in Bridport, 15 May 1806; died, in Bridport, 10 Sept. 1859; married, 1st, Harriet Wilson; married, 2nd, Laura Cleveland. (231)
- INFANT SON,⁷ died 18 Nov. 1839, aged one month.

80. ALFRED CONVERSE⁸ (*Capt. Pain*⁵ (30), *Pain*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born 25 May 1772; died, in Bridport, 18 January 1849. He always resided in Bridport, Vt., and was a blacksmith. Sexton 1796. Some time prior to 1836, he suffered a stroke of paralysis, and thereafter used crutches. He married, first, 15 November 1795, Phoebe Elithorpe of Bridport, who died, 29 August 1806, aged 38. He married, second, 6 July 1810, Sally Smith or Sally Smith Wood. The Bridport records give her name both ways. Presumably she was a widow, as her name appears as Sally Burton in Mr. Wm. G. Hill's book. She died, 7 May 1850, aged seventy-six years.

The Bridport town records include the record of marriage, 9 August 1813, of Alfred Converse, 2nd, and Polly Corey but do not show whose son this Alfred, 2nd, was.

Children of Alfred and Phoebe (Elithorpe) Converse, all born in Bridport:

- HIRAM CONVERSE,⁷ born 8 March 1798; married Miss de Ursy Smith. He removed to Mason, Mich., before 1840, with his family of nine young children. He was a blacksmith.
- ARNOLD FAY CONVERSE,⁷ born 28 January 1802.
- MATILDA CONVERSE,⁷ born 2 Sept. 1804; married Noah Z. Gibbs, and had:
 - ALFRED C. GIBBS,⁸ of Albany, N. Y., a veteran of the Civil War.
 - JANETTE GIBBS,⁸ married — Wester; resides in Hartford, N. Y.
 - MARY GIBBS,⁸ married — Dayfoot; resides in Ferrisburg, Vt.
- HERAIN CONVERSE,⁷ born 12 Aug. 1806; lived in Port Byron, N. Y.
- MARVIN BIXBY CONVERSE,⁷ GENERAL, born 12 Aug. 1806; lived in Port Byron, N. Y. (232)
- WILLIAM CONVERSE,⁷ birth unknown; died 14 Oct. 1802.

Children of Alfred and Sarah Burton (Smith) Converse:

- SELINA CONVERSE,⁷ born 1 Feb. 1812; married Chauncy Cook; and had:

SARAH COOK,⁶ died.

CHARLOTTE COOK,⁶ married Henry G. Lawrence of Bridport. They reside in Richville, Vt. No children.

CALEB WINSHIP BURTON CONVERSE,⁷ born, in Bridport, 21 June 1813; died in South Park, Minn., 27 July 1891; married Harriet P. Derby. (233)

JEFFERSON CONVERSE⁷ (twin), born, in Bridport, 3 Nov. 1815; died in Panton, Vt., 17 Aug. 1889; married Sarah Grandey. (234)

MADISON CONVERSE⁷ (twin), born, in Bridport, 3 Nov. 1815; died 5 Oct. 1884; married Louisa Curler. (235)

81. PAIN CONVERSE⁶ (*Capt. Pain*⁵ (30), *Pain*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born 4 June 1777. He lived for some time in Bridport, Vermont, but later removed to Canton, N.Y., where he died February 1864. He was married by Joel Barber, J. P., 24 Nov. 1798, to Sarah Gale.

Children of Pain and Sarah Gale Converse:

HEMAN CONVERSE,⁷ born in Bridport, Vt., 14 May 1799; died 25 Sept. 1870; married Hannah Crampton. (236)

PAIN CONVERSE,⁷ born 18 July 1801; died in Prescott, Wis., 12 Dec. 1883; married, 1st, Anna Hall; married, 2nd, Julia A. Brooks. (237)

ORLIN CONVERSE,⁷ born 30 June 1804; died 1833; married Louise Twichell. (238)

MEHITABEL CONVERSE, born, in Bridport, 10 July 1807; died in Middleport, N. Y., 5 Feb. 1889; married Daniel Greeno. (239)

SALLIE CONVERSE,⁷ born 25 April 1812; died Aug. 1900; married Porter Pitts of Canton, N. Y., who died in the spring of 1899. They resided in Hermon, St. Lawrence Co. N. Y., near which place they owned a farm. Children:

CHARLES PITTS,⁸ whose daughter married Frank Styles of North Russell, N. Y.

LESLIE PITTS,⁸ married Hattie Murray, a sister of Henry Murray of West Pierpont, N. Y. Leslie Pitts died in the spring of 1899, and his widow in 1901 resided at De Kalb Junction, N. Y.

MELISSA PITTS,⁸ died some years before 1901.

LOVINA CONVERSE,⁷ born 19 Sept. 1814; died 30 Jan. 1892; married, 1st, Rufus Fessenden; married, 2nd, Julius Curtiss; married, 3d, Obed Chase. (240)

ALDA CONVERSE,⁷ born 30 Jan. 1817; never married; lived in Canton, N. Y.; died in Addison, Vt.

82. GARDNER CONVERSE⁶ (*Capt. Pain*⁵ (30), *Pain*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born 7 April 1782; died, in Bridport, 12 April 1839. He married, 28 August 1803, Polly Sibley, who died August 1847. Residing most of his life in Bridport, he was one of the leading men of that place, and was long remembered by the older inhabitants as an upright man, of the old school. He was Town Clerk for about twenty-five years continuously from 1805, with the exception of three years he was away from town, until he declined that office on account of poor health. He was also selectman and a justice of

the peace, and in the latter capacity performed the marriage ceremony for many of his own nephews and nieces. He was a surveyor of some note.

To Gardner and Polly (Sibley) Converse four children were born as follows:

SENDAL CONVERSE,⁷ born 27 June 1804; removed to Ohio where he lived during the earlier part of his life; married, in Bridport, 22 Sept. 1831, Martha Amy, who died, in Bridport, 3 March 1839; buried in Bridport. They had one son: GEORGE G. CONVERSE,⁸ b. 29 Aug. 1832, d., in Ohio, 23 April 1854.

JACEN CONVERSE,⁷ born, in Bridport, 26 June 1807; died, in Bridport, 20 June 1880; married, 1 Jan. 1845, Sally Bixby; no children. Sally Bixby was born 8 Jan. 1801; died 17 Nov. 1886, and was the daughter of Samuel and Esther (Ellithorpe) Bixby, both of Thompson, Conn. Samuel Bixby was born, in Thompson, 5 May 1767; married, 28 Feb. 1788, Esther Ellithorpe. They removed to Bridport in 1794. Sally Bixby's line was Joseph,¹ Benjamin,² Jacob,³ Samuel,⁴ Sally.⁵ (These data received from C.C. Bixby of Brockton, Mass., who is a son of Sally's brother, Jacob, of Bridport.)

HENRY GREEN CONVERSE,⁷ born 30 Aug. 1812; died 18 July 1848; married Lucinda Derby. (241)

BUSHROD WASHINGTON CONVERSE,⁷ born 9 Dec. 1814; died in 1847. He entered Middlebury College in Class of 1835; after graduation went West and lived for several years in Plain City, Madison Co., Ohio.

Seventh Generation.

83. JUDE CONVERSE⁷ (*Luke*⁶ (33), *John*⁵, *John*⁴, *Maj. James*³, *Lieut. James*², *Deacon Edward*¹), born 17 May 1762; married, 10 December 1782, Lydia Bemis. Lawrence's History of Stanstead County, Province of Quebec, Canada, says that they settled, in 1798, in Barnston, in that county, where Capt. Joseph Bartlett was their only neighbor nearer than Stanstead Plain; and that they suffered severely for a time from the privations incident to settlements in the wilderness. The forests gave way gradually to their industry and perseverance, and they soon found themselves in the possession of a comfortable home and good property. The same authority states that Mrs. Converse died in 1808; and that her husband spent his last days in the vicinity of Portland, Maine.

Children of Jude and Lydia (Bemis) Converse (as given by Lawrence):

RELIEF CONVERSE,⁸ married Vester Cleveland.

REUBEN CONVERSE,⁸ married Achsah Lyman.

JONATHAN CONVERSE,⁸ born in Spencer, Mass., 5 Sept. 1788; married Sarah Dresser, who was born in Royalton, Vt., 1 June 1795. They settled in Barnston on No. 15 fourth range. They were consistent and exemplary members of the Wesleyan Church. They had six children, viz:

MARY CONVERSE,⁹ b. 16 Feb. 1812; m. Moses McDuffee.

JUDE CONVERSE,⁹ b. 23 April 1813; m. Laura Henry.

LYDIA CONVERSE,⁹ b. 24 March 1819; m. Levi Baldwin.

CLARISSA CONVERSE,⁹ b. 17 Oct. 1824; m. Lucard W. Cutting.

JOHN CONVERSE,⁹ b. 4 Aug. 1828; m. Persis A. Buckland.

JAMES CONVERSE,⁹ b. 25 May 1834; m. Adaline Buckland.

ASAPH CONVERSE,⁸ born in Lyndon, Vt., 5 Nov. 1797; married Lydia Hanson, who was born 13 June 1794. They settled on Nos. 17 and 18 of the first range in Barnston. They were members of the M.E. Church. They had a child, who died in infancy, and a son:

JONATHAN CONVERSE,⁹ b. 17 June 1828; m. Mary L. Merriman.

ROYAL CONVERSE,⁸ died young.

RUTH CONVERSE,⁸ married David Sanborn.

LUKE CONVERSE,⁸ born in Barnston, 13 June 1806; died in Hopkinton, N. H., 15 Sept. 1875. Lawrence's History of Stanstead Co. says he married Susan Bean. His widow, residing in Chester, N. H., in 1902, 80 years old, signs herself Sarah T. Bean Converse, and says she was his second wife, that they were married 13 May 1847, that he settled first in So. Danbury, N. H., where his first wife died, and that he and his mother were buried there. She also says that his father, Jude, married twice, and that Luke and Ruth were children of the second marriage. Luke Converse

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had no children. From So. Danbury, where he was station agent and postmaster, he removed in 1860 to No. Dunbarton, where he resided eleven years, and was postmaster. Thence he removed to Hopkinton where he died.

84. REUBEN CONVERSE⁷ (*Luke*⁸ (33), *John*,⁵ *John*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Spencer, Mass., 25 April 1769; removed to Leicester, Mass., and died there. He married in Spencer, 18 December 1788, Pamela Stevens.

Children of Reuben and Pamela (Stevens) Converse, from town records of Spencer:

ANNA CONVERSE,⁸ born 16 May 1789.
 WINDSOR CONVERSE,⁸ born 14 April 1791.
 TERZIA CONVERSE,⁸ born 14 Jan. 1793.
 LUKE CONVERSE,⁸ born 13 Oct. 1794.
 OTIS CONVERSE,⁸ born 4 Dec. 1796.
 CYNTHIA CONVERSE,⁸ born 3 Sept. 1799.
 PAMELA CONVERSE,⁸ died 15 Oct. 1822, aet. 20.

According to the Reed MS. and Washburn's History of Leicester, Mass., there were three children, viz:

SILAS CONVERSE,⁸ born 17 July 1801.
 PAMELA CONVERSE,⁸ born 12 July 1803.
 THOMAS W. CONVERSE,⁸ born 10 Feb. 1805.

85. JOHN CONVERSE⁷ (*Robert*⁸ (34), *John*,⁵ *John*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born 21 February 1767; died 22 September 1849. He married, first, 10 December 1789, Polly Wright, daughter of Oliver and Lois (Johnson) Wright. She died 16 September 1814, and he married, second, Mrs. Betsy Brabrook, a sister of his first wife.

Bemis' History of Marlborough says that he settled on the farm "now owned by Rev. S. H. McCollester" in Marlborough; that he was a carpenter, a good workman, a great thinker, possessed a retentive memory, and that, although he never had the advantages of a school education, or knowledge of figures, he could mentally solve problems more quickly than most people could obtain the solution with a slate.

Children of John and Polly (Wright) Converse:

POLLY CONVERSE,⁸ born 25 July 1791; married Chas. Holman.
 LOVISA CONVERSE,⁸ born 9 June 1794; married John Buss.
 JOHN GILMAN CONVERSE,⁸ born 22 Nov. 1802; died in Wilkesbarre, Pa., Sept. 1872.
 BETSEY CONVERSE,⁸ born 20 Aug. 1806; married Salmon Buckminster.
 NELSON CONVERSE,⁸ GENERAL, born 10 Oct. 1810; married, 1st, Sally M. Jones; married, 2nd, Mrs. Fannie M. Everett. (242)

86. AMASA CONVERSE⁷ (*Robert⁶ (34), John,⁵ John,⁴ Maj. James,³ Lieut. James,² Deacon Edward¹*), born 1 March 1782; died in Marlborough, N. H., in 1813, where he had settled on the home farm. He married, 15 March 1802, Zeuriah Capron, daughter of Jonathan and Lois (Porter) Capron. She married, second, Enoch White, and died 23 March 1862.

Amasa and Zeuriah (Capron) Converse had six children:

ESTHER CONVERSE,⁸ born 19 Nov. 1802; married Windsor Gates.

ABIGAIL CONVERSE,⁸ born 2 Oct. 1804; married, 28 Feb. 1827, Silvester Fosket of Westminster, Mass.

IRA CONVERSE,⁸ born 9 Aug. 1806.

LUTHER CONVERSE,⁸ born 22 Feb. 1809; died 18 May 1843; married Sophia White. (243)

WILLARD CONVERSE,⁸ born 27 May 1811; died in Cresco, Iowa, 28 Nov. 1893; married, 1st, Hannah Ellis; married, 2nd, Hannah White; married, 3d, Mary Carter. (244)

ARVILLA CONVERSE,⁸ born 25 April 1814; married Lorenzo White.

87. WILLARD CONVERSE⁷ (*Daniel⁶ (35), John,⁵ John,⁴ Maj. James,³ Lieut. James,² Deacon Edward¹*), born in Charlton, Mass., 19 March 1779; died 19 March 1850. He married, first, in Spencer, Mass., 25 May 1800, Betsey Sibley, who died 10 October 1819. She was daughter of Paul Sibley, who came from Sutton about 1793 with Sarah, his wife, and settled in the south part of Spencer, Mass. Willard Converse married, second, Sally Davidson who was born in Sutton, Mass., 24 August 1790, died 21 October 1866, and was buried in Charlton cemetery North Side, where Mr. Converse and his first wife were also buried.

Willard and Betsey (Sibley) Converse had eight children:

ELIZA CONVERSE,⁸ born in Spencer, Mass., 1 Nov. 1801; died there 28 Sept. 1854; married Joseph Hamburg. (245)

SIBLEY CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Spencer, 1 April 1803; died 31 July 1868; married Esther Parker. (246)

DEXTER CONVERSE,⁸ born in Charlton, Mass., 3 April 1805; died, in Spencer, 9 Sept. 1862; married Caroline Turner. (247)

FREELAND CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Charlton, 25 Sept. 1807; died there in 1847; married Mary Tucker, born, in Charlton, 13 Dec. 1812, died, in Maine, 15 Feb. 1892, daughter of Jonas and Mary (Harwood) Tucker. No children. Both were buried in Charlton, North side. He was a farmer.

NANCY CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Charlton, 26 Jan. 1810; died in Oxford, Mass., 20 July 1856; married Ira Merriam. (248)

MARY CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Charlton, 25 Sept. 1812; died 18 Oct. 1896; married, by Rev. Horatio Bardwell of Oxford, 9 Nov. 1851, to Cyrus Kidder, born, in Oxford, 10 Nov. 1814, died 27 Aug. 1891; son of Peter and Sophia (Shumway) Kidder. He was a successful farmer at North Oxford. Mary (Converse) Kidder and her husband were members of the Oxford Plain Congregational Church. Their only child, an adopted son, is Albert Kidder.

BRIGHAM CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Charlton, 25 Feb. 1815; died 16 Dec. 1890; married, 1st, Betsey Parker; married, 2nd, Elizabeth Putnam; married, 3d, Calista Sly. (249)

DULCENIA CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Leicester, 9 March 1818; died 10 March 1846; married Reuben Thurston Eddy. (250)

Willard and Sally (Davidson) Converse had six children:

RUTH CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Spencer, 10 Aug. 1824; died there 4 Oct. 1883; married, 1st, Edward Sibley; married, 2nd, Aaron Bowker Wheelock. (251)

SARAH CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Spencer, 14 January 1826; died 24 Sept. 1828; buried in Charlton, North side.

CHARLES CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Spencer, 18 May 1827; died 24 Sept. 1828; buried in Charlton, North side.

CHARLES CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Spencer, 13 Dec. 1828; a prosperous farmer; resides in southwest part of Charlton, Mass.; married, by Rev. Dr. Bugbee of Charlton, 13 Dec. 1853, to Cordelia Marble of Charlton, born in Sutton, Mass., 28 Feb. 1830, daughter of Freegrace and Anneliza (Tower) Marble of Charlton. Mr. Converse is a member of the Sturbridge Agricultural Society, and of Charlton Grange 1892 to 1897. He has no children.

WILLARD CONVERSE,⁸ Jr., born, in Spencer, 5 Sept. 1831; married Sarah Jane Haven. (252)

SALEM CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Spencer, 11 July 1831; unmarried; resides on the old homestead in the south part of Spencer.

88. POLLY CONVERSE⁷ (*Daniel⁶ (35), John,⁵ John,⁴ Maj. James,³ Lieut. James,² Deacon Edward¹*), born in Spencer, Mass., 4 December 1781; died 4 September 1874. She was a very efficient and successful teacher, was much loved by her pupils, and continued to teach until after she had two children old enough to attend school. She, herself, was the first girl to enter Leicester Academy as a pupil. She married, about 1804, Abner Wheelock of Charlton, who died in Charlton, 18 May 1843, aged about sixty-five. He was a merchant, proprietor of a hotel, incidentally a distiller, and before the advent of railroads carried on a large teaming business to and from Boston. Mr. and Mrs. Wheelock lived on the old turnpike about a mile from where Charlton depot now stands.

Children of Abner and Polly (Converse) Wheelock, eight in number, born in Charlton:

HARRIET MARIA WHEELOCK,⁸ born 9 July 1805; died, in Worcester, 20 Aug. 1887; married, in 1827, George Fitcham Stockwell, born in Sutton (Eightlots), Mass., 21 Aug. 1800, died 24 Sept. 1854; a man of unusual size and strength. He built two miles of the railroad east of Charlton Depot. In 1840 he removed with his family to the old Stockwell homestead in Sutton, where the family have since resided. Children:

GEORGE HIRON STOCKWELL,⁹ b., in Charlton, Feb. 1828; m., 1876, Martha Stockwell of Sutton. They live on the old homestead in Eightlots. Two children: the elder d. y., the younger is LEWIS STOCKWELL,¹⁰ b. in 1879; unm.; resides in Sutton Centre.

IRA H. STOCKWELL,⁹ b., in Charlton, 24 Sept. 1838; optician in Worcester since 1864. He m., 11 Sept. 1860, Sarah E. Howard of Sutton. Eight children:

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- FRED I. STOCKWELL,¹⁰ b. in Stafford Springs, Conn., 16 Jan. 1862; m., 1889, Emma Orcutt of Worcester. The ages of their four children in 1902 are Bessie 11 years, Chas. F. 9 years, Arthur F. 6 years, and George Herbert 8 months.
- FRANK A. STOCKWELL,¹⁰ b., in Stafford Spa, 28 May 1865; m. Addie Lincoln. One son, Frank A. Stockwell, aged 11 years in 1902.
- ARTHUR H. STOCKWELL,¹⁰ b. in Worcester, Mass., 11 March 1868; d., 30 Oct. 1877, as a result of being thrown from a horse.
- JENNIE S. STOCKWELL,¹⁰ b., in Worcester, 12 Dec. 1870; m., 1892, Wm. Hatton; one child.
- CARRIE L. STOCKWELL,¹⁰ b., in Worcester, 27 May 1872; a teacher in Worcester.
- CHARLES L. STOCKWELL,¹⁰ b., in W. Boylston, Mass., 9 June 1874; m., 24 June 1896, Sadie Wood. They reside in Worcester. One child: May Stockwell,¹¹ b. 1 May 1900.
- EDITH E. STOCKWELL,¹⁰ b., in Worcester, 24 Jan. 1879; music teacher in Worcester.
- BESSIE V. STOCKWELL,¹⁰ b., in Worcester, 29 Dec. 1880; residence in Worcester.
- SARAH M. STOCKWELL,⁹ b., in Sutton, Mass., 20 Aug. 1845; d., in Worcester, 28 March 1893; m., about 1868, Norris Chiggins of Derry, N. H. Children:
- GEO. N. CHIGGINS,¹⁰ b., in Worcester, about 1870; removed, about 1893, to New Haven, Conn. Conductor on the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Three children.
- ALBERT W. CHIGGINS,¹⁰ b., in Worcester, about 1873; married, in 1901; residence, Worcester.
- GERTRUDE CHIGGINS,¹⁰ b., in Worcester, about 1877; a stenographer in Worcester.
- EMILY A. STOCKWELL,⁹ d. in infancy.
- ALBERT M. STOCKWELL,⁹ b., in Sutton, 13 Dec. 1849; d., in Worcester, July 1896; m., January 1871, Mary Hackett of Charlton who d. 1 Jan. 1900. Two sons:
- GEO. H. STOCKWELL,¹⁰ b. about 1873; residence Worcester; accountant.
- ABNER W. STOCKWELL,¹⁰ b. about 1876; residence Worcester; accountant.
- CROMWELL CONVERSE WHEELOCK,⁸ born 2 May 1807; died 17 May 1833.
- AMANDA WHEELOCK,⁸ born 25 Sept. 1809; died near Batavia, Genesee Co., N. Y., 6 Sept. 1877; married, 1st, in Killingly, Conn., 28 Oct. 1832, Lemon I. Ames, farmer, of Byron, Genesee Co., N. Y., born 4 July 1809, died 11 April 1841. She married, 2nd, 1 Dec. 1841 Leonard King, a farmer, born in Genesee Co., N. Y., 16 Nov. 1805, died near Batavia, N. Y., 5 Nov. 1874. Children of Lemon I. and Amanda (Whelock) Ames:
- CROMWELL LEMON AMES,⁹ b. 21 Oct. 1833; d. in Galveston, Texas, 30 Oct. 1859, of yellow fever; m., 26 July 1852, Lorinda Farnham, and had one son: LEMON CROMWELL AMES,¹⁰ b. 29 Jan. 1855; residence, Washington, Kansas; in railroad service. He has one child: ELLEN MARIA AMES,¹¹ b. 18 Jan. 1900.
- ELLEN MARIA AMES,⁹ b. 29 Jan. 1835; taught school several years; traveled much in Europe; residence, 1902, Batavia, N. Y. She m., 17 Sept. 1867, Wm. N. Peckham of Byron, N. Y., b., in Byron, 19 March 1839, d. there 23 March 1869. One son: WM. ESTES PECKHAM,¹⁰ b. in Rochester, Minn., 8 July 1868, and d. there 19 Oct. 1868.
- LAMOTTE AMES,⁹ b. 28 July 1837; m., Oct. 1883, Mrs. Fanny Hersey, widow of

Elmira, N. Y., who d., 11 Oct. 1893, aged 57. He is a master mechanic; in railway service; residence, Clearfield, Pa.

SALEM DELOS AMES,⁹ b. 19 March 1839; m., 4 April 1866, Celina A. Town of Elba, N. Y., who d. 22 Nov. 1871. They had three children, viz:

ORLANDO TOWN AMES,¹⁰ b. 13 April 1867; d. 9 July 1867.

DELOS JULIEN AMES,¹⁰ b. 17 Feb. 1869; d. 16 March 1872.

HARRY LAMOTTE AMES,¹⁰ b. 17 Jan. 1871; residence, Batavia, N. Y.

Children of Leonard and Amanda (Wheelock) King:

EMMA ANN KING,⁹ b. 1 Nov. 1845; died in Byron, N. Y., 12 April 1866, in child bed; m., 19 Nov. 1863, Ephraim Lawyer, of Byron, N. Y.

MARY ELIZABETH KING,⁹ b. 23 June 1847; d. in Des Moines, Ia., 4 Oct. 1869; m., April 6, 1863, John Bannister. Children:

IDA ELLEN BANNISTER,¹⁰ b. 17 March 1864; d. 25 Jan. 1897; m. in Chester, Pa., 1 Oct. 1885, Edward Ingram Carr, and had one child:

ALEXANDER FRANCIS CARR,¹¹ b. 23 Aug. 1886.

FLORENCE MAY BANNISTER,¹⁰ b. 10 Jan. 1866; m., 16 Jan. 1884, Wm. Bard Clancy. They reside in Brighton, N. Y., and have two children:

CHARLES BARD CLANCY,¹¹ b. 9 July 1885.

JOHN HAROLD CLANCY,¹¹ b. 14 Nov. 1886.

GRANT ABNER BANNISTER,¹⁰ b. 12 Sept. 1868; m. in Batavia, N. Y., 26 April 1889, Jenny E. Wells, b. 16 Feb. 1870. They reside in Herndon, Va. Three children:

FRANK WELLS BANNISTER,¹¹ b. 10 Feb. 1891.

MARY ELIZABETH BANNISTER,¹¹ b. 16 Feb. 1893.

JOHN GRANT BANNISTER,¹¹ b. 3 Aug. 1897.

EDNA ROSANNA KING,⁹ b. 26 Feb. 1850; m., 1 Dec. 1867, Henry G. Vallett. Children:

BERT WILLIAM VALLETT,¹⁰ b. 5 July 1868; d. 21 April 1873.

LEMON DELOS VALLETT,¹⁰ b. 2 Nov. 1873; m., in Buffalo, 18 March 1900, Emily Abenshine. One son: HAROLD BERT VALLETT,¹¹ b. 19 June 1901.

LEONARD KING VALLETT,¹⁰ b. 19 Feb. 1876; a telegrapher in Colorado.

GEORGE HENRY VALLETT,¹⁰ b. 17 May 1880; a telegrapher in Buffalo, N. Y.

ELLEN MAY VALLETT,¹⁰ b. 30 Oct. 1885.

ABNER WHEELOCK KING,⁹ b. 23 Dec. 1851; d. in Leroy, N. Y., 2 Nov. 1891; m., 20 Dec. 1876, Harriet Heald of Stafford, N. Y., and they had a child: LAMOTTE KING,¹⁰ b. 27 May 1877.

ESTES WHEELOCK,⁸ born 9 April 1813; died in Worcester, 23 Sept. 1883, *s. p.* His wife died January 1893.

SALEM AUGUSTUS WHEELOCK,⁸ born 4 April 1815; died 9 Nov. 1815.

SALEM AUGUSTUS WHEELOCK,⁸ born April 1817; died, in Charlton, where he had always resided, 31 Jan. 1901; unm.

ALBERT WHEELOCK,⁸ born 26 Oct. 1819; drowned, in West Rutland, 21 July 1843, by the rolling over of a powerful horse which he had ridden into a pond. Although this accident occurred in sight of several men they were too frightened to save the rider.

ABNER WHEELLOCK,⁸ born 18 May 1822; died in Worcester, 14 Nov. 1881, unmarried. He was a cigar manufacturer, kept the first cigar store and made the first cigars manufactured in Worcester. He was popularly known as "Major."

89. ELIOT CONVERSE⁷ (*Daniel*⁶ (35), *John*,⁵ *John*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born 9 October 1791; died January 1835; married Elizabeth McIntire.

Child:

ELIZA CONVERSE,⁸ born 19 April 1827; married, 1st, Mr. Mumford of Pa.; married, 2nd, William H. Payne. By her first husband she had two children:

MARY E. MUNFORD,⁹ b. 30 Jan. 1846.

CONVERSE MUNFORD,⁹ b. 5 Sept. 1847.

By her second husband she had four children:

EVA H. PAYNE,⁹ b. 2 July 1854; d. 3 April 1856.

HINDA PAYNE,⁹ b. 15 Aug. 1856.

EMILY PAYNE,⁹ b. 3 May 1859.

KATE PAYNE,⁹ b. 9 May 1861.

90. ELIJAH DAMON CONVERSE⁷ (*Damon Reed*⁶ (36), *John*,⁵ *John*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Danbury, Conn., 16 August 1789; died in Columbus, Ohio, 1 August 1850. He was, for several years, in partnership with General Lewis Cass in Detroit, Mich. The partners built a large brewery there which was destroyed by fire twice within five years. Their principal business was that of wholesale grocers. Elijah Damon Converse married, 11 June 1815, Rebecca Abbott, who was born in Abbottsville, Pa., 5 September 1792, and who died in Lancaster, Ohio, 26 July 1858. He was buried in Columbus, Ohio.

Children of Elijah and Rebecca (Abbott) Converse:

EDWARD DAMON CONVERSE,⁸ born in Abbottstown, Pa., 5 Oct. 1816; died there 16 Feb. 1819.

SARAH JANE CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Abbottstown, 23 July, 1818; died in Detroit, Mich., 7 Jan. 1824.

CAROLINE ABBOTT CONVERSE,⁸ born 23 Sept. 1820; died in Pittsburgh, Pa., 20 March 1854; married, 1st, Col. Caleb Jefferson McNulty; married, 2nd, William S. Campbell. (253)

EDWARD DAMON CONVERSE,⁸ born 15 Aug. 1822; died in Lancaster, Ohio, where he was a machinist, and helped to make the first locomotive that was run in Cincinnati. He was one of the boldest and most successful locomotive engineers of his day, and performed some remarkable and daring feats with his engine and train, one of which was the crossing of a defective bridge on the C. W. & Z. R. R. with the throttle valve wide open. The bridge fell into the creek just as the train cleared it. He married, but had no children. His widow died about 1900.

SARAH JANE CONVERSE,⁸ born 15 June 1824; died 30 Sept. 1826.

JAMES BRYANT CONVERSE,⁸ born 1 April 1826; died in Duncansby, Miss., 19 April 1889.

In '49 he went to California where he accumulated some wealth, but, in a venture with a party of Cincinnati miners, he lost nearly all he had. He again entered the California gold fields and succeeded in getting on his feet. In drifting the bed-rock he was exposed to dripping water which caused almost total deafness. From this affliction he never entirely recovered. Another account of the cause of his deafness is that it resulted from a fall into a mine shaft, which also caused his hair to turn white though he was only twenty-three years old. Abandoning California, he worked as a machinist in Canton, Miss., and afterward was a cotton and rice planter. For eighteen years he lived alone on his plantation. He suffered amputation of a leg, injured in a cane brake, which about five years later caused his death; and was buried beside his father and mother in Green Lawn Cemetery, Columbus, Ohio. He was a first-class machinist, a fine-looking man, six feet tall. He was well educated, traveled, and well read. He was, moreover, of a genial and kindly disposition, and was beloved by all his associates.

CHARLES CONVERSE,⁸ born in Detroit, Mich., 28 March 1828; died 13 Feb. 1829.

CHARLES PORTER CONVERSE,⁸ born in Detroit, Mich., 21 Nov. 1829; a professional miner and assayer. He went to California in 1847; lived in South Pass, Wyoming, in 1898, and subsequently in Denver, Colo. He was twice married, and had several children.

CORNELIA LEE CONVERSE,⁸ born in Columbus, Ohio, 30 Jan. 1833; died in Maysville, Ky., 19 May 1859; married John A. Coburn. (254)

ELIJAH DAMON CONVERSE,⁸ born in Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 1835; married Miss Butterfield of Lancaster, Ohio. Prior to the Civil War they went South, and there he worked with his brother James as a machinist among the planters, repairing machinery. His wife died there, and he returned North, married her sister, with whom he went South. He died in Canton, Miss. His only child, a boy, and his second wife both died before 1901.

91. HIRAM CONVERSE⁷ (*Damon Reed*⁶ (36), *John*,⁵ *John*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Kent, Litchfield Co., Conn., 22 September, 1793; died in Sterlingville, Jefferson County, N. Y., 1 July 1878. His occupation was farming and iron manufacturing. He was a member of the Legislature from Litchfield County about 1828-9. In 1840 he moved with his family to Sterlingville, N. Y., where he manufactured iron, being a member of the Sterling Iron Co. About two years later he purchased a farm of one hundred acres two miles from Sterlingville in the town of Leray. He cleared the land and lived on that farm until his death. He belonged to the Masonic order, and was a believer in the Universalist faith. He married, 29 December 1816, Sarah Rust, who was born in Kent, Conn., 18 October 1796, and who died 4 December 1864. She was the daughter of Abel and Lydia Rust.

Children of Hiram and Sarah (Rust) Converse:

EDWARD CONVERSE,⁸ born in Kent, Conn., 22 May 1819; died in Sterlingville, N. Y., 8 Feb. 1901; married, 1st, Letitia Ann Barbur; married, 2nd, Mrs. Demetria Elizabeth (Waful) Mosher, a widow. (255)

ANN JANE CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Kent, 9 Jan. 1827; drowned, in Le Raysville, 6 Nov. 1852. She was educated at Amenia Seminary, Litchfield Co., Conn., and was a teacher of music.

MARIE ANTOINETTE CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Kent, 5 July 1831; died 11 Jan. 1835.

92. WILLIAM LEE CONVERSE⁷ (*Damon Reed*⁶ (36), *John*,⁵ *John*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Kent, Conn., 11 August 1800; died 12 September 1846. He married, 27 November 1823, Polena Hubbell, the daughter of Cushman and Tanis (?) Hubbell, and born in Kent, Litchfield Co., Conn., 4 July 1807.

Children, born in Urbana, Ohio:

SARAH JANE CONVERSE,⁸ born 15 Oct. 1824; married, in Urbana, 12 Oct. 1841, Nelson Rhodes, born, in Urbana, 24 Oct. 1817, died there 19 Sept. 1878, son of John and Mary Rhodes. Their four children were born in Urbana:

JOHN CONVERSE RHODES,⁹ b. 11 Oct. 1842; m., in Urbana, 29 April 1880, Minnie Mefford, b. in Mt. Vernon, Ohio, 27 Feb. 1852, daughter of Wm. Mefford. They had three children:

NELSON MEFFORD RHODES,¹⁰ b. 3 Jan. 1881.

ADAH RHODES,¹⁰ b. 13 April 1883.

SARA RHODES,¹⁰ b. 21 Oct. 1885.

WILLIAM MILLER RHODES,⁹ b. 11 June 1844; d., in Urbana, 2 April 1901.

EDWARD FYFFE RHODES,⁹ b. 25 March 1851; d. in Dover Plains, N. Y., 5 Oct. 1872.

CHARLES HENRY RHODES,⁹ b. 1 Oct. 1856; d., in Urbana, 16 Oct. 1861.

LEWIS HENRY CONVERSE,⁸ born 2 Nov. 1830; died, 27 Nov. 1888, *s. p.*; married, in Urbana 5 Feb. 1853, Mary Ann Padon, who was born in England. Resided in St. Louis, Mo. They had no children. In 1872 he was Superintendent of the Springfield (Ill.) Mfg. Co., manufacturers of the "Climax" corn planters and successors to Converse & Swannell.

93. DOCTOR JOSIAH CONVERSE⁷ (*Capt. Josiah*⁶ (38), *Lieut. Josiah*,⁵ *Capt. Josiah*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in 1776; died in 1839. A physician. He passed his life in Stafford, Conn., with the exception of two years spent in Holland, Mass. He married Martha Hyde Alden, born in November 1784, who was the daughter of Capt. Joseph and Lydia (Hyde) Alden of Stafford, and a descendant of John Alden of the Mayflower.

Children:

CAROLINE CONVERSE,⁸ born Jan. 1804; died, in Stafford, 31 Oct. 1861; married Nathaniel Hyde. (256)

ELIJAH A. CONVERSE,⁸ HON., born, in Stafford, 24 March 1806; married Sarah Adeline Young. (257)

MARTHA CONVERSE,⁸ born about 1810; died early.

JOSEPH HIRAM CONVERSE,⁸ born 1813; married Rachel Newkirk. (258)

MARTHA CONVERSE,⁸ born 6 Aug. 1816; died, unmarried, 5 Sept. 1831.

ALMEDA P. CONVERSE⁸ (twin), born 1 Sept. 1818; died, unmarried, 15 Aug. 1848.

ALMIRA P. CONVERSE⁸ (twin), born 1 Sept. 1818; married, 27 Oct. 1835, Jotham G. Smith; removed in 1856 from Stafford, Conn., to Minneapolis, Minn., where Mr. Smith had a planing mill, and was engaged in the lumber business. Their children were:

ALMIRA SMITH,⁹

ALBERT SMITH,⁹

HORATIO ALDEN SMITH,⁹

MIRA ALMEDA SMITH,⁹

ROBERT CONVERSE,⁸ born Feb. 1820; died 1823.

94. SARAH CONVERSE⁷ (*Capt. Josiah*⁶ (38), *Lieut. Josiah*,⁵ *Capt. Josiah*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), of Stafford, Conn.; married William Knight and resided in Wilbraham, Mass. Afterward they settled in Poland, Columbiana Co., Ohio.

Children:

WILLIAM L. KNIGHT,⁸ he had a daughter, ELIZABETH KNIGHT.⁹

ELIZA ANN KNIGHT,⁸ died in 1861; married Edward Drake; lived in Indianapolis, Ind.

Children:

WILLIAM DRAKE,⁹ died in New Lisbon, Ohio, in 1847.

SARAH DRAKE.⁹

95. JOSHUA CONVERSE⁷ (*Capt. Josiah*⁶ (38), *Lieut. Josiah*,⁵ *Capt. Josiah*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Stafford, Conn., about 1760-1762; removed to Hancock, Vt., and died there at fifty years of age. It is said by his descendants that he was a soldier in the American army in the Revolutionary War, at the age of sixteen. He married Mary Trask, the daughter of Josiah and Anna (Putnam) Trask.

Anna Putnam was daughter of Isaac and Anna (Fuller) Putnam of Sutton. She was born, in Salem Village, 27 July 1726; married, probably, Josiah Trask of Sutton, 31 Oct. 1745. (See A History of the Putnam Family in England and America, by Eben Putnam, p. 84.) Isaac Putnam moved from Topsfield to Sutton about 1727. His name vanishes from Sutton records before 1741. He was son of Edward, grandson of Thomas, and great grandson of John Putnam, the emigrant, who in turn possessed a long line of honorable ancestors. Isaac Putnam was own cousin of Gen. Israel Putnam, and uncle of Gen. Rufus Putnam, the "Father of the Northwest." (The Vermont Antiquarian, September, 1902.)

The following names of the seven children of Joshua and Mary (Trask) Converse may not be in the order of their births, of which the dates are not all known:

BETSY CONVERSE,⁸ married —— McCrea. They lived at Ausable Forks, N. Y.
 SUSAN CONVERSE,⁸
 JOSEPH CONVERSE,⁸
 EUNICE CONVERSE,⁸ born 8 July 1789; married Nathan Carpenter. (259)
 MARY CONVERSE,⁸
 CALVIN CONVERSE,⁸ born 28 Sept. 1796; died in Leon, Cattaraugus Co., N. Y., 31 Oct. 1870. He married Sally Thomas. (260)
 HANNAH CONVERSE,⁸ born April 1803; died 13 June 1869. He married Marvin North. (261)

96. SHUBAEL CONVERSE⁷ (*Col. Israel*⁶ (39), *Lieut. Josiah*,⁵ *Capt. Josiah*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born 30 April 1766; died 23 March 1823; married, 15 September 1796, Phoebe Smith, who was born 20 February 1775, and died 19 October 1835. Residence, Randolph, Vermont.

Children:

LUCINDA CONVERSE,⁸ born 29 July 1797; died 21 June 1807.
 CHARLOTTE CONVERSE,⁸ born 28 Dec. 1799; died 13 May 1860; married, Nov. 1828, Benjamin Bugbee, who died 20 July 1835, aged 46. They had:
 CHARLOTTE ELIZABETH BUGBEE,⁹ b. Feb. 1832; d. 11 Feb. 1836.
 MARCIA SOPHIA BUGBEE,⁹ b. 8 July 1833; music teacher in New York; unmarried,
 HARRIET CONVERSE,⁸ born 17 Nov. 1801; married Jason Steele. (262)
 SOPHIA CONVERSE,⁸ born 8 Aug. 1803; died, in Illinois, 23 March 1854, *s. p.*; married James Clarke.
 SHUBAEL CONVERSE,⁸ DOCTOR, born 7 Sept. 1805; died 6 Aug. 1867; married Luvia Elizabeth Morrill. (263)

97. FREDERICK CONVERSE⁷ (*Col. Israel*⁶ (39), *Lieut. Josiah*,⁵ *Capt. Josiah*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Stafford, Conn., 22 July 1768; died in Randolph, Vt., 4 July 1828. He married, 1 March 1792, Philena Robinson, who was born in Lebanon, N. H., 7 July 1770, and died in Stafford, Conn., 26 December 1856.

Frederick and Philena (Robinson) Converse had seven children:

SARAH CONVERSE,⁸ born in Randolph, Vt., 8 Feb. 1793; died, unmarried, 6 May 1820.
 PHILENA CONVERSE,⁸ born in Randolph, Vt., 20 Feb. 1794; married Eben Hyde. (264)
 FREDERICK LEWIS CONVERSE,⁸ DOCTOR, born in Randolph, Vt., 1 Dec. 1795; died, in Canada, 15 Dec. 1841. A physician. No children.
 JOHN CONVERSE,⁸ born in Randolph, Vt., 9 Nov. 1797; married Azubah Pinney. (265)
 JAMES CONVERSE,⁸ born in Randolph, Vt., 13 Nov. 1799; died, unmarried, 21 Sept. 1826.
 HENRY CONVERSE,⁸ born in Randolph, Vt., 28 Dec. 1803; residence, Wycena, Wis.; married, 1st, 30 Dec. 1828, by Samuel Austin, Esq., Charlotte Blodgett, who died 15 Jan. 1842. He married, 2nd, by Rev. Nelson Doolittle, 23 April 1843, Lucy Burnham.
 PASCHAL CONVERSE,⁸ born in Randolph, Vt., 17 Jan. 1811; married Annah Sophia Grow. (266)

98. ISRAEL CONVERSE⁷ (*Col. Israel*⁶ (39), *Lieut. Josiah*,⁵ *Capt. Josiah*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Stafford, Conn., 14 November 1773; died in Randolph, Vt., 26 November 1827. He was married in Randolph, Vt., by Col. Israel Converse, Justice of the Peace, 16 March 1799, to Anna Smith, who was born 18 September 1777, and died 14 February 1836. She was sister of Phœbe Smith who married Israel Converse's brother Shubael, and of Lucinda Smith who married Israel's brother James.

Israel and Anna (Smith) Converse had eight children:

ANNA ADELINE CONVERSE,⁸ born in Randolph, Vt., 10 June 1801; married Erastus Frissell. (267)

MARY ANN CONVERSE,⁸ born 30 April 1803; married Jacob K. Parish. (268)

ISRAEL SMITH CONVERSE,⁸ born in Chelsea, Vt., 30 April 1805; resided in Cleveland, Ohio

HANNAH CONVERSE,⁸ born in Randolph, Vt., 10 March 1807; married Oliver Egerton. (269)

OLIVER SMITH CONVERSE,⁸ born 29 March 1809.

WILLIAM F. CONVERSE,⁸ born in Stafford, Conn., 12 June 1812; married Jane Snyder. (270)

JAMES A. CONVERSE,⁸ REVEREND, born in Stafford, Conn., 30 July 1814; a Roman Catholic priest; in 1869 in St. Louis, Mo., confessor to Gen. W. T. Sherman's family.

ROYAL CONVERSE,⁸ born 24 Dec. 1818; died Aug. 1819.

99. DOCTOR JAMES CONVERSE⁷ (*Col. Israel*⁶ (39), *Lieut. Josiah*,⁵ *Capt. Josiah*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Stafford, Conn., 5 November 1775; died in Berlin, Ohio, 1 September 1828. He studied medicine under Dr. Willard of Stafford and, in 1825, removed to Burton, Ohio, but was in a mercantile business at time of his death. He was married by Rev. Shelton Eastman, 23 December 1802, to Lucinda Smith, who was born in Windham, Conn., 26 August 1779, and who died in Mantua, Ohio, 4 February 1869. She was a daughter of Oliver Smith. Three daughters of Oliver Smith: (Phœbe, Anne and Lucinda), married three sons of Col. Israel Converse: (Shubael, Israel, Jr., and Dr. James), and Oliver Smith used to say that he would furnish brides as long as Col. Israel would furnish bridegrooms for his girls.

The following obituary notice appeared in the press on the occasion of the death of Mrs. Converse:

At the late residence of her son, E. S. Converse, Mrs. Lucinda Converse departed this life, in the ninetieth year of her age. Mrs. Converse removed with her parents in her childhood to Randolph, Vt., and resided in Randolph, until 1824, from which place, with her husband and family, she removed to Ohio. In September 1828, her husband died in Burton, Ohio. Soon after this bereavement she made a public profession of her faith in Christ, and united with the Congregational Church, of which she remained a member until her death. In health and prosperity she was careful and troubled about many things pertaining to this life, but in affliction and bereavement to which she was not a stranger, she] always

manifested a quiet submission to the will of her heavenly Father. Among her severe trials was the loss of her sight. For the last nine years she was deprived of the privilege of reading. For this she mourned and regretted that she had not spent more time in reading the word of God when she could see to do so. But in this great trial she patiently submitted, feeling that it was necessary to wean her from this life, and to turn her attention more directly to spiritual things. After a long life of self-sacrifice for the good of others, she quietly fell asleep to awake in another world.

Children of Dr. James and Lucinda (Smith) Converse:

- LUCINDA MARIA CONVERSE,⁸ born 16 Oct. 1804; married, 1st, Rev. John A. Peters; married, 2nd, Dr. Erwin L. Miner. (271)
- JAMES WILLARD CONVERSE,⁸ born 1 July 1806; married, 1st, Emily Eggleston; married, 2nd, Sarah Catline; married, 3rd, Angeline E. Sheldon. (272)
- ELIAS SMITH CONVERSE,⁸ born 30 Sept. 1808; died at Mantua, Ohio, 31 Oct. 1868; married, 1st, Eunice M. Ladd; married, 2nd, Mercy Ann Blair; married, 3rd, Tryphona Blair. (273)
- HORATIO NELSON CONVERSE,⁸ born at East Randolph, Vt., 4 April 1811; married, 1st, Mary Ann Foster; married, 2nd, Hannah Post. (274)
- LUCIA CONVERSE,⁸ born 29 Dec. 1813; died 22 Feb. 1815.
- GEORGE CUSHING CONVERSE,⁸ born 4 Dec. 1817; died, 20 Aug. 1838, at Mantua, Ohio. (Another account says died in 1836). He was a graduate of Marietta College.

100. PORTER CONVERSE⁷ (*Col. Israel⁶ (39), Lieut. Josiah,⁵ Capt. Josiah,⁴ Maj. James,³ Lieut. James², Deacon Edward¹*), born in Stafford, Conn., 28 February 1778; died in Unionville, Lake Co., Ohio, 17 August 1870. He married Rhoda Howard who was born in Woodstock, Conn., 30 November 1785, and died in Cleveland, Ohio, 23 November 1873. Porter and Rhoda Converse are buried in the Hanna lot in Lakeview Cemetery, Cleveland. They lived in East Randolph, Vt., until about 1826, when they moved to Ohio, driving the entire distance in their own carriage. They first settled in Parkman, Ohio, where they lived several years; and eventually moved to Unionville, Ohio, where Porter Converse died.

Children of Porter and Rhoda (Howard) Converse:

- CAROLINE CONVERSE,⁸ born in Randolph, Vt., 28 Jan. 1811; married, 5 July 1832, Jacob Harbaugh of Columbiana Co., Ohio. Children:
- PORTER WILLIAM HARBAUGH,⁹ b. 7 July 1833; m., Dec. 1861, Amanda Geddes, and had two sons:
- JUDSON HARBAUGH.¹⁰
- CHARLES HARBAUGH.¹⁰
- JOSEPHINE HARBAUGH,⁹ b. 6 Sept. 1836; m., 15 Aug. 1860, George O. Baslington of Cleveland, Ohio, and had:
- CAROLINE HARBAUGH BASLINGTON,¹⁰ b. 26 May 1861.
- MARCIA JOSEPHINE BASLINGTON,¹⁰ b. 24 Nov. 1862.

- CORNELIA CONVERSE,⁸ born in Randolph, Vt., 7 Jan. 1812; died May 1857; married Rev. Alanson Saunders. (275)
 SAMANTHA MARIA CONVERSE,⁸ born in Randolph, Vt., 3 April 1813; married Dr. Leonard Hanna. (276)
 LYSANDER PORTER CONVERSE,⁸ born in Randolph, Vt., 23 Feb. 1816; married Sally M. Tappen. (277)
 HELEN GENETTE CONVERSE,⁸ born in Parkman, Ohio, 16 Dec. 1827; unmarried.

101. CELIA CONVERSE⁷ (*Col. Israel⁶ (39), Lieut. Josiah,⁵ Capt. Josiah,⁴ Maj. James,³ Lieut. James,² Deacon Edward¹*), born in Stafford, Conn., 18 February 1783. She was married in Randolph, Vt., 24 March 1807, by Rev. Tilton Eastman, to Jeremiah York. She died in Chautauqua Co., N. Y., 2 August 1840.

Children:

- ISRAEL CONVERSE YORK,⁸ born in Rochester, Vt., 15 March 1807; married, 1st, in 1832, Elizabeth Niles of Baltimore, Md., who died in 1834. He married, 2nd, in England 3 Nov. 1840, Martha Elser of Bunbury, Cheshire, England, and had:
 SALVINA E. YORK,⁹ b. in Birmingham, England, 22 Nov. 1843.
 MARY ELIZABETH YORK,⁹ b. in Baltimore, Md., 26 Oct. 1849.
 GEO. WASHINGTON YORK,⁹ b. in Susquehanna Depot, Pa., 18 July 1852.
 FRANKLIN PIERCE YORK,⁹ b. in Susquehanna Depot, Pa., 26 Oct. 1853.
- ELLEN YORK,⁸
 LAVINIA FOOTE YORK,⁸ born 4 Sept. 1813; married Philip Brown(?). Residence, St. Catherine's, Canada.
 HANNAH WALBRIDGE YORK,⁸ born 11 June 1816; married, 12 Oct. 1845, Orin Mariner of Prairie City, McDonough Co., Ill. Residence, Bushnell, McDonough Co., Ill. Children:
 GEO. WASHINGTON MARINER,⁹ b. 17 July 1846.
 CELIA ESTHER MARINER,⁹ b. 25 Oct. 1847.
 JEREMIAH BUEL MARINER,⁹ b. 21 April 1850.
 CHARLES JAY MARINER,⁹ b. 2 March 1852.
 FRANK CONVERSE MARINER,⁹ b. 21 Nov. 1855.
 HOMER DELOS MARINER,⁹ b. 21 April 1858.
- JOSEPH YORK,⁸ born in Henrietta, Monroe Co., N. Y., 14 Jan. 1818; resided in Meadville, Pa.; was on the Great Western Railroad. He married, 1st, in Randolph, Cattaraugus Co., N. Y., 29 Sept. 1844, to Juliette L. Holbrook, born in Bainbridge, Shenango Co., N. Y., 30 Nov. 1825, died in Susquehanna Depot, Pa., 2 Sept. 1855. He married, 2nd, in Randolph, N. Y., 16 June 1857, Mrs. Elvira Bushnell Attenburgh, widow, born in Napoli, Cattaraugus Co., N. Y., 26 March 1827. Children:
 THERON DELOS YORK,⁹ b. in Randolph, N. Y., 28 Aug. 1845.
 ELLEN L. YORK,⁹ b. in Randolph, N. Y., 6 Sept. 1847; d. in Dover, Ky., Nov. 1850.
 ELLA ADALINE YORK,⁹ b. in Dover, Mason Co., Ky., 26 Oct. 1850.
 WARA HOLBROOK YORK,⁹ b. in Susquehanna Depot, Pa., 17 Aug. 1855.
- JEREMIAH F. YORK,⁸ born 12 May 1822; married, 15 Nov. 1851, Mary A. Weaver, born 20 June 1833, died 20 Aug. 1868. Residence, Cambridge, Henry Co., Ill. Children:
 LAVINIA YORK,⁹ b. 14 Nov. 1852.
 GEORGE C. YORK,⁹ b. 20 Dec. 1854; d. 4 Feb. 1855.

- CHARLES E. YORK,⁹ b. 14 Jan. 1856.
 KATE YORK,⁹ b. 27 March 1858.
 ALBERT LEWIS YORK,⁹ b. 3 Oct. 1860; d. 2 Nov. 1861.
 MARY LUELLE YORK,⁹ b. 2 Nov. 1862.
 FREDERIC C. YORK,⁹ b. 6 May 1865.
 GEORGE ALBERT YORK,⁹ b. 24 Feb. 1868.
 GEORGE W. YORK,⁹ born 17 June 1823; died 30 Oct. 1863; married, March 1861, Mary Howe, of Philadelphia, and had a son:
 GEORGE W. YORK,⁹ Jr., b. 11 Aug. 1862; d. 1 Feb. 1866.
 FANNY A. YORK,⁹ died at the age of fourteen years.

102. HANNAH CONVERSE⁷ (*Col. Israel*⁶ (39), *Lieut. Josiah*,⁵ *Capt. Josiah*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Stafford, Conn., 8 April 1785; died in Grand Detour, Ill., 31 August 1856. She married, 2 October 1808, Joseph Cumins of Grand Detour, who was born 15 January 1781, and died 18 October 1851.

Children:

- OLON CUMINS,⁸ born 3 Dec. 1810; married, 1st, 1833, Harriet Marsh, born 12 Nov. 1813, died 29 March 1858. He married, 2nd, 8 Oct. 1859, Martha Moore, born 15 Sept. 1825. Residence, Chicago, Ill. Children:
 JANE E. CUMINS,⁹ b. 3 May 1834; m., 24 Dec. 1862, Geo. W. Sampson, of Grand Detour.
 MARY M. CUMINS,⁹ b. 23 Sept. 1837; d. 15 Dec. 1857.
 SALMON C. CUMINS,⁹ b. 30 May 1840.
 ELLA M. CUMINS,⁹ b. 22 Sept. 1846; d. 26 Jan. 1850.
 HUGH CUMINS,⁹ b. 14 Aug. 1864.
 LAURA CUMINS,⁸ born 4 April 1813; married, 17 Jan. 1833, Horace Hall Paine, born 14 June 1810, died 26 Feb. 1864. They had:
 ELLEN F. PAINE,⁹ b. 22 Oct. 1833; m., 27 Dec. 1855, Amos Bosworth, who died 23 April 1862. They had:
 FLORENCE P. BOSWORTH,¹⁰ b. 4 April 1857.
 ISABEL BOSWORTH,¹⁰ b. 11 March 1859.
 AMOS BOSWORTH,¹⁰ b. 28 March 1862.
 LAURA P. PAINE,⁹ b. 30 Sept. 1835; m., 27 Dec. 1855, to Wm. C. Andrus of Dixon Ill., and had:
 NELLIE S. ANDRUS,¹⁰ b. 26 Nov. 1857.
 WILLIAM H. ANDRUS,¹⁰ b. 21 Nov. 1859.
 GRATIA ANN PAINE,⁹ b. 30 June 1838; m., 5 Oct. 1863, James A. Walker, farmer of Lincoln, Mass., b. 19 Aug. 1829. Children:
 LAURA ELIZA WALKER,¹⁰ b. 2 Oct. 1864.
 WINIFRED WALKER,¹⁰ b. 28 Dec. 1866; d. 25 Sept. 1867.
 GRATIA BELLE WALKER,¹⁰ b. 20 July 1868.
 ALICE C. PAINE,⁹ b. 21 March 1849; d. 20 Nov. 1849.
 EDWIN CUMINS,⁸ born 28 Aug. 1815.

MARION O. CUMINS,⁸ born 8 Sept. 1818; married, 11 Feb. 1847, Marvin Chapin of Erie, Pa.

Children:

ELLA P. CHAPIN,⁹ b. 13 Feb. 1848.

FRANK W. CHAPIN,⁹ b. 3 March 1854.

ROBIE L. CHAPIN,⁹ b. 30 Aug. 1856.

LUCINDA CUMINS,⁸ born 14 July 1820; married, 28 April 1842, Cornelius Wilbur. Children, twins:

DALLAS WILBUR,⁹ } b. 9 July 1844.
DELOS WILBUR,⁹ }

CHARLOTTE C. CUMINS,⁸ born 30 Dec. 1822; married, 21 Oct. 1845, Lot Dixon, born 11 Feb. 1814, died 14 Aug. 1853. Children:

WILLIS M. DIXON,⁹ b. 5 Sept. 1846.

THERON DIXON,⁹ died in childhood.

THERON ALLEN CUMINS,⁸ born 12 July 1825; married in Grand Detour, Ogle Co., Ill., 24 May 1854, by Rev. Mr. Ball, Josephine Marshall, daughter of Stephen and Arcadia Polk (Harris) Marshall. Mr. Cumins was the senior member of the firm of T. Cumins & Co., proprietors of The Grand Detour Plow Works at Dixon, Ill. Children:

THERON LAWRENCE CUMINS,⁹ b., in Grand Detour, 11 May 1855.

LAURA ARCADIA CUMINS,⁹ b., in Grand Detour, 27 Jan. 1859.

HARRIS CONVERSE CUMINS,⁹ b., in Grand Detour, 23 June 1861; d. 16 Oct. 1861.

JOSEPHINE HARRIS CUMINS,⁹ b., in Grand Detour, 17 Dec. 1862.

MINA ESTELLE CUMINS,⁹ b., in Grand Detour, 9 July 1865.

103. JUDGE JOHN PHELPS CONVERSE⁷ (*Col. Israel*⁶ (39), *Lieut. Josiah*,⁵ *Capt. Josiah*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Randolph, Vt., 27 January 1792; died in Parkman, Ohio, 20 February 1865. He removed from Vermont to Parkman, Geauga County, Ohio, in 1818, and was a prominent member of the Ohio bar. He married, first, Betsy Collins. He married, second, Hannah Parkman.

Children:

BETSY COLLINS CONVERSE,⁸ married Daniel (or Darius) Lyman of Parkman. He was in the Treasury Department at Washington. They had a son:

HENRY D. LYMAN,⁹ lived in Manayunk, Pa.

HANNAH AMELIA CONVERSE,⁸ resided in Parkman, Ohio.

HARRIET M. CONVERSE,⁸ married William M. (?) Tilden of Chicago.

104. ORINDA CONVERSE⁷ (*Col. Israel*⁶ (39), *Lieut. Josiah*,⁵ *Capt. Josiah*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Randolph, Vt., 25 January 1794; married, 15 January 1823, Dr. Chauncey Beadle, who died 24 March 1863. They resided in St. Catherine's, Canada West.

Children:

DELOS WHITE BEADLE,⁸ born 17 Oct. 1823. He was a graduate of Yale College and prominent lawyer in St. Catherine's, Ont. He married, 7 Oct. 1852, his cousin, Harriet Converse Steele. Children:

CHAUNCEY BEADLE,⁹ b. 6 Jan. 1855; d. 25 Feb. 1855.

KATE ELIZABETH BEADLE,⁹ b. 21 Oct. 1856.

HARRIET ORINDA BEADLE,⁹ b. 22 Aug. 1862.

SUSAN ELLEN BEADLE,⁹ b. 7 May 1864.

DELOS BEADLE,⁹ b. 5 Aug. 1866.

ORINDA MARIA BEADLE,⁸ born 9 Dec. 1824; died 10 Feb. 1826.

ELEANOR ORINDA BEADLE,⁸ born 19 Jan. 1828; married, 5 Aug. 1851, Joshua Cooke.

Children:

ELEANOR MARY COOKE,⁹ b. 4 July 1852.

BATES COOKE,⁹ b. 27 Dec. 1853.

CHAUNCEY BEADLE COOKE,⁹ b. 26 Feb. 1857.

JOSHUA COOKE,⁹ b. 17 Sept. 1861.

DELOS WILLARD COOKE,⁹ b. 31 Dec. 1863.

HANNAH MARIA BEADLE,⁸ born 15 May 1834; died 3 Nov. 1837.

105. · ELI CONVERSE⁷ (*Jesse*⁶ (40), *Lieut. Josiah*,⁵ *Capt. Josiah*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born 28 September 1770; died in Stafford, Conn., 5 November 1853. He married, 27 May 1790, Eunice Hyde, who was born 28 September 1770, and died, in Stafford, 4 October 1844.

Children of Eli and Eunice (Hyde) Converse:

EPHRAIM CONVERSE,⁸ born 5 Feb. 1791; died July 1866; married Mary Bugbee of Windsor, Vermont. (278)

PATTY CONVERSE,⁸ born 8 March 1794; died 15 July 1794.

PATTY CONVERSE,⁸ born 13 May 1795; died 15 May 1795.

ELIZA CONVERSE,⁸ born 18 April 1796; married William Orcutt of Stafford, Conn. Their children:

ELI C. ORCUTT⁹.

PHILENA ORCUTT,⁹ married Dwight Slate and had:

CHARLES SLATE.¹⁰

ISABELLA SLATE.¹⁰

HORACE SLATE.¹⁰

MARIETTA W. ORCUTT⁹

WILLIAM R. ORCUTT,⁹ had a son, WILLIAM ORCUTT.¹⁰

EUNICE ORCUTT.⁹

JOHN P. ORCUTT,⁹ had a son, Wm. GEO. ORCUTT.¹⁰

GUILFORD D. ORCUTT.⁹

FRANK ORCUTT,⁹ had a daughter, JANE ELIZA ORCUTT.¹⁰

ELIZA ORCUTT,⁹ died.

ELIZA ORCUTT⁹ (second), died.

MARTHA H. ORCUTT.⁹

JANE G. ORCUTT.⁹

HENRY L. ORCUTT.⁹

ELI CONVERSE,⁸ born 4 Aug. 1798; died 8 June 1819.

JOSEPH PRIDE CONVERSE,⁸ born 2 Nov. 1800; married, 1st, Sally Ann Abbe, of Enfield, Conn.; married, 2nd, Mary Cornish of Granby, Conn. (279)

POLLY PRIDE CONVERSE,⁸ born 18 Dec. 1802; died 12 July 1805.

HANNIBAL ALDEN CONVERSE,⁸ born 9 April 1807; married Julia A. Ferry of Stafford, Conn. (280)

106. PAMELA CONVERSE⁷ (*Jesse*⁶ (40), *Lieut. Josiah*,⁵ *Capt. Josiah*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born, 28 February 1777, in Stafford, Conn. She married, in Stafford, 16 October 1796, Ephraim⁵ Morris (*Isaac*,⁴ *Edward*,³ *Edward*,² *Edward*¹), who was born, 17 March 1772, in South Wilbraham, Mass. Mr. Morris resided in Stafford, Conn., until 1804, when he removed to Roxbury, Vt. About 1812 he removed to Bethel, Vt. He was a Congregationalist in denominational affiliation, and in political belief a Federalist and Whig. He died, in Bethel, 7 October 1852. His wife died in the same town 2 February 1846.

Children of Ephraim and Pamela (Converse) Morris:

SYLVESTER MORRIS,⁹ born in Stafford, Conn., 23 Sept. 1797; died in Hanover, N. H., 12 Sept. 1886; married in Randolph, Vt., 1 Aug. 1822, Susanna⁸ Weston, born there 27 Nov. 1801, died in Hartford, Vt., 12 June 1867. Children:

HULDAH WESTON MORRIS,⁹ b. 20 April 1823; d. 11 Oct. 1849.

SUSAN JACKSON MORRIS,⁹ b. 23 July 1825; d. in Hanover, N. H., 4 Nov. 1900; m., 13 July 1847, Edmund Brush Kellogg, b. 8 Nov. 1824, d. 24 Jan. 1855. Their children:

ARTHUR MORRIS KELLOGG,¹⁰ b. 24 May 1847; d. 11 May 1859.

SUSAN WESTON KELLOGG,¹⁰ b. 11 July 1852; d. in Hanover, N. H., 27 March 1902; m., 14 Jan. 1885, Dr. Wm. Thayer Smith, b. 30 March 1839.

Their children, born at Hanover, N. H., were:

MORRIS KELLOGG SMITH,¹¹ b. 18 March 1886.

THAYER ADAMS SMITH,¹¹ b. 14 Nov. 1889.

EDMUND BRUSH KELLOGG,¹⁰ b. 10 June 1854; m., 11 May 1881, Marian Josephine Diamond Martin, b. in Herkimer, N. Y., 15 July 1857, d. 14 Dec. 1903

JOSEPH MORRIS,⁹ b. 24 May 1827; d. 4 March 1833.

EDWARD WESTON MORRIS,⁹ b. 5 Dec. 1829; m. in Troy, N. Y., 31 May 1865, Martha Lord Fry, b. 18 July 1835. They reside in Hartford, Vermont.

EPHRAIM MORRIS,⁹ b. 11 May 1832; d. in Hartford, Vt., 29 Aug. 1901; m., 14 Sept. 1854, Almira Miller Nickerson, b. in South Dennis, Mass., 25 April 1831. Children:

KATE EUGENIA MORRIS,¹⁰ b. in South Dennis, Mass., 19 Sept. 1857; m., 16 Feb. 1884, Charles Morris Cone, b. in Hartford, Vt., 30 Aug. 1854. Children, born at Hartford, Vt.:

MARGARET MORRIS CONE,¹¹ b. 16 Dec. 1889; d. 3 Jan. 1890.

MORRIS HUNTINGTON CONE,¹¹ b. 1 Dec. 1890.

ALICE WESTON CONE,¹¹ b. 12 Dec. 1892.

ANNIE LOUISE MORRIS,¹⁰ b. in Hartford, Vt., 1 March 1871; m. 7 Nov. 1900, Roland E. Stevens, b. in Peterborough, N. H., 24 Nov. 1868. They reside in Hartford, Vt.

LUCY PAMELA MORRIS,⁹ b. 5 Feb. 1835; d. 27 May 1870.

JOSEPH SYLVESTER MORRIS,⁹ b. 23 April 1838; d. in Norwich, Vt., 17 Oct. 1839.

GEORGE SYLVESTER MORRIS,⁹ b. in Norwich, Vt., 14 Nov. 1840; d. in Ann Arbor, Mich., 23 March 1889; m. in Ann Arbor, Mich., 29 June 1876, Victoria Celle, b., in New York City, 1 June 1850. He was for many years a Professor in the University of Michigan. Children, born in Ann Arbor, Mich.:

ROGER SYLVESTER MORRIS,¹⁰ b. 24 Sept. 1877.

ETHEL CELLE MORRIS,¹⁰ b. 31 March 1880.

AMANDA MORRIS,⁹ born in Stafford, Conn., 20 Sept. 1799; died, in Bethel, 9 March 1873; married in Bethel, Vt., 27 March 1823, Asa Child Flynn, born, in Bethel, 24 Sept 1796, died in Columbus, Wis., 30 Aug. 1849. Children:

JULIA AMANDA FLYNN,⁹ b. in Bethel, Vt., 7 April 1824; m., 20 March 1846, Amos Stone Hayden, b. in Rutland, Vt., 29 June 1813. He died, in Chicago, 9 March 1890. Mrs. Hayden (in 1902) resided in Chicago. Children:

LAURA AMANDA HAYDEN,¹⁰ b. in Columbus, Wis., 13 Dec. 1847; m. in Kankakee, Ill., 29 April 1867, Edwin Chatfield Stuart, b. in Three Rivers, Mich., 21 Feb. 1843. They now (1902) reside in Oakland, Oregon. Their children:

BERTHA STUART,¹¹ b. in Clinton, Ia., 22 Oct. 1869.

FRANK HAYDEN STUART,¹¹ b. 9 Oct. 1871.

DAVID WILLIAM STUART,¹¹ b., in Chicago, 29 Mar. 1876; d. in Portland, Oregon, 3 May 1901.

JULIA IMOGEN STUART,¹¹ b. 22 July 1881.

WILLIAM FLYNN HAYDEN,¹⁰ b. 13 Aug. 1849; m. in Morrison, Ill., 29 April 1886, Helen Armenia Sykes, b. in Clyde, Ill., 17 June 1855. They now (1902) reside in Chicago. Children:

JULIA MAE HAYDEN,¹¹ b. in Topeka, Kan., 2 June 1887.

A CHILD,¹¹ b. 2 June 1887; d. 28 July 1887.

WILLIAM SYKES HAYDEN,¹¹ b., in Chicago, 27 June 1889.

RAYMOND HAYDEN,¹¹ b., in Chicago, 5 May 1891.

FRANK MORRIS HAYDEN,¹⁰ b. 5 Aug. 1857; d. 5 Nov. 1862.

FLORA AUGUSTA HAYDEN,¹⁰ b. 30 Dec. 1861.

ARTHUR HARRY HAYDEN,¹⁰ b. 23 Dec. 1863.

ANNAH DOW HAYDEN,¹⁰ b. 24 Oct. 1866; m., in Chicago, 5 June 1895, William Edgar Keenan, b. in Camp Point, Ill., 19 May 1860. They reside in Chicago and have one child:

JACK HAYDEN KEENAN,¹¹ b., in Chicago, 1 Feb. 1899.

ELIZA PAMELA FLYNN,⁹ b. 15 Nov. 1825; m., 26 Oct. 1847, Hezekiah Smith Parmelee, b. in Durham, Conn., 24 May 1822, d. in Lockport, N. Y., 4 June 1889. Mrs. Parmelee resides in Lockport. Children:

JANE WISNER PARMELEE,¹⁰ b. 4 Jan. 1852.

WILLIAM HEZEKIAH PARMELEE,¹⁰ b. 10 Jan. 1854; d. 2 Sept. 1855.

ELIZA FLYNN PARMELEE,¹⁰ b. 17 June 1856.

KATE MORRIS PARMELEE,¹⁰ b. 21 Jan. 1858.

WILLIAM HEZEKIAH PARMELEE,¹⁰ b. 16 Dec. 1860; d. 16 April 1889; unm.

LAURA BELLAH PARMELEE,¹⁰ b. 25 Oct. 1863; resides in Boston, Mass.

- ELLEN FRANCES FLYNN,⁹ b. 9 July 1827; m., 29 Feb. 1848, Franklin Belcher Salisbury, b. in West Randolph, Vt., 20 Aug. 1826. He died there 24 May 1881. Children:
- WILLIAM FRANKLIN SALISBURY,¹⁰ b. 2 Sept. 1849; d. in West Randolph, Vt., 20 Aug. 1875; m., 5 Oct. 1869, Mary L. Bass, b. in Braintree, Vt., 1 March 1847, d. in West Randolph, 12 May 1872.
- HERBERT BELCHER SALISBURY,¹⁰ b. 12 June 1857; m., 22 July 1886, to Minnie Jocelyn Smith, b. 8 Sept. 1860, d. 12 Feb. 1895. Children:
- FRANKLIN ALONZO SALISBURY,¹¹ b. 10 June 1887.
- PHILIP TURNER SALISBURY,¹¹ b. 17 Nov. 1891.
- ALBERT PHILANDER SALISBURY,¹⁰ b. 12 June 1857; d. 18 April 1891.
- EDGAR THOMAS SALISBURY,¹⁰ b. 13 Nov. 1870; m., 26 March 1896, Mary Alice Crandall, b. in Norwich, Vt., 16 Aug. 1871.
- SARAH AUGUSTA FLYNN,⁹ b. 4 Oct. 1830; d. in Plymouth, N.H., 28 Nov. 1899; m., in Bethel, 23 May 1873, Sidney Howard, b. in Braintree, Vt., 22 Jan. 1802, d. in West Randolph, 7 June 1885.
- JULIUS WILLIAM FLYNN,⁹ b. 28 Nov. 1833; d. 8 Sept. 1849.
- LAURA MORRIS FLYNN,⁹ b. 13 Aug. 1845; m., 2 Jan. 1884, Joseph Waldo Atwood, b. in Ripton, Vt., 8 Aug. 1844.
- EDWARD MORRIS,⁹ born in Stafford, Conn., 15 Sept. 1801; died in West Lebanon, N. H., 17 April 1881; married in Bethel, Vt., 18 Nov. 1827, Lucetta McKinsty, born in Bethel, 7 June 1805 and died in Barnard, Vt., 19 May 1829. He married, 2nd, 8 Dec. 1830, Harriet Crosby Bowman, born in Barnard, Vt., 15 Jan. 1812 and died 1 Jan. 1885. Their children were:
- HARRIET LUCETTA MORRIS,⁹ b. 31 Dec. 1831; d. 4 June 1849.
- SARAH PAMELA MORRIS,⁹ b. 17 Oct. 1837; d. 13 July 1852.
- DELIA SPELLMAN MORRIS,⁹ b. in Norwich, Vt., 15 Sept. 1840; m. in Hartford, Vt., 6 June 1865, John Dwight Strong, b. in Hartford, Vt., 24 Nov. 1825, d. in Lawrence, Kan., 19 Sept. 1868. Their only child, BEULAH STRONG,¹⁰ b. in New Orleans, La., 20 Dec. 1866.
- MARY CONVERSE MORRIS,⁹ b. 14 Aug. 1842; resides in West Lebanon, N. H.
- EDWARD CROSBY MORRIS,⁹ b. in Norwich, Vt., 18 June 1844; m., 2 Nov. 1872, Julia Marie Porter, b., in Boston, 12 Oct. 1849; d. there 6 April 1878. He m., 2nd, 20 April 1887, Alice Lurana Ames, b. 31 Dec. 1859. Children of first marriage:
- WALDEN PORTER MORRIS,¹⁰ b. 24 March 1874; d. 27 July 1874.
- HELEN BILLINGS MORRIS,¹⁰ b., in Boston, 10 Nov. 1875; m. in Grinnell, Ia., 12 June 1902, Jay Clark, Jr. They reside in Cambridge, Mass.
- PAMELA MORRIS,⁹ born in Stafford, Conn., 6 Oct. 1803; died in Westville, Conn., 23 Sept. 1844.
- JESSE CONVERSE MORRIS,⁹ born 7 Aug. 1805; died 6 March 1806.
- JESSE CONVERSE MORRIS,⁹ born in Roxbury, Mass., 7 March 1807; died, in Brooklyn, 25 Jan. 1875; married, 12 Sept. 1836, Angeline Frary, born in Strafford, Vt., 14 Oct. 1817 and died in Brooklyn, N. Y., 20 Feb. 1871. Children:
- MARY ANGELINA MORRIS,⁹ b. 26 Aug. 1843; resides in Auburn, N. Y.
- JOSEPH CONVERSE MORRIS,⁹ b. 23 July 1845; d. 27 Dec. 1878.
- ROSWELL FRARY MORRIS,⁹ b. 1 Jan. 1851; d. 13 May 1855.
- MARY (OR POLLY) MORRIS,⁹ born in Roxbury, Mass., 27 Nov. 1809. On 13 May 1834, she

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married in Bethel, Vt., Lewis Lillie (*General Samuel,⁵ David,⁴ Samuel,³ Samuel,² George¹*) who was born in Bethel, Vt., 24 Oct. 1808 and died in Elizabethtown, N. J., 2 Oct. 1877. She died, in Philadelphia, 26 April 1885; both are buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Troy, N. Y. Mr. Lillie invented a chilled iron safe and the first combination bank lock ever in use. Children:

LEWIS CONVERSE LILLIE,⁹ b. in Woodstock, Vt.; 22 Mar. 1837, m., 8 May 1861, Julia Maria Fry, b. in Troy, N. Y., 22 July 1841, d. in Elizabeth, N. J., 10 Aug. 1874. Mr. Lillie m., 2nd, in Elizabeth, N. J., 21 Nov. 1877, Mary Brown Allen, who was b., in N. Y. City, 11 July 1851. He is now (1902) Secretary and Treasurer of the Sugar Apparatus Mfg. Co., 328 Chestnut St., Philadelphia.

Children by first marriage, born in Troy, N. Y.:

MARY AMELIA LILLIE,¹⁰ b. 2 April 1862; m. in Savannah, Ga., 12 April 1888, John Taylor Fiske, b. in Concord, N. H., 29 Oct. 1864. They reside in Concord. Their children:

DOROTHY LILLIE FISKE,¹¹ b. in Elizabeth, N. J., 31 March 1889.

SARAH TARLETON FISKE,¹¹ b. in Concord, N. H., 5 July 1894.

LEWIS LILLIE,¹⁰ b. 13 Oct. 1863; m., in Philadelphia, 29 Oct. 1890, Emily Murray, b., in Philadelphia, 27 Dec. 1863. Mr. Lillie is Comptroller and General Auditor of the United Gas Improvement Co. of Philadelphia. He resides in Haverford, Pa. Children:

LEWIS LILLIE,¹¹ b. in Ardmore, Pa., 27 Oct. 1891.

JEAN MORRIS LILLIE,¹¹ b. at 109 States Ave., Atlantic City, N. J., 2 July 1894.

Children of second marriage:

LUCY SOUTHWOOD LILLIE,¹⁰ b. in Elizabeth, N. J., 1 Nov. 1878.

AMY MORRIS LILLIE,¹⁰ b. in Elizabeth, N. J., 30 Oct. 1883.

HARRIET ALLEN LILLIE,¹⁰ b., in N. Y. City, 27 July 1885.

MARY CORNELIA LILLIE,⁹ b. in Pittsford, Vt., 29 April 1843; m. in Troy, N. Y., 13 Feb. 1866, William Wallace Baxter, b. in Bellows Falls, Vt., 1 April 1845, d., in N. Y. City, 18 June 1890. Children:

LEWIS SYDNEY BAXTER,¹⁰ b. in Salem, N. Y., 29 Jan. 1867; m. in Town Hill, Pa., 14 Jan. 1888, Lillian Snyder, b. 28 April 1868. They reside in Huntington Mills, Pa. Children:

RITA LILLIE BAXTER,¹¹ b., in Philadelphia, 16 Oct. 1889.

LEWIS MORRIS BAXTER,¹¹ b. 9 June 1891; d. 21 Feb. 1894.

MATTIE WHEELER BAXTER,¹⁰ b. in Castleton, Vt., 1 Oct. 1869.

EPHRAIM MORRIS LILLIE,⁹ b. 12 April 1847; d. in Troy, N. Y., 2 May 1847.

SAMUEL MORRIS LILLIE,⁹ b. in Troy, N. Y., 26 April 1851; m., at 4804 Springfield Ave., Philadelphia, 31 Jan. 1894, Narcissa⁵ Neff (*John R.,⁴ John R.,³ Peter,² Rudolph¹*), b., in Philadelphia, 8 Dec. 1856. Mr. Lillie is President of the Sugar Apparatus Mfg. Co., 328 Chestnut St., Philadelphia.

JOSEPH MORRIS,⁸ born in Roxbury, Vt., 12 Feb. 1812; died in Bethel, Vt., 21 July 1813.

JULIA MORRIS,⁸ born in Bethel, Vt., 11 March 1814; died there 13 March 1899; married, 12 Sept. 1841, Irvin Weston, who was born in New Braintree, Mass., 30 June 1800. He died in Bethel, Vt., 23 Oct. 1874. Their only child was: **EPHRAIM MORRIS WESTON,⁹** b. in Bethel, Vt., 5 Nov. 1850, where he resides.

ELIZA MORRIS,⁸ born in Bethel, Vt., 24 Dec. 1816; died in New Haven, Conn., 30 Aug. 1889; married, 2 June 1851, Thomas Huntington Pease. He was born in Canaan, Conn., 24 Oct. 1815, and died in New Haven, 15 Sept. 1890. He was a leading bookseller in New Haven many years. No children.

JOSEPH MORRIS,⁸ born in Bethel, Vt., 14 Feb. 1819; married in Kirkland, N. Y., 5 June 1855, Clara Elizabeth Seymour⁷ (*Salmon,⁸ Gideon,⁸ Stephen,⁴ Ebenezer,⁸ Richard,² Richard¹*), who was born in Paris Hill, N. Y., 2 Sept. 1830. Mr. and Mrs. Morris reside in Chicago. Children:

SEYMOUR MORRIS,⁹ b. in St. Louis, Mo., 19 April 1858; d. 7 June 1858.

TYLER SEYMOUR MORRIS,⁹ b. in Utica, N. Y., 15 Feb. 1863; m. at 757 W. Adams Street, Chicago, 18 Jan. 1888, Ida Nesbitt Tucker (*Wm. S.,⁷ Gilbert R.,⁸ Charles,⁸ Reuben,⁴ Moses,⁸ Joseph,² Morris¹*), who was born in Indianapolis, Ind., 4 Feb. 1866. Mr. and Mrs. Morris reside (1902) in Chicago. Mr. Morris has compiled and published genealogies of the Morris, Tucker and allied families. Child:

SEYMOUR TUCKER MORRIS,¹⁰ b., in Chicago, 28 Nov. 1890.

107. JOHN CONVERSE⁷ (*Nathaniel⁶ (41), Lieut. Josiah,⁵ Capt. Josiah,⁴ Maj. James,³ Lieut. James,² Deacon Edward¹*), born in Brimfield, Mass., 7 August 1774; died 10 December 1831. He resided in Troy, N. Y. He was married, first, in Norwich, Conn., 3 September 1796, by Rev. John Tyler, to Elizabeth Backus, who was born 26 April 1780, and who died 5 November 1815. She was fifth in descent from William Whiting who came to this country in 1632. Her father was Ebenezer Backus, born July 1748. Her mother was Elizabeth Fitch, born 12 February 1750. John Converse married, second, in Hartford, Conn., 31 May 1818, Eliza Griswold who died, 6 January 1822, aged twenty-nine. She was the daughter of Simeon and Lucretia (Warner) Griswold. John Converse was married, third, in Waterford, N. Y., 14 July 1823, by Rev. B. Door, to Caroline C. Davis, whose father Richard Davis was born 22 September 1761, and died 24 November 1835. Her mother, whose maiden name was Jane Greer, was born 3 October 1763, and died 9 January 1841. Mrs. Caroline C. Davis Converse, married, second, — Chapman and resided in Morristown, N. Y.

Children of John and Elizabeth (Backus) Converse:

ALEXANDER BACKUS CONVERSE,⁸ born in Norwich, Conn., 11 July 1797; died 21 April 1822; lost at sea near Ireland from ship "Albion"; married, 28 Aug. 1819, Julia S. Ross. She died Nov. 1821.

AUGUSTUS LAWRENCE CONVERSE,⁸ born in Norwich, Conn., 21 Nov. 1798; died 21 March 1860; married, 1st, 26 May 1825, Mary Ann Kellogg, who died 9 Jan. 1848; married, 2nd, 15 Jan. 1849, Mrs. Marion de Veaux. (281)

ELEAZER FITCH CONVERSE,⁸ born in Norwich, Conn., 24 Oct. 1799; died 14 Nov. 1799.

ELEAZER FITCH BACKUS CONVERSE,⁸ born in Norwich, Conn., 2 Dec. 1800; died 2 Oct. 1801.

- A DAUGHTER,⁹ born 22 March 1802; died same day.
- JOHN ADAMS CONVERSE,⁹ born in Quincy, Mass., 15 Nov. 1803; died 4 May 1886; married, 21 Nov. 1827, Clarissa Jones Butler, who died 27 Aug. 1847. (282)
- JULIA FRANCES CONVERSE,⁹ born in Troy, N. Y., 31 Oct. 1807; died in Aug. 1889; married, 8 March 1831, Walter W. Webb, who died 11 May 1876. (283)
- JOSEPHINE ELEANOR CONVERSE,⁹ born in Troy, N. Y., 24 Jan. 1809.
- ELIZABETH GEORGINA CONVERSE,⁹ born, in Troy, 11 March 1810; died in her 93d year. She was married in Troy, N. Y., by Rev. F. Tiffany, 18 Feb. 1828, to Col. George Anson Starkweather, who was born 19 May 1794, died 13 Oct. 1878. He was a graduate of Union College in class of 1819; he held local offices in Otsego, N. Y.; was Colonel of 12th N. Y. Artillery; elected to Congress as a Democrat, serving from 6 Dec. 1847 to 3 March 1849. He was son of John Starkweather (b. 14 Aug. 1752, d. 26 Jan. 1837) and Hannah Leonard, his wife (b. 17 July 1756, d. 1839). George Anson and Elizabeth Georgina (Converse) Starkweather had thirteen children:
- JOHN CONVERSE STARKWEATHER,⁹ GENERAL, U. S. A., b. in Cooperstown, N. Y., 11 May 1830; d. in Washington, D. C., 15 Nov. 1890; graduate of Union, 1850; m., in New York, 17 July 1851, Louise Hallett. He removed to Milwaukee, Wis., and practised law till 1861. On 17 May 1861, he was commissioned Colonel of the 1st Wisconsin and took part in the Battles of Falling Waters, 2 July 1861, and Edward Ferry, 29 July 1861. He was mustered out 21 Aug. 1861. Having re-organized and enlisted his regiment for three years by special order of the War Department, he served in Kentucky and Northern Alabama, participating in the Battle of Perryville, Ky., 8 Oct. 1862, and was engaged at Stone River, 31 Dec. 1862, and 1 and 2 Jan. 1863. He remained on duty at Murfreesboro, Tenn., until 23 June 1863. He was appointed Brigadier-General U. S. Volunteers 17 July 1863, commanded brigades and divisions in the Army of the Ohio; and in the Cumberland; and participated in the attack at Chickamauga 19 and 21 Sept. 1863, where he was wounded. He also took part in battles around Chattanooga, Tenn., 1863, and especially in the assault and capture of Missionary Ridge, Tenn., 23-25 Nov. 1863. He served on the court martial that tried Gen. William A. Hammond, Surgeon General, U. S. A. After commanding several posts in Tennessee and Alabama he was mustered out 11 May 1865. He farmed for several years in Wisconsin, and then removed to Washington, D. C., where he engaged in practice, having been admitted to the bar in 1857.
- ELIZABETH GEORGINA STARKWEATHER,⁹ b. 29 Sept. 1832; d. 9 Oct. 1832.
- GEO. ANSON STARKWEATHER,⁹ b. 1 March 1834; d. 20 Nov. 1883; m., in New York, 9 June 1863, Fanny W. Morgan.
- AUGUSTUS CONVERSE STARKWEATHER,⁹ b. 12 Feb. 1836; d. 16 Feb. 1853.
- ELIZABETH GEORGINA STARKWEATHER,⁹ b. 3 May 1838; d. 13 Sept. 1888; m. in Cooperstown, N. Y., 5 Sept. 1865, Samuel Bush.
- WILLIAM HENRY STARKWEATHER,⁹ b. 27 Feb. 1840; m. in Lockport, N. Y., 15 April 1868, Mary Parsons. He was Commander of Wolcott Post, G. A. R.
- FREDERICK TIFFANY STARKWEATHER,⁹ b. 14 Oct. 1841; d. 4 Feb. 1884; m. in Cooperstown, N. Y., 14 June 1866, Annie P. Nelson.
- CHARLES AUSTEN STARKWEATHER,⁹ b. 29 July 1843; m. in Milwaukee, Wis., 16 Sept. 1863, Marcia Gardiner. They reside in Milwaukee, Wis. She is a

descendant of Lyon Gardiner who, in 1639, bought from the Indians the island in Long Island Sound which was named after him, Gardiner's Island.

FANNY A. STARKWEATHER,⁹ b. 30 July 1846; d. 2 Dec. 1846.

A SON,⁹ b. 27 Feb. 1848.

FRANK STARKWEATHER,⁹ b. 29 Jan. 1850.

ALEXANDER BACKUS STARKWEATHER,⁹ b. 17 Aug. 1851.

EDGAR STARKWEATHER,⁹ b. 29 Sept. 1854; d. 11 Oct. 1855.

SEMPHRONIA ANTOINETTE CONVERSE,⁸ born in Troy, N. Y., 2 March 1811; died 22 Aug. 1879; married, 13 Nov. 1834, Francis Morgan, who died 26 Jan. 1864. (284)

A DAUGHTER,⁸ born in Norwich, Conn., 10 Sept. 1815.

Child of John and Eliza (Griswold) Converse:

A SON,⁸ died in infancy.

Children of John and Caroline C. (Davis) Converse:

ALEXANDER BACKUS CONVERSE⁸ (second), born in Troy, N. Y., 15 April 1825; died in Oct. 1829.

JANE DAVIS CONVERSE,⁸ born in Troy, N. Y., 26 May 1828; died in Morristown, N. Y., 9 May 1884; married, 8 Nov. 1866, Thomas W. Coit.

ALEXANDER CONVERSE,⁸ born in Troy, 11 Oct. 1830; drowned, 21 July 1854, in River St. Lawrence, near Morristown, N. Y.

108. JAMES A. CONVERSE⁷ (*Nathaniel*⁶ (41), *Lieut. Josiah*,⁵ *Capt. Josiah*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), settled near Brookfield, Vt., and died there.

Children:

MARY (?) CONVERSE.⁸

ABIGAIL CONVERSE.⁸

EMMELINE CONVERSE,⁸ married — Cozens; lived in Chicago, Ill.

WASHINGTON CONVERSE,⁸ married Emily Hogan of Munson, Ohio, and lived in Port Hill, Lake Co., Ill.

FREDERIC CONVERSE.⁸

109. ABIGAIL CONVERSE⁷ (*Jude*⁶ (42), *Lieut. Josiah*,⁵ *Capt. Josiah*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born 12 October 1782; died 6 October 1839. She married — Mansfield of Randolph, Vt.

Children:

ABIGAIL MANSFIELD,⁸ married — Briggs, nurseryman, of Woodstock, Vt. They had a daughter, OLIVE BRIGGS,⁸ who married — Jay.

JUDE MANSFIELD,⁸ married and had several children. He lived in St. Louis.

MARY MANSFIELD,⁸ married Dr. Charles Backus of Royalton, Vt. They lived in Brandon, Vt. Children:

JANE BACKUS,⁸ m. Wallace Curtis, clerk in the Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C.

ALA BACKUS,⁸ m. William Blodgett of Brandon, Vt.

MARY BACKUS,⁹ m Dr. Willard Davenport of Milton, Vt., dentist.
 DAUGHTER.⁹
 DANA BACKUS,⁹ of Pithole, Pa.
 CHARLES BACKUS,⁹ of New York City.
 WILLIAM BACKUS.⁹

110. HANNAH CONVERSE⁷ (*Jude*⁶ (42), *Lieut. Josiah*,⁵ *Capt. Josiah*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born 21 August 1786; married Samuel Blodgett of Randolph, Vt.

Children of Samuel and Hannah (Converse) Blodgett:

JOHN BLODGETT.⁸ He was married and at his death left three children.
 ELEANOR BLODGETT,⁸ not living; married — Blake. Their daughter married — Brown.
 CAROLINE BLODGETT,⁸ married Ephraim Hutchins. They lived in Concord, N. H., and had four children prior to 1869.
 JANE BLODGETT,⁸ married Dr. Skinner of Royalton, Vt.
 HANNAH BLODGETT,⁸ married — Carrol.
 DANIEL BLODGETT,⁸ married, and had two daughters prior to 1869. He lived in New York.
 HENRY BLODGETT,⁸ married, and had two daughters prior to 1869.
 WILLIAM BLODGETT,⁸ married his cousin, Ala Backus; lived in New York. They had one son and two daughters born prior to 1869.

111. HANNAH CONVERSE⁷ (*Joseph*⁶ (43), *Lieut. Josiah*,⁵ *Capt. Josiah*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Stafford, Conn., 19 September 1779; died in Monson, Mass., 2 June 1875. She married, 18 January 1807, Nathan Rockwell, who was born in Stafford, 29 February 1779 (so stated), and died there 25 December 1837. He was the son of Samuel and Hannah (Orcutt) Rockwell.*

Children of Nathan and Hannah (Converse) Rockwell:

MARY CONVERSE ROCKWELL,⁸ died early.
 MAHLON TAYLOR ROCKWELL,⁸ a farmer at Stafford, Conn.: had two or three children.

* Nathan Rockwell's line of descent was: William,¹ Samuel,² Lieut. Joseph,³ Benjamin,⁴ Samuel,⁵ Nathan,⁶ as follows:

- I. Deacon William Rockwell, born, in England, 1595; settled at Dorchester, Mass., where he was selectman and deacon of the church; removed to Windsor, Conn., where he died 15 May 1640. He married Susanna, daughter of Bernard and Joan (Purchis) Capen, who was born 5 April 1602, and died 13 Nov. 1666.
- II. Samuel Rockwell, born 28 March 1631; died 1711; married, 7 April 1660, Mary, daughter of Thomas and Grace (Wells) Norton, born in 1635.
- III. Lieut. Joseph Rockwell, born in Windsor, Conn., 22 May 1670; died there 26 June 1773. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Job and Elizabeth (Alvord) Drake, who was born 4 Nov. 1675, and died 26 June 1733.
- IV. Benjamin Rockwell, born, in Windsor, 26 Oct. 1700; removed to Stafford 1719. He married, 3 Feb. 1723-24, Margaret, daughter of Robert Park of Preston, Conn.
- V. Samuel Rockwell, born, in Stafford, 28 Nov. 1727; died 24 Nov. 1794; married, 1st, 15 Dec. 1757, Hannah, daughter of Nathan and Phoebe (Lillie) Orcutt. She was born 2 Jan. 1738-9.
- VI. Nathan Rockwell married Hannah Converse.

JULIA ROCKWELL,⁸ born in Stafford, Conn., 19 Dec. 1808; died in Monson, Mass., 27 June 1887; married, 5 Dec. 1824, Jacob Anderson, who was born in Willington, Conn., 5 Nov. 1798, and died, in Stafford, 17 Nov. 1833. He was the son of Thomas and Alice (Whitmore) Anderson.*

Jacob and Julia (Rockwell) Anderson had four children:

MARY ROCKWELL ANDERSON,⁹

JACOB DE WITT CLINTON ANDERSON,⁹

JULIUS CONVERSE ANDERSON,⁹

FRANCIS WHITMORE ANDERSON,⁹ born, in Stafford, 22 Sept. 1832; resided in St. Paul, Minn., where he was President of the St. Paul National Bank. He married in Woodstock, Vt., 18 Jan. 1859, Mary Ann Wyman of Woodstock, Vt., who was born in Constable, N. Y., 10 May 1833, and is the daughter of Ashley and Mary Ann (Damon) Wyman.† Francis Whitmore and Mary Ann (Wyman) Anderson had three children:

ARTHUR CONVERSE ANDERSON,¹⁰ b. in Bethel, Vt., 2 Dec. 1859; resides in St. Paul, Minn. He was cashier of the St. Paul National Bank, and since his father's decease has succeeded him as President of the bank. He married, 10 Sept. 1885, Charlotte Elizabeth Ferris, who was b. 9 June 1862, and d. 9 Oct. 1888. Children:

FRANCIS FERRIS ANDERSON,¹¹ b., in St. Paul, 9 Dec. 1886.

WILLIAM ROCKWELL ANDERSON,¹¹ b. 25 Sept. 1888.

JULIA AGNES ANDERSON,¹⁰ b. in Bethel, Vt., 4 Feb. 1864.

ADA LOUISE ANDERSON,¹⁰ b. in Springfield, Mass., 2 June 1872.

NATHAN HARRISON ROCKWELL,⁸ in later life resided in Doon County, Wis., and married a widow there.

112. **MARY [POLLY] CONVERSE**⁷ (*Joseph*⁶ (43), *Lieut. Josiah*,⁵ *Capt. Josiah*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born 9 July 1788; married,

*The line of descent of Jacob Anderson was Robert,¹ George,² Thomas,³ Jacob,⁴ as follows:

- I. Robert Anderson settled in Mansfield, Conn., in 1722, and died there 7 Dec. 1754. He married in Milton, Mass., 24 May 1722, Abigail, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Thayer) Bagley. She was born 1 Oct. 1699 and died 15 Sept. 1743.
- II. George Anderson (in Revolutionary Army with four of his sons; with two of them at Battle of Bunker Hill in company commanded by Capt. Thomas Knowlton of Ashford, Conn.), born 23 Feb. 1726-7; died in Willington, Conn., 1816; married, 13 March 1749, Abigail Brown who was born 2 Nov. 1731, died 1810. She was the daughter of Capt. Stephen and Abigail (Rugg) Brown and a great granddaughter of Maj. John Mason of Norwich, Conn.
- III. Thomas Anderson was with his father and brother Stephen at the Battle of Bunker Hill; born, in Willington, 24 June 1758; died 30 March 1835; married, 23 Feb. 1792, Alice, daughter of Jacob and Hannah (Brown) Whitmore of Killingly, Conn., born 21 April 1768.
- IV. Jacob Anderson married Julia Rockwell.

†The line of descent of Mary Ann Wyman is Dr. Solomon,¹ Ashley,² Mary Ann,³ as follows:

- I. Dr. Solomon Wyman, born 12 March 1776; died 29 June 1857; settled as a physician in Milton, Vt. The ancestress of this line was his first wife, Clarissa Ashley, whom he married in Poultney, Vt., 9 Sept. 1799. She died soon after the birth of their son Ashley. He married, second, in Milton, Vt., 10 March 1803, Keziah Howes, and, third, in Chateaugay, N. Y., in 1809, Mrs. Lois (Barnum) Cady, widow, born 5 April 1773, died 1859.
- II. **ASHLEY WYMAN**,² born 18 Dec. 1801; died in Woodstock, Vt., 15 Jan. 1888; settled in Constable, N. Y.; married, first, Mary Ann, daughter of Samuel and Alice (Marsh) Damon of Woodstock.
- III. **MARY ANN WYMAN**, married Francis Whitmore Anderson.

20 April 1815, Jos. W. French of Randolph, Vt., farmer. After the death of her husband she removed to Chardon, Ohio, and died 17 June 1870.

Children of Joseph W. and Mary (Converse) French:

MARY FRENCH,⁹ born 16 Feb. 1816; married, 27 Feb. 1835, Charles Foote of Chardon, Ohio, merchant, Sheriff of Geauga County, Recorder and Collector. Children:

MARY LOUISA FOOTE,⁹ b. 17 March 1848; d. 29 March 1848.

MARY SOPHIA FOOTE,⁹ b. 14 May 1850.

JULIA CONVERSE FOOTE,⁹ b. 20 Dec. 1854.

JOHN FRENCH,⁹ born 1 Dec. 1817; died in Chardon, Ohio, 20 Oct. 1881; married, 29 Oct. 1846, Martha Smith; no children. Lawyer and clerk of court.

WARREN CONVERSE FRENCH,⁹ HON., born in Randolph, 8 July 1819; died in Woodstock, Vt., 9 Feb. 1901. The following obituary sketch is from the *St. Albans (Vt.) Messenger* of 14 Feb. 1901:

The Hon. Warren Converse French, one of Woodstock's leading citizens and a lawyer well known throughout the state, died at his home early Saturday morning in the 82d year of his age. He has been gradually failing for several years on account of his age and was taken seriously ill about two weeks ago. He rallied again and the end came quite suddenly.

Mr. French received his early education in the Orange county school. He studied law with Tracy and Converse at Woodstock and was admitted to the Windsor County bar in 1844, beginning practice at Sharon. In 1857 he succeeded Judge Barrett in the firm of Converse and Barrett, of Woodstock, the partnership continuing until 1865 when William E. Johnson took Judge Barrett's place. This connection lasted until 1868 and then Mr. French continued in practice alone for some years. In 1879 he formed a partnership with his son-in-law, Frederick C. Southgate, this continuing until about three years ago.

Mr. French had been a strong Republican since the organization of the party. He was a member of the constitutional convention of 1859, the first state's attorney of Windsor county elected by the people under the amended constitution of 1850 and state senator in 1858-59. He represented Woodstock in 1876 and was a delegate to the national Republican convention which nominated Hayes.

He had always been an active public-spirited man in whatever community he lived and much respected for his strength of character.

Mr. French married in Sharon, Vt., in 1849, Sarah Ann Steele, daughter of Hon. William and Lydia (Gleason) Steele. Children:

MARY SOPHIA FRENCH,⁹ b. 6 July 1850; m. William H. Brooks.

ANNA FRENCH,⁹ m. Frederick C. Southgate.

LYDIA FRENCH,⁹

WILLIAM STEELE FRENCH,⁹ of Woodstock, Vt.

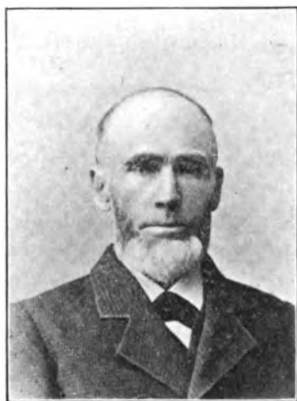
JOHN FRENCH,⁹ b. 11 Jan. 1864; a lawyer in New York City.

WARREN CONVERSE FRENCH,⁹ a lawyer in New York City.

HANNAH W. FRENCH,⁹ born 30 Aug. 1821; died 28 Aug. 1823.

HENRY FRENCH,⁹ born 10 Nov. 1823; machinist; resided in Marysville, California.

JOSEPH WALES FRENCH,⁸ born 24 Feb. 1826; farmer; resided in Mansfield, N. Y., and



Joseph Wales French.



Mrs. Sarah Jane (Clark) French.

Kirkland, N. Y. He married, 5 Aug. 1852, Sarah Jane Clark, and had:

WILLIAM FRENCH,⁹

MARY CONVERSE FRENCH,⁹

SOPHIA CONVERSE FRENCH,⁹ born 8 March 1828; married, 16 Nov. 1848, Calvin Knowles. They removed from Chardon, Ohio, to Cleveland, Ohio, in Nov. 1866. Children:

HENRY FRENCH KNOWLES,⁹ b. 25 July 1853.

JAMES SHERIDAN KNOWLES,⁹ b. 8 Dec. 1855.

ANNA MARY KNOWLES,⁹ b. 28 June 1862.

113. ALFRED CONVERSE⁷ (*Joseph*⁶ (43), *Lieut. Josiah*,⁵ *Capt. Josiah*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Stafford, Conn., 4 April 1795; died in Moretown, Vt., 20 October 1855. He married, in May 1830, Finelia Perrin, who was born in Royalton, Vt., 1 April 1801, and died in Moretown, Vt., 8 July 1864. She was the daughter of Greenfield and Sarah (Ashcroft) Perrin of Royalton, Vt. Mr. Converse was a farmer.

Child of Alfred and Finelia (Perrin) Converse:

JOSEPH GREENFIELD CONVERSE,⁸ born 15 Feb. 1831. He resided in Moretown, Vt., Middlesex, Vt., and in 1901 in Barre, Vt. He married, 1st, in Randolph, Vt., 31 Dec. 1857, Mary E. Hatch of Randolph, who was born in Royalton, Vt., 20 Nov. 1833. She was the daughter of William and Betsey (Corbin) Hatch. She died in Moretown, Vt., 28 July 1865. He married, 2nd, in Woodstock, Vt. 30 June 1868, Mrs. Mary Joanna (Cobb) Richmond of Woodstock, who was born in Woodstock, 7 Nov. 1843, widow of Charles Henry Richmond of Barnard, Vt., and daughter of Lyman and Joanna (Strong) Cobb. The children of Joseph Greenfield Converse were all born in Moretown, Vt.:

Children of Joseph Greenfield and Mary E. (Hatch) Converse:

JULIUS ALFRED CONVERSE,^o b. 21 Aug. 1859.

JENNIE MOARY CONVERSE,^o b. 27 Nov. 1860.

Children of Joseph Greenfield and Mary Joanna (Cobb-Richmond) Converse:

CHARLES LYMAN CONVERSE,^o b. 21 Jan. 1871.

NINA FINELIA CONVERSE,^o b. 23 April 1875.

EDWARD JOSEPH CONVERSE,^o b. 26 Nov. 1879.

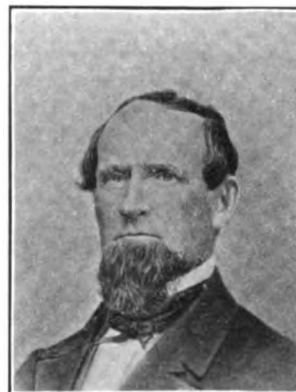
FLORENCE MARY CONVERSE,^o b. 6 Sept. 1883.

114. GOVERNOR JULIUS CONVERSE⁷ (*Joseph*⁶ (43), *Lieut. Josiah*,⁵ *Capt. Josiah*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹).

The following obituary sketch of Governor Converse is from the Woodstock (Vermont) Standard, of 20 August 1885:

The news reached Woodstock Monday morning that ex-Governor Julius Converse died at Dixville Notch, N. H., Sunday evening, August 16th. His remains were brought to Woodstock on Tuesday, and his funeral attended at his late residence on Wednesday afternoon. His death, at his advanced age and feeble health, was anticipated at any time.

Julius Converse was born at Stafford, Conn., 27 December 1798, and was the last surviving child, in a family of twelve children of Joseph and Mary Converse. His parents, with Julius and their other younger children, removed to Randolph, Vt., early in the present century, and settled upon a farm where his father ever after lived, and died, and where Julius lived and labored upon the farm during his younger years. He was the eighth child of his parents, and the last survivor with him was his next younger sister, Mrs. Eleanor C. Hoyt, who died at Cleveland, Ohio, August 12, 1883.



Gov. Julius Converse.

He had a common school education and fitted for college at Randolph academy but never entered college. He entered upon the study of the law in the office of William Nutting, a learned and able lawyer, at Randolph, in the year 1823, and was admitted to the bar in Orange County at the December term of the county court, 1825.

In February, 1826, he commenced the practice of the law at Bethel, Windsor County, and soon had a large and lucrative practice. In those days there were many litigated cases tried before Justices of the Peace and Governor Converse had a large practice of this kind in Bethel and adjoining towns whilst he remained

at Bethel. During the latter part of his residence there, he associated with him, as a partner, Augustus P. Hunton, who still remains in practice.

In December, 1840, he entered into partnership with Andrew Tracy, at Woodstock, and, in the spring of 1841, removed his family to Woodstock, which was his place of residence ever after. He remained in partnership with Mr. Tracy until he was elected to Congress in the fall of 1853, when Mr. Tracy retired from the firm. In the summer of 1849, Tracy & Converse received into their firm as a partner James Barrett. Judge Barrett remained a partner with Governor Converse until he was elected a Judge of the Supreme Court in the fall of 1857, at which time Warren C. French was associated with Governor Converse, as a partner, and this partnership continued until 1865, when the latter retired from active practice in the courts. He, however, continued in office practice, as advisory counsel, for several years after, occupying the same office with Mr. French.



Residence of Gov. Julius Converse,
Woodstock, Vt.

Governor Converse was an able, laborious and painstaking lawyer, and an accomplished gentleman of the old school. During the flood of business in Windsor County growing out of the great business crash of 1837, the firm of Tracy & Converse were engaged in all the important litigation in the county.

He held many offices of trust and honor during his long life and always performed his duties faithfully and well. He was a representative to the legislature from the town of Bethel in 1833, and from Woodstock in the years 1847, 1848, 1849, and again in 1867 and 1868. He was one of the four first state senators from Windsor County, on the organization of the senate in 1836, and held the office four years by annual re-elections, the longest term of any state senator in our history. He was state's attorney for Windsor County three years, from 1844 to 1847, Lieutenant-Governor of the state, 1850 and 1851, Charles K. Williams being Governor, and Governor in 1872 and 1873.

He was twice married; his last wife and a daughter by the second marriage survive him. His manners were always courtly, affable and kindly, winning him many friends.

Governor Converse married, first, 25 October 1825, Melissa Arnold, daughter of Henry Arnold of Randolph, Vt., who died without issue. He married, second, in Colebrook, N. H., 12 May 1873, Jane Elvira Martin, who was born in North Stratford, N. H., 24 March 1842, daughter of Joseph and Elvira (Lyman)

Martin of North Stratford. The Lymans claim descent from William the Conqueror, and the Martins from Charles Stuart of England.

Child of Gov. Julius and Jane Elvira (Martin) Converse:

LUNA BELLE CONVERSE,⁸ born in Franklin, N. H., 13 June 1874.

115. ELEANOR CONVERSE⁷ (*Joseph*⁶ (43), *Lieut. Josiah*,⁵ *Capt. Josiah*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born 6 June 1800; died in Cleveland, Ohio, 12 August 1883. She married at Manchester, in Westmoreland, N. Y., 2 January 1823, Sylvester N. Hoyt, who died 16 November 1854. They removed from Manchester, N. Y., to Chardon, Ohio, and subsequently Mrs. Hoyt resided in Cleveland, Ohio. They had ten children, of whom five had survived in 1869.

Children:

SUSAN HOYT,⁸ married Edwin B. Hale, of Cleveland, Ohio, banker, and had seven children, viz:

WILLIS HALE.⁹
 NELLIE HALE.⁹
 FLORA HALE.⁹
 ALICE HALE.⁹
 CLEVELAND HALE.⁹
 EDITH HALE.⁹
 EDWIN B. HALE.⁹

MARY HOYT,⁸ died 16 Aug. 1883; married N. W. Pomeroy of Cleveland, and had:

JENNIE POMEROY.⁹
 GEORGE POMEROY.⁹

GEORGE HOYT,⁸ of Cleveland, Ohio, editor; married Abbie Worthington of Cleveland, and had son, WORTHINGTON HOYT.⁹

HENRY HOYT,⁸ of Rouseville, Pa., oil miner and bank cashier; married Helen Cutter of Cleveland.

FRANK HOYT,⁸ of Topeka, Kansas, bank cashier.

116. JUDE CONVERSE⁷ (*Joseph*⁶ (43), *Lieut. Josiah*,⁵ *Capt. Josiah*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Randolph, Vt., 21 July 1805. He married Mrs. Sidney (Metcalf) Denton, widow of Dr. E. Denton of Chardon. Mr. Converse was a merchant in Chardon, Geauga Co., Ohio.

Children of Jude Converse:

JULIUS O. CONVERSE,⁸ born 1 May 1844; editor Geauga Democrat. He married, 29 Dec. 1862, Julia P. Wright, daughter of Daniel H. Wright of Freedom, Ohio, and had one child, MARY ELLEN CONVERSE,⁹ born in Chardon, Ohio, 16 May 1864.

MARY ELLEN CONVERSE,⁸ born 13 Nov. 1847; died 15 June 1850.

117. JAMES CONVERSE⁷ (*Samuel*⁶ (44), *Col. James*,⁵ *Capt. Josiah*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Brookfield, Mass., 13 December 1799. He resided in that town and died there 19 January 1879. He married, 24 November 1820, Laura Morris of Southbridge. Their five children also lived in Brookfield.

Children of James and Laura (Morris) Converse:

SARAH CONVERSE,⁸ born, in North Brookfield, 11 May 1821; married, 13 January 1840, Thomas M. Richardson of Brookfield, and had EDWIN RICHARDSON,⁹ and MELTIC RICHARDSON.⁹

JAMES E. CONVERSE,⁸ born 6 July 1823; married, 9 March 1847, Mary Jane Ainsworth of Brookfield. The record herein given of descendants of Col. James Converse⁵ is principally from Temple's History of North Brookfield; but the Reed manuscript gives James Converse,⁷ a son, Edward Converse.⁸ This Edward Converse,⁸ had a son, ELI M. CONVERSE.⁹ Perhaps Edward was the middle name of James E. Converse,⁸ and he may have been called by his middle name.

A CHILD,⁸ born 21 April 1833; died 14 May 1833.

EMELINE CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Brookfield, 31 Oct. 1840; died 3 June 1875; married, 24 Nov. 1870, Oscar Benis of Brookfield.

ELIZA JANE CONVERSE,⁸ born 1 Dec. 1844; died 12 March 1849.

118. THOMAS K. CONVERSE⁷ (*Samuel*⁶ (44), *Col. James*,⁵ *Capt. Josiah*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born 4 November 1809; removed from Brookfield, Mass., to Castile, Wyoming Co., N. Y. He married, 28 November 1833, Nancy Newton of Brookfield, Mass.

Children of Thomas K. and Nancy (Newton) Converse:

NANCY MARIA CONVERSE,⁸ born 23 Oct. 1834; died, in Brookfield, 31 Aug. 1872; married John Mitchell of Brookfield.

EMELINE A. CONVERSE,⁸ born 9 July 1836; died 28 June 1839.

FITZ HENRY K. CONVERSE,⁸ born 11 March 1838; died 29 July 1840.

ELBRIDGE H. CONVERSE,⁸ born 14 April 1840; married 16 July 1863, Eunice Gaines of Castile, N. Y.

SAMUEL M. CONVERSE,⁸ born 3 Nov. 1842; married, 25 July 1865, Sarah Codogan of Hornellsville, N. Y.

LUCETTA E. CONVERSE,⁸ born 4 Dec. 1845; married, 1st, 9 May 1869, James Lester of Castile, N. Y.; married, 2nd, 27 Feb. 1878, Frank H. Van Arsdale of Castile.

LAURA E. CONVERSE,⁸ born 11 Dec. 1847; married, 10 Sept. 1871, Dwight Coombs of Brookfield.

JENNIE A. CONVERSE,⁸ born 21 July 1850; married, 1st, 7 March 1875, Sanford Decker of Castile; married, 2nd, 12 June 1879, Ira B. Jones, of Genesee Falls, N. Y.

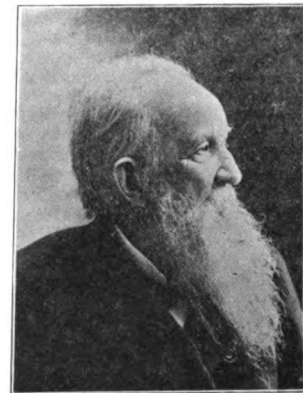
MARIAN F. CONVERSE,⁸ born 16 June 1852; married, 4 Feb. 1874, Oliver P. New of Canandaigua, N. Y.

119. ABIGAIL HOSMER CONVERSE⁷ (*Sergeant Benjamin*⁶ (45), *Ensign James*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*², *Deacon Edward*¹), baptized

1 January 1774; died in Hocking Co., Ohio, November 1817. She married Benjamin Beadle (or as the name was written by his son, Biddle), of Hocking Co., Ohio. A curious circumstance transpired in the discovery that Benjamin Beadle and Dr. Chauncy Beadle of St. Catherine's, Ont., were brothers, but that they never saw each other; and that though they married cousins, neither was ever aware of that fact. Dr. Chauncy Beadle married Orinda Convers⁷ (*Col. Israel*,⁶ *Lieut. Josiah*,⁵ *Capt. Josiah*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Lieut. James*,² *Deacon Edward*¹).

Child of Benjamin and Abigail Hosmer (Convers) Biddle:

HORACE PORTER BIDDLE,⁸ LL.D., Ph.D., Judge, born in Ohio, in what was then Fairfield Co., but now is Hocking Co., 24 March 1811. In his boyhood he received an elementary English education. He was always a student, and acquired a knowledge of the Latin, German, French, Italian, Spanish and Portuguese languages; and, as a student of Sir William Jones, he became acquainted with several Eastern languages. At the age of twenty-five he studied law with H. H. Hunter, of Lancaster, Ohio. He practised a year in Ohio, and then settled in Logansport, Ind., in 1839, and rose to high rank in his profession, receiving the highest judicial honors of the State. He was a member of the Convention which formed the present constitution of the State of Indiana. He is the author of several books: in science, "The Musical Scale;" in philosophy, "Elements of Knowledge;" in poetry, "A Few Poems," "Biddle's Poems," "American Boyhood," "Glances at the World," "Last Poems;" and a volume entitled, "Prose Miscellany." These books were published after his retirement from active life in January, 1881. The "Musical Scale," however, was written in 1849, and first published in 1867 by Oliver Ditson & Co., of Boston, and has passed through several editions. He resides in his "Island Home" on an island in the Wabash River at Logansport. Of his parents he says:



Judge Horace Porter Biddle.

"My father was very highly respected. As a pioneer, he entertained strangers and travelers, man and horse, during all my boyhood. He was made an Associate Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, and always entertained the presiding Judge, and the Supreme Judges, and many of the lawyers, during court time. He was always kind, even-tempered, and frequently humorous. Many of his sayings were current in the neighborhood. My memory can see my mother only on three different occasions before the day of the funeral. She was rather tall, perfectly straight, and with long, black luxuriant hair. On the day she died she called me to her bedside, kissed me many times, and shed tears. I wept—not knowing what it meant."

Judge Biddle married, 19 April 1832, Elema Ward, who died 12 June 1834. One child was born, which died a few months after birth.

The following is from the Logansport, Ind., Daily Journal of 25 March 1900:

JUDGE BIDDLE'S RECEPTION DAY.

Ex-Judge Horace P. Biddle celebrated his eighty-ninth birthday anniversary yesterday at his quiet and romantic home on what has been known for years as Biddle's Island, in the Wabash. The day was spent quietly and a large number of friends, acquaintances, and strangers, called to wish him many returns of this occasion. The judge's name has become a household word, and as judge, jurist and poet he is known throughout the United States.

As a judge of the Supreme Court of Indiana, his opinions in many cases have attracted the attention of jurists throughout the country. He came to Logansport in 1834 and remained a short time; returning again in 1837 he has been a citizen ever since. He was circuit judge when Cass and four other counties comprised the court district. While his vision is somewhat impaired by age, his memory and mental faculties are exceedingly good and his remembrances and descriptions of scenes and trials while he was in practice, are very interesting and entertaining.

The house in which the judge lives was built by the late Gen. John Tipton in 1833, who was at the time United States Senator. The interior shows low ceilings, while the woodwork and walls are stained with age. Arranged along the walls are shelves filled with 10,000 books, among them being many works written by himself. It is the judge's wish that after his death the house in which he has so long resided, as well as the library, be kept intact for the benefit of the public.

May he have many more anniversaries is the wish of the Journal and his friends everywhere.

120. DANIEL CONVERS⁷ (*Sergeant Benjamin*⁶ (45), *Ensign James*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*'), born in Thompson, Conn., 9 April 1775; died in Zanesville, Ohio, 12 August 1848.

"He was a pioneer of Ohio,—then a wilderness. He landed at Marietta in the winter of 1788–9; was taken captive by the Indians near that place in April, 1791; carried to Sandusky, and thence to the neighborhood of Detroit, then a British post. With the aid of J. V. S. Riley, afterwards of Schenectady, N. Y., and the officers of the British army, he made his escape. As he was always deeply grateful for the assistance thus rendered him in his need, the poor and friendless ever found in him the warmest sympathy and readiest aid. He fixed his residence in Zanesville, Ohio, in 1803, and continued to reside there until his death. Energy, self-reliance, integrity, and benevolence were his leading characteristics, and these qualities, influenced by the incidents of his early life, made him a pleasant companion and a true friend. He will long be remembered by the few remaining pioneers of Ohio and their descendants, as well as by his friends of later days."

A detailed account of his captivity by the Indians may be found in "Pioneer History of Ohio," by S. P. Hildreth, page 450.

Daniel Convers married Sarah Munro, who was born 30 October 1777, and who died 11 September 1823. She was the daughter of Capt. Josiah Munro, distinguished in the American Revolution, and a personal friend of La Fayette. The latter presented Captain Munro with a sword, and many years later spoke of him as "a very brave man." Captain Munro was a member of the original Ohio Company, and one of the first settlers of Marietta. Hudson's History of Lexing-

ton, Mass., says that Capt. Josiah Munro was born in Lexington, Mass., 12 February 1745; married Susan Fitch of Bedford, 16 November 1768; died in Marietta, Ohio, August 1801; that he was son of Marrett and Deliverance (Parker) Munro of Lexington; that he was in the French War in 1762; served three months in the Jerseys in 1776; and then entered the Continental Line and served two and a half years.

The following is from "A Sketch of the Munro Clan" by James Phinney Munroe:

Counting back, William is in the eighteenth generation in direct descent from that first Donald who, in the eleventh century, founded the Clan Munro; and, as most living Munroes are only in the fifth or sixth generation from him, it is clear that the longest roots of the family are still in Scotland.

This William Munro, coming over, as a sort of honorable convict, in his twenty-seventh year, had doubtless to work for nothing until such time as he had earned his freedom. That he had secured at least an individuality in 1657 is probable from the facts that he (or some other William, for there are traditions of several) was in that year fined for not ringing his swine. That it was an uphill task to secure a competency is pretty plainly shown by the fact that he remained single until 1665, when he was forty years of age. He then married Martha George, daughter of John George, a man of Watertown descent, who created a great scandal in Charlestown by his Baptist leanings. Indeed, he was one of the founders of what is now the First Baptist Church in Boston, and for this and other heterodox behavior was driven out of Charlestown.

William's three sons by his first wife, Martha, were John, William and George. From the eldest, John, was descended that Marrett whose house still stands opposite the Lexington Green. Marrett's son, Josiah, was one of the pioneers who, under General Rufus Putnam, settled the Northwest Territory. His son, Josiah Fitch Munro, married a sister of General Lewis Cass; and their descendants are numerous and well known in and around Ohio.

Captain Munroe's monument in Mound Cemetery at Marietta, Ohio, bears the following inscription: "Captain Josiah Munroe, born at Lexington, Mass., February 12, 1745; died at Marietta, August, 1801. He was an officer in the Revolutionary Army, and became the friend of Lafayette, who recognized his services in the war by the gift of a sword. He was one of the original Ohio Company who landed at Marietta, April 7, 1788, and was appointed postmaster at Marietta, 1794, which office he held at the time of his death."

Children of Daniel and Sarah (Munro) Convers:

HARRIET MUNRO CONVERS,⁸ married Charles Backus Goddard of Zanesville, Ohio. (285)

SOPHIA CONVERS,⁸ died young.

AUGUSTA CONVERS,⁸ married Dr. Edward Stanberry; left no children.

JOSEPH FITCH MUNRO CONVERS,⁸ married Margaret Wilson, *née* Stuart; left no children. They resided in Zanesville, Ohio. He was Captain of steamer "J. M. White."

CHARLES CLEVELAND CONVERS,⁸ JUDGE, born in Zanesville, Ohio, 26 July 1810; died 20 Sept. 1860; married Catherine Buckingham. (286)

MARY MUNRO CONVERS,⁸ married Daniel Duncan. Children:

ELLEN AUGUSTA DUNCAN,⁹ m., 1st, Wm. Graham; m., 2nd, Maltby G. Lane.

MARY MUNRO DUNCAN,⁹ m. John A. Hunter; d., in Lancaster, Ohio, in March 1868. Child:

ELLEN HUNTER,¹⁰ m. Caspar Ludovic Robertson, and had children:

DUNCAN ROBERTSON.¹¹

HOWARD ROBERTSON.¹¹

HOPE ROBERTSON.¹¹

CHARLES CONVERS DUNCAN,⁹ married Tella Effinger; resided in or near Manhattan, Kansas. Children:

MARY HUNTER DUNCAN.¹⁰

CARROLL DUNCAN,¹⁰ died young.

ADELINE DUNCAN,¹⁰ m. — Ragsdale.

DANIEL DUNCAN.¹⁰

ALICE D. DUNCAN,⁹ m. — Church, of New Carlisle, Ind.

DANIEL CAMDEN CONVERS,⁹ of Zanesville, Ohio, married, 1st, Rebecca Aspinwall Van Beuren; married, 2nd, Julia Parkhurst. (287)

THEODORE CONVERS,⁹ married Elizabeth Hazlett and died leaving two sons:

DUNCAN CONVERS.⁹

ROBERT HAZLETT CONVERS.⁹

121. ASA WRIGHT CONVERS⁷ (*Sergeant Benjamin*⁶ (45), *Ensign James*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), baptized 18 March 1781. He married in Baton Rouge, La., about 1817, Eliza Club, who was born, in Georgia, in 1802, and died, in Baton Rouge, 6 August 1856. The following obituary notice is from the Baton Rouge Weekly Comet of the day following her death:

A feeling of deep regret will take possession of this entire community at the announcement of the death of this estimable lady. She has been called from her sphere of genuine Christian mercy and usefulness to a brighter and better world. Mrs. Converse is too well known to all classes of this community to need any eulogy from us. Her name was ever associated with acts of true beneficence. At all times, when the clouds of epidemic have hung like a pall of night over us, Mrs. Converse, stimulated by no order, and no motive, apart from her own generous heart, has been found at the side of the sick and the dying, in the most lowly places as well as the most exalted, ministering as an angel to the afflicted. In a gloomy hour of the past, when the death bell was a familiar sound, and our citizens found it necessary to band together an association to relieve the suffering sick within our gates—when a home for such was asked—that of this estimable lady, came simulta-

neously to the mind of all. The world has but few of such sisters of mercy—there is none to fill the place of Mrs. Converse. Peace to her ashes—death has no sting for such as she.

Asa Wright Convers was a lawyer, and was magistrate for a number of years. He owned considerable land in East Baton Rouge, but always resided in Baton Rouge.

His descendants say that there was a relative of his who owned and operated the steamer "J. M. White" on the Mississippi, who omitted the final "e" in spelling his name. (See "J. F. M. Converse," son of Daniel Converse, No. 120.)

The eighth generation of this line write the name with the final "e," Converse.

Children of Asa Wright and Eliza (Club) Convers:

HARRIET CONVERSE,⁸ born in Baton Rouge, La., about 1820; died, in East Baton Rouge Par., in 1869; married Joseph Halliday, a florist, a native of Scotland. He died in 1860. Children:

JAMES M. HALLIDAY.⁹

JOSEPH HALLIDAY.⁹

ALBERT PORTER CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Baton Rouge, in 1822; died 25 April 1890; married Margaret Henderson. (288)

ANNA CONVERSE,⁸ born in Baton Rouge; married John R. Dufrocq, a native of France. For many years he was mayor of the city of Baton Rouge, La. They had one son:

CHARLES JOSEPH DUFROCQ, born, in Baton Rouge, in 1844.

MARY CONVERSE,⁸ died young, unmarried.

CHARLES GODDARD CONVERSE,⁸ died young, unmarried.

122. LEICESTER GROSVENOR CONVERSE⁷ (*Sergeant Benjamin*⁶ (45), *Ensign James*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), died a few years before 1868.

Child:

BENJAMIN CONVERSE,⁸ of Morgan Co., Ohio, who had a son, FRANK GROSVENOR CONVERSE.⁹

123. DEACON BENJAMIN CONVERSE⁷ (*Alpheus*⁶ (46), *James*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born 13 October 1779; lived in Palmer, Mass., and died there 18 May 1859, "a real Christian gentleman." Temple's History of Palmer contains a record of his family, and mentions him as follows:

3 May 1824. One of Committee for pulpit supply.

3 November 1828. The town voted that Benjamin Converse and other individuals have leave to put a stove in the meeting-house provided it be done free of expense to the town. "The story goes that a good woman who had always found sufficient comfort in her fur cloak and foot stove, on entering the meeting-

house and seeing the formidable heater, became excited, and was so overcome by the hot air that she actually fainted, though it proved on examination that no fire had been kindled in the new stove."

Deacon Benjamin Converse married, 15 October 1801, Margaret Brainerd.

Children:

- ADELPHA CONVERSE,⁸ born 4 Feb. 1803; died 10 March 1803.
- HARRIET CONVERSE,⁸ born 29 Nov. 1804.
- HIRAM CONVERSE,⁸ DEACON, born 24 March 1807; married, 1st, 30 Jan. 1838, Maria S. Sedgwick; married, 2nd, 14 Dec. 1885, Jenette P. Washburn. Children of Hiram and Maria S. (Sedgwick) Converse:
 - JOHN S. CONVERSE,⁹ b. 15 Dec. 1838; m., 25 Dec. 1860, Lewis Fowler.
 - MARY W. CONVERSE,⁹ b. 31 Dec. 1852; m., 19 Oct. 1873, O. W. Studley.
- MARY L. CONVERSE,⁸ born 10 March 1810; married Luther C. Carter, and had a daughter, Fanny Carter, a belle in Boston, who married — Ronalds, and lives near London, England, and has son, Reginald Ronalds of New York.
- ADALINE CONVERSE,⁸ born 24 July 1814; married Albert Norcross.
- WILLIAM B. CONVERSE,⁸ born 5 Feb. 1809; married, 1st, Sarah Fuller; married, 2nd, Carra Rice.

124. MARQUIS CONVERSE⁷ (*Alpheus*⁶ (46), *James*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Thompson, Conn., 25 September 1785; settled in Brimfield, Mass.; died 12 October 1842.

He was a merchant and one of the leading men in all matters pertaining to the welfare and best good of the town. He was an active worker in the Congregational Church. In politics he supported the Whig party; served in public office with ability, representing his district in the legislature, and was postmaster for nineteen years, from 1823 to 1842. He had the sincere esteem of the entire community, and after his death a beautiful drinking fountain was erected to his memory by his heirs, the town furnishing the foundation, piping and water. His landed possessions in and around the village were large, and he built the first hotel in the village.

Marquis Converse married, 27 April 1808, Sophia Lyon, who was born 9 July 1785, and who died 15 October 1851. She was the daughter of Col. Alfred and Lydia (Ballard) Lyon. Col. Alfred Lyon moved from Holland, Mass., to Brimfield about 1800. He was born 4 March 1753, and died 5 December 1813. Lydia Ballard was born 18 November 1756, married 23 January 1777, and died 29 December 1822.

Marquis and Sophia (Lyon) Converse had eight children:

- MARQUIS LYON CONVERSE,⁸ born 1 Feb. 1809; died, in New York City, 28 June 1874; married Mary C. G. Picket. (289)

- CHARLES WASHINGTON CONVERSE,⁸ born 19 Dec. 1810; died 10 April 1812.
- LYDIA LYON CONVERSE,⁸ born 4 March 1815; died March 1895. She married, 24 Oct. 1839, John W. Foster, a lawyer and author. Mr. Foster settled first in Zanesville. He was appointed U. S. Geologist for the Lake Superior region. Among his published books is "Mississippi Valley and Pre-Historic Man." Mr. Foster died, in Chicago, 29 June 1873, leaving two daughters: Mrs. Symes and Mrs. Cheesman, who both reside in Denver, Colo.
- CHARLES ELLIOT CONVERSE,⁸ born 2 March 1818; died 27 July 1862; buried in Brimfield; married Sarah Wheeler of New York. He was in mercantile business in New York. Two sons and one daughter were living in 1901, of whom the eldest, CHARLES ELLIOT CONVERSE,⁹ JR., is in the Gallatin Bank, New York City.
- EUDOCIA CARTER CONVERSE,⁸ of Monson, Mass.; born 21 Jan. 1822; married William N. Flynt. (290)
- ALFRED LYON CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Brimfield, 23 Oct. 1824; married Almira Chickering Sedgwick. (291)
- GEORGE ALPHEUS CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Brimfield, 24 June 1827; died in Somerville, Conn., 4 May 1882; married, 1st, N. Agnes Root; married, 2nd, Amelia Billings. (292)
- SOPHIA BURT CONVERSE,⁸ born 20 May 1831; died 2 Nov. 1893; married, Sept. 1876, Cyrus W. Holmes of Springfield, manufacturer. No children.

125. BETSEY CONVERSE⁷ (*Samuel Davis*⁶ (47), *Capt. Edward*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), baptized 24 August 1766; married Simeon Thrasher.

Children:

- POLLY THRASHER,⁸ never married.
 EZRA THRASHER,⁸
 BETSEY THRASHER,⁸
 RACHEL THRASHER,⁸

126. WALTER CONVERSE⁷ (*Samuel Davis*⁶ (47), *Capt. Edward*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born 19 July 1767; lived at Butternuts, N. Y.

Children:

- ORRA CONVERSE,⁸
 POLLY CONVERSE,⁸
 ASENATH CONVERSE,⁸
 SALLY CONVERSE,⁸
 LUCY CONVERSE,⁸
 HARRIET CONVERSE,⁸
 WALTER CONVERSE,⁸
 JOHN CONVERSE,⁸ lived in Williamstown, N. Y.

127. ELISHA CONVERSE⁷ (*Samuel Davis*⁶ (47), *Capt. Edward*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), married Lucy Curtis.

Children:

SALLY CONVERSE,⁸ married Erastus Pease; settled in Chester. Of their four sons and four daughters, one settled in Connecticut, and the others in Massachusetts. Children:

SARAH PEASE.⁹
FRANK PEASE.⁹
LUCY PEASE.⁹
SUSAN PEASE.⁹
JOHN PEASE.⁹
JAMES PEASE.⁹
ELISHA PEASE.⁹
LIBBY PEASE.⁹

ORREN CONVERSE,⁸ married, 1st, Elizabeth Youmans; married, 2nd, Rachel Eastman. By his first wife he had three sons, and by his second wife one daughter, viz:

HENRY CONVERSE.⁹
WILLIAM CONVERSE.⁹
ALINOS CONVERSE.⁹
EMMA CONVERSE.⁹

LUCY CONVERSE,⁸ married Joslin Tower; settled in Worthington; had three sons and four daughters, of whom two lived in Brooklyn, and the rest in Massachusetts. Children:

HERSEY TOWER.⁹
ELISHA TOWER.⁹
OSCAR TOWER.⁹
WEALTHY TOWER.⁹
JANE TOWER.⁹
JOSEPHINE TOWER.⁹
LUCY TOWER.⁹

BETSEY CONVERSE,⁸ married John F. Pease. Three of their children lived in New York City, the rest in Massachusetts. Children:

CHAUNCY PEASE.⁹
AMANDA PEASE.⁹
SAMUEL PEASE.⁹
JOHN PEASE.⁹
MARTHA PEASE.⁹
GEORGE PEASE.⁹
CHARLES PEASE.⁹

SAMUEL CONVERSE,⁸ married Sarah Ladd. Children:

ARMINA CONVERSE.⁹
SUSAN CONVERSE.⁹
ANNA CONVERSE.⁹
LILLIAN CONVERSE.⁹
FREDERICK CONVERSE.⁹

ELISHA CONVERSE,⁸ JR.

HORACE CONVERSE,⁸ married Laura Ladd. One son:

LA FOREST CONVERSE,⁹ who lived on the old homestead.

128. POLLY CONVERSE⁷ (*Edward*⁶ (48), *Capt. Edward*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Chesterfield, Mass.,

17 June 1777; died 22 November 1844. She married John Niven, and resided in Coventry, N. Y.

Children of John and Polly (Converse) Niven:

MARY ANN NIVEN,⁸ died in McDonough, N. Y., some years prior to 1902. She married — Williams; married, 2nd, Lewis Fairchild. She had one child:

FRANK WILLIAMS,⁹ d. in Coventry, N. Y., about 1897, aged about 60.

MATILDA NIVEN,⁸ died in Oxford, N. Y., some years prior to 1902; she married Ira R. Noble.

DANIEL NIVEN,⁸ died in Binghamton, N. Y., 5 May 1890, aged 74; married 20 Feb. 1840 Roxamy Hodge. They had three children:

CHAS. H. NIVEN,⁹ m., and resides in Binghamton, N. Y. He had two children:

RUTH MAY NIVEN,¹⁰ d., 18 Feb. 1887, aged 15 months.

ARTHUR VANCE NIVEN,¹⁰ b. 29 May 1879; living in Binghamton, N. Y.

EMMA O. NIVEN,⁹ m. H. C. Smith, and resides in Doraville, N. Y. She has one son:

FRANK N. SMITH,¹⁰ aged about 40 in 1902; married, and resides in Doraville.

JENNIE NIVEN,⁹ d. in Binghamton, N. Y., 14 May 1897; m. O. B. Ireland. Children:

CECELIA IRELAND,¹⁰ d. 7 Nov. 1901.

HUGH IRELAND,¹⁰ d. — 1887.

LOTTIE IRELAND,¹⁰ m. B. M. Smith, and has two children, NAOMA SMITH,¹¹ and MARION SMITH,¹¹ residing in Rochester, N. Y.

JOHN NIVEN,⁸ died in Coventry, N. Y., 7 March 1902, aged 82; married Emma Taylor. Children:

ELLA NIVEN,⁹ m. Emri Truesdell. She resides in Norwich, N. Y. She has one son, WARD N. TRUESDELL,¹⁰ residing in Norwich, N. Y., aged about 23.

GEORGE T. NIVEN,⁹ married; resides in Coventry, N. Y. He has two children:

MAUD NIVEN,¹⁰ and ELNA NIVEN.¹⁰

129. ADOLPHUS CONVERSE⁷ (*Edward*⁶ (48), *Capt. Edward*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Chesterfield, Mass., 15 February 1780. Capt. Adolphus Converse died in Windsor, Mass., 5 October 1819 (Windsor, Mass., town record). He married, 24 October 1811, Hannah Cushman of Windsor, Mass., who joined the Windsor Church 6 November 1831.

Children of Adolphus and Hannah (Cushman) Converse:

SAMANTHA CONVERSE,⁸ born 19 April 1812; died 22 April 1889; married Wm. Angel, and lived in Union Valley, N. Y. Children:

CELINDA ELIZABETH ANGEL,⁹ b. 11 July 1839; m. Arthur Fox. They live in Ithaca, N. Y. Children:

WILLIAM CLAYTON FOX,¹⁰ b. 20 Sept. 1866.

NELLIE FOX,¹⁰ b. 23 July 1869; m. Lawson Norman, and lives in Genoa, N. Y. Children:

LESLIE NORMAN,¹¹ b. 29 Sept. 1891.

BLANCHE PAULINE NORMAN,¹¹ b. 30 June 1893.

- ADDIE ELIZA FOX,¹⁰ b. 5 Aug. 1872; m. Harold Niedeck and lives in Ithaca, N. Y. One child: ALLIENE NIEDECK,¹¹ b. 24 Aug. 1900.
- ALMON ANGEL,⁹ b. 5 July 1841; m. Alvira Kinney, living in Courtland, N. Y.
Child:
MAUD ANGEL,¹⁰ b. 10 Oct. 1873; m. Carl Smith and lived in Homer, N. Y.
One child: ANSON WILLIAM SMITH,¹¹ b. 25 April 1902.
- NANCY ANGEL,⁹ b. 22 Sept. 1845; m., 12 Sept. 1865, Frank Wires. Children:
BLANCHE CORENA WIRES,¹⁰ b. 16 Dec. 1868; m. Ira Smith and lives in De Ruyter, N. Y.
KATE WIRES,¹⁰ b. 2 July 1876.
- HANNAH ADELL ANGEL,⁹ b. 17 July 1848; m., 5 Jan. 1876, Robert Brooks and lives in Union Valley, N. Y. No children.
- ALFONZO CONVERSE,⁸ born June 1813; died at Union Valley, N. Y., 30 Aug. 1879; married Abigail Hardy. (293)
- WILLIAM HARRISON CONVERSE,⁸ born 11 July 1815; lived near Hudson, N. Y. He had one daughter:
ALICE PALMER CONVERSE,⁹ m. Freeman Pulver. Children:
OSCAR PULVER,¹⁰
NELLIE PULVER.¹⁰
- ADOLPHUS CONVERSE,⁸ married Caroline Kenyon and lived near Pitcher, N. Y. They had three children, all living in Minnesota:
VERNELIA CONVERSE,⁹
RUFUS CONVERSE,⁹
ALVIN CONVERSE.⁹

130. EDWARD CONVERSE⁷ (*Edward*⁶ (48), *Capt. Edward*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born 23 March 1782; died 15 February 1854. He married, 6 January 1817, Leah Matthews, an English woman, who was born 25 March 1792, and who died 28 June 1880. They lived in Sherrington, Province of Quebec. After the death of Mr. Converse, the family removed to Champlain, N. Y. The ten children were all born in Sherrington, and of these, eight were living in 1902, their average age being seventy-seven years.

Children of Edward and Leah (Matthews) Converse:

- ALICE AMELIA CONVERSE,⁸ born 23 Nov. 1817; married William Statia, now deceased. Mrs. Statia lives in St. Paul, Minn. Children:
WILLIAM STATIA,⁹ living in Port Said, Egypt.
PERRIN W. STATIA,⁹ died in a soldier's home.
MINNIE L. STATIA,⁹ m. Henry T. Long, and lives in St. Paul, Minn. They had three children:
GRACE LONG,¹⁰ born and died in Champlain, N. Y.
MABEL LONG,¹⁰ born in Champlain, N. Y.; d., in 1894, at St. Paul, Minn.
EDWARD T. LONG,¹⁰ lives in St. Paul, Minn.
- ALICE AMELIA STATIA,⁹ m. — Post, since deceased. She has one son and resides with him in St. Paul, Minn.

- LUCY DELIA CONVERSE,⁸ born 28 Feb. 1819; married Jerry Linten and had eight children:
 GEORGE LINTEN,⁹ engaged in the grocery business in Eau Claire, Wis.
 EMILY LINTEN,⁹
 ROBERT LINTEN,⁹
 MELINDA LINTEN,⁹
 CYNTHIA LINTEN,⁹
 JAMES LINTEN,⁹
 GILBERT LINTEN,⁹
 ALVIN LINTEN,⁹
- GEORGE FLETCHER CONVERSE,⁸ born 6 Sept. 1820; married Eleanor Churchill of Champlain, N. Y. (294)
- PERRIN WESLEY CONVERSE,⁸ born 24 Feb. 1822; married, 30 March 1848, to Cornelia E. Ladd of Benson Landing, Vt. (295)
- SARAH SEREPTA CONVERSE,⁸ born 1 Feb. 1824; died 25 Dec. 1826.
- MARY LUCINDA CONVERSE,⁸ born 13 June 1826; married, 25 Feb. 1847, Washington Churchill, of Champlain, N. Y., and now living at Porter's Mills, Eau Claire Co., Wis. They have had ten children:
 JULIUS C. CHURCHILL,⁹ b. in Champlain, N. Y., 22 Dec. 1848; d. in Eau Claire, Wis., 28 June 1887; m., 19 Sept. 1872, Clara F. Parish of Eau Claire, Wis. They had two children:
 ORA H. CHURCHILL,¹⁰ b. 13 Aug. 1875; m., 25 Sept. 1894, Luther T. Champlaine, and now lives in Lake City, Minn.
 MARIAN JEFFRIES CHURCHILL,¹⁰ b. 12 July 1883; lives in Lake City, Minn., with her sister.
- HELEN M. CHURCHILL,⁹ b. in Benson, Vt., 18 Feb. 1851; m. Samuel C. Converse, son of James Fletcher Converse, whose descendants are elsewhere recorded.
- EDWARD W. CHURCHILL,⁹ b. in Champlain, N. Y., 6 Nov. 1853; m., 10 March 1874, Clara E. Griffin of Eau Claire, Wis., where they now live. They have three children:
 ARTHUR C. CHURCHILL,¹⁰ b. 26 June 1875; m., 18 Dec. 1895, Bessie Jones of Union, Eau Claire, Wis., who died May 1902, leaving two children:
 RALPH CHURCHILL,¹¹ three years old, and an infant. Mr. Churchill's home is in Eau Claire, Wis.
 HARRY CHURCHILL,¹⁰ b. 17 Sept. 1878; lives at home.
 HATTIE CHURCHILL,¹⁰ b. 17 Dec. 1883; m., Jan. 1902, J. Bird Whipple of Porter's Mills, Wis., where they live.
- MELINDA A. CHURCHILL,⁹ b. 21 April 1856; m., 25 Nov. 1874, Abram Binder of Porter's Mills, Wis., and now lives in Eau Claire, Wis. They have four children all living at home:
 LORA P. BINDER,¹⁰ b. 24 Nov. 1877.
 LLOYD W. BINDER,¹⁰ b. 17 Feb. 1880.
 LEROY J. BINDER,¹⁰ b. 27 Dec. 1886.
 MILDRED L. BINDER,¹⁰ b. 2 Dec. 1889.
- GEORGE S. CHURCHILL,⁹ b. 1 Nov. 1858; d. 10 March 1859.
- ELLA LUCINDA CHURCHILL,⁹ b. 21 Aug. 1860; d. 21 Nov. 1862.
- PERRIN W. CHURCHILL,⁹ b. 6 Nov. 1862; m., 20 Nov. 1884, Carrie Haddock, of Eau Claire, Wis., and now living at Spokane, Wash. They have two children:

- RALPH A. CHURCHILL,¹⁰ b. 31 July 1891.
 RUTH H. CHURCHILL,¹⁰ b. 26 Nov. 1896.
- GILBERT C. CHURCHILL,⁹ b. 16 June 1866; d. 27 Dec. 1866.
 WILBUR D. CHURCHILL,⁹ b. 28 June 1868; m., 19 Nov. 1887, Maude Bump, of
 Dunn Co., Wis., and now lives in Spokane, Wash. They have four children:
 CLARENCE W. CHURCHILL,¹⁰ b. 13 Jan. 1889.
 LORA MAUDE CHURCHILL,¹⁰ b. 29 April 1892.
 GLEN MILAN CHURCHILL,¹⁰ b. 14 Nov. 1893.
 VERNON CHURCHILL,¹⁰ d. in childhood.
- BIRNEY A. CHURCHILL,⁹ b. 6 Dec. 1873; m., 20 Jan. 1897, Hattie L. Pierce of
 Porter's Mills, Wis. They live on the homestead and run the business of the
 farm in connection with town affairs.
- SARAH ARMINDA CONVERSE,⁸ born 18 April 1828; died 15 Feb. 1850.
 WILLIAM ROYAL CONVERSE,⁸ born 16 Sept. 1829; married, 1st, Sarah Lord; married, 2nd,
 Clarissa Churchill. (206)
- LEAH MELINDA CONVERSE,⁸ born 27 July 1832; married John Hayford and lives in
 Rensselaer, N. Y. They had two daughters:
 ADELIA L. HAYFORD,⁹ b. 6 Nov. 1858; m., 25 Jan. 1888, Halsey Hayford and has
 two sons:
 SAMUEL HAYFORD,¹⁰ b. 10 Sept. 1890.
 ORVILLE HAYFORD,¹⁰ b. 2 April 1893.
- EVA A. HAYFORD,⁹ b. 20 May 1860. She married William H. Deal, and has one
 child:
 LOLA DEAL,¹⁰ b. 3 July 1887; living in Albany, N. Y.
- FRANCES MARIA CONVERSE,⁸ born 27 May 1834; lives in Champlain, N. Y.; unmarried.

131. RUFUS CONVERSE⁷ (*Edward*⁶ (48), *Capt. Edward*⁵, *Ensign Edward*⁴,
*Samuel*³, *Sergeant Samuel*², *Deacon Edward*¹), born 20 June 1785; served in
 War of 1812; died 2 October 1849. He married Betsy Posthill, who was born 8
 March 1791, and who died 13 May 1870. Mr. and Mrs. Converse were buried in
 Old Chapel Cemetery, Coventry, N. Y.

Children of Rufus and Betsey (Posthill) Converse:

- ELIZABETH JANE CONVERSE,⁸ born 5 Dec. 1809; died in Cincinnati, N. Y., 1 April 1893;
 married Truman Southworth, and lived in Coventry, N. Y. They had three chil-
 dren:
 JOHN TRACY SOUTHWORTH,⁹ JR., m., 1st, Sarah Osborne; m., 2nd, Sarah Parker.
 He lived in Coventry, N. Y. No children.
- LUCY JUNE SOUTHWORTH,⁹ m. Wallace W. Wood, and lives in Cincinnati, N. Y.
 They have one child:
 FRANK WOOD.¹⁰
- TRUMAN A. SOUTHWORTH,⁹ m. Elizabeth Elliott, and lives in Coventry, N. Y.
 They have two children:
 ALVIN GUY SOUTHWORTH.¹⁰
 RAY SOUTHWORTH.¹⁰

SARAH TEMPLE CONVERSE,⁸ born 7 June 1811; died in Coventry, N. Y., 29 April 1860; married Nelson Case. They had two sons:

ROBERT CASE,⁹ m. Serena Wilbur, and had two daughters:

JENNIE CASE,¹⁰ who m. — Rockwell and had two children.

SARAH CASE,¹⁰ m. Otis Fredenberg and had two sons:

ROBERT FREDENBERG,¹¹ b. 1897.

OTIS FREDENBERG, JR.,¹¹ b. 1899.

ALBERT CASE,⁹ unmarried; lived in Coventry, N. Y.

JOHN NIVEN CONVERSE,⁸ born 14 June 1813; died 14 May 1830.

RUFUS JOSIAH CONVERSE,⁸ born 15 Oct. 1815; died in infancy.

RUFUS JOSIAH CONVERSE,⁸ born 3 July 1817; died 6 Oct. 1886; married, 1st, Mary L. Dort; married, 2nd, Mary Bingham. (297)

LUCY LYON CONVERSE,⁸ born 1 May 1819; married Gershom Cary. Two children:

GEORGE PRENTICE CARY,⁹ m. Lois Watrous; lived in Harpersville, N. Y., and had two children:

ADDIE CARY.¹⁰

JULIA MARY CARY.¹⁰

ALICE ELIZABETH CARY,⁹ m. Charles Beardsley; lived in Binghamton, N. Y., and had:

ANNA BEARDSLEY.¹⁰

EDNA BEARDSLEY.¹⁰

A SON,⁸ born 1820; died in infancy.

ALVIN CONVERSE,⁸ born 5 May 1822; died Aug. 1881; married Phœbe Beardsley; no children.

A SON,⁸ born 1823; died in infancy.

POLLY NIVEN CONVERSE,⁸ born 9 April 1825; died May 1865; married Dr. S. B. Prentice; lived in Lawrence, Kan. When Lawrence was besieged by the Border Rufians in 1856, Polly Niven (Converse) Prentice was one of the two women who rode through the enemy's line and brought ammunition from Topeka to the Free State forces in Lawrence. They had two children:

ELLA A. PRENTICE,⁹ m. O. B. Neill; lives in St. Joseph, Mo. They have two children.

FRANK PRENTICE,⁹ lives in Aspen, Col.

ROXY CONVERSE,⁸ born 5 Oct. 1826; died 25 Jan. 1855.

WILLIAM ANSEL CONVERSE,⁸ died young.

A SON,⁸ born 1831; died young.

ELLEN LOUISE CONVERSE,⁸ born 25 Aug. 1833; married James W. Gilmore; no children.

132. ANSEL CONVERSE⁷ (*Edward*⁸ (48), *Capt. Edward*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born 11 November 1788; died 17 October 1846. He married, 26 November 1812, Olive Torrey, who was born 7 July 1785, and who died 18 August 1864. Ansel Converse, in 1820, moved from Windsor, Mass., to Butternuts, N. Y. He owned a farm on West Hill, three miles from Gilbertsville, N. Y.

Children of Ansel and Olive (Torrey) Converse:

- ORRIN CONVERSE,⁸ born 11 Dec. 1813; died 26 July 1864; married, 30 Aug. 1838, Susan Gifford, and had two children, a son and daughter.
- PHEBE PERRIN CONVERSE,⁸ born 27 Aug. 1815; died 6 Nov. 1872; married, 11 Jan. 1841, Amos Tuckey.
- MARY A. CONVERSE,⁸ born 7 Feb. 1818; married Wm. Tuckey (brother of Amos Tuckey) 31 Oct. 1839. In 1894 she was living a widow, with Mrs. Newman, of Gilbertsville, N. Y.
- NANCY CONVERSE,⁸ born 8 March 1820; died 8 April 1885; married, 3 Sept. 1843, Arthur D. Paine.
- LUCENIA CONVERSE,⁸ born in Butternuts, N. Y., 8 Dec. 1823; married, 18 Jan. 1844, Wm. M. Newman. In 1894 they celebrated their golden wedding at their home in Gilbertsville, N. Y.
- OLIVE CONVERSE,⁸ born 28 May 1827; died 9 Oct. 1861; married, 6 July 1846, Geo. W. Potter.

133. CALVIN CONVERSE⁷ (*Edward*⁶ (48), *Capt. Edward*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in New Canaan, N. Y., 6 November 1791; died in Union Valley, N. Y., 21 January 1856. He married Harriet Fuller of Butternuts, N. Y., daughter of Samuel Fuller and Lydia Ann Brainard. She was born 14 April 1791, died 20 August 1831, in Union Valley, N. Y. Calvin Converse removed to Butternuts, N. Y., in 1805, and to Union Valley, N. Y., in 1830. He was deputy sheriff of Otsego County for eight years while residing at Butternuts. He learned the carpenter trade, but spent most of his life as a farmer.

Children of Calvin and Harriet (Fuller) Converse:

- JOHN NEVIN CONVERSE,⁸ born in Butternuts, N. Y., 15 Feb. 1814; died in Union Valley, N. Y., 7 Jan. 1888; married Rispah Coy. (298)
- LYDIA ANN CONVERSE,⁸ born in Butternuts, N. Y., 15 Dec. 1815; died in Union Valley, N. Y., 5 March 1886; married Alonzo Franklin Warner. (299)
- POLLY ELIZABETH CONVERSE,⁸ born in Butternuts, N. Y., 13 Feb. 1819; died 10 Oct. 1899; married in Union Valley, N. Y., 21 March 1839, Brown Smith Gilbert. Resided in Union Valley, N. Y. No children.

134. ALVAN CONVERSE⁷ (*Edward*⁶ (48), *Capt. Edward*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), (twin brother of Calvin Converse⁷), born in New Canaan, Columbia Co., N. Y., Sunday, 6 November 1791. He removed at the age of fourteen from Berkshire, Mass., to Butternuts, Otsego County, N. Y., and died there 23 February 1861. He married, 23 February 1814, Matilda Sumner, who was born in Woodstock, Conn., 15 November 1789, and who died 6 May 1863. She was daughter of Moses and Azubah Sumner of

Burlington, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Converse are buried in Brookside Cemetery, Gilbertsville, N. Y. They spent all their married life in Butternuts, N. Y., and died in the homestead which he had built with his own hands, and in which all their children were born and reared. Alvan Converse carried on the work of his farm, and also followed the trade of wagon-maker and carpenter. He was considered a very skilful and fast workman. A notable feat was the "laying out" of a 30 x 40 foot barn in one day.



Alvan Converse and Calvin Converse.

Children of Alvan and Matilda (Sumner) Converse:

PHEBE CONVERSE,⁸ born 14 Nov. 1815; died, unmarried, 9 June 1896, in Elmira, N. Y., where most of her mature years were spent. She was buried in Brookside Cemetery, Gilbertsville, N. Y.

MOSES SUMNER CONVERSE,⁸ born 8 Oct. 1817; died in San Antonio, Texas, 17 Aug. 1894; married Julia North Bulkeley. (300)

EDWARD CONVERSE,⁸ born 15 April 1821; died 11 Jan. 1891; married Caroline E. Richardson. (301)

SOPHIA SUMNER CONVERSE,⁸ born 15 Feb. 1824; married Lionel Johnston Smith, M.D., since deceased. They spent most of their married life in Madison, Wis. In 1902 Mrs. Smith was living in Chicago, Ill., with her children, who are as follows:

JULIA SMITH,⁹ married — Avery.

GERTRUDE SMITH,⁹ married Chas. Haines.

ANNA MAY SMITH,⁹ kindergartner.

MATILDA SUMNER SMITH,⁹ married — Hartshorn.

CHARLES SMITH,⁹

WILLIAM SUMNER SMITH,⁹

AZUBAH ANN CONVERSE,⁸ born in Butternuts, N. Y., 19 Feb. 1828; died in Elmira, N. Y., 7 Oct. 1895; married Henry E. Morgan. (302)

135. ROXY CONVERSE⁷ (*Edward*⁶ (48), *Capt. Edward*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in New Canaan, N. Y., 8 September 1795; died in Coventry, N. Y., 29 May 1833. She married Leonard Allis, of Coventry, N. Y., who was born 24 January 1786 and who died 28 December 1844.

Children, all born in Coventry, N. Y.:

CALVIN CONVERSE ALLIS,⁸ born 20 Feb. 1815; died 26 May 1891; married in Coventry, N. Y., 29 Jan. 1845, Matilda Church, who died 23 Dec. 1855. He married, 2nd, in Coventry, N. Y., 24 Sept. 1856, Maria A. Horton. Children:

GEORGE H. ALLIS,⁹ b. in Coventry, N. Y., 10 June 1848.
 MARY E. ALLIS,⁹ b. 8 Aug. 1851; d. in Coventry, N. Y., 9 March 1855.
 ALBERT C. ALLIS,⁹ b. in Coventry, N. Y., 1 Oct. 1854.
 WILLIAM L. ALLIS,⁹ b. 5 Nov. 1857; d. in Genesee, Pa., 27 Nov. 1886.
 FRANK M. ALLIS,⁹ b. in Genesee, Pa., 26 Aug. 1860.
 ROBERT T. ALLIS,⁹ b. 10 June 1863; d. in Binghamton, N. Y., 7 Nov. 1879.
 MARY E. ALLIS,⁹ b. in Genesee, Pa., 9 Jan. 1866.
 ELLA M. ALLIS,⁹ b. in Genesee, Pa., 23 March 1868.
 IRA B. ALLIS,⁹ b. 15 June 1872.
 ANNA ALLIS,⁹ b. 11 July 1877.

ANNA CONVERSE ALLIS,⁹ born 26 March 1817; died 30 Sept. 1854; married Rev. Albert Guy in Coventry, N. Y., 24 Nov. 1842. They had one child:

ANNA ELIZABETH GUY,⁹ b. in Greene, N. Y., 16 Aug. 1843; m. in Sublette, Ill., 16 Oct. 1866, Dr. B. F. Beardsley, and now lives in Hartford, Conn. They have three children:

MARY ALLIS BEARDSLEY,¹⁰ b. 2 July 1872.
 GUY ERASTUS BEARDSLEY,¹⁰ b. 14 Dec. 1874.
 HOWARD WOOD BEARDSLEY,¹⁰ b. 7 Sept. 1889.

FRANCES MARION ALLIS,⁹ born 15 March 1830. She did not marry, and in 1894 she was living with her niece, Mrs. Beardsley, in Hartford, Conn.

136. AMASA CONVERS,⁷ JR. (*Capt. Amasa⁶ (49), Capt. Edward,⁵ Ensign Edward,⁴ Samuel,³ Sergeant Samuel,² Deacon Edward¹*), born in Windsor, Mass., 8 February 1777; married, first, in Windsor, 10 February 1799, by Robert Walker, Esq., to Sinai Chaffee of Windsor, who was born 11 May 1776 and died 26 October 1811. She was an English woman and is said to have been affianced to Erasmus Darwin in England. Amasa Convers, Jr., married, second, 22 December 1812, Esther Walker, who was born in Clarendon, Vt., 24 July 1784, and died 9 March 1846. In the Windsor town records he is styled Lieutenant. He was town clerk of Windsor in 1799. The following is from the records of the Windsor Congregational Church:

"Mr. Amasa Converse, Esq., died 1 May 1841, æ. 64 yrs. His death was occasioned from injury received by the sudden falling of a chimney. He survived the accident five days. Great loss."

Children of Lieut. Amasa and Sinai (Chaffee) Convers:

ELIHU WILLIAMS CONVERS,⁸ born 5 June 1800; died 28 Dec. 1832; married Catherine Munroe.

HARRIET CONVERS,⁸ born 10 Feb. 1802; died 14 Feb. 1858; married, 1st, in Windsor, 29 Feb. 1820, Dr. Sparrow Warren of Windsor; married, 2nd, Medad Atwater.

ALBERT CONVERS,⁸ born 2 March 1803; died 12 Aug. 1830; married Harriet Maria Yale.
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ERASMUS DARWIN CONVERS,⁸ born 2 April 1804; died 29 May 1883; married Harriet Munroe, and had son, HENRY M. CONVERSE,⁹ who died, unmarried, 29 April 1855.

CHARLES AUSTIN CONVERS,⁸ born 1 Aug. 1807; died 2 April 1809.

- LEANDER CONVERS,⁸ born 4 Oct. 1808; died 25 Feb. 1809.
 JULIA ANN CONVERS,⁸ born 21 Aug. 1810; died 29 July 1843; married, in Windsor, 6 Nov. 1834, Charles Reed of Cummington.
 CHAPIN CONVERS,⁸ born 21 Oct. 1811; died 25 Dec. 1880; married, 1st, Lydia Jane Ford; married, 2nd, Ortentia Jane Hume. (304)

Children of Lieut. Amasa and Esther (Walker) Convers:

- ORLIN EUSTACE CONVERS,⁸ born 13 March 1815; died 6 March 1875; farmer; married Laura Ford. (305)
 CHARLES AUSTIN CONVERS,⁸ born 5 Sept. 1816; died 25 May 1880. He was admitted to membership of Windsor, Mass., Church, 4 July 1847. He married, 1st, in Windsor, 19 June 1841, Jane Ann Pierce, of Windsor, who died there 7 Oct. 1847, aged 32. He married, 2nd, 20 March 1850, Sarah H. Mitchell. By his first wife he had son:
 AMASA RICE CONVERSE,⁸ bapt., in Windsor, 13 July 1842. (306)
 SINAI CHAFFEE CONVERS,⁸ born 5 May 1820; died, in Windsor, 16 Feb. 1873; she was married, in Windsor, 6 Nov. 1849, by George R. Entler, to Ellison Axtell, Esq., farmer.
 SARAH ESTHER CONVERS,⁸ born 27 Aug. 1821; died, *s. p.*, 28 Aug. 1895. She married, 11 Dec. 1850, Rev. John Jay Dana, widower, a prominent Presbyterian divine, who was settled in various Berkshire towns until his death, 18 June 1899. He left a son by his first wife, Rev. Stephen W. Dana of Philadelphia, Pa. Sarah Esther (Convers) Dana was admitted to Windsor, Mass., Congregational Church, 3 Nov. 1850.
 JULIA AXTELL CONVERS,⁸ born 7 June 1825; died 14 April 1873.

137. COLONEL ROSWELL CONVERSE⁷ (*Elisha*⁶ (51), *Jonathan*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born 1780; died 1870. He married Theodosia —.

Children:

- MARY B. CONVERSE,⁸ born 22 Feb. 1808; died 30 April 1876; married John Mathews.
 CAROLINE CONVERSE,⁸ born 24 Aug. 1809; died 23 March 1810.
 EDWARD CONVERSE,⁸ born 28 Jan. 1811; died 24 Oct. 1835.
 CHARLES CONVERSE,⁸ born 3 Jan. 1814; died 10 June 1867; married Abigail Elizabeth Williams. (307)
 HENRY CONVERSE,⁸ born 22 Aug. 1815. His son, Henry, Jr., and one of the latter's sons were drowned in the summer of 1901.
 WALDO F. CONVERSE,⁸ born 8 Oct. 1818; died Feb. 1899; married, 1st, Puella Follett and had two children, both of whom died in infancy. He married, 2nd, Hannah Seeley. No children. He resided in Sandusky, Ohio, and was interested in the manufacture of agricultural implements and machinery. He was an elder in the Presbyterian Church.
 SULLIVAN CONVERSE,⁸ born 8 Oct. 1821; died 1899; married, 1st, Jeannette —. No children.
 ROSWELL CONVERSE,⁸ born 30 Dec. 1823; died 22 July 1829.
 LORING CONVERSE,⁸ born 5 Aug. 1828; died 3 Dec. 1862; married Salutha Minick, and had one son who died in infancy. Loring Converse resided in Bucyrus, Ohio, and was a dealer in grain and wool.

138. HEZEKIAH CONVERSE⁷ (*Chester*⁶ (52), *Lieut. Jacob*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born 9 September 1784; died in Thompson, Conn., 30 September 1830. He² was a farmer. He removed

with his father to Monson, Mass., and afterwards went to Pomfret Factory, now Putnam, Conn. He married, 27 February 1805, Abigail Towne of Thompson, who was born, in Thompson, 22 April 1782, and died 6 March 1864. She was the daughter of Joseph and Abigail (Thompson) Towne of Thompson. The Thompson family lived for a time in Killingly. Miss Ellen D. Larned, the historian of Windham County, found among the Towne papers a list of children of Ichabod and Rachel Thompson, one of whom, Abigail, born 27 May 1741, is supposed to be the wife of Joseph Towne, and brought the name of Ichabod into the Towne family. Miss Larned thinks that Hezekiah Converse and his wife were both born in Thompson.

Children of Hezekiah and Abigail (Towne) Converse:

ESTHER GREEN CONVERSE,⁸ born 6 March 1806; died in Fort Edward, N. Y., 6 April 1896; married, 1 Jan. 1829, Myla Seaman of Thompson, Conn., who died, in Fort Edward, 8 April 1869. No children. Soon after marriage they moved to Schroon, Essex Co., N. Y., and afterwards to Fort Edward, N. Y. Stones mark their graves in South Glen Falls, N. Y.

ABIGAIL TOWNE CONVERSE,⁸ born 8 Nov. 1807; died 6 Dec. 1889; married, 1 May 1834, Sherman Town of Thompson, Conn., who was born 16 Dec. 1809, and died, in Thompson, 6 Oct. 1886. No children.

CHESTER CONVERSE,⁸ born in Monson, Mass., 25 Dec. 1810; died in Webster, Mass., 20 Oct. 1869; married Caroline Freeman. (308)

JESSE FRANKLIN CONVERSE,⁸ born 20 April 1815; died in Thompson, Conn., 30 Jan. 1902; married, 1st, Mercy Prince; married, 2nd, Mrs. Joslyn; married, 3d, Betsey Phipps. (309)

HEZEKIAH AUSTIN GREENE CONVERSE,⁸ born in Pomfret (in the present town of Putnam), Conn., 24 Aug. 1823; resided [in 1902] at Fort Edward, N. Y. He married in Schroon, N. Y., 5 Jan. 1846, Mary Ann Lockwood, born, in Schroon, 22 June 1824, died, in Fort Edward, 2 April 1896. She was buried in Sandy Hill, N. Y. She was the daughter of Abel D. and Mary (Arnold) Lockwood of Schroon. Children:

MARY ANN JENNETTE CONVERSE,⁹ b. 20 Oct. 1849; d. in Webster, Mass., 19 Sept. 1880; m. Rufus Franklin Raymond, who was born in Dudley, Mass. 19 Jan. 1836, and resided in Webster, Mass.

MARCUS SHERMAN CONVERSE,⁹ b. 6 March 1856; d. in Fort Edward, N. Y., a few years prior to 1902; m., in Fort Edward, 8 Nov. 1879, Elizabeth Gilbert, who was born, in Stony Creek, 16 March 1861, daughter of Henry Dana and Martha (Gailey) Gilbert of Fort Edward. Of Marcus S. and Elizabeth (Gilbert) Converse's two daughters, MARY¹⁰ was b. 12 July 1881, and d. 27 Dec. 1894; and BERTHA ESTHER¹⁰ was b. 2 July 1885, and in 1902 resided in Fort Edward.



Hezekiah Austin Greene Converse.

139. WELCOME CONVERSE⁷ (*Chester*⁶ (52), *Lieut. Jacob*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Thompson, Conn., 24 December 1787; removed to Monson, Mass., with his father, and died there 12 February 1855. After marriage he went from Monson to Palmer, Mass., where he carried on the farm of Elisha Converse. Upon his father's death he returned to Monson. He represented Monson in the Legislature in two successive years, one of these being 1835. He also held various town offices. On the death of his father he came into possession of the homestead and farm in Monson, his brother Hezekiah having returned to Pomfret to live, and his brother Sherman having left home to enter Yale. The latter, after graduation, settled in the city of New York. Later, Welcome Converse sold the farm to the town of Monson for a poor farm, and purchased a large farm adjacent to Wm. N. Flynt's well-known granite quarry. He built a fine two-story house which was subsequently enlarged for his son, Welcome, Jr., and father and son worked the farm together for many years, until Welcome, Jr., sold his interest in it to his brother Sherman. Welcome Converse was an enterprising, up-to-date, successful farmer, a conscientious, God-fearing man, and a much esteemed citizen. He married, 13 September 1809, Huldah Howard, who was born in Sturbridge, Mass., 10 October 1783, died in Westboro, Mass., 3 December 1872. She was the daughter of Eleazer and Ann (Badger) Howard of Sturbridge, Mass., and Union, Conn., and a lineal descendant of Miles Standish, through her grandmother, Sarah Standish, who married Thomas Howard.

This descent was as follows:

MILES STANDISH had son Josiah Standish (born 1634, died 19 March 1690, of Preston, Conn.), who married, 18 December 1654, daughter of J. Digley (Marshfield). Their son, Josiah Standish, Jr., married Sarah —, and became the father of Sarah Standish (born January 1719, died, 18 June 1771, at Sturbridge) who married Thomas Howard (died April 1775). Thomas Howard's son Eleazer Howard (born 14 May 1739, died June 1808) married Ann Badger (born 1740, died 1808).

Ann Badger was the ninth child of Capt. Daniel Badger of Union, Conn. The history of Union, Conn., has something about the line of descent of Mrs. Huldah (Howard) Converse. This Howard family claim descent from Thomas Howard, Earl of Arundel and Surrey, who died in 1646. His estate was divided between his eldest son, Sir Henry, and his second son, Sir William, Viscount Stafford, leaving the younger sons but little fortune.

THOMAS HOWARD,¹ is said to have come in 1660, from Norwich, England, to Saybrook, Conn., and at the time when Major John Mason, Rev. James Fitch and others were arranging for a settlement upon a tract of land some twenty-five miles to the northeast. The newly arrived emigrants joined this party

and settled upon the nine mile tract now known as Norwich, Conn. At Norwich, Conn., in January 1666, Thomas Howard¹ married Mary Wellman; and their five children were Mary, born December 1667; Sarah, born 1669; Martha, born February, 1672; Thomas, born 1673; Benjamin,² born June 1675. Thomas Howard is said by Miss Calkins to have been slain, in the Narragansett fort fight, 17 Dec. 1675. His widow married William Moore.

BENJAMIN HOWARD,² born June 1675, had two children: Thomas,³ born July 1702, died 28 April 1775; and Benjamin, born April 1707.

THOMAS HOWARD,³ born July 1702; died 28 April 1775; married Sarah Standish of Mansfield, Conn. They had nine children: Benjamin, born Oct. 1727; Thomas, born Jan. 1729; Joseph, born April 1731; Eunice, born March 1733; Martha, born Nov. 1735; Mary, born Nov. 1737; Eleazer,⁴ born May 1739; Nathan, born April 1741; and William, born Feb. 1747.

ELEAZER HOWARD,⁴ born May 1739; married, 25 May 1763, Anna Badger of Union, Conn., and had eleven children: Abner, born Feb. 1764; Joab, born Sept. 1765; Abishai, born March 1767; Amasa, born April 1769; Abner, 2nd, born Dec. 1771; Anna Eunice, born Nov. 1773; Patience, born Nov. 1776; Huldah, born 1779, died 1779; Eleazer, Jr., born Aug. 1780; Huldah,⁵ again, born 10 Oct. 1783.

HULDAH HOWARD,⁵ married Welcome Converse.

This line of descent was sent to Sherman Converse⁸ by Rev. Amos Holbrook of Sturbridge, Mass., who obtained information mainly from a genealogy prepared by Mrs. E. H. Budman of New Haven, Conn., and the family record of Abishai Howard.

Children of Welcome and Huldah (Howard) Converse:

MARY ANN CONVERSE,⁸ married Erasmus Needham, farmer. They went to Talmadge, Ohio, to live, and she died the year of her marriage.

ELIZA CONVERSE,⁸ married, 1st, Joel Thompson of Thompson, Conn.; married, 2nd, Marshall Twichell of Monson. Mr. and Mrs. Twichell removed to Petersham, and both died there. He served in the Civil War, and at the close of the war was honorably mustered out.

CHLOE CONVERSE,⁸ born in Palmer, Mass., 22 Aug. 1814; died in Springfield, Mass., 12 April 1888; married Samuel Franklin Chandler. (310)

PYRLINNA CONVERSE,⁸ born in Monson, Mass.; married Elias Smith, widower, a farmer of Brimfield, Mass. Subsequently they lived in Monson, Mass., and Philadelphia, Pa., and afterwards moved to one of the Western States. They had three children:

MARY ANN SMITH,⁹

ELLA SMITH,⁹

CHARLES SMITH.⁹

WELCOME CONVERSE,⁸ JR., born in Monson, Mass., 2 May 1819; died in Brooklyn, N. Y., 1 April 1888; married Mary Frances Newell. (311)

SHERMAN CONVERSE,⁸ born in Monson, Mass., 25 Feb. 1822; died Dec. 1901. He married Pamela Sheldon Walbridge. (312)

HARRIET CONVERSE,⁸ born in Monson; married — Thomas, farmer, of Talmadge, Ohio. Their three daughters all graduated at Oberlin College:

CARRIE THOMAS,⁹ died.

DELLA THOMAS,⁹ teacher.

ETTA THOMAS,⁹ teacher, in Westboro, Mass.

140. SHERMAN CONVERSE⁷ (*Chester*⁸ (52), *Lieut. Jacob*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), married, first, Ann Huntington, daughter of Samuel and Nancy (Perkins) Huntington of Windham, Conn. She died, 27 May 1821, aged 27 years; he married, second, Eliza Nott, daughter of Rev. Samuel Nott, D.D., of Franklin, Conn. She died in New York, 19 January 1845, aged 47. Sherman Converse was graduated from Yale in 1817. He was the first to go to Yale from Monson Academy, where he was graduated in 1813. After graduation from Yale he settled in New York City. He was a friend of Noah Webster, and was the first publisher of Webster's Dictionary. The following contracts in connection therewith are from the "Life and Letters of James G. Percival," by Ward:



Sherman Converse.

THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH, That, whereas Sherman Converse proposes to publish an American Dictionary of the English Language by Noah Webster, LL.D., and whereas said Converse has contracted with Hezekiah Howe, of New Haven, to superintend the printing of the same, it is mutually understood and agreed by and between said Converse and James G. Percival as follows, viz: The said Howe is to read the first proof of said work, of each sheet as it comes from the press and by copy, to correct the same, and to furnish a clean proof; which clean proof the said Percival agrees to compare with the proof read by said Howe, to see whether the errors marked by the said Howe are corrected by the printer, and to mark such as are not; after which he is to read said proof with Mr. Webster by copy, which when read is to be corrected by the printer, and a clean proof taken for said Percival, and one for Mr. Webster; which clean proof said Percival is to compare with the one already corrected, and mark any errors previously marked, and not corrected by the printer. Said Percival is then to read the said proof, and Mr. Webster will also read his; which two proofs are to be corrected, and two clean proofs taken; which clean proofs said Percival is to compare with those already corrected, one of which Mr. Howe's printer is to read, and said Percival the other, and to revise both after they are corrected, by a clean proof, to stand by the form as it is going to press, to see that every error marked is corrected. Said Percival is to see that the last proof read is taken from the form after it is placed on the press for printing, in order to avoid errors by transferring it from the imposing-stone. All the above readings and revisions the said Percival is to give the said proofs promptly and faithfully, and at the time the said work requires, so as to facilitate as far as possible the progress of the work; and in no case is he to suffer any other

engagement to interfere with a faithful execution of this contract. And if, in the judgment of said Percival, any additional reading or readings of any proof or proofs of said work shall be necessary, said Percival shall give it them. And the said Percival agrees to attend to the fulfilment of this contract, without interruption, from the commencement of the printing of said work to its completion, except prevented by sickness. And the said Converse agrees, on his part, to pay the said Percival eight hundred dollars for his said services, to be rendered as above, provided it takes not exceeding ten months to complete the work; and it is understood that one sheet of said work per day is to be executed. If it exceeds ten months to complete the work, then said Converse is to pay said Percival in proportion as for the ten months. Said Converse further agrees to pay said Percival one hundred dollars at the completion of each half volume, and the remainder at the completion of the entire work.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands this eleventh day of January, 1827, in New York.

S. CONVERSE.

JAMES G. PERCIVAL.

In presence of
ROBERT H. DAY,
HENRY S. VAN ORDEN.

NEW HAVEN, July 4, 1827.

WHEREAS it has become necessary for James G. Percival to read the manuscript of Webster's Dictionary, preparatory to its being put in the hands of the compositors, and whereas the said Percival has agreed to read and correct the same, which will be an extra labor not recognized in the above contract, I hereby agree to pay, or cause the said Percival to be paid, for such extra service, the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars. This extra service is to consist in a general inspection of the whole manuscript, and a particular inspection of all the scientific words, and a careful correction of errors which he may discover in or under such words, and a careful attention to the alphabetical arrangement of the whole vocabulary.

S. CONVERSE.

NEW HAVEN, August 29, 1827.

It is now ascertained that the proof-readers can examine only three sheets per week. This circumstance is not to affect the compensation to the said J. G. Percival, as agreed upon in the above contract.

S. CONVERSE.

NEW HAVEN, December 24, 1827.

I have this day made a new arrangement with Dr. Percival as to his services, but his compensation is to remain the same.

S. CONVERSE.

Sherman Converse was in the book and publishing business in New York City until 1838, when he removed with his family to Quebec, Canada, where his son was being educated, and there he resided for six years. He returned to the United States about 1844, and died in Boston, Mass. He was buried in New

Haven, Conn., beside his two wives. By his first wife he had one daughter, who died 30 June 1821, aged six weeks. By his second wife he had one son:

GEORGE SHERMAN CONVERSE,⁸ REVEREND, D.D., who was born, in New York City, 22 Sept. 1828, in a house near the Battery. He was graduated from Yale in 1849, and became a distinguished Episcopalian divine. He studied with Dr. Tyler of Grace Church, and was rector of St. Luke's P. E. Church in Roxbury, Mass. He died, in Boston, about 1896, and his memorial was preached by Dr. Abbott of Boston. In Grace Church, New York City, he married Ella Coles, daughter of Isaac M. Coles of that city. They had three children:

ELIZA NOLL CONVERSE.⁹

GEORGE SHERMAN CONVERSE,⁹ JR., of Bristol, R. I.

HARRY COSTER CONVERSE.⁹

141. MIRIAM KEITH CONVERSE⁷ (*Deacon Jacob*⁶ (53), *Lieut. Jacob*⁵ *Ensign Edward*⁴, *Samuel*³, *Sergeant Samuel*², *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Palmer, Mass., 29 January 1797; died in Enfield, Mass., 24 August 1833. She married Daniel Howard, who was born in Enfield, Mass., where he lived the greater part of his life. He died in 1846, in Byron, Ill., and was interred there. His father, Jairus Howard, died, in Enfield, 27 June 1827, aged 64. His mother, Alice Cutler, born 23 November 1768 (probably in Greenwich, Mass.), died 29 June 1811.

Children of Daniel and Miriam Keith (Converse) Howard:

JACOB CONVERSE HOWARD,⁸ born in Enfield, Mass., 30 Nov. 1816; died in Ellsworth, Kan., 12 March 1887. He learned the carpenter's trade from his father, but was a farmer most of his life. He moved in the early fifties to Hubbardston, Ionia Co., Mich., where he kept a hotel for fifteen years. In 1869, he removed to Ellsworth, Kan., where he had a large stock ranch. While in Michigan, he was Superintendent of Schools for several years. In Ellsworth he was Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners four years, and also Judge of Probate four years. He was married in New Braintree, Mass., 27 March 1845, by Rev. George W. Cate, to Martha Fagan, who was born in County Wicklow, Ireland, in 1824. When two years old she came to America with her parents. They lived in Vermont for a few years, and then removed to New Braintree, Mass. There they carried on a dairy farm till 1870 when they went to live in Hubbardston, Mich. Martha Fagan's father, William Fagan, was born in County Wicklow, Ireland, 25 Jan. 1798, and died in Hubbardston, Mich., 8 Oct. 1872. Her mother, Jane Maria Bowen, was born in County Wicklow, Ireland, 2 Aug. 1804, and died in Traverse City, Mich., 27 Oct. 1899. She was interred beside her husband in Hubbardston, Mich. Mrs. Fagan was brought up in the Church of England, but united with the Presbyterian Church after going to live in Hubbardston. Mrs. Jacob Converse Howard in 1901 lived with her son in Fort Harker, Ellsworth Co., Kan. To Jacob Converse and Martha (Fagan) Howard, seven children were born:

DANIEL HENRY HOWARD,⁹ b. in New Braintree, Mass., 8 Dec. 1847; now lives on a large stock farm in Fort Harker, Ellsworth Co., Kan. He m. Evelyn Campbell, whose father, Charles Campbell, was of Scotch descent. Mr. Campbell had lived in Gallipolis, Ohio; he died in Lyons, Rice Co., Kan., in 1865, and was buried there.

ROBERT CONVERSE HOWARD,⁹ b. in New Braintree, Mass., 27 Jan. 1850; in 1901, resided on a ranch in Montana. He married in Ashtabula Co., Ohio, 1 Dec.

1875, Cora Comstock, who d. in Ellsworth, Kan., 22 May 1887, leaving one child:

CONVERSE HENRY HOWARD,¹⁰ b. 24 Jan. 1885; in 1901, living with his uncle in Fort Harker, Kan.

GEORGE C. HOWARD,⁹ died at the age of four weeks.

CHARLES D. HOWARD,⁹ b. in Brimfield, Mass.; d. in Ionia County, Mich., at the age of six years.

MINNIE EUGENIA HOWARD,⁹ b. in Hubbardston, Mich., 18 May 1857. She received her education in the public schools of Ellsworth, and studied music several years in the Worcester County Music School at Worcester, Mass. She taught music one year in Drury College, Springfield, Ill. Since her marriage, she has taught music in San Diego, Cal., and in Ellsworth, Kan., where she lived in 1901. She was married in Fort Harker, Kan., 13 April 1880, to William Freeman Tompkins, who was born in Dubuque, Ia., 21 Feb. 1854, and who is the son of William Tompkins. His mother, whose maiden name was Carolyn Leach, died in Washington, D. C., in 1900, and was buried there. To William Freeman and Minnie Eugenia (Howard) Tompkins, one daughter was born:

MARTHA CAROLYN TOMPKINS,¹⁰ b. in Fort Harker, Kan., 18 Oct. 1881. She was educated in the public schools of Ellsworth, San Diego and Billings, Mont., and in 1901 was studying music with the intention of making that her profession.

HELEN M. HOWARD,⁹ b. in Mich.; d. at the age of one year; buried in New Braintree, Mass.

WARREN HOWARD,⁹ b. in 1860; d., in Mich., in 1862, and was buried there.

DANIEL HOWARD,⁸ JR., died 29 Sept. 1820, aged one year and ten months.

ALICE C. HOWARD,⁸ died 23 June 1822, aged one year and five months.

MARION JOSEPHINE HOWARD,⁸ born 8 July 1823; she received her education in the Westfield and Monson Academies. Since her marriage she has resided in Worcester, Mass. (15 Chatham Place), where she has taught vocal music and elocution for more than fifty years. She is a member of Plymouth Congregational Church. She was married, in New Braintree, Mass., 24 Aug. 1846, by Rev. John Fisk, to William Sumner, Jr., who was born in Spencer, Mass., 9 April 1817, and who died, in Worcester, 16 April 1893. He was buried in Spencer. His father, William Sumner, Senior, was born in Edgartown (Martha's Vineyard), Mass., 11 Jan. 1774, and died in Spencer, Mass., 12 Dec. 1839, having married, Feb. 1800, Lucena Fletcher, born in Townsend, Vt., 7 Oct. 1777, and died, 13 Feb. 1861, in Spencer, where she and her husband are buried. William Sumner, Jr., was endowed with rare musical ability. When a boy he arranged on the attic wall a set of wires on which he played tunes to the amazement and delight of all who heard him. In order to gratify his desire to study music he walked from his home in Spencer to Boston, a distance of fifty-five miles or more. In early manhood, he moved to Worcester, and there made music his profession. He was one of the founders of the Worcester Musical Association, whose annual musical festivals have a world-wide reputation, and he was Vice-President of that Association at the time of his death. To William and Marion Josephine (Howard) Sumner, three children were born:

GEORGE WILLIAM SUMNER,⁹ b. in Brimfield, Mass., 4 Oct. 1848; d., at Orr's Island, 14 Aug. 1890; buried in Cedar Grove Cemetery, Dorchester, Mass. At the age of fourteen he began playing the organ in church, and at the time of his death had been organist and director in Arlington Street (Unitarian)

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Church, Boston, for eighteen years. When about eighteen years of age he removed to Boston, where he took a prominent place among the musicians of his own age. He was a member of the Harvard Musical Association, and of the St. Botolph Club. The following extract is from the Boston Advertiser of 26 Nov. 1890:

"No better evidence of the affectionate honor in which the memory of the late G. W. Sumner is held could be afforded than by the very large and highly representative audience that gathered in Music Hall yesterday afternoon at the concert given as a sort of memorial service . . . Almost every musician of prominence in the city was on the programme . . . The great event of the afternoon was reserved for the last. This was the playing of Moscheles' 'Les Centrostes' for four players on two pianofortes, and the pianists were Messrs. Baermann, Lang, Nikisch and Parabo. Rarely has Boston listened to a quartette of such great artists."

The Springfield Homestead in a notice of the last concert given by the Orpheus Club of Springfield, of which Mr. Sumner was director for ten years, said:

"The Club reached high-water mark under the direction of the lamented George W. Sumner, who was beloved as a man as much as he was admired for his rare taste and skill as a musician. The club would do anything for Sumner. He had them completely in his power, not through the rough ways of a drill-master, but by means of his geniality and gentleness, which made every one his willing servant ready to do his bidding."

He was married at Savin Hill, Mass., 26 Aug. 1879, by Rev. John Frothingham Ware, to Mary Viola Ryan, who was born, in Boston, 11 June 1855. Her father, Thomas Ryan, was born in Templemore, Ireland, 30 Dec. 1827, came to Boston in 1845, and was founder and director of the Mendelssohn Quintette Club, which was one of the earliest organizations of its kind in America, and which enjoyed a long and distinguished career. Mr. Ryan was married in Trinity Church, Boston, 24 May 1854, by Bishop Eastburn, to Mary Helen Ewins, who was born in Gilmanton, N. H., 12 Nov. 1830. To George William and Mary Viola (Ryan) Sumner one daughter:

MARGARET EWINS SUMNER,¹⁰ b. in Chatham, Mass., 4 Aug. 1880.

EDWARD LUDWIG SUMNER,⁹ b. in Worcester, Mass., 22 Sept. 1850; proprietor and director Worcester County Music School, which was established in 1872; member Hancock Club; a director of the Worcester Musical Association; residence, Worcester, Mass. (15 Chatham Place); m. in Higganum, Conn., 1 Dec. 1886, Kate Amelia Brainard. Her father, Cornelius Brainard, was b. in Haddam, Conn., 11 Aug. 1811, d. 17 Jan. 1884, buried in Higganum. He was m., 1 Jan. 1850, by Rev. David Dudley Field, to Amelia Bonfoey, who was born in Haddam, Conn., 6 Dec. 1822. He received his education in the common schools, and, after coming to manhood, gave a great deal of his time to public service. He was a Collector of Internal Revenue, State Senator, and Commissioner for the Hospital for the Insane at Middletown, Conn.

ELLIE JOSEPHINE SUMNER,⁸ b. in Worcester, Mass., 9 March 1854. She was educated in private schools of Worcester, and studied music in Boston. She has resided in Buffalo, N. Y. (17 Pearl Place), since her marriage, in Worcester, 10 Nov. 1881, by Rev. William R. Huntington, to Frederick Job Shepard. Mr. Shepard was born in Essex, Conn., 23 Jan. 1850, fitted for college in the High School at Hartford, Conn., and was graduated from Yale University in 1873. After leaving college he took up journalism, and was connected

with the Worcester Press, Indianapolis Sentinel, New York World and Buffalo Courier. He was on the editorial staff of the last-named paper for seventeen years. Since 1897 he has been reference librarian in the Buffalo Public Library. He is a member of the University, Saturn, Westminster and Thursday Clubs. His father, Frederick William Shepard, was born in Plainfield, Conn., 18 March 1812, and died in Essex, Conn., 2 May 1860. He was graduated from the Yale Medical School in 1834, and practised till his death in Essex. He m. in East Haddam, Conn., 14 Oct. 1840, Maria Theresa Green, who was b., in East Haddam, 21 April 1815, and d. in Saybrook, Conn., 4 May 1883. Both Dr. and Mrs. Shepard are buried in Centerbrook, Conn.

FRANCIS MIRIAM HOWARD,⁸ born 1833; died 3 Nov. 1867. She was buried in Enfield, Mass.

142. MAXCY MANNING CONVERSE⁷ (*Dr. Jacob⁶ (53), Lieut. Jacob,⁵ Ensign Edward,⁴ Samuel,³ Sergeant Samuel,² Deacon Edward¹*), born in Palmer, Mass., 10 December 1799. He was a farmer and lived in Warren, and Westfield, Mass., and finally in Elmira, N. Y., where he taught music. He married Anna Guthrie of Palmer, Mass., who was born in Providence, R. I., in 1800. She



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Mrs. Anna (Guthrie) Converse.

was the daughter of Dr. Amos R. and Anna Guthrie. She died in Elmira, N. Y., in 1876. Mr. Converse lost his life at the time of the burning of the church in Elmira during the Sanitary Fair, while rescuing children from the flames. His useful life and unselfish death were the topic of an article in the Elmira Telegram of 3 August 1890, one of a series by Ausburn Towner upon Old Time Elmirans. We are obliged to curtail the article because of its reference to many subjects of local interest not connected with the Converse genealogy and of reference to ancestors of Mr. Converse already mentioned in the genealogy. Mr. Towner wrote:

About 1841 there came to Elmira from the town of Westfield, Mass., with his wife and six children, a gentleman, four years older than the century, named Maxcy Manning Converse. He lived for some time in the northern one of the two brick houses on the east side of Baldwin street a little ways north of Market street. By profession he was a music teacher and choir leader, which he followed during his whole life. For many years he conducted the music in the Presbyterian church. He was a typical New Englander and prided himself on it. He was tall, erect and angular physically, with blonde complexion, light hair and blue eyes. Socially he was kind, generous and not without a certain courtliness of manner that was pleasing. To his pupils, and he soon had plenty of them, he was kind and attentive, but strict and exacting. Learning music through him was not a matter of dawdling and fun, a mere pastime—he had too exalted an idea of the divine art to allow it to be trifled with—but when you had learned what he had to teach, you were competent for the most difficult passages and were repaid for your toil and drudgery by the gratification you could afford your friends and the satisfaction that you carried in your heart. I know ladies grown to be matrons whose touch on the piano now still bears evidence of the drilling and practice that Mr. Converse exacted of them years ago. Withal, he bore in his bosom a chivalrous and heroic heart. This may not seem strange when we discover, as we soon shall, that his blood was the same that more than 800 years ago filled the veins of brave and honorable knights. He was braver and more honorable than they too, for he gave up his life, in an heroic effort to save the lives of others, and no one can make greater sacrifice than that. Will those there who saw it, ever forget the burning of the unfinished Presbyterian church in 1864, that was being occupied for the purposes of a sanitary commission fair? What great volumes of thick, black smoke rolled up from the doomed building on that still March afternoon! What consternation and horror when it became known that everyone had not escaped, but that some had been trapped within! There was an annex to the general exhibition in a temporary low modern building erected for the purpose to the west, which was fitted up as a “New England Kitchen.” And here meals were served similar in style and material to those usual in the region from which it got its name. They were cooked in the same manner, from pumpkin pies and doughnuts, to turkeys and beans. Pretty girls, now matronly mothers, mayhap grandmothers, masqueraded as “Priscillas,” “Huldahs,” and “Patiences,” in close fitting gowns and aprons and attended at the tables to the wants of the guests. Mr. Converse was in attendance there as a general overseer. I think the idea in conception and working out in detail, originated with him. His dress, from his rough, white hat to the straps on his boots, was a regular “Brother Jonathan” outfit, the vest and coat coming to him from an ancestor. He was a typical Yankee without further make up. It was after the fire had got well at work in the main building,

and when fears had arisen that some persons were yet inside, that Mr. Converse went in to be sure that all were safely out. The danger of the undertaking and the courage displayed cannot be appreciated except by those who were there and saw the thick smoke and the rapid flames, the constantly falling pieces of timber and the multitude of flying cinders. Sure that all had escaped Mr. Converse himself crept forth at length, but his heroic efforts cost him his life. With his breath, in the furnace, where he had gone, he had drawn in that which had scorched and burned him internally so terribly that he lingered a little time and then passed away. For less than this, men's names have been carried along in time's flight to distant ages and have been spoken for centuries with reverence and gratitude. Ought there not somewhere to be reserved a niche or tablet for the name and memory of Maxey Manning Converse? Perhaps the magnitude of events of daily happening at the time when he lost his life for the sake of others, obscured the real character of his act, and made his sacrifice appear small by comparison when it was really so great.

I have intimated that from his blood, such an action might not be unexpected. Let us see. His father was Jacob Converse, who was graduated at Brown university, Rhode Island, in 1790, and married Miss Ellen Robinson, of Plymouth, Mass. She was of the family of the Puritan leader, whose ancestress of the same name was an heir of Miles Standish. Jacob Converse was a great favorite of the two presidents of Brown university, Maxey and Manning who served during his time there and he named his son for them. This son he also fitted to enter the university, but Jacob dying at that time, the youth Maxey Manning Converse was obliged to return to the New England farm left him by his father, whence, in time, he emigrated to Elmira. If he did not get his education in Providence, R. I., the site of Brown's university, he at least got his wife there, who was Annie, the daughter of Dr. Guthrie, of that city. Mr. Converse, as I have said, brought to Elmira with him his wife and six children, three sons and three daughters. The daughters were beautiful and accomplished girls, wonderfully proficient in music and favorites in society. The eldest, Georgianna, married Lyman Gibson, one of the old-time prominent and wealthy citizens of Elmira and one of the earliest lumber merchants in the valley. They lived many years in the cottage on Lake Street, now the home of Mrs. Fanny Welles, being the next house above the one I have already described, the Converse home. This Gibson home was one of the notable homes in those early village days, the peer of any in the valley, for hospitality and social amenities. The daughter of the family is now the wife of Mr. Frank Ingraham, the druggist. She is the only representative of the family of her generation now living in Elmira. For many years after the death of her husband Mrs. Gibson remained a widow, eventually becoming the wife of one of Elmira's most honored citizens, Judge Ariel Standish Thurston. It is curious in this that in this marriage, after a century passed, the lines of Converse and of that old Puri-

tan, Miles Standish, again met, Judge Thurston having for one of his ancestors and namesakes that redoubtable fighter and captain. It is not as well known as it should be that the judge has put into rhyme the poem by Longfellow, giving an account of the "Courtship of Miles Standish." There are those who believe that the change is an improvement, the rhythm of the lines being made smoother to the tongue and the ear than they are in the long hexameter sweep with no relief at the end.

There is no musical instrument that can at all compare with the organ and no music like it when the keys are touched by a master hand. There are organists and organists and I have heard many an one whose name is printed in long primer capitals whenever it is printed, but I have never heard such music as Mrs. Thurston can draw from an organ. It makes me think of a description I once saw concerning another musical instrument. Inside every fiddle, it went on, is a soul, but a coy one. The nine hundred and ninety-nine never win it. They play rapid tunes but the soul of beautiful gaiety is not there; slow tunes, very slow tunes, wherein the spirit of whining is mighty, but the sweet soul of pathos is absent; doleful, not nice and tearful. Then comes the heaven-born fiddler, who can make himself cry with his own fiddle. So there is a soul in every organ, and I seem to have heard it respond to the touch of the frail and delicate woman I have named as though it was a living thing answering to her appeals. Much of her ability in this direction doubtless came from her father, for although not a performer himself he knew how it should be done. It is many years since I have heard her touch the keys, but the recollection of the last time still lingers in my memory. There are many elderly gentlemen in Elmira who will remember, as one remembers a beautiful picture, the second daughter of Mr. Converse, Henrietta. I know three or four who would go into a brown study at the mere mention of her name, recalling a face and figure that once seen, would be stamped on the brain for all time. Of course, there are beautiful girls always; the world is full of them, but do you think really, that they are quite as attractive and pleasing now as they were in those old days? That is about what the elderly gentleman of to-day, would say. She is now the wife of James T. Jackson, a merchant of Detroit, Mich. Charlotte, the third and youngest daughter, is the wife of Judge Robert Lowry, of Fort Wayne, Ind., an ex-member of Congress. She has two daughters. Of the three sons of Mr. Converse the eldest was named Mozart Manning, the first in deference to one of the princes of the art in whose service Mr. Converse's life was passed, and the second because of the family friendship for one of the presidents of Brown university. Mozart Converse will not be remembered by many in Elmira, as his life there was brief. He went over into Tioga county, Pa., very early, and engaged in business, marrying Julia, the eldest daughter of Chester Robinson, the president of the Wellsboro, Pa., National Bank. Mr. Converse is now a stock-farmer of wealth and prominence in Tioga county. His only child, Chester, named

for his granduncle, is a student at Eastman's Business College. The second son of Mr. Converse, Charles Crozat, named after a Norman ancestor of 1,000 years ago, can be claimed as an Elmiran, having spent all the years of his boyhood and youth and much of his young manhood there, and the success he has attained in life can be set down to the credit of Elmira. He lives now in Erie, Pa., is a member of the bar and is widely known by his musical compositions, his contributions to general literature and his success in his profession of the law. He pursued his literary and legal studies in Germany, and while thus engaged took also a course of instruction in musical composition under the great harmonist, Richter. Spohr, his orchestra mentor, Liszt and other composers highly praised his orchestral work, which embrace overtures, symphonies, cantatas and the like. Some of his German songs have been published in Leipzig. His American concert overture for full orchestra, was played at the Boston Peace Jubilee, and most of his other ambitious works have been performed in Chicago and New York under the direction of Theodore Thomas. Among those are his "Concert Overture," for full orchestra, "Im Fruhling" and his Psalm cantata on the 126th Psalm, for chorus, solo and full orchestra. When Mr. Converse returned from Europe he entered the law department of the Albany, N. Y., university, graduating therefrom with the degree of LL.B. His prominence in the musical world is shown by the fact that there are biographical sketches of him in "Allibone's Dictionary of Authors," under his pen name of Karl Reden; in "Scribner's Cyclopedia of Music," "One Hundred Years of American Music," with portrait, and in "Appleton's Cyclopedia of American Biography." It is doubtful if any Elmira boy has reached the deserved distinction enjoyed by Mr. Converse. Not only thus musicwards has he been successful, but he is also well known as a learned and careful patent law counsellor. He is also an extensive manufacturer and is largely concerned in a piano and organ factory in the town where he lives. Not content with all of these industries, he has devoted much study to philology and has invented a new and much needed word, an impersonal pronoun—thon—formed by a contraction of *that* and *one*, which has received the commendation and favor of the leading philologists in Europe and America, but makes its way slowly into the language. It is good and needful, but it is very doubtful if it ever gets acclimated. The language is much more apt to adopt and press to its heart a waif of a word that has no parentage and that was picked up in the slums, than a word like this I have spoken of, that has a known and well-defined origin.

Mr. Converse married Lida, eldest daughter of the late William M. Lewis, of Alabama. They have had only two children, boys, the elder, William, however, dying in infancy. Clarence, the other son, is a junior in Brown university, occupying in its venerable chapel the identical seat where his great grandfather sat one hundred years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Converse sailed, on July 19, for a three months' tour in Europe, their son remaining on this side to spend his vacation on

his yacht, cruising in American waters. Mr. Converse has received many personal honors and tokens of appreciation from those in high positions at home and abroad, and his beautiful residence in Erie is full of the pleasantest remembrances of such friends. He is domestic and rather retiring than otherwise in his habits and tastes, and though, like all human nature, appreciating appreciation, prizes above it all the happiness of his home, his estimable wife's love and devotion and the quiet peace and comfort of his own library and fireside. Among his present labors is a complete history for publication of the Converse family in America. The third son of Maxey Manning Converse is Franklin Buchanan Converse, whose whole boyhood, youth and young manhood were passed in Elmira. There are a great many Elmirans who have passed middle age who will remember Frank Converse, whose name so closely fitted his character. He was a kindly, open-hearted lad who drew other lads closely to him and held them firmly his friends. He had much of the spirit of his long-time ago ancestors, loved to hunt and fish, was a marvel with his bow and arrow, favorite instruments for amusement and destruction in those days, and was chivalrous, truthful and trustworthy always. He inherited in a great measure the musical abilities of his father and played many instruments well. On one he excelled—the banjo. Before his time, this tinkling, negro toy was a very crude affair. He lifted it from its lowly position to a plane occupied by the guitar, and fairly drove that instrument from sight, certainly from the favoritism it once enjoyed. Before his time the banjo was vulgar. He made it almost classical. You would have said so had you heard him play. His triumphs with the instrument were many and constant, one of the chief ones I remember being a gold cup given him in St. Louis. In its own value it was much, but as representing the fact that he was the chief in his profession it was more and of incalculable value. He now lives in New York city engaged in manufacturing. His wife is the somewhat well-known poet, Harriet Maxwell Converse, a daughter of the Thomas Maxwell I named in the first part of this writing. At present she is deeply engaged in having erected in Buffalo a monument to the famous Indian chief of the Senecas, Red Jacket, an undertaking into which she was led by her great love for Indian subjects which she inherited from her father and the further fact that, like him too, she has been regularly adopted into the Seneca tribe. The Converse family is not without distinguished representatives in other parts of the country. I have already named one. There are besides Hon. E. S. Converse, of Boston, Mass., Judge Converse, of Woburn, Mass., and one better known than all, Hon. G. L. Converse, of Columbus, Ohio, who made a record in a recent congress of the United States of which any one man might well feel proud. Still, with them all, my heart turns the fonder and closer to that one in Elmira, who, twenty-six years ago, gave up his life that others might live. Is it not about time that something should be done to show an appreciation of the man and his noble action?

Children of Marcy Manning and Anna (Guthrie) Converse:

- MOZART MANNING CONVERSE,⁸ born in Palmer, Mass., 15 Feb. 1822; married Mrs. Juliet (Robinson) Sherwood, widow. (313)
- GEORGIANA CONVERSE,⁸ born in Palmer, Mass.; died in Elmira, N. Y., in 1899. She married, 1st, Lyman Gibson, and 2d, Judge Ariel Standish Thurston of Elmira, a descendant of Capt. Miles Standish. Her daughter by her first marriage married Frank Ingraham.
- HENRIETTA CONVERSE,⁸ born in Warren, Mass.; married, 1st, Morris Hedges, farmer, of Penn Yan, N. Y.; married, 2nd, James T. Jackson, merchant, of Detroit, Mich.
- CHARLES CROZAT CONVERSE,⁸ born in Warren, Mass., 7 Oct. 1832; married Lida Lewis (314)
- FRANKLIN BUCHANAN CONVERSE,⁸ born in Westfield, Mass., manufacturer; married the poetess and authoress, Harriet Maxwell, who was born in Elmira, N. Y., in 1846, the daughter of Hon. Thomas Maxwell, M. C., of Elmira. She lived in New York City. She was a writer of poetry and prose; author of "Sheaves," a collection of verses, New York, 1882, 16mo.; "The Religious Festivals of the Iroquois Indians;" and "Mythology and Folk-Lore of the North American Indians."

The following in regard to her is from the Public Ledger, Philadelphia Monday morning November 23, 1903:

INDIANS' TRIBUTE TO GREAT WHITE MOTHER.

New York, Nov. 22.—In the presence of many representatives of the people to whom she had devoted her life, the last rites were performed to-day over the body of Mrs. Harriet Maxwell Converse, "The Great White Mother" of the Six Nations of the great Iroquois Confederacy. Eulogies were pronounced by the dead woman's pastor and by the chiefs of the various clans of the Seneca Nation, by whom Mrs. Converse was adopted when but a little girl, and one of the chiefs performed the ancient rite of "the passing of the horns," which consisted of taking the string of sacred wampum beads, the insignia of office, from the lid of the casket, and presenting them to Joseph Keppler, long associated with Mrs. Converse in her work among the Indians, by which act Mr. Keppler was nominated by the chiefs present as the successor of the dead woman. Mr. Keppler was adopted by the Senecas many years ago, and bears the Indian name of Gy-Ont-Wa-Ka, or "The Planter."

In addition to the delegates from the Six Nations there were present representatives of the Hurons, Sioux, Abinaki, Algonquins, Aztecs of Mexico and several other tribes. Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Sill, of St. Chrysostom's Chapel, the dead woman's pastor, read the Episcopal services for the dead, after which William Crow, a Seneca warrior, made a brief address in his native tongue, lamenting the death of "The Great White Mother." In speaking, he addressed himself to the body before him, and in conclusion wished her happiness in the Spirit land. Then, turning to his tribesmen, he said:

"We have lost our best and dearest friend. In the many gifts the Great Spirit has given us there came nothing so beautiful as this woman. She was the most beautiful of all our gifts. She knew us and understood us. She stood between us and those who would have wronged us. It will be a happy task now for the Great Spirit to make her a home in the Happy Land."

Chauncey Abrams, also a Seneca, acting for Chief Cornplanter, lifted the "horns" from the casket, and, presenting them to Mr. Keppler, informed him that he had been selected to take the Great White Mother's office. Then turning to the coffin, he said:

"I wish you, Ga-Ie-Wa-Noh, a safe and happy journey to the Spirit Land."

Mr. Keppler, in accepting the ancient "horns," promised to administer fully the trust imposed in him by his red brethren.

Chief Cornplanter followed, wearing under his vest a red sash, the badge of the High Priest of the "Gon-Oi-Din" religion. He expressed his grief in a few words of broken English, while tears streamed down his face, and then sank back in his chair, buried his face in his hands and wept.

Dark Cloud, a magnificent looking Indian, with hair streaming below his broad shoulders, said:

"I am not a Seneca, but I come of the Denikee tribe. I know 'the Great White Mother,' as every red man in this land knows her. She studied the Indian's religion, the true religion. It is founded on the true God. Our God touched this woman's heart, and she understood us. She was the angel of God. We may not have a Christ in our religion, but we have a mediator, and she was the great mediator between the whites and the Indian.

"We see our God, we hear our God. We see Him in the trees, in the rivers and even in the blade of grass, just as we hear Him in the rustle of the leaves in our forests. Ours is the God of nature. She was a leader to us. She inspired us to better things. We loved her, and now she is gone from us. But while we are sad, it is for us that we are sad, not for her, because we know she is happy. We are sad because we are left alone. I think ours is the sweetest of all the religions."

Addresses were also made by Chief Longfellow, Morris Leigh and Carlos, an Aztec Indian from Mexico.

The interment will be made to-morrow in the Converse family plot at Elmira, N. Y.

CHARLOTTE A. CONVERSE,⁸ born in Westfield, Mass., 21 June 1839; married Judge Robert Lowry. (315)

143. CAPTAIN LORENZO CONVERSE⁷ (*Dr. Jacob⁶ (53), Lieut. Jacob,⁵ Ensign Edward,⁴ Samuel,³ Sergeant Samuel,² Deacon Edward¹*), born in Palmer, Mass., 6 October 1800; died in New Braintree, Mass., 27 July 1853. He was a farmer and passed his life in New Braintree. His title of "Captain" is supposed to have been gained in the militia at the time when all able-bodied young men were required by law to train as soldiers. As a farmer, he achieved by far the greatest success of any of his contemporaries, a fact attributable in part to the ability and good management of his wife, who was as capable and industrious indoors as he was outside. He married in Rutland, Mass., 17 March 1841, Eliza Reid, who was born in Rutland, Mass., 17 January 1812, and who died in Oakham, Mass., 6 June 1881. She was the daughter of Abel and Hannah (Gleason) Reid of Rutland, Mass. Abel Reid was born in Sudbury, Mass., his wife in Framingham, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. Abel Reid for some time after marriage lived in Sudbury, whence they removed to Rutland, Mass., where they lived many years, and where they died.

Children of Lorenzo and Eliza (Reid) Converse:

ELEANOR ROBINSON CONVERSE,⁸ born in New Braintree, Mass., 1 Jan. 1842; married Rev. Charles Sylvester Brooks. (316)

JOSIAH CLARK CONVERSE,⁸ born in New Braintree, Mass., 12 Aug. 1843; married Ruth A. Whitney. (317)

JANE ELIZA CONVERSE,⁸ born in New Braintree, Mass., 22 Aug. 1845.

144. ANNA CONVERSE⁷ (*Dr. Jacob*⁶ (53), *Lieut. Jacob*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born 1803; died in Brimfield, Mass., 6 May 1849. She married, 5 May 1826, Hezekiah Ferry, who was born in Palmer, Mass., 18 September 1795, and died, in Brimfield, 4 October 1882. Both were buried in Brimfield, where they passed the greater portion of their lives on a farm.

Children of Hezekiah and Anna (Converse) Ferry:

ANN FRANCES FERRY,⁸ born, in Brimfield, 11 Dec. 1826; died there 10 Sept. 1900, and is buried there. She married, 5 May 1853, Jonathan Calvin Dix, who was born in 1825. Their only child, LIZZIE DIX,⁹ was born, in Brimfield, 9 Sept. 1855, and died there January 1868.

LORENZO CONVERSE FERRY,⁸ born in Brimfield, Mass., 25 Aug. 1831; died 25 Feb. 1868. He was educated at the academy in Monson, Mass. After leaving school he passed the rest of his life on a farm in Brimfield. He was married in Palmer, Mass., 5 May 1859, by Rev. Joseph Viall, D.D., to Lydia Ornelia Alexander, who was born in Palmer, Mass., 1 June 1836, and who was living there in 1901. Children:

MARION IRENE FERRY,⁹ b. in Brimfield, Mass., 14 Sept. 1862; m., 17 May 1882, by Rev. S. V. McDuffee, Charles Waylon Robinson, b., in Brimfield, 27 Dec. 1861, who was educated at the Hitchcock Academy in Brimfield, and in 1901 was a merchant in Palmer, Mass. His father, Henry Wilson Robinson, b. 18 March 1836; d. 25 April 1863; m., 16 Dec. 1858, Sarah Jane Hatch, b. 1 June 1841, d. Feb. 1877.

ETTA IONE FERRY,⁹ b., in Brimfield, 22 April 1867; m. in Palmer, Mass., 10 Aug. 1892, by Rev. A. W. Weeks, George Lincoln Plimpton, b. in Sturbridge, Mass., 8 July 1865, who was educated at Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., and in 1901 was Principal N. H. Conference Seminary, Tilton, N. H. His father, James Hervey Plimpton, b. Dec. 1834; m., Nov. 1861, Elizabeth Fairbanks, b. July 1838. George L. and Etta I. (Ferry) Plimpton had one child: ESTHER ELIZABETH PLIMPTON,¹⁰ b. 9 Jan. 1900.

145. REBECCA CONVERSE⁷ (*Dr. Jacob*⁶ (53), *Lieut. Jacob*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Palmer, Mass., 18 April 1805; died in Enfield, Mass., 22 February 1834, and is buried there. She was married, 15 May 1825, by Rev. Joshua Crosby, to John Crosby, who was born in Enfield, Mass., 16 July 1801, died 19 March 1870, and who is buried in Enfield where he lived all his life. In early life he was a machinist, later a farmer. His father, Joshua Crosby, born 12 June 1761, was educated at Brown University, served in the militia in the Revolutionary War, served as a Chaplain in the War of 1812, and was the minister of the church (Congregational) in Enfield for nearly fifty years.

Children of John and Rebecca (Converse) Crosby:

REBECCA CONVERSE CROSBY,⁸ born, 17 Oct. 1828, in Enfield, Mass., where she resided in 1901. She married, 13 May 1858, Dr. Charles Edson Davis, born in Ashburnham,

Mass., 11 May 1822, died 8 June 1863. Dr. Davis was educated at Dartmouth College; practised medicine in Greenwich, Hardwick, and Ashby, Mass. His father, Charles Davis, born in Ashburnham, 11 June 1797; married, 11 Oct. 1820, Elvira Buss of West Sterling, Mass. Dr. Charles Edson and Rebecca Converse (Crosby) Davis had one son, CHARLES OLIVER DAVIS,⁹ born in West Sterling, Mass., 1 June 1857. In 1901 living in Enfield, Mass., where he is a farmer. He is a member of the Congregational Church.

LYDIA AUGUSTA CROSBY,⁸ born, in Enfield, 1 June 1830.

146. ELEANOR CONVERSE⁷ (*Dr. Jacob⁶ (53), Lieut. Jacob,⁵ Ensign Edward,⁴ Samuel,³ Sergeant Samuel,² Deacon Edward¹*), born —; died in Brimfield, Mass., 4 August 1853, and is buried there. She married, 24 November 1831, Solomon Homer, who was born 1 October 1804, and died 2 January 1879. He is buried in Brimfield, where he lived on a farm except during the last six years of his life, which were spent in Warren, Mass.

Children of Solomon and Eleanor (Converse) Homer:

CHARLOTTE JANE HOMER,⁸ born 8 Oct. 1833; died 13 Sept. 1836.

HENRY DEWITT HOMER,⁸ born 4 April 1842; died 29 June 1842.

ABBIE GEORGIETTA HOMER,⁸ born, in Brimfield, 5 Nov. 1843; died 16 May 1873; married, about 1866, Lyman B. Kellogg. Mrs. Abbie Georgietta (Homer) Kellogg left children. Prof. Vernon L. Kellogg of Leland-Stanford University is a grandson.

147. THOMAS JEFFERSON CONVERSE⁷ (*Capt. James⁶ (54), Asa,⁵ Ensign Edward,⁴ Samuel,³ Sergeant Samuel,² Deacon Edward¹*), born in Stafford, Conn., 17 November 1802; died in North Creek, N. Y., in 1890. He emigrated with his father to Pittsford, N. Y. When he was fifteen years old his father died, and he then went to some place in Lower Canada and learned building, and worked there as a bridge-builder till he was twenty-one years old. He then removed to Rochester, N. Y., and worked at that place for a time as a builder, but soon removed to New York City where he remained till about 1838, engaged in business as a building contractor, and also in the manufacture of hats, caps and fur goods. About 1838, he removed from New York to Charlestown, N. Y., where he was engaged as a building contractor. He married, first, in New York City, in 1823 or 1824, Sarah Jane Hendrich. He married, second, in 1830, Sarah Higgins of New York City, daughter of James and Sarah Higgins.

Children of Thomas Jefferson and Sarah Jane (Hendrich) Converse:

SARAH JANE CONVERSE,⁸ born 10 July 1827; died 1894; married, 1st, Stephen Smith of Washington County, N. Y., who died soon. She had one son by this marriage. She married, 2nd, Nathan Wallis. He enlisted in the Union Army, 1862, in the 96th N. Y. Regt., and died in Salisbury prison in 1865. She married, 3d, in 1869, Warren Bissell of Newcomb, N. Y., who died in 1880. The children of Nathan and Sarah Jane (Converse) Wallis were:

GEORGE WALLIS,⁹ d., inf. 7 years.

FREDERICK WALLIS,⁹

JAMES ELBERT WALLIS,⁹ of Newcomb, Essex Co., N. Y.

MARY WALLIS,⁹ b. 24 May 1861; d. inf. 18 years.

FREDERICK LARABEE CONVERSE,⁸ married, 1st, Flora Strong of Brunswick, Ohio, and had:

CHARLES CONVERSE,⁹ of Rhineland, Wis. This son married and has several children.

THOMAS CONVERSE,⁹ of Wheeler, Wis.

ESTELLA CONVERSE,⁹ resides in Ohio.

MELISSA CONVERSE,⁹ resides in Iowa.

Frederick Larabee Converse,⁸ married, again, and had three daughters:

ZIDA CONVERSE,⁹ of Sparta, Wis.

FLORA CONVERSE,⁹ of Sparta, Wis.

NANNIE H. CONVERSE,⁹ of Sparta, Wis.

Children of Thomas Jefferson and Sarah (Higgins) Converse:

JAMES HENRY CONVERSE,⁸ DOCTOR, born 15 March 1812; married Margaret Romine. (318)

THOMAS JEFFERSON CONVERSE,⁸ JR., resides in North Creek, N. Y. He married Betsey Roblee, and had two sons:

ISAAC CONVERSE,⁹ married Edith Roblee.

ORR CONVERSE,⁹ married Martha Waldron.

148. FREDERICK LARABEE CONVERSE⁷ (*Capt. James⁶ (54), Asa,⁵ Ensign Edward,⁴ Samuel,³ Sergeant Samuel,² Deacon Edward¹*), born in Stafford, Conn., 17 June 1806; died at Miller's Corners, in the town of Bloomfield, N. Y., 25 October 1889, and is buried in Mendon, N. Y. He participated in the family migration to Wayne County, New York, and for a time lived in Pittsford. He married, first, Debora Pool of Bloomfield, N. Y., who died in Bristol, N. Y., 29 April 1826, aged 24. He married, second, in Bristol, N. Y., in April, 1836, Sally Whitmore (Tiffany) Peters, who was born in Barkhamstead, Conn., 18 April 1807, and who died in West Stockbridge, Mass., 13 March 1884. She was the daughter of Levi and Eunice Tiffany. (See Tiffany genealogy.) Frederick Larabee Converse, shortly before his death, married, third, Elizabeth Lay, widow. There were no children by the last marriage.

Children of Frederick Larabee and Debora (Pool) Converse:

AMANDA CONVERSE,⁸

CELIA CONVERSE,⁸

Children of Frederick Larabee and Sally Whitmore (Tiffany) Converse:

MELISSA EUPHEMIA CONVERSE,⁸ born in Bristol, N. Y., 31 Aug. 1839; married in Mendon, N. Y., 14 June 1857, Levi Warren Jones, son of Elias and Phoebe Burr (Sweet) Jones.

Three sons were born to them:

LEVI JAMES JONES,⁹ b. in Mendon, N. Y., 3 Oct. 1859.

HOMER ADRIAN JONES,⁹ b. in Mendon, N. Y., 18 Dec. 1864; residence, Larchmont, N. Y.; in 1900, a commercial traveler for the Royal Baking Powder Co. of New York.

FREDERICK LARABEE JONES,⁹ b. in West Stockbridge, Mass., 23 Feb. 1875; died there 12 Feb. 1876.

MARY A. CONVERSE,⁸ born 1 Aug. 1841; married Benjamin Bartlett, and had a son:

FREDERICK BARTLETT,⁹ of Mendon, Monroe Co., N. Y.

GEORGE JEFFERSON CONVERSE,⁸ born 11 Feb. 1847; died 2 June 1880.

149. JOSIAH CONVERSE⁷ (*Solvin*⁶ (55), *Asa*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Stafford, Conn., 20 March 1781; died, in Stafford, 14 July 1809. He was a farmer, was educated in the district school and connected with the Baptist Church. He married, 25 June 1807, Joanna Alden of Stafford, who was born, in Stafford, 14 July 1782, and died 30 September 1849. She was a daughter of Lieutenant Elisha and Irene (Markham) Alden. Joanna Alden was a sister of Nathan Alden, the father of Sally Alden who married Parley Converse.

Josiah and Joanna (Alden) Converse had two children:

CALISTA CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Stafford, 20 May 1808; died 28 July 1896; married Origen Sparks. (319)

CELENDIA ALDEN CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Stafford, 21 Sept. 1809; died in Marion, Ill., 7 Jan. 1882; married Isaac McCoy. (320)

150. BETSY CONVERSE⁷ (*Solvin*⁶ (55), *Asa*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Stafford, Conn., 26 June 1783; died, 9 July 1877, in Springfield, Mass., where she was residing with her daughter Minerva. Betsy Converse married, in 1803, John Baker of Stafford, farmer and hotel keeper, and who died, in Stafford, 18 April 1862. They were both devoted and active members of the Baptist Church, and were much respected. Mrs. Baker was a woman of sterling Christian character.

Children, all born in Stafford:

MINERVA BAKER,⁸ born 28 May 1804; died, 7 May 1885, in Springfield, Mass., where she had long resided: married, 12 June 1828, Elisha Converse Rust, who was born in Norwich, Conn., 12 June 1801. He was a house-builder in Springfield, Mass., where he died 8 Jan. 1834. He was a young man of much promise, an esteemed member of the Baptist Church to which denomination his wife also belonged. He was clerk of the Church Society and Superintendent of the Sunday School. The Rust Genealogy mentions her as a "woman of large intellect and quiet dignity; one, who, having lost the noble object of a noble love, thenceforward lived enveloped in its ever-present precious memory, so that while grandly true to loving home duty and the broader social duties, still of her it might be said that 'though living in this world she was not of it.'" Children, born in Springfield, Mass.:

MINERVA BAKER RUST,⁹ b. 2 May 1829. A highly educated woman, a teacher of music, and a resident of Springfield, Mass. Miss Rust devoted several years to the compilation of a genealogy of the Rust family, which in printed form covers over five hundred pages. She has rendered valuable assistance to the compiler of this work in connection with the branch of the Converse family from which she is descended.

SHERMAN ELISHA RUST,⁹ b. 17 May 1831; d. 12 Sept. 1832.

HENRY APPLETON RUST,⁹ MAJOR, b. 26 Nov. 1832; m., in Chicago, 28 Dec. 1864, Sarah Sterling De Forest, b. in Bridgeport, Conn., 30 Oct. 1834, d., in Chicago, 21 Oct. 1897, daughter of Gen. Charles and Mary Ann (Sterling) De Forest. After completing his studies in the Connecticut Literary Institution at Suffield, Conn., he served as a clerk during his minority in a Springfield mercantile establishment, and in 1854 went to Chicago to enter the office of Messrs. Stone & Boomer, railroad bridge builders, and, until the outbreak of the Civil War, engaged in the construction and organization of railroads, and railroad-bridge building. When the Civil War broke out, he resigned a railroad secretaryship to enter his country's service as adjutant of the 27th Illinois Infantry. He was promoted captain, and mustered out as major, with his regiment, after three years' service. He participated in the campaigns of the armies of the Mississippi and of the Cumberland, and was in many battles. At the siege of Island No. 10 he was Assistant Adjutant General of land forces cooperating with Commodore Foote, and, as bearer of dispatches to General Pope, made a hazardous trip across the peninsula, developing information of great value in the formation of a plan for the successful evacuation of Island No. 10. After the battle of Chickamauga, he was detailed for service in the engineering department upon bridge construction, fortifications, etc. During the Atlanta campaign, he had charge of the construction of field works and fortifications aggregating more than thirty miles in length. At Rocky Face Bridge, while in command of the advance line, he was wounded in the head. After the war, he was engaged in the execution of heavy contracts for rebuilding for the government railroad bridges in Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia destroyed during the war. Since 1866, his residence has been in Chicago, and his engineering contracting firm has designed and constructed many of the important railroad bridges across the Mississippi, Missouri, Arkansas and other great rivers. He has also been identified with various important railroad enterprises. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Society of the Army of the Cumberland, the Military Order Loyal Legion, the Washington Park Club, the Chicago Club and the Union League of Chicago. He is a Trustee of Hahnemann Medical College and Hospital, Vice-President Children's Aid Society, President Mount Hope Cemetery Association, a Trustee of the University of Chicago, and a member of the Finance Committee thereof. A more extended sketch of his life will be found in the Rust Genealogy, from which this brief account is taken by permission. The children of Maj. Henry Appleton and Sarah Sterling (De Forest) Rust were:

HENRY APPLETON RUST,¹⁰ JR., b. in Nashville, Tenn., 7 Aug. 1865; d., in Chicago, 3 Aug. 1881.

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BESSIE STERLING RUST,¹⁰ b. in Chicago, 21 Jan. 1867; educated in Chicago, at Dobb's Ferry, and in Europe; married, in Chicago, 20 April 1887, James Wright Johnston, who was born in that city 11 March 1860. Mr. Johnston is a graduate of Racine College, Wis., and resides in Chicago, where he is Treasurer of the Western Electric Co. of Chicago and New York, and a Warden of Grace Episcopal Church. Their children are: HENRY RUST JOHNSTON,¹¹ b. in Chicago, 13 Feb. 1888, and KATHERINE JOHNSTON,¹¹ b. in Chicago, 10 Nov. 1899.

PHILIP DE FOREST RUST,¹⁰ b. in Chicago, 16 Jan. 1869; m., 11 Dec. 1893, Mary Louisa Roucke, b. in Charlestown, Mass., 1 March 1866. He is connected with Western Electric Co., and is a junior member of the Loyal Legion. One daughter, SARAH STERLING RUST,¹¹ b. in Chicago, 10 Sept. 1898.

MARY CONVERSE RUST,¹⁰ b. in Chicago, 17 Oct. 1870; was educated in Chicago, at Dobb's Ferry and in Europe. She married in London, England, 6 Oct. 1899, Enos M. Barton of Chicago, who was born in Lorraine, Jefferson Co., N. Y. Mr. Barton is a graduate of Rochester University, N. Y., and is President of the Western Electric Co.; a Trustee of the University of Chicago; a Director in the Merchants' Loan & Trust Co. of Chicago, and is a member of the Chicago, Union League, and Kenwood Clubs.

BETSY ANN BAKER,⁸ born, in Stafford, 3 Jan. 1808; married, 12 June 1828, Deacon Jacob Leonard of Stafford, farmer, who was born in Springfield, Mass., in 1796. They were both members of the Baptist Church, of which he was elected Deacon. They were, for many years, residents of the town of Stafford, and were devoted to works of benevolence and usefulness. Deacon Leonard was a man of great strength of mind and body, a friend to the unfortunate, a prominent temperance man, and among the foremost in the Washingtonian movement for reclaiming inebriates. His constant efforts resulted in the reformation of unfortunates of that character in many instances. His wife died, in Stafford, 7 May 1885; he died, in the same town, 25 March 1877; their remains were buried there. Their children, all born in Stafford, were:

HANNAH BLODGETT LEONARD,⁹ b. 16 April 1830; d. 9 Oct. 1859; m., in 1857, Edward C. Fitch of Windham, farmer. She was a teacher. One child: EDWARD LEONARD FITCH,¹⁰ b. 19 Sept. 1859; d. y.

JUDSON WADE LEONARD,⁹ b. 3 July 1832; m., 28 April 1864, Annie S. Stoddard. He was probably a farmer in early life, and later was a successful manufacturer of woolens. He was an active member of the Baptist Church, and was deeply interested in the Shaw Institute of North Carolina for the education of colored people, of which institution his brother-in-law, Rev. Henry Martin Tupper, was President. To the support of that institution he contributed largely during his life, and left it a bequest upon his death, which occurred 8 April 1883. One child: EDGAR BURR LEONARD,¹⁰ b. 27 Dec. 1868; d. 19 July 1869. Mrs. Leonard resided in 1900 in Hampden, Mass.

SARAH BAKER LEONARD,⁹ b. in Stafford, 3 Oct. 1834; m., 25 Jan. 1864, Rev. Henry Martin Tupper, D.D., who was born in Monson, Mass., 11 April 1831. His grandfather, Ezra Tupper, and great grandfather, Col. Wm. Tupper, both served in the Revolutionary War. Henry Martin Tupper fitted for college

at Monson Academy and was graduated from Amherst College and from Newton Theological Seminary. He served three years in the Union Army during the Civil War. At the close of the war he went South as a missionary to the colored people, and founded at Raleigh, N. C., a school for them known as the "Shaw University." He was the first and only President of that institution up to the time of his death, and received the degree of D.D. It is the largest denominational institution of the kind for colored people in the South, established under the auspices of the American Baptist Home Mission Society. Rev. Dr. Tupper d. in Raleigh, N. C., 12 Nov. 1893. His widow resided in Chicopee, Mass., in 1900. They had two children:

ELIZABETH CAROLINE TUPPER,¹⁰ b. 6 Feb. 1869; m., 29 Aug. 1893, De Witt Porter Ballard, and had JUDSON TUPPER BALLARD,¹¹ b. 26 May 1896.

EDWARD LEONARD TUPPER,¹⁰ b. 2 June 1871; m., 2 June 1894, Jessie Mason Meyers and had KATHERINE TUPPER,¹¹ b. 7 Nov. 1897.

EDGAR MORSE LEONARD,⁹ b. 12 Aug. 1836; m., 1st, 9 Nov. 1862, Carrie Heath, b. in Belleville, Ohio, 20 Oct. 1845, d. 30 Aug. 1874. He m., 2nd, 20 Jan. 1875, Hannah Heath. He resides in Denver, Colo., where he is a merchandise broker. Children:

FRANK HEATH LEONARD,¹⁰ b. in Rockford, Ill., 19 Oct. 1863; m. Ann Amanda Best, b. in Chicago, 24 Sept. 1865.

GRACE LEONARD,¹⁰ b. in Rockford, Ill., 18 Jan. 1866; d. 5 Feb. 1866.

ZAIDEE PHILENA LEONARD,¹⁰ b., in Rockford, 8 June 1868; m. Leon Melchor, b., in Chicago, 25 Aug. 1865.

CARRIE B. LEONARD,¹⁰ b., in Rockford, 12 Aug. 1874; d. 15 Oct. 1874.

FRANCIS JACOB LEONARD,⁹ b. 12 Aug. 1838; m., 24 Sept. 1867, Sarah A. Heagle, b. in Johnstown, N. Y., in 1845, daughter of Jacob B. and Susan (Selmser) Heagle of Johnstown, N. Y. Francis Jacob Leonard was graduated from Brown University, and pursued a course of study in Rochester Theological Seminary. He is a resident of Rockford, Ill., a member of the firm of Leonard & Ward. Children:

SUSAN ANTOINETTE LEONARD,¹⁰ b., in Rockford, 1 Nov. 1869; a graduate of Rockford College. She married, 29 Dec. 1897, Arthur Newton Leonard, Ph.D., b. in Brooklyn, N. Y., a graduate of Brown University.

ALBERT JACOB LEONARD,¹⁰ b. 11 July 1872; d. 12 March 1890.

MAE EVELYN LEONARD,¹⁰ b. 14 April 1878; a graduate of Rockford High School.

ELIZABETH ANN LEONARD,⁹ b. 26 Aug. 1840; m., 4 Oct. 1871, Thomas Hollis Baker of Stillman Valley, Ill., farmer, b. in Templeton, Mass., in 1826, and resided at one time in Stafford, son of Calvin and Sally Baker. Mrs. Baker was educated at Suffield and at Worcester, and from 1861 until her marriage was a teacher. Her husband received an academic education, and at one time resided in Stafford. They are residents of Stillman Valley, Ill. Child:

BESSIE LOUISE BAKER,¹⁰ b. 20 Apr. 1876; d. 9 May 1899.

JOHN BAKER LEONARD,⁹ b. 9 April 1842; d. 22 July 1851.

EMMA AMELIA LEONARD,⁹ b. 28 Aug. 1844; residence in Chicopee, Mass.

IRVING ALMOND LEONARD,⁹ b. 12 Aug. 1848; m., 4 March 1872, Tillie Rice, who

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was born in Rockford, Ill., in 1857, and was educated in the High School. Mr. Leonard resides at Chicago Heights. He is engaged in mining business. Children:

GRACE WINIFRED LEONARD¹⁰ (twin), b. 15 Jan. 1873. She received a High School education. She m., 5 Aug. 1895, James Ambrose Duggan, who was b. in Cleveland, Ohio, 16 Oct. 1856, and is the son of C. H. and Jane (Sidley) Duggan from County Limerick, Ireland.

BESSIE ETHEL LEONARD¹⁰ (twin), b. 15 Jan. 1873; educated in the High School; m., in 1897, Henry Birt.

PEARL LEONARD,¹⁰ b. 26 Oct. 1876. He was educated in the High School.

BLANCHE LEONARD,¹⁰ b. 2 Oct. 1882; a graduate of a ladies' seminary in Sycamore, Ill.

JUDSON RICE LEONARD,¹⁰ b. 11 Aug. 1886; a student in High School at Chicago Heights.

HANNAH BAKER,⁸ born 3 Jan. 1811; died, in Stafford, 15 April 1889; married, 15 Feb. 1841, William James Thrasher, who was born, in Stafford, 23 Jan. 1814, taught school many years, and was to some extent a farmer. He still resides in Stafford (1900). She was an intelligent and worthy woman, devoted to her family and to the Baptist Church, and was highly respected, as was also her husband. They had five children

WILLIAM E. THRASHER,⁸ b., in Stafford, 26 Sept. 1844; d. 24 Nov. 1846.

AN INFANT,⁸ b. 24 Sept. 1846; d. 22 Dec. 1846.

EUGENIA THRASHER,⁸ b., in Stafford, 23 Nov. 1847; unmarried.

HERBERT C. THRASHER,⁸ b., in Stafford, 9 Oct. 1850; unmarried.

ADDIA C. THRASHER,⁸ b., in Stafford, 2 Aug. 1853; unmarried.

SARAH CONVERSE BAKER,⁸ born 21 June 1813; died, in Stafford, 31 Aug. 1831.

JOHN BAKER,⁸ JR., born 30 March 1816; married, 1st, Caroline Davis of Ware, Mass., 11 June 1845. She died in 1846, and he married, 2nd, 3 May 1849, Lucy Collins White of Glastonbury, Conn. She was born 30 Oct. 1818, and died in Springfield, Mass., 13 May 1891. Mr. Baker was employed for many years by the Collins Axe Co. of Collinsville, Conn. He subsequently purchased a small farm in West Springfield, and finally gave up farming, and removed to Springfield where he now (1900) resides with his son, Mortimer Baker. John and Lucy Collins (White) Baker had two children, viz:

CAROLINE ELIZABETH BAKER,⁸ b. 1846; d. in infancy.

MORTIMER BAKER,⁸ b., in Springfield, 3 Sept. 1850; m., in Springfield, 5 Sept. 1876, Lucy Edna Garfield, who d. 21 Feb. 1895. One child:

EVA MARIAN BAKER,¹⁰ b., in Springfield, 30 April 1881; d. 25 Jan. 1883.

MARTHA MARY BAKER,⁸ born, in Stafford, 10 Oct. 1818; died, in Springfield, 13 May 1899; married, 1 May 1841, Luther Sage of Springfield, a woolen manufacturer for many years in South Wilbraham, Mass. (now of Hampden). He was born, in Springfield 21 April 1816, and died there 4 Jan. 1897. Their children were:

EDWIN BAKER SAGE,⁸ b. 7 Oct. 1845; d. 24 Oct. 1891; m., 8 Oct. 1872, Diantha A. Whitaker.

ANTOINETTE MARTHA SAGE,⁸ b. 4 July 1847; m., 26 Nov. 1874, Robert G. Smith, of Rockford, Ill. Children: ARTHUR MORTIMER SMITH,¹⁰ b. 20 Sept. 1875; d. 22 May 1876, and MARY IVA SMITH, b. 15 July 1877; d. 2 Aug. 1885.

ARTHUR ALPHONSO SAGE,⁸ b. 29 June 1850; d. 6 Aug. 1862.

AN INFANT⁸ (not named), born 31 July 1820; died 1 Aug. 1821.

ANTOINETTE JOSEPHINE BAKER,⁹ born, in Stafford, 8 Oct. 1822; married, 25 Nov. 1847, Owen Holt Weston, dealer in leather and leather supplies, born, in Worcester, 16 Feb. 1822. He died, in Worcester, 31 Jan. 1892, and she now (1900) resides there with her children.

ADELIA CAROLINE BAKER,⁸ born, in Stafford, 12 April 1825; died, unmarried, in Worcester, 12 Oct. 1883.

151. SALLY CONVERSE⁷ (*Solvin*⁶ (55), *Asa*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Stafford, Conn., 4 February 1786; married, 3 September 1814, Olney Brown of Stafford who was born, in Stafford, 4 November 1788, and was the son of Othniel and Sybil (Olney) Brown. Othniel Brown was born in Rhode Island in 1759. Sybil Olney was an aunt of Jesse Olney, author of school books.

The following record of Sally Converse and her descendants and the ancestry of her husband was contributed by Col. Freeman M. Brown in 1900:

Othniel Brown was a soldier of the Revolutionary War both in the land and in the marine service. He was taken prisoner and held several months on a starving British ship, during which time he suffered greatly. He was twice married, and had twelve children. His second wife was Nancy Lyon, born in Stafford. When they were married in 1829 she was 38 years old, and his age was 70. By her he had three children in four years, two of whom are living at this time (1900) viz.: a son, 69 years old, in Tolland, Conn., and a daughter, 67, in East Hartford, Conn., probably the only case of children no older now living of a Revolutionary soldier. Othniel Brown and his wife were both Baptists. He was very strict in his religious views and held to them steadfastly. He was a farmer and set out an orchard which produced the finest fruit in the town of Stafford, and such Rhode Island greenings as are seldom seen in these days.

Olney and Sally (Converse) Brown enjoyed the esteem of all who knew them. She was kind and good and a devoted mother. Before marriage he taught school, but during the rest of his life he was engaged in farming. A tradition has come down in the family that he had some local reputation as a Greek scholar. She died in Holland, Mass., 18 March 1865; he died 1 February 1862, and their remains were buried in Wales, Mass.

Children of Olney and Sally (Converse) Brown:

ORRIN WASHINGTON BROWN,⁸ born, in Union, 6 Aug. 1816. He was a farmer and dealer in lumber and wood from his lands. "He was a very industrious and intelligent man, occasionally passionate, but kind-hearted and well-disposed toward his children, keeping in view their welfare in after life." He married, 1st, 10 Oct. 1843, Mary Ann Breard, of Holland, Mass., born Nov. 1818, of French parentage. She died, in Holland, 15 June 1861, and he married, 2nd, about 1863, a widow Brackett

of Holland. She had no children, and died in Holland nearly twenty years later. He died there, 2 June 1891, and was buried in Wales. Children:

GEORGE WASHINGTON BROWN,⁹ b. in Holland, Mass., 29 Aug. 1844. For two years a student at Brimfield, Mass., High School; later, a clerk in a dry goods store in Springfield, Mass., for three years, and for several years a clerk for his Uncle Othniel. He removed, in Oct. 1871, to Storm Lake, Iowa, where he is a merchant and a prominent citizen. Since 1875 has been in partnership with his brother, Freeman, under the firm name of Brown Bros. They have erected a large brick store building. He m., 1 Jan. 1879, Ida Willamette Vest, daughter of R. C. Vest of Storm Lake. Children, born in Storm Lake:

STELLA JANE BROWN,¹⁰ b. 17 Nov. 1880.

NELLIE VEST BROWN,¹⁰ b. 8 April 1883.

FREEMAN ARTHUR BROWN,⁹ b. in Holland, Mass., 10 Feb. 1846. His boyhood was spent on a farm; during one term a student at Brimfield High School. Upon coming of age he engaged in the manufacture of spectacles in Holland. Later, he opened a hardware store in Wales, Mass., and in 1875 removed to Storm Lake, Iowa, where he formed a partnership with his brother George as general merchants. While thus engaged he purchased, in the fall of 1875, the Buena Vista Vidette (Democratic), and edited that paper. Under Cleveland's second administration he was appointed postmaster at Storm Lake, and sold the Vidette; and, in partnership with his brother, Francis Joseph, purchased the Shenandoah World, a Democratic paper at Shenandoah, Iowa. He is an enterprising and prominent citizen of Storm Lake. He married Maryetta Back, daughter of Lucius Back of Union, or south part of Holland adjoining. Children:

ARTHUR ADNEY BROWN,¹⁰ b. 24 Feb. 1880.

ORANGE BROWN,¹⁰ died early.

SYLVIA BROWN,¹⁰ b. 8 Jan. 1888.

ELLIOT HERBERT BROWN,⁹ b., in Holland, 14 Oct. 1847; a merchant in Monson, Mass. He married Andell Needham, of Wales, and had a son, MILTON MINOT BROWN,¹⁰ who is in business in Monson with his father, with whom he resides.

MARYETTE ORINE BROWN,⁹ b. in Holland, Mass., 19 Oct. 1849; m. Charles Allen, farmer in Sturbridge, Mass. No children.

CELENDIA EUGENIA BROWN,⁹ b. in Holland, Mass., 20 Dec. 1852; m., 10 May 1880, William Eugene Kimball, a Presbyterian clergyman. Children, all born in Madison, Neb.:

MARY EUGENIA KIMBALL,¹⁰ b. 15 Sept. 1882.

WILLIAM HODGE KIMBALL,¹⁰ b. 19 Sept. 1884.

ARCHIE HOWARD KIMBALL,¹⁰ b. 22 Oct. 1887.

GRETA CLAIRE KIMBALL,¹⁰ b. 24 Dec. 1889.

FRANCIS PATON KIMBALL,¹⁰ b. 8 June 1891.

ORRIN MONROE BROWN,⁹ b. in Holland, Mass., 5 Nov. 1854; has always been engaged in mercantile pursuits. For several years he was located in Nebraska, where he had a general merchandise store. Two or three years before 1900 he removed to Stafford Springs, Conn., where he is a merchant. He is very energetic, enterprising and popular. He married, 3 Aug. 1879, in Stanton, Neb., Flora Sibley Gee, who was b. in Lafayette, Ind., 2 Jan. 1859, and is the

daughter of Rev. Allen A. Gee, who was born in Vermont. They have one son, FRANK ALLEN BROWN,¹⁰ b. in Minneapolis, Minn., 2 Jan. 1881.

EMMA HATTIE BROWN,⁹ b. in Holland, 25 Dec. 1856; d. there 22 Nov. 1862.

FRANCIS JOSEPH BROWN,⁹ b. in Holland, Mass., 24 May 1859. He removed to Storm Lake, Iowa, 1 Dec. 1877, and was a clerk in his brothers' store there. Thence he removed to Missouri where he was a clerk for his uncle Othniel Brown. He then engaged with a wholesale crockery house in St. Joseph, Mo., canvassed Nebraska, and was a merchant at Hebron, Neb. Returning to Storm Lake, he studied law, and was admitted to the bar. After practising law there for a few years, he withdrew from legal practice to become the editor and proprietor of a newspaper at Hamburg, Iowa. He sold this and bought and edited a newspaper at Tecumseh, Neb. The latter he sold, and joined his brother, Freeman, in the purchase of the "World," at Shenandoah, Iowa, where he now (1900) resides. He married Blanche, daughter of P. L. Surdam of Hebron, Neb. Children, born in Storm Lake:

DALE M. BROWN,¹⁰ b. 19 June 1886.

LOYD FRANCIS BROWN¹⁰ (twin), b. 4 March 1891.

MILDRED BLANCHE BROWN¹⁰ (twin), b. 4 March 1891.

SYBIL BROWN,⁸ born in Union, 17 Nov. 1817; died 11 July 1851; married, in 1842, Henry Haradon, who was born in Sturbridge, Mass., 14 Nov. 1819, and died in Stafford, Conn., 13 Jan. 1880. He was son of Reuben Haradon of Holland, Mass., and grand son of William Haradon, who was born in Sturbridge, Mass., and died there about 1858. William Haradon's wife, Jerusha Marcy, was a native of Vermont and died in Holland, Mass., about 1853.

HERBERT HENRY HARADON⁹ (son of Henry and Sybil), was born, in Holland, 16 July 1848. He resides in Brooklyn, N. Y., where he is a merchant, and is also engaged in the manufacture and sale of a printing press. He m., 19 Dec. 1871, Lotta A. Shaw of Wales, Mass., who was born 12 Aug. 1851, and is the daughter of Seline Shaw of Wales, Mass. Their two sons were b. in Wales, viz:

ARTHUR LEON HARADON,¹⁰ b. 10 Oct. 1873; d. 4 Jan. 1894.

ROLAND SHAW HARADON,¹⁰ b. 21 Aug. 1878.

CELENDIA BROWN,⁸ born in Union, 28 April 1821; died there 1 Sept. 1822.

OTHNIEL OLNEY BROWN,⁸ born in Stafford, Conn., 9 July 1825. When he was ten years old his father and family removed to Wales, Mass., and five years thereafter a farm was bought in Holland, Mass., and the family moved there. From 1841 till 1849, he was clerk in a store— in Wales, Mass., one year; in Sturbridge, Mass., two years; in Worcester, Mass., two years, and in Sturbridge again three years. In 1849 he bought out the store in Sturbridge where he was employed, and conducted a general merchandise business. In 1850, he moved his business to Granby, Mass., and continued removals as follows:

1854, Stafford Springs, Conn., general merchandise.

1855, New Milford, Conn., general merchandise.

1856, La Salle, Ill., general merchandise.

1856, St. John, Mich., burned out.

1856, Catskill, N. Y., boot and shoe auction.

1856, Delhigh, N. Y., boot and shoe auction.

1862, Greencastle, Pa., dry goods.

1863, Mechanicsburg, Pa., dry goods.

1861, New Middleton, Ill., dry goods.

1864, Boone Co., Mo., farming.

1867, Hamilton, Caldwell Co., Mo., merchant.

Since Dec., 1884, he has been a merchant in Topeka, Kansas.

Several years before 1900 he had a stroke of paralysis, and is now (1900) practically helpless. He married, 1st, in 1850, Phalla Kingsbury. He married, 2nd in Greencastle, Pa., 2 Oct. 1862, Anna Cunningham, by whom he had:

CHARLES C. BROWN,⁹ b. in Mechanicsburg, Pa., in 1863; died soon.

PHALLA MAY BROWN,⁹ b. in New Middleton, Ill., 18 Sept. 1864.

EDITH BLANCHE BROWN,⁹ b. in Boone Co., Mo., 9 Jan. 1867; m., — Culley; resides in Topeka, Kan., and has a son: EARL BROWN CULLEY,¹⁰ ten years old in 1900.

152. CELENDIA CONVERSE⁷ (*Solvin*⁶ (55), *Asa*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*, *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born 4 April 1788; married, 14 April 1811, Luther Markham, who was born in Enfield, Conn., 7 November 1783. He was a model farmer of the time in East Longmeadow, Mass. Their schooling was obtained in the district schools. Their church relations were Baptist, with which denomination their descendants generally were identified. They were intelligent, industrious and good moral citizens, highly respected by the people.⁴ This record was contributed by Col. Freeman M. Brown in his 84th year, who adds that theirs was among the pleasant homes which in his younger days he enjoyed much to visit. Mrs. Celenda (Converse) Markham died, in East Longmeadow, 16 November 1844; Luther Markham died there 26 January 1858, and their remains were buried near where they resided.

Children, all born in East Longmeadow:

LORENZO MARKHAM,⁸ born 23 Jan. 1812; died, unmarried, 1 Jan. 1849.

SOLVIN CONVERSE MARKHAM,⁸ born 17 Nov. 1813; married, 1st, 17 Nov. 1837, Harriet Fuller, who was born in East Longmeadow, and died 4 Jan. 1839. He married, 2nd, 22 June 1841, Amanda Alden of Colebrook, N. H. He was a farmer, and an industrious and respected citizen. He died, in East Longmeadow, 1 Oct. 1901. During the last years of his life he resided, with his daughter, Mrs. Alice A. Taylor, near the railroad station in East Longmeadow. Children, born in East Longmeadow:

ERWIN FULLER MARKHAM,⁹ b. 18 Dec. 1838. He is a stock broker in Springfield, Mass. He married, in 1862, Henrietta Electa King of Sixteen Acres, Mass., who was b. 30 July 1839. They had daughter:

ADELLA ELECTA MARKHAM,¹⁰ b., in Springfield, 26 March 1864; m. in Chicopee, Mass., 1 Jan. 1885, Wm. S. Bemis, manufacturer of hardware and tools in Springfield, Mass. Wm. S. and Adella Electa (Markham) Bemis had three children: EMILY EVELINE BEMIS,¹¹ b. 5 April 1888; ALINE MARKHAM BEMIS,¹¹ b. 11 Dec. 1889, and HELEN BEMIS,¹¹ b. 10 April 1892.

CELESTA CLEMENTINE MARKHAM,⁹ b. 1 Aug. 1843; d. 12 June 1863.

ALICE AMANDA MARKHAM,⁹ b. 29 Jan. 1846; m. Seth Taylor of East Longmeadow, b. there 12 Nov. 1815, d. there 18 Sept. 1882. He was largely interested in the stone quarries of East Longmeadow, near the railroad station in that town, and was a prominent and much respected citizen. His widow resides where he died. They had one son: ALBERT MARKHAM TAYLOR,¹⁰ b. in East Longmeadow, 12 Dec. 1868; d. in East Longmeadow, 14 March 1900; m., in Providence, 22 Dec. 1891, Grace Bell Welles. He was a book-keeper and draughtsman.

FREDERICK CONVERSE MARKHAM,⁹ b. 20 March 1848; m., 31 Jan. 1877, Carrie Elizabeth Owen of Hartford, Conn., b. in Hartford, 27 July 1855. He is engaged in Providence, R. I., in the sale of the product of the stone quarries of East Longmeadow, Mass., and Portland, Conn., and Ohio and Nova Scotia sandstone. Children:

LENA CARRIE MARKHAM,¹⁰ b. in East Longmeadow, 1 Feb. 1878.

EDGAR FREDERICK MARKHAM,¹⁰ b. in Providence, R. I., 15 Sept. 1882; d. 15 Dec. 1887.

RALPH PHELPS MARKHAM,⁹ DOCTOR, born 17 Jan. 1816; died 25 Oct. 1877; married, 8 Oct. 1851, Mary Morgan Cadwell. He was a widely known and respected physician. His early education was received at Wilbraham Academy, after which he studied medicine with Dr. Kibbe of Springfield. Children:

BRADFORD PEIRCE MARKHAM,⁹ b. 13 July 1852; m., 1st, 8 Aug. 1877, Flora Lillian Whitmore of Hamilton, N. Y., who died, in East Longmeadow, 15 Oct. 1878. He m., 2nd, Ella Cook of Hamilton. They removed to Bellaire, Kan. He was graduated from Wilbraham Academy and is a pharmacist.

EMILY MARKHAM⁹ (twin), b. in Hampden, 21 Oct. 1854; d. in a few days.

EMILUS MARKHAM⁹ (twin), b. in Hampden, 21 Oct. 1854; d. in a few days.

MINNIE ARVILLE MARKHAM,⁹ b. 10 Nov. 1857; m., 26 Nov. 1889, Charles Comfort Chaffee of Hampden, Mass., merchant.

ORIANNA MARKHAM,⁹ b. in Westfield, Mass., 15 April 1856; d. 1 Oct. 1856.

KATE MARKHAM,⁹ b. in East Longmeadow, 14 Aug. 1860; d. 6 Sept. 1860.

LUTHER MARKHAM,⁹ JR., born 30 Jan. 1818; died, in East Longmeadow, 9 Sept. 1899; married, 1840, Sarah Fuller. He was an enterprising and successful farmer in East Longmeadow, a valuable citizen, a kind neighbor, and much respected. Children:

ELLIOTT BOARDMAN MARKHAM,⁹ b. in East Longmeadow, 21 March 1847, farmer; married Georgiana Frost, who was born, in East Longmeadow, 24 Sept. 1849. Children, born in East Longmeadow:

LOLA ELIZABETH MARKHAM,¹⁰ b. 15 Dec. 1872.

ELOISE BOARDMAN MARKHAM,¹⁰ b. 19 April 1874.

HENRY CLINTON MARKHAM,¹⁰ b. 30 June 1875.

SADIE GEORGE MARKHAM,¹⁰ b. 15 June 1883.

NETTIE LOUISE MARKHAM,⁹ b. 15 Dec. 1860; m., 26 May 1881, Fred Daniell Dwight, farmer, who was born, in East Longmeadow, 28 Feb. 1857. Children, born in East Longmeadow:

EDNA MARYBELLE DWIGHT,¹⁰ b. 2 Oct. 1884.

HAROLD FULLER DWIGHT,¹⁰ b. 8 Oct. 1888.

GERTIE THERESA DWIGHT,¹⁰ b. 6 July 1891.

CELENDIA MARKHAM,⁸ born 12 Sept. 1821; died, unmarried, 18 July 1881.

NORMAN MARKHAM,⁸ born 26 Sept. 1823; died 6 Aug. 1825.

EDWIN MARKHAM,⁸ born 13 June 1828; died 7 Jan. 1839.

ALBERT MARKHAM,⁸ born 8 Oct. 1831; died, in Milwaukee, 26 Feb. 1887, without issue. married, 21 July 1861, Carrie Stillman of Michigan, who was born 3 March 1835. She died 11 Sept. 1893. His education was obtained at Wilbraham Academy and Middletown College. He was interested in the education of young men, and established in Milwaukee, Wis., the Markham Academy for boys. The following tribute to his memory was published in a Milwaukee newspaper:

The funeral services yesterday afternoon over the remains of the late Prof. Albert Markham, at his residence on Van Buren Street, were very largely attended. The gathering illustrated in some degree the sincere and widely-felt grief at the death of one universally held in such high esteem as a man, and who had met with so much success as a teacher. The services were attended by about thirty of the alumni of the academy and by the students in a body. The casket was surrounded by beautiful floral offerings given by the alumni, the students and other friends. The services were conducted by Rev. John N. Freeman, pastor of Immanuel Church who paid a feeling tribute to the deceased. 'Professor Markham,' he said, 'was by birth, instinct and education, a gentleman. Born of New England parentage, he had at the outset of his career planned that course of his profession, which he so successfully followed. No brilliant eccentric genius was he, but a calm, earnest steadfast man, who combined with his sturdier qualities a gentle compassion and genial benevolence. If ever one had cause to feel his work well done, it was he; if ever one had cause to exult in the accomplishment of high aims, it was he. . . . He was an educator who believed, and who introduced the belief into practice, that the inculcation of good morals, good sense, and good manners was no less important as a factor in the education of youth than instruction in the scholastic branches of an academic course, and the good results of his wise instruction were to be seen around us among the young men, and the older men who have been under his instruction and care, and who are proud to testify to his influence for good, and to the love and wisdom of his kindly counsel. The results of his labor as an educator and of his qualities as a man form a record about us which all men should read.'

The remains were sent to Battle Creek for interment. The following resolutions were adopted at a meeting of the alumni in Milwaukee of the Markham Academy at the Plankinton House in that city:

'Prof. Albert Markham is dead, and we, the former pupils, alumni and students of Milwaukee and Markham Academy mourning his untimely end, and desiring to express our appreciation of his great and valuable services as a teacher, and of his character as a just and upright man, do therefore

Resolve, That by the death of Prof. Markham the cause of education loses a most conscientious and energetic instructor, Milwaukee one of its worthiest citizens and his scholars a wise counsellor and sincere friend.

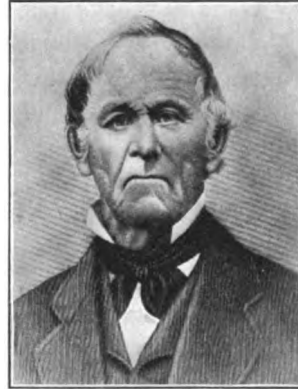
Resolve, That we extend to his widow our heartfelt sympathy, and

Resolve, That in token of our esteem and affection we attend the funeral in a body.'

A DAUGHTER,⁸ ninth child, died in infancy.

153. SOLVA CONVERSE⁷ (*Solvin*⁶ (55), *Asa*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Stafford, Conn., 1 April 1790; died 22 November 1877. He married, 14 May 1812, Esther Blodgett of Stafford, who was born there probably about 1792, and who died 15 July 1880. They are buried near their residence in Stafford Springs Village. Solva Converse was in

early life a captain in the militia. He was a member of the General Assembly, and for about twenty years overseer of the poor. He was a farmer and a successful manufacturer of satinets and woolen cloths; he and his brother Parley were among the earliest manufacturers in Connecticut in that line. The majority of the descendants of Solvin Converse⁶ were of the Baptist denomination; the next largest proportion were Methodists, and the brothers Solva and Parley were the most prominent supporters of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Stafford. The children of Solva Converse who attained maturity were also largely identified with that church.



Solva Converse.

Children of Solva and Esther (Blodgett) Converse:

ALMEDA CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Stafford, 13 April 1813; died, in Stafford, 15 Feb. 1893; married Lucius Heber Whiton. (321)

ADELINE CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Stafford, 2 July 1814; died there 14 Nov. 1836.

WASHINGTON SOLVA CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Stafford, 22 June 1816; died there 3 July 1816

WELCOME CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Stafford, 12 March 1819; died there 24 March 1819.

ALDEN CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Stafford, 17 June 1820; died there, 1 March 1861, in consequence of an injury.

ORRIN CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Stafford, 5 May 1822; married, 1st, Mary Etta Smith; married, 2nd, Nellie Augusta Forbes. (322)

JOSIAH CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Stafford, 13 Feb. 1824; died, in Stafford Spa, 20 Jan. 1901; married Elizabeth C. Orcutt. (323)

JULIUS CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Stafford, 1 March 1827; died there 7 June 1892; married Myra C. Lord. (324)

HANNAH BLODGETT CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Stafford, 12 Jan. 1829; married Marcius Howland Washburn. (325)

FRANCES ESTHER CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Stafford, 20 Feb. 1834; died there 24 Dec. 1835.

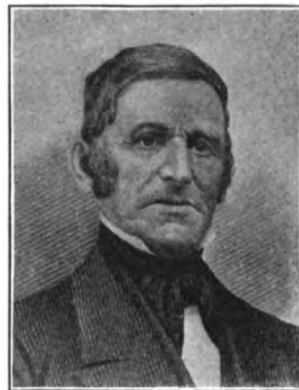
HENRY EDSON CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Stafford, 28 Nov. 1836; died there 8 Dec. 1836.

154. HON. PARLEY CONVERSE⁷ (*Solvin*⁶ (55), *Asa*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Stafford Springs, Conn., 6 May 1792; died 25 November 1869. He was married in Wilbraham, Mass., 3 October 1816, by Rev. Mr. Merritt, to Sally Alden, of Wilbraham, Mass., who was born, in Wilbraham, 12 January 1796, and died 5 January 1868. Mrs. Converse was the daughter of Nathan and Sarah (Bester) Alden, and was a lineal descendant of John Alden of the Mayflower. That line of descent was as follows:

JOHN ALDEN came in the Mayflower, and was forty-two years an Assistant of Plymouth Colony, *Signer of Compact*. He married Priscilla Mullins (or Molines) and was the father of

JOSEPH ALDEN, who married Mary Simmons. Their son
 JOHN ALDEN, married Hannah White, and had
 REV. NOAH ALDEN, who married Mary Vaughn, and had
 LIEUTENANT ELISHA ALDEN, who married Irene Markham. Their son
 NATHAN ALDEN, married Sarah Bester, and was the father of
 SALLY ALDEN who married Parley Converse.

Mr. and Mrs. Converse always lived at Stafford, Conn. He was President of the First National Bank of Stafford from its incorporation until 1869. He was an active and enterprising citizen of Stafford, and a valuable member of the town and church, serving both in various official capacities. He was elected representative and was twice a member of the Connecticut Senate. All his relations in life were characterized by the highest integrity. With his brother, Solva, he was among the early and successful manufacturers of woolen goods in



Parley Converse.

New England, starting at first in the manufacture of satinets. It was in those days, also, that the blast furnace for converting iron ore into iron castings was started. Prior to the beginning of his manufacturing career, Parley Converse was principally occupied with his farm, but had much to do with the teaming, mostly by ox-teams, necessitated by the blast furnaces of which there were three in Stafford, and which for a time constituted a leading interest of the town. The first woolen mill of Stafford was projected and mostly built by him about 1840; and in 1853 he organized the Converseville Company for the manufacture of satinets and jeans, which was a very successful enterprise. About 1830 he was Captain of a militia company, succeeding his brother Solva in that rank. In those days it was an especial honor to fill that office. He and his brother Solva were the largest contributors to the Methodist Church in Stafford. It was principally with that church and the Baptist Church that the descendants of Solvin Converse were at that time identified. One of Parley Converse's contemporaries, in 1901, at an advanced age, recalled many enjoyable visits in his younger days to the pleasant home of Parley Converse, which was always open to his friends, who seemed to be the entire community, and his gracious and generous wife rejoiced to second her husband's hospitality. Both died at the home where they long resided in Stafford Springs, and their deaths were sorrows deeply mourned by the people.

Mr. and Mrs. Converse were buried in the cemetery at Stafford Springs.

Children of Parley and Sally (Alden) Converse, all born in Stafford:

JUDITH BESTER CONVERSE,⁸ born 9 Nov. 1817; died 20 July 1846; married Henry Gray.
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ORRIN CONVERSE,⁸ born 22 Jan. 1819; died 24 March 1819.

EMELINE CONVERSE,⁸ born 14 March 1820; died 28 March 1860; married Henry Thrall.
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WASHINGTON CONVERSE,⁸ born 2 Nov. 1821; died, in Stafford, 8 Dec. 1830.

LAURA ALDEN CONVERSE,⁸ born 3 March 1823; married Benjamin Wells Patten. (328)

PHRONEMA T. CONVERSE,⁸ born 13 April 1824; died, in South Coventry, 23 Aug. 1895; married, 12 Feb. 1851, by Rev. James Mather, to Dwight H. Clark, of So. Coventry, Conn., a manufacturer of cotton goods. Mrs. Clark was educated at the Academy at Ellington. Her only issue was a child still born.

LOUISA AUGUSTA CONVERSE,⁸ born 10 July 1825; was educated at Ellington Academy. She married, 4 June 1851, Robbins Patten of Stafford, associated with her father in the manufacture of woolen goods at Stafford Springs where they resided. She died, in Stafford Spa, 15 Jan. 1900, and her remains lie in the cemetery there. She was a prominent and most devoted and charitable member of the M. E. Church in Stafford Spa. Children:

FRANKLIN W. PATTEN,⁹ b. 8 May 1852; d., unmarried, 10 Jan. 1890.

FREEMAN F. PATTEN,⁹ b. 3 Nov. 1856; resides in Stafford Spa; m., 17 Nov. 1891, Lily W. Welch of Delaware, Ohio, b. 18 March 1868. They have one son, PARLEY CONVERSE PATTEN,¹⁰ b. 25 Sept. 1893.

AMANDA CONVERSE,⁸ born 19 June 1830; died, unmarried, 1 Dec. 1860.

MINERVA CONVERSE,⁸ born 4 March 1832; married, 1st, 22 Feb. 1854, Oliver Nichols Tut-
hill, M.D. He was born in Southampton, Long Island, and received education at
Wilbraham Academy. He practised medicine in New York City, after graduation
from a medical college there. He died in Stafford Spa, Conn., 6 June 1857.
She married, 2nd, 14 Jan. 1861, Henry Thrall, her deceased sister's husband, who
died in Colorado Springs, Colo., 20 Dec. 1880. She now (1900) resides at 63
Magnolia Terrace, Springfield, with the three children of her sister Emeline.

JEANNETTE CONVERSE,⁸ born 2 April 1834; died, in Stafford, 9 May 1834.

155. JOHN HOLMES CONVERSE⁷ (*Solvin*⁶ (55), *Asa*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Stafford, Conn., 1 July 1794; died, in Stafford, 19 May 1825, leaving three children. He married, 25 April 1816, Wealthy Dimmock, who was born in Ellington, Conn., 31 August 1796. He was engaged in farming. His widow married, second, 16 June 1835, Orrin Benton of Chardon, Ohio, whither she removed with her three children by the first marriage. She died there 21 February 1862.

Children of John Holmes and Wealthy (Dimmock) Converse:

JOHN HOLMES CONVERSE,⁸ JR., born, in Stafford, 17 Jan. 1817; died in Chardon, Ohio, 24 July 1885; married, in 1840, Angeline Gilbert of Chardon, who died there in the autumn of 1899. They had no children. About 1865 he legally adopted a daughter, and as he died intestate she inherited his property of considerable value. He

was a farmer to some extent, and also quite extensively engaged in various departments of business with financial success.

WEALTHY ELLIS CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Stafford, 7 Oct. 1818; died in Independence, Iowa 10 Aug. 1875; married Harvey D. Watts, farmer, of Independence, who died there 17 Oct. 1879. No children.

LOIS DIMMOCK CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Stafford, 26 Nov. 1821; married, 5 Nov. 1850, Asaph Blake Ely, farmer, of Madison, Lake Co., Ohio, where they have since resided. No children.

156. LUCY CONVERSE⁷ (*Solvin*⁸ (55), *Asa*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Stafford, Conn., 29 October 1796 died, in Stafford, 4 June 1831. She married, 16 March 1816, David Brown, who was born, in Stafford, 13 March 1793, son of Othniel Brown, soldier in the Revolution. David Brown and his brother Olney married sisters. David was afterwards a farmer, but at the time of his marriage and for one term thereafter was teacher of a district school at Westford in the town of Ashford, Conn. A story is told of his success in bringing to order an insubordinate pupil of great physical strength who had succeeded in routing several of the preceding teachers, but who was conquered by him at once and thoroughly. After marriage he resided in Union, Tolland County, Conn., but after a few years he returned to Stafford to carry on the old home farm of his father.

Mrs. Brown was a member of the Baptist Church, and was a devoted wife and mother. Both she and her husband were of good standing in the community and much respected.

David Brown married, second, in 1832, Rose Turner of Wales, Mass., who died about 1864. His death took place 9 October 1851.

Children of David and Lucy (Converse) Brown:

FREEMAN MONROE BROWN,⁸ MAJOR, born in Union, Tolland County, Conn., 26 Feb. 1817, died at his home in Hartford, Conn., 7 June 1903; married, 1st, 30 Dec. 1838, Lucy Maria Damon of Holland, Mass., born in Granby, Mass., 20 Sept. 1817, daughter of Eli and Bathsheba (Fletcher) Damon. She was descended on the paternal side from General Putnam, and on the maternal from John Alden of the Mayflower. She died at Windsor Locks, Conn., 1 April 1868.

Freeman Monroe Brown married, 2nd, 27 Sept. 1870, Imogene Lincoln who was born in Deerfield, Mass., 4 Oct. 1844, daughter of Seneca White and Evaline Sprague (Gilmore) Lincoln. On her father's side she was descended from Thomas Lincoln who was born in England about 1603, came to New England in 1635, and settled in Hingham, Mass. On her mother's side she was descended from Asa Converse.⁸ She is a graduate of the High School in Malone, N. Y., and is a member of the Universalist Church in Hartford. Several years previously to his death Maj. Freeman Monroe Brown rendered valuable aid in the compilation of this record by collecting data concerning the descendants of Solvin Converse. The interesting

record of his business career, which he has very fully given, has necessarily been condensed.

Leaving home in 1832, at the age of fifteen years, he entered upon a clerkship in Southbridge, Mass., remaining there for three years, at the end of which time he returned to Stafford for a similar position in a country store. On the 1st of Jan. 1838, he and David Parkess bought out his employer. Together they carried on the business as Parkess & Brown for five years, when Parkess withdrew to be succeeded by Mr. Brown's brother, David Richard Brown, under the firm name of F. M. Brown & Co. In April 1845, Mr. Brown sold his interest to his brother and Julius Converse. His next business venture was with Dwight Slate, a practical machinist (under the firm name of Slate & Brown), in the making of shafting and other machinery, chiefly such as was used in the weaving of woolen and cotton goods. While their shop was in process of building they carried on a general store which they had purchased, which was also in Windsor Locks, then a small town, and a part of Windsor. It was not set off from Windsor until 1854. The shop was completed about the 4th of July 1845. The business was at first promising; but, afterwards not proving successful, was given up at the end of four or five years.

It was then that a company of which Mr. Brown was one, was formed, which was later known as the Sequassen Woolen Company. A mill in Windsor was purchased, which was operated in the manufacture of fine wool cassimeres. Mr. Brown was a Director of the Company, and was also chosen Treasurer. For a time he also carried on the store in Windsor Locks, which was eventually given up. After this he became salesman as well as treasurer for the company. At first his operations were only carried on outside of New York City, but were so successful that, at the end of the year, he was appointed salesman for the New York business also, as well as agent at the mill, thus filling positions formerly held by two other men. As agent he had full control of the management at the mill; in itself a responsible position. The product of the mill was from two hundred to two hundred and fifty thousand dollars a year.

Before long Mr. Brown had made a contract with A. T. Stewart of New York for the entire product of the mill, which arrangement continued with six months or yearly contracts for four years. Twenty-five per cent annual dividends were paid for four years. At the end of this time an offer was made for the entire stock of the company at one hundred and fifty dollars a share. After some consideration the offer was accepted. By way of salary Mr. Brown received a commission on the purchase and sale of wool. In one of the four years the sales amounted to one million dollars, while the purchases were for half that amount. Mr. Stewart afterwards said had he known of the intention to sell he should himself have been the purchaser.

After the close of the business of the Sequassen Woolen Company, Mr. Brown was for a while with M. H. Huntinton of New York interested in the sale of the products of the sateen and woolen mills of his uncle Solva, and of Parley Converse.

For ten years, until the closing out of their business, 1 Jan. 1900, Mr. Brown was employed by the Beach Manufacturing Company of Hartford (to which place he removed in 1870) in the sale of their woolen goods.

During his sixty-eight years of business life, Mr. Brown has held many public positions. At the age of twenty-five years he was almost unanimously elected captain of a new rifle company at Stafford. Three years later he was made colonel.

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During the same period he was deputy sheriff of Tolland county. These positions were necessarily resigned upon removing to Windsor Locks. In the latter place he was also elected captain of a military company there but shortly resigned. During the twenty-five years of his residence in Windsor Locks, he contributed liberally towards the erection of the Methodist Church and the support of the ministry.

On removing to Hartford he became first an honorary and later an active member of the Putnam Phalanx, a patriotic organization. In 1875, he was elected to its highest office, that of Major, and so continued until 1883.

In 1847 and again in 1853 he was a member of the House of Representatives from Windsor, and also 1864 and 1868 from Windsor Locks. At one time he failed to receive election as sheriff by eight votes in a poll of over sixteen thousand. He was a U. S. Deputy Collector under Cleveland's first administration.

While at Windsor Locks he joined the Odd Fellows; was the Noble Grand of the Lodge there, finally becoming Grand Master of the State Lodges and representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States at Baltimore. He held the position of postmaster of Windsor Locks, and, after the town was set off from Windsor, held many offices of trust in it. As selectman during the Civil War he rendered efficient service to the government, always keeping the full quota of soldiers supplied as required by the government.

Freeman Monroe and Lucy Maria (Damon) Brown had seven children, only two of whom lived beyond the age of seven years. Their children were:

LUCY MARIA BROWN,⁹ b., in Stafford, 30 Nov. 1839; was killed by the accidental discharge of a musket in the hands of a returning hunter, who was entering the store in front of which the father was sitting with one of his little daughters on each knee. The wounded child died after a few hours of great suffering. Her father and sister escaped uninjured.

HELENA HORTENSE BROWN,⁹ b., in Stafford, 12 July 1842; m., 1st, 25 Aug. 1862, Charles M. Fairbanks of Springfield (from whom she had a legal separation in 1865). They had two children. She m., 2nd, 14 Feb. 1871, Henry Hood of Worcester, who died, without issue, Feb. 28, 1889. She m., 3d, 31 July 1890, Charles Hathaway Webb, b. in Windsor Locks in 1842; educated in Bennington, Vt., and is now a member of the firm of James H. Dunham & Co., of New York City, wholesale dry goods, with whom he started as a clerk forty years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Webb were schoolmates. Helena Hortense Brown and Charles M. Fairbanks had children:

LENA MILDRED FAIRBANKS,¹⁰ b., in New York City, 12 Aug. 1863; m., 18 May, 1882, William Walter Brown of Worcester, Mass., who is engaged with his father in the wholesale manufacture of boots and shoes. They reside in Worcester and have two children:

LENA MILDRED BROWN,¹¹ b. in Worcester, Mass., 17 May 1884.

SAMUEL WALTER BROWN,¹¹ b. in Worcester, Mass., 13 Jan. 1886.



Major Freeman Monroe Brown.

HARRY B. FAIRBANKS,¹⁰ MAJOR, b. in Windsor Locks, Conn., 19 Feb. 1865, removed thence to Hartford and in 1872 from Hartford to Worcester, Mass. He m., 4 Oct. 1898, in Worcester, Mass., Angeline Parker; b. in Vernon, Vt., 3 Nov. 1878, daughter of Jeremiah Z. and Harriet B. (Williams) Parker. A son, RICHARD WEBB FAIRBANKS,¹¹ was born to them 3 April, 1903, in Worcester, Mass. Major Fairbanks enlisted 10 March 1884, in Company C, 2d Regt. M. V. M., known as the Worcester Light Infantry, serving as private, corporal and sergeant. On 6 June 1887, the eighty-fourth anniversary of the company, he was elected first lieutenant; on 26 Aug, 1891, captain, and on 30 July 1895, major of his regiment, which position he now holds. He was mustered into the service of the United States in May, 1898, as major of the Second Regiment Massachusetts Infantry, United States Volunteers. His regiment was sent to Cuba as part of the fifth army corps, which landed at Daiquiri 22 June, 1898. He participated without wounds or sickness throughout the campaign, which resulted in the surrender of the city of Santiago, 17 July 1898. He was with his regiment in the battles of El Caney, 1 July, and San Juan Hill, 2 July, and was mustered out of the service on 3 Nov. 1898, after serving six months, during which time his regiment lost in battle and by disease nearly one hundred men.



Major Harry B. Fairbanks.

Major Fairbanks is a member of the Naval and Military Order of the Spanish-American War and of the Society of the Army of Santiago de Cuba. He is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution in the right of his great-grandfather, Othniel Brown, who enlisted from Smithfield, R. I., and is Treasurer of the Worcester Chapter of the Society. He is a member of the Masonic Fraternity, Quinsigamond Lodge, Eureka Royal Arch Chapter, and also of various social organizations of Worcester, among them the Commonwealth Club and the Tatassit Canoe Club. He holds a responsible position in the Peoples Savings Bank of Worcester.

FREEMAN MONROE BROWN,⁹ JR., b., in Windsor Locks, 19 Dec. 1854; m., 29 Oct. 1884, Idella Purinton of Adrian, Mich., b. in Cleveland, Ohio, 30 March 1854, daughter of Dr. Purinton of Adrian. She is much interested in music and is an accomplished pianist. After his marriage Freeman M. Brown, Jr., removed to Detroit where he is now Manager of the Purinton Medicine Company, which position he has held since its establishment about 1891. Freeman M. and Idella (Purinton) Brown have two children:

HAROLD FREEMAN BROWN,¹⁰ b., in Detroit, 30 Nov. 1885.

EDITH HELENA BROWN,¹⁰ b., in Detroit, 27 April 1888.

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ARTHUR LINCOLN BROWN,⁹ b. in Hartford, Conn., 7 Jan. 1873; m., 15 June 1899, Ora Fanny Lamb, who was born in Saybrook, Conn., 21 Aug. 1877, daughter of William Adelbert and Emma Frances (Perkins) Lamb. She is a graduate of the Hartford High School, among ten on the roll of honor from a class of about one hundred. He was also educated in the Hartford High School. They reside with his parents in Hartford and are members of the Universalist Church. He is active in church work, and takes great interest in the Sunday School and Young People's meetings. He has been President of the Home and State Society, and has lectured in most of the churches of that denomination in the State. For about thirteen years previously to 1903 he has been connected with the wholesale house of Lincoln Seyms & Co. and Charles G. Lincoln & Co. of Hartford, Conn. To Arthur Lincoln⁹ and Ora Fanny (Lamb) Brown a son, RONALD LAMB BROWN,¹⁰ was born, in Hartford, 30 Jan. 1903.

JOHN BROWN,⁹ born 16 May 1819; died, in Stafford Spa, 3 Sept. 1901; married, 5 Sept. 1841, Nancy Adeline Carpenter, who was born in Stafford, Conn., 23 Oct. 1824 daughter of William Carpenter of Stafford. She died 30 Sept. 1898. He married, 2d, Hannah Stearns of Ware, Mass., who formerly taught school for eight years in Hartford. Both are living at the present writing (1 Sept. 1900). John Brown began his business career as a farmer, was later an iron founder, subsequently engaged in real estate operations, and finally for many years carried on a retail dry-goods business at Stafford Springs, and was fairly successful in his business undertakings. John and Nancy Adeline (Carpenter) Brown had four children:

GEORGIANA ELIZA BROWN,⁹ b. in Stafford, Conn., 25 March 1843; d., in Stafford Spa, 9 April 1891. She married in Stafford, 5 March 1862, George Cleveland of Stafford Springs, who was engaged in the flour and feed business which he gave up for farming, purchasing a farm from Parley Converse. His wife having business capacity carried on the sale of furniture. They had one child.

ERNEST BROWN CLEVELAND,¹⁰ b. 3 Feb. 1868; d., in Stafford Springs, 13 March 1885.

EDGAR JEROME BROWN,⁹ b. in Stafford, Conn., 17 Jan. 1850; d., in Boston, 6 Jan. 1897; m., 24 Jan., 1871, Ella S. Farrington, b. in Wales, Mass., 20 Aug. 1851, and d., 7 Aug. 1877, daughter of Zeno Farrington. Edgar J. Brown,⁹ was a clerk in several stores including that of Lord & Taylor in New York. One child:

GRACE FARRINGTON BROWN,¹⁰ b. 16 Oct. 1872; m. Vernon Arnold of Wales, Mass.

ADDIE BLANCHE BROWN,⁹ b. 15 April 1859; m., 15 Oct. 1877, Louis Helm, who is deputy sheriff and town constable of Stafford. Children:

BERTHA MAY HELM,¹⁰ b., in Stafford Springs, 29 May, 1880.

EDITH DARETTA HELM,¹⁰ b. 11 July 1882; m., 13 Sept. 1899, George Siswick of Stafford Springs, book-keeper. They have a daughter, VERA BLANCHE SISWICK.¹¹

CARL LOUIS HELM,¹⁰ b., in Stafford Springs, 23 Feb. 1889.

JOHN ERNEST BROWN,⁹ b., in Stafford, 9 June 1863; d. 16 Oct. 1863.

DAVID RICHARD BROWN,⁹ born, in Stafford, 18 Nov. 1821; died, in Stafford, 28 Feb. 1855; married, 15 July, 1844, Phyluria Nelson Ellithorpe of Stafford, who was born in

Rodman, N. Y., 5 Jan. 1822. She is now living in Holyoke, Mass. He was, first, clerk for his brother Freeman, and then succeeded him as proprietor of the country store in Stafford. He was also to some extent engaged in farming and in the lumber business. Children:

OTHO RICHARD BROWN,⁹ b., in Stafford, 1 Aug. 1846; m., 13 Jan. 1870, Alicia Elliott b. in Manchester, Eng., 29 Jan. 1850. With his brother Alma he engaged in the clothing business in Holyoke, under the firm name of Brown Brothers, until about 1900, when the business was removed to Springfield, Mass. He resides in Holyoke. Children:

WILLIAM ELLIOTT BROWN,¹⁰ b., in Stafford, 2 July 1871; m., 1 June 1899, Lillian Walden, b. in Newport, R. I., 8 Aug. 1873. They reside in Holyoke, Mass., and have one child: BERTHA ELLIOTT BROWN,¹¹ b., in Holyoke, 19 Feb. 1900.

BEATRICE MARY BROWN,¹⁰ b. in Holyoke, Mass., 28 June 1882; a graduate of Holyoke College of Music.

BERTHA ALICIA BROWN,¹⁰ b. in Holyoke, Mass., 20 May 1884; d. 29 Aug. 1886.

ALMA DAVID BROWN,⁹ b., in Stafford, 12 July 1849; m., 22 May 1872, Florence Cady, b., in Stafford, 21 Nov. 1852, daughter of Frank Cady. Mr. Brown is engaged in the clothing business with his brother Otho, and lives in Holyoke. Child:

FRED LAVERREST BROWN,¹⁰ b., in Stafford, 8 Aug. 1874; d. 11 Oct. 1874.

DEEDA BROWN,⁹ b. 22 Aug. 1855; d. 4 June 1865.

ISAAC BROWN,⁹ born in Union, Conn., 10 March 1825; died in Oshkosh, Wis., 20 Sept., 1893; married (four times), 1st, in 1844, Lydia Ann Albee, who was born, in Stafford, 5 Nov. 1820, and died, 18 Sept. 1854, leaving two children. He married, 2nd, in 1855, Harriet Bixby, who died without issue in Stafford, in 1856, aged twenty-five years. Shortly after this time he removed to Northport, Waupaca County, Wis. Here he married, 25 Jan., 1860, Anna A. Holcomb, born 16 Nov., 1837. She was a teacher, educated at Ripon College, Wis., and died in Northport, Wis., 15 Nov., 1886, leaving two daughters. Isaac Brown married, 4th, 2 July 1892, Amy J. Goodrich, born in Lebanon, N. H., 26 May, 1869, who is now (1900) residing there with her parents. Although always being to some extent engaged in farming, on removing to Wisconsin, Isaac Brown became interested in the lumber business; at first only in a small way, until finally his was probably the largest business in Waupacca Co. His business success was probably in a measure due to the assistance of Senator Sawyer of Wisconsin who was his friend. At various times, he held the position of postmaster, Justice of the Peace, and Notary Public of the town of Northport. He carried on a general store and operated a saw-mill. The children of the first marriage were:

LUCY LOUISE BROWN,⁹ b. in Stafford, Conn., 4 Oct. 1845; d., in Northport, Nov. 1862.

ISAAC MONROE BROWN,⁹ M.D., b. in Stafford, Conn., 6 Sept. 1847; m., 1st, 20 Nov. 1876, Lucy E. Eastman, whose father was a clergyman of the Congregational Church, and from whom he had a legal separation. He m., 2nd, 29 Oct., 1879, Diana Kingsbury of Northport. He studied medicine, graduating in Chicago, and now practises in New London, Wis. The three children of the last marriage were:

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MINNIE E. BROWN,¹⁰ b. in New London, Wis., 19 June 1880; d. 20 Oct., 1880.

MAUD E. BROWN,¹⁰ b., in New London, 3 Oct., 1882.

CLAUDE R. BROWN,¹⁰ b., in New London, 5 July, 1885.

The three children of the third marriage of Isaac Brown were:

ANNIE L. BROWN,⁹ b. 2 May 1863; m., 1890, Henry Allen Moody, b. in Jay, Essex Co., N. Y., 17 April, 1860, son of Manly Moody and Desire L. Neil. He was engaged in the lumber business with his father-in-law. Three children born in Northport:

VINA IRENE MOODY,¹⁰ b. 9 July, 1891.

HAZEL ESTELLA MOODY,¹⁰ b. 12 June, 1894.

JESSIE AMELIA MOODY,¹⁰ b. 27 Sept., 1898.

JENNIE LAVANCIA BROWN,⁹ b. in Northport, Wis., 8 May, 1866; m., 13 April, 1890, George Hazen, b. in Hamilton, Canada, 18 Jan., 1865; son of Bernard Hazen, who was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, and his wife, Ellen Bridgman, born, in Limerick, Ireland. They live in New London, Wis., where he is engaged in the lumber business. Three children:

ROSCOE BROWN HAZEN,¹⁰ b., in Northport, 23 March, 1891.

FREDA MAE HAZEN,¹⁰ b., in Northport, 27 March, 1893.

BERNARD REX HAZEN,¹⁰ b., in Northport, 10 May, 1900.

JESSE M. BROWN,⁹ b., in Northport, 10 April, 1874; d. same day.

LUCY ANN BROWN,⁹ born in Stafford, Conn., 28 Oct. 1827; died, in Windsor Locks, Aug. 1862; married, 1846, Edgar P. Mather, who was born in Windsor, Conn., 22 Feb. 1825. He was a brickmaker and farmer. In the excitement of the gold fever of 1849, he went with a party of gold-seekers to California by way of Cape Horn. One child:

JAMES TALCOTT MATHER,⁹ b. 4 April 1847; m., 29 May 1871, Elizabeth Hall, of Marlboro, Conn. They live in Rockville, Conn., where he carries on the sale of dry goods, hardware, etc. Four children:

HERBERT HALL MATHER,¹⁰ b. in Marlboro, Conn., 8 Feb. 1873; m., 28 Nov. 1895, Fannie La Place, daughter of Gilbert La Place of Deep River, Conn. He carries on a general store at Deep River. Child of Herbert H. and Fannie (La Place) Mather: EMMA L. MATHER,¹¹ b. 4 Feb. 1898.

BELL MAY MATHER,¹⁰ b. in Marlboro, Conn., 23 Dec., 1874; m., 18 Nov. 1896, Barton L. Bennett, druggist, of Bristol, Conn., son of Dr. Bennett, of that place.

ALLICE LILLIAN MATHER,¹⁰ b. in Marlboro, Conn.; m., 26 May 1897, Orville Nye Beebe, merchant, of Essex, Conn.; son of Capt. Frederick Beebe of the Hartford Steam Boat. They have one child: GLADYS WILLIAMS BEEBE,¹¹ b. 9 March 1899.

JAMES TALCOTT MATHER,¹⁰ b. in Hartford, Conn., 17 Dec. 1882. In 1900 he attended the High School at Deep River.

GEORGE BROWN,⁹ born, in Stafford, 13 June, 1830; died in Windsor, Conn., 17 Sept. 1892. In his earlier years, he was occupied with farming in Stafford, and later became a clerk for his brother David, in a general store in Stafford, and subsequently a partner. After his brother David's death, he continued in the business, and in April, 1868, removed to Providence, R. I. There he formed a partnership with his

brother-in-law under the firm name of Preston Bros., which was afterwards changed to Preston & Brown. In 1887, the firm changed to George Brown & Son, and so continued until Mr. Brown removed to Windsor in June 1890, with impaired health. He was a good business manager, popular and respected. He married, 3 July 1857, Emily Preston of Westford, Conn., who now (1900) resides in Hartford, Conn. George and Emily (Preston) Brown had three children:

MINNIE LEVANA BROWN,⁹ b. in Stafford, Conn., 10 Nov. 1859; m., 18 Dec. 1879, Col. Charles M. Joslyn, who was born in Tolland, Conn., 1849. Mr. Joslyn studied law under Hon. Richard D. Hubbard of Hartford, at one time Governor of the State, on whose staff he served with the rank of Colonel. He is a member of the law firm of Hungerford, Hyde, Joslyn and Gilman, and is of high standing in his profession and throughout the State. One child: EMILY D. JOSLYN,¹⁰ b., in Hartford, 1 July 1887.

CLIFTON PRESTON BROWN,⁹ b. in Stafford, Conn., 5 May 1861; m., 5 May 1882, Clara Walton, of Providence, R. I., from whom he was divorced. There were two children by this marriage. Mr. Brown started business in Dakota with a friend from Hartford as partner. Being unsuccessful he returned to Hartford. He married, 2d, in 1894, in Boston, Mass., Lottie Kellogg. He is a salesman in New York City. Children of Clifton P. and Clara (Walton) Brown: GERTRUDE BROWN,¹⁰ CLARENCE BROWN¹⁰.

LEON BROWN,⁹ b. in Providence, R. I., 14 Nov. 1878; m., 12 Nov. 1900, Mary Louisa Allen, born in Hartford, Conn., 3 Oct. 1876, daughter of Francis Nettleton and Mary (Abbe) Allen. Mr. Brown is clerk in the Ætna Insurance Company and resides in Hartford. One son, LEON BROWN, JR. was born about the first of the year, 1902.

157. GEORGE CONVERSE⁷ (*Solvin*⁸ (55), *Asa*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel, Sergeant Samuel*,³ *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Stafford, Conn., 11 July 1799. He married, 19 April 1826, Mary Dart of Enfield, Conn. He was a farmer, and settled in the southeast part of Springfield, Mass., very near the north line of Longmeadow, where he resided until his death. He led a quiet and moral life, and his contemporaries who have survived him recall his nobility of character, his kind disposition, his pleasant home distinguished by the generous hospitality of his wife and himself, and the excellent home training of his children. He died where he long resided, 22 November 1877, the day his brother Solva died. His wife died 8 January 1892.

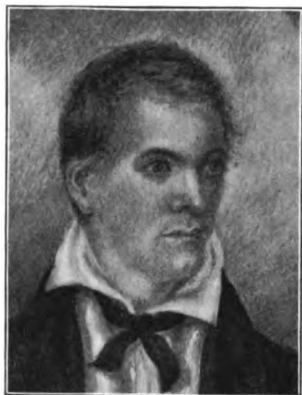
Children of George and Mary (Dart) Converse:

GEORGE W. CONVERSE,⁸ born in Springfield, Mass., 6 Aug., 1827; married, 6 April 1854, Julia Hills of East Longmeadow. They had no children, but adopted a daughter FLORENCE A. CONVERSE, born 25 Feb. 1870, married Albert D. Otto of Springfield, who died, 12 Oct. 1900, from an explosion of gas. At this time (1900) George W. Converse resides with his adopted daughter in Springfield.

LYMAN C. CONVERSE,⁸ born 30 June 1829; unmarried; resides in Bernardston, Mass.

MARY J. CONVERSE,⁸ born 10 Jan. 1836; died 11 March 1837.

158. FREEMAN CONVERSE⁷ (*Solvin*⁶ (55), *Asa*,⁵ *Ensign Edward*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Stafford Springs, Conn., 29 October 1803. He married, first, in Washington, D. C., Sarah McDonald, who died in Baltimore, Md. He married, second, at Hartford, Conn., in August



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(probably 17th) 1836, Emily Miller of Middletown, Conn., sister of Judge Oliver Miller of the Supreme Court of Maryland. She was born in Middletown, Conn., 20 December 1813, and died in Baltimore, Md., 26 May 1896. She was the daughter of Giles Miller, who was born 26 August 1781, and died 14 July 1839, and Clarissa Miller, born 26 January 1782, died 14 July 1862. Freeman Converse was graduated at Dartmouth College in 1830, receiving then the degree of A.B., and subsequently the degree of A.M., and engaged in educational work in Virginia and Maryland. He was President of the Academy at Leesburg, Va., where he died, 18

May 1846, and where his remains lie. He was a man of especial force in classical scholarship and was a friend of Henry Clay. After his death the family resided in Baltimore, Md.

Children:

JOHN HOLMES CONVERSE,⁸ REVEREND, born in Leesburg, Va., 3 Oct. 1837; died 5 May 1904; married Jane Baker Jones. (329)

ARTHUR CONVERSE,⁹ born in Leesburg, Va., 5 May 1839; died there 12 June 1843.

FREEMAN CONVERSE,⁸ born in Leesburg, Va., 18 Oct. 1840; died there 11 June 1843.

EMILY CONVERSE,⁸ born in Leesburg, Va., 20 Dec. 1841; residence, Baltimore, Md.; unmarried.

JOSIAH HOLMES CONVERSE,⁸ born in Leesburg, Va., 25 Aug. 1843; residence, Baltimore, Md.; unmarried. Mr. Converse is author of "Library Company of the Baltimore Bar: a complete Subject-Index of the Text-Books and Books of the Leading Cases with List of Abbreviations of Reports," Baltimore, Md., 1882, 24mo.

159. AURELIA CONVERSE⁷ (*Theron*⁶ (56), *Col. Thomas*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Bridgewater, Oneida Co., N. Y., 25 November 1800; died in Wellington, near Oberlin, Ohio. She married Jerry Stark who died in Bellevue, Ohio, in 1874. They had, in all, ten children, of whom the sons, without an exception, served in the Civil War.

Children, in part:

NANCY STARK,⁸ died in Fremont, Ohio, 2 Dec. 1867; married in Lyme, Ohio, Parish Greene Hamilton, who died in New York City. They had two daughters: one died in in-

fancy; the other, EVALINE WAIT HAMILTON,⁹ was born in Lyme, Ohio, 28 Feb. 1849, and married in Fremont, Ohio, 16 March 1866, Edward Whitmore Cooke, who was born in Bellevue, Ohio, 4 Jan. 1842. In 1901, Mr. and Mrs. Cooke resided at 295 E. 44th Street, Chicago, Ill. They resided previously in Fremont, Ohio, Hudson, Mich., and Winona, Minn.

ORRIN STARK,⁹ died in Bellevue, Ohio, some years before 1901. After his death his wife and several children continued to reside in Bellevue.

CHARLOTTE ARMENIA STARK,⁹ born in Lyme, Huron Co., Ohio, 17 April 1835; died in Elyria, Lorain Co., Ohio, 13 March 1881; married, in Wellington, Lorain Co., Ohio, 18 April 1854, Roswell Emmons Thayer, born in Wyoming, N. Y., 3 Jan. 1825, died in Wellington, Ohio, 18 Oct. 1900. He served three years in the Union Army in the Civil War; wagoner in Co. H, 2d Ohio Volunteers. He was a member of the Masonic order, a blacksmith, and at one time town marshal of Wellington. Roswell Emmons and Charlotte Armenia (Stark) Thayer had four children:

ELLA W. THAYER,⁹ b. in Wellington, Ohio, 20 Oct. 1855; m., in Wellington, 28 Nov. 1876, Charles A. Bush, b. in Huntington, Lorain Co., Ohio, 9 May 1851, d. in Adrian, Mich., 3 May 1900. He was the fifth son of Daniel T. Bush of Huntington, farmer. Charles A. Bush was clerk in a store for many years. The last seven or eight years of his life he was a traveling salesman for oil firms. His widow resides in Cleveland, Ohio. They had one child: HARRY A. BUSH,¹⁰ b., in Wellington, 5 June 1880.

HARRY E. THAYER,⁹ b., in Wellington, 27 Feb. 1859; d., in Wellington, 19 March 1861.

LILLIE G. THAYER,⁹ b. in Springfield, Erie Co., Ohio, 15 Dec. 1866; d. in Springfield, Ohio, 30 March 1867.

ANNA E. THAYER,⁹ b. in Raysville, Jackson Co., Ohio, 19 April 1871.

DELIA STARK,⁹ married George Morse. At one time they resided in Norwalk, Ohio. At the time of her death, a long time before 1901, they resided in Bronson, Ohio.

THERON STARK,⁹ died before 1901.

JULIUS P. STARK,⁹ born 29 July 1838; resided near Wellington, Ohio; married in Medina, Ohio, 18 Apr. 1867, Caroline Myers, who was born 1 Oct. 1847, and who died at her home in Wellington, Ohio, 14 March 1885. He now (1901) resides in Antelope, Oregon. In 1901 he and his brother Henry are the only surviving children of Jerry and Aurelia (Converse) Stark. To Julius P. and Caroline (Myers) Stark, five children were born:

HARRY GRANT STARK,⁹ b. in Wellington, Ohio, 2 June 1868; m. in Dufus, Oregon, 3 Dec. 1899, Mrs. Elsie Hanna.

FRANK J. STARK,⁹ b. 10 March 1870; went West with his brother Harry; m. in Dufus, Oregon, 23 Sept. 1900, Nellie Hanna. Residence, Antelope, Oregon.

DELIA JANE STARK,⁹ b. 12 Oct. 1871; m. in Wellington, Ohio, 25 Feb. 1891, Warren Peet, machinist, born 29 Sept. 1866, son of Frederick and Harriet Peet of Rochester, N. Y. They resided in Canton, Ohio, for seven years, and thereafter in Cleveland, Ohio. One child: MOLLIE LUCILLE PEET,¹⁰ b. 19 March 1892.

HATTIE STARK,⁹ b. 7 Dec. 1873; m. in Wellington, Ohio, 9 Dec. 1891, William Henry Blanchard, son of Darwin and Lucinda Blanchard of Wellington.

MARY STARK,⁹ b. in Ennis, Texas, 16 June 1876; educated in Wellington, Ohio, schools and Canton, Ohio, business college; adopted 28 Nov. 1882, by Daniel and Helen Wolcott of Litchfield, Medina Co., Ohio, Mrs. Helen Wolcott being a sister of Mary Stark Wolcott's mother, Mrs. Caroline (Myers) Stark.

HENRY STARK,⁹ resides in Kansas.

160. HIRAM CONVERSE⁷ (*Theron*⁶ (56), *Col. Thomas*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Bridgewater, Oneida Co., N. Y., 30 June 1802; died, in Watertown, 22 February 1892. He married in Watertown, N. Y., 26 March 1829, Fanny Dudley, who was born in Waterford, Me., 28 October 1806, and died in Watertown, N. Y., 14 December 1883. She was the daughter of Josiah and Betsy (Smith) Dudley. Josiah Dudley was born in Acton, Mass., and died in Pamela, N. Y. During the last years of his life Mr. Converse resided with his widowed daughter, Mrs. Hunting, in Watertown. In 1808 he removed with his parents to Watertown, N. Y., which was a small thriving village on the Black River, and the Mecca for many pilgrims from the Mohawk Valley. In the War of 1812, though only a lad of ten years, he marched with the recruits to Sacket's Harbor, ten miles distant, and assisted in handing out guns from the arsenal to the waiting troops. He received his education in the village school, and for several years assisted his father, who was a manufacturer of hats and caps. Upon his marriage, the young couple began life on a farm near the village.

The following sketch is by one of the family:

Rural life in those primitive times meant many hardships and privations. Remote from market, all produce had to be transported across the country to Lake Ontario in summer, and through the deep snows in winter to Utica, Syracuse and Albany, or twenty-five miles distant to the St. Lawrence, and across the River to Canada. The subject of this sketch was a stanch Democrat, and cast his vote at every election for sixty-six years, and held many town offices. He was one of the founders of the Jefferson County Agricultural Society, of which he was president, and later made an honorary life member, on account of his constant and untiring interest in elevating the standard of agricultural pursuits. He had supervision of the construction of the first plank road built in Northern New York, which in those days of stage coaches and emigrant trains, was a great boon to travellers. He sold for many years the Manny Mower and Reaper, the first machine to supersede the scythe and the sickle. He was a stockholder in the first railroad extending from Rome to Watertown, built in 1851, and lived to see the small village of his youth become a prosperous manufacturing city of twenty-two thousand, and a portion of the land, which he cleared from a wilderness, dotted with substantial homes of the workers in the thriving industries whose growth it had been his privilege to watch from their infancy.

The Universalist faith, in a loving God who would finally restore the whole family of mankind to holiness and happiness, was his comfort through all life's sorrows. In the home of his youth, 22 Feb. 1892, his long and useful life's work done, he fell quietly asleep and was laid at rest beside his beloved wife and three children in the family plot in Brookside Cemetery, Watertown, N. Y.

Children of Hiram and Fanny (Dudley) Converse, all born in Watertown:

- ANDREW MILES CONVERSE,⁸ born 6 Feb. 1830; married, 1st, Elvira Gibbs; married, 2nd, Mary Jane Bliss. (330)
- ANN JANE CONVERSE,⁸ born 29 Sept. 1831; married Maro Breed Hunting. (331)
- HENRY DUDLEY CONVERSE,⁸ born 1 Sept. 1833; married Priscilla Alice Stevenson. (332)
- MILTON DUDLEY CONVERSE,⁸ born 14 Jan. 1836; died 6 July 1877; married Maria Alnora Beardsley. (333)
- MARTHA AMELIA CONVERSE,⁸ born 16 April 1838; died, unmarried, 29 Sept. 1861.
- FRANCES ERMINA CONVERSE,⁸ born 7 June 1840; died 7 March 1844.
- AMASA NORTON CONVERSE,⁸ born 27 Dec. 1842; died 19 Sept. 1879; married Sarah Pearson. (334)
- MARY ALICE CONVERSE,⁸ born 29 July 1845. Resided in 1900 in Watertown, N. Y., with her only sister, Mrs. Hunting, and was employed in a department store. She has rendered valuable assistance in the compilation of this record.

161. JULIUS CASE CONVERSE⁷ (*Theron*⁶ (56), *Col. Thomas*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Bridgewater, N. Y., in 1804; died in New Orleans, La., in 1842. He learned the trade of a carpenter and joiner in and about Watertown, N. Y. His son has a letter from him dated Kingston, Canada, 13 May 1828, to his brother, Thomas Norton Converse, desiring him to come and join him in business, and stating that his health was very poor, and that he was under the doctor's care. About 1836 or 1837 he located in Hamilton, Ont., where he remained a year or more, when a decision to seek health in a warmer climate led to his removal to New Orleans, La. He married in Addington, Ontario, at her father's residence, Maria Losie, daughter of Joseph and Helen (Ackerman) Losie.

She married, 2nd, John Morrison, and died in Marine City, Mich., 21 Feb. 1889, and her second husband died two or three years later in the same place. By her second husband she had five children now (1901) surviving, viz: Marshall Morrison of Marine City, Mich., Harrison Morrison of Marine City, James Morrison of Cleveland, Ohio, Frank Morrison of Rochester, N. Y., and Phæbe Morrison of Marine City.

Maria Losie's father, Joseph Losie, emigrated from Pennsylvania to Canada in early days, was a farmer and hotel keeper. He was of German descent. He resided in Addington, Earnestown Co., Ontario, Canada, and died there.

Children of Julius Case and Maria (Losie) Converse:

- HIRAM JULIUS CONVERSE,⁸ born in Earnestown, Canada, 18 Sept. 1833; married, 1st, Lydia Jane Williams; married, 2nd, Sarah Angeline Williams; resides in Joliet, Ill. (335)
- CINDRELLA CONVERSE,⁸ born 24 April 1835; married Harmon Huinga Plumstell. (336)
- DORLAND LOSIE CONVERSE,⁸ died in Prince Edward Co., Ontario, about 1881, in middle age; married — Dulmage. Until his marriage he lived with his grandparents, Joseph and Helen Losie, who had adopted him, and who made him heir to half their estate, and whose name he assumed. He was a farmer. His wife and nine children,

five boys and four girls, survived him. Three of his children live in Prince Edward Co., Canada, one in Watertown, N. Y., and one in the Northwest. His family adopted the name of Losie. One of his sons, George Losie, resides at Pictou, Prince Edward Co., Ont.

162. PAMELIA MOTT CONVERSE' (*Theron*⁶(56), *Col. Thomas*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Watertown, Jefferson Co., N. Y., 1811; died in Philadelphia, Pa., 28 July 1883, "aged 70 years," and her remains were interred in Greenwood Cemetery. She was married, in Philadelphia, 4 January 1857, by Rev. Amasa Converse, to Joseph James Reed, who died, in Philadelphia, 6 March 1873 and was interred in Woodland Cemetery. Both now rest in the Knights of Pythias Greenwood Cemetery, Philadelphia.

In Allibone's Dictionary of English Literature, Mr. and Mrs. Reed are mentioned as follows:—

JOSEPH J. REED, a journalist of Philadelphia, author of an excellent work (the plan of which was suggested by Mrs. Reed, formerly Miss P. M. Converse) entitled "Outlines of Universal History" in three parts, etc. Part I, Ancient History; Part II, Mediæval History; Part III, Modern History. Phila. 4to, Part I. 1862.

MRS. JOSEPH J. REED, "Adventures of Olaf Tryggvesson, King of Norway; a tale of the Tenth Century, showing how Christianity was introduced in Norway." London. 1863. fp. 8vo. Other works.

The genealogical record of which this work is the continuation was begun by Mr. and Mrs. Reed, but never completed by them, or published.

Mrs. Reed was a woman of high intellectual attainments. She resided with Rev. Amasa Converse's family in Philadelphia until his removal to Richmond, Va., at the beginning of the Civil War. She taught in schools at various times, and at one time had a large school of her own at 1419 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia. Mr. Reed was also highly cultivated. Congenial intellectual tendencies brought them together, and, after their marriage they entered upon their life work of carrying out a long contemplated plan of a "Universal History." Seeing the novelty and utility of such a work, Mr. Reed entered heartily into it, and devoted his spare time to writing the book. Briefly, the object of the work was to make a synopsis of the world's history, arranged by centuries, and so planned that the countries of the world would be side by side for each century, so that the whole could be seen at a glance. It was a vast labor, and no recompense came from it. The first part was published by the J. B. Lippincott Co. in 1862. The other parts were never published. While the work was a literary success, it was not a financial one. This greatly embittered the lives of both, especially Mrs. Reed, whose

sensitive nature could not take calmly the failure of her life effort. In addition to this, came the illness of her husband, which lasted several years, and finally resulted in his death. About 1862 or 1863 they went to Europe, and stayed in England about a year, when Mr. Reed took up the study of the Converse family pedigree. Mrs. Reed's unfortunate mental condition at that time, however, interfered with this work, and led to its abandonment. The memoranda left by them included notes on the de Coigneries—Coniers—Conyers line in England, but these notes were fragmentary and incomplete. Their adopted son thinks that after their deaths some of their MS. was not saved.

Mr. Reed came from Bath, England. His mother's maiden name was Birchell. His father died when he was very young. He had several brothers and sisters. After his mother's second marriage to Captain Rothery of the Royal Navy, he left home, became a lawyer, was interested in several insurance companies, came to this country on business, and finally settled in Philadelphia.

He was highly educated, a brilliant pianist, and ably assisted in the educational projects of his wife. Before coming to this country he was in the diplomatic service of Great Britain, and had thereby obtained an insight into foreign politics which was of great service to him in his connection with the North American and the Philadelphia Ledger, for which during many years he wrote the foreign editorials, as well as the book reviews and notices. He also taught in schools until the failure of his health, which was the result of his excessive toil on the "Outlines of Universal History."

Mr. and Mrs. Reed had no children but adopted a daughter and a son, viz: MARIETTA LAVILLA TOWN, a daughter of Mrs. Reed's sister, and CHARLES EDWIN BUTLER, by whom these particulars concerning Mr. and Mrs. Reed were furnished, and with whom Mrs. Reed made her home after the death of her husband. Mr. Butler was born, in London, 21 December 1850. His parents died when he was very young, and he lived with relatives until he was brought to this country in 1860. He married, 28 April 1881, Isabel Searle Herring, and has two children, CAROLINE EDITH BUTLER born 28 July 1884, and EDWIN CONVERSE BUTLER born 5 February 1886, the latter named after John Heman Converse. Mr. Butler resides in New York City, where he is connected in business with Brentano's book establishment.

163. SARIETTA CONVERSE¹ (*Theron*⁶ (56), *Col. Thomas*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Watertown, N. Y., 18 Feb-

ruary 1817; went to Wellington, Prince Edward Co., Ontario, to teach school, and was married there, in 1835, to Charles Henry Bull, who was born in Bloomfield, Prince Edward Co., Ontario, 4 December 1812, and was the son of Amos and Martha (Cunningham) Bull of Bloomfield, who came as pioneers to Prince Edward Co., settling on a farm there, where they lived and died. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Henry Bull became members of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Wellington, and were always good Christian people. He was originally a wagon maker and a skilful one, but in 1847 he sold that business and bought some wild land in Cramahe, Northumberland Co., Ontario, where he located a farm, and where the rest of his life was spent. He died there in 1874. Mrs. Bull died 12 March 1850. Her remains and those of her husband and son and daughter were buried in Percy Cemetery. Mr. Bull married, second, Lydia Waite, who died without issue.

Children of Charles Henry and Sarietta (Converse) Bull:

LYDIA LAVILLA BULL,⁸ born, in Wellington, 26 Dec. 1838. At the age of sixteen years she became a member of the Oakhill M. E. Church. In 1855-6, she attended academy in Rome, N. Y., residing there with her aunt, Mrs. Nancy Eveline (Converse) Wait. She returned to Canada and taught school until her marriage, 12 July 1863, by Rev. Mr. Sweet, to Charles McKenzie Tuttle (son of Calvin Wright and Jane (Davis) Tuttle) in Cramahe. They resided in that place until Dec. 1864 when they removed to Cambray, Victoria Co., Ont. After ten years they removed to Kirkfield, in the same county, and in 1884 to Katrine, Ont., where Mrs. Tuttle now (1900) resides. Mr. Tuttle died in 1885. He was a maker of saws and files. Their children were:

WILLIAM EDMUND TUTTLE,⁹ b., in Cramahe, 22 May 1864; d. without issue in Burk's Falls, Ont., 13 March 1890. He was an Orangeman and was buried by that order in Emsdale Cemetery. He was married, 25 May 1889, in Burks' Falls by Rev. Mr. Toye, to Cynthia Gerow, daughter of Isaac and Hannah (Daily) Gerow of Prince Edward Co. She married, 2nd, Jerry Israel.

NINA EVELINE TUTTLE,⁹ b., in Cambray, 29 Jan. 1867; d., in Katrine, 13 Dec. 1886, and was buried in Emsdale Cemetery.

CHARLES CALVIN TUTTLE,⁹ b., in Kirkfield, 31 Aug. 1877; d., in Katrine, 5 Feb. 1897; buried in Emsdale Cemetery.

THERON AMOS BULL,⁸ born, in Wellington, 9 Aug. 1840; died 3 Aug. 1849.

DWIGHT ORLANDO BULL,⁸ born, in Wellington, 12 Feb. 1844; resides (1900) in Roseneath, Northumberland Co., Ont. He married and has six children. One son was a soldier in the British Army in the Boer War in So. Africa; another is a student in a military school in Toronto.

HENRIETTE BULL,⁸ born in Cramahe, 20 Sept. 1848; died 6 Sept. 1852.

164. ROSILLA CONVERSE⁷ (*Theron*⁶ (56), *Col. Thomas*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Watertown, N. Y., 25 March

1820; died, in Watertown, October 1860. She and her sister Lavilla were twins. She married George Town in Watertown. She was a bright, interesting woman; taught school and at one time lived in Canada.

Children of George and Rosilla (Converse) Town:

MARIETTA LAVILLA TOWN,⁸ born in Watertown, N. Y., and lived for many years with her aunt, Mrs. Pamela Mott (Converse) Reed, in Philadelphia, Pa., by whom she was adopted. She married, 16 April 1884, Samuel James Buchanan, engineer, of Pittsburg, Pa., who died 24 Feb. 1888. They had one son, ROSCOE SAMUEL BUCHANAN,⁹ b. in Forest, Ill., 28 July 1887; d. in Chicago, Ill., 19 July 1897.

FRANK MYRON TOWN,⁸ born in Watertown, N. Y., 1 Sept. 1850; when eight years old went to Meaford, Canada, to live with his uncle, Thomas Norton Converse, and added to his own the name of Converse. When sixteen years old he removed to Chebanse, Iroquois Co., Ill., where he resided until 1892, when he removed to Fulda, Minn., where he resided in 1901. He is a farmer. He became a Free Mason in 1877, and a member of the Modern Brotherhood of America in 1897. In 1899 he became a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Fulda, and is a trustee of that church. He is Supervisor of Boudin Township, Murray Co., Minn. He was married in Kankakee, Ill., 2 Dec. 1874, by Rev. Joseph H. Barnard, to Polly Sevign Porter, of Chebanse, Ill., who was born in McHenry, McHenry Co., Ill., 30 June 1854, the daughter of Versal and Emily (Kinsley) Porter. Versal Porter was born in Sheldon, N. Y., 25 Sept. 1820, and Emily Kinsley was born near Montpelier, Vt., 24 Sept. 1825. Mrs. Polly Sevign (Porter) is a member of the Presbyterian Church, the Modern Brotherhood of America, and the Women's Christian Temperance Union, and is Vice-President of the latter. Children:

HARRY WRIGHT CONVERSE,⁹ b. 13 Apr. 1876.

NEVA EMILY CONVERSE,⁹ b. 14 Sept. 1880.

LESTER KINSLEY CONVERSE,⁹ b. 12 July 1882.

FRANK PORTER CONVERSE,⁹ b. 6 Jan. 1886.

HELEN TOWN,⁸ adopted by her aunt, Mrs. Nancy Evaline (Converse) Wait; resided with her in Rome, N. Y.; died in Rome, N. Y., 16 April 1874.

NEWTON TOWN,⁸ born in New Boston, N. Y., in 1854,—probably in July; unmarried, He is an engineer on a lake steamer running between Buffalo and Chicago.

MAITLAND TOWN,⁸ born in Watertown, N. Y., in May 1856; unmarried. He is in the hay pressing business, with Watertown as his headquarters and home.

165. THERON DWIGHT CONVERSE⁷ (*Theron*⁶ (56), *Col. Thomas*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Watertown, N. Y., 13 February 1822; died in Great Falls, Mont., 27 April 1902, and is buried there. He was graduated from Watertown Teachers' Institute. When about twenty years old was a successful teacher in Wellington, Prince Edward Co., Ontario. He returned thence to Watertown and engaged in farming for a short time after marriage. He removed to Lewis Co., N. Y., in April 1857; thence, in

December 1867, to Evans Mills, N. Y., where he was a druggist. In March 1886, he removed to Grand Meadow, Minn., and located a farm. He removed, 29 May 1896, to Great Falls, Mont., where he resided until his death. He married in Philadelphia, Jefferson Co., N. Y., 23 October 1854, Emma Malone Wilson who was born in Philadelphia, N. Y., 13 September 1825, the daughter of Lyman and Ruth (Casey) Wilson. Lyman Wilson was a native of Vermont and Ruth Casey was a native of Jefferson Co., N. Y.

Children of Theron Dwight and Emma Malone (Wilson) Converse:

- IRVING DWIGHT CONVERSE,⁸ born in Watertown, N. Y., 10 July 1856; married Mrs. Sarah (Pearce) Converse, widow of Amasa Norton Converse.⁸ (337)
- MELLVILLE WILSON CONVERSE,⁸ born in Watertown, N. Y., 9 May 1858. Residence, Wanke, Polk Co., Minn.
- ANNA RUTH CONVERSE,⁸ born in Montague, Lewis Co., N. Y., 11 March 1863; married in Grand Meadow, Minn., 19 April 1890, John Wesley Scofield, who was born in Portville, Cattaraugus Co., N.Y., 9 May 1860. He is the son of Edwin Barzilla and Jane (Searles) Scofield. Mr. and Mrs. Scofield reside in Great Falls, Mont.
- LYMAN HENRY CONVERSE,⁸ born in Evans Mills, N. Y., 22 Dec. 1868. He resided in 1901 in Great Falls, Montana, and is a printer.

166. GEORGE CONVERSE⁷ (*Theron*⁶ (56), *Col. Thomas*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), was born in Watertown, N. Y., 20 November 1825; died in Salem, Columbiana County, Ohio, 28 September 1888. He was a hotel proprietor in various places. In 1869, he resided in Theresa, N.Y., near Ogdensburg. He was married in Canton, St. Lawrence Co., N. Y., 29 March 1853, by Rev. Mr. Remington, to Lavinia D. Stowell, who was born in Vergennes, Vt., 24 July 1833, the daughter of Rodman and Sarah (Ganson) Stowell of Vergennes. In 1901 Mrs. Lavinia D. (Stowell) Converse resided in Norwich, N. Y.

Children of George and Lavinia D. (Stowell) Converse:

- CHARLES STOWELL CONVERSE,⁸ born in Edwards, N. Y.; removed to Salem, Ohio, and to Boston. About 1895 he was a commercial traveler with headquarters in Western New York; about 1900 he resided in Batavia, N. Y.
- HARRIET M. CONVERSE,⁸ born 1869; removed to Salem, Ohio, and to Boston. She died, in Boston, 22 Feb. 1893. She was married, in Boston, 10 Feb. 1892, to Henry L. Schutt, who was born in Port Gibson, N. Y., in 1869. In 1901 he resided in Buffalo, N. Y. and was a traveling salesman for the Detroit Stove Works. He married, 2nd, in Michigan City, Ind., 5 May 1895, Edith M. Carpenter. His father, John Henry Schutt, of Port Gibson, N. Y., boatman, was born, in Port Gibson, 22 June 1840, and served three years in the Civil War, in Co. F, 8th N. Y. Vol. Cavalry. Henry

L. Schutt's mother was Sarah J. Phelps, born in Port Gibson, N.Y., 29 Dec. 1840, and died there 19 Dec. 1899. One son, EDWARD JOHN SCHUTT,⁹ b. 3 Feb. 1893; residence, 1901, Buffalo, N. Y.

167. ARMENIA LAVINIA CONVERSE⁷ (*Thomas Montgomery*⁶ (59), *Col. Thomas*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Watertown, N. Y., 5 August 1806; died in Mattawan, Mich., 20 October 1886. Her remains were interred in Paw Paw, Mich., beside those of her husband. She was married in Rutland, Jefferson Co., N. Y., 4 January 1827, to Henry Fitch, who was born in Lowville, Lewis Co., N. Y., 3 June 1803, and died in Paw Paw, Mich., 15 September 1873. He was the son of David Yates Fitch, born 27 March 1769, died in Mattawan, Mich., 6 September 1849, and Eunice Barber who was born in Windsor, Conn., 12 February 1773, and died in Mattawan, Mich., 22 February 1853. Henry Fitch early entered upon an active business life, and at different times dealt in lumber and grain. He was Deputy U. S. Marshal in Rochester, N. Y., in 1850. In 1854 he removed to Mattawan, Mich., where he was for years engaged in the lumber and grain trade.

Children of Henry and Armenia Lavinia (Converse) Fitch:

- MARY ELMINA FITCH,⁸ born in Rutland, N. Y., 29 Jan. 1829; married in Mattawan, Mich., 6 April 1855, by Rev. J. P. Averill of Battle Creek, Mich., to Rev. Henry Laurens Hayward, Universalist clergyman, and editor of newspapers. For outline of his life see sketch under head of his mother, Abigail Converse⁸ (*Col. Thomas*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹). Since her husband's death, 26 Dec. 1897, Mrs. Hayward has retained an interest in her husband's newspaper, the Longmont, Colorado, Ledger, a Republican paper. She is half owner with C. W. Boynton, editor, and she also acts as local editor. She resides in Longmont and is a member of the Mutual Improvement Club of that city, and was Secretary of the same for several years. She has in her possession an original autograph of Gen. George Washington upon a soldier's discharge from the Revolutionary Army, which was found in the camp chest of her great-grandfather, Col. Thomas Converse.⁵
- AMELIA M. FITCH,⁸ born in Rutland, N. Y., 13 March 1832; married, 31 Oct. 1854, Phillip Allen Lee, who was born in Rochester, N. Y., 31 March 1832, and died in Chicago, Ill., 9 Aug. 1899. His father, Samuel Waters Lee, was a native of Hartford, Conn., resided in Rochester, N. Y., many years and died in Janesville, Wis. His mother was Sarah Allen, born in Rupert, Vt. Mrs. Amelia M. (Fitch) Lee now (1900) resides in Chicago, Ill., with an only child, a daughter, EMMA AMELIA LEE,⁹ b. 22 Jan. 1858.
- DEWITT CLINTON FITCH,⁸ born in Mendon, Monroe Co., N. Y., 9 April 1835; died in Staunton, Va., 26 May 1875; and was buried in Staunton. He married and left a daughter, Mrs. Lillian Georgiana Chadwick of Decatur, Mich.

168. CLARISSA CONVERSE⁷ (*William Henry*⁶(57), *Col. Thomas*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Rodman, N. Y., 1 January 1826; died in Euclid, Ohio, 29 December 1889. She was married by Elder Dunn, 6 June 1845, to Dr. Samuel Hazen of Euclid, Ohio, a prominent and influential physician in that part of the country. Later, he owned and cultivated large vineyards.

Children:

- ALICE ALMIRA HAZEN,⁸ born May 1846; died in infancy.
 FRANCIS MORDECAI HAZEN,⁸ born 10 July 1847; residence, Euclid, Ohio; unmarried.
 JOSEPHINE ANTOINETTE HAZEN,⁸ born in Euclid, Ohio, 25 June 1849; married, by Rev. Hawley Gottlieb, 18 Jan. 1870, to John Baisch of Cleveland. Five children:
 FREDERICK JOHN BAISCH,⁹ b. 21 Nov. 1870; m., 23 July 1896, by Rev. Robt. G. Hutchins, to Emma Clark.
 CHARLES SAMUEL BAISCH,⁹ b. 15 Oct. 1872.
 CLARENCE EUGENE BAISCH,⁹ b. 29 Nov. 1875.
 LULU MAY BAISCH,⁹ b. 16 June 1879.
 HOWARD FRANK BAISCH,⁹ b. 21 Aug. 1886.
- ADELAIDE LAVERNE HAZEN,⁸ born in Euclid, Ohio, 24 Sept. 1851; unmarried.
 CHARLES MARION HAZEN,⁸ born in Euclid, Ohio, 26 Jan. 1854; married, in Euclid, by Rev. J. W. Knowles, 14 March 1883, to Annette Bain, who was born 11 March 1866. Three children:
 JESSIE CHARLES HAZEN,⁹ b. 26 Nov. 1884; d. 2 Aug. 1885.
 ROLLIN DELOS HAZEN,⁹ b. 30 May 1886.
 ETHEL JOSEPHINE HAZEN,⁹ b. 13 Dec. 1887.
- ALICE CLARA HAZEN,⁸ born, in Euclid, 6 Aug. 1856; married, in Euclid, by Rev. C. W. Cushing, 17 April 1878, to Frederick Carl Baisch. They reside in Glenville, Cuyahoga Co., Ohio. They have five children, all born in Glenville:
 FLORA ROSELLA BAISCH,⁹ b. 25 Nov. 1879.
 HARRY HAZEN BAISCH,⁹ b. 2 April 1883.
 FRANCIS CARL BAISCH,⁹ b. 24 June 1888.
 ROBERT BAISCH,⁹ b. 10 May 1891; d., in Glenville, 17 Jan. 1893.
 GERTRUDE ALICE BAISCH,⁹ b. 6 Aug. 1893.
- ROSELLA JULIA HAZEN,⁸ born, in Euclid, 12 Aug. 1859; married, in Euclid, by Rev. Wm. Haden, 25 June 1885, to Charles Henry Christian of Newburg, Cuyahoga Co., Ohio. They had five children, all born in Newburg:
 BABY CHRISTIAN,⁹ b. 5 April 1886; d. in infancy.
 DORA CONVERSE CHRISTIAN,⁹ b. 13 April 1887.
 HAZEL HAZEN CHRISTIAN,⁹ b. 20 June 1889.
 RUTH HAZEN CHRISTIAN,⁹ b. 8 Jan. 1893.
 LLOYD HAZEN CHRISTIAN,⁹ b. 24 Dec. 1893.

169. ALMIRA CONVERSE⁷ (*William Henry*⁶(57), *Col. Thomas*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Rodman, Jefferson Co., N. Y., 12 May 1828; married in Euclid, Cuyahoga Co., Ohio, 1 October 1846, by Rev. Mr. Hall, to Wilson Hunt Armstrong, who was born on a farm near Cleveland, 3 May 1823, and who died in Galion, Ohio, 4 January 1896. Mr. Armstrong moved to Cleveland, and was engaged in the hardware business, and when the Atlantic and Great Western Railroad was projected, he took several contracts for that road, and was purchasing and claim agent of the Company for many years, residing at Galion. He resigned this position to engage in the lumber and coal business. While his life was a busy one, he always had time to assist, by kind word or deed, any one who was in trouble. For many years he was prominently identified with the growth and prosperity of Galion. At this time (1900), Mrs. Almira (Converse) Armstrong, of a lovely Christian character, esteemed and endeared to all, resides in Galion.



Mrs. Almira (Converse) Armstrong.

Children of Wilson Hunt and Almira (Converse) Armstrong:

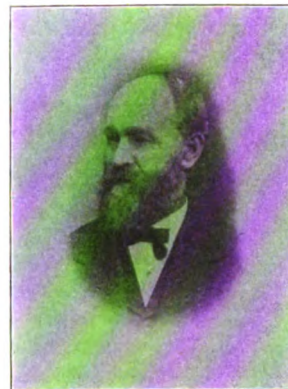
CHARLES WILSON ARMSTRONG,⁸ born, in Euclid, 28 April 1848; died, in Euclid, 2 July 1849.

EDGAR FRANCIS ARMSTRONG,⁸ born, in Euclid, 21 May 1850; died, in Euclid, 28 Sept. 1852.

ELEANOR ADALINE ARMSTRONG,⁸ born in Ashtabula, Ohio, 28 Feb. 1852; married in Galion, Ohio, 27 June 1877, by Rev. Edward P. Elcock, to Dr. Frank D. Bain, who is the son of James and Jane (McBride) Bain. Her husband is a practising physician in Kenton, Ohio, and Surgeon for the Chicago, Erie, Toledo & Ohio Central R. R., and also for the Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati & St. Louis R. R.

CHARLES EDGAR ARMSTRONG,⁸ born in Cleveland, Ohio, 4 Nov. 1853; died, in Cleveland, 20 April 1854.

LIZZIE ALMIRA ARMSTRONG,⁸ born, in Euclid, 8 May 1855; married, in Galion, 25 May 1875, by Rev. Mr. MacMillan, James G. White, who was born in Cleveland, Ohio. She died while on a visit in Nottingham, Ohio, 29 Dec. 1898. She was a devoted



Wilson Hunt Armstrong.

Christian woman, much esteemed and beloved by all who knew her. They had one daughter, MINNIE ELLA WHITE,⁹ born 23 June 1880, who died 4 Aug. 1881.
 MINNIE CAROLINE ARMSTRONG,⁸ born in Cleveland, Ohio, 2 April 1857; died, in Cleveland, 8 March 1859.

170. CELESTIA ANN CONVERSE⁷ (*William Henry⁶ (57), Col. Thomas,⁵ Thomas,⁴ Samuel,³ Sergeant Samuel,² Deacon Edward¹*), was born in Kirtland,



Ohio, 19 April 1836; died in Cleveland, Ohio, 23 May 1899. She was married, first, in Cleveland, Ohio, 22 February 1855, by Rev. Chas. Draper, to Thomas George Draper, who was born, in Canada, 27 July 1832, and died 10 December 1859. She was married, second, in Cleveland, Ohio, 3 December 1863, by Rev. Andrew Sharp, to Lester Charles Beardsley, who was born in Rochester, N. Y., 16 April 1833, and was for many years proprietor of the Beardsley Manufacturing Co. Mrs. Beardsley was much esteemed as a quiet, self-sacrificing, earnest Christian woman.

Thomas George and Celestia Ann (Converse) Draper had one son:

CHARLES THOMAS DRAPER,⁸ born, 26 Nov. 1855, in Cleveland, Ohio, where he is proprietor of the Beardsley Manufacturing Co. He was married, 20 Sept. 1881, by Rev. Jay S. Yeomans, to Florence Hannah Rossiter, who was born in Cleveland, Ohio, 20 Oct. 1859, and who is the daughter of Silas and Agnes Rossiter. Children:

GEORGE LESTER DRAPER,⁹ b., in Cleveland, 3 Sept. 1882.

CHARLES HERBERT DRAPER,⁹ b., in Cleveland, 13 March 1884.

MILDRED ADDIE DRAPER,⁹ b., in Cleveland, 14 April 1888.



Lester Charles Beardsley.

Children of Lester Charles and Celestia Ann (Converse) (Draper) Beardsley:

ADDIE JULIA BEARDSLEY,⁹ born, in Cleveland, Ohio, 3 Dec. 1866; married, 12 Jan. 1893, by Rev. Maurice Joblin, Andrew Henry Mason of Glenville, Ohio. One daughter: GLADYS ADDIE MASON,⁹ b. 7 Feb. 1896.

LILLIAN MABEL BEARDSLEY,⁹ born in Cleveland, Ohio, 30 May 1871; married, 30 Oct. 1890, by Rev. L. S. Rader, Richard Cecile Harris, of Cleveland, Ohio. One daughter: RUTH BEARDSLEY HARRIS,⁹ b. 11 April 1892.

171. MAURICE CONVERSE⁷ (*William Henry*⁶ (57), *Col. Thomas*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Chester, Ohio, 26 September 1839; was married in Cleveland, Ohio, 16 August 1865, by Rev. Seymour W. Adams, to Flavia S. Holden, daughter of Sidney S. and Jane Holden. She died 28 February 1876. Their only child, a daughter, born 3 October 1867, died in infancy and they adopted a daughter, Wilhelmina, who was born 2 June 1872. Maurice Converse,⁷ was married, second, in Cleveland, Ohio, 24 October 1877, by Rev. Charles S. Pomeroy, Pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, to Frances Augusta Kirk, who was born in Cleveland, Ohio, 7 February 1845, and who is the daughter of George and Matilda (Sterling) Kirk. To Mrs. Frances Augusta (Kirk) Converse acknowledgments are due for valuable assistance in the compilation of the record herein of descendants of William Henry Converse.



Maurice Converse.



Mrs. Frances Augusta (Kirk) Converse.

George Kirk came to Cleveland, a small village, in 1820, was one of its early pioneers, and in 1830 went to Canton, Ohio, and married Matilda Sterling, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Sayler) Sterling, bringing his young bride back to the Forest City, a lovely unselfish woman and a devoted Christian, one of the original members of the Old Stone Church, which stands on Cleveland's noted Public Square. George Kirk was the first marshal of Cleveland, and was one of the oldest Free Masons in the State of Ohio, a great reader, and very poetic in his tastes. They both died firm in their belief and love toward their Saviour.

The Cleveland Leader of 14 January 1903 contained the following obituary on a sister of Mrs. Converse:

Mrs. Rebecca Kirk Garlick, wife of Edward C. Garlick, a prominent iron merchant of No. 93 Kennard street died suddenly at her home yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock. Mrs. Garlick

was taken ill with pneumonia six weeks ago, but was supposed to be convalescent, though she had been very ill. Her death yesterday is said to have been due to heart failure.

Mrs. Garlick was a daughter of George Kirk, a pioneer resident of Cleveland. He was the first city marshal after the community was incorporated. Beside her husband, Mrs. Garlick leaves a daughter, Miss Mary C. Garlick, and two sisters, Mrs. William H. Hayes and Mrs. Maurice Converse, both of Cleveland. Another sister, Mrs. Cordelia A. Taylor, died last August.

Mrs. Garlick was for more than fifty years an active member of the Second Presbyterian Church and was zealous in the promotion of missionary work. She was loved and admired by a large circle of friends for her benevolence and kindly disposition. To them her death came as a great shock.

The funeral will be held from the home on Kennard street at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon. Rev. Paul F. Sutphen, D.D., will officiate.

Maurice Converse was a graduate of Hiram College and was a student there while President James A. Garfield was an instructor in that institution. He taught school for several terms, and entered upon the study of the law, but poor health obliged him to relinquish his preparation for that profession. For twenty-six years he was a member of the First Baptist Church of Cleveland, and for several years was a trustee of that church. He was identified with the iron or wire business in Cleveland, and, for many years, was the proprietor of the Cleveland Barb Wire Co. When the War of the Rebellion tried the loyalty of the Northern citizens, he was one of those who responded to the first call for three months' men. He served in the Cleveland Grays, and was in the first Battle of Bull Run. He was a man of few words, but full of kindly feeling for all, and the charity "that thinketh no evil." He died 26 April 1894 at his home in Cleveland, Ohio, and his remains were deposited in Lake View Cemetery beside those of his father and mother.

Maurice and Frances Augusta (Kirk) Converse had two children:

A DAUGHTER,⁸ born 4 Dec. 1883; died in infancy.

MAURICE CONVERSE,⁸ JR., born in Cleveland, Ohio, 26 Feb. 1885.



Maurice Converse, Jr.



Wilhelmina Converse.

172. MORDECAI CONVERSE⁷ (*William Henry*⁶ (57), *Col. Thomas*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Chester, Ohio, 25 November 1842; married, 3 February 1869, Margaret McClung, who died in 1870. He served in the commissariat of the Army of the Potomac during the Civil War and assisted in carrying off the wounded after the Battle of Winchester. After the war he was in the employ of the Atlantic & Great Western Railway Co. at Lewisburgh, Champaign Co., Ohio. He was not very strong, and the many hardships endured in serving his country undermined his health. He died in North Lewisburgh, Ohio, 21 December 1879.



Mordecai Converse.

Mordecai and Margaret (McClung) Converse had one child:

ISAAC HENRY CONVERSE,⁸ born, in North Lewisburgh, 10 July 1870; married, 14 Jan. 1897, by Rev. J. M. Miller, to Myrta Willeck of North Lewisburgh. He now resides (1900) in Collinwood, Cuyahoga Co., Ohio.

173. ALAMANZAR CONVERSE⁷ (*Thomas*⁶ (63), *David*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Bridgewater, N. Y., 21 February, 1808; died in Woodville, N. Y., 3 September 1888. He married, 15 September 1831, in Plainfield, Otsego Co., N. Y., Cornelia Hungerford Turner, who was born, in Bridgewater, 1 December 1807, and died, in Woodville, 25 November 1884. Shortly after marriage they removed from Bridgewater to Woodville, Jefferson Co., N. Y., where they lived the rest of their lives. They were members of the Congregational Church, and Mr. Converse was a deacon of that church about fifty years. He was a farmer.

Children of Alamanzar and Cornelia Hungerford (Turner) Converse:

SARAH JANE CONVERSE,⁸ born 7 Aug. 1833; married, in Woodville, 18 April 1853, Cyrrel C. Clark, who died about 1899. She now (1901) resides with her sister, Julia Ann, in Woodville. Mr. and Mrs. Clark had no children. Mr. Clark owned and conducted a paper mill in Woodville, and afterwards operated a mill in Waddington, N. Y., for Judge James of Ogdensburg, N. Y.

JULIA ANN CONVERSE,⁸ born 9 Aug. 1835; married, 21 Jan. 1868, Orrin Barnard Hicks, farmer, and they had son, ARTHUR CONVERSE HICKS,⁹ b. 27 Dec. 1869.

GURDON TURNER CONVERSE,⁸ born 16 July 1841; was educated at Union Academy, Belleville, N. Y. He enlisted, in August, 1863, in Co. B, 20th N. Y. Vol. Cavalry, and served to the close of the Civil War. Until about 1885 a farmer, he removed

West in 1889, and in 1891 rented and conducted the Marshall House in Saginaw, Mich. Thence he removed to Clare in the same state, where he managed a flour and feed business for Geo. H. Waldo of Detroit. He removed, 22 Jan. 1901, to Frankfort, Mich., where he is clerk in National Hotel.

LAURA CONVERSE,⁸ born 15 Nov. 1844; died when three years of age.

174. JAMES FRANKLIN CONVERSE⁷ (*Thomas*⁶ (63), *David*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Bridgewater, Oneida Co., N. Y., 2 October 1825; married, in 1857, at Rural Hill, N. Y., by Rev. A. C. Cleghorn, to Martha Bull, who was born at Rural Hill, 17 November 1835, and who is the daughter of Alvah and Louise (Packer) Bull of Rural Hill. In 1835 he moved from Bridgewater to Ellisburg, Jefferson Co., N. Y. (Woodville P. O.), where he has ever since resided. He fitted for college at Union Academy, 1840-44, and was graduated at Hamilton College in 1848. He is a farmer and importer and breeder of cattle and Shetland ponies. At this time (1900) he is the oldest exhibitor of live stock in the state of New York. His farm of 225 acres, situated in and around Woodville, has been devoted to grain raising and stock growing for fifty years. He was President of the Agricultural Society of his County in 1878, President of the Ayrshire Breeders' Association for eight years, and a member of the N. Y. State Board of Agriculture for the eight years preceding 1892. He has been a member of the Congregational Church since 1837. He has also been Superintendent of the Sunday School, and for ten years has been leader of the church choir. He reported for newspapers for thirty-five years. He is a member of the Odd Fellows, Grangers and Farmers' Club.

Children of James Franklin and Martha (Bull) Converse:

FRANK ALVAH CONVERSE,⁸ born 12 May 1862; married Frances Gates. (338)

MARIETTA MAY CONVERSE,⁸ born in Woodville, N. Y., 18 Oct. 1865; married Mark Sheldon Wilder. (339)

GEORGE HENRY CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Woodville, 26 June 1870; married Mella Inez Wood. (340)

CLARA JERUSHA CONVERSE,⁸ born 27 July 1874; resides with her parents.

176. MARY ANN CONVERSE⁷ (*Joseph Elliott*⁶ (64), *David*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Skaneateles, N. Y., in 1819; died before 1850 and buried in Mount Hope Cemetery. She received a thorough common school education, and, at the age of eighteen, taught common school. She married James Connolly in 1842 or 1843, both by the ceremony of the Society of Friends and by that of the Roman Catholic Church in Rochester, N. Y., of which he was a member. After her marriage she resided in Rochester,

N. Y., until her death. James Connolly had business ability, and, notwithstanding some reverses at first, was finally successful. He was first a manufacturer of confectionery in Rochester, but was burned out in the forties. He then was proprietor of a powder mill in Rochester, which was wrecked by explosion. After this he bought a mill on the Hudson in Newburgh, N. Y., which was destroyed by fire. Finally, in partnership with Mr. Bennett he owned and operated one of the famous Rochester City mills. He also operated largely in wheat in California in the sixties.

Children of James and Mary Ann (Converse) Connolly:

JAMES CONNOLLY,⁸ JR., born in 1844.

AMELIA CONNOLLY,⁹ born in 1846; died, in Rochester, aged 16. She and her brother attended school in Rochester, N. Y.

177. EMMOR KIMBER CONVERSE⁷ (*Joseph Elliott⁶ (64), David,⁵ Thomas,⁴ Samuel,³ Sergeant Samuel,² Deacon Edward¹*), born in Skaneateles, Onondaga Co., N. Y., 4 March 1821; died in Paola, Kansas, in 1897. Until he was twenty-four years old he lived with his father and worked on the farm. He received a common school education. Part of the time he lived in Farmington, N. Y., and part of the time in Chili, Monroe Co., N. Y. He married, first, 24 March 1845, according to the rules of the Society of Friends, Anna Sheldon, daughter of Stephen and Betsey (Kennedy) Sheldon, and they lived on his farm in Chili, N. Y. She died 2 November 1856, and was buried in Wooden Cemetery, Chili, N. Y. Although reared in the Quaker faith, he became a Presbyterian about this time, and joined the Presbyterian Church in Chili. On 28 March 1858 he married, as his second wife, Catherine Van Denburgh. In 1859 he exchanged his farm for land in Conesus, Livingston County, N. Y., where he lived until 1869, when he moved to Bridgewater, N. Y. Here he lived one year. Then he returned to Conesus, and, in 1875, bought a farm in Macedon, Wayne Co., N. Y., where he resided until 1878. In that year he moved to Carson City, Mich., and lived there until the death of his wife in that place in 1895. Her remains were interred in M. E. C. Cemetery in Bloomer, Mich. In 1895 Mr. Converse removed to Paola, Kansas, and, until his death in 1897, lived there with his son, Joseph Milton Converse. He was always a faithful, earnest Christian. When circumstances were unfavorable for attending the church of which he was a member, he joined the M. E. classes, and was for many years class leader and a Sabbath School teacher of ability and zeal. He had business ability, and was efficient in farm management. He attained the ripe old age of seventy-six, and closed his labors in peace surrounded by devoted sons and grandchildren.

Children of Emmor Kimber and Anna (Sheldon) Converse:

HARRIET ELIZABETH CONVERSE,⁸ born in Chili, N. Y., 12 April 1846; died 27 April 1858. She was buried in Wooden Cemetery, Chili. She was possessed of a remarkably sweet disposition, and gave promise of a very religious life.

JOSEPH MILTON CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Chili, 20 Aug. 1848; married Emma L. Bonham. (341)

GEORGE EMMOR CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Chili, 28 April 1853; attended Winfield (N. Y.) Academy and Whitestown Academy at Whitesboro, N. Y. He now resides in Lincoln Placer Co., California, and is a commercial traveler; married in Monticello, Ill. 26 April 1892, Mrs. Helen Fairbanks, daughter of Joseph and Miranda (Perry) Smith.

TWIN BOYS,⁸ died at birth.

Children of Emmor Kimber and Catherine (Van Denburgh) Converse:

EDWIN SEELEY CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Chili, April 1859; died in Conesus, N. Y., 28 May 1865; buried in Wooden Cemetery, Chili.

HARRIET CONVERSE,⁸ born in Conesus, N. Y., 1862; died Feb. 1864.

178. ANSEL FROST CONVERSE⁷ (*Joseph Elliott*⁶ (64), *David*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Farmington, Ontario Co., N. Y., 16 July 1838; received a good common school education and worked on his father's farms in Monroe Co., N. Y., and later in Ontario Co., N. Y. In 1857, he began farming on his own account. He was married, 10 March 1858, by Lindley W. Smith, J. P., to Selinda Power Payne, who was born in Farmington, N. Y., 5 July 1838. She was educated at Macedon Centre, N. Y., Academy. She is the daughter of Gideon Riley and Mary Brown (Smith) Payne of Farmington, N. Y., who were members of the Society of Friends. Mr. and Mrs. Converse and family removed to Conesus, Livingston Co., N. Y., in 1863, returned to Farmington, N. Y., in 1865, and resided for a short time in Macedon, N. Y. They finally settled on the Canandaigua road near Palmyra, N. Y., where they reside (1901), and are engaged in fruit growing. In 1871 Ansel Frost Converse united with the Orthodox Society of Friends and was an active worker and spoke in public. His wife united with the Orthodox Friends in 1873. They both united with the Methodist Episcopal Church of Palmyra, N. Y., by letters from the Orthodox Friends' Church of Farmington, N. Y., 29 January 1888. He is a local preacher, having been licensed to preach by the M. E. Conference in 1890. His life from boyhood has been marked by an unusual degree of sobriety and uprightness.

Children of Ansel Frost and Selinda Power (Payne) Converse:

WILLIAM CHAUNCY CONVERSE,⁸ born in Farmington, N. Y., 14 Sept. 1859; married Sadie Macdonald. (342)

ALBERT ANSEL CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Farmington, N. Y., 23 June 1861; was educated at Macedon Centre Academy. He resided in 1901 in Rochester, N. Y. He married, 1st, 23 June 1881, Lucinda Ennis of Macedon, N. Y., who died 4 March 1887, and was buried in Macedon. She was the daughter of Joseph and Lucy Ann (Snyder) Ennis of Macedon. He married, 2nd, 7 Nov. 1888, Marietta Pilcher Lord, who is the daughter of Henry and Susanna (Smith) Pilcher of Macedon Centre. To Albert Ansel and Lucinda (Ennis) Converse, two children were born:

FREDERICK LLOYD CONVERSE,⁹ b., in Macedon, 20 Aug. 1883.

MARY ELEANOR CONVERSE,⁹ b., in Macedon, 10 Jan. 1887; adopted by her foster-mother, Catherine Sarah Ennis Beck, in 1887, and assumed the name of Mary Eleanor Converse Beck.

AMELIA FRANCES CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Farmington, 8 Dec. 1865; was educated in Palmyra, N. Y., Union Classical School, and Oakwood Seminary in Union Springs N. Y. She was a teacher in the Institute for Deaf Mutes in Rochester, N. Y. She married, 7 Oct. 1884, Elison Reynolds Purdy of Palmyra, son of Alexander M. and Mary E. (Reynolds) Purdy. Alexander M. Purdy was a minister in the Orthodox Friends' Society, and Ellison R. Purdy also entered the ministry in the same society. Ellison Reynolds and Amelia Frances (Converse) Purdy removed to Portland, Maine. A son was born to them in West Laurens, N. Y., 6 May 1890, ALEXANDER CONVERSE PURDY⁹. Mrs. Purdy died in Portland, Me., 4 May 1900. She was an ardent worker in the church, and Vice-President of the Y. W. C. A. of that city.

LENA PAYNE CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Farmington, 9 April 1873; educated at Palmyra Union School; held a position for over six years in the Custodial Asylum for Feeble-Minded Women in Newark, N. Y. She married, 30 Nov. 1900, Ross Moe Tremaine of Rochester, N. Y., who was born in Haven, Huron Co., Ohio, 19 Jan. 1867. He is the son of Daniel Moe and Julia Ludlow (Snyder) Tremaine of Peru, Huron Co., Ohio. Ross Moe Tremaine has a position in the Eastman Kodak factory in Rochester, N. Y., and resides in that city.

SIBLEY CONVERSE,⁸ born in Macedon, N. Y., 23 April 1875; educated at Palmyra Union School and one year in the sophomore class in the Peabody Normal College in Nashville, Tenn. Residence, in 1901, Rochester, N. Y.

179. CHARLES EDGAR CONVERSE⁷ (*Joseph Elliott*⁶ (64), *David*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Chili, Monroe Co., 14 October 1841; lives in Ferry, Mich.; married at Rochester, N. Y., 15 November 1865 (Rev. Dr. Shaw officiating), Lucy McLouth, born in Farmington, N. Y., 4 May 1846, daughter of Marshall McLouth and Margaret Pratt, both of whom were born in Manchester, Ontario Co., N. Y. He received a common school education and attended two terms at Macedon Academy with teachers' course. He worked on the home farm and taught school winters until his marriage. Charles Edgar Converse was a farmer in Farmington until 1873; subsequently taught; and as foreman assisted in nurseries at Canandaigua, N. Y. In 1879 he removed with his family to Ferry, Mich., where he has since resided. In all he has taught thirty odd terms of school, has cleared up a good eighty-acre farm, has served his town six or eight years as Township

School Inspector, and as Justice of the Peace about eighteen years. He is a member of the Society of Friends, is a charter member of the I.O.O.F. Lodge at Ferry, and also a member of the Rebecca Lodge.

Children of Charles Edgar and Lucy (McLouth) Converse:

JOSEPH MILTON CONVERSE,⁸ born in Farmington, N. Y., 17 April 1867; married, in 1892, Ella Gowdy, of English parentage. He lived at home until 1888 when he went to Oregon; thence, after five years, to San José, Cal.

EDWARD PRATT CONVERSE,⁸ born 22 Feb. 1869; resides in Farmington, N. Y.

CHARLES ELLIOTT CONVERSE,⁸ born 27 June 1871; died 6 July 1899, and is buried in San José, Cal. He received a good school education, and a practical training for the duties of a marine engineer by S. L. McLouth, a calling he followed on the lakes for about four years. In this work he contracted a dangerous lung trouble, and went to California in 1896 for his health.

HOWARD DANIEL CONVERSE,⁸ born in Farmington, N. Y., 28 Nov. 1874; married Caroline Lovel. (343)

ELROY K CONVERSE,⁸ born in Hopewell, N. Y., 11 Oct. 1877. He received a good common school education, attending high school at Shelby, Mich. He has taught school for four years, and in 1901 was taking a law course in Valparaiso College, Indiana. Mr. Converse assumed the letter K as a substitute for a middle name.

ALLISON BEDFORD CONVERSE,⁸ born in Ferry, Mich., 13 Dec. 1879. He attended the common schools and assisted his parents on the farm. In 1900 he went to Farmington, N. Y., where he has since resided.

MARGARET CONVERSE,⁸ born 28 Oct. 1882. After attending the high school at Shelby she took a Normal course at Pentwater, Mich., and in 1901 was teaching school.

ROSCOE CONKLING CONVERSE,⁸ born in Ferry, Mich., 19 Feb. 1889.

180. ARTHUR MOTT CONVERSE⁷ (*Joseph Elliott*⁶ (64), *David*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Chili, Monroe Co., N. Y., 15 December 1844. He accompanied his parents to Farmington, N. Y., in 1852. He attended common school and one term at Macedon Academy and worked on the home farm until his marriage. He continued farming until 1871, when he moved to Shortsville, N. Y., and was a paper-maker there until 1876. As ill health necessitated a change of employment, he moved with his family in 1878 to Ferry, Mich., where he bought a piece of wild land, cleared it, erected buildings, and set an orchard. This property he sold in 1892, and removed to a partly cleared farm in the same town where he has since resided most of the time. For about sixteen years he was employed in lumbering in winter and farming in summer, until physical disability necessitated a change of employment, when he engaged in real estate business. He also for several years sold farm machinery. He was a birth-right member of the Hicksite Quakers, and was educated in that faith. In 1874 Mr. and Mrs. Converse were converted in the Presbyterian meetings in Shortsville, N. Y., and there joined that church. Soon after

their removal to Ferry, Mich., they united with the Greenwood Presbyterian Church at Hesperia, Mich., and in 1882 or 1883 Mr. Converse was chosen Ruling Elder. In 1885, on account of distance, they took letters and joined the United Brethren in Ferry; but when the latter church became divided in 1890, upon Secret Society questions, they withdrew therefrom and Mrs. Converse united with the M. E. Church in Ferry. Mr. Converse was a member of the Loyal League from 1864 to 1866, joined the Good Templars in 1868, of which society he has been an active member. Although he is a Democrat and his town is strongly Republican he has been elected School Inspector in Ferry for six years to 1901. He was elected Justice of the Peace in 1898, and also Notary Public. He has canvassed for several business houses, has been a newspaper correspondent for about twenty years and for fifteen years a crop reporter for State and U. S. departments. He has taken great interest in the preparation of this book of genealogy, and has rendered valuable assistance in the compilation of the record herein of descendants of David Converse, cheerfully devoting much labor thereto, and demonstrating his own efficiency as a genealogist and his genial disposition as a co-laborer in a field so laborious and full of discouragement. He was married in Rochester, N. Y., 2 March 1864, by Mayor Bradstreet, to Jane S. Doty, who was born in Tecumseh, Lenawee Co., Mich., 11 February 1844. She is the daughter of John Jay and Lydia (Wilson) Doty, and is now (1901) a member of the M. E. Church in Ferry. John Jay Doty was born in Granville, Washington Co., N. Y., 15 July 1812, and was a Mayflower descendant. Lydia Wilson was born in New Jersey 3 August 1816, and was the daughter of David and Mary (Brotherton) Wilson. John Jay and Lydia (Wilson) Doty removed to Macedon, N. Y., in 1856, and to Farmington, N. Y., in 1860.

Children of Arthur Mott and Jane S. (Doty) Converse:

- MARY PHOEBE CONVERSE,⁸ born 19 Jan. 1865; married Herbert Timothy Smith. (344)
H. WILSON CONVERSE,⁸ born in Farmington, N. Y., 4 April 1866; married Mary Romans. (345)
SARAH M. CONVERSE,⁸ born in Farmington, N. Y., 5 Dec. 1867; married Ira A. Putney. (346)
JOSEPH ELLIOTT CONVERSE,⁸ born in Farmington, 2 March 1870; accompanied his parents to Ferry, Mich., in 1878, where he has since resided. He received a common school education, and later studied engineering by home course. He has been engaged in lumbering; has been employed as engineer in several different states, and tried fresh water sailing; member I.O.O.F. in Ferry; offered his services in Spanish American War, but did not pass the test, and was returned home. He married, in Ypsilanti, Mich., 9 July 1898, by Rev. Frank B. Arnold, to Mrs. Estella McMahon, who was born, in Ypsilanti, 6 July 1867. They live on a farm near Ferry. Her

father was William A. Burnett, born in Lyons, Wayne Co., N. Y., 29 Nov. 1816. Her mother was Jane McKeag, born in County Down, Ireland, 5 May 1837.

JOHN JAY CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Ferry, 12 Sept. 1880; educated in common schools, Shelby High School, and Normal Course at Hart, Mich. He is a farmer, and manages his parents' farm in Ferry. He is member of M. E. Church in Ferry and active worker in Sunday School. The following notice of his marriage is from the Oceana Courier (Hart, Mich.) of 13 Dec. 1902:

Married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Myers, by the Rev. Israel Crype of Custer, Sunday, November 9, at 12 o'clock, John J. Converse to Miss Anna S. Myers, in the presence of about forty relatives and friends. Mr. Converse was born in this town and Miss Myers came here last spring and has already won a host of friends. Although being lively, mirth-loving young people, they are sturdy young Christians. They will settle down to farming on the Converse farm, which will be their future home. They received beautiful presents from the friends present, from Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Converse of Wayne, Mich., and from friends in Indiana. Congratulations are being received from a wide circle of friends.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Converse will soon take up their residence opposite Ira Putney's place, northwest of Ferry village.

Anna S. Myers received a college education, is a member of the Brethren Church (Dunkard); was born in Nebraska, 12 Dec. 1881. She is the daughter of George Washington Myers, who was born in Stark Co., Ohio, 23 May 1843. Her mother was Elizabeth Fager, born in Kosciusko Co., Ind., 13 March 1843.

181. CYRUS STEEL CONVERSE⁷ (*Daniel*⁸ (65), *David*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Bridgewater, N. Y., 12 September 1819; died in Chili, N. Y., 1 July 1900; married, first, 16 January 1843, Sarah Jane Wooden, daughter of James and Eliza (Widner) Wooden. She was born 5 September 1826, and died 15 November 1868. He married, second, Ann Norton of Kendall, N. Y., who is now (1902) living in Rochester, N. Y. Cyrus Steel Converse was a farmer and removed from Bridgewater to Chili when a young man.

Children of Cyrus Steel and Sarah Jane (Wooden) Converse:

ALMEDA CHARLOTTE CONVERSE,⁸ born 19 Dec. 1845; died 14 June 1868; married Albert Miller of Gates, N. Y. They had a daughter, IDA MILLER,⁹ who married a Converse and resides in Dudley, Wis.

ELLEN JANE CONVERSE,⁸ born 15 Aug. 1847; died in 1888; married John Mills of Avon Livingston Co., N. Y. Six children:

ALICE MILLS.⁹
 SARAH MILLS.⁹
 IDA MILLS.⁹
 CORA MILLS.⁹
 LAURA MILLS.⁹
 WILLIAM MILLS.⁹

MELVIN CYRUS CONVERSE,⁸ born in Chili, N. Y., 24 April 1850; married Lydia Elizabeth Ecker. (347)

ALICE ISA CONVERSE,⁸ born 12 July 1851; married, in 1868, Henry W. Ecker of New York, who was born in Alexandria, N. Y., 17 Oct. 1844. He is the son of Adam G. and Algina (Avery) Ecker. Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Ecker removed in 1877 to Kansas where she died 11 March 1901. They had four children:

MYRTLE ECKER,⁹ d. 20 March 1900.

GUY ECKER,⁹ resides in Stanley, Kansas.

DEDRICK ECKER,⁹ resides in Stanley, Kansas.

EARL ECKER,⁹ resides in Stanley, Kansas.

MARTHA ELIZA CONVERSE,⁸ born 20 July, 1853; married, in 1872, Rinaldo Thompson of Brighton, N. Y., born 5 Oct. 1852. They reside in Rochester, N. Y., and have four children:

VINCENT THOMPSON,⁹ b. 13 May 1874; m., 16 Sept. 1896, Florence Denway. They have two children: GLADYS THOMPSON,¹⁰ and EVELYN THOMPSON.¹⁰

MABEL THOMPSON,⁹ b. 5 Oct. 1875; m. 14 June 1900, Charles Barons of Rochester, N. Y.

BLANCHE THOMPSON,⁹ b. 30 Aug. 1877; m. 9 July 1897, Rev. Frederick Redfern. They have one child: RUTH REDFERN,¹⁰ b. 9 March 1900.

GRACE THOMPSON,⁹ b. 2 May 1882.

JAMES WILLIAMS CONVERSE,⁸ born 8 March 1856; married Mary Chatterton of Rochester, N. Y. They live in Bealsburg, N. Y., and have one child:

ALICE CONVERSE,⁹ who, in 1902, resided in Chili, N. Y.

EDWARD SPERRY CONVERSE,⁸ born 30 Oct. 1858; married Gladys Chatterton. They reside in Honeoye, N. Y., and have eight children.

CHARLES HAMILTON CONVERSE,⁸ born 9 Nov. 1861; married Ella Cumber. They reside in Brookmere, N. Y., and have three children:

CLARENCE CONVERSE,⁹

EMMA CONVERSE,⁹

HAROLD CONVERSE,⁹

WILLARD CONVERSE,⁸ born 6 Nov. 1864.

Children of Cyrus Steel and Ann (Norton) Converse:

JESSE CONVERSE,⁸ born in Chili, N. Y., 12 Sept. 1875.

ERNEST CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Chili, 22 May 1878; married Rosa Scharet who was born 21 Sept. 1882. They have one child:

RICHARD PETER CONVERSE,⁹ born in Rochester, N. Y., 5 Jan. 1902.

ELMER CONVERSE,⁸ born in Chili.

182. DANIEL EVANDER CONVERSE⁷ (*Daniel*⁶ (65), *David*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Jefferson County, N. Y., 19 November 1826; died 31 May 1889. He moved with his parents to Rochester, N. Y., when a boy. There he married Anna Walsh who was born in Chili, N. Y. (south of Rochester), 13 December 1830, and who died 10 March 1894.

Children:

DANIEL EVANDER CONVERSE,⁸ JR., born in Chili, Monroe Co., N. Y., 20 March 1850; married, 1st, Margaret Jeannette Harper; married, 2nd, Mrs. Harriet Ellen (Williams) Waterbury, widow. (348)

EUGENE MORRIS CONVERSE,⁸ born in Alden, Erie Co., N. Y., 11 July 1858; married Anna Irene Harper. (349)

ANNIE MAY CONVERSE,⁸ died in youth.

CARRIE BELL CONVERSE,⁸ married 25 Dec. 1890, at the home of her brother, Daniel Evander Converse, Jr., by Rev. Mr. Caughn, pastor of the Baptist Church of Clyde, David R. Thompson, who was born in Monroe Co., N. Y. They reside in Hagaman, N. Y. where Mr. Thompson is employed in the knitting mills. They have two children, both born in Clarkson, Monroe Co., N. Y.:

NETTIE MAYNELLE THOMPSON,⁹ b. 1 Oct. 1891.

JENNIE IRENE THOMPSON,⁹ b. 27 April 1893.

183. LUCY JANE CONVERSE⁷ (*Daniel,⁶ (65), David,⁵ Thomas,⁴ Samuel,³ Sergeant Samuel,² Deacon Edward¹*), born in Philadelphia, Jefferson Co., N. Y., 21 January 1829. At the age of seven years she accompanied her parents to Erie Co., N. Y., and four years later moved with them to Chili, Monroe Co., N. Y. She was married, in Chili, 3 July, 1846, to Henry Wedd, who was born in Latchingdon, Co. Essex, England, 15 September 1821, and who is the son of Benjamin and Mary (Chator) Wedd. In the fall of 1858 Mrs. Lucy Jane (Converse) Wedd left New York State with her five little children, her husband having gone on ahead to hunt out a location in what was then known as the Wild West. They settled at Westport Landing, now Kansas City, Mo. In the spring of 1859 they rented a farm from J. C. McCoy, a Kansas farmer, sixteen miles from Kansas City. Here they lived till the spring of 1863, when they bought 160 acres of land from the Indians. At the outbreak of the Civil War they were so near the Missouri line that they were subjected to many dangers from desperadoes and guerilla bands, in addition to the usual frontier hardships, and they are now regarded as early pioneers of Kansas. After the close of the war, when quiet was restored, industry and thrift brought them such prosperity that they now (1902) have a farm of 660 acres, with their children all near them and comfortably situated. In 1863, they united with the Methodist Church at Pleasant Prairie School House. On July 3, 1896, they celebrated their golden wedding, their seven children, their grandchildren, other relatives, and many friends participating. Though at an advanced age, they are now (1902) both quite active, and still able to manage and conduct both farm and household.

Children of Henry and Lucy Jane (Converse) Wedd:

HENRY WEDD,⁸ JR., born in Chili, N. Y., 8 Nov. 1847; married in Lenexa, Kan., 1 July 1879,

by Rev. E. H. Bailiff, Inez Evelyne Cowdrick, who was born in West Berry, Henry Co., Ohio, 13 March, 1859, and is the foster-daughter of John and Sarah (Clapp) Cowdrick. He engaged in farming, and has a fine farm, and is an extensive stock-raiser. He and his wife united with the Lenexa, Kansas, M. E. Church in 1891. Two children: a son who died in infancy, and a daughter, NELLIE MAY WEDD,⁹ who was born, near Lenexa, 11 Sept. 1888.

CHARLES WEDD,⁹ born in Chili, N. Y., 13 June 1849. He has been a cripple since his fourth year when he was run over by a carriage in Rochester, N. Y. He has also suffered from ill health, which has necessitated occasional changes of employment. In 1869 he was a student for one year at Spaulding's Commercial College in Kansas City, Mo. After this he engaged in farming in Johnson Co., Kansas, for several years, and in 1883 bought a farm of 160 acres in Ottawa, Kansas, and removed thither. Ill health obliged him to relinquish farming in 1890, when he moved to Emporia, Kansas, and there engaged in business. Ill health led him again to seek out-door work, and in 1893 he engaged in dairying in Kansas City. At present (1902) he is farming in Johnson Co., Kan. In 1878 he united with the Lenexa M. E. Church. He married, in Willow Valley, Greenwood Co., Kansas, 30 Dec. 1880, Ida Adeline Armstrong, who was born in Whitby, Canada, 23 Dec. 1863, and who is the daughter of Benjamin and Barbara (Wallace) Armstrong. Children:

MABEL ETHEL WEDD,⁹ b. in Ottawa, Kan., 5 Nov. 1883; student in Emporia Normal School, 1901-2.

ROY ARMSTRONG WEDD,⁹ b. in Ottawa, Kan., 20 June 1890; d. 2 Sept. 1890.

HAROLD CHARLES WEDD,⁹ b. in Kansas City, Mo., 27 April 1894; died there 18 July 1894.

EUGENE WALLACE WEDD,⁹ b. in Lenexa, Kan., 4 April 1901.

LUCY JANE WEDD,⁹ was born in Chili, N. Y., 28 Sept. 1851; died 6 Aug. 1882; buried in Antioch Cemetery beside her two little daughters. She united with the M. E. Church in youth, and was an active worker in church and Sunday school. She was married in Johnson Co., Kansas, by Rev. Frank Hayes, 22 March 1876, to Redmond Grigsby Foster Duncan, who was the son of Charles and Mahala (Foster) Duncan, born in Nelson County, Ky., 27 Aug. 1842. Mr. Duncan united with the Baptist Church in 1859. He enlisted Aug. 1861, and served three years and eight months in the Confederate Army. He died 8 May 1888, and was buried by the side of his wife. Children:

MARY EFFIE DUNCAN,⁹ b. near Lenexa, Kan., 3 March 1877. She was a student in Olathe, Kansas, High School, one year from Sept. 1894, and was there awarded the highest honors. Since 1895 she has been engaged in teaching and now holds a position in Kansas City, Kan.

ELLA MABEL DUNCAN,⁹ b., near Lenexa, 14 July 1878; d. 3 March 1879.

BERTHA EMMA DUNCAN,⁹ b., near Lenexa, 28 Dec. 1879; d. 22 Sept. 1901, special student in music; buried in Lenexa Cemetery, at her own request. After their parents' death she and her sister, Mary Effie, were reared by their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wedd. When quite young they united with the M. E. Church at Asbury in Lenexa Charge.

INEZ GERTRUDE DUNCAN,⁹ b., near Lenexa, 21 Aug. 1881; d. 20 July 1882.

GEORGE WEDD,⁹ born near Spencerport, N. Y., 9 June 1855. In the fall of 1898 he sold

his farm of 120 acres near Lenexa, Kansas, and bought a farm of 160 acres adjoining the town of Spring Hill. He is a member of the Central Protective Association at Spring Hill, and both he and his wife are members and active workers in the M. E. Church. He was married, by Rev. E. H. Zimmerman, near Merriam, Kansas, 14 May 1883, to Adda Philena Kelley, who was born in No. Hartland, Niagara Co., N. Y., 23 March 1863. She is the daughter of John Henry and Emily Jane (Hoffman) Kelley. One son and two daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Wedd near Lenexa, viz:

RALPH HENRY WEDD,⁹ b. 23 Feb. 1884.

PEARL EMILY WEDD,⁹ b. 28 Sept. 1885.

STELLA LEAH WEDD,⁹ b. 31 Aug. 1887.

MARY MARIA WEDD,⁸ born near Hoosic Hill, N. Y., 21 June 1857; married near Lenexa, by Rev. R. S. Finley, 25 April 1895, to Jabez Francis Bradshaw, born in Trenton, Ill., 13 May 1858, son of John Marriott and Sarah Lydia (Henson) Bradshaw. Since their marriage Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Bradshaw have lived on the Bradshaw homestead with his aged parents. Mr. Bradshaw is of the firm of Bradshaw Bros., of Lenexa, dealers in general merchandise. He owns a block in Lenexa, a very popular location, upon which are much fine fruit and beautiful flowers, where they expect to make their future home. Mr. Bradshaw is a member of two fraternal orders, the Central Protective Association, and the Modern Woodmen of America. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bradshaw are members and active workers in the M. E. Church, the Sunday School and the Epworth League.

IDA MAYBELL WEDD,⁸ born in Johnson Co., Kansas, 24 Feb. 1861; died there 20 April 1863.

WILLARD JAMES WEDD,⁸ born near Lenexa, 31 March 1864. He is quite an extensive farmer, and manages a part of his father's large farm. He is a member of the Lenexa M. E. Church, the Central Protective Association, and the Modern Woodmen of America. He was married, in Lenexa, by Rev. C. S. Warner, 21 Sept. 1897, to Emma Gertrude Bruce, daughter of Andrew and Ellen Rachel (Fuller) Bruce. They have one daughter, LAVERN BRUCE WEDD,⁹ b. 27 July 1898.

ALBERT EDWARD WEDD,⁸ born near Lenexa, 17 June 1866. He is a farmer, possessing a fine farm of 100 acres. He joined Shawnee Grange in 1900, and is also a member and an active worker in M. E. Church, as is also his wife, Frances Catherine, to whom he was married by Rev. R. S. Finley, near Lenexa, 21 Oct. 1891. She is the daughter of John Wesley and Sarah Jane (Teas) New, and was born in Burlington, Iowa, 29 Jan. 1867. Children:

GRACE WEDD,⁹ b. 1 Oct. 1894.

HELEN WEDD,⁹ b. 23 Feb. 1896.

ELIZABETH WEDD,⁸ born, near Lenexa, 14 July 1868; married, near Lenexa, 6 Sept. 1891, by Rev. R. S. Finley, John Wesley Teas, who was born, near Lenexa, 6 Aug. 1869. He is the son of William Charles and Mary Jane (Russell) Teas. Mr. and Mrs. John Wesley Teas are both members of the Asbury M. E. Church. He is a member of Bellevue Grange. In the spring of 1898 he bought a farm in Miami Co., Kansas, where he lived for two years, and then sold it and returned to his father's farm, which he now manages. He also deals extensively in stock. To John Wesley and Elizabeth (Wedd) Teas, one son, WILLIAM HENRY TEAS,⁹ was born 18 June 1900.

184. ELIZA CONVERSE⁷ (*Lyman*⁶ (66), *Joel*⁵ *Thomas*⁴ *Samuel*³ *Sergeant Samuel*² *Deacon Edward*¹), born, in Lyme, 10 May 1807; died, in November,



Mrs. Eliza (Converse) Latham.

1886, at the home of her son, William Allen Latham, in Pontiac, Ill. She was married in Lyme, N. H., 15 March 1832, to William Harrison Latham, who was born in Hanover, N. H., 26 July 1807. Her husband was the son of Robert and Mary (Pike) Latham of Lyme or Hanover, N. H. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Harrison Latham resided in Hanover, N. H., until 1837, when they removed to Washington, Fayette Co., Ohio, where they resided about twenty-four years. Mr. William Harrison Latham was engaged in farming and stock-raising. His farm of 1200 acres was located at Washington Court House, Ohio. He was a Presbyterian and a member of the Masonic fraternity. In 1856-7 he was a representative to Congress.

Children of William Harrison and Eliza (Converse) Latham:

CHARLES CHILTON LATHAM,⁸ born in Hanover, N. H., 18 Feb. 1833; received his education in Washington Court House, Ohio. He was a farmer until he went, in 1849, as a miner to California. There he died, of varioloid, about 1854. He was unmarried.

MARY ELIZA LATHAM,⁸ born in Hanover, N. H., 23 Aug. 1835; educated at Salem, Ohio, Academy, and in Dayton, Ohio; married in Washington, Ohio, 12 May 1852, by Rev. Mr. Miller, Presbyterian, Samuel Miller Pricer, born in Ross Co., Ohio, 16 Feb. 1824, son of Jacob B. and Elizabeth (Benner) Pricer of Bainbridge, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Miller Pricer resided on his farm of 540 acres in Livingstone Co., Ill., near Pontiac. No children.

WILLIAM ALLEN LATHAM,⁸ born in Hanover, N. H., 12 Dec. 1837; educated in Washington Court House, Ohio; married in Bloomington, Ill., 5 Feb. 1874, by Rev. J. H. McCullough, Frances Julia Weyand, who was born in Bloomington, Ill., 10 Oct. 1852, and who died in Kankakee, Ill., 19 Nov. 1899. She was a graduate of the State Normal University at Normal, Ill. Her parents were William J. and Catherine (Loehr) Weyand. William Allen Latham resides in Kankakee, Ill., and is a farmer. He owns a farm at Kempton, Ill., and numerous other properties in various parts of the country. He is a member of Remembrance Lodge of Odd Fellows. Children of William Allen and Frances J. (Weyand) Latham:

FLORENCE LATHAM,⁹ b. in Bellflower, Ill., 6 Sept. 1876; m., in Kankakee, Ill., 12 Nov. 1902, to Harry Wright Benson. She received preparatory education in Bloomington Public Schools, and was graduated with B. S. degree from Cumberland University Annex at Lebanon, Tenn.

ARTHUR LATHAM,⁹ b. in Kankakee, Ill., 15 Sept. 1882.

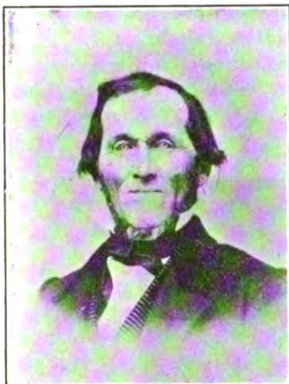
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- MARY CATHERINE LATHAM,⁹ b., in Kankakee, 29 Dec. 1884.
 ROBERT LATHAM,⁹ b. in Bloomington, Ill., 9 April 1889.
 ISABEL LATHAM,⁹ b., in Bloomington, 27 June 1893.
 FRANCES LATHAM,⁹ b., in Kankakee, 19 Nov. 1899.
- LUCY ANN LATHAM,⁸ born in Washington, Ohio, 6 May 1840; died of typhoid fever in Washington, Ohio, Feb. 1865. She was married to William Londerman, who died in Washington, Ohio, of typhoid fever, March 1865. She received education at College Hill, Cincinnati, Ohio. Three children:
- FRANK CONVERSE LONDERMAN,⁹ b. Washington C. H., Ohio, 12 April 1862; m. in Chillicothe, Ohio, Jan. 1882, Alice Jones of New Holland, Ohio. They reside in Toledo, Ohio, and have two children:
 MABEL LONDERMAN,¹⁰ 13 years old in 1900.
 PAUL LONDERMAN,¹⁰ 8 years old in 1900.
- JOHN LOGAN LONDERMAN,⁹ b. in Washington C. H., Ohio, 24 June 1864; m., in Galveston, Texas, 22 Jan. 1895, Josephine Haselmire, who died 19 Sept. 1897. She was the daughter of Joseph and Catherine Haselmire of Waller, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Londerman had one child: WILLIAM JOSEPH LONDERMAN,¹⁰ born in Wills Point, Texas, Nov. 1896. Joseph Logan Londerman resides in Fort Smith, Arkansas, where he is an electrician. He has a 1500-acre farm in Union Co., Kentucky. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias.
- ELIZA ELLEN LONDERMAN,⁹ b. in Washington C. H., Ohio, 18 Oct. 1860; received education in Belleflower, Ill. She was married, Oct. 1877, to William Rankin and resides in Deland, Ill. Four children: CHARLES RANKIN,¹⁰ MINNIE RANKIN,¹⁰ LILLIE RANKIN,¹⁰ and MABEL RANKIN.¹⁰
- ARTHUR LATHAM,⁸ born 7 Sept. 1842; resides in Pontiac, Ill.; married. No children.
 ELIZABETH M. LATHAM,⁸ born 2 Dec. 1844.
- SARAH ANDERSON LATHAM,⁸ born in Washington, Fayette Co., 18 Aug. 1848; removed with her parents to Illinois in 1862. She was married in Mahomet, Champaign Co., Ill., 5 Feb. 1868, by Rev. Mr. Baldwin, to David Fisher, who was born in Fayette Co., Ohio, 30 Oct. 1841, and who died in Mahomet, Ill., 8 Feb. 1892. His remains are interred there. He was the son of William C. and Jemima (Coyner) Fisher of Mahomet. David Fisher was a Steward and Trustee in the M. E. Church. He was a member of the Odd Fellows, and held several prominent offices in that order. He was also a Free Mason, and was Treasurer of one of the Masonic bodies. He served in the Union army in the Civil War as a private in Co. H, 71st Ill. regiment. He was a farmer and stock raiser, owning a farm of 340 acres in Champaign Co., Ill., and also valuable property in the town of Champaign. His disposition and character were such as to win and hold friends, of whom he had many. Since his death, Mrs. Latham has built a nice home in Champaign, where she resides with her two daughters, Clara and Eva. She is a member of the M. E. Church, and of the Home Missionary Society. The five children of David and Sarah Anderson (Latham) Fisher were all born in Champaign Co., Ill., viz:
- JESSE MILTON FISHER,⁹ b. 19 March 1870; d. 23 Sept. 1887.
 CLARA EDNA FISHER,⁹ b. 23 Dec. 1879. After graduation from Mahomet High School, she attended the Illinois Woman's College at Jacksonville for one year, and in 1898 entered the Univ. of Illinois, where she was a student for 1901. She is a member of the M. E. Church. She is connected with the Musical Sorority, and the Alpha Chi Omega.
- ALBERT LATHAM,⁹ b. 12 May 1885; d. 27 Aug. 1886.

EVA JOSEPHINE LATHAM,⁹ b. 23 May 1889; now (1901) a pupil in public school in Champaign.

MARY RUTH FISHER,⁹ b. 25 May 1891; d. in Champaign, 27 March 1899, suddenly, after an illness of only three days.

185. ERASTUS CONVERSE⁷ (*Lyman*⁶ (66), *Joel*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Lyme, N.H., 16 June 1809; died 10 September 1889. He inherited his father's farm, kept a hotel, and was a noted teamster in the days before the introduction of railroads, when goods were exchanged between Boston and Lyme by means of horses and wagons. He was married, 27 January 1842, by Rev. James T. Woodbury to Rebecca Handley, who died, 13 February 1902, aged 86. She was the daughter of Samuel and Rebecca (Lamson) Handley of South Acton, Mass.



Erastus Converse.

The following notice of her death appeared in the local press:

Rebecca Handley Converse, widow of the late Erastus Converse, died Feb. 13, 1902, aged 86 years. She was a native of Acton, Mass., marrying Erastus Converse and coming to Lyme about sixty years ago. She has been very well and active up to her last sickness of only six days' duration. She leaves three children, Henry E. and Ella C., with whom she lived, and George E., of Des Moines, Iowa, who came on to attend the funeral.

Children of Erastus and Rebecca (Handley) Converse:

HENRY ERASTUS CONVERSE,⁸ born in Newbury, Vt., 4 Oct. 1844. He received education in the Lyme common schools, Orford Academy and Newbury Seminary. In 1871



Henry Erastus Converse.



Mrs. Marie Abble (Durkee) Converse.

and 1872, he resided in Springfield, Ill., Chicago, Ill., and Toledo, Ohio. The remainder of his life has been spent in Lyme, where he is a farmer. His farm on

Thetford Hill is the same that his father and grandfather owned. He is a member of the Lyme Congregational Church. He is connected with the Morning Star Grange of Lyme, and has served on the School Committee, as Road Surveyor and in similar town offices. He was married in Boston, Mass., 31 May 1898, by Rev. Robert C. Ely, Congregational Minister, to Mrs. Marie Abbie (Durkee) Ware, widow. She was born in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, 14 June 1847, the daughter of Robert and Abigail (Neely) Durkee of Yarmouth. She was a member of the Baptist Church of Yarmouth; her membership was transferred to the Congregational Church in Lyme. She is President of the Benevolent Society of the latter church.

GEORGE EDWARD CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Lyme, 14 Oct. 1846; was educated in the common schools of Lyme and in seminaries at Orford, N. H., and Newbury, Vt. At 21 he



Mrs. Marguerite (Russell) Converse.



George Edward Converse.

left home, and was telegraph operator and clerk at Orford, N. H., and Bradford Vt. Later, he went West, and started in the dry goods business in Chicago, in May 1874. In this business he has continued ever since,—in Chicago till Feb. 1880; in Davenport, Iowa, from Feb. 1880 to Feb. 1888; and in Des Moines, Iowa, since the date last mentioned. He was a member of the Order of Foresters in Toronto, Ont. He was married in Davenport, Iowa, 1 Aug. 1888, by Rev. Andrew W. Archibald, Congregational Minister, to Marguerite Russell, who was born in Paterson, N. J., 29 April 1858, the daughter of James and Catherine (Baxter) Russell of Davenport, Iowa.

ELLA CLEMENTINE CONVERSE,⁹ born, in Lyme, 4 Feb. 1850.

FRANK FULLER CONVERSE,⁹ born, in Lyme, 4 May 1853; died 13 May 1859.

186. MARY ANN CONVERSE⁷ (*Lyman*⁶ (66), *Joel*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born, in Lyme, 31 July 1814; died 17 May

1888. She attended school in Burlington, Vermont, residing in the family of her uncle, Rev. John Kendrick Converse. It was while there that she met Prof. Elijah King Prouty, Jr., to whom she was married, in Lyme, N. H., by Rev. Mr. Tenney, in 1837. Professor Prouty was born in Charlestown, N. H., in 1801, the son of Elijah King Prouty, Senior, of Charlestown, N. H., and subsequently of Trout River, Canada East. His mother was Mary Stevens of Barnet, Vt. Immediately after marriage Mr. and Mrs. Elijah King Prouty, Jr., resided in Waterford, Vt., one year. Afterward they lived in Newbury, Vt., till 1845, and in Lebanon, N.H., till 1857. They then returned to Newbury, Vt., where Professor Prouty died 26 September 1869. From the spring of 1887 until her death Mrs.



Mrs. Mary Ann (Converse) Prouty.



Prof. Elijah King Prouty.

Prouty resided with her daughter. Her remains were interred in Waterford, Vt. She was a member of the Congregational Church of Newbury, an earnest Christian, and a loving mother. Professor Prouty was a successful teacher of vocal music. He also composed church music, and was called the pioneer of sacred music in northern and eastern Vermont. He led the first musical convention ever held in that state, in the town of Windsor, in 1839. About 1835, he was teacher of vocal music in the Female Seminary at Burlington, Vt. He was a member of the Congregational Church, in which he was an earnest worker for many years. He led the choirs in churches of that denomination in Burlington, Vt., Newbury, Vt., and Lebanon, N. H.

Children of Elijah King and Mary Ann (Converse) Prouty:

Mary Jane Prouty.

MARY JANE PROUTY,⁸ born in Newbury, Vt., August 1842; died in Wilson, N. C., Sept. 1859.



Mrs. Josephine (Prouty) Holbrook.

EDITH JOSEPHINE PROUTY,⁸ born in Lebanon, N. H., 30 July 1855; married in Boston, Mass., 16 July 1885, by Rev. Mr. Hood, Presbyterian Minister, to Joseph Allen Holbrook of Boston, Mass., who was born in Trout River, Canada East, 13 May 1846, the son of Joseph Holbrook of Trout River, born in Vermont, and wife, Fannie Walker, born in New York. Joseph Allen Holbrook received his education chiefly at Franklin Academy, Fort Covington, N. Y. From 1865 he spent sixteen years in the far West, prospecting for mines, and collecting mineral specimens and curios. He then located in Boston, where he dealt in all kinds of Rocky Mountain mineral novelties. He has since been a commercial traveler, and resides in Dorchester, Mass.



Joseph Allen Holbrook.

187. DEMARIS CONVERSE' (*Lyman*⁶ (66), *Joel*⁵ *Thomas*⁴ *Samuel*³ *Sergeant Samuel*² *Deacon Edward*¹), born, in Lyme, 24 November 1822; died there 14 June 1902. The following obituary notice was received without the name or date of the newspaper in which it appeared:

Mrs. Demaris W., widow of Apollos Perkins, died last Saturday at the age of 79 years and 6 months. She was a daughter of Lyman Converse, and, having always lived in this town, where she was born, was well known and highly esteemed among the older citizens. She leaves one son, Adna Perkins, and one daughter, Mrs. E. H. Perkins, both of Lyme. Her burial was on Sunday from the Baptist Church.

She was married in Lyme, 16 July 1846, by Rev. E. Tenney, to Apollos Perkins, who was born 16 March 1822, and who died, in Lyme, 7 September 1872. He was the son of George Ryder and Polly (Woodward) Perkins of Lyme. Apollos Perkins lived all his life in Lyme, where he was a farmer. His farm was the one where his father lived and died. He was one of the selectmen of Lyme at the time of his death, and his appointment as postmaster at Lyme Centre came just before his decease.



Adna Perkins.

Children of Apollos and Demaris (Converse)Perkins:

ADNA PERKINS,⁸ born, in Lyme, 30 April 1848; married, 1st, in Dorchester, N. H., 9 Dec. 1883, by Rev. J. D. Cross, to Mary Celestine Clement, who was born in Dorchester, N. H., 1 Dec. 1855. She was the daughter of Samuel Waterman Clement, of Dorchester, and wife, Mrs. Eliza (Reid) Clement. Mrs. Mary Celestine (Clement) Perkins died 29 Oct. 1890; and Adna Perkins was married, 2nd, in Lyme, 15 March 1893, by H. H. Holt, Justice of the Peace, to Addie Hazen, who was born in North Hero, Vt., 4 Sept. 1873, the daughter of Spellman and Phila (Pouquette) Hazen of Enfield, N. H. Mr. Perkins is engaged in agricul-



Mrs. Mary Celestine (Clement) Perkins.



Mrs. Addie (Hazen) Perkins.

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ture, carrying on the family farm in the southeastern part of the town, which is the same one that his father owned and cultivated and which descended from his grandfather. Children of Adna and Mary Celestine (Clement) Perkins:

EARL CLEMENT PERKINS,^o b., in Lyme, 1 Dec. 1884.

ETHEL MARY PERKINS,^o b., in Lyme, 25 April 1886.

NELLIE MARIE PERKINS,^o b., in Lyme, 18 Jan. 1888.

Children of Adna and Addie Hazen Perkins:

GEORGE PERKINS,^o b., in Lyme, 30 April 1894.

MAUD PERKINS,^o b., in Lyme, 19 April 1895.

SARAH PERKINS,^o b., in Lyme, 11 Aug. 1897.

CHRISTIE PERKINS,^o b., in Lyme, 27 May 1899.

KATE GERTRUDE PERKINS,^o born, in Lyme, 20 Aug. 1857; married, 1st, in Lyme, 14



Nellie Marie Perkins.
Ethel Mary Perkins. Earl Clement Perkins.



Dr. John C. Marshall.



Kate Gertrude Perkins.



Edwin H. Perkins.



Charles Dean Perkins.

Jan. 1879, by Rev. E. P. Butler, pastor of Lyme Congregational Church, to Dr. John Carroll Marshall, who was born in Weare, N. H., 28 Feb. 1844, the son of Albert and Almira (Dow) Marshall of Weare. He was drowned in Fairlee Lake 3 Sept. 1882, and she was married, 2nd, in Boston, 15 Jan. 1890, by Rev. C. A. Dickenson, of Berkley Temple, to Edwin Herbert Perkins, who was born in Lyme 2 June 1858, the son of Isaac Newton and Lucina (Bingham) Perkins of Lyme. Edwin Herbert Perkins spent ten years, beginning in the fall of 1880, in mercantile employments in Boston. He then returned to Lyme, where he is now (1900) engaged in farming. Mr. and Mrs. Perkins have one son:

CHARLES DEAN PERKINS,^o born, in Lyme, 11 Nov. 1891.

188. WILLIAM PORTER CONVERSE⁷ (*Otis*⁸ (67), *Joel*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹) born in Lyme, N. H., 28 July 1804; went to Montgomery, Ala., as a clerk in 1825. He was a self-educated man, learning the Indian, Spanish, French and English languages at night, after the day's work was done. He acted as U. S. Indian agent among the Cherokee and Choctaw Indian tribes for several years, speaking their language with fluency. In 1852 he became a member of the firm of Pond, Wadsworth & Converse, dealers in general merchandise. He married, 27 January 1829, Sarah Paradise West, whose birthplace is unknown. She was one of a family of seven children, who, upon being left orphans at an early age, were adopted by different families. Sarah having been taken by a Mrs. Mayhew, of Montgomery, Ala., resided there until her marriage, by which she had six children. She died of yellow fever at Mobile, Ala., 13 September 1839. Her father was a large land owner, and left Montgomery to close a negotiation for the sale of land for which it is known he received a large sum of money, and, as nothing was heard of or from him after the transaction, he was supposed to have been murdered.



William Porter Converse, Senior.

In 1835, Mr. Converse moved to Mobile, Ala., where he was a member of the firm of Sayre, Converse & Co., who became large financial contributors to the Republic of Texas, during the struggle of that state with Mexico for independence. The company was afterwards changed to Sayre, Converse & Pritchard, who became large exporters of cotton, and agents for the famous English banking firm of Josephs Brothers.

In the fall of 1839, Mr. Converse with the remainder of his family, moved to New Orleans, La., where he engaged in the general commission business, and a year later started the firm of Converse & Given, afterwards changed to Converse & Co., having as partners his brother, Thomas M., and later his son, W. P. Converse, Jr. This firm was, for many years, among the leading wholesale grocers in the State, and did an enormous business with Texas, Mexico, and the Mississippi Valley country. William Porter Converse was an ardent advocate of a National canal across the Isthmus of Tehuantepec. He was a member of the Howard Relief Association; member of the Lafayette Square Presbyterian Church; Director in the Sun Mutual Insurance Co.; one of the projectors of the

New Orleans, Jackson & Great Northern Railroad (since merged into the Chicago & Alton system); President of the Bank of New Orleans; Chairman Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen; and was one of the prime movers in the consolidation of the city debt of New Orleans. He was selected as the Financial Agent of the city and was sent to New York to negotiate the sale of the entire issue of the Consolidated City Bonds, which he successfully accomplished at a premium. He contributed liberally of his means to every public enterprise of benefit to the city, and his private charities were many.

On 14 May 1840, Mr. Converse was married, at the Lafayette Square Presbyterian Church of New Orleans, by the Rev. Dr. Breckenridge, to Mrs. Amanda Griffin (Johnson) Battelle, widow, and of this marriage three children were born.



Mrs. Amanda (Johnson) Converse.

In 1854, Mr. Converse retired from business, and made a temporary residence in New Haven, Conn., but, an inactive life becoming distasteful to him, he shortly afterwards engaged in business again in New York City, forming with P. S. Gerald, formerly of Montgomery, Ala., the banking firm of P. S. Gerald & Co. Retiring from this firm, he became a member of that of J. H. Tyler & Co., brokers in drugs and merchandise, the style of the firm becoming later W. P. Converse, Tyler & Co., and later W. P. Converse & Co.,

168 Pearl Street, and 54 Pine Street. This company did a large importing and commission business; were wholesalers of drugs and chemicals, long a leading house in that line of business, and of notably high standing in the commercial world.

Associated with Mr. Converse as partners were his sons, Edward W. (1860–1873), Julius P. (1863–1873), and Mr. Jesse H. Tyler, who married Maria Louisa Converse⁷(*Marquis*,⁶ *Joel*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹).

From 1870, until his death, from pneumonia, at New York, 19 March 1873, Mr. Converse was the representative in New York City, of the Baldwin Locomotive Works of Philadelphia.

While eschewing politics he had a large acquaintance among, and enjoyed the confidence of, many distinguished men of all sections of the country. During the war, being suspected of being a Southern sympathizer, he was arrested by order of Secretary of State W. H. Seward; and was confined as ‘‘a prisoner of State’’ at Fort Lafayette, New York Harbor, N. Y., in company with Senator

Gwinn, of California, and other distinguished men. He remained there, however, only ten days, being discharged upon a peremptory order to that effect issued personally by President Lincoln, as soon as his attention was called to the facts of the case.

Mr. Converse was a man of culture and refinement; of fine presence; affable and courteous to all. He possessed great personal magnetism. He was upright and honest, and had unusual executive and business ability. His business interests were large, embracing considerable importations and exportations; operations in real estate; development of Pennsylvania oil wells; mining operations and railroad building in the West, and other enterprises of similar magnitude in which he made and lost several fortunes. His remains were interred in the family plot, corner of Vine and Sassafras Avenues, at Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mrs. Amanda Griffin (Johnson) Converse, a noble-minded woman, whose entire life was one of practical Christianity, was the eldest child of Elisha and Lydia (Griffin) Johnson, and was born at East Haddam, Conn., 16 July 1805. During her early days she witnessed the trip of the first steamboat up the Connecticut River, and in after years was wont laughingly to refer to the consternation caused among the primitive people by what they termed "the devil walking on the waters." She inherited many notable moral and mental characteristics, and was a woman of unusual distinction wherever she went. She was married at her birthplace, in 1825, to Nathaniel Battelle, of Malden, Mass. Their wedding journey was by carriage and wagon to their new home at Montgomery, Ala., which they reached after traveling for more than two months, through a thinly-settled country, and over rough and uncompleted roads.

On their arrival at Montgomery, there were but six houses in the place, and Mrs. Battelle at once began the making of a new home, by setting out fruit trees, planting flower seeds, etc., and her beautiful gardens were, for many years, one of the delights of that section.

After the death of Mr. Battelle in 1830, his widow moved to Mobile, Ala.; in 1840, at New Orleans, La., she was married to William Porter Converse, of the latter city. Her charities were numerous. She took under her protection many orphan children, several of whom in later years achieved distinction in professional and mercantile life, owing much of their successes to her aid and influence.

In early and middle life she was an admired member of society circles, where her dignified presence, her noble and beautiful face, together with her gracious

manner, liberal and well cultivated mind, and many accomplishments, made a deep and lasting impression.

During her residence in the South she enjoyed the friendship of, and entertained as guests, during their visits to that section of the country, many distinguished citizens of the United States, and of other countries.

In the large family circle to which she belonged, she was a centre of affection; a rich source of sympathy to the afflicted, and of beneficent influence and inspiration to the younger generation.

To the last of her life she retained her mental powers, and social attractiveness, and passed from earth, rounding out a beautiful life, leaving as a legacy, to those who knew her, a much beloved and much honored memory. Her death occurred at New York City, 14 August 1879, and her remains were placed in the family lot at Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Children of William Porter and Sarah Paradise (West) Converse:

WILLIAM OTIS CONVERSE,⁸ born in Montgomery, Ala., 19 Nov. 1829; died, in Montgomery, 16 March 1839.

WILLIAM PORTER CONVERSE,⁸ JR., born in Montgomery, Ala., 18 June 1831; died in Springfield, Ill., 16 June 1881; married Eveline Fitch Folger. (350)

HENRY MONTGOMERY CONVERSE,⁸ born in Montgomery, Ala., 15 Feb. 1833; died in Bergen, N. J., 5 June 1869; married Mary Adelia Mussenden. (351)

CHARLES LEAVENS CONVERSE,⁸ born in Montgomery, Ala., 6 Jan. 1835; died at Amherst, Mass., 9 Jan. 1853, while a student in Amherst College.

GEORGE FOREST CONVERSE,⁸ born in Mobile, Ala., 13 Jan. 1837; died in New Orleans, La., 14 Dec. 1839.

EDWARD WEST CONVERSE,⁸ born in Mobile, Ala., 20 July 1838; married Mrs. Mary (Mussenden) Converse, widow; died at Oak Grove Plantation, West Feliciana Parish, La., 4 Feb. 1896. (352)

Children of William Porter and Amanda Griffin (Johnson-Battelle) Converse:

SARAH CONVERSE,⁸ born in New Orleans, La., 17 Feb. 1841; married Horace Clifton Alexander. (353)

JULIUS PEARL CONVERSE,⁸ born in New Orleans, La., 29 Nov. 1842; residence, Medway, Mass. (354)

EMILY CONVERSE,⁸ born in New Orleans, La., 30 Jan. 1845; died in New York City, 19 Feb. 1873; unmarried. She was a noble woman, of great charity, an accomplished musician, and possessed a lovable disposition.



Emily Converse.

189. HENRY CONVERSE⁷ (*Otis*⁶ (67), *Joel*⁵, *Thomas*⁴, *Samuel*³, *Sergeant Samuel*², *Deacon Edward*¹). Henry Converse, the second child of Otis and Clarissa Converse, was born, 6 June 1806, in Lyme, N. H., where he remained until the age of eighteen years, when, in the company of his father's family, he removed to Parishville, N. Y. He was married in Parishville, 4 February 1830, to Niana Jones Priest, who was born in Pomfret, Vermont, 27 November 1810, the daughter of Capt. Frank and Mary (Wood) Priest. The latter's record may be found in the Wood Genealogy published in 1885 by W. S. Wood. At the age of twenty-six Henry Converse emigrated to Montgomery, Ala., taking his wife and baby boy with him, making the journey with a team of horses and carriage. He lived nearly four years in Alabama where he was in the employ of Andrew McGowan, maker of tin ware, who was afterwards Mayor of Houston, Texas. Mr. Converse carried on this business for a time, making canteens for the troops engaged in the Indian War in Florida. After about four years he moved to Painesville, Ohio, where he remained seven years, and from that place he removed to Springfield, Ill., where he remained until the time of his death, which occurred 25 January 1889. His wife was killed by the running away of a team 18 August 1882. He married the second time, in August, 1885, Mrs. Sarah L. (Priest) Adams, of Massachusetts, who survived him five years. She was born in Littleton, Mass., in 1819, and was the widow of Rev. Edwin G. Adams, D.D., pastor of the Unitarian Church of Templeton, Mass. Her father was Jacob Priest of Littleton, Mass.



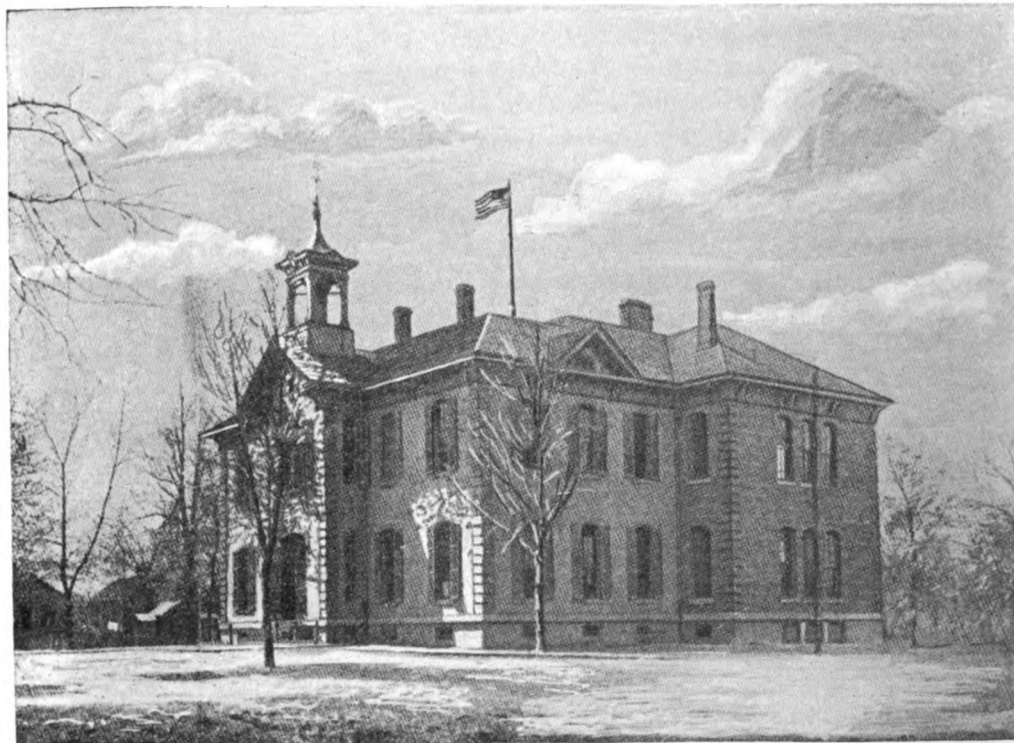
Henry Converse.



Mrs. Niana Jones (Priest) Converse.

Henry Converse was a man of sterling integrity and marked purity of life. He was an earnest Christian, and exemplified the Christian life by deeds of love

which were manifest in innumerable charities. No less than sixteen different children found homes with him and his devoted wife, aside from the three sons that constituted his own family. He was active in business, and left a large estate in evidence of his industry and frugality. His home for the last forty



CONVERSE SCHOOL, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS.

years of his life was on a beautiful farm adjoining the city of Springfield, consisting of three hundred and twenty acres, nearly half of which has been sold off into city lots. This farm was underlaid with a vein of coal six feet in thickness and 250 feet beneath the surface, most of which was mined prior to his death. No man stood higher or was more respected in the community in which he lived. Although not ambitious, he was elected Supervisor of Springfield several times,

and was frequently elected to other positions of trust, places that were always filled to the interest of the public, and with honor to himself. His last resting place is beside the remains of his first wife in Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, Ill., under the shadow of the monument where rest the remains of his lifelong friend, the immortal Lincoln.

In Springfield, Ill., the public school buildings are named after prominent residents of the city. They include the Lincoln School named after President Lincoln; the Hay School, after Milton Hay; the Edwards School and the Logan School. Among them is the Converse School named after Henry Converse. Milton Hay was uncle of John Hay, Secretary of State. Henry Converse's son, Albert Luther, was a schoolmate of Robert T. Lincoln and John Hay in 1856.

Children of Henry and Niana Jones (Priest) Converse:

HENRY FRANKLIN CONVERSE,⁸ born in Parishville, N. Y., 26 Dec. 1830. In 1851, he went to California in search of gold. He made the journey via New Orleans, doubling Cape Horn and reaching San Francisco via the Pacific Ocean. In the following year, while engaged in mining with a young man from Peoria, Ill., he was shot by an Indian in his employ, with whom he had intrusted his gun. The Indian was afterwards arrested and hanged, having made confession that he killed Converse for his gun and clothes.

WILLIAM OTIS CONVERSE,⁸ born in Painesville, Ohio; 30 June 1840; married Ella Little. (355)

ALBERT LUTHER CONVERSE,⁸ DOCTOR, born in Painesville, Ohio, 29 June 1842; married Henrietta Thompson. (356)



Dr. Albert Luther Converse.

190. CLARISSA CONVERSE⁷ (*Otis*⁶ (67), *Joel*⁵ *Thomas*⁴ *Samuel*³ *Sergeant Samuel*² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Lyme, N. H., 25 February 1808; died in De Kalb, De Kalb Co., Ill., 21 October 1876. She was married at Parish-

ville, St. Lawrence Co., N. Y., 5 March 1829, to Silas Whitmore, who was born in Weathersfield, Vt., 31 December 1803, the son of Jolial and Mary (Higgins) Whitmore. He was engaged in farming during most of his life, and died, in De Kalb, 17 September 1849. In 1842, the family removed to Pomfret, Windsor Co., Vermont, and thence, in May, 1848, to Mayfield, De Kalb Co., Ill. They were six weeks in making the journey from Pomfret to Mayfield, being obliged to travel most of the way by canal boats.

Of the ten children born to Silas and Clarissa (Converse) Whitmore, three died in infancy. The surviving children were:



Mrs. Clarissa (Converse)
Whitmore.

MARTHA JANE WHITMORE,⁸ born in Parishville, N. Y., 14 March 1834; was married, 1st, in October 1854, to Tracy Love, a well-to-do farmer, who died in May, 1856, leaving her a rich widow with one child, who died at the age of ten years. She married, 2nd, in Sycamore, Ill., 3 July 1857, Washington Lenox, who was born in Kendall County, Ill., 23 April 1835, the son of John and Susan (Love) Lenox. John Lenox



Washington Lenox.



Mrs. Martha Jane (Whitmore) Lenox.

was born of Scotch parentage in Penn Yan, Yates Co., N. Y., in March 1805. Susan Love was born in Chautauqua Co., N. Y., 28 April 1815. In 1878, Mr. and Mrs. Washington Lenox removed with their children to Friend, Saline Co., Nebraska, where they are engaged in agricultural pursuits. They are members of the M. E. Church of Friend, Neb., as are also their children:

EPHRAIM CONVERSE LENOX,⁹ b. in Afton, De Kalb Co., Ill., 15 July 1858; m., in Afton, 25 Dec. 1877, Annie Florence Stenson, b. in Chillicothe, Ill., 26 April 1856, the daughter of John and Charlotte (Pierce) Stenson, who both came from England. Ephraim Converse and Annie Florence (Stenson) Lenox have two daughters:

LULU MAY LENOX,¹⁰ b. in Friend, Neb., 2 Nov. 1878.

BESSIE VIOLA LENOX,¹⁰ b. in Friend, 2 June 1880.



Bessie Viola Lenox.
Ephraim Converse Lenox.
Lulu May Lenox.
Mrs. Annie Florence (Stenson) Lenox.

JOHN EUGENE LENOX,⁹ b. in Afton, Ill., 4 Nov. 1861; m. Annie Elizabeth Greaves, who was b. in El Pasa, Ill., 24 May 1863; the daughter of Benjamin and Susan (Panter) Greaves, who were both born in England. John Eugene and Annie Elizabeth (Greaves) Lenox have one daughter:

WEIR EUGENIA LENOX,¹⁰ b. in Logan Co., Colo., 9 June 1889.



John Eugene Lenox.
Weir Eugene Lenox.
Mrs. Annie Elizabeth (Greaves) Lenox.

SUSAN JANE LENOX,⁹ b. in Afton, Ill., 28 April 1863; m., 26 Oct. 1882, Henry Watson Bissell, who was b. in Brockville, Ontario, in Oct. 1858; the son of Aaron



Henry Watson Bissell.



Mrs. Susan Jane (Lenox) Bissell.

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and Catherine (McLean) Bissell, both of whom were born in Canada. Henry Watson and Susan Jane (Lenox) Bissell have three children:



Mabel Converse Bissell.
Ralph Bennett Bissell.
Henry Watson Bissell.
Roy Porter Bissell.
Mrs. Susan Jane (Lenox) Bissell.



Mabel Converse Bissell.
Roy Porter Bissell.
Ralph Bennett Bissell.

RALPH BENNETT BISSELL,¹⁰ b. in Friend, Neb., 20 Nov. 1883.

MABEL CONVERSE BISSELL,¹⁰ b., in Friend, 24 April 1886.

ROY PORTER BISSELL,¹⁰ b., in Friend, 20 April 1891.

GEORGE ALBERT LENOX,⁹ b., in Afton, Ill., 26 Feb. 1878; m., 2 Sept. 1897, Maud Hoschouer, b., in Ohio, 14 March 1877, the daughter of Jackson and Lydia (Young) Hoschouer, both of whom were born in Ohio. George Albert and Maud (Hoschouer) Lenox have one child:

JOHN HENRY LENOX,¹⁰ b. 15 April 1900.



George Albert Lenox.
John Henry Lenox.
Mrs. Maud (Hoschouer) Lenox.

THOMAS CONVERSE WHITMORE,⁸ born in Parishville, N. Y., 27 May 1836; died in DeKalb, Ill., 3 May 1875; married, in DeKalb, 10 Aug. 1856, Louisa Maria Nutting, who was born in Pomfret, Vt., the daughter of William and Drusilla (Whitmore) Nutting. She died in 1893. He was a soldier in the Union army in the Civil War. He enlisted in Co. K, 105th Reg. Ill. Vols., in Sept. 1862, and was discharged in 1863 on account of illness. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Whitmore had three children:



Thomas Converse Whitmore.

A DAUGHTER,⁹ died in infancy.

FRANK THOMAS WHITMORE,⁹ b., in DeKalb, April 1857.

WILLIAM CLARENCE WHITMORE,⁹ b., in DeKalb, 17 Oct. 1858; resides in Surprise, Neb., where he is a farmer.



William Clarence Whitmore.



Silas Albert Whitmore.

SILAS ALBERT WHITMORE,⁸ born in Parishville, N. Y., 1 Sept. 1838; married in DeKalb, Ill., 16 Dec. 1859, Ellen Philena Clark, who was born in Royalton, Vermont, 24 Jan. 1840, the daughter of Arunah and Clarissa (Robinson) Clark, who were both born in Hartford, Vt., and who removed from Vermont to Illinois. Silas Albert Whitmore was a soldier in the Union Army in the Civil War, enlisting in Co. K, 105th Illinois Volunteers in Sept. 1862, and died 10 Feb. 1863, at Gallatin, Tenn., of typhoid fever, brought on by his first long march. His remains were brought back to DeKalb, and laid to rest beside those of his father. Mrs. Ellen Philena (Clark) Whitmore married, 2nd, 4 March 1869, John Wright. She had a daughter:

HARRIET CLARISSA WHITMORE,⁹ b., in



Mrs. Ellen Philena Clark (Whitmore) Wright.
Earl Whitmore Heaton.



Mrs. Harriet Clarissa (Whitmore) Heaton.

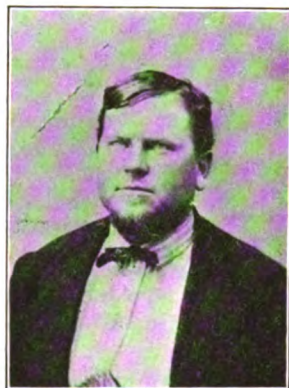


Charles Amos Heaton.

DeKalb, 22 June 1862; m., in DeKalb, 17 Feb. 1885, to Charles Amos Heaton, b. in Dwight, Ill., 1 Dec. 1857. Mr. and Mrs. Heaton reside in Topeka, Kansas, and have one son:

EARLE WHITMORE HEATON,¹⁰ b. in Leadville, Colo., 21 Dec. 1893.

EUGENE DEFOREST WHITMORE,⁸ born in Parishville, N. Y., 22 Feb. 1841; was married in Ottumwa, Iowa, 22 June 1874, by Rev. Orlando Clarke, to Ella H. Moseley of DeKalb, Ill., who was born in Clymer, Wis., 4 Oct. 1848, the daughter of Eli Jones Moseley (born in Riga, Monroe Co., N. Y., 1 Nov. 1820), and wife Mary A. White (born in Bergen, Genesee Co., N. Y., 23 Sept. 1825). Eugene DeForest Whitmore served three years as a soldier in the Union Army in the Civil War, and was a sergeant in Co. G, 114th Regiment Illinois Volunteers. From 1870 until 1874, he was in mercantile



Eugene DeForest Whitmore.

business with Benjamin Trumbull at Emporia, Kansas. From 1874 until his death on 13 Feb. 1894, he was engaged in farming in Fremont Township, Lyon Co., Kansas. After his death the family removed from Kansas to DeKalb, Ill. He was a member of the First Baptist Church, of Springfield, Ill.; and held membership



ship in the A. O. U. W., Knights of Honor, and Woodmen of the World, of Emporia, Kansas. Nine children:

CAROLINE ALICE WHITMORE,⁹ b. in Fremont, Kansas, 26 Oct. 1875.

JANE PEARL WHITMORE,⁹ b. in Fremont; m., in DeKalb, 8 Dec. 1897, to Frank Rolfe, who is the son of Raymond and Delpha (Monger) Rolfe of DeKalb.

VAN ALBERT WHITMORE,⁹ b., in Fremont, 14 Sept. 1878.

MARY CLARISSA WHITMORE,⁹ b., in Fremont, 24 Sept. 1880.

CHARLES HENRY WHITMORE,⁹ b., in Fremont, 21 Aug. 1882.

HARRIET ELLA WHITMORE,⁹ b., in Fremont, 28 Oct. 1884.

PERRY PORTER WHITMORE,⁹ b., in Fremont, 6 Nov. 1886.

EUGENE DEFOREST WHITMORE,⁹ Jr., b., in Fremont, 18 Sept. 1888.

VIOLA LOUISE WHITMORE,⁹ b., in Fremont, 1 Dec. 1890.



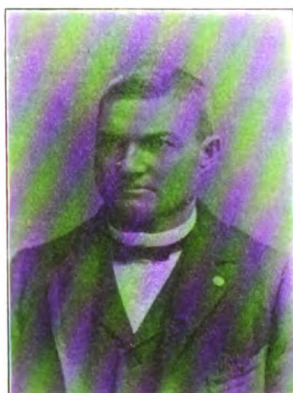
Charles Henry Whitmore.
Perry Porter Whitmore.
Van Albert Whitmore.
Eugene DeForest Whitmore, Jr.

HARRIET LODASKIA WHITMORE,⁸ born in Pomfret, Vt., 22 May 1843. At the age of eight she went to New Orleans, La., to live with her Uncle Ephraim Kingsley Converse. She was educated in a convent at Louisville, Ky.; but renounced Catholicism, and united with the M. E. Church. On 3 Sept. 1874, she was married to James Wright, who was born in England, a well-to-do farmer in De Kalb, Ill., where they reside.



Mrs. Harriet Lodaskia (Whitmore) Wright.

CHARLES WESLEY WHITMORE,⁸ born in Pomfret, Vt., 22 April 1845; married in Sycamore, Ill., 24 Oct. 1866, Susanna Holderness of DeKalb.



Charles Wesley Whitmore.



Mrs. Susannah (Holderness) Whitmore.



Leon Whitmore.

Their only child died in infancy. They legally adopted two orphan children, giving them every advantage to be derived from loving hearts and a beautiful home, one of whom is Leon Whitmore. Charles Wesley Whitmore is prosperously engaged in the transfer business in DeKalb, employing a number of men. In the Civil War he enlisted in the Union Army in 1863, Co. C, 17th Illinois Cavalry, and served until the close of the war. He is a member of Merritt Simonds Post, G. A. R., the Knights of Pythias, and the Modern Woodmen.

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CLARA ANN PHOEBE WHITMORE,⁹ born in Mayfield, DeKalb Co., Ill., 21 Aug. 1848; married in DeKalb, Ill., 11 Nov. 1867, to Martin Van Buren Wilder, who was born in Jericho Center, Vermont, 28 May 1836, and died, in DeKalb, 31 March 1894. He



Clara Ann Phoebe (Whitmore) Wilder.



Martin Van Buren Wilder.

was the son of Oliver and Lemira (Lee) Wilder. He removed to Illinois in 1844. In the Civil War he enlisted in Colorado in 1861, served four years in the Union Army, and was honorably discharged. For a number of years he was a merchant in DeKalb. He was a Mason, and a member of Merritt Simonds Post, G. A. R., at DeKalb. In addition to their own children, Mr. and Mrs. Wilder reared an adopted son, Chauncey Harry Wilder (a nephew of Martin Van Buren Wilder), who graduated at the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Chicago, Ill., and is now one of the leading physicians of DeKalb. Since Mr. Wilder's death the family have resided in DeKalb. Children:



Lemira Ella Wilder.



Olive Converse Wilder.



Martha Louise Wilder.

LEMIRA ELLA WILDER,⁹ b., in DeKalb, 6 Oct. 1871; educated in DeKalb High School, and Rockford, Ill., Business College.

OLIVE CONVERSE WILDER,⁹ b., in DeKalb, 13 April 1880; educated in DeKalb High School and Rockford, Ill., Business College.

MARTHA LOUISE WILDER,⁹ b., in DeKalb, 9 Jan. 1887.

191. PHOEBE CONVERSE⁷ (*Otis*⁶ (67), *Joel*⁵, *Thomas*⁴, *Samuel*³, *Sergeant Samuel*², *Deacon Edward*¹), born 1810; died, in New York City, 20 August



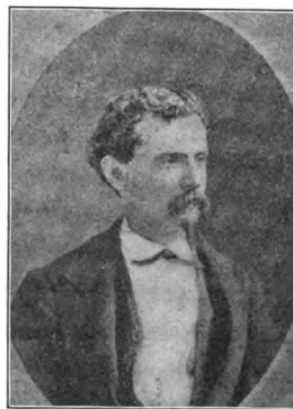
Mrs. Phoebe (Converse) Bullard.

1864, while on a visit to her brother William, and her remains were interred in Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn. She was married in Mobile, Ala., in March 1838, by Wm. P. Hamilton, to Samuel Pratt Bullard, who was born in Providence, R. I., the son of Isaac and Rachel (Pratt) Bullard. Isaac Bullard was born in Dedham, Mass., 21 July 1771, and died 31 August 1825. Rachel Pratt was born in Chelsea, Mass., 4 August 1771; married in Charlestown, Mass., 8 January 1795; and died 24 April 1858. Samuel Pratt Bullard removed to Mobile, Ala., where, about 1835, he was the editor of the *Mobile Chronicle*, and member of the Common Council of Mobile. It was to his executive and financial ability

that Mobile owed her relief from the great city debt that had long burdened her, and his name was for years a noted one in that community. In 1846, he was in partnership with J. B. Toulmin in the cotton business in Mobile. In 1853, he removed to New Orleans, La., where he was a cotton merchant, and where he died 7 February 1858.

Children of Samuel Pratt and Phoebe (Converse) Bullard:

EDWIN CONVERSE BULLARD,⁸ born in Springhill, near Mobile, Ala., 11 Sept. 1841; educated in the public schools of New Orleans. He was in the employ of the cotton house of Wm. A. Johnson in a clerical capacity until 1865; and thereafter, until his death, on 2 Jan. 1892, accountant in the furniture house of his brother-in-law, Benjamin J. Montgomery. He was a schoolmate of George W. Cable, the novelist. His tastes were literary; he had a knowledge of Spanish and French and excelled as a mathematician. He was christened EDWIN OTIS BULLARD, but, when a young man, adopted CONVERSE as a middle name. He did not marry.



Edwin Converse Bullard.

CLARICE JANE BULLARD,⁸ died in infancy.

FRANCES EVALINE BULLARD,⁸ unmarried; residence, New Orleans.

KATE ANTOINETTE BULLARD,⁸ unmarried; residence, New Orleans.

WILLIAM HENRY BULLARD,⁸ educated in the public schools of New Orleans; employed in a clerical capacity, when quite young, in the wholesale house of S. H. Kennedy & Co., by which firm he was esteemed so highly, that Mr. Kennedy upon his accession to the Presidency of the Louisiana State National Bank, installed him in the position of exchange clerk in that institution. When he was taken ill, the bank continued his salary and kept his position open for him until it was evident that his death was inevitable. He died, in New Orleans, 17 Oct. 1881.



William Henry Bullard.

CLARENCE EDWARD BULLARD,⁸ died in infancy.

ALICE GERTRUDE BULLARD,⁸ was married in New Orleans, La., 9 July 1867, by Rev. J. H. Gerault, to Benjamin Jesse Montgomery,* who was born in Paris, Bourbon Co., Ky., 7 March 1836, and who died, in New Orleans, 6 May 1902. Mr. Montgomery was reared in Danville, Boyle Co., Ky., by his aunt, Mrs. Virginia Fisher, who had been a classmate of Mrs. Lincoln. He removed in 1858 to New Orleans, La., where he engaged in mercantile business with his brother, Richard M. Montgomery, and



Alice Gertrude (Bullard) Montgomery.



Benjamin Jesse Montgomery.

subsequently was the head of the furniture house of the B. J. Montgomery Co., Limited, until the destruction of their warehouse by fire in 1897.

Benjamin Jesse and Alice Gertrude (Bullard) Montgomery had four children:

*Benjamin Jesse Montgomery was son of David Montgomery, a native of New Jersey, and Katherine Armstrong McKenney, a native of Virginia. Mrs. Montgomery was daughter of Stephen Girard McKenney, a Captain in the War of 1812. Captain McKenney immigrated to Kentucky from Westmoreland Co., Pa., settled on a farm in Fayette Co., Ky., near Lexington, and was for many years High Sheriff of Fayette Co.

Stephen Girard McKenney's other children were William, Jonathan, Robert, Mrs. Titus, Mrs. Hayes of Trenton, N. J., and Mrs. John R. Thompson.

RICHARD BULLARD MONTGOMERY,⁹ b. 4 July 1869; graduated at Harvard College in the class of 1890; fitted for the bar at Tulaney law School, New Orleans; member of law firm of Charles Rice & Montgomery, New Orleans. He married in New Orleans, 1 July



Richard Bullard Montgomery.



Edwin Reed Montgomery.

1901, Brainetta Selden Spencer, who was born in Natchez, Miss., 10 Aug. 1878, the daughter of William Brainerd and Henrietta (Elam) Spencer of Natchez, Miss., and New Orleans, La. A son was born to them, 14 July 1902, viz: RICHARD BULLARD MONTGOMERY,¹⁰ JR.

KATIE VIRGINIA MONTGOMERY,⁹ b. in New Orleans.
 JESSE E. MONTGOMERY,⁹ b. 1878.
 EDWIN REED MONTGOMERY,⁹ b. 1885.

192. THOMAS MONTGOMERY CONVERSE⁷ (*Otis*⁶ (67), *Joel*⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹); born at Lyme, Grafton



Thomas Montgomery Converse.



Mrs. Jane Agnes (Sherman) Converse.

Co., N. H., 30 January 1815. When he was quite a small boy his parents emigrated with all the family, except the eldest son, William Porter Converse, to

Parishville, St. Lawrence Co., N.Y. While yet a lad (perhaps twelve years old,) Thomas M. Converse went to Montgomery, Ala., and entered business life as an employé of his brother William P. Converse in a clerical capacity. While a resident of Montgomery he was a lieutenant in a militia company, the "Montgomery Light Guard," and went through the Creek War as Lieutenant of his Company, moved the Indians from the Creek Nation, and guarded them while they remained in Montgomery, until their removal to the Indian Territory. In 1840 he removed to New Orleans and became junior partner in the new firm of Converse & Co., which was composed of William Porter Converse, George J. Forest and himself. In 1854, Wm. Porter Converse retired from the firm and removed to New York City where he established himself as a private banker, leaving his son, Wm. P. Converse, Jr., as junior partner. The Civil War caused the disruption of the



Thomas Montgomery Converse.



Mrs. Jane Agnes (Sherman) Converse.

firm. During the war, Mr. Converse was not in any settled business on account of the unsatisfactory business conditions at that time. He was a Union man, and at the close of the war, he was urged to accept nomination as Mayor of New Orleans on the Citizens' ticket, in the belief that he could harmonize both the Union and Secession elements; but, having no taste for politics, he declined these solicitations. After the close of the war he was for three years in the wholesale flour business in New Orleans; and, afterwards, for some years, a cotton factor there. In 1876 he removed to San Francisco, Cal., where he was Secretary for several mining companies, including Judson Shepherd & Co., of San Francisco. He died, in San Francisco, 18 August 1880, and his remains were interred in Laurel Hill Cemetery in that city. It was always a matter of regret to him that the business necessities of his early youth prevented the attainment by him of a liberal education. His tastes were literary, and he was well read,

and had one of the best private libraries in New Orleans. He was a man of good stature, fine features, and commanding presence.

Thomas Montgomery Converse was married at Metropolis, Massac Co., Illinois, by Rev. Mr. Kennedy, on 30 January 1845, to Jane Agnes Sherman of Belchertown, Mass., who was born in Ware, Hampshire Co., Mass., the daughter of Earl and Anna (Pearl) Sherman. At the time of her marriage, she was a teacher of music in a young ladies' school at Paducah, Ky. The school had failed at that time; and, in order to avoid a midwinter journey to Massachusetts, it was determined that the marriage should take place at Paducah then, and Mr. Converse came from Montgomery, Ala., for that purpose. But it was discovered that, as she was less than eighteen years of age, and as her father was still living, the marriage could not take place in Kentucky without his presence; but the journey from Massachusetts to Kentucky was impracticable for him at that time. Accordingly the wedding party of some twenty-five persons crossed to the town of Metropolis, in Illinois, where it was possible to solemnize the marriage. After her husband's death, Mrs. Converse was, for some eighteen years, until her death, employed in the Post Office Department in Washington, D. C.

Children of Thomas Montgomery and Jane Agnes (Sherman) Converse:

FLORENCE JANE CONVERSE,⁸ born in Springfield, La., 9 Aug., 1845; died, in New Orleans 21 July 1856.

GEORGE THOMAS CONVERSE,⁸ born, in New Orleans, 30 April 1846; educated in Rev. M. Woodbridge's family school at Auburndale, Mass.; member of the firm of Converse, Duxbury & Co., New Orleans; removed to Virginia City, Nev., and San Francisco, Cal.; died in San Antonio, Texas, 31 Dec. 1883. He married, 9 June 1870, Caroline Edwards, daughter of James and Lucy (Adams) Edwards of New Orleans, and they had one daughter, viz:

FLORENCE CONVERSE,⁹ b., in New Orleans, 30 April 1871; fitted for college at Mrs. Charles' private school; was graduated from Wellesley College in 1893; assistant in Literature Department, Wellesley College, 1897-1898; resident in Boston College Settlement 1898-1899; teacher of literature in Dana Preparatory School, Wellesley, 1899-1900; on the editorial staff of *The Churchman*, Boston, 1900; authoress, and contributor to the *Atlantic Monthly*, *Youth's Companion*, *Lippincott's Magazine*, and other publications. Her writings include, "Diana Victrix," a novel of New Orleans life, pub-



Florence Converse.

lished by Houghton, Mifflin & Co., in 1897; "The Influence of Shelley on Browning," a critical paper published in *Poet Lore* in 1893-4; "Company Manners," a short story that appeared in the *Atlantic Monthly*; "My Sorrow," a poem, published in *The Independent*; "Iko's Fish Story," a story for children, *Youth's Companion*, 1898; also, in *Youth's Companion*, stories entitled "An Esoteric Pig," "Consider the Lilies," "Why Evelina Unlocked the Jam," and "The Parlor Boarder"; a prose poem entitled "A Victory," written for *Lippincott's Magazine*, 1899; a short poem, "The Grail," reprinted in a *New Orleans* daily in April, 1899, from *The Churchman*; a serial story called "The Burden of Christopher," in *The Churchman* in December, 1899, and subsequent issues; "The Holy Night, A Masque to be Performed by Young Children at Christmastide," in *The Churchman* of 22 Dec. 1900. In 1900 "The Burden of Christopher" was published in book form. It was said of it:

"A story of present-day problems of life—of business competition and its impoverishment of the wage-earner; of the aggregation of capital and its tendency to social enslavement; of the degrading substitution of private charity and benevolence for public legalized justice as between the employer and the employed. A noble, purposeful story; a story, too, that for all its intensity of conviction is never dull, or prosy, or didactic, but is all the time both charmingly fresh and entertaining, and inspiringly suggestive and uplifting."

The following notice concerning Miss Converse is from *The Critic* of February 1901:

Miss Florence Converse is one of that hopeful group of young American writers who have felt the touch of new social ideals, and whose lives as well as writings give practical expression to their views. Ever since her removal to Boston, she has been a resident of Denison House, Boston's noted College Settlement. She is one of the busiest of settlement workers, and is also a member of *The Churchman's* editorial staff, having for over a year past conducted the children's department for that journal, and assisted in its literary department. Miss Converse was born in New Orleans, which was her home, excepting a few years when she lived in San Francisco, until 1897, when she became a Bostonian. She was graduated from Wellesley in 1893.

"*Diana Victrix*," published in 1897, was purely a novel and pleased by its vivacity and romance. "The Burden of Christopher" has attracted much attention from those who look to fiction for an expression of industrial reforms, though it is not without its interest as a love-story.

Miss Converse has written the following hearth-song for the Denison House. It hangs above the fireplace in the large room, the scene of twelve Christmas parties given there during the past Christmas week. It well expresses the ideal of the house:

Burn, fire, burn.
 Flicker, flicker, flame.
 Whose hand above this blaze is lifted
 Shall be with touch of magic gifted
 To warm the hearts of chilly mortals
 Who stand without these open portals.
 The touch shall draw them to this fire
 Nigher, nigher,
 By desire.

Who'er shall stand
 On this hearthstone,
 Flame-fanned,
 Shall never, never stand alone.
 Whose home is dark and drear and old,
 Whose hearth is cold,
 This is his own.
 Flicker, flicker, flicker, flame.
 Burn, fire, burn.

193. ALBERT CONVERSE⁷ (*Otis*⁶ (67), *Joel*⁵, *Thomas*⁴, *Samuel*³, *Sergeant Samuel*², *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Lyme, N.H., in 1821; removed, about 1841, to New Orleans, La., where he was accountant and cashier for J. P. Whitney & Co., ship agents, who were succeeded in business by Cammack & Converse,



Albert Converse.



Mrs. Mary (Mosby) Converse.

of which firm he was the junior partner. He died in 1865 of disease contracted in the Confederate service in which he was a corporal in a troop of cavalry. He married Mary Mosby,* of Kentucky, who died 22 May, 1869. During the war his family resided at Arcola, La.

Children:

FRANK MOSBY CONVERSE,⁸ born in New Orleans in 1846; married Bassilia Colchada; died in Bracketville, Texas, 4 May 1886. (358)

ALICE CONVERSE,⁸ born 1848; died when quite young.

ALBERT CONVERSE,⁸ born in Arcola, La., 9 May 1862; married Manie Orilia Turcotte, (359)

*Her brother, Robert Mosby, resided at Covington, Ky.



Ephraim Kingsley Converse. (1877)

Mrs. Margaret Anais (Deneufbourg)
Converse.

Ephraim Kingsley Converse. (1884)

194. EPHRAIM KINGSLEY CONVERSE⁷ (*Otis*⁶ (67), *Joel*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹) born in Lyme, N. H., 23 June, 1823; died in New Orleans, La., 6 March 1904. Removed with his father in September 1824 from Lyme to Parishville, St. Lawrence Co., N. Y.

When his brother William Porter visited Parishville in 1835, he took Ephraim Kingsley back with him to Montgomery, Ala., and also his brothers, Henry, Albert, and Josiah Chauncy. Their journey was by boat from Ogdensburg to Buffalo, N. Y., and thence in a Jersey wagon through Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Tennessee, crossing the Tennessee River at Huntsville, Ala. For a portion of the year 1835 Ephraim Kingsley Converse was a clerk in his brother's store. He learned Spanish, and was a student in Springhill College, near Mobile, and from December 1835 to 1837 was a student in Dr. Sears' private school, in Princeton, N. J. In 1839 he had the yellow fever. That year, on the 15th October, he removed to New Orleans, La., where he entered the employ of his brother, William Porter, as clerk. He entered the service of Price & Frost as clerk, June 1840, and, in 1849, was admitted to the firm of Price, Frost & Co., which, in 1852, was changed to Price, Frost & Converse, and subsequently to Price, Converse & Smith, to Converse & Kennett, to E. K. Converse, to E. K. Converse & Co., and in 1873 to E. K. Converse again.

Ephraim Kingsley Converse was married in New Orleans, 28 April 1845, in St. Patrick's Church (R. C.), by Rev. Fr. Mullen, to Margaret Anais Deneufbourg, daughter of Clement and Mariette (Gaiennie) Deneufbourg. Mrs. Converse is a native of New Orleans, and was educated at the Ursulines Convent in that city, and was there, in childhood, taught the many Christian virtues which have been so faithfully followed, and have become so large a part of her life. In 1895 their golden wedding was celebrated in the same church in which they were married. They had no children.

During the Civil War Mr. Converse was Orderly Sergeant of the New Orleans Light Horse Cavalry, commanded by Capt. T. J. Leeds, serving with that command, under Gen. P. T. Beauregard, during his historic Mississippi campaign. After the war he was, for four years, President of the New Orleans Produce Exchange (now Board of Trade). He superintended the erection of the Board of Trade building, in 1883, and presided at its dedication, his name, as President, being cut in the granite block placed at the door. For several years he was a member of five River Commissions, visiting Washington, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Memphis, and Kansas City; and was Chairman of the Louisiana delegation, at the conventions held at Washington, D. C., and Kansas City, Mo.

In 1887 he retired from active commercial life, having had a proprietary interest in different commercial firms during a period of thirty-eight years.

He was a member of the Pickwick, Commercial, and other clubs, but his membership was more honorary than otherwise, as he preferred the quietude of home to club life.

During his residence of sixty-five years in New Orleans his life has been a part of the commercial history of the city. He was an important factor in the many business, social, political, and civic changes which have taken place in that time.

The Daily Picayune of 7 March 1904 printed a sketch of his life, from which is taken the following:

Ephraim Kingsley Converse, for sixty-five years a resident of New Orleans, as merchant, founder and President of the Produce Exchange, public-spirited citizen and philanthropist, died last night at his home at the age of 80 years. To those who knew him best and appreciated his kindly personality he was "Uncle Eph."

For some years he had been suffering from ill health and of late he had been hardly able to get about to attend to his declining business, but he never lost the genial charm of his manner nor his unselfish desire to be of service whenever possible.

The life of Mr. Converse was a long and eventful one. When he was eleven years of age his mother bound him to a Mr. Gilbert in order that he might become a farmer. There he received a hard training, and the result held out was that at the age of twenty-one he would receive a munificent compensation, — a new suit of clothes, a yoke of oxen, one cow, two sheep, two pigs and a set of farming tools.

A year later his brother, William P., who had become established in business in Montgomery, Ala., came North and persuaded Mr. Gilbert to allow the young man to go South with him, together with his three brothers.

In 1835 young Converse went to Mobile and clerked for a few months, and then he was sent by his brother to attend Springhill College. In 1839 he came to New Orleans and clerked with his brothers in the firm of Converse & Co., grocers. He remained there six years and then in 1845 went to work for John Byrnes, and later for Hartwell & Carman. In 1846 he started to clerk for Price & Frost and remained in that capacity until 1849, when he was made a member of the firm under the name of Price, Frost & Co. In 1854 Mr. Frost retired and the firm name became Price, Converse & Co. In 1857 the name was changed to Price, Converse & Smith. The firm continued with good fortune until the war broke out, when the business was at a standstill until the close of the struggle. The firm later became E. K. Converse & Co., and continued in that way until 1888, when he went into a brokerage and insurance business.

Mr. Converse was married in 1845 to Miss Anais Deneufbourg, the daughter of a Creole family, who still survives him. They had no children. The occasion of their golden wedding, nine years ago, was made an event, and many showered tributes upon the ideal companionship, for they were lovers ever.

Mr. Converse was one of the founders of the New Orleans Produce Exchange, now the Board of Trade, was elected its first President, served three terms, declined and was elected again in the fifth year. He was a member of the Mississippi River Convention, conferring with the Louisiana delegation regarding a naval station, a dock and a training-ship for this port. He had during the past few years retired from active business to a large extent, though he was a director in the People's Bank. As his leisure grew he indulged his love for charitable work,

and was always interested in the doing of some good to others. He was a large, portly man and his stature strengthened the impression his personality made upon his acquaintances. He was the essence of sunshine, making light of his own troubles as an example to others, and he went further than mere example to instil strength that made the burdens of others lighter. He was everybody's friend and every man was his friend and the broad, benevolent face of the genial gentleman will linger long in blessed memory.



Josiah Chauncey Converse.

195. JOSIAH CHAUNCEY CONVERSE⁷ (Otis⁶ (67), Joel,⁵ Thomas,⁴ Samuel,³ Sergeant Samuel,² Deacon Edward¹), born 1825; removed to New Orleans where he was engaged in mercantile business; in 1849 he went to California via Cape Horn,

He returned to New Orleans and, in 1854, married Ellen Shaw who died, in New Orleans, in 1858. He died in 1859.

Child:

JOSEPH GARDNER CONVERSE,⁸ born 27 Sept. 1858; adopted by his Uncle Ephraim Kingsley Converse; educated at schools in New Orleans, La., and Emmitsburg, Md. Formerly in the employ of an insurance company in New Orleans in a clerical capacity; he now resides in Selma, Ala., where he is cashier, and accountant for the wholesale house of L. & E. Lamar. He married Emma Brandley of St. Louis, Mo., and had:

VALERY CONVERSE,⁹ b. in New Orleans; deceased.

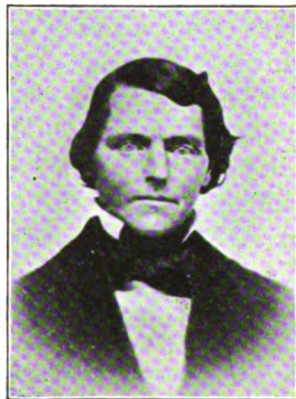
BRANDLEY CONVERSE,⁹ b. in New Orleans.

LESTER CONVERSE,⁹ b. in New Orleans.



Joseph Gardner Converse.

196. FRANCIS WILSON CONVERSE⁷ (*Joel⁶(69), Joel,⁵ Thomas,⁴ Samuel,³ Sergeant Samuel,² Deacon Edward¹*), born in Lyme, N. H., 17 January 1815;



Francis Wilson Converse.



Mrs. Clara H. (Chandler) Converse.

married in Lunenburg, Vt., 9 November 1852, Clara H. Chandler, who was born in Lunenburg, Vt., about 1815 or 1816. They lived and died on the old home farm at Lyme. In 1852 they built a new house, and his father and mother spent the last years of their life with them. Francis Wilson Converse died, in Lyme, 26 September 1880. His wife died 11 March 1880.



Edwards Whipple Converse.

Children:

EDWARDS WHIPPLE CONVERSE,⁸ born 10 July 1854; died 31 March 1885.

HENRY B. CONVERSE,⁸ born 1856; died 9 Sept. 1857.

C. JULIETTE CONVERSE,⁸ born 18 Oct. 1858; died 11 Oct. 1870

197. LYDIA CONVERSE⁷ (*Joel*⁶ (69), *Joel*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*), born in Lyme, N. H., 7 July 1821; died in Franklin, Mass., 23 June 1885. She united with Lyme Congregational Church in early life under the pastorate of Rev. Erdix Tenney. After her marriage her church membership was transferred to the Congregational Church in Bradford, Vt., and later to a Congregational Church in Brockton, Mass. She was married, 2 January 1848, in the First Congregational Church in Manchester, N. H., by Rev. Mr. Wallace, to William Washburn Morey, who was born in Orford, N.H., 29 March 1809, and died in Franklin, Mass., 19 April 1894. He united with the Congregational Church in Bradford, Vt., and afterwards with the First Congregational Church in Brockton, Mass. He was a farmer and resided in Bradford, Vt., Brockton, Mass., and after 1879 in Franklin, Mass.

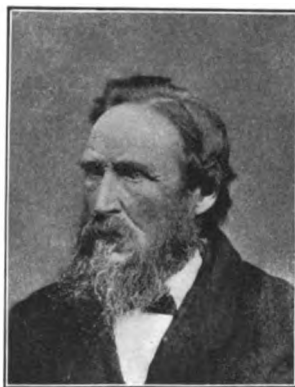


Mrs. Lydia (Converse) Morey.

Children:

ABBY ELIZABETH MOREY,⁸ born in Bradford, Vt., 19 Jan. 1852.

Her home was in Bradford, Vt., until she was eighteen years of age, when she removed with her parents to what was then North Bridgewater, Mass., now called Brockton, Mass. She joined the Congregational Church in Bradford, when fifteen years old and transferred her church membership to the Congregational Church of Brockton, and, after marriage, to the Baptist Church of Norfolk, Mass., which her husband attended. She and her family reside in Franklin, Mass. She was married, in Franklin, 6 July 1879, by Rev. Geo. W. Ryan, Baptist minister, to William Francis King, who was born 5 Sept. 1839. He is a farmer, and has held the office of Cattle Inspector in 1897-1898 and 1899. He served in the Union Army three years in the Civil War, and is a member of Post 60, Grand



William Washburn Morey.

Army of the Republic, in which he has several times held office. Mr. and Mrs. King have one daughter:

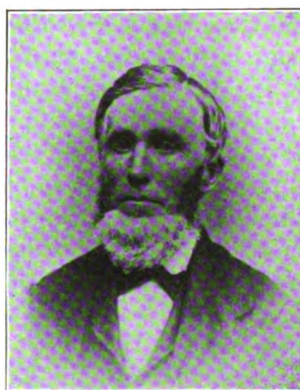
RUTH ELIZABETH KING,⁹ born in Franklin, Mass., 10 Jan. 1885.

WILLIAM WASHBURN MOREY,⁸ JR., born in Bradford, Vt., 30 June 1858; died there 21 March 1864.

198. MARILLA THERESA CONVERSE⁷ (*Joel*⁶ (69), *Joel*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Lyme, N. H., 7 September 1826; married, first, in Auburn, N. H., 18 May 1848, by Rev. Mr. Holmes, to Harrison Willard Babbitt, who was born in Barre, Mass., 31 March 1812, the son of Isaac and Sarah (Phinney) Babbitt of Barre. Isaac Babbitt moved from Norton, Mass., to Barre about 1810, and Sarah Phinney was from Middleboro, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Willard Babbitt commenced house-keeping in Concord, N. H., whence they removed to Worcester, Mass., about January 1849. They resided in the latter city until September 1882, when they



Mrs. Marilla Theresa (Converse) Babbitt.



Harrison Willard Babbitt.

moved to Barre, Mass., having bought the old homestead there. Harrison Willard Babbitt died, in Barre, 4 August 1885, and his remains lie in the family lot in that town. He was a man of strong convictions, and never lacked courage to make them known. He was thrifty, persevering and industrious.

Marilla T. (Converse) Babbitt was married, second, in Hartford, Conn., 4 January 1888, by Rev. Charles E. Stowe, to Harrison Wyman, whose father was Levi Wyman of Chesterfield, N. H., and whose mother was Mrs. Polly (Witt) Brown, a widow when she married Levi Wyman. Harrison Wyman was a farmer, and resided in Hubbardston, Mass., where he was a deacon in the Congregational Church. On his farm there, called "Bleakside," Mr. and Mrs. Wyman lived until his death 30 August 1891. Mrs. Wyman thereafter

resided with her children until her death, 5 January 1892, at the home of her daughter Mary, in Oakdale, Mass.; she was laid to rest in the family lot in Barre.

The short poems written by her at various times were collected by her children after her death, and published in a booklet entitled "Mother's Poems," from the press of Lucius P. Goddard, Worcester, 1892. They consist largely of devotional verses and poems of home life.

It seems desirable to preserve the following obituary notices by republication here:

Mr. Harrison W. Babbitt departed this life at his home in Barre, Mass., on the afternoon of August 4th, 1885, aged seventy-three years. A serious accident, followed by five days and nights of suffering, was, in the Divine Providence the cause of his sudden removal from "the weakness of earth to the eternal strength and blessedness of heaven."

In early life Mr. Babbitt made a public profession of his faith in Christ, and during more than fifty years witnessed a good confession, both in the busy life of the city, and later, in the quietude of the country. Morning and evening for more than thirty years the family gathered around the altar where the Bible was read, and where the husband and father commended his household to the care of the Heavenly Father. He believed it a good custom to begin the day with God. He lived to see nearly all his children walking in the path to Heaven; and, when on the bed of death, he commended his loved ones in prayer to God, asking that they may all be united in love to each other and in love to the Lord. His desire seemed to be to recover, yet he asked to have his own will merged in the Lord's will, saying, "If it be thy will to remove me now, then prepare me by thy grace to come home to Thee."

As the years advanced, Mr. Babbitt seemed to love more and more the service of the sanctuary, and, when able to attend church, was found in his place in the Sabbath School. It was his custom and delight, when his best friends were visiting him, to recall the sermons which he heard in early years; sermons preached on some special occasion. He would repeat the text, also give many leading thoughts of the sermon. About a year before his death he listened to a sermon which made a lasting impression upon his mind. The text was: "For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away." On his sick bed, he asked to have the beatitudes in Matthew 5 read to him. The first, "Blessed are the poor in spirit," seemed to cheer him the most. He said to those of his family about him, "My work is done, but it is all right." The end came sooner than his physicians and his family expected. On the afternoon of the fifth day of suffering, the "messenger" came and unbound the bands of clay very gently

and at the last he "fell asleep" to wake no more on earth. His physician whispered, "He is gone," and the beloved physician, a few old and tried friends, and his family, who were gathered about his bed, turned away, feeling that they were on holy ground.

Three days later the funeral obsequies were attended at the pleasant, ample homestead, and the husband and father was borne slowly to the place of burial, and, by the hands of old schoolmates, laid to rest beside the son with whom he had parted in tears and sadness just fifteen summers ago. Thus, the family who recently, once and again and again, have been called to mourn over loved kindred departed, are lonely and sad, feeling that home—the home where he was born, the home where he wished to live and die—is not the same to them; yet it is not gloomy, for the precious promises of God are fulfilled to them, "My grace shall be sufficient for thee." May the dear children heed the wise counsels and emulate the virtues of the father, who loved them, and loves them still. May they imitate his habits of temperance, industry and frugality, and then, with the blessings of Heaven, may they hope for a long and useful life, a safe and peaceful death.—(Christian Observer.)

The announcement of the death of Mrs. Wyman, formerly Mrs. Harrison Babbitt, was a surprise to her many friends in this town, where she had been visiting only a short time before her death. It seems that she was taken with the illness that proved fatal shortly after leaving here, and while visiting at her daughter's (Mrs. Bradley) at Oakdale. The funeral services were held in the Congregational Chapel, in this place, on Thursday of last week, with the attendance of a considerable number of her friends and former neighbors. Rev. Wm. A. C. Converse, a brother of the deceased, of Piermont, N. H., was present at the services, with his wife. He, with a sister, who was not able to attend, is now the only surviving member of a family of twelve. Mrs. Wyman was a woman greatly devoted to her family, and her life illustrated the home virtues. She was a person of much thought and could express herself readily, both in conversation and with her pen. Not a few of her poems have been published.—(Barre Gazette.)

By the death of Mrs. Wyman, Jan. 5, the churches in Hubbardston and in Barre have lost one known and prized as a helper. Her Christian life commenced in childhood in her home in Lyme, N. H., where she united with the church in 1845. As a mother she has ministered to her own household of seven children and found time to give to the needs of the neighborhood and of the church. Her pastor always expected her at the prayer-meetings, and was helped by her faithfulness. Her membership was for twenty-three years with the Barre church, where she was buried.

Many will recall poems from her pen printed in the Christian Observer, but frequently copied in other papers. One of these, "Songs of Heaven," bearing

her initials, "M. T. B." and printed in "Mother, Home and Heaven" will be doubly dear to the children and friends who mourn her loss.—(Congregationalist.)

Marilla Theresa Converse, widely known as a contributor to our columns, over the initials of "M. T. B." and wife of the late Harrison W. Babbitt, of Barre, Mass., died Jan. 5th, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mary A. Bradley, in Oakdale, Mass.

She was born in Lyme, N. H., Sept. 7, 1826, and in her early childhood became a Christian, and learned to love the Christian Observer, published by her cousins in a far-away State, for which she frequently contributed both prose and poetry in later years.

Abby M. Converse (C. M. A.) her eldest sister, wrote for the Observer many years ago. After her death, through a remarkable experience, the sister's mantle fell upon Marilla, and she immediately began writing.

She was married to Harrison W. Babbitt, May 18, 1848, and for nearly forty years led a most devoted home life at Worcester and Barre, Mass.

Into that home were born four sons and three daughters. In early manhood one son was called from the family circle. The other children survive her. With all the home devotion, she still found time to lay a sympathizing hand on the brow of the sick, to close sightless eyes, to pray with and comfort bereaved ones and labor earnestly for church, charitable and missionary work.

The poem, "Waiting," which we print on the first page this week, was found in her writing-desk after her death. It was among the last, if not the latest, of her poems.—(Christian Observer.)

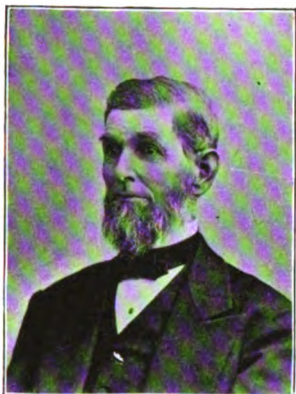
Children of Harrison Willard and Marilla Theresa (Converse) Babbitt:

CLARA FRANCES BABBITT,⁸ born in Worcester, Mass., 5 June 1849; united with the Congregational Church in Barre in Sept. 1871; resided for some years in Franklin and Fitchburg, Mass., and taught school one year in Hartland, Conn., where she met Amherst Lanman Holcombe, and was married to him at the family home, in Barre, 30 Nov. 1882, by Rev. Joseph F. Gaylord. Mr. Holcombe was born in Granby, Conn., 29 March 1822, and was the son of James and Miriam (Colt) Holcombe. Amherst Lanman Holcombe was a successful farmer, and, on his hillside farm in Granby, Conn., they lived until Sept., 1887, when they moved to Hartford, Conn., where, in exchange for the Granby farm, he had taken a smaller farm on "Brindly Hill" just within the city limits of Hartford. Mr. Holcombe died there 14 Oct. 1894. He was an industrious and thrifty farmer, a good financier, interested in local and national affairs, and a member of the Congregational Church. Mrs. Holcombe continued to live



Mrs. Clara Frances (Babbitt) Johnson.

in the Hartford home until her second marriage, in Hartford, 8 Dec. 1897, by Rev. Joseph H. Twitchell of Hartford, to Lusias Sanborn Johnson, who was born in Newport, Me., 15 June 1845, the son of John and Mary (Rowley) Johnson, lived in Manchester, N. H., after he was three years old. He removed to Southern



Amherst Lanman Holcombe.



Lusias Sanborn Johnson.

Pines, N. C., in February 1893, where Mr. and Mrs. Johnson reside on his farm, and where she is a member of the Congregational Church.

Children:

FRANK LANMAN HOLCOMBE,⁹ b. in Granby, Conn.
29 Sept. 1885; bapt. June, 1889, by Rev.
Joseph H. Twitchell of the Asylum Hill
Church of Hartford, Conn.

KATE MIRIAM HOLCOMBE,⁹ b. in Hartford, Conn.,
22 Nov. 1888; bapt., June 1889, by Rev.
Joseph H. Twitchell.

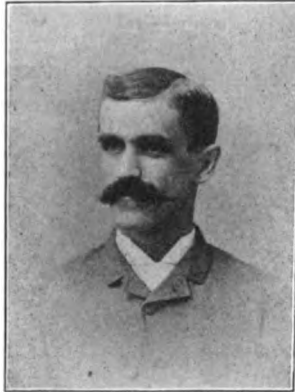


Frank Lanman Holcombe.
Kate Miriam Holcombe.

EDWIN CONVERSE BABBITT,⁸ born in Worcester, Mass., 26 Nov. 1850. Leaving home in 1870, he entered the works of the Rollstone Machine Co. in Fitchburg, Mass., where he learned to be a machinist, and remained in their service most of the time for nineteen years,—the last five years as foreman. From that time until January,

The Converse Family

1900, he was Superintendent of the Willard Screen Plate Co., metal manufacturers of Fitchburg. Since January, 1900, he has been sales agent, Screen Plate Department, Union Machine Co., Fitchburg. He is also a member of the firm of Babbitt Bros., at Fitchburg, manufacturers of Samson screws and patent stove dampers, etc.



Edwin Converse Babbitt.



Mrs. Edith Adeline (Foster) Babbitt.

He joined the Rollstone Congregational Church in 1871. He is a member of Charles W. More Lodge, F. & A.M.; is a charter member of Fitchburg Commandery United



Ida Marrian Babbitt.

Order Golden Cross, and has for years been a temperance worker in the Temple of Honor. In Winthrop, Me., on 22 Sept. 1874, at the silver wedding of her parents, he married Edith Adeline Foster, the eldest daughter of Charles and Angelia (Parlin) Foster of Winthrop. One child was born to them, 2 July 1875, IDA MARRIAN BABBITT,⁹ who is a stenographer, unmarried.

FRANK ALLEN BABBITT,⁸ born in Worcester, Mass., 15 July 1853; lived at home until within a short time previous to his death in Barre, 25 Aug. 1870. On the white marble stone which marks the head of his grave in Barre are these words, eloquent to his memory:

“Our Frank, — Amiable, Obedient, Truthful.
These were his leading virtues.”



Frank Allen Babbitt.

MARY ALICE BABBITT,⁸ born in Worcester, Mass., 19 Nov. 1855; united with the Congregational Church in Barre in July 1866. She was married, in Barre, 30 Nov. 1882, by Rev. Joseph F. Gay-



Mrs. Mary Alice (Babbitt) Bradley.

lord (same date and service as the marriage of her sister Clara) to William Charles Bradley, who is the son of William and Mary (Cochran) Bradley of Lowell, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. William Charles Bradley resided in Nashua, N. H., where he was in the service of the Boston & Maine R. R. Co., until April, 1891, when they bought the old home in Barre where they resided until November of the same year. They then removed to Oakdale, Mass. where Mr. Bradley re-entered the service of the

B. & M. R. R. as station agent at Oakdale. In February, 1895, they removed from Oakdale to Fitchburg, Mass., where Mr. Bradley continues railroad service in the employ of the Fitchburg R. R. He is a prominent member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Children:



William Charles Bradley.



William Elmer Bradley.
Lillian Bradley.

WILLIAM ELMER BRADLEY,⁹ b. in Nashua, N. H., 28 April 1884.

MILTON BABBITT BRADLEY,⁹ b., in Nashua, 28 Oct. 1885; d. 17 May 1886.

LILLIAN BRADLEY,⁹ b., in Nashua, 7 Dec. 1888.

KATE MARIA BABBITT,⁹ born in Worcester, Mass., 7 Oct. 1860; united with the Congregational Church, in Barre, in January 1886, and with Union Congregational Church, in Worcester, in November 1891. She was married, at her sister Clara's home in Hartford, 5 May 1891, by Rev. William H. Gilbert, to Hiram Newton Cudworth,



Hiram Newton Cudworth.



Marilla Converse Cudworth.



Mrs. Kate M. (Babbitt) Cudworth.

who is the son of Shadrach Nye and Mariah Antoinette (Keith) Cudworth of Sandwich, Mass. Hiram Newton Cudworth is a machinist. He served an apprentice-



Mrs. Margaret E. (Condra) Babbitt.

ship in the famous works of Brown & Sharp in Providence, R. I. About 1883 he removed to Worcester, Mass., where he entered the employ of Prentice Bros., builders of lathes and upright drills. In 1890 he was promoted to the position of superintendent, and has



Alfred Lincoln Babbitt.

since so continued. To Mr. and Mrs. Cudworth one child, MARILLA CONVERSE CUDWORTH,⁹ born 21 May 1893, baptized 27 Sept. 1893 by Rev. Dr. Davis, pastor Union Church.

ALFRED LINCOLN BABBITT,⁹ born in Barre, Mass., 11 Nov. 1862; married in Worcester, Mass., June 1889, Margaret Elizabeth Condra. Children:

ALICE MARILLA BABBITT,⁹ b., in Barre, 26 Oct. 1890.

CATHERINE FRANCES BABBITT,⁹ b., in Barre, 28 March 1894.

HARDING EUGENE BABBITT,⁹ b. in Barre, Mass., 28 March 1896.

Alice Marilla Babbitt.
Catherine Frances Babbitt.

MILTON PECK BABBITT,⁸ born, in Barre, 2 Jan. 1867. After attending Eastman's Business College, in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., he engaged as book-keeper in the hardware store of A. B. Lawrence in Fitchburg, Mass., but his employer soon discovered his ability as a salesman, and in the latter capacity he remained for three years. Subsequently he resided in Birmingham, Ala., for one year, when he accepted an offer from his former employer, A.B. Lawrence, in Fitchburg, for a three years' contract. After the expiration of this engagement he was in the employ of Cummings & Shedd, hardware dealers, in Fitchburg. In Sept. 1897, he accepted a position with the Danforth Chemical Co. of Leominster, Mass., became a partner in the firm, and was elected Secretary, which position he still holds. He is also a member of the firm of Babbitt Bros. of Fitchburg, composed of his brother, Edwin Converse



Milton Peck Babbitt.



Mrs. Harriet Mariah (Dalton) Babbitt.

Babbitt, and himself, manufacturers of screws, patent stove dampers, etc. He is a prominent Mason, Odd Fellow, and club man,—genial, generous and popular with all. He was married, in Fitchburg, 26 June 1894, by Rev. James F. Albion, pastor of the Universalist Church of Fitchburg, to Harriet Mariah Dalton, who was born in Stockbridge, Vt., 8 Aug. 1866, the daughter of Isaac and Laura Ann (Abbott) Dalton of Stockbridge.

199. CAROLINE WILSON CONVERSE⁷ (*Joel*⁶ (69), *Joel*⁵, *Thomas*⁴, *Samuel*³, *Sergeant Samuel*², *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Lyme, N. H., 8 July 1828;



Mrs. Caroline Wilson (Converse) Stark.



Zephaniah Jerome Stark.

married, first, at Lyme, N. H., 23 November 1848, by Rev. Erdix Tenney to Zephaniah Jerome Stark, who was born in Hanover, N. H., 9 December 1823, the son of Nathan and Beulah (Wilmuth) Stark of Hanover.

The family removed to Manchester, N. H., in 1852, and, after a year, moved to North Bridgewater (now Brockton), Mass., for Mr. Stark's health, but he declined rapidly through the winter, and died, in North Bridgewater, 4 April 1854. His remains were buried in Lyme, N. H., where he had been a farmer. His father and General Stark of Revolutionary War fame were first cousins; his widow was married, second, at North Bridgewater, Mass., 2 October 1855, by Rev. Warren Goddard, to Apollos Everett Howard, who was born, in North Bridgewater (now Brockton), 9 January 1807, the son of Daniel and Abigail Howard. In 1859 he moved to City Mills, in the township of Franklin, Mass., where he cultivated a farm, and where he died 25 November 1875. The farm at City Mills was discontinued several years prior to 1898, after which time Mrs. Howard resided in East Watertown, Mass., with her youngest daughter, Mrs. Hinkley. Upon her removal to North Bridgewater her membership in the Congregational Church at Lyme was transferred to the Brockton Porter Society, and, after two years, to the New Church Society in North Bridgewater and Franklin, and she joined the Boston New Church Society in 1875. Mr. Howard was also a member of the New Church.



Mrs. Caroline Wilson (Converse) Howard.
Apollos Everett Howard.

Mrs. C. W. Howard, a former resident of Franklin, passed on to the higher life, from the home of her youngest daughter, at East Watertown, Friday evening, Feb. 12, after a short illness with pneumonia. She went to church as usual, and the following Sunday, Feb. 14, her funeral took place, at her home, for the past eight years, in East Watertown. On Monday her body was taken to Franklin, where a service was held at the Congregational Church.

Rev. James Reed of the Church of the New Jerusalem (Swedenborgian), Bowdoin street, Boston, of which she had been a member for a great many years, conducted both funeral services. The interment was at City Mills, almost adjoining the old home farm, where she lived for over thirty years.

As one of her life-long friends has said: "She lived a well-rounded life, was a true 'Mother in Israel,' a living example of the leading motto of her beloved Church: 'All religion has relation to life; and the life of religion is to do good.' "

She was always fond of good reading. Many a time from her many duties in-doors and out—for she carried on the farm herself, and brought up the children the youngest two years old when his father died—she would be tired out at 10 or 11 o'clock at night, but she would take her books and papers and read

awhile to rest her before going to bed. In these later years, living and visiting among her six married children, she completed her life in peaceful uses to her children and grandchildren, retaining her faculties to the end.—The Franklin Sentinel, 16 February 1904.

Children:

JULIUS MINER STARK,⁸ born in Lyme, N. H., 9 March 1850; lost both feet in a railroad accident about 1894; residence, City Mills, Mass.

LAURA ELLEN STARK,⁸ born in Lyme, N. H., 1 Oct 1851; died in Franklin, Mass., 8 Sept. 1859.



Julius Miner Stark.



Mrs. Harriet Jerome (Stark) Southworth.
Gilbert Stark Southworth.



Frank Kossuth Southworth.

HARRIET JEROME STARK,⁸ born in Brockton, Mass., 19 June 1854; married in Worcester, Mass., 10 Dec. 1878, Frank Kossuth Southworth, who was born in Hardwick, Mass., 2 Sept. 1851, the son of Constant and Sarah C. (Sibley) Southworth. Residence, Ware, Mass. Children:



Mabel Anna Southworth.

MABEL ANNA SOUTHWORTH,⁹ b., in Hardwick, 14 Oct. 1880.



Bernard Willis Southworth.

BERNARD WILLIS SOUTHWORTH,⁹ b. in Hardwick, 20 May 1882.

LAURA ADALINE SOUTHWORTH,⁹ b. in Hardwick, 25 Nov. 1883; d. 12 Oct. 1884.

GILBERT STARK SOUTHWORTH,⁹ b. in Ware, Mass., 14 Sept. 1894.

CAROLINE HOWARD,⁸ born in Brockton, Mass., 3 Aug. 1856; member of the Boston Highlands New Jerusalem Church; married, 9 Aug. 1881, in City Mills, by Rev. James Reed of Boston, to James Farrington Mooar, widower, who was born 30 Dec. 1842,



Mrs. Caroline (Howard) Mooar.



James Farrington Mooar.

the son of Rev. Joseph Mooar, and wife Molly, of Farmington, Me. He has for more than twenty years been a teacher in the Bryant & Stratton Commercial College in Boston, Mass.; residence, Hyde Park, Mass. Children:



Bertha Mooar.



Helen Edelma Mooar.

BERTHA MOOAR,⁹ b., in Hyde Park, 8 March 1883.

ELSA MOOAR,⁹ b., in Hyde Park, 4 May 1884; d. 7 March 1888.

HELEN EDELMA MOOAR,⁹ b., in Hyde Park, 9 Feb. 1886.



Mrs. Abigail(Howard) McMurtrie.



James McMurtrie.

ABIGAIL HOWARD,⁸ born in City Mills, Mass., 5 Dec. 1859; married, in City Mills, 27 Jan. 1887, by Rev. James Pettee, of Abington, Mass., to James McMurtrie, who was born in Kilmarnock, Scotland, 12 Jan. 1862, the son of John and Margaret Farquar (Wyllie) McMurtrie, who came from Kilmarnock, Scotland, to America in Oct. 1880. Mr. James McMurtrie resides in Oneonta, N. Y., and is a traveling salesman.
Child:



DOUGLASS McMURTRIE,^o b., in City Mills, 27 April 1891.

Douglass McMurtrie.

MABEL EVERETTA HOWARD,^o born, in City Mills, 9 June 1862; married in City Mills, by Rev. Willard Hull Hinkley, 4 Sept. 1889, to John Willard Hinkley, who was born in Baltimore, Md., 11 Dec. 1865, the son of Rev. Willard Hull and Rebecca Bucham (Robb) Hinkley. He resides in East Watertown, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. Hinkley were members of the Brookline New Church Society, and, since 1897, of the Boston New Church Society. Children:

CORNELIA ROBB HINKLEY,^o b. in Norfolk, Mass., 23 Nov. 1890.

MARGARET HOWARD HINKLEY,^o b. near Mt. Auburn, Cambridge, Mass., 27 March 1895.

FRANKLIN EVERETT HOWARD,^o born in City Mills, Mass., 25 Oct. 1864; died 12 Jan. 1874.

HENRY MERTON HOWARD,^o born, in City Mills, 11 Nov. 1868; was married in Franklin, Mass., 22 Oct. 1896, by Rev. Geo. E. Lovejoy, to Harriet Emma Stanley, who



Henry Merton Howard.
Mrs. Harriet Emma (Stanley) Howard.



John Willard Hinkley.
Mrs. Mabel Everetta (Howard) Hinkley.
Cornelia Robb Hinkley.
Margaret Howard Hinkley.

was born in Franklin, Mass., June 1868, the daughter of Osmyn A. and Emma M. (Peirce) Stanley of Franklin. Mr. Howard became a member of the Boston New Church Society about 1889; was graduated from the Mass. Agricultural College, at Amherst, in 1891, after a three years' course. He is a successful farmer and market gardener, and resides in West Newton, Mass. Children:

BERTHA AUSTIN HOWARD,^o b., in West Newton, 5 Sept. 1897.

EMMA STANLEY HOWARD,^o b., in West Newton, 24 May 1899.

OLIVER AMHERST HOWARD,⁸ born in City Mills, Mass., 2 Aug. 1872; served a four years' student's electrical course at the Thompson & Houston Electrical Works in Lynn, Mass. He was two years in the service of an electric car company at Miller's Falls, Mass.; and is now connected with an electric light and power station at



Oliver Amherst Howard.



Mrs. Nellie Louise (Moulton) Howard.

Hyde Park, Mass. He was married, by Rev. John Hayes, in Salem, Mass., 3 July 1895, to Nellie Louise Moulton, who was born in East Haddam, Conn., 28 June 1865, daughter of Henry Marshall and Nancy Almira (Smith) Moulton of East Haddam, Middlesex Co., Conn. Child:

MARION MOULTON HOWARD,⁹ b. in Miller's Falls, Mass., 1 Jan. 1897.



Marion Moulton Howard.

The Converse Family

200. REV. WILLIAM AMHERST COULT CONVERSE' (*Joel*⁶ (69), *Joel*⁵, *Thomas*⁴, *Samuel*³, *Sergeant Samuel*², *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Lyme, N. H., 30 April 1830; was married, first, by Rev. William S. Morrill, 11 July 1858, to Mary Tibbetts, who was born in Stewartstown, N. H., 13 February 1833, the daughter of Richard and Susan (Lovering) Tibbetts. It is believed that both her parents were born in Loudon, N. H., about 1802. Richard Tibbetts was one of



William Amherst Coult Converse.



Mrs. Mary (Tibbetts) Converse.

the selectmen of Stewartstown. Mrs. Mary (Tibbetts) Converse died 6 July 1883, and Rev. Wm. Amherst Coult Converse was married, second, by Rev. E. P. Butler, 30 May 1887, to Mrs. Sarah Dimick Waite Smith, widow, who was born, in Lyme, 5 July 1838. He fitted for college at the Thetford (Vt.) Academy, and was graduated at Dartmouth College in 1857, receiving degree of A.B. and admission to Phi Beta Kappa. He taught in the High School at Toledo, Ohio, eleven years, and at Ypsilanti, Mich., one year, when, health failing, he removed to Stewartstown, N. H., where he carried on a farm of 400 acres until 1885. At that date he commenced pulpit work at West Stewartstown. In March, 1887, he was ordained Pastor of the Congregational Church in Piermont, N. H., and was dismissed by council 9 October 1895. An attack of paralysis had interrupted his pastoral work in March 1893, but the church chose to wait more than two years in hope of his recovery. For some years he had charge of the schools in Stewartstown, and afterwards in Piermont, but declined a similar office in Lyme. He now resides on the farm in Lyme which he owns, and which was the farm of his father, Joel, Jr. Before the Phi Beta Kappa at Dartmouth he read a poem, in 1865 (subject "Life"); and before the Alumni Association of Dartmouth, in 1867, he read a poem entitled, "The Motto on the Bell" (*Ora et Labora*).

He is more than six feet in height and well-proportioned, and, in his younger days, was very athletic.

Children of Rev. William Amherst Coult and Mary (Tibbets) Converse:

MARY ESTHER CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Stewartstown, 27 Oct. 1861; married Oscar M. Forbes. (360)

ANN FLAGG CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Stewartstown, 2 May 1869; married Charles A. Heath (361)

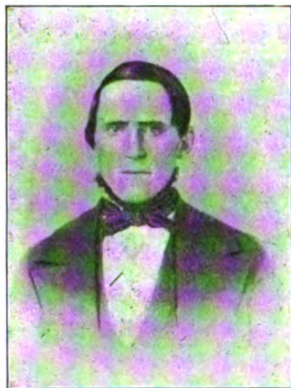
SARAH CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Stewartstown, 22 June 1871; resides there; an invalid since 1888.

ELIZABETH HORTON CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Stewartstown, 25 Sept. 1873; married Ernest S. Underhill. (362)



Sarah Converse.

201. CAPTAIN ALPHEUS CONVERSE⁷ (*Theron*⁶ (70), *Joel*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Lyme, N. H., 27 July 1811; baptized 11 October 1821; was married, first, by Rev. Erdix Tenney, in Lyme, 27 February 1837, to Salome Snow, who was born on "Snow Hill," Lyme. She



Capt. Alpheus Converse.



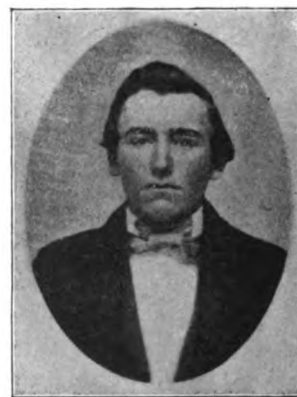
Mrs. Jane (Clark) Converse.

was said to have been 29 years of age when she died. Her brother of Cheyenne, Wyoming, says she was born about March 1814. She was the youngest daughter of Moses and Anna (Batchelder) Snow of Lyme. She was a member of the Con-

gregational Church of Lyme. She died, in Lyme, 25 December 1842. Capt. Alpheus Converse was married, second, at Landaff, N. H., 14 June 1843, by Moses Clark, Justice of the Peace, to Jane Clark of Landaff, who was born, in Landaff, 23 March 1817, the eldest daughter of Benjamin and Polly (Thornton) Clark. She died, in Landaff, 18 July 1860. Captain Converse died, 8 September 1851, in Lyme, in which town he always lived. He had a good farm one mile east from the main North-and-South road to Orford, on the hill road which leaves the main road near Lyme Pond. He was Captain of the Lyme Light Infantry. The destruction of the Lyme town records by fire makes it impossible to give the date of this militia service; but Maj. Peter Mills Converse recalls that his *own* captaincy of the Lyme Light Infantry was near 1845, and his recollection is that Captain Alpheus was six or eight years before that. In politics Capt. Alpheus Converse was a Whig. He was a member of the Congregational Church of Lyme.

Children of Alpheus and Salome (Snow) Converse:

JOSIAH FREEMAN CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Lyme, 3 Sept. 1840. He was a soldier in the Union Army in the Civil War. He enlisted, 7 Oct. 1862, under Capt. Elias F. Smith, in Co. A, 16th Regiment N. H. Volunteers, to serve nine months. Discharged 20 Aug. 1863. While in the army he contracted dumb ague; consumption became seated and he died of congestion of the lungs, 24 Dec. 1863, after a few days of severe illness brought on by exposure and a sudden cold.



Josiah Freeman Converse.

MARY LOUISA CONVERSE,⁸ born 27 June 1842; married William S. Atkins of Cabot, Vt. (363)

Child of Alpheus and Jane (Clark) Converse:

BENJAMIN CLARK CONVERSE,⁸ born 29 Nov. 1849; died 18 July 1879; married Addie Bemis. (346)

202. MARY PORTER CONVERSE⁷ (*Theron*⁶ (70), *Joel*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born, in Lyme, 8 March 1814; died, in the same town, 9 October 1839. She was married, 14 May 1835, to Moses Wood, Jr., of Boston, who was born 13 June 1812, the son of Moses and Betsy (Abbott) Wood of Andover, Mass. Mary Porter Converse joined the Lyme Congregational Church, 4 March 1832; and, residing in Boston after marriage, transferred her church membership to the Essex Street Church, Boston, in November, 1835. During her life she impressed all whom she met as a true and lovable woman. Her profile, while pronounced correct, feature by feature, was said by her



Mrs. Mary Porter (Converse) Wood.



Moses Wood.

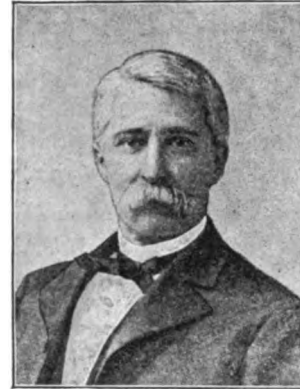
husband not to represent her truly, as her face was round and cheerful. "She had very black hair—as black as a crow," said her brother Benjamin, "was slim, weighing perhaps a hundred and twenty-five pounds, was pale, and not tall." She died, of consumption, at her father's, in the old house on the hill where she was born.

Moses Wood, Jr., married, second, Maria A. Turner, by whom he had son, Samuel Abbott Wood, who is a mechanical engineer at Carnegie's Keystone Bridge Company's Works.

Children of Moses and Mary Porter (Converse) Wood:

WILLIAM CONVERSE WOOD,⁸ A.M., REVEREND, born, 24 Jan. 1839, in Harvard Place, opposite the Old South Church in Boston. He was named after William Porter Converse of New Orleans, and Rev. William Amherst Coult Converse. He was educated in Boston schools, and was graduated at Harvard College in 1860. Immediately after graduation, he accepted an engagement as private tutor at Four Mile Branch, S. C., and went to Charleston, S. C., 31 Oct. 1860; but, on account of the unsettled condition in South Carolina just before the war, he was unable to reach Four Mile

Branch. At Blackville, ninety miles above Charleston, he was arrested by a Vigilance Committee, but was released and suffered to proceed. At Barnwell, ten miles distant, he was again arrested by a second Vigilance Committee, and underwent a long examination in the famous Court House where Hon. Samuel Hoar had spoken years before. He was condemned as a "stranger" and "supposed Abolitionist," and was ordered to leave the State. At Bamberg's, on the way to Charleston, a third Vigilance Committee endeavored to haul him from the cars, and tore his coat in the attempt. He reached Boston Nov. 14th, and gave an account of Southern hospitality in the Boston Journal of Nov. 16, 1860. From September, 1861, he was Principal of the Academy at Fort Covington, N. Y. He enlisted from Lyme, N. H., as a private in Co. H, 11th New Hampshire Volunteers in the Civil War; was made Sergeant 12 Aug. 1862; promoted to Second Lieutenant 25 July 1864; and to First Lieutenant 8 Jan. 1865; and was in command of Co. D. He was mustered out with the regiment 4 June 1865. He took part in five campaigns,—those of Burnside in Virginia, in Kentucky, in Mississippi, in East Tennessee, Knoxville Siege, and Grant's campaign of 1864-5. He was in thirteen engagements and was wounded in the right shoulder in the charge on Petersburg, 17 June 1864.



Rev. William Converse Wood.

In September, 1865, he entered Andover Theological Seminary, graduating in 1868. He was ordained pastor at Lanesville, Mass., where he was settled until April, 1870. Pastor at Wenham, Mass., from 16 Oct. 1870 till 16 Oct. 1876; and pastor at Assonet in 1877. In 1879 he was pastor at Scituate and Marshfield; also at Stanstead, P. Q., and Derby, Vt., in 1884; and was professor at Lay College, Revere, Mass.

He has published "Five Problems of State Religion;" "Webster on Protection," "Henry Clay and the American System," and "Protection Constitutional," and has several important volumes ready for publication. He is now on the editorial staff of Success, and resides in Boston.

In 1885, he received the second prize (\$250) out of two hundred and forty competitors, from Edinburgh, Scotland, for a Sabbath essay: "Heaven Once a Week."

He started the Boston "Evangelical Alliance" which recently celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary, and which advocates a Boston Evangelical Church League.

In October, 1879, he originated the two great Massachusetts Sabbath Conventions in Boston and Springfield, and he edited the addresses.

He was Secretary of the Sabbath Committee of Thirteen.

He is a member of the Massachusetts Association of New Hampshire Veterans of which he is also Chaplain and Secretary.

The following are the results of researches made by him regarding the genealogy of

THE WOOD FAMILY.

Until very recently, the Wood family traditions dated their first appearance in America at about 1730, and located them at Dracut, Mass. Within five years, Rev. Will C. Wood, after assiduous genealogical studies, has discovered that the family were in America nearly a hundred

years earlier, — at Rowley (Blodgett's Early Settlers of Rowley). It is now probable that further researches would show that they came to Newbury from England about 1630, or a little later. *These researches are here for the first time published.*

THOMAS WOOD,¹ born about 1625; married, 1654, at Rowley, Mass., Ann Todd; had seven sons and four daughters; died 1687.

JOHN WOOD,² second son of Thomas, was born in 1656, and married Isabel Hazen in 1680. He was of "y^e village" (now Boxford) 1680, and of Bradford, 1683. He had eight sons and three daughters.

RICHARD WOOD,³ was the youngest child of John.² With Richard the usual traditionary history begins; but new facts have been learned about him. He married Sarah "alias Rolfe," and lived at Bradford, Mass., 1757, where he sold a dwelling-house and three acres. The same year he bought thirty acres at Andover in the Merrimack woods, on the river, which he sold, and bought other forty acres near by. The latter he sold piecemeal; and in 1781, when 75 years old, he sold ten acres to his son, John Wood of Andover. The records also show that he had church connection. But the man was getting old, and his other son, Israel, moved over from Dracut, and bought fifty acres in 1782. Now comes a new departure. In June, 1783, after the Revolutionary War, the old man, Richard, sold out his Andover land, and with Israel, his son and wife, and Israel, Jr., Abiel, and the daughters, pushed their way through the wilderness to Thetford, Vermont, where Richard bought land, and there he died 20 Jan. 1790.

ISRAEL WOOD,⁴ son of Richard,³ was born in 1738; died, 6 April 1818, aged 80; married Sarah Stevens. They removed church connection from Andover to Thetford. They had:

ISRAEL WOOD,⁵ JR., born in Dracut, Mass., 1761; removed to Thetford; the ancestor of the Woods of Stanstead, P. Q., prominent among whom is Maj. Israel Wood of Sherbrooke, P. Q.

RICHARD WOOD,⁵

DAVID WOOD,⁵ born, in Dracut, 1765, was father of the Woods at Hancock, N. H., from whom is Lieut.-Col. Chas. A. Wood, perhaps the most prominent man of his line in Idaho.

ABIEL WOOD,⁵ born, in Dracut, 1767, went to Thetford, and died there at the old house still standing.

SARAH WOOD,⁵

LYDIA WOOD,⁵

JACOB WOOD,⁵

BETHIAH WOOD,⁵

MOSES WOOD,⁵

SAMUEL WOOD,⁵

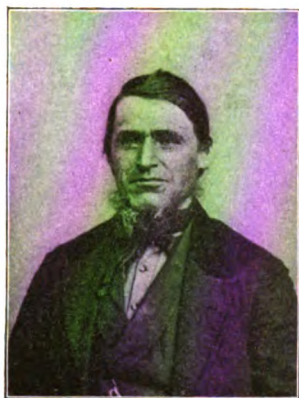
Israel Wood,⁴ married, 2nd, Sarah Young, by whom he had Jacob Young Wood.⁵

MOSES WOOD,⁵ son of Israel,⁴ was born, in Andover, 16 May 1779; died, 5 April 1867, in his 88th year. Captain in 1812. He married Betsy Abbott of Andover, and had Moses, Jr., Elizabeth, David, Catherine, and Betsy E.

MOSES WOOD,⁵ JR., son of Moses,⁵ born 13 June 1812; married, 1st, Mary Porter Converse of Lyme, N. H., and had WILLIAM CONVERSE WOOD;⁷ married, 2nd, Maria A. Turner, and had SAMUEL ABBOTT WOOD.⁷

204. BENJAMIN PORTER CONVERSE⁷ (*Theron*⁸ (70), *Joel*⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Lyme, N. H., 25 June 1818; baptized 11 October 1821; was married, first, in Charlestown, N. H., 21 December 1843, by Rev. S. Holman, to Miranda Hannah Walker, of Charlestown, N. H., who was born, in Charlestown, 23 March 1821, the daughter of Benjamin and Sarah (Whipple) Walker. She died, in Lyme, 19 June 1870. Of this marriage were born six children. Benjamin Porter Converse was mar-

ried, second, at Thetford, Vt., by Rev. Isaac Hosford, 14 February 1871, to Abby Carpenter Hosford, who was born, in that town, 12 October 1826, the daughter of Calvin and Lucy (Carpenter) Hosford of Thetford. (Joseph Tracy Hosford, who married Julia Louise Kent, was her third cousin.) After her husband's death, Mrs. Abby Carpenter (Hosford) Converse removed to Monroe, to keep house for her brother, and died there 7 April 1887.



Benjamin Porter Converse.

Benjamin Porter Converse died, in Lyme, 2 March 1886. He was a member of the Congregational Church in Lyme. In politics he was a Republican.

The Lyme church periodical, *Our Church Work*, of April, 1886, says of him:

“Mr. Converse united with this church in 1842. He always lived in Lyme, and bore a family name which for about a hundred years has been on our church records. He always occupied the old homestead, and was



Mrs. Miranda H. (Walker) Converse.



Mrs. Abby C. (Hosford) Converse.

known as a hard-working, industrious, intelligent man. He was at one time, with others from Lyme, a schoolmate of Dr. L. C. Butler of Essex, Vt., at Bradford, Vt., Academy, then taught by Franklin Butler.”

Children of Benjamin Porter and Miranda Hannah (Walker) Converse:

SARAH JANE CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Lyme, 18 April 1845; about 1865 attended school in Ypsilanti, Mich., for two and a half years, and was afterwards for several years engaged in teaching, which was interrupted by an affliction of the eyes from which she suffered greatly from childhood. She and her sister Marietta had a home very near their brother Sidney Alpheus, in Lyme, where she died, unmarried, 10 Jan. 1898.

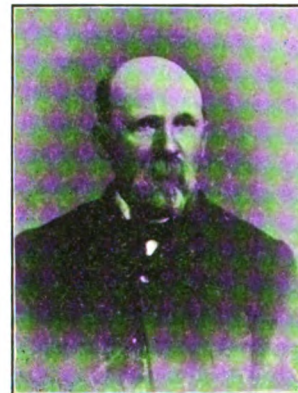


Sarah Jane Converse.

MIRIAM LOUISA CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Lyme, 30 Jan. 1847; was married, in Lyme, 4 Jan. 1870, by Rev. E. H. Smith, to Russell Clinton Buckman, son of Herbert and Charlotte (Brown) Buckman, of Claremont, N. H. After marriage, she resided in



Mrs. Miriam Louisa (Converse) Buckman.



Russell Clinton Buckman.

Claremont, where she died, 18 Feb. 1897, after a long and painful illness. She had no children, but adopted a daughter, ALICE GERTRUDE BUCKMAN, born 30 April 1882.

ALMA MIRANDA CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Lyme, 27 Feb. 1849; taught in the public schools, from 1867 until her marriage, 4 June 1878, to George Savory Mayo, who was born in Lyme, 29 March 1842. His father was Hiram Mayo, who was born in Ludlow, Vt., and removed thence to Lyme. His mother's maiden name was Betsy Whipple. Mr. and Mrs. Mayo resided, in Lyme, where his farm is located on the Connecticut River road half a mile from North Thetford station. She died at her home, in Lyme, 7 Aug. 1899. Children:



Mrs. Alma Miranda (Converse) Mayo.
George Savory Mayo.
Ralph Converse Mayo.
Bessie Miranda Mayo.

RALPH CONVERSE MAYO,⁹ b., in Lyme, 24 March 1891.
BESSIE MIRANDA MAYO, adopted daughter, b. 14 June 1879.

HERBERT BRADLEY CONVERSE,⁸ born 4 Aug. 1855; married, 1st, Ida L. Chandler; 2nd, Amy Estelle Pingree. (365)

SIDNEY ALPHEUS CONVERSE,⁸ born 5 July 1858; married Ella Maude Lincoln. (366)

MARIETTA WALKER CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Lyme, 20 Nov. 1860. From 1877, she was engaged in teaching until interrupted by failing health in 1894. After her father's death she resided with her sister, Mrs. Mayo, until the establishment of the home with her eldest sister, where she still resides.



Marietta Walker Converse.

205. ELEAZER CARPENTER CONVERSE⁷ (*Theron*⁶ (70), *Joel*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Lyme, N. H., 2 June 1827. He became a member, during youth, of the Congregational Church at Lyme. He worked on the Converse homestead farm at Lyme until nineteen years of age, attending district school winters, with one term of twelve weeks at the Village Select School. At the age of nineteen he began mercantile life as an employé, in a clerical capacity, of Thomas Perkins, dealer in general merchandise at Lyme, in which employment he continued for two years. He was



Eleazer Carpenter Converse.



Mrs. Amanda M. (Tibbetts) Converse.

married by Hon. John Mann, Justice of the Peace, in Orford, N. H., 14 September 1848, to Amanda Malvina Tibbetts, who was born in Syracuse, Onondaga County, N. Y., 3 January 1831, and who is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Her father was Otis Tibbetts. Her mother, whose maiden name was Rebecca Smith, was born in Wentworth, N. H. As her father died when she was young, Mrs. Converse's home, until her marriage, was with her aunt, Lydia Smith Ellsworth, at Wentworth.

In March, 1849, Eleazer Carpenter Converse removed to Newport, Sullivan County, N. H., where he engaged in mercantile pursuits as set forth in the obituary sketch below. He was in the employ of Mudgett & Higbee for five years. From June 1854 to June 1856, he was in charge of a Union Division Store at Goshen, N. H. He then returned to Newport, and, until he started the drug and stationery business in September, 1859, he was connected with the establishment of Seth Richards & Sons, large dealers in general merchandise. It was in the spring of 1868 that he removed to Ypsilanti, Mich., to engage in the drug business as junior partner of the firm of Smith & Converse. He remained

there but one year, however, and returned to Newport in 1869. He was, for twenty years, Manager of the Western Union Telegraph Co. in Newport. He was postmaster at Goshen in 1854 and 1855. He died in Newport, N. H., 21 September 1900. His life was an exemplification of the second commandment of the New Testament to an unusual extent, and he enjoyed the respect and good will of all who knew him.

The following is from the issue of the Republican Champion of Newport, N. H., of 27 September 1900:

EX-POSTMASTER CONVERSE.

Eleazer C. Converse, who has been confined to his home for the past three months most of the time, died of cancer of the stomach on Friday last, aged 73 years, 3 months and 19 days.

Mr. Converse came to Newport in 1849, and for several years was employed as clerk in the stores of Mudgett & Higbee and Richards & Co. In 1859 he started the drug and medicine business in this place and carried on a successful business for several years. In the late sixties he sold out his drug business and moved with his family to Ypsilanti, Mich., at which place he was in business a short time, returning to Newport again in the early seventies. On his return here he purchased the Richards interest in the grocery and dry goods business and formed a partnership with Henry P. Coffin, which continued until 1873, when Mr. Converse sold out to Abiathar Richards and purchased the drug business of John C. Kelley, which business he continued until 1893, selling out to the present owner, Fred E. Lovell. He was a very popular dealer and had an extensive trade while engaged in mercantile pursuits, and was one of the most affable and accommodating of men. In July, 1866, the telegraph line was extended to this town and Mr. Converse became its first operator.

Mr. Converse was a Democrat in politics, and for many years was the nominee of the party for moderator, serving in that capacity in the years 1867, 1875, 1876 and 1878. He was town clerk in 1861 and 1862, and in 1873 represented this town in the state legislature. He was also a candidate for Register of Deeds for several years on the Democratic ticket. In 1892, when President Cleveland's administration came into power, he was chosen at a Democratic caucus for the position of postmaster, receiving his commission and taking the oath of office in July, 1894, being succeeded in 1898 by the present postmaster, E. H. Carr. During his term of office he filled the position to the general satisfaction of the public.

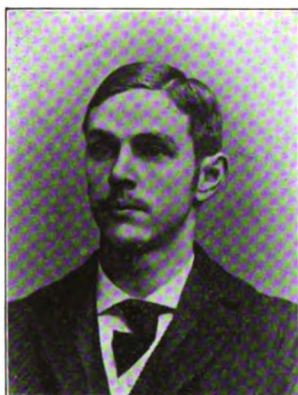
Mr. Converse was a member of Sugar River Lodge, No. 55, I.O.O.F., of this place, being one of its oldest members, and was also a charter member of Mount Coit Lodge, K. of H., organized in 1876.

The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon at the house, all business places in town closing during the services out of respect for the deceased. Rev. William Ramsden of the Methodist Church, of which Mr. Converse was an active member,

officiated and burial took place at the Maple Street Cemetery, under the auspices of Sugar River Lodge, I.O.O.F.

Children of Eleazer Carpenter and Amanda Malvina (Tibbetts) Converse:

- ALZIRA AMANDA CONVERSE,⁸ born in Lyme, N. H., 7 Nov. 1849; died 6 Oct. 1863.
- ANNIE MIRIAM CONVERSE,⁸ born in Newport, N. H., 14 May 1852; married Dr. David Morrison Currier. (367)
- SADIE HELEN CONVERSE,⁸ born in Newport, N. H., 25 Oct. 1856; married David Leach. (368)
- HATTIE CARPENTER CONVERSE,⁸ born in Newport, N. H., 4 Feb. 1865; married Edwin B. Temple. (369)
- ELEAZER CARPENTER CONVERSE,⁸ JR., born in Ypsilanti, Mich., 17 Oct. 1868. He is an electrician; but at present he is employed in the office of the Youth's Companion in Boston, in which city he resides. He was married 1st, in Lancaster, N. H.,



Eleazer Carpenter Converse.



Mrs. Mabel B. (Gerrish) Converse.



Mrs. Mary E. (Cameron) Converse.

25 Jan. 1890, by Rev. J. A. Bowler to Mabel Bennett Gerrish, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Howard) Gerrish of Lancaster. She died in Plymouth, N. H., 9 Dec. 1896, and her remains lie in the cemetery in Newport, N. H. Mr. Converse was married, 2nd, by Rev. James Boyd Brady, at Peoples Temple, Boston, 27 May 1897, to Mary Elizabeth Cameron, who was born in Boston, Mass., 15 Dec. 1872, the daughter of John Cameron (born in Inverness, Scotland, 4 July 1839) and wife whose maiden name was Jane Miller Muir. The latter was born on the ocean 15 May 1853; her parents were from Inverness.

206. MIRIAM ELIZABETH CONVERSE⁷ (*Theron*⁶ (70), *Joel*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Lyme, N. H., 13 February 1835.

After the customary attendance at the Lyme district schools in early youth, with some later experience in teaching in the public schools of Newport, Orford and Hanover Center, N. H., she received further education at the Newport

(N. H.) Academy, and the Burlington (Vt.) Female Seminary, taking the English course and music. The second year in Burlington she was assistant teacher of mathematics, while still pursuing her studies. Leaving Burlington, she was preceptress and teacher of the piano for one term in the Franklin (Vt.) Academy, and taught music two years in Cumberland Valley Institute, Mechanicsburg, Pa. She was married, in Lyme, by Rev. Erdix Tenney, 17 May 1858, to John



Mrs. J. Frank Smith *née* Miriam
Elizabeth Converse.



John Frank Smith.

JOHN SMITH,³ born in Hanover, N. H., where he died in 1808; married Anna Hovey.

JOHN SMITH,⁴ born in the Smith homestead at Hanover, N. H., 2 November 1782; was married in Hanover, 20 January 1815, to Laura Owen, who was born

Frank Smith of Hanover, N. H., who was born, in the latter town, 28 February 1835, the son of John and Laura (Owen) Smith. His line of descent, Deacon Samuel,¹ Timothy,² John,³ John,⁴ John Frank,⁵ follows:

DEACON SAMUEL SMITH,¹ emigrated from England to Connecticut; died in Hadley, Mass., in 1706; his wife was Mary.

TIMOTHY SMITH,² born in Hadley, Mass., 1702; during youth was for several years a sailor. He was married in Hartford, Conn., about 1724, to Mary Webster, an educated lady from France, who was born in 1708. He lived in Connecticut till 1767, when, with his large family, he moved to Hanover, N. H., then an almost unbroken wilderness, and made a home on the Connecticut River, three miles north of Dartmouth College. That homestead is still in the possession of the Smith family, the present owner and occupant being Franklin Smith, a cousin of John Frank Smith. Timothy Smith, his wife, and many of their descendants are buried in a cemetery which was a part of the original river farm. The old Smith homestead on the Connecticut River deserves more than a passing notice. It is a beautiful place. The house has been continuously occupied for more than a hundred years, and is in good condition still, with enough timber in it to build a number of modern houses. The old cemetery is on a hill just across the highway from the house, and is a most interesting place.

23 December 1794, the daughter of Joel and Mary (Gillet) Owen, and who died in Hanover Center, May 1855. Mr. Smith removed to Hanover Center in 1818, and from there to Ypsilanti, Mich., in 1857, where he died 18 July 1879.

JOHN FRANK SMITH⁵ was educated at Kimball Union Academy, in Meriden, N. H., and at the Chandler School, connected with Dartmouth College. Immediately upon his graduation therefrom, in 1857, he became the junior partner of the drug firm of Kinne & Smith since changed to J. F. Smith, of Ypsilanti, Mich. He has occupied the same place of business for forty years, and the family have resided in the old homestead in Ypsilanti for the same length of time. Mrs. Smith had been a member of the Congregational Church in Lyme; but, upon removal to Ypsilanti, in 1858, Mr. and Mrs. Smith became members of the Presbyterian Church in Ypsilanti, there being no Congregational Church there. Mr. Smith's career has been marked by great industry, and devotion to his family.



Laura Elvira Smith.

To John Frank and Miriam Elizabeth (Converse) Smith, five children were born, and one child was adopted by them:

LAURA ELVIRA SMITH,⁸ born, in Ypsilanti, 23 May 1859; educated at Ypsilanti Normal College, Tilden Seminary in Lebanon, N. H., and Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio; member of the P. E. Church of Ypsilanti.



Mrs. Nellie Miriam (Smith) Coryell.

NELLIE MIRIAM SMITH,⁸ born 29 April 1860; was educated at Ypsilanti Normal College, the Tilden Seminary in Lebanon, N. H., and Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio. She was married in Ypsilanti, Mich., 17 Oct. 1881, by Rev. George H. Grannis of the Congregational Church, to Charles S. Coryell, son of Addison and Jeannette (Randall) Coryell of Ypsilanti. He is a merchant at Toronto, Ont., where they have since resided, and where all their children were born:

ROBERT STANFIELD CORYELL,⁹ b. Oct. 1882.

FRANK ADDISON CORYELL,⁹ b. July 1884.

CHARLES FREDERIC CORYELL,⁹ b. Sept. 1886.

WARREN RANDALL CORYELL,⁹ b. Aug. 1888.

MIRIAM CORYELL,⁹ b. June 1890.

RUTH CORYELL,⁹ b. July 1894.



Warren Hadley Smith.



Phyllis Gay Smith.



Frank Converse Smith.

WARREN HADLEY SMITH,⁸ born 19 April 1865; was graduated from the University of Michigan in 1889, from which institution he has received the degree of A.M. He was married, in Pontiac, Mich., 17 Aug. 1892, by Rev. Robert J. Service of Detroit, to Elizabeth Elliot of Pontiac, daughter of Richard H. and Laura E. Elliot. His residence is at Pontiac, Mich., where he is Principal of the High School. The following sketch of him was written by Rev. W. S. Jerome, former pastor of the Pontiac Presbyterian Church: "Prof. Smith is a gentleman of culture and character, and highly esteemed for his attainments as a scholar, and his abilities as a teacher. He possesses the rare faculty of interesting his pupils in their studies; and, while firm and just as a disciplinarian, he is popular with all his pupils. He is an active worker in the Presbyterian Church, where he teaches a large Bible class, and is also interested in the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, and in the Young Men's Christian Association. He is a diligent student, and thoroughly posted in the newer educational ideas. He is now a candidate for Superintendent of Schools of Oakland County, with excellent prospects of election." He has one child: PHYLLIS GAY SMITH,⁹ born in Pontiac, 23 May 1894.

CAROLINE LOUISA SMITH,⁸ born 30 Jan. 1871; died 27 Jan. 1879.

FRANK CONVERSE SMITH,⁸ born 9 Sept. 1873; was graduated, in 1895, from the Conservatory of Music connected with the Normal College at Ypsilanti, where, after graduation, he was a teacher of the violin until his removal to Oak Park, Ill., in 1897. There he is a teacher of the violin and piano, and leader of the Oak Park Orchestra. He is also a member of Speiring's Orchestra in Chicago. The following regarding a concert in Ypsilanti, 22 Aug. 1899, in which he took a prominent part, is from an Ypsilanti newspaper:

A delightful midsummer concert was given in the Methodist church last evening by Mr. Frank Smith, violinist, Mr. Henry Samson, 'cellist, and Mrs. Sarah Sayles Gilpin of Chicago, pianist. Mr. Smith and Mr. Samson, who have appeared before Ypsilanti audiences many times in the past, were perhaps never heard with greater pleasure. The trio appeared in three numbers, Marschner's "Romanze," "A Dream" and "Caprice" by Mr. Walter Hewitt of this city; and, as a conclusion of the program, "Serenade" by Titt'l and Boccherini's Minuet. Mr. Smith and Mr. Samson have been associated in trio work for several years and have arrived at the point where both as regards interpretation and execution their minds seem to be in perfect accord.

MILDRED SUTCLEFFE SMITH,⁸ of English parentage; born, in Boston, 29 Jan. 1877; was adopted into the family of John Frank Smith, 1 Oct. 1881. She was a student in the Normal College at Ypsilanti, in the class of 1899.

207. ELVIRA CONVERSE⁷ (*Marquis*⁶ (71), *Joel*⁵, *Thomas*⁴, *Samuel*³, *Sergeant Samuel*², *Deacon Edward*¹), born, in Lyme, 29 November 1815. He was married, in Lyme, 1 March 1837, by Rev. Erdix Tenney, to Capt. Charles Kent of Lyme, who was born, 7 October 1814, on the farm in Lyme which descended to him, on which he always resided, and where he died 15 November 1890. He was the son of Stephen (Abel) and Betsy (Haselton) Kent.



Capt. Charles Kent.



Mrs. Elvira (Converse) Kent.

STEPHEN KENT,² was the son of ABEL KENT,¹ who came from Newburyport, Mass., to Lyme in 1792 with his wife (whose maiden name was Lancaster), three sons (Abel, Jr., Stephen and Moses) and two daughters (Polly, who married Lyman Converse, and Sally who married Isaac Porter). He bought his farm from Squire Mason (who had the rights of land originally chartered to Governor Wentworth), and died, in Lyme, 23 Nov. 1833. Abel, Senior, was a Revolutionary soldier. His name appears with rank of Private on muster roll of Capt. Benj. Perkins Co., Col. Moses Little's Regt., dated 1 Aug. 1775. Time of enlistment 9 May 1775; term of service twelve weeks; enlisted from Newburyport; age, 20 years. He also appears as Private on Muster and Pay Roll of Capt. Amariah Babbitt's Co., Col. Benj. Simons' Regt.; enlisted 14 Aug. 1777; discharged 19 Aug. 1777; term of service six days. He belonged to New Ashford, Berkshire Co. Regiment marched to Meloomscuyck, near Bennington.

Abel's son, Moses, a cabinet maker, married Mary, daughter of Phineas Stark. They had seven children. He died in 1838.

Stephen Kent² was a furniture manufacturer on a large scale for his day.

He was enrolled in the War of 1812, and was detailed to stock guns. He married Betsy Haselton, whose birthplace was Westmoreland, Mass., and had three children: Charles, Julia and Emily.

Col. Abel Kent, Jr., was a member of the early cavalry, in which he was commissioned Colonel; and was a merchant. He married Joanna, daughter of Col. Daniel Shaw, and had seven children, three of whom were living in 1900.

Capt. Charles Kent was a successful farmer, and a furniture manufacturer. He was noted for his ability as a business manager, and for his strict integrity, and acquired a large property. He filled with credit nearly all the offices in the gift of the town, and represented it in the State Legislature in 1874-5. He was Captain of the Lyme Light Infantry until that organization was disbanded in the early fifties. That Company was a part of the 23rd New Hampshire Regiment of Militia. Mrs. Elvira (Converse) Kent united with the Congregational Church in Lyme in 1832, and remained a worthy, active member until her death in Lyme, 2 January 1880. Captain Kent married, second, Mrs. Mary K. Pushee.

Children of Charles and Elvira (Converse) Kent:

GEORGE CLARENCE KENT,⁸ born, in Lyme, 5 Oct. 1842; died, 28 Feb. 1860, at Kimball Union Academy, in Meriden, N. H., while fitting for college there.

ELEN MARIA KENT,⁸ born, in Lyme, 18 Nov. 1846, was a student in Burlington Female



Mrs. Ellen Maria (Kent) Carr.



Jesse Kimball Carr.

Seminary, Burlington, Vt., 1862 and 1863, and was graduated there 10 July 1863. She was married in Lyme, by Rev. Mr. Kellogg, 1 June 1871, to Jesse Kimball Carr, who was born in Orford, N. H., 26 June 1847, son of Jesse and Mary (Bean) Carr. He died at Fort Payne, Ala., 28 Oct. 1895. Mrs. Carr resides in Melrose, Mass., with her two daughters:



Josie Lurline Carr.



Jessie Elvira Carr.

JOSIE LURLINE CARR,⁹ b. in Orford, N. H., 26 July 1876.

JESSIE ELVIRA CARR,⁹ b. in Orford, N. H., 9 Sept. 1878.



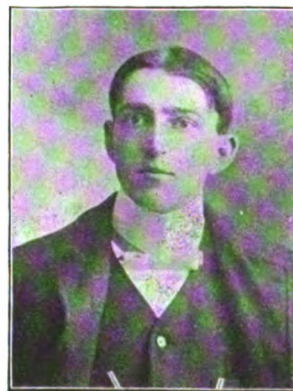
Mrs. Julia Louise (Kent) Hosford.



Joseph Tracy Hosford.

JULIA LOUISE KENT,⁸ born, in Lyme, 1 Oct. 1849; was married, in Lyme, 18 Sept. 1871, by Rev. Mr. Kellogg, to Joseph Tracy Hosford, of No. Thetford, Vt., who was born in No. Thetford, 14 June 1849, on the paternal farm, which had descended through four previous generations of his family. He was the son of Abner Bartholomew and Eliza Ann (Sawyer) Hosford. He died in No. Thetford, 7 Sept. 1896, leaving a son:

CLARENCE KENT HOSFORD,⁹ b. 17 Sept. 1875; he received education at Dartmouth College, and now resides with his mother, on the home farm at North Thetford.



Clarence Kent Hosford.

208. MARIA LOUISA CONVERSE⁷ (*Marquis*⁶ (71), *Joel*⁵, *Thomas*⁴, *Samuel*³, *Sergeant Samuel*², *Deacon Edward*¹), was born in Lyme, N. H., 28 April 1817. About 1833, she was, for a year or two, a member of the family of Rev. Dr. Amasa Converse in Richmond, Va., and attended school there. She resided in Petersburg, Va., for several years, and later in Philadelphia, where she was a



Mrs. Maria Louisa (Converse) Tyler.



Jesse Hopkins Tyler.

member of the Presbyterian Church, and was during much of the time in Rev. Dr. Amasa Converse's family. She was married in Richmond, Va., to Dr. Jesse Hopkins Tyler, who was born in Tylersville, N. Y., 4 May 1817, the son of Josiah and Anna (Hopkins) Tyler. He was educated for a physician, but never practised. He was a member of the wholesale and commission drug and chemical firms of J. H. Tyler & Co., and W. P. Converse, Tyler & Co. in New York City. He was killed in a railroad accident, in New York City, 12 March 1863. He carried a large life insurance policy, which left his family in comfortable circumstances, and they resided thereafter in Yonkers, N. Y. Mrs. Tyler died in White Plains, N. Y., 26 August 1888.



Edward Hopkins Tyler.

Children of Dr. Jesse Hopkins and Maria Louisa (Converse) Tyler:

EDWARD HOPKINS TYLER⁸, born in Petersburg, Va., 31 Aug. 1844. He was a soldier in the Union service during the Civil War in the 1st Connecticut Cavalry which was of Sheridan's cavalry, and received a fatal wound in action, near Ashland, Va., 1 June 1864. Soon after the battle he was brought to Richmond, where the family of Rev. Dr. Amasa Converse, then resident in Richmond, visited him daily. He confidently expected to recover, but died in

Chimborazo Hospital, near Richmond, 19 June 1864, and was buried near the Hospital. After the close of the war, his mother came to Richmond to recover the remains, but it was then impossible to identify the grave, as the wooden slab by which it was marked had been destroyed.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT.

ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE,

HARTFORD, NOVEMBER 20, 1899.

This certifies that Edward H. Tyler of Hamden, Connecticut, served honorably in the Volunteer Army of the United States during the War of the Rebellion, and that the following is a true transcript of his service as shown by the records of this office:—

Mustered as a private Co. K, 1st Regiment Conn. Vol. Cavalry, January 4, 1864.

Promoted Sergeant January 18, 1864.

Wounded and captured, June 1, 1864, Ashland, Va.

Died, June 20, 1864, Richmond, Va.

In testimony whereof the seal of this office is hereto affixed.

(Signed) WM. E. F. LANDERS.

Colonel and Asst. Adjutant General.

(Seal)

JULIET DREW TYLER,^a born, in Lyme, 12 Aug. 1848; residence, Carthage, N. Y.; married in Yonkers, N. Y., 13 Nov. 1872, to Luther Wesley Frost, President of a Life Insurance Co. in New York City. He was born in Newport, Vt., 14 Sept. 1838. They



Mrs. Juliet Drew (Tyler) Frost.



Luther Wesley Frost.

resided in Europe for five years, and, returning to the United States, settled in Chicago, Ill., where Mr Frost died, 8 Oct. 1894. Their children:

JESSIE LUCIA FROST,⁹ b., in Yonkers, 12 Oct. 1873.



Jessie Lucia Frost.



Charles Converse Tyler.

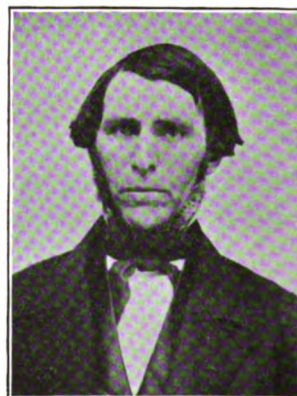
NATALIE FROST,⁹ b., in Yonkers, 20 May 1877; d. in Heidelberg, Germany, 2 Sept. 1878.

CHARLES CONVERSE TYLER,⁸ born in Philadelphia, Pa., 17 July 1856; unmarried; pursued his legal studies in Heidelberg, Germany, and in New York City; admitted to the bar in 1882 in the latter city, where he now resides and practises his profession.

209. ELECTA WHITE CONVERSE⁷ (*Marquis⁶ (71), Joel,⁵ Thomas,⁴ Samuel,³ Sergeant Samuel,² Deacon Edward¹*), born in Lyme, N. H., 18 October



Mrs. Electa White (Converse) Foster.



Thaxter Foster.

1818; was married, in Lyme, 8 November 1837, by Rev. Erdix Tenney, to Thaxter Foster of Brockton, Mass., who was born in Hanover, Mass., 28 March 1817, the son of Samuel and Jane Foster. Mr. and Mrs. Thaxter Foster removed to Brockton, Mass., then North Bridgewater, 8 November 1837, but in 1860 re-

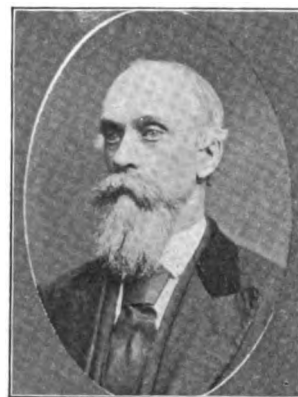
turned from there to Lyme, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Mrs. Foster died, in Lyme, 16 December 1895, after having fulfilled through life the instructions received in childhood from a devotedly pious ancestry. Having been left an orphan at an early age in Brockton, Mr. Foster was dependent entirely on his own exertions. After removal from Brockton to Lyme, where he was a farmer, he was greatly afflicted by the necessity of having one of his lower limbs amputated, and a few years later one of his hands was crushed in a threshing machine. In 1878 he united with the Congregational Church in Lyme, of which he was ever a devoted member. He died, in Lyme, 17 May 1888.

Children of Thaxter and Electa White (Converse) Foster:

MARQUIS CONVERSE FOSTER,⁸ born in No. Bridgewater, Mass., 29 March 1841; died in New York City, in August 1858, of yellow fever contracted in New Orleans, La.
 SARAH THORNTON FOSTER,⁸ born in No. Bridgewater, Mass., 27 March 1844; was married in



Mrs. Sarah Thornton (Foster) Dayton.



Dr. James Lewis Dayton.

Boston, Mass., 4 Feb. 1875, to Dr. James Lewis Dayton of New York City, who was born in Catskill, Greene Co., N. Y., 8 May 1824, the son of John Hurvey and Charlotte (Tompkins) Dayton of New York City. James Lewis Dayton moved to New York City when quite young. He was graduated from New York University, in 1846 or thereabouts. While a student in that institution, he won a prize of one thousand dollars offered by a wealthy patron of the University as an award to the best Greek scholar and worthiest young man in the class. For several years he practised medicine in New York City. The family lived in Brooklyn, N. Y., several years. Since her husband's death in Somerville, Mass., 12 Aug. 1891, Mrs. Dayton

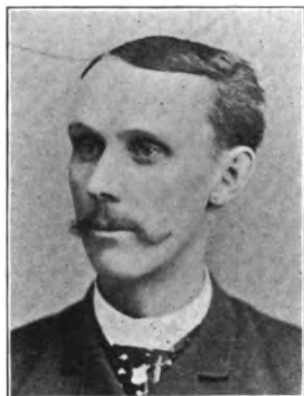
has resided in Lyme. One daughter, viz: **FLORENCE LILLIAN FOSTER DAYTON**,⁹ b. in Newark, N. J., 14 April 1878.

ELLEN MARIA FOSTER,⁹ born in No. Bridgewater, Mass. 16 July 1845; died at five years of age.



Florence Lillian Foster Dayton.

MARY HOUGHTON FOSTER,⁹ born in No. Bridgewater, Mass., 25 March 1856; married, in



William Henry Abbott.



Mrs. Mary Houghton (Foster) Abbott.

Lyme, 5 Nov. 1878, William Henry Abbot, farmer, of Lyme, born in Fairlee, Vt., 3 Aug. 1859, son of Leonard Polk and Lydia Porter (Cutting) Abbot, of Fairlee.

210. MAJOR PETER MILLS CONVERSE⁷ (*Marquis*⁶ (71), *Joel*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Lyme, N. H., 28 December 1820. He was given a thorough common school education, and possessed large advantages from his father, whose ardent love of knowledge and superior education, for those times, led him to make great self-denying efforts to educate his large family of ten children. Major Peter Mills Converse spent most of his life in farming, although he had learned the trade of carpenter and joiner. He owned a farm of more than 200 acres in the northwest part of the town of Lyme, on which he lived and died.

His farm was three miles southwest of the original Converse home, two miles east of the Connecticut River, and near Post Pond. Originally called the "Culver Place," it was afterwards known as "Willow Brook Farm." When quite a young man, Peter Mills Converse was made Captain of the Lyme Light Infantry and later Major of the 23d New Hampshire Regiment.



Maj. Peter Mills Converse.

The exact dates of this service cannot be ascertained, but it was somewhat later than 1846 that he was Captain of the Lyme Light Infantry, and his service as Major of the 23rd N. H. Regiment was in the fifties. The town records of Lyme were destroyed by fire. In 1883-4, he was a member of the New Hampshire Legislature. The following obituary notice was published in the *Christian Observer* for 16 January 1901 over the signature "Committee":

Died in Lyme, N. H., April 1, 1900, Hon. Peter Mills Converse in the eightieth year of his age.

He was blessed in having a noble line of ancestry, being a son of Marquis Converse, and nephew of the Rev. Dr. A. Converse, founder of the *Christian Observer*, and also of Rev. J. K. Converse, former Secretary of the Colonization Society, and Principal of a Ladies' Seminary in Burlington, Vt.

Mr. Converse himself was a man of strict integrity, and great energy of character, and possessed such a large fund of inimitable humor and genial good nature that his friendship was eagerly sought by a large circle of acquaintances. His townspeople honored him by giving him all the minor offices in their power, while yet a young man; and in 1883-4 sent him to the State capital as a member of the Legislature. Somewhere in the fifties of the last century, he was constituted Major in the New Hampshire State militia, by which title he was thereafter always known.

Major Converse was the eldest son, in a family of ten children, of Marquis and Electa White Converse. He was born December 28, 1820, and early instructed in the Presbyterian doctrine, according to the Westminster Catechism, by his devotedly pious parents, yet made no public profession of faith till his last illness, of several months' duration, when God in his faithfulness to his covenant relation with the revered parents, and his *promise* in regard to the children consecrated by them in baptism, lifted upon him the light of his countenance, by which light he passed through the valley of the shadow of death, without fear of evil, to the realms of eternal glory beyond. He leaves to loneliness and heart-aching grief, a widow (S. S. Converse, an occasional contributor to the columns of the Christian Observer), three sons and a daughter. All the family of ten children, except one sister, Mrs. S. S. Houghton, of Boston, Mass., have gone on before, and of most of them, what was mortal is resting, with a line of pious ancestors, in the village churchyard of Lyme, where

“The storm that wrecks the winter sky,
No more disturbs their deep repose,
Than summer evening's latest sigh,
That shuts the rose.”



Mrs. Ruth Kimball (Eastman) Converse.



Mrs. Sarah Speare (Clement) Converse.

Peter Mills Converse was married, 10 June 1846, by Rev. L. Hastings, to Ruth Kimball Eastman of Lyman, N. H. She was born, in that town, 28 November 1827, the daughter of Eber and Sally (Gibson) Eastman of Lyman. She died, in Lyme, 18 April 1857. Three children were born of this marriage. Mr. Converse was married, second, at Lyme, 19 November 1857, by Rev. Erdix Tenney to Sarah Speare Clement of Corinth, Vermont, who was born at Corinth, Vt.,

8 June 1825, the daughter of David and Elvira (Speare) Clement of Corinth. In early life she developed a love for poetry, and her poetic compositions began to be published in 1849, in the Green Mountain Gem, edited by A. B. F. Hildreth at Bradford, Vt.; in the Dollar Newspaper of Philadelphia and in a number of other periodicals; over the pen name of "Orianna Orville." Since her marriage, she has contributed articles to the Morning Star of Boston, the Christian Observer of Louisville, and various other publications, over her own name, or the initials "S. S. C." Her name may be found in "Poets of New Hampshire" 1883, and "Poets of America" 1890.

Much interest was taken by her in the preparation of this book, and it is largely to her intelligent and efficient efforts that so complete a genealogical record of the Lyme descendants of Joel Converse is due.

Children of Peter Mills and Ruth Kimball (Eastman) Converse:

CHARLES HENRY CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Lyme, 25 Aug. 1847; married Georgianna Heath. (370)

LUCRETIA EASTMAN CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Lyme, 6 Jan. 1851; married Charles W. Bailey (371)



Charles Westley Bailey.



Mrs. Lucretia Eastman (Converse) Bailey.

FREDERIC WHITE CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Lyme, 10 Feb. 1857; married Nellie Lyon. (372)

Child of Peter Mills and Sarah Speare (Clement) Converse:

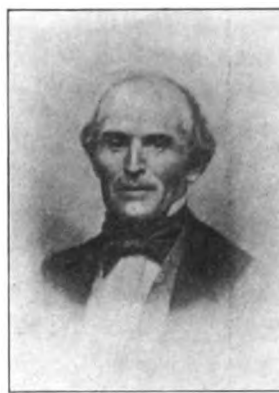
MARQUIS MILLS CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Lyme, 23 Oct. 1861; married Alice Houghton Sargent. (373)

211. ELIZABETH CONVERSE⁷ (Marquis⁸ (71), Joel,⁵ Thomas,⁴ Samuel,³ Sergeant Samuel,² Deacon Edward¹), born in Lyme, N. H., 8 March 1823;

was married in Lyme, 14 April 1846, to George Webster of Lyme, by Rev. Erdix Tenney, pastor of the Congregational Church of that town. She received the customary education of that period in the district schools near her father's home. In 1849, she united with the Lyme Congregational Church, of which she was a faithful member. She was helpful in its benevolent work to the extent of her ability. After planning for and sending Christmas gifts to her friends, she died of pneumonia, in Lyme, 25 December 1890, after only a few days' illness. George Webster was born, in Lyme, 22 October 1817, the son of



Mrs. Elizabeth (Converse) Webster.



George Webster.

Samuel and Anna (Porter) Webster. Anna Porter was born in Coventry, Conn., 2 October 1776, and died, in Lyme, 29 September 1845. She was a sister of Deacon William Porter, who was the father of Mrs. Clarissa (Porter) Converse, wife of Otis Converse,⁶ and of Mrs. Mary (Porter) Converse, first wife of Theron Converse.

George Webster was one of a large family left without a father at an early age, and helped to care for his mother during her life. He spent the greater part of his life on a farm before and after marriage. The one that he owned for the twenty-two years previous to his death is located on the County Road between Lyme Plain and Dartmouth College, about three miles from the former place, and included a saw mill and large apple and maple sugar orchards. He was of an amiable disposition, and always happy and disposed to make the best of hard work and the ills of life. He found his enjoyment in his home and church, and never aspired to public office. In 1843, he united with Lyme Congregational Church, of which he was ever a consistent member. He died, 13 May 1879, in Lyme, where his whole life was spent.

Child of George and Elizabeth (Converse) Webster:

ELLA ANN WEBSTER,⁸ born, in Lyme, 22 Oct. 1848; educated in the schools of Lyme, and in the academies of adjoining towns. For several years before her marriage she was a teacher in Lyme and neighboring towns. She united with Lyme Congrega-



Mrs. Ella Ann (Webster) Warren.



Lewis West Warren.

tional Church in 1867. She was married, in Lyme, 25 Aug. 1874, by Rev. Mr. Wheeler to Lewis West Warren, son of Asa and Mary Ann (Derby) Warren of Lyme. Mr. Lewis West Warren and his brother owned and carried on a general merchandise

store in Lyme, under the firm name of Warren Bros., from Aug. 1874 till Sept. 1886. Since the latter date Mr. Warren has been a purchasing agent in Houghton & Dutton's department store in Boston. In 1871, he united with Lyme Congregational Church, and was Superintendent of the Sunday School for five years. In 1888, Mr. and Mrs. Warren transferred their church membership to Mystic Congregational Church of Medford, Mass., which city has been their place of residence since Oct. 1887. In the latter church he was Deacon, from January 1891 to January 1898, when he resigned. Since 1872, he has been a member of Mascomer Lodge, I.O.O.F., of Lebanon, N. H. He was postmaster at Lyme from 1877 to 1886. Mr. and Mrs. Warren have one child: ELIZABETH MARY WARREN,⁹ b., in Lyme, 31 Dec. 1875. She attended school in Lyme till Oct.



Elizabeth Mary Warren.

1887, when she entered the schools in Medford, and was graduated from the Grammar and High Schools in June 1896. She united with the Mystic Congregational Church in 1891.

212. MARQUIS DEXTER CONVERSE⁷ (*Marquis*⁶ (71), *Joel*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born, in Lyme, 17 November 1824. He was employed as a clerk in the store of S. S. Houghton, in Boston, Mass., until his death there in 1855. He united with the Congregational Church in

Lyme in 1842. He married, in East Bridgewater, Mass., 17 January 1848, Martha A. Smith, who died in East Bridgewater after the death of their eldest son:

Children:

ALBERT DEXTER CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Lyme, 30 Aug. 1849; died in E. Bridgewater in 1871.



Albert Dexter Converse.



Henry Marquis Converse.

HENRY MARQUIS CONVERSE,⁸ born, in E. Bridgewater, 28 Nov. 1852; died there in the spring of 1870.

213. MARY CROSS CONVERSE⁷ (*Marquis⁸ (71), Joel,⁵ Thomas,⁴ Samuel,³ Sergeant Samuel,² Deacon Edward¹*), born in Lyme, N. H., 8 July 1826; was married, in Lyme, 27 October 1846, by Rev. Erdix Tenney, to Samuel Storms Houghton, who was born in Fairlee, Vt., 10 September 1824, and who died at his home in Melrose, Mass., 6 July 1893. He was the son of Peter and Nancy Storms Houghton. His line of descent is given in one of the publications of the New England Historical Publishing Co. of Boston as John,¹ Robert,² Gershom,³ Abiathar,⁴ Peter,⁵ Samuel Storms.⁶



Mrs. Mary Cross (Converse) Houghton.

JOHN HOUGHTON¹ and his brother Ralph emigrated to New England about the middle of the seventeenth century. John and his wife Beatrix settled at Lancaster, Mass., where he died 29 April 1684. The History of the Town of Berlin, Worcester Co., by Rev. Wm. A. Houghton, says that he died in 1684 on the old common, where he settled after the massacre, and that, on the division of his lands, his son John retained the homestead and gave land for the meeting house.

ROBERT HOUGHTON,² born 1658; settled in Clinton, then part of Lancaster; one of the selectmen of Lancaster, Mass., in March 1713-14; died 7 November 1723. His widow, Esther Houghton, died 13 January 1740-1 in her eighty-second year. It seems likely that Gershom Houghton, the father of Abiathar, was the one mentioned in this church record of Lancaster under date of 3 August 1718: "Gershom, Eleazer and Ebenezer Houghton, sons of Robert Houghton owned the covenant and were baptized."

GERSHOM HOUGHTON,³ married Elizabeth Rugg, in Lancaster, Mass., 23 February 1724-5.

ABIATHAR HOUGHTON,⁴ born January 1725-6; was married in Lancaster, Mass., by Josiah Converse, Esq., 3 July 1750, to Millicent Carter, who was the eldest child of Samuel and Jemima (Houghton) Carter, and was descended in the fifth generation from Rev. Thomas Carter, A.M., the first minister of Woburn, Mass.

PETER HOUGHTON,⁵ born in Leominster, Mass., 25 January 1768; died in Fairlee, Vt., 21 August 1853; married in Stillwater, N. Y., in 1801, Nancy Ann Storms, who was born in Stillwater, N. Y., 10 February 1785, and died in Fairlee, Vt., 13 April 1850.

Samuel Storms Houghton,⁶ was truly a self-made man. Beginning active



Samuel Storms Houghton.

life without resources of any kind, by indomitable perseverance he attained a fortune, besides dispensing largely to the poor. He was the founder of the prominent dry goods house of S. S. Houghton & Co. of Boston, Mass., which afterwards became the firm of Houghton & Dutton. He was also the founder of the department store in the United States. His early years were passed at the parental home in Fairlee, Vt., where he received such education as was afforded by the district schools. Coming to Boston at the age of fourteen years to live with his brother George, who was engaged in the wholesale dry-goods business he attended school two years, and after that was employed as a clerk in his brother's store. He first

went into business for himself as a retail dealer in fancy goods on Washington Street, remaining there five years, and then removing to Tremont Street, opposite the Tremont House. He was associated with Mr. George Brooks for a short time, the partnership being dissolved by the death of Mr. Brooks. In 1858 Mr. Houghton went to New York City, and, forming a co-partnership with R. H. Macy, his brother-in-law, conducted a mercantile business for five years, under the firm name of R. H. Macy & Co., 14th Street and Sixth Avenue.

In the course of a few years they separated, Mr. Macy remaining in New

York, and Mr. Houghton removing to Boston, and opening the Tremont Street store which subsequently became that of Houghton & Dutton. Mr. Houghton was, however, alone, when, in 1872, he started the business, and he was then occupying a small portion of the old Pavilion Hotel. The partnership with Mr. Dutton was formed in January, 1874, and that was the starting point of the first department store in New England, and the second one in the United States. It has become a very large establishment with about a thousand employés. Its location was the northwest corner of Tremont and Beacon Streets. Mr. Houghton developed great ability in the retail dry goods business, and was the originator of many ideas, which have been copied by the large department stores throughout the United States. With the exception of the five years that he spent in New York City, he was a resident of Melrose, from January 1849 until his death. He contributed liberally to the support of the Congregational Church of Melrose, at which he was an attendant. His political affiliations were with the Whig party and its successor, the Republican. He was a great lover of horses and much of his time during the summer seasons was spent on his large stock farm at Orford, N. H., on the Connecticut River, opposite Fairlee, Vt., his birth-place and boyhood's home. He bought this farm about the year 1873, and took great pleasure in its improvement. Among his valuable road horses was the famous stallion, "Guy Wilkes." On this stock farm he built, in 1877, one of the finest stock barns in the country, of which the following is a description:

Size 240 ft. front, L 200 ft., 2 1-2 stories with basement 11 ft. stud, 70 feet wide. Bell, 1,300 lbs. Tower 168 feet from ground, clock on four sides; 1,200,000 feet of lumber in its construction. Fifty box stalls. Nine ventilators. Office 22 by 40 feet. This stable has the capacity of eighteen barns 40 by 50 feet. A half-mile track is within three rods of this structure. Farm house and mansion containing thirty-two rooms. The farm consists of 750 acres of land, devoted to the raising of blooded trotting horses. To put the farm in its present condition \$100,000 was expended. Several hundred horses and colts can be kept under its roof with perfect ease and plenty of room to turn round in.

In 1891 he purchased a beautiful winter home in Homosassa, Citrus Co., Florida, on the Homosassa River, six miles from the Gulf of Mexico, and he was unstinted in his expenditure for beautifying this place, already made attractive by its natural beauty, warm climate, and superior field for hunting and fishing. The place included a fine orange grove; and among the additions which he made were a beautiful residence, excellent stable, and handsome boat house.

Mrs. Houghton was a member of the Congregational Church in Lyme, and is a member of the Congregational Church in Melrose.



Edward Howard Houghton.

*Children of Samuel Storms and Mary Cross
(Converse) Houghton:*

HOWARD S. HOUGHTON,⁸ born in Boston, Mass., 7 July 1848;
died in Melrose in 1850.

EDWARD HOWARD HOUGHTON,⁸ born, in Melrose, 17 June
1851; educated at Chauncey Hall School in Boston,
and Phillips Academy at Andover. For some time
after leaving school he was engaged with Mr. Dutton
in the fancy goods business on Milk Street, Boston.
At a later period for seven years he was with the mercantile
firm of Willoughby Hill & Co., Chicago. Since
his return to Boston he has not been in business.



Mrs. Mary Alice (Houghton) Dutton.

MARY ALICE HOUGHTON,⁸ born, in Melrose, 28 April 1856;
educated in Mr. Williams' School for Young Ladies
in Boston and the Melrose High School; was married
in Melrose, 17 Oct. 1876, to Harry Dutton of the firm of
Houghton & Dutton of Boston. He was born in Hills-
boro, N. H., 4 July 1854. His father is Benjamin
Franklin Dutton of Malden, Mass., who was born in
Hillsboro, 14 Oct. 1831. His mother, whose maiden
name was Harriet Lucina Hatch, was born in Al-
stead, N. H., 8 July 1831. Mr. and Mrs. Dutton re-
sided in Melrose for fifteen years with her mother
Since that time they have resided in Medford, Mass.

Children of Harry and Mary Alice (Houghton) Dutton:



Harry Dutton.

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MARION HOUGHTON DUTTON,⁹ b., in Melrose, 7 Nov. 1879; educated at Miss Hersey's School for Young Ladies in Boston. Married in Medford, 11 June, 1902, Evring Plumer Morse, son of Will Clarence Morse and Matilda (Russell) Morse, born in Francestown, N. H., 4 Dec. 1878; graduated from Harvard 1901; resides in Medford. Purchasing agent with Houghton and Dutton.



Marion Houghton (Dutton) Morse.

MARY CONVERSE DUTTON,⁹ b., in Melrose, 23 July 1884; a graduate of the High School in Medford.



Mary Converse Dutton.

ALICE DUTTON,⁹ b., in Medford, 1 July 1893.



Alice Dutton.

214. AMASA MARQUIS CONVERSE⁷ (*Marquis*⁶ (71), *Joel*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Lyme, N. H., 28 November 1828; educated in the common schools. At the age of seventeen he entered mercantile business in a clerical capacity, in New York City, and, when about



Amasa Marquis Converse.

twenty-one years of age, began business for himself as a merchant in Springfield, Illinois. By great energy and perseverance he accumulated a large property; and, in 1865, he retired from business, and married Emily Clark of Corinth, Vermont. They immediately started upon a tour of Europe. Emily Clark was born in Groton, Vermont, the daughter of Sabin E. and Huldah (Thurston) Clark. Two sons were born to them, viz: Henry Clark Converse,⁸ and Albert Edward Converse.⁸ Mr. Converse contracted a second marriage in San José, Cal., with Blanche Bizenay, and one son was born to them, Dr. George Marquis Converse.⁸

Amasa Marquis Converse was an extensive traveler. He made four trips abroad, visiting England, France, Germany, Italy and Palestine. He finally settled in San José, Cal., where he died 9 April 1889.

He possessed great energy, and showed indomitable perseverance in all his undertakings. His life afforded an unusual example of filial devotion, as evidenced by his continued care of his mother and generous gifts to her; and also by his liberal annual provision for his two widowed sisters, large gifts to his remaining brothers, and to the church and society of his ancestors in Lyme.

Children:

HENRY CLARK CONVERSE,⁸ born in London, Eng., 25 May 1866; died in Jacksonville, Ill., 16 January 1899; unmarried. The greater part of his life was spent in California; during the last five years of his life he was engaged in the lumber business in Cosmopolis, Wash. He was buried from the residence of Dr. A. L. Converse in Springfield, Ill., and his remains were interred in Oak Ridge Cemetery in that city. In an obituary notice it



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was said that he was a gentleman of cultivated tastes; educated at West Point, and a man of unusual resources and of fine business qualifications.

ALBERT EDWARD CONVERSE,⁸ born in West Corinth, Vt., 12 Oct. 1869; married Paulina Vianna in 1895; residence, San Francisco, Cal., where he died 21 February 1899.



George Marquis Converse.

Child:

FLORENCE EMILY CONVERSE,⁹ b., in San Francisco, 5 May 1895.

GEORGE MARQUIS CONVERSE,⁸ M.D., was graduated from Santa Clara College, Cal., in June 1891, receiving degree of Bachelor of Science; was graduated from Cooper Medical College, San Francisco, Cal., in December 1894; received diploma of Doctor of Medicine from the University of Paris, France, in December 1898; House Physician in St. Francis Hospital, 5th Street and Avenue B, New York City.

215. ALONZO THORNTON CONVERSE⁷ (*Marquis*⁸ (71), *Joel*⁵ *Thomas*⁴ *Samuel*³ *Sergeant Samuel*² *Deacon Edward*¹), was married in Corinth, Vt., by



Alonzo Thornton Converse.



Mrs. Julia Annette (Clement) Converse.

Rev. Wm. H. Dean, 13 January 1881, to Julia Annette Clement, who was born in Corinth, 26 April 1841, the daughter of Obadiah and Phoebe (Merrill) Clement of Corinth. He inherited his father's genial, peace-loving disposition, and was an

unusually well informed man, a fine conversationalist and a fluent writer. The following obituary notice is from the May 1891 issue of the Christian Observer of Louisville, Ky.:

Died in Lyme, N. H., May 6, 1891, Alonzo Thornton Converse of la grippe complicated with heart disease, aged fifty-six years.

For long years he was never free from pain, but kept bravely about his daily avocations without mentioning his personal affliction save in answer to special inquiry from friends; but his overtaxed system, after five days of severe illness, yielded at last, and he is at rest. He was born, in Lyme, April 8, 1835, the youngest of a family of ten children, and was consecrated to God by his pious parents, Marquis and Electa White Converse, in infancy, by baptism.

His father, of blest memory, died in 1840, which to him at the tender age of five years was an irreparable loss; and Alonzo suffered great misfortunes by being turned out too soon into an unfeeling, avaricious world, but his superior intellect through God's grace triumphed, and he lived a blessing to all with whom he was associated. People noted the large attendance at his funeral and said, "everybody loved him," which seemed literally true of his wide circle of acquaintances, and his eminent virtues demanded in full all the love and respect thus instinctively indicated. Especially to be noted all through life, was his constant self-abnegation. It was nothing uncommon for him

"To lay his own advantage by,
To seek his neighbor's good."

The golden rule was his rule of life and action. He had travelled extensively, and spent several years in Illinois and California, but for a home, preferred his native hills, and the associations connecting him with his father, and his father's God in whom he trusted, saying at last, "He is all my comfort." He leaves a beloved wife and a little daughter aged six years, of whom he was very fond; also one brother and two sisters of the original family of ten to mourn his irreparable loss.

*To Alonzo Thornton and Julia Annette (Clement)
Converse one child was born, viz:*

JENNIE EVELINE CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Lyme, 10 April 1885; received education in Lyme Plain School.



Jennie Eveline Converse.

216. REV. FRANCIS BARTLETT CONVERSE,⁷ D.D. (*Rev. Francis Amasa*⁶ (74), *Joel*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Richmond, Va., 23 June 1836; removed with his father to Philadelphia, Pa., in 1839: was graduated from the Philadelphia Central High School in June



Rev. Francis Bartlett Converse, D.D.

1853, and from the University of Pennsylvania in June 1856, and was a student in Princeton Seminary at the breaking out of the Civil War. He became associated with his father in the publication of the *Christian Observer*, 1 January 1857, and has been connected editorially with that paper ever since. The *Christian Observer*, on account of its sympathy with Southern views, was suppressed in Philadelphia, 22 August 1861, and was started again in Richmond early in September of that year. It was published in Richmond, Va., until the summer of 1869, when the Free Commonwealth was purchased, and united with the *Christian Observer*, and the publication moved to Louisville, Ky., as being a point more central to the entire south. It has become the leading paper of the Southern Presbyterian Church, having a circulation larger than the combined circulation of all the other southern Presbyterian papers, and the leading family religious paper in the Southern states. Rev. Francis Bartlett Converse received the degree of D.D. from Hampden Sidney College, Virginia.



Mrs. Ellen Elizabeth (Pollard) Converse. (Todd) Pollard. The latter was a native of Prince Edward County, Va., but was a descendant of the New England family of Todds, of which Rev. John Todd, D.D., so well known as a religious writer for children, was an honored member.

Children of Rev. Dr. Francis Bartlett and Ellen Elizabeth (Pollard) Converse:

MARY PEACHY CONVERSE,⁸ born in Richmond, Va., 16 June 1867; married Charles Hodge. (374)



Thomas Edwards Converse, M.D.



Francis Bartlett Converse, Jr.



Bernard Todd Converse.

THOMAS EDWARDS CONVERSE,⁸ M.D., born in Richmond, Va., 21 May 1869; was graduated from the Louisville Male High School in June 1888; and from Hampden Sidney College in June 1890. He received the degree of M.D. from the Hospital College of Medicine, at Louisville, in 1892. From the spring of 1893 until 1 January 1895, he was a Resident Surgeon at the Railroad Hospital of the Illinois Central R. R. at Paducah, Ky. In 1894 he was 2nd Lieutenant Co. C, 3rd Regt. Kentucky State Guard, while in Paducah; and in the fall of same year Surgeon-in-Chief of same regiment, with rank of Major. In the fall of 1895 he took a post-graduate course at the New York Polyclinic. From 1 January 1895, he practised medicine in Louisville, making a specialty of the eye, ear, nose and throat. Since that date he has also been Adjunct Professor to the chair of Ophthalmology, Otology, Rhynology and Medical Jurisprudence in the Hospital College of Medicine, and one of the Visiting Physicians of the City Hospital, Gray Street Infirmary. He is a member of the Mississippi Valley Medical Association, of the Kentucky State Medical Society, and of the Louisville Ophthalmological Society, and ex-President of the Louisville Society of Medicine.

FRANCIS BARTLETT CONVERSE,⁸ JR., born in Louisville, Ky., 6 July 1870; was graduated from the Louisville Male High School in June 1888; and from Hampden Sidney College in June 1890, taking the first honor of his class. He was a member of the Kappa Sigma fraternity at Hampden Sidney. He is now a mechanic, and resides in Louisville. He is a member of the firm of Frank B. Converse & Co., of Louisville, makers of the Converse type-setting machine, of which he is the inventor.

WILLIAM AMASA CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Louisville, 15 Nov. 1872; died, in Louisville, 29 Jan. 1880.

BERNARD TODD CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Louisville, 13 Oct. 1874; was graduated from the Louisville Manual Training School in 1895, and from Lehigh University as mechan-

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ical engineer, in June 1899. He was a member of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity at Lehigh University, Vice-President of his class in junior year, and one of the editors of the *Epitome*. Since his graduation he has been in the service of the Baldwin Locomotive Works in Philadelphia.

HARRY POLLARD CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Louisville, 20 Aug. 1876; was graduated from Louisville Male High School in June 1895, and from Princeton University in June 1899, receiving degree of A. B. He was a member of the Colonial Club at Princeton, and managing editor of the *Princeton Tiger*. He is connected with the office of the *Christian Observer* in Louisville, Ky.



Harry Pollard Converse.



Ellen Elizabeth Converse.

ELLEN ELIZABETH CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Louisville, 6 June 1879; was graduated from the Louisville Girls' High School in 1897.

217. HENRY AUGUSTUS CONVERSE⁷ (*Rev. Dr. Amasa*⁹ (74), *Joel*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Philadelphia, Pa.,



Henry Augustus Converse.

8 May 1839; was graduated from the Philadelphia Central High School, in July 1855, and from the University of Pennsylvania in July 1859, receiving the degree of A. B., and subsequently that of A. M. He entered the law office of Hon. John C. Bullitt in Philadelphia as a law student in September 1860, and was admitted to the bar in Philadelphia in September 1862. He practised law for several years in Philadelphia, and moved to Oil City, Pa., in February 1865, when the oil fever was at its height; and practised law there until September 1869, when ill health obliged him to relinquish his law practice for several years, during which period he resided in

Louisville, Ky. He resumed the practice of the law in Harrisonburg, Va., in December 1878, and, with every prospect of a most successful career, continued practice in that town until his death there, 5 December 1880.

He was the author of "Indexes to the Virginia and West Virginia Reports, Richmond, Va., 1881," an octavo volume.

He married, first, about 1862, Eliza Lentz (originally from Philadelphia, but then residing with her mother in Oil City), and by her he had a son who died in infancy.

He married, second, in Rockingham Co., Va., 30 October 1873, Maggie E. Baer, who was born in Rockingham Co., Va., 15 May 1842; the daughter of David and Maria (Anderson) Baer.

Mr. Converse was a man of remarkable brilliancy and originality, which he exhibited in his studies in the high school and in the university, and in his law practice. Legal friends in Philadelphia say that if he had not left that city, he would at a very early period have been made a judge. His success in Oil City was phenomenal. With a practice among the largest in the place, he never lost a case.



Mrs. Maggie E. (Baer) Converse.

He had an unusual faculty for judging from the statements of the client what was the true state of the facts, and if he believed the man had not an equitable case, refused to fight it for him. His aim was to secure an equitable settlement by compromise when practicable, rather than to have litigation; and he would in no case take a fee from a man who he believed was acting unfairly or was clearly in the wrong.



Henry Augustus Converse, Jr.

Children of Henry Augustus and Maggie E. (Baer) Converse:

HENRY AUGUSTUS CONVERSE,⁸ JR., born in Louisville, Ky., 3 June 1875. In 1879 his father and mother moved to Harrisonburg, Rockingham Co., Va., and he received his early training in the schools of Harrisonburg until he

was prepared for college at Hampden. In September, 1890, he entered the Sophomore class Sidney College, Virginia. While there he was a member of the Philanthropic Literary Society and of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity. In June 1893, he received the degree of A.B. In Sept., 1893, he obtained the position of Instructor in Mathematics in the Shenandoah Valley Academy at Winchester, Va., which position he held until June 1899, when he resigned in order to pursue his studies further. In October 1899, he entered Johns Hopkins University, in Baltimore, Md., for post-graduate work in mathematics and physics with a view to the degree of Ph.D.

VIRGINIA ELIZABETH CONVERSE,⁸ born in Louisville, Ky., 11 July 1879; was graduated from Fairfax Hall, Winchester, Va., June 1896; and is now teaching in that institution.



Fannie Flavia Converse.



Virginia Elizabeth Converse.

FANNIE FLAVIA CONVERSE,⁸ born in Harrisonburg, Va., 17 May 1881; student at Fairfax Hall, Winchester, Va., in class of 1901.

218. REV. THOMAS EDWARDS CONVERSE,⁷ D.D. (*Rev. Dr. Amasa*⁶ (74), *Joel*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Philadelphia, Pa., 25 October 1841; was graduated from Philadelphia Central High School in February 1859; and from Princeton College in June 1862. He received his degree in theology at Hampden Sidney College in May 1868; and was ordained by the West Hanover Presbytery in 1869. He was married, first, at Appomattox Court House,



Rev. Thomas Edwards Converse, D.D. Va., by Rev. George William Leyburn, on 10 March 1869, to Eliza Jane Leyburn, who was born in Southern Greece, the daughter of Rev. George William Leyburn, of Lexington, Va., and later of Appomattox Court House, Va., and wife, Elizabeth Winston Moseley, who was a native of Bedford Co., Va. In 1869,



Mrs. Eliza Jane (Leyburn) Converse.

Dr. Converse went to China, as a missionary, and thus labored for nearly two years at Hangchow, on the Grand Canal, 175 miles southwest of Shanghai. At the close of the year 1870, he returned to this country on account of the failure of the health of his wife, who died in Louisville, Ky., 30 November 1879. He was pastor of the church in Woodstock, Va., from 1870 to 1875, and pastor in Bardstown, Ky., till 1879. Since then he has been associate editor of the Christian Observer at Louisville, Ky. He received the degree of D. D. from King College, Tenn., in 1887.

He was married, second, by Rev. W. T. Spears at Richwood, Ky., 18 October 1881, to Rosa Bayless Dickey, who is the daughter of Fielding and Sarah Jane (Kennedy) Dickey of Boone Co., Ky.



Mrs. Rosa Bayless (Dickey) Converse.



Mrs. Rosa Bayless (Dickey) Converse

Child of Thomas Edwards and Eliza Jane (Leyburn) Converse:



Mrs. Mary Flavia (Converse) Shotwell

MARY FLAVIA CONVERSE,⁸ born in Woodstock, Va., 27 Aug. 1872; was graduated from the Sayre Female Institute, Lexington, Ky., in 1891, and married, in St. Louis, Mo., 18 July 1894, Henry Pope Elston Shotwell, who died 23 Oct. 1898, leaving no children. He was the son of Stephen and Mary (Elston) Shotwell.

*Children of Thomas Edwards and Rosa Bayless
(Dickey) Converse:*



Sarah Bartlett Converse.

SARAH BARTLETT CONVERSE,⁸ born in Louisville, 16 March 1883; was graduated from the Semple Collegiate Institute of Louisville, in June 1899.



Rose Irvine Converse.

ROSE IRVINE CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Louisville, 16 Oct. 1884.



Mildred Bullitt Converse.

MILDRED BULLITT CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Louisville, 23 March 1887.

219. REV. JAMES BOOTH CONVERSE⁷ (*Rev. Dr. Amasa*⁶ (74), *Joel*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Philadelphia, Pa., 8 April 1844; was graduated from Princeton University in 1865, and from Union Theological Seminary in 1870; ordained by the Presbytery of East Hanover in 1871; pastor on the eastern shore of Virginia till 1872, then editor of the *Christian Observer* till 1878. Since then he has been preaching in East Tennessee, and is now residing at Morristown, Tenn. He is an author and publisher. In 1877, he wrote "A Summer Vacation Abroad," published in 1878 by Converse & Co., Louisville, Ky. In 1881, he prepared for the press "Indexes to the Virginia and West Virginia Reports by Henry Augustus Converse, Esq.," published by West, Johnston & Co., Richmond, Va., 1881. In 1886-8 he wrote "The Bible and Land," which he published in 1889. In this work the term "The Single Tax" was first proposed as the descriptive title for the proposition to lay all taxes on land values; and, in spite of the repeated and earnest protests of Mr. Henry George, prominent in this connection, the term has remained.



Rev. James Booth Converse.

In 1890-1895, he wrote and published the "Christian Patriot." In 1897 he wrote "Bible Teachings about Politics," published as a serial in several papers; and, in 1899, published in book form by The Schulte Publishing Co. of Chicago, under the title "Uncle Sam's Bible, or Bible Teachings about Politics." Besides these longer works he has written many articles for religious and other papers. He is now (1898) writing "The American Bible; a Practical Bible Commentary for the Twentieth Century."

In "Uncle Sam's Bible," the character of Rev. Jacob Jones is supposed by some to be a self portrait of the author. Passages on pages 34, 35 and 55 rather confirm this idea, as they plainly refer to a tradition in the Booth family, and to the Converse genealogy.

Rev. James Booth Converse was married, first, 30 June 1874, in Paducah, Ky., to Pamela Hopkins Campbell. Although thus christened, she was called "Queen" and always known as Queen Campbell, and Queen Campbell Converse. This name, given her in childhood by the aunt after whom she was named, was inherited from a great aunt, and has been in the family for more than a hundred years. She was born in Paducah, Ky., 6 May 1843, and was the fourth and youngest child of Rev. Alexander Wheeler Campbell of Chesterfield Co., Va., who was the first pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Paducah. He was

born 4 May 1803, and was the third son and fifth child of James Campbell, and his wife Marie Jean Victoire de la Porte. James Campbell received a large grant of land in southwestern Virginia, and there is a tradition in the family that he afterwards served as an officer in the Revolutionary army. Mademoiselle de la Porte, with her brother (who was afterwards killed by the Indians), and her



Mrs. Queen (Campbell) Converse.



Mrs. Queen (Campbell) Converse.

mother, fled from France at the time of the French Revolution. In James Campbell's Bible, is the following quaint record:

"James Campbell was born at Tornary, in the parish of Donnen (Scotland) 3 November 1751. His grandfather came from Glendershut in Breadalbane of the Arkindlass family.* Married 19 October 1795, Mary Jean Victoire de la Porte who was born at Calvados in Normandy 19 July 1769. Her father was from the city of Tholouse in Languedoc."

Her father, Col. Pierre de la Porte, served in the wars of Louis XV and Louis XVI. Her grandfather was Count Francois Tete Boeuf of Normandy, France.

Mrs. Queen Campbell Converse's mother, whose maiden name was Mary M. Moseley, was the daughter of Dr. Bennett W. Moseley, of Bedford Co., Va., granddaughter of Judge Edmund Winston of the Supreme Court of Virginia and distantly related to Patrick Henry and to other Revolutionary worthies.† Further particulars of her line may be found in "Isaac Winston and Descendants, of Virginia," by Mrs. Elizabeth C. Hendrick.

*It is the Ardinglas family of which the Duke of Argyle is the head.

†Patrick Henry was first cousin of Judge Edmund Winston, and studied law in Judge Winston's office.

After a short, happy married life, Mrs. Queen Campbell Converse died in Louisville, Ky., 17 Oct. 1875, mourned, as few have been, by friends both in her old and new homes. A local journal of that time contained the following obituary written by the wife of her pastor in her old home in Paducah:

CONVERSE.—Oct. 17th, Queenie Campbell, wife of Rev. James B. Converse of Louisville, Ky.

Mrs. Converse was the youngest daughter of the late Rev. A. W. Campbell, first pastor of the Presbyterian church in Paducah, Ky. Left an orphan at an early age, she found loving care among her kindred. Assuming the baptismal vows of her parents when just blooming into womanhood, she lived a most beautiful, consistent Christian life. Gifted with a fine, well cultivated mind, possessing rare grace and dignity of bearing, with sweet womanly habits of character, loving, sympathizing, self-denying, she won the warmest love of her friends, and the respect and confidence of all who knew her; and when she went, but little more than a year since, to brighten her husband's home, she carried with her the blessings and prayers of many hearts.

How pleasant she made that home, how bright and happy she was in her husband's care and love, none can realize but those of her early friends who saw her there. And now she has gone from a devoted husband, from a fond sister, whose life seemed intertwined with her own, from loving relations and friends. Truly, "God's ways are not as our ways." Yet, who could doubt His love, that witnessed the calmness with which she "set her house in order," and commended her loved ones, and especially her little daughter, to the care of One, whom she had learned from her own experience to trust as the "Orphan's God?" And who would call her back, that stood by her dying bed and saw the heavenly brightness that illumined her countenance, as her spirit, not yet released from earth, caught a glimpse of the glory of that home which our Saviour has prepared for them that love Him, and could almost see the heavenly gates open? Can they doubt that she watches and waits in the mansion prepared for her, for their coming? Truly,

"Death is the crown of life!
Death is Victory! Death, the palm is thine!
Death gives us more than was in Eden lost;
The King of Terrors is the Prince of Peace!"

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The pastor of her old home also writes in a private note: "I feel like one of my own children had been taken away—we could scarcely tell the difference. Had I been able to come up to her funeral, I do not believe I could have officiated—it

would have been more than I could have borne. Still it would have given me great comfort to have been present. . . . It is most pleasant to hear so many expressions of love and esteem from this whole community. The daily papers and all I see and hear from have given expression to the most wonderful evidences of sorrow. When I alluded to it in the church, the Sabbath evening we received the news, the whole congregation was deeply affected. God sanctify it to us all, and make us love and long more for heaven."



Mrs. Eva Almeda (Dulaney) Converse.

Rev. James Booth Converse married, second, 14 February 1882, at Blountville, Sullivan Co., Tenn., Eva Almeda Dulaney, born 22 January 1859, the oldest child of Dr. Nathaniel ("Nat") Taylor Dulaney, and Pauline Davis; granddaughter of Dr. William Roberts Dulaney, and Jonathan Davis; and great-granddaughter of Dr. Elkanah Dulaney. For three generations the Dulaney's have lived at "Medical Grove" (one of the first brick houses built in Sullivan County, East Tennessee) and have ministered to the sick. Medical Grove is near Blountsville, Sullivan Co., Tenn.

Child of Rev. James Booth and Queen (Campbell) Converse:

QUEEN CAMPBELL CONVERSE,⁸ born in Louisville, Ky., 10 Oct. 1875; member of the Daughters of the American Revolution; residence, Alderson, W. Va.



Queen Campbell Converse.

*Children of Rev. James Booth and Eva Almeda
(Dulaney) Converse:*



James Eugene Converse.

JAMES EUGENE CONVERSE,⁸ born in Blountville, Tenn., 25
Dec. 1883.



Charles Bachman Converse.

CHARLES BACHMAN CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Blountville, 28 April
1886.



Paul Dulaney Converse.

PAUL DULANEY CONVERSE,⁸ born in Morristown, Tenn., 8
March 1889.

MARY FLAVIA CONVERSE,⁸ born in Morristown, Tenn., 15
April 1892.

220. REV. CHARLES SIDNEY CONVERSE⁷ (*Rev. Dr. Amasa⁶ (74), Joel,⁵ Thomas,⁴ Samuel,³ Sergeant Samuel,² Deacon Edward¹*), born in Philadelphia, Pa., 1 January 1847; died in Clifton Springs, N. Y., and the date of his death there was given in the Clifton Springs newspaper as 28 June 1903. He married near Flemington, N. J., 19 December 1882, Charity Ann Burd, who



Rev. Charles Sidney Converse.



Mrs. Charity Ann (Burd) Converse.

was born, 12 November 1864, in Hunterdon, N. J., near Flemington, the daughter of William A. and Mary A. (Kimble) Burd of Copper Hill, N. J. No children were born to them.

We append an extract from *The Short Hills (N. J.)* Item of 15 October 1903:

The following sketch of the life and ministry of the late Rev. Charles S. Converse, for many years pastor of the Connecticut Farms Presbyterian Church at Union, N. J., was prepared by the Rev. William Hoppaugh, pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Springfield and read at the meeting of the Presbytery of Elizabeth last week.

The Reverend Charles Sydney Converse came of a family of ministers and religious editors. His father, the Rev. Amasa Converse, D.D., began an editorial career in Virginia in 1827, and continued the service for upwards of forty-five years in Richmond, Philadelphia and Louisville. Three of his sons were at one time and another connected with the editorship of his paper, *The Christian Observer*, the strongest and most influential religious paper in the South. Four sons became Presbyterian ministers, three of them, like the father, connecting themselves with the Southern Church of the denomination. The Rev. James B. Converse of Morristown, Tenn., is known as pastor, editor and author, and the Rev. Francis B. Converse, D.D., and the Rev. Thomas E. Converse, D.D., of Louisville, Ky., are the present

editors of *The Christian Observer*. Mr. John H. Converse, of Philadelphia, so well known in connection with the Presbyterian tent work in that city and the work of the Evangelistic Committee of our General Assembly, is their cousin.

Charles Sydney* Converse, the youngest son of the family, was born, in Philadelphia, in 1847. He united with the Presbyterian Church when ten years of age, and as a schoolboy and student witnessed a good profession. At the breaking out of the War in 1861 he went to Richmond where he ran the blockade and served on the Southern Home Guards. Later, he spent some time at Hampden-Sidney College in Virginia, then entered Princeton College and was graduated in 1868.† He studied and practised law in Richmond for five years,‡ then turned his attention to the ministry, preparing for it by one year of study at the Union Theological Seminary in Virginia and two years at the Princeton Theological Seminary, graduating in April, 1876, a classmate of Prof. B. B. Warfield, Dr. George T. Purves, and other eminent men of the Church.

He was ordained by the Presbytery of New Brunswick, in May, 1876, and was installed over the United First Church of Amwell, at Ringoes, N. J., which he served five years. He then went westward under appointment of the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions, doing pioneer work for five years at Rawlins, Wyoming and Devil's Lake, North Dakota, where he secured the erection of a good house of worship.§

In October 1886, he became stated supply of the Connecticut Farms Church, at Union, New Jersey. March 12, 1887, he was called to the pastorate, and May 4th of that year was installed. For thirteen years he ministered faithfully to a devoted people until he was forced to give up his work on account of failing health. In the autumn of 1899 he sought restoration through retirement at Clifton Springs, New York, but not recuperating sufficiently to warrant his resuming pastoral duties he resigned February 10, 1900. With much reluctance and deep regret the congregation united with him in requesting the dissolution of the pastoral relation, which was granted, and on April 22, 1900, the pulpit was declared vacant by the Presbytery of Elizabeth, of which he had been a very loyal and influential member. He died at Clifton Springs, June 29, 1903, and his body was brought back to the Church he last served. Here an impressive service was held July 2, and burial took place in the old cemetery beside the Church where he so faithfully and tenderly ministered. His wife, who was Miss Charity A. Burd, a member of his first charge, survives him, residing at Clifton Springs.

*He spelled his middle name Sidney, not Sydney.

†He received the degree of A.M. from Princeton University in 1871.

‡His own statement was that he studied law privately, and practised law in Richmond about three years.

§Rawlins 1881-83; Devil's Lake 1883-86.

A classmate, who maintained the relationship of intimate friend to the closing days in retirement, well sums up his whole life and character in these words:

"Mr. Converse was a student who stood in the first rank of an exceptionally strong class. He appeared at his very best in studies like theology, which reveal and require a mature and constructive mind, in order to grapple with their deeper problems. He was recognized, in college, theological seminary, and throughout his entire career, as marked to an unusual degree by simplicity and sincerity; by the truest conscientiousness in thought, speech and act; by a moral courage, dauntless in the face of difficulty or danger, and by an ingrained manliness, such as only divine graces plus a self-controlled life, backed by a noble ancestry, could have produced. His lifelong devotion to Christ, and to His cause in the world, did not content itself in day dreaming, but in doing; exhausted not its energy through the safety valve of emotion, but found outlet through the driving wheels of consecrated service."

221. JOHN HEMAN CONVERSE⁷ (*Rev. John Kendrick⁶ (75), Joel,⁵ Thomas,⁴ Samuel,³ Sergeant Samuel,² Deacon Edward¹*), of Philadelphia, Pa., was born in Burlington, Vt., 2 December 1840.

The following sketch appeared in the *Ariel* of 1893, published by the students of the University of Vermont:

Near the close of the last century, Joel and Elizabeth Converse removed from Connecticut to Lyme, N. H., where they purchased a "bleak, hillside farm,"



John Heman Converse.



John Heman Converse.

and where was born, in 1801, the youngest of nine children, John Kendrick Converse. "My parents were not poor," he writes in his diary, "but had not the means to portion comfortably a large family of children; therefore, it was the custom of my father to give them a small sum, and with this let them go out into the world and seek to make their fortune in whatever pursuit they might choose.

This sum, never over two hundred dollars, was lessened by half in case they left the parental roof before they were of age. Accordingly, I had my choice and I chose to leave the farm during my minority. I received a small portion from my father, and the sum realized from a small flock of sheep, loaned out at fair interest, brought me in fifty dollars more. These sheep were the product of one sheep given me in my infancy. Thus circumstanced I was to commence the journey of life." He spent three years in Dartmouth College, took his fourth year and his degree in Hampton-Sidney College, Virginia, pursued his theological course in Princeton Theological Seminary, and shortly after was settled as pastor of the Congregational Church in Burlington. In 1834 he was married to the daughter of Heman Allen, of the well known and honored Vermont family of Allens. Of these parents was born, in Burlington, December 2, 1840, John Heman Converse, the subject of the present sketch. He was fitted for college at the Burlington Union High School, entered the University of Vermont in 1857 and was graduated in 1861.



John Heman Converse.

The Class of 1861 was one of the famous classes of the University, containing among its well-known names those of Drs. B. S. Bigelow, W. T. Carpenter, W. B. Lund and Wood, in the medical profession; Butler, Elliott and Leavens, in the ministry; Henry Ballard in law; Kenney of the Navy; Hammond of typewriter fame; Bates, George Carpenter, Converse, and Norton in business; Lucius Bigelow of the press; Deming in literature; and the lamented Charles Work, in whose early death the University lost one of the most gifted scholars and most promising men it has ever numbered among its graduates. In this remarkable class Converse stood among the foremost in general scholarship, and was recognized both by his instructors and his classmates as having that combination of intellectual and moral force which wins the prizes of life.

After graduating, Mr. Converse was for three years connected with the Editorial Department of The Burlington Daily and Weekly Times, a journal, which after a brilliant career of ten years, under the Bigelows, George and Lucius, Converse, and Lamb ('56), was absorbed into the Free Press and Times. Removing to Chicago in 1864, he entered the service of the Chicago and Northwestern Railway Company, in which position he continued until January, 1866, when he removed to Altoona, Penn., where, until 1870, he was in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. During this time, 1865 to 1870, the General Superintendent of the Pennsylvania Railroad was Edward H. Williams, of the well-known Williams family of Woodstock, Vermont. Mr. Williams having become in 1870 one of the proprietors of the Baldwin Locomotive Works, of Philadelphia, secured for Mr. Converse a desirable position in the establishment. In April, 1873, Mr. Converse was admitted to the firm of Burnham, Parry, Williams & Co.,* of the Baldwin Locomotive Works, which position he holds at the present time.

The Baldwin Locomotive Works may be fittingly characterized as one of the few colossal manufacturing establishments of the world, ranking as such with the

* Now Burnham, Williams & Co.

Krupp Steel Works in Germany, the ship-building establishments on the Clyde and at Barrow-in-Furness, and the Carnegie Iron and Steel Works at Pittsburg, Pa. Matthias W. Baldwin, starting in life as a jeweler, subsequently a manufacturer of tools for calico printing and of stationary engines, became interested in the Steam Locomotive, then first coming into use in America, and in 1832 designed and constructed the first successful American locomotive, which was named "Old Ironsides," and was advertised to "depart from Philadelphia, daily, when the weather is fair, with a train of passenger cars." Combining in a remarkable degree inventive genius and executive ability, Mr. Baldwin built up an establishment which at his death, in 1866, had reached a production of one hundred and eighteen locomotives per annum. The firm, which succeeded to the management, has carried the capacity of the works to the enormous figure of one thousand locomotives per annum, or more than three for every working day in the year, giving employment to over five thousand men.* This product embraces from a third to a half of the entire manufacture of locomotives in America. No other establishment in America or Europe reaches one-half this output. The market for this immense product is almost the whole civilized world, the firm having almost a monopoly of the export business in locomotives to Mexico, South America, Russia, Sweden, Norway, Australia, the Sandwich Islands, Japan and South Africa. The department entrusted to Mr. Converse is the general business management as apart from the mechanical, and great and various as must be the demands of the position, he meets them with the apparent ease which betokens a complete mastery of the conditions of success.

It would seem that a man who has had such heavy business responsibilities to carry would have no time for other cares, certainly no time to give to exacting public trusts. But this is not the case with Mr. Converse. He is a Director of the Board of City Trusts of Philadelphia, in which capacity he is one of the Trustees of Girard College. He is also Director of the Philadelphia Saving Fund, The Philadelphia National Bank, The Real Estate Trust Company of Philadelphia, and the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts. He is also a Trustee of the Presbyterian Hospital of Philadelphia, and the Secretary of the Board. And Mr. Converse is not a man to content himself with a merely nominal position on these important boards. The writer of this sketch, having occasion to visit the Presbyterian Hospital in company with Mr. Converse, found that he keeps himself in constant communication with every department of the hospital management, and there is no reason to think that his duties in connection with the other boards above mentioned are attended to less faithfully. His many contributions to public objects have been most liberal. One of the principal buildings of the Presbyterian Hospital he erected entirely at his own expense. His benefactions to churches, charities and various educational and civic institutions are constant, generous and indicative of a large and wise sympathy with all the progressive humanitarian and religious movements of our day.

In his private life Mr. Converse has gathered around him in a quiet and modest way the luxuries which are congenial to a man of culture. His lovely home at Rosemont, one of the most beautiful of the suburbs of Philadelphia, is also the home of art, music, literature and genial society, and is presided over by an amiable and accomplished wife who is in full sympathy with Mr. Converse's tastes and aims. It is not quite so difficult to conceive how a man can carry so manifold and serious

* In 1903, the Baldwin Locomotive Works produced 2022 locomotives, and the number of persons employed was 15,869.

business cares with such serene and sunny ease, after one has seen what relaxations and refreshments are available to a man of intellectual resources, of social gifts and of domestic tastes.

It is well known to the alumni of the University that Mr. Converse is a devoted son and liberal benefactor of his Alma Mater. Being a trustee of the University and intimately acquainted with its needs, he has known how to make his benefactions as wise as they have been liberal. Besides endowing a scholarship, and making frequent contributions to meet special needs, he has recently founded the "Converse Prize" for proficiency in Public Debate. In order to increase the attractions of positions on the Faculty, he has, in connection with his partner, Dr. Williams, built and given to the University for the use of Professors, three houses which, for architectural beauty and for convenience and elegance in their appointments, may rank with the most attractive of modern houses. Having the feeling which Mr. Billings so strongly held, that an institution having such an incomparable site should make much of the element of "material impressiveness," Mr. Converse has taken great interest in the improvement of the buildings and grounds of the University. In co-operation with his friend and partner, who shares both Mr. Converse's liberal spirit and interest in the University, he proposes to erect, during the coming season, a Dormitory Building, which will be planned on the same liberal scale and with the same regard to attractiveness and service as all Mr. Converse's buildings, and probably in addition thereto another building, the details of which have not been decided on, but which will quite likely be a building containing laboratories and lecture-rooms for the Chemical and Physical Departments. Should the architectural conditions be feasible, it is intended to provide gymnasium facilities in connection with one or other of these buildings. It is a part of Mr. Converse's plan to develop the capabilities of the grounds east of the present college buildings, and to have future structures arranged in the form of a quadrangle about the present campus, a plan which will at once commend itself to the artistic sense of every one familiar with the landscape.

At a time when there is so much public discussion respecting the worth of a liberal education to the man of affairs, and respecting the rights, responsibilities and opportunities of wealth, it is gratifying to the alumni of the University to be able to point to one of their number who exemplifies, as well as any man of his generation, at once the value of trained intellect in extensive business affairs, and fidelity in the administration of that wealth of which, under Providence, he has become the trustee.

In addition to the foregoing sketch from the Ariel, it may be of interest to recall that, while at school and in college, Mr. Converse manifested great interest in railroads, telegraphy, and similar practical achievements. When a small boy his principal toy was a miniature locomotive and railroad track which he made himself of wood. During his schooldays, he was an amateur journalist and printed a small newspaper. At that time he learned to telegraph, and was the first "sound operator" in Vermont, beginning as a telegraph operator on the Vermont and Boston Telegraph Co's line at Essex Junction, Vt., in 1855. During his college course, he became proficient in stenography, at that time a rarity. He largely paid the expenses of his college course by vacation work as telegraph

operator, railroad clerk, reporter or teacher,—at one time telegraph operator at Troy, N. Y., at another time telegraph operator at Burlington, Vt., during three legislative sessions reporter in the Vermont legislature, at another time freight clerk in the office of the Vermont Central Railroad at Waterbury, Vt., and in Sophomore winter vacation teacher of a public school at Winooski, Vt.

His position on the Burlington Daily and Weekly Times was that of business manager, but such was his versatility that he was able to render efficient service in any branch of the work,—either as editor, reporter, printer, telegrapher or manager.

During the time of his connection with the Times, he actively engaged with others in arranging for courses of lectures each winter, and was Secretary of the Young Men's Lecture Association in Burlington. He was also a member of the Ethan Allen Fire Engine Co., which has, for many years, been a prominent social organization in that city.

The Ariel sketch should have added that his service on the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad was in the office of Dr. Williams, who was then Superintendent of the Galena Division. After Dr. Williams' removal to Altoona, Pa. to become General Superintendent of the Pennsylvania Railroad, Mr. Converse continued in the Chicago and Northwestern Railway service in Chicago under Division Superintendent John C. Gault (Dr. Williams' successor) until his (Mr. Converse's) entrance into the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co., at Altoona, under Dr. Williams, in 1866, as chief clerk in his office.

Mr. Converse was a Director of the Pennsylvania and Northwestern Railroad until its absorption early in 1902 by the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. He is a Director of the Philadelphia Manufacturers' Mutual Fire Insurance Co. Incidentally he has been interested in banking; and, in addition to his connection with the financial institutions mentioned in the Ariel, he is a Director of the Franklin National Bank of Philadelphia, and of the Philadelphia Trust, Safe Deposit and Insurance Co. The banks and trust companies of which he is a director are some of the largest and strongest in Philadelphia. The Philadelphia Saving Fund, a beneficial institution, has deposits to the extent of over \$50,000,000 and more than 175,000 separate accounts.

In 1900, he was elected a member of the Corporation of the Mount Hermon, Mass., School, founded by Mr. Moody, and he is one of the incorporators of the International Y. M. C. A. Training School at Springfield, Mass. He is a Director of the De Lancey School, Philadelphia, and one of the incorporators of the Thomas W. Evans Institute of Philadelphia. In 1902, he was elected Vice-President of the Department of Archaeology of the University of Pennsylvania.

In 1897, he received the degree of LL.D. from the University of Vermont.

For several years he was President of the New England Society of Pennsylvania.

In 1896, 1897 and 1898, he was President of the Manufacturers' Club of Philadelphia, which is not only a social club, but has also been an organization of much weight and influence as regards public questions of national finance and political economy.

For several years he was Vice President for Pennsylvania of the National Association of Manufacturers.

During the free silver agitation he was President of the Sound Money League of Pennsylvania.

The building mentioned in the Ariel, as contemplated by him as a gift to the University of Vermont was completed in 1895. It is a large handsome dormitory building, and is called "Converse Hall."

In 1899, Mr. Converse founded and endowed the Department of Economics and Commerce in the University of Vermont.

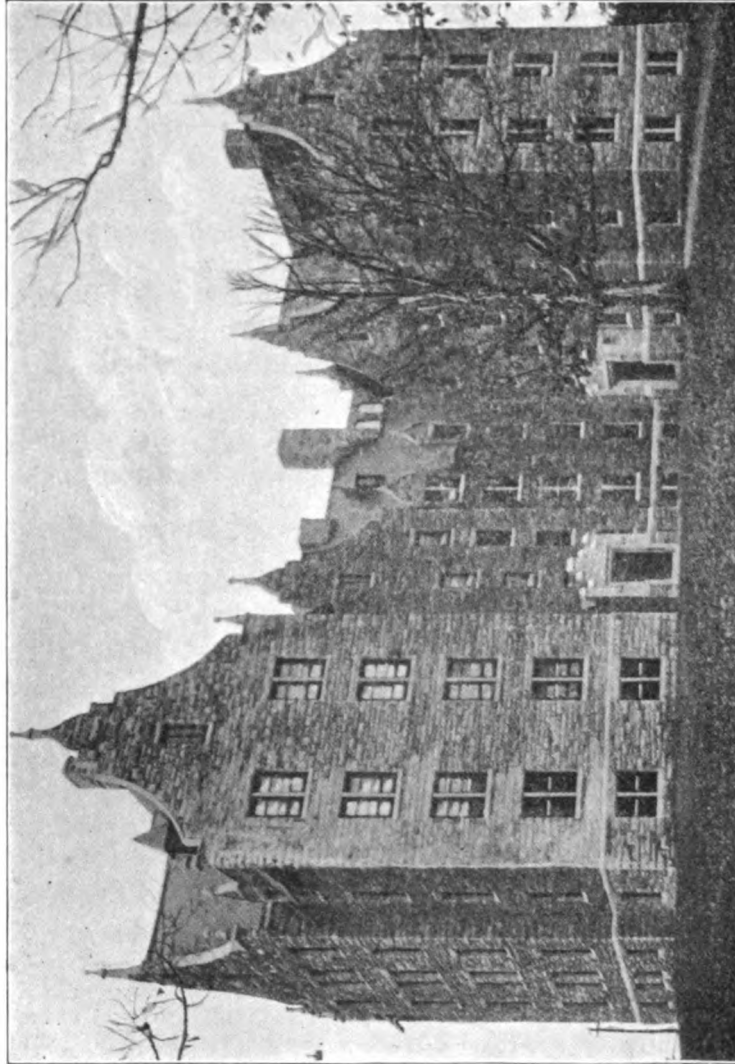
For several years he was President of the Alumni Association of the University of Vermont. He is a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Society there, and Vice President of that Society.

During his college course he was a member of the Phi Sigma Nu Literary Society, and of the Lambda Iota fraternity.

The public interest manifested in the addresses by him on "Citizenship and Technical Education" at Lehigh University on Founders' Day in 1896, and on "The Twentieth Century University" at the University of Vermont, before the Alumni, in 1898, led to their publication.

During the War with Spain he was interested in the work of the National Relief Commission, and was President thereof. The work of that Commission included the distribution of medicines and supplies to the soldiers, and otherwise caring for them. During that war he was also a member of the Pennsylvania Sanitary Commission, which was referred to as follows in the annual message, in January, 1899, of the Governor of Pennsylvania:

On April 28, 1898, the Executive appointed the Pennsylvania Sanitary Commission, with Mr. John H. Converse as president, and Hon. Robert E. Pattison as secretary. The organization was soon after expanded into the National Relief Commission, with Dr. M. S. French as general secretary, and continued throughout the war to render valuable aid, not only to the Pennsylvania organizations, but to the entire army. The people of the State responded with liberal contributions of money and supplies, and the agents of the commission accompanied our troops wherever they went. The work of this commission cannot be too highly commended.



CONVERSE HALL, UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT, HURLINGTON, VERMONT.

Upon the breaking out of fever in military camps the hospitals of the State volunteered to furnish, free of charge, quarters and medical attendance for all sick brought to them. The Pennsylvania Sanitary Commission provided hospital trains, and a large number of stricken soldiers were brought from the camps and tenderly cared for in the several hospitals. Indeed, a number of our hospitals, at their own expense, provided trains well equipped with cots, physicians, nurses and medicines and brought the soldiers back to Pennsylvania from their Southern hospitals. After the establishment of Camp Meade, near Harrisburg, where 20,000 troops were encamped, hospital trains made, for a time, almost daily visits to the camp to convey the fever patients to one or the other of the hospitals. There could not have been a finer example of patriotism. These efforts were not limited to our Pennsylvania troops, but every soldier, no matter from what State, who needed medical treatment, received it from generous and sympathetic hands.

Mr. Converse was First Vice Chairman of the Philadelphia Committee for the Czar's International Peace Conference, Hon. George F. Edmunds being Chairman thereof.

In 1900, Mr. Converse was elected a Vice-President of the American Asiatic Association.

He is a member of the American Philosophical Society, the American Academy of Political and Social Science, the Franklin Institute of Philadelphia, the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, the Geographical Society of Philadelphia, the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania Society Sons of the Revolution, the Vermont Society Sons of the American Revolution, and the Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Vermont.

He is one of the Trustees of the School of Industrial Art of the Pennsylvania Museum in Philadelphia.

For many years he has been one of the Directors of the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts. In that institution he founded the Converse Medal as an award for distinguished work by American painters and sculptors; and to the collection of paintings in the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts he added, as a gift, the large canvas, "Hailing the Ferry," by Ridgeway Knight. He is one of the Advisory Committee of the Art Association of the Union League, and it was largely through his agency and means that Ridgeway Knight's "Le Soir" was procured for the walls of that Club House. He is also one of the Historical Committee of the Union League. In 1900 he was appointed a member of the Executive Committee and Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Art Federation of Philadelphia. At this time (1902) he is President of the Association for the projection of a boulevard in Philadelphia, viz:—the Parkway Association.

For several years he was President of the Fairmount Park Art Association which has done so much to adorn Fairmount Park with fine sculpture. The exercises over which he presided in connection with the presentation of the statue

of Garfield in Fairmount Park by that Association in 1896, were the occasion of a distinguished assemblage. As President of the Fairmount Park Art Association, Mr. Converse also presided at the ceremonies of the unveiling of the Grant Statue in Fairmount Park, 27 April 1899, which was illustrated and thus described in Harper's Weekly of 6 May 1899:

A NEW STATUE OF GRANT.

A commemorative bronze statue of General Ulysses S. Grant was unveiled in Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, on April 27, the seventy-seventh anniversary of the birth of the great commander of the Union armies. President McKinley, with many distinguished officers of the nation and State, took part in the ceremonies.

Promptly at the hour set for the departure of the line of carriages from the Bellevue, in South Broad Street, a squad of mounted police appeared, followed by the First City Troop, under command of Captain John C. Groome; and when the start was made this troop acted as the President's escort. The carriage containing Mr. McKinley, John H. Converse—President of the Fairmount Park Art Association—, Secretary Gage, and Mr. Charles C. Harrison was drawn by four black horses. Secretary Long and Secretary Hitchcock, with President Thompson of the Pennsylvania Railroad, and President Darlington of the Union League, occupied the carriage immediately following. Attorney-General Griggs and Secretary Cortelyou came next, and among the persons in the other carriages who were objects of special interest to the great crowd thronging Philadelphia's streets were General Miles; Admiral Casey; Captain Clark, formerly of the *Oregon*; M. Jules Cambon, the French ambassador; Captain Coghlan of the *Raleigh*; Daniel C. French and E. C. Potter, sculptors of the statue; Governor Stone and his staff; and in the last section of carriages, which was devoted to the use of ladies and members of the reception committee, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. McKinley, and Miss Rosemary Sartoris, General Grant's granddaughter. When the head of the procession reached the statue a salute of twenty-one guns was fired. A military procession passed over the same route half an hour later. This was marshalled by General Snowden; sailors and marines from the *Raleigh*, led by Lieutenant-Commander Phelps, were given the place of honor; then followed the First Brigade of the Pennsylvania National Guard, a division composed of cadet commands, and representatives of the Grand Army of the Republic, carrying battle-flags of the civil war. The unveiling exercises opened with a prayer by Bishop Whitaker. Mayor Ashbridge delivered a short address, and Mr. Converse formally presented the statue to the commissioners of Fairmount Park. At the conclusion of Mr. Converse's address, Miss Sartoris mounted the steps leading to a small platform, to which ran the cord which connected with the top of the red, white and blue covering of the statue. When she pulled this cord, and the bunting fell to the base of the statue, two flags ran out on a line on each side, a salute of seventeen guns was fired, and a great cheer arose from the crowd. General Snowden received the statue on behalf of the commissioners, and the sculptors were introduced. Immediately after the review the President and cabinet officers, escorted by the City Troop, drove to the Union League Club, where they were dined by Mr. Converse. In the evening a great audience in the Academy of Music listened to speeches by the President and Hampton L. Carson.

The statue is of heroic size, its height from the bottom of the plinth to the top

of the rider's hat being fifteen feet one inch. Of the two artists mentioned, Mr. French designed the figure of Grant, and Mr. Potter designed the horse. Their motif is a moment when Grant was surveying a battle-field from an eminence, intent upon the operations of his own forces and those of the enemy.

Mr. Converse has been a lover of music and an amateur violinist. He and his family constituted a small amateur orchestra, consisting of two violins, viola, violoncello, and piano. He has always been among the foremost in efforts for musical advancement in Philadelphia. In 1883-1885 he was Vice-President of the Philadelphia Music Festival Association; was, for several years, Vice President of a club of amateur and professional musicians in Philadelphia called the Utopian Club, whose club house was on the north side of Locust Street, a few doors below Fifteenth; and, in 1901, he was elected a Director of the Philadelphia Orchestra Association.

He has always taken great interest in religious and charitable work, liberally devoting his time and means thereto. For some years he has been one of the Citizens' Permanent Relief Committee of Philadelphia, whose aim is to relieve the distress of the poor. He has taught a class in Sunday school continuously for more than thirty years. He is an Elder of the Presbyterian Church at Bryn Mawr, Pa., one of the Trustees of that church, and for many years was President of its Board of Trustees. In connection with the missionary work of that church, he built and donated a hospital at Miraj, India. He is President of the Board of Trustees of the Calvary Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia. He was President in 1898 and 1899, of the Presbyterian Social Union of Philadelphia, and is one of the Vice Presidents of the American Sunday School Union. He is a member of the Presbyterian Board of Publication, and was a trustee of the Young Men's Christian Association in Philadelphia.

Early in 1899, he joined in establishing the Presbyterian Evangelistic Committee of Philadelphia, who started and carried on the work of religious services in large tents throughout the city during the summer months, in order to interest the people not reached by the churches. Mr. Converse was made Chairman of this Committee, and, at the crowded meeting in the Academy of Music, 11 September 1899, addressed by Mr. Moody and other evangelists, at which Mr. Converse presided, the Committee reported an aggregate attendance at all the tent meetings during July and August of 153,428 persons, and nearly a thousand conversions.

Mr. Converse is Treasurer of the Christian League of Philadelphia, of which the object is to compel the enforcement of the law against vice and immorality.

He is an Honorary Director of the Presbyterian Historical Society, and a Trustee of Princeton Theological Seminary.

The building referred to in the Ariel as having been donated by him to The Presbyterian Hospital in Philadelphia, of whose Board of Trustees he is Secretary, is the large central building called the Administration Building.



**THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING OF THE PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL
IN PHILADELPHIA.**

Mr. Converse is President of the Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America; in May 1901 he was appointed Vice Moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly convened at St. Louis, and since 1901 he has been Chairman of the Evangelistic Committee of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.

The following sketch is reprinted from The Presbyterian Journal of Philadelphia of 11 May 1899.

MR. JOHN H. CONVERSE.

We are gratified to be able to place on our front page the portrait of Mr. John H. Converse, the president of the Presbyterian Social Union of Philadelphia. Mr. Converse is one of the most esteemed citizens of Philadelphia. He has quietly and by force of character put himself in the front rank of the honored and trusted men of whom Philadelphia is proud.

Mr. Converse is a fine specimen of sterling New England stock, a native of the Green Mountain State, and the son of a minister.

He was educated in the University of Vermont and has received the degree of Doctor of Laws from his Alma Mater. His early life was spent in Burlington, Vermont. He was a diligent student and devoted himself for a time to journalism. Being a ready shorthand writer his services were appreciated by the Legislature of his native State and, in this limited field, he did good foundation work.

But the coming man soon threw off the restraints of such local service. The man destined for so much more important work soon became restless in such environments and, taking Greeley's advice, went West. Dr. Edward H. Williams, another honored son of Vermont, who knew and valued Mr. Converse, was already prominent in railroad affairs in the West. The career of Mr. Converse is very considerably linked to the fortunes of Dr. Williams and the two men are close, confiding friends. Mr. Converse first found a start in Chicago. Whatever his hands found to do he did with his might. The value of Dr. Williams as a railroad manager was soon discovered by the Pennsylvania Railroad and he was put in charge of affairs at Altoona. Ever mindful of the capacity and worth of his young friend, Dr. Williams induced Mr. Converse to turn his face East again. It was not without a struggle that he decided to leave Chicago, thinking that he would have a better chance in the West. But his conscience determined his course at this critical moment, as always, and he began the movement that was to bring him to success. Later, Dr. Williams found his crowning triumph in his connection with the Baldwin Locomotive Works. And, following the lead that had proved so successful, Mr. Converse was soon applying his remarkable energy, and all the fine qualities of his character, to the wonderful development of this powerful corporation. For twenty-five years he has been the determining spirit of this magnificent enterprise. Fortune has forced itself upon the man. He has constantly scattered with a liberal hand and his fortune has grown as by magic. He is the master of money, and has never allowed money to master him. While other men have dreamed of generous purposes, after so many millions have been accumulated, Mr. Converse has seemed determined to be his own executor. Nobody talks about the millions he

(may be worth, everybody recognizes his lavish generosity. (He seems to take no thought about accumulation, but seeks opportunity to be helpful to every good cause.)

As a citizen he is universally appreciated; financial institutions are anxious to have the use of his good name and the advantage of his good judgment. The Philadelphia City Trust, recognizing his integrity, has claimed him as a member. In every movement, for the public good or for the public honor, the co-operation of Mr. Converse is sought.) But none of these things that his character draws to him seem to excite any ambition for personal preferment.

Mr. Converse is not the sort of man that politicians are looking for, and he is not the sort of man that stops to consider the favor of those who determine office-holders. There may come a landslide some of these days that will give a patient public the luxury of seeing such a man in some place of honor, long disgraced by little politicians, but it will be a Divine Providence, rather than a human purpose, when it comes. (It is refreshing to find men great enough not to seek their own glory, just great in goodness and in true worth.)

As a loyal, faithful, generous churchman, Mr. Converse is pre-eminent. He is a thorough Presbyterian, but will help any Christian enterprise.

His hand is never off his purse. Plenty of schemes of doubtful desert impose upon his generosity. (But any poor minister, any poor church, any poor Christian can share what the Lord gives him.) As a university man he is keenly awake to all educational projects.

The Presbyterian Hospital is greatly loved and favored by Mr. Converse. He is a trustee in this institution and for many years has acted as its secretary. He devotes himself to the details of hospital work with as much diligence as he shows in his own business affairs.

(The beautiful administration building was his gift, and he is constantly seeking the success of this benevolent institution.

Other institutions have shared bountifully in his benevolence and missionaries in heathen lands are supported by him.)

(But the man is better than his abilities or his gifts. In the quiet walks of life he wins his friends and makes his friendships by the true heart-throbs that reveal the secrets of influence and success. Any man is favored who has the confidence and friendship and gentle fellowship of John H. Converse.)

The following is from the Philadelphia Ledger of 7 May 1902.

(In recognition of his services to the Presbyterian Church, a reception was given John H. Converse last night by the Presbyterian Social Union at the Academy of the Fine Arts. The assemblage was very large, numbering about 2500. It included Justices of the Supreme Court, Judges of the Federal and county courts, public officials, officers of banks and other financial institutions, numerous clergymen of several denominations, others prominent in various walks of life, many of whom were accompanied by their wives. Galleries and halls were richly decorated with flowers and plants. Lines of palms bordered each side of the main staircase, and under this greenery were hydrangeas, pinks, marguerites and other blossoms of a variety of hues. On the platform above the staircase an orchestra was embowered in palms and plants.

A LOVING CUP FOR MR. CONVERSE.

The reception began at 8 o'clock with a presentation to Mr. Converse of a loving cup. This took place in the south gallery, where assembled as many of the guests as the room would hold. The cup, which was of silver and about two feet high, stood on a pedestal near the central point of the gallery, and here the ceremonies took place. For the laymen Charles H. Mathews spoke in the presentation; for the clergymen the Rev. Dr. William H. Roberts.

“We meet to-night,” began Mr. Mathews, “by invitation of the Presbyterian Social Union and of the Presbyterian Church, under circumstances of unusual interest. Mr. Converse, your gratifying acceptance of their invitation afforded to your friends a privilege and pleasure, which they all appreciate, to do you honor in this reception. I am conscious that no word of mine can add either to the dignity or the importance of the occasion. It is fitting that this event should be observed in the city of your adoption, because here were laid the foundations of the Presbyterian Church.”

To that Presbyterian principle of equality among the ministers of the Church, Mr. Mathews attributed much of its influence, not only in spiritual things, but also in the State. “But,” he added, “the zeal of the consecrated and loyal laymen has contributed in a large degree to the strength and influence of the Presbyterian Church.”

In conclusion he said: “We could not summon all your friends to do you honor to-night, for many of them are in far distant homes across the continent or on the battle line of missions in lands beyond the seas, while many would gladly greet you if they knew their benefactor and friend. This occasion is one of particular pleasure for all permitted to participate, and I have the honor, sir, to present to you in their behalf this souvenir of their respect and affection.”

Briefly, Mr. Converse responded. He acknowledged the honor done him, but as paid to him as standing for the laity. He spoke of his early connections with the Congregational Church in New England, and said that when he came to Philadelphia he found, on account of his early training and associations, that he was in sympathy with Presbyterianism. He expressed the hope that the occasion and its outcome would stimulate the Church to get better work out of its officers and members for larger results to the Presbyterian and all other Christian churches.

DR. ROBERTS SPEAKS FOR THE CHURCH.

As spokesman for the Church, the Rev. Dr. William H. Roberts followed. He said the ministers of the Presbyterian Church valued highly the opportunity afforded to give expression to their esteem for Mr. Converse personally, and their appreciation of his service to the Church of Christ in general, and to the Presbyterian Church in particular. Speaking further, he said:

“You have attained to prominence in the business world as well as to usefulness in the Church. However, this evening we hail you, not as a ‘Captain of Industry,’ but as a Captain of the Lord’s hosts. May the God of our fathers make you increasingly a blessing in all the spheres of life in which He has enabled you to be useful. May His benediction abide especially upon you within your home, where He has blessed you with a faithful wife and a

loving family. May this cup, which has been presented to you and accepted by you, be an object of beauty to the natural eye, be to the spiritual vision an emblem not only of personal friendship and fraternal appreciation, but also of the greater things connected with the Kingdom of God.

Then came the reception. Standing in a semicircle of palms and dogwood at the western end of the north gallery, with Mr. Mathews at his left, Dr. Roberts at his right, Mr. Converse received. It took him nearly an hour and a half to shake the hands of all who passed. Refreshments were served on the first floor.

THE COMMITTEES.

Of the General Committee Mr. Mathews was Chairman. The committees of the reception were as follows:

For the Church—Rev. Dr. William H. Roberts, Rev. Dr. J. Addison Henry, Rev. Dr. Charles Wood, Rev. Dr. Marcus A. Brownson, Frank Hipple, The Rev. Dr. Henry C. McCook, Judge R. N. Willson, Rev. Dr. Charles R. Erdman, George Griffiths, Rev. Dr. Charles A. Dickey, General Louis Wagner, Rev. Dr. George D. Baker, A. Charles Barclay, the Rev. Dr. William H. Miller, Rev. Dr. J. Sparhawk Jones, James F. Magee, Robert H. Hinckley, the Rev. Dr. Francis A. Horton, the Rev. Dr. S. W. Dana.

For the Social Union—Dr. George W. Bailey, Justice Wm. W. Porter, Judge John B. McPherson, Colonel R. Dale Benson, William H. Scott, Harold Pierce, William A. Patton, George Stevenson, H. C. Gara, William T. Tilden, T. W. Synnott, Frankl Leake, James M. Earle, Walter E. Rex, H. O. Hildebrand, Henry W. Lambirth, Charles W. Freedley, Franklin L. Sheppard, Colonel Wm. W. Allen, Henry Howson, John Wanamaker, I. Layton Register, Alex. C. Fergusson.

Hon. Hiram F. Stevens, LL.D., of St. Paul, Minn., in an address at the University of Vermont, before the Alumni, 24 June 1902, reported in the Free Press of 26 June, spoke of Mr. Converse as follows:

Fortunate is this institution, most happy this association, which includes within its membership one who pre-eminently typifies the highest manhood and the noblest sentiment. He, too, is a citizen of the State that Franklin honored by his residence and where his ashes rest. He, too, controls industrial interests, vast in amount, and world-wide in extent. But he has never mistaken the voice of Mammon for the call of duty, never preferred the gift upon the altar to the altar that sanctifies the gift. To him, wealth and power and influence have been means to nobler ends. The faint, far-cry of the down-trodden and oppressed has ever reached his ear and touched his heart. We honor him for what he is even more than for what he has done. We present him as our conception of one who, because, as we believe, not in spite of his scholarly attainments, has achieved in a wider field greater success than has come or will ever come to one who constitutes a part, whether metallic or physical, of even the "Greatest industrial enterprise in America."

Mr. John H. Converse was married in Bay Ridge, Long Island, N. Y., 9 July, 1873, by Rev. Dr. Heman Dyer, to Elizabeth Perkins Thompson, who

was born in Utica, N. Y., 16 December, 1838, and is the daughter of James and Mary Johnson (Bishop) Thompson. Her line of descent is Judge John Thompson,¹ William Thompson,² Prof. James Thompson,³ Elizabeth Perkins Thompson,⁴ as follows:



(Mrs. Elizabeth Perkins (Thompson) Converse.

JUDGE JOHN THOMPSON,¹ born 1748 or 1749; died in Stillwater, N. Y., in 1823. He married Fanny or Frances McFarlane or McFarlin. He was of Scotch descent, his parents having emigrated in the early part of the eighteenth century from the north of Ireland to Londonderry, N. H. About 1763, he settled in what is now Stillwater, N. Y., where he lived until his death. He was a farmer; was endowed by nature with unusual strength of intellect, and was an active patriot in the Revolutionary struggle. In 1788-9 he was a member of the State Assembly from the County of Albany, and upon the organization of Saratoga County received from Governor Clinton the appointment of First Judge of the Court of Common Pleas. This position he held until 1809, when he was retired by force of the Constitutional limit as to age, which was then sixty years. He was a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1801, and was representative to the Sixth, Tenth and Eleventh Congresses.

WILLIAM THOMPSON, born in Stillwater, N. Y., 4 March 1785; died at the home of his son William, in Fenton, Mich., in 1871. He married in Ballston Spa, Saratoga County, N. Y., 4 February 1810, Mary Hawkins, who was born 11 October 1790, and who died 13 December 1841. He graduated from Union College under President Eliphalet Nott in 1806. After graduation he entered the law office of his eldest brother, James, at Milton, N. Y. In the spring of 1812 he settled in Ovid, Seneca Co., N. Y., where he soon acquired an extensive practice. He represented Seneca County in the State Assembly several times, and was Surrogate of the County from February 1815 to April 1819, and from March 1821 to December 1827. After the death of his wife in 1841, he removed to central Michigan where he devoted himself to farming until his death in 1871. He was buried beside his wife in the rural cemetery at Ovid upon the same premises where formerly his home had been. He was of handsome person, cultivated, devoted to literature and science, and had a brilliant reputation as a lawyer.

PROF. JAMES THOMPSON,³ born in Ovid, N. Y., 3 February 1814, and died at the residence of his son Daniel Bishop Thompson, in Brooklyn, N. Y., 30 September 1887. His childhood was passed in Ovid, Seneca Co., N. Y. He received his education at the Academy in Ovid, and passed through a college course in Union College, Schenectady, N. Y., under Dr. Eliphalet Nott, as President.

After his graduation in 1834, he was at first employed as a civil engineer in the construction and the Georgia Central R. R. He married, first, in Ithaca, N. Y., 27 December 1837, Mary Johnson Bishop, daughter of Daniel Lathrop and Lucy (Perkins) Bishop, born in New York City, 19 December 1812. (See Appendix).

Soon after his marriage he removed to Ithaca, N. Y., where he studied law; was admitted to the bar about 1838, and practised law in Ithaca for a short time. He was subsequently appointed Principal of the Academy of Ithaca and, in 1847, was called to be Professor of Latin, Greek and Mathematics in the Western University of Pennsylvania at Pittsburg. In 1848 the University was destroyed by fire, and he then established a school for young ladies in Pittsburg, which he conducted until 1858, when he removed to Wilmington, Del.

In 1848, he lost his wife, who died at the house of her father in Ithaca, N. Y. on the eighteenth of December. In 1851, he married Sarah Ellen Gibbons, daughter of William Gibbons, M.D., of Wilmington, Del., and re-united his scattered family in Pittsburg, Pa.

About the year 1860, he was called by Thomas Burrowes, State Superintendent of Public Schools, to be his assistant, with residence at Lancaster, Pa.; and from 1860 to 1863 he was principal of the State Normal School of Pennsylvania for the twelfth district at Edinboro, Erie Co., Pa. Upon the death of Mr. Burrowes, he conducted a school in Altoona, Pa., for several years.

Immediately previous to his death in 1887, he was engaged in work in the office of the Standard Steel Works at Lewistown, Pa. He was a member of the Third Presbyterian church of Pittsburgh, Pa., and remained a Presbyterian throughout his life.

Mrs. Converse has been much engaged in benevolent work. Since 1888 she has been the Treasurer of the Depository and Philadelphia Exchange for Woman's Work. She was for many years one of the Vice Presidents of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian Hospital, of which she has been President since 1903, and one of the working members of the Civic Club of Philadelphia, a woman's organization, whose object is the improvement of the economic sanitary and political conditions of the city. She is also a member of the New Century Club of Philadelphia, of the Contemporary Club of Philadelphia, of the Housekeepers' Alliance, of the Geographical Society of Philadelphia and of the Pennsylvania Society of Colonial Dames.

The family reside at 1610 Locust Street, Philadelphia, and also at Rosemont, Pa. The summer residence at Rosemont was named "Chetwynd" after Mary Chetwynd, who married one of the first of the de Coignerries, or Coniers, who came to England, and was the first English ancestress in the Conyers family. "Chetwynd" was built in 1882, and completed in 1883. A picture gallery was added to it in 1885; and the house was further enlarged, in 1890, by the addition of a library and music room. Mr. Converse's interest in Japanese art accounts for the name given the seashore cottage of the family at Beach Haven, N. J., "Takitizi."

Children of John Heman and Elizabeth Perkins (Thompson) Converse:

MARY ELEANOR CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Philadelphia, 10 April 1877; fitted for college at Miss Baldwin's School, Bryn Mawr; was graduated from Bryn Mawr College in



Mary Eleanor Converse.



Mary Eleanor Converse.

1898. Member Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church; member Civic Club of Philadelphia, and Vice Chairman social science department thereof 1902-04; member Public Education Association, and Recording Secretary thereof 1900-1904; President Calvary Church Guild 1901-1904; member Philadelphia College Club; member Philadelphia Branch Association of Collegiate Alumnae; member Bryn Mawr Club of New York City; chairman Students' Loan Fund Committee Bryn Mawr College Alumnae Association 1900-1905; graduate student 1899 and 1900 University of Pennsylvania, Department of Sociology; Treasurer Civic and Legal Education Society, Philadelphia, 1900, 1901.

JOHN WILLIAMS CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Philadelphia, 30 March 1879; fitted for college at Haverford Grammar School and Lawrenceville School; was graduated from Princeton University in 1900; member there of Whig Hall, Ivy Club, Glee Club, and, in Senior year, member of Class Day Committee, Class Dance Committee, and leader of Mandolin Club; after graduation engaged for several years in office of Baldwin Locomotive Works, Philadelphia, finally having charge of electrical locomotive department; member Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church; member of Markham Club, Princeton Club, and First City Troop, Philadelphia, Merion Cricket Club, Haverford, Pa., and Radnor Hunt.



John Williams Converse.

HELEN PRENTIS CONVERSE,⁶ born, in Philadelphia, 26 July 1880; fitted for college at Miss Baldwin's School, Bryn Mawr; was graduated from Bryn Mawr College in 1901; President of Class in Junior year; member Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church; married in Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, 8 June 1905, to Warren Parsons Thorpe, who was born in Philadelphia, Pa., 13 Dec. 1877, and is son of Charles Newbold and Mary (Warren) Thorpe. For a full account of the wedding see *Corrigenda*, Vol. II.



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222. COLONEL CHARLES ALLEN CONVERSE⁷ (*Rev. John Kendrick*,⁸ (75), *Joel*,⁵ *Thomas*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Burlington, Vt., 17 May 1847; fitted for college at the Burlington Union High School,



Col. Charles Allen Converse.

which he left in March 1863, before graduation, to enter the service of the Rutland R. R. Co., at Burlington, as accountant in the freight office during the agency of R. W. Chase. After a few months he relinquished this work in order to become the teller of the Bank of Burlington, and afterwards teller of the First National Bank of Burlington, which superseded the former bank at the time when the national banks were instituted. In the fall of 1865 he resigned his position in the bank to enter the University of Vermont, from which he was graduated in 1869, receiving the degree of A. B. and admission to the Phi Beta Kappa, having largely worked his way through college by vacation work as a telegraph operator, stenographer, and newspaper reporter, viz.:—on the Chicago & Northwestern R.R. at Geneva, Ill., and Dixon, Ill., during the winter of 1865-6; in General Superintendent's office Pennsylvania R. R., at Altoona, Pa., during the winter of 1866-7; on the line of the Northwestern Telegraph Co. at St. Paul, Minn., Watertown, Wis., and La Crosse, Wis., during the winter of 1867-8; night press operator, Burlington, winter of 1868-9; in Western Union Telegraph office,

Saratoga, in summer of 1869; and temporarily with the Burlington Daily Times at various times. In the University of Vermont he was a member of the Lambda Iota fraternity. He was in the service of the Pennsylvania R. R. Co., at Blairsville, Pa., during 1870, as Chief Operator, Western Pennsylvania Division of Telegraph. From October 1870 till November 1886, he was in the service of the Vermont Central R.R., later the Central Vermont Ry. Co., at St. Albans, Vt., as Secretary to General Freight Agent, Secretary to General Superintendent Traffic, Chief Clerk General Freight Office, General Manager's Secretary, and Assistant Superintendent Local Freight Traffic, consecutively. He resigned the latter position, in November 1886, to engage in a lumber operation in Pennsylvania as junior partner of the firm of Nichols & Converse of Philadelphia. Upon the completion of that work, in September 1888, and on the dissolution of that partnership, he became the Secretary of The de Kosenko & Hetherington Mfg. Co., of Philadelphia, manufacturers of gas and electric fixtures. That company's large plant in the Times Annex Building, 8th and Sansom Streets, was destroyed by fire in June 1892, at the time of the burning of the Central Theatre adjoining. Mr. Converse was Secretary and Treasurer of The de Kosenko & Hetherington Mfg. Co. from September 1895 until that company was succeeded by The de Kosenko Manufacturing Co. in September 1897. Since 1 October 1897 he has been engaged in the office of the Baldwin Locomotive Works, Philadelphia.

Mr. Converse's service with the Vermont Central R. R. and Central Vermont Ry. was under John W. Hobart as General Freight Agent, Lansing Millis as General Superintendent of Traffic, John W. Hobart as General Manager and Col. Edward A. Chittenden as Superintendent Local Freight Traffic.

During his residence in Burlington, and while serving as teller in the bank, rumors and later confirmation of the raid by Confederates upon St. Albans was received. That evening, the same day of the raid, 19 October 1864, a large number of young men went by train to St. Albans, to render assistance, among the volunteers being Mr. Converse. Upon arrival the Burlington party learned of the flight to Canada of the raiders. The party returned that same night to Burlington, where much apprehension existed, arising from rumors that a similar attack was being planned upon Burlington by way of Lake Champlain, and a guard was stationed at the Burlington docks for several nights, until the excitement had subsided. Mr. Converse was one of those who served as volunteer guards. He also served from June 1872 until 1 May 1883 as a member of Co. D, 1st Regiment National Guard of Vermont. This Company was the famous Ransom Guard of St. Albans, organized in June 1851,

which was the "crack company" of the State,—though perhaps dividing that honor with the Estey Guard of Brattleboro. Colonel Converse's service in the Ransom Guard was under the captaincies of John W. Newton and his successor, F. Stewart Stranahan, the latter afterwards Lieutenant Governor of Vermont. The Ransom Guard was officered and to a considerable extent composed of veterans of the Civil War who had served in other commands. It went into the Civil War as the Ransom Guard, in the 2nd Vt. Vol. Infantry, its captain, the gallant G. F. Stannard, who lost an arm in the service, being Lt. Colonel. The regiment was commanded by Col. Henry Whiting and participated in the battle of Bull Run, and formed part of the Vermont Brigade which performed such brilliant and good service at Gettysburg. The Ransom Guard was reorganized in June 1872, and was an important factor in the social life of St. Albans, being composed of the most prominent young men of the locality. The command participated in the Centennial Celebrations at Concord, Mass., Bennington, Vt., Yorktown, Va., and the Centennial Exhibition at Philadelphia, Pa. At the time of the Yorktown Centennial it was a battalion of two companies. Mr. Converse was elected 3rd sergeant 1st company Ransom Guard Battalion 15 May 1876. He was aide-de-camp to the Governor of Vermont, on his military staff, with rank of Colonel, in 1896, 1897 and 1898, and participated in that capacity in the ceremonies attendant upon the inauguration of President McKinley, and in the dedication of the Grant monument in New York City, 27 April 1897. He also served as aide-de-camp on staff of General Miles in Philadelphia Peace Jubilee, October, 1898, and as aide-de-camp at the ceremonies of the Dedication of the Grant Monument in Philadelphia 27 April 1899.

Colonel Converse was Vice President Arbor Vitæ Club, St. Albans, 1878; member Owl Club, St. Albans, 1885–1886; Honorary Member of the Association of General Freight Agents of New England 1878–1886; member of the Canadian Association of General Freight Agents 1884–1886; Director C. V. R. R. Library Association, 1885; High Priest Champlain Chapter No. 1, R. A. M., St. Albans, 1886–1887; District Deputy Grand High Priest 1886–1887; member Englesby Lodge, No. 84, F. & A. M., St. Albans, and subsequently Franklin Lodge, No. 4, F. & A. M., St. Albans, and Lafayette Commandery, No. 3, Knights Templar, St. Albans; member of the Art Club of Philadelphia; The Art Club Whist Club; The Union League Club of Philadelphia; the Historical Society of Pennsylvania; the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania; the Geographical Society of Philadelphia; the Transatlantic Society of America; the Bryn Mawr (Pa.) Presbyterian

Church; the Presbyterian Social Union of Philadelphia; the Lake Champlain Yacht Club; the Merion Cricket Club at Haverford, Pa.; the New England Society of Pennsylvania; Pennsylvania Society Sons of the Revolution; Pennsylvania Society Order of Founders and Patriots of America; Vermont Society Sons of the American Revolution; the Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Vermont; one of the Gentlemen of the Council of the last named Society, first elected as such in 1897, and Historian since 1902. He is also a member of the Pennsylvania Society of Colonial Wars. He is unmarried. For several years from 1897 he has been engaged in the compilation of this genealogical record.



Col. Charles Allen Converse.

223. FRANK KENDRICK CONVERSE' (*Rev. John Kendrick*⁶ (75), *Joel*⁵, *Thomas*⁴, *Samuel*³, *Sergeant Samuel*², *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Burlington, Vt., 4 November 1849; was married in Brooklyn, N. Y., 17 July 1871, by Rev.



Frank Kendrick Converse.



Mrs. Abbie A. (Conner) Converse.

Mr. Bond, to Abbie Adelia Conner, who was born in Burlington 27 September 1854, the daughter of Charles Adams and Anna Aurelia (Jones) Conner of Shelburne, Vt. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Burlington. Frank Kendrick Converse is a farmer at Charlotte, Vermont. The location of his farm on the shore of Lake Champlain is a beautiful one.

Children of Frank Kendrick and Abbie Adelia (Conner) Converse:

SARAH ALLEN CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Burlington, 10 Sept. 1874; attended the Burlington public schools, and after finishing at the Burlington Union High School in 1894, spent a year at Miss Underwood's private school in Burlington. The following account of her marriage is from the Burlington Free Press of Thursday, 9 Oct. 1902:

Bay View, the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Converse, was the scene of a very pretty wedding Wednesday evening, when their daughter, Miss Sadie Allen, was united in marriage to Edgar Lane Leavenworth of Indianapolis. The approach to the house was brilliantly illuminated with Chinese lanterns, whose bright lights gleamed out among the evergreens, while the interior was exquisitely decorated in palms, ferns and flowers, the prevailing color being pink. Promptly at seven o'clock to the enchanting strains of the bridal chorus from Lohengrin, the groom and his best man, N. Henry Archibald of Proctor, entered the parlor, where, with the Rev. Mr. Gulick of Charlotte, under a bower of smilax, palms and ferns, they awaited the coming of the bridal party. Little Miss Mae Tracy of Addison carried on a silver tray the rings with which they were united. The Misses Mary Converse and Ethel Bingham, bridesmaids, were followed by the bride and her sister, Miss Bessie Converse as maid of honor. The bridesmaids were gowned in white mousseline de soie over silk with trimmings of lace, and carried bouquets of pink roses, tied with pink satin ribbons. The maid of honor was lovely in pink embroidered voile over satin, with trimmings of rose point lace, carrying a bouquet of pink roses and ferns. The bride was attired in white crepe de chine and chiffon, over taffeta silk, with a yoke of rose point and duchesse lace. The veil of silk illusion was fastened by a crescent of diamonds and she carried a shower bouquet of bride roses and maiden hair fern. Her only ornament was a brooch the gift of the groom. The ceremony was attended by only relatives of the bride and groom, and was followed by a large reception, which was well attended by the social circles of Charlotte and neighboring towns. The dining room was effectively decorated with smilax and pink carnations, the table being presided over by Misses Edith Benjamin and Ethel Bingham. The refreshments were served by H. N. Coon of Burlington. Mr. Waterman's orchestra of five pieces discoursed beautiful music during the ceremony and entire evening. There were a great many beautiful and costly presents received in silver, cut glass, china, pictures and bric-a-brac. Among the guests from out of town were: Mr. and Mrs. John H. Converse, Col. Charles A. Converse and Miss Mary Converse of Philadelphia, Dr. and Mrs. G. F. Simpson of North Adams, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. Lee Tracy and Mrs. Reed of Addison, Mrs. S. G. W. Benjamin, Miss Benjamin of Washington, D. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bigwood of Winooski, the Misses Julia and Helen Converse, Miss Bullard, Parker Gardner, George Wells and others of Burlington. The bridal couple left on the 10.25 p. m. train for New York and other points of interest, before going to their home in Indianapolis.



Mrs. Sarah Allen (Converse)
Leavenworth.

Edgar Lane Leavenworth, born in Charlotte, Vt., 4 Feb. 1874, is son of Henry Clay and Juliana (Lane) Leavenworth of Charlotte, and is the Western representative of the Vermont Marble Co. Child of Edgar Lane and Sarah Allen (Converse) Leavenworth: HELEN CONVERSE LEAVENWORTH, born in Indianapolis, Ind., 10 Jan. 1904.

BESSIE HELENA CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Burlington, 7 June 1877; attended the public schools in Burlington until 1889, after which she was a student at Miss Underwood's school, and finished at Miss Barker's private school in Burlington in 1897.



Bessie Helena Converse.



Bessie Helena Converse.

224. IDA FLAVIA FREDERICA CONVERSE¹ (*Rev. John Kendrick⁶ (75), Joel,⁵ Thomas,⁴ Samuel,³ Sergeant Samuel,² Deacon Edward¹*), born in Burlington, Vt., 24 August 1851; educated at the Burlington Female Seminary; was married, in Burlington, 30 September 1874, by Rev. John Kendrick Converse, to George



Mrs. Ida Flavia F. (Converse) Simpson.



George Foster Simpson, M.D.

Foster Simpson, M.D., of Fort Edward, N.Y. He was born in Montreal, P. Q., 21 June 1847, the son of George F. Simpson and wife, Mrs. Harriet (Town) Simpson. He was educated at The Fort Edward, N. Y., Collegiate Institute, and was graduated from the medical department of the University of Vermont

in 1873. He commenced the practice of medicine at Saddle River, N. J., in 1873; practised in Newton, N. J., from February 1875 to September 1879; and since the latter date in North Adams, Mass., where he now resides. He is a practitioner for the states of New York, New Jersey and Massachusetts, having passed examinations and been registered in each of these states. From 1 February 1896 to 1 February 1898, he was Chairman of the Board of Health of the City of North Adams, and has been Chairman of the Homeopathic Staff of the North Adams Hospital since its opening in 1884.

225. SANFORD CONVERSE⁷ (*Rev. Jeremiah*⁶ (76), *Capt. Pain*,⁵ *Pain*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Vermont; was married to Alice Searle in Bridport, Vt., 17 December 1801. She was daughter of Enoch and Sarah Searl. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, and fought in the Battle of Plattsburg, N. Y. In 1814, he moved with his father, Rev. Jeremiah Converse, to Ohio, and settled at or near Alexandria, Licking Co., in that state, where he died in the spring of 1840.

Children:

- GEORGE WASHINGTON CONVERSE,⁸ DOCTOR, born 19 Aug. 1803; died 26 Oct. 1827; married Cassandra Cook. (375)
- JOHN NELSON CONVERSE,⁸ born 18 April 1808; died 8 Oct. 1855; married Fanny Bowman. (376)
- SALLY FANISHER CONVERSE,⁸ born 24 Dec. 1812; died 17 Jan. 1834; married Stanford Dowd. They resided in Licking Township, Licking County, Ohio.
- MARSHALL PERRY CONVERSE,⁸ DOCTOR, born 28 May 1817; died 6 January 1873; married Parintha Stevens. (377)
- HELEN MAR CONVERSE,⁸ born 5 April 1822; married Jesse Bowman, farmer. They reside near Modale, Iowa.
- NAPOLEON BONAPARTE CONVERSE,⁸ born 20 June 1826; removed to Galesburg, Ill.; at one time a railroad employé; married Catherine Bowman, sister of Jesse Bowman, who married Helen Mar Converse. They had at least one child, a boy.

226. PARLEY CONVERSE⁷ (*Rev. Jeremiah*⁶ (76), *Capt. Pain*,⁵ *Pain*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Vermont, 5 July 1781; died in Plain City, Ohio, 3 December 1866; in early life a school teacher; afterwards a mechanic and farmer; and, for forty years or more, an exhorter in the Methodist Church. He married, first, 31 October 1805, Arpa Hemenway, who was born 1 October 1784, and who died 30 November 1823, daughter of Jacob and Chloe (Barrett)Hemenway. Parley Converse married, second, 8 February 1824, Sally(Beach) Ketch, who was born, in Vermont, 9 June 1797, died in Plain City, Ohio, 18 January 1876, and was daughter of Alonzo Beach.

Children of Parley and Arpa (Hemenway) Converse:

- SOPHIA CONVERSE,⁸ born 24 Aug. 1806; died, in Vermont, 18 January 1809.
 ORSON S. CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Vermont, 24 July 1808; died 14 October 1837; married, 30 April 1829, Belinda Gorham. They had one son, DANIEL H. CONVERSE,⁹ b. 1832; m. Mary Sabine in 1852, and had two children who died young.
 CALEB HEMENWAY CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Vermont, 4 Dec. 1810; died in Unionville, Ohio, 3 Dec. 1895. He married Louisa L. Ketch. (378)
 SOPHIA CONVERSE,⁸ 2nd, born, in Vermont, 11 May 1813; died, in Plain City, Madison Co., Ohio, 23 May 1897; married Marona Beach. (379)
 EMMA CONVERSE,⁸ born in Bridport, Vt., 23 Jan. 1815; died near Woodstock, Champaign Co., Ohio, 18 Sept. 1881; married John Putnam Patrick. (380)
 SUSANNAH H. CONVERSE,⁸ born 2 March 1818; died, 2 Aug. 1823, in Vermont.
 PARLEY CONVERSE,⁸ JR., born in Madison Co., Ohio, 27 April 1823; died in Lincoln, Neb., 23 July 1899; married, 1st, Eliza M. Griffin; married, 2nd, Hannah Phillips. (381)

Children of Parley, Senior, and Sally (Beach-Ketch) Converse:

- LEWIS R. CONVERSE,⁸ born 9 Dec. 1824; died 16 Dec. 1824.
 SQUIRE CONVERSE,⁸ born 31 Jan. 1826; died, 17 June 1864, in Plain City, Ohio; married Mercy Phillips. (382)
 GEORGE CONVERSE,⁸ born 29 June 1830; died, 7 April 1894, in Plain City; married Elizabeth Allen. (383)
 MELISSA SUSANNAH CONVERSE,⁸ born in Madison Co., Ohio, 27 Dec. 1832; married John Charles Phillips. (384)
 HANNAH CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Plain City, 15 Sept. 1836; died there 3 Sept. 1895; married Walter S. Thompson. (385)

227. SQUIRE CONVERSE⁷ (*Rev. Jeremiah⁶ (76), Capt. Pain,⁵ Pain,⁴ Samuel,³ Sergeant Samuel,² Deacon Edward¹*), born, in Vermont, 4 November 1782; died near Plain City, Ohio, 19 November 1823. He removed, in 1814, to Ohio and settled on a farm on "Darby Plains," Madison Co., Ohio. He married in Bridport, Vt., Anna Rand, who died near Plain City, Ohio, 11 November 1830.

Children:

- JASPER RAND CONVERSE,⁸ born in Bridport, Vt., 15 Dec. 1810; died 13 Sept. 1859; married Betsey Ann Hemenway. (386)
 EDWIN GATES CONVERSE,⁸ born in Bridport, Vt., 19 Dec. 1811; died in Union Co., Ohio; married Eliza Ketch.
 ASA CONVERSE⁸, born in Bridport, Vt., 9 Feb. 1814; died at Marysville, Union Co., Ohio, 30 April, 1898; married Thankful McCloud. (387)
 CHARLES CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Ohio, 1 June 1815; died in Kansas; married Julia Johnson.
 BETSEY R. CONVERSE⁸ (1st), born 9 July 1816; died, in Ohio, 3 Aug. 1816.
 BETSEY R. CONVERSE⁸ (2d), born 14 June 1817; died —; married Ammon Adams.
 ANNA CONVERSE,⁸ born 22 July 1818; died, in Ohio, 12 Sept. 1818.
 HARIET CONVERSE,⁸ born 4 April 1820; died, in Ohio, 10 Aug. 1820.
 CANDACE ANN CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Ohio, 5 July 1823; married Horace Beach.

228. SURVIAH CONVERSE⁷ (*Rev. Jeremiah⁶ (76), Capt. Pain,⁵ Pain,⁴ Samuel,³ Sergeant Samuel,² Deacon Edward¹*), married in Bridport, Vt., 30 December 1804, Jacob Elithorpe. She died, in Bridport, 10 January 1819; and he married, second, 9 May 1820, Hannah Chandler of Cornwall.

Children, born in Bridport:

POLLY ELITHORPE,⁸ born 29 May 1806; died at the home of Mrs. Sanford Converse in Plain City, Ohio, 2 Feb. 1885.

RHODA CONVERSE ELITHORPE,⁸ born 18 Sept. 1809.

SALINA ELITHORPE,⁸ born 4 May 1812.

SURVIAH ELITHORPE,⁸ born 15 June 1815.

229. JEREMIAH CONVERSE⁷ (*Rev. Jeremiah⁶ (76), Capt. Pain,⁵ Pain,⁴ Samuel³, Sergeant Samuel,² Deacon Edward¹*), married Melinda Derby, 26 December 1813.

Children:

CYRUS DERBY CONVERSE.⁸

RHODA CONVERSE.⁸

ERASTUS CONVERSE.⁸

ELIAS CONVERSE.⁸

JEREMIAH CONVERSE,⁸ DOCTOR, born in Darby Township, Madison Co., Ohio, 11 June 1822; died near there 2 Nov. 1895; married Hortense Sarah Hemenway. (388)

LEMUEL DERBY CONVERSE,⁸ born 31 Jan. 1826; married Laura Ann Thomas. (389)

ZELOTUS CONVERSE.⁸

MELINDA DERBY CONVERSE.⁸

LOIS DERBY CONVERSE.⁸

ROSANNAH C. CONVERSE.⁸

230. SILAS CONVERSE⁷ (*Rev. Jeremiah⁶ (76), Capt. Pain⁵, Pain,⁴ Samuel,³ Sergeant Samuel,² Deacon Edward¹*), born, in Vermont, 29 November 1792. He emigrated to Ohio with his father's family in the year 1814, and settled in Darby Township, Madison County, where he resided until his death which occurred 21 February, 1879.

He was a man of quiet demeanor, and though a member of no religious denomination, yet in all his dealings with his fellow-man, honesty and uprightness were his characteristic traits. He married:

First, Hannah King, 22 December 1815. She was born in July, 1793, and died 1 July 1817.

Second, Julia Bowers, 22 December 1820, who died 29 April 1821.

Third, Betsey E. Gorham, 20 April 1826. She was born 29 March 1808, and died 16 February 1837.

Fourth, Mrs. Diadama (Phiney) Bowerse, 19 July 1839. She was born in Warren, Litchfield Co., Ct., 14 January 1799, and died in Plain City, Ohio, 6 October 1882.

Children of Silas and Betsy (Gorham) Converse:

- HANNAH KING CONVERSE,⁸ born 3 Feb. 1827; died 26 Aug. 1829.
 ELIAS CONVERSE,⁸ born in Madison Co., Ohio, 22 April 1829; married, 1st, Margaret Clemons; married, 2nd, Julia S. Janes. (390)
 JULIA ELIZABETH CONVERSE,⁸ born 10 July 1831; married at the home of John P. Bowers, J. P., 1 Aug. 1850, Samuel Hawn, who died 6 May 1873. Children:
 MARY ELIZABETH HAWN,⁹ b. 30 May 1851; m., 1st, 28 Dec. 1871, Frank Bowen, b. 20 Aug. 1849, d. 6 June 1875. She m., 2nd, in New York City, 5 July 1889, John Eugene Hawley, b. in Boston, 8 Nov. 1850, who d. at 2939 Prairie Ave., Chicago, Ill., 27 March 1897, and was buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Chicago. Mr. Hawley lived in New York City until a young man. To Frank and Mary Elizabeth (Hawn) Bowen, two daughters were born, viz:
 BERNICE BAXTER BOWEN,¹⁰ b. 21 Jan. 1873; d. 6 Nov. 1874.
 LILLY FRANK BOWEN,¹⁰ b. 5 Jan. 1875; d. 6 May 1875.
 To John Eugene and Mary Elizabeth (Hawn-Bowen) Hawley one son,
 JOHN WILLIAM HAWLEY,¹⁰ was born in Kansas City, Mo., 8 Nov. 1890.
 HANNAH HAWN,⁹ b. 7 March 1857; m. 3 Feb. 1876, Jeremiah Norris. She had five daughters:
 PEARL NORRIS,¹⁰ b. 25 July 1876.
 DURELLE NORRIS,¹⁰ b. 3 Dec. 1878; d. 10 March 1880.
 EFFIE NORRIS,¹⁰ b. 26 March 1881.
 SADIE NORRIS,¹⁰ b. 26 March 1883.
 MARY NORRIS,¹⁰ b. 12 July 1885.

Child of Silas and Diadama (Phiney-Bowers) Converse:

- SANFORD CONVERSE,⁸ born 11 Aug. 1841; died in Plain City, Ohio, 18 June 1884; married Sarah J. Sherwood. (391)

231. ERASTUS G. CONVERSE⁷ (*Hamblin*⁶ (79), *Capt. Pain*,⁵ *Pain*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Bridport, Vt., 15 May 1806; died 10 September 1859, in Bridport, where he had resided all his life. He married, first, 18 March 1829, Harriet Wilson, who was born in Elizabeth, N. J., in 1807, and died, in Bridport, 2 November 1839. Her parents were John and Mary Wilson who came from Ayr, Scotland, to New Jersey about 1800. They died when Harriet was quite young, and she was reared by an older sister, the wife of Gen. David Whitney of Bridport. Erastus G. Converse married, second, in Crown Point, N. Y., in 1848, Laura Cleveland, who died without issue in 1868.

Children of Erastus and Harriet (Wilson) Converse:

- MARY ELIZA CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Bridport, 6 Jan. 1831; unmarried. She was an honored and successful teacher for more than thirty years of her life—first in Mississippi,

and, later, after the Civil War, in her native state, continuing in her loved employment until her death in Allegheny City, Pa., 25 Nov. 1885. She taught in Columbus, Miss., from 1855 to 1864; in Bridport, Vt., 1865-1875; and in Port Henry, W. Va., 1875-1884.

HAMBLIN DAVID CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Bridport, 19 Nov. 1832; died about 1885. (392)

MARTHA ANN CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Bridport, 28 July 1834; married Prof. John Edward Gleffer. (393)

HENRY WILSON CONVERSE,⁸ born 16 Nov. 1836; married Jennie Adams; resides in Pueblo, Colorado. (394)

232. GEN. MARVIN BIXBY CONVERSE⁷ (*Alfred*⁸ (80), *Capt. Pain*,⁵ *Pain*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born 12 August 1806; removed from Panton, Vt., to New York State (probably to Brockport, Monroe Co., N. Y.), when quite a young boy. About 1820, or shortly after, he removed to Throopsville, Cayuga Co., N. Y., where he lived until his removal to Port Byron, N. Y., 1 April 1861. He was a farmer. His farm was in Mentz, Cayuga Co., N. Y. He was Supervisor of the town of Mentz, in 1850 and 1851, and Superintendent of the Poor, 1853-4-5-7-8-9. He was Brigadier-General of N. Y. State Militia for many years in the decades between 1840 and 1860. He married, in Throopsville, in 1831 or 1832, Ursula Clapp of that place, who was born there in 1810, and who died in Fruitport, Muskegon Co., Mich., 22 June 1871. Her mother's maiden name was Lucy Palmer. Her father, Israel Clapp, was a pioneer from Northampton, Mass., a farmer, and resided in the old town of Mentz P. O., Throopsville, from about 1800 to 1853, when he removed to Port Byron, where he died in 1854. He lived on a farm of 160 acres which he bought of the Government, and he built a tavern on the premises, which he kept for many years until about 1840 or 1845, when its use as a tavern was discontinued, and it was afterwards used as a farmhouse in which the family resided. Gen. Marvin Bixby Converse removed, 1 April 1861, with his entire family, (except his son, Howell B.), from Port Byron to Fruitport, Mich., where he died in 1892. He was Supervisor of Fruitport from 1872 or 1873 to 1878.

Children of Marvin Bixby and Ursula (Clapp) Converse:

CHARLES HENRY CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Throopsville, 13 April 1833; died in Muskegon, Mich., 17 March 1896; married Annie E. Fitzsimmons. (395)

WILLIAM AUGUSTUS CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Throopsville, 2 Jan. 1836; served all through the Civil War as a private in the 22nd N. Y. Cavalry. He married in Weedsport, Cayuga Co., N. Y., 24 Aug. 1866, Elizabeth Ann Storms. In the spring of 1869, Mr. and Mrs. Converse removed to Fruitport, Mich., where he was a clerk for the Fruitport Magnetic Mineral Springs Co. until 1875, when he entered the service of the Chicago & West Michigan R. R. as a baggage-master. He was killed on his car at Muskegon, Mich., 27 Nov. 1877. No children. His widow (in 1901) resided in Ithaca, N. Y. She was a teacher in the public schools for twelve years.

HOWELL BIDWELL CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Throopsville, 17 June 1838; married in Port Byron, N. Y., 17 June 1863, Caroline Hadger, who was born, in Port Byron, 6 March 1839, died 22 Dec. 1898. She was the daughter of Joseph and Hannah (Rainden) Hadger of Port Byron. Howell Bidwell Converse removed to Port Byron, N. Y., 1 April 1851, and has since resided there. He is a lawyer; admitted to practice December, 1859; was Justice of the Peace from 1 Jan. 1864 until his resignation 1 Sept. 1897; was Coroner of Cayuga Co. 1866, 1867 and 1868; Justice of Sessions 1869 and 1870; Police Justice, 1865; member of N. Y. State Assembly 1878; and has been Supervisor of Port Byron since February 1889.

MARCIA MATILDA CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Throopsville, 14 Nov. 1841; unmarried; removed to Port Byron 1 April 1851, and to Fruitport 1 July 1869.

MARY FRANCES CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Throopsville, 23 Dec. 1847; removed to Port Byron 1 April 1851, and to Fruitport 1 July 1869. She married in Fruitport, Mich., 1872, John C. Abbott, and died in 1887, leaving two sons: PAUL C. ABBOTT,⁹ and FRED HOWELL ABBOTT.⁹

233. CALEB WINSHIP BURTON CONVERSE⁷ (*Alfred*⁶ (80), *Capt. Pain*,⁵ *Pain*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Bridport, Vt., 21 June 1813; married, 5 May 1835, Harriet P. Derby, daughter of Cyrus and Roxana Derby. Cyrus Derby was born 6 February 1790, and died in Ticonderoga, N. Y., 23 October 1823. He was killed by an accident, by falling in his well. Roxana Derby was born 12 April 1793, and married, second, Calvin Stewart. She died in Ticonderoga, N. Y., 6 September 1828. Caleb Winship Burton Converse received a common school education in Bridport and learned the trade of a blacksmith. Soon after his marriage, he removed to Richville, Vt., where he resided about five years, working as a blacksmith. He then removed with his family to Mason, Mich., and was there engaged in blacksmithing with his brother Hiram. Later, he returned to Vermont and located in Bridport, about three miles southwest of the village, and the same distance from Lake Champlain, where he built a house and blacksmith shop. He remained there several years until a severe injury, while shoeing a horse, led him to abandon country blacksmithing; and, selling his property, he removed to Port Henry, N. Y. About two years later he returned to Vermont, and located in West Addison, whence he shortly removed to Rutland, Vt., where he was profitably employed in the blacksmith shop of the Rutland & Burlington R. R., until November 1865. He then removed with his married children to Minneapolis, Minn. He was employed there in the shops of the Minn. Central R. R. (now a part of the M. & St. Paul R. R.), until failing health obliged him to relinquish work. He then lived with his children, until his death, which occurred in South Park, Minn., 27 July 1891. He was a good mechanic, and an honest and upright man. His

wife died in South Park 9 July 1890. She was a kind and amiable woman, and devoted to her family.

Children of Caleb Winship Burton and Harriet P. (Derby) Converse:

BLINN CONVERSE,⁸ born in Richville, Vt., 27 Sept. 1836; married Helen Mar Gardner (396)

RICE CONVERSE,⁸ born in Bridport, Vt., 15 Sept. 1841; married Mary Ellen Fairchild. (397)

ROXANA CONVERSE,⁸ born in Bridport, Vt., 18 Aug. 1846; married in Rutland, Vt., 4 July 1865, Henry C. Willard, who, prior to his marriage, had served through the Civil War in one of the Vermont regiments. In November, 1865, they removed to Minnesota where he was employed as fireman on the Minnesota Central R. R. She died 25 Dec. 1867, and he then returned to Vermont, and afterwards married again.

234. JEFFERSON CONVERSE⁷ (*Alfred*⁶ (80), *Capt. Pain*,⁵ *Pain*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Bridport, Vt., 3 November 1815; died in Panton, Vt., 17 August 1889; was married, in Panton, at his bride's home, 26 October 1841, by Rev. W. W. Moore, Baptist Minister, to Sarah Ann Grandey, who was born in Panton, Vt., 21 March 1818, and died 4 March 1901. She was the daughter of Jesse and Lucretia (Batcheller) Grandey of Panton. She was named Sarah Batcheller Grandey, after her grandmother, but when at school in Burlington in 1836 and 1837, a preference for A as the initial letter of her middle name led her to substitute "Ann" for "Batcheller." Hon. Geo. W. Grandey, for many years Mayor of Vergennes, Vt., was her brother.

At the age of fifteen, Jefferson Converse removed from Bridport to Panton, where he was a farmer. His farm of one hundred acres was located in the south part of Panton, on the middle road running north and south, eighty acres one hundred rods from Addison line, and twenty acres just over the line in Addison. This farm and that of his brother Madison were side by side. Jefferson Converse was one of the Selectmen of Panton, a Justice of the Peace, and, for many years, Agent of the Montpelier Mutual Fire Insurance Co. After his boys went to the war, he sold his farm of one hundred acres, and bought a smaller one of forty acres, a short distance north of it, at the corner of the east and west road and the main north-and-south road. His son Juba now owns the latter farm, whereon Mrs. Sarah Grandey Converse still resides.

Children of Jefferson and Sarah (Grandey) Converse:

JOHN ROLLIN CONVERSE,⁸ LIEUTENANT, born, in Panton, 28 Nov. 1842; attended school in Panton till ten years old, then the Academy in Barre, Vt., and later Bristol Academy. He entered Middlebury College Aug. 1858, and was graduated there September 1862. He enlisted, 15 Sept. 1862, as a private in Co. I, 14th Regiment, Vermont Volunteers.

and served his time, nine months. He was promoted to the rank of 2nd Lieut. at the Battle of Gettysburg, and was mustered out 30 July 1863. Immediately upon his return home thereafter, the Governor sent him a commission to recruit a company for the 17th Regt. Vermont Vols., which he did. It was Co. H, and he was chosen 2nd Lieut. thereof. He took the Company to the Regiment at once, and they joined the forces at Cold Harbor early in June. He passed through seven days hard fighting about Petersburg. The mine was ordered blown up 30 July. His regiment was ordered to advance as one of the first. He was acting as Captain of the company as the Captain was sick. He was that day killed by Confederate bullets. When he fell he told his men to take care of themselves,—that he should die; “and that was the last and all that was ever heard of his death.” He was buried within the enemy’s lines. “Vermont in the Civil War” by Hon. G. G. Benedict, p. 519, says that “he showed especial aptitude as a soldier, and fought with noticeable coolness and courage.”

JESSE GRANDEY CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Panton, 4 Aug. 1846; married Fannie Warren. (398)

JUBA HOWE CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Panton, 7 Nov. 1852; married Clara Louisa Trask. (399)

235. MADISON CONVERSE⁷ (*Alfred*⁶ (80), *Capt. Pain*,⁵ *Pain*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Bridport, Vt., 3 November 1815; settled in Panton, Vt., where he resided until his death there 5 October 1884. He was buried at Bridport. He was married in Panton, 11 September 1856, by Rev. R. A. Hodges, to Louisa Curler, who was born in Ferrisburg, Vt., 20 September 1830, the daughter of Aaron and Catherine (Newton) Curler of Ferrisburg. He was a successful farmer.

Child:

FLETCHER AARON CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Panton, 24 May 1859; died 4 Jan. 1881. He was a successful farmer in Panton. His farm and his father’s farm, together eighty acres were in the south part of Panton,—twenty acres over the line in Addison, Vt.

236. HEMAN CONVERSE⁷ (*Pain*⁶ (81), *Capt. Pain*,⁵ *Pain*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Bridport, Vt., 14 May 1799; died there 25 September 1870. He was a farmer. He married in Addison, Vt., 21 November 1822, Hannah Crampton, who was born in Addison, Vt., 26 September 1802, the daughter of Nathaniel and Jeletta (Graves) Crampton.

Children:

ALONZO CONVERSE,⁸ LIEUTENANT, born in Addison, Vt., 23 Feb. 1824; married Polly Needham. (400)

MELISSA ELMINA CONVERSE,⁸ born in Addison, Vt., 11 March 1826; married, 1st, Noah W. Porter; married, 2nd, John W. Benham. (401)

HULDAH JERUSA CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Addison, 3 Aug. 1828; married, 1st, William Lyman Hurlbut; married, 2nd, Lucius D. Newell. (402)

EMILY S. CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Addison, 2 July 1830; was married, in Addison, 1 July 1849, by Rev. Hiram Miller, Baptist Minister, to Robert H. Smith of Pontiac, Ill., who

was born in Addison in 1817, the son of Newell and Electa Smith, and who died in Baxter, Kansas, in 1895. In 1901 she was residing in Sawyer, Kansas.

ORLIN CONVERSE,⁸ born in Addison, Vt., 1 Nov. 1834; removed to Pontiac, Ill.; married Rebecca Rockwood. (403)

LOUISE M. CONVERSE,⁸ born in Addison, Vt., 1 Oct. 1837; married W. O. Hinds. (404)

GEORGE WASHINGTON CONVERSE,⁸ born in Addison, Vt., 29 June 1840; resided in Addison; was a farmer in that town. He died there 28 July 1891. He married, in Addison, Ellen Harris, who was born in Addison, daughter of Jesse Harris. Geo. W. Converse was a volunteer in the Army of the Potomac; served throughout the Civil War; and was in every battle in which the Army of the Potomac was engaged, from Bull Run to the last great struggle in the Wilderness. He enlisted as a private in Capt. Solon Eaton's Co., 2nd Vermont regiment, in May 1861, at Vergennes, Vt., and was discharged three years after, at Brattleboro, Vt. He had two daughters and one son.

HARVEY CONVERSE,⁸ born in Addison, Vt., 24 Sept. 1842; married Lydia Adalaid Cooper. (405)

MELINDA CONVERSE,⁸ born in Addison, 9 Sept. 1844; died 8 Sept. 1887; married Dennis M. Norton. (406)

237. PAIN CONVERSE⁷ (*Pain*⁶ (81), *Capt. Pain*,⁵ *Pain*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Bridport, Vt., 18 July 1801. He was a farmer in Vermont, and was also engaged in farming in St. Lawrence Co., N. Y. He was Sheriff of St. Lawrence County, for a number of years, and was Overseer of the Poor of that County. He removed to Prescott, Pierce Co., Wis., where he engaged in farming; and died there, 12 December 1883. During the last thirteen years of his life he resided with his son-in-law, Lucius Denison Newell, in Prescott. He married, first, 3 January 1822, in Bridport, Anna Hall, who was born in Bridport, 3 March 1801, and who died in Canton, St. Lawrence Co., N. Y., 31 August 1858. He married, second, in Prescott, 27 November 1859, Julia A. Brooks, who was born in Moores, Clinton Co., N. Y., 4 April 1832, and who died without issue, in Prescott, 22 October 1870.

Children of Pain and Anna (Hall) Converse:

HELEN POLINA CONVERSE,⁸ born in Bridport, Vt., 12 Oct. 1822; died in Prescott, Wis., 26 July 1878; married Lucius Denison Newell. (407)

CHARLOTTE SOPHIA CONVERSE⁸ (twin), born in Stockholm, St. Lawrence Co., N. Y., 29 Aug. 1827; died in Crary Mills, N. Y., 5 Oct. 1852; married, in Colton, N. Y., 17 Jan. 1844, Sylvanus S. Harvey. They had one son, ALGERNON HARVEY,⁸ of East Grand Forks, North Dakota.

SARAH MARIA CONVERSE⁸ (twin), born in Stockholm, N. Y., 29 Aug. 1827; died in Canton, St. Lawrence Co., N. Y., 9 Jan. 1851; married in Canton, N. Y., 21 Feb. 1848, Horatio G. Barker, who now resides in Canton, N. Y., having married again.

ROLLIN PAIN CONVERSE,⁸ CAPTAIN, born in Colton, St. Lawrence Co., N. Y., 16 Sept. 1840; was a soldier and officer in the Union Army in the Civil War, and received a death wound at the head of his company in the Battle of the Wilderness. He enlisted in Co. B, 6th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, 9 June 1861, for three years; was made

2nd Sergeant of the Prescott Guards, 22 June 1861; was commissioned 2nd Lieut. Co. B, 6th Wis. Active Militia, 25 Oct. 1861; commissioned 1st Lieut. Co. B, 6th Regt. Vols., 16 Jan. 1862; promoted to rank of Captain Co. B, 6th Wisconsin Iron Brigade in summer of 1862; shot through both thighs in the Battle of Antietam; in hospital three months thereafter; shot through the body, 5 May 1864, in the Battle of the Wilderness; was taken prisoner, and died 7 May 1864 in the hands of the enemy, on the battlefield. Gen. A. J. Kellogg was taken prisoner at the same time, and in a speech at Hamilton, 21 Feb. 1868, speaking of acts of heroism by the officers and men in his regiment, he said that Capt. Converse and Corporal Hair were lying side by side under a tree, near the corral of prisoners, both badly wounded, and Hair had already undergone the amputation of one leg. The Captain overheard two rebel surgeons concluding to experiment upon his yet breathing body, and whispered to Hair, telling him where he would find a small revolver which had been overlooked by the enemy when they took his side arms; and directed him to take it, and not permit any one to disturb him until he died. When the Confederate surgeons came to remove Capt. Converse, Hair quickly cocked the revolver, and told them that he would shoot the first man who laid hands on his Captain. Weapons were leveled on Hair with threats of instant death if he did not surrender his pistol; but he only laughed at them, asking what they supposed he cared for his life with only one leg. At last the surgeons, tired out by his pertinacity, and admiring his bravery, gave up the contest. A Confederate officer standing by remarked that he would like a regiment of such men. This aroused Capt. Converse in his dying moments. "I had the honor," said he, "to command a hundred just such men. The North is full of them. Sooner or later, the rebel flag will be trampled under their feet." And with these brave prophetic words he gave up his young life a willing sacrifice upon the altar of his country. At the Battle of Antietam he was severely wounded, and came home on a furlough. Eager to be with his command, he returned before he was able to go on the battle grounds. By reason of exertion and fatigue at the Battle of Fredericksburg, his wound broke out anew, and for three months he was under the surgeon's care, and his life in great danger. After his recovery he was with his regiment, except when detailed as Aide on the staffs of Gen. Gibbons and Gen. Meredith. He was in ten of the severest battles of the war, and was on every battlefield where the Iron Brigade won immortal renown.

238. ORLIN CONVERSE⁷ (*Pain*⁶ (81), *Capt. Pain*,⁵ *Pain*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born 30 June 1804; died in Swanton, Vt., in 1833, and is buried there. He married Louise Twichell of Middlebury, Vt., who was born 16 May 1806. She married, second, Ira Wicker of Bridport, Vt., and died in 1891. Orlin Converse was an expert woolen manufacturer, and did a large business in that line for his times. He was taken down with the illness which was the cause of his death, while at work on the construction of a mill near Three Rivers, P. Q., and was barely able to reach home before death overtook him.

Children of Orlin and Louise (Twichell) Converse:

ALBERT BELKNAP CONVERSE,⁸ born 23 May 1827; died in St. Louis, Mo., about 1873. (408).

DEXTER EDGAR CONVERSE,⁹ born in Swanton, Vt., 21 April 1828; married Helen Twichell; died in Spartanburg, S. C., 5 Oct. 1899. (409)

FRANCIS GARDNER CONVERSE,⁸ born 12 Feb. 1831; married Emeline Susan Wicker; died in Bridport, Vt., 28 Sept. 1900. (410)

HELEN ISABELLA CONVERSE,⁸ born 18 Feb. 1833; died in Addison, Vt., about 1838.

239. MEHITABEL CONVERSE⁷ (*Pain*⁶ (81), *Capt. Pain*,⁵ *Pain*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Bridport, Vt., 10 July 1807; resided in Middleport, N. Y., where she died 5 February 1889, surviving her husband fifteen years. He was Daniel Greeno whom she married in Madrid, N. Y., 2 November 1826. He was born in Rutland, Vt., 7 January 1804, and died in Middleport, N. Y., 8 December 1871.

Children:

AMOS HIMES GREENO,⁸ born in Madrid, N. Y., 6 Oct. 1827; died in Buffalo, N. Y., 7, March 1873; married Eleanor Agnes Hassous, who died in Rochester, N. Y., 23 Aug. 1864. They had three children:

MARY A. GREENO,⁹ d., unmarried, in 1897.

SARAH E. GREENO,⁹ b. in Malone, N. Y., 31 Dec. 1831; d. in Winchester, N. H., April 1866; m. C. W. Laskey, and had one daughter, CLARA BELLE LASKEY,¹⁰ who was born in Middleport, N. Y., and who resides in Albion, N. Y.

JOHN CONVERSE GREENO,⁹ b. in Rochester, N. Y., manager of a telegraph office in Springfield, Mo.

DANIEL ALONZO GREENO,⁸ born in Madrid, N. Y., 28 Nov. 1829; died in Royalton, N. Y., 28 May 1872.

SARAH M. GREENO,⁸ married V. K. Morse, of Winchester, Cheshire Co., N. H., and had four children, including:

NELLIE MORSE,⁹ died.

BURT MORSE,⁹ resided in Springfield, Mass.

CORA MORSE,⁹

CONVERSE PAIN GREENO,⁸ born in Kent, Ohio, 3 Jan. 1834; in 1901 resided in Middleport, Niagara Co., N. Y. He married in Lockport, N. Y., 5 Dec. 1865, Emily Jerusha Mead, who was born in Lockport, N. Y., 16 Oct. 1837, the daughter of Louis and Huldah (Gale) Mead. Their two daughters were born in Middleport, N. Y., viz:

STATIA MEHITABEL GREENO,⁹ b. 8 Sept. 1872.

DELLA ELIZA GREENO,⁹ b. 30 July 1875.

240. LOVINA CONVERSE⁷ (*Pain*⁶ (81), *Capt. Pain*,⁵ *Pain*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), was born, in Vermont, 19 September 1814. Shortly after her first marriage, she removed with her husband to Kent, Portage Co., Ohio, which was her home until her death there, 30 January 1892. She married, first, in Rutland, Vt., in 1834, Rufus Fessenden, who died, in Kent, 16 April 1853, in his 48th year. She married, second, in Kent, 5 April 1854, Julius Curtiss of Kent, who was born 21 April 1813, and who died, in Kent, 6 February 1858. She married, third, in Kent, 22 December 1881, Obed Chase, who was born in Dartmouth, Mass., 28 April 1816, the son of Israel and Mary Chase, natives of England. He now (1901) resides in Kent, Ohio.

Children of Rufus and Lovina (Converse) Fessenden:

LORENZO FESSENDEN,⁹ born in Kent Ohio, 22 April 1835; entered railroad service in 1854, and, from 1856 to 1895, was locomotive engineer on the Cleveland & Pittsburg R.R. He retired from active service in 1895, on account of approaching infirmities of age. He married in Kent, Ohio, 24 March 1865, Amelia Clark, who was born, in Kent, 12 Dec. 1842, the daughter of John Finney and Eliza (Dunning) Clark of Kent.

Children:

BERTHA MYRA FESSENDEN,⁹ b., in Kent, 3 Feb. 1866; was graduated from Kent High School in June 1885; married, in Kent, 28 July 1886, William Henry Donaghy, Jr., of Colborne Canada, b. in Colborne, Canada, 21 May 1859, son of William Henry and Eunice Amelia (Chapin) Donaghy of Colborne. William Henry Donaghy, Jr., is the proprietor of Donaghy's Pharmacy and Confectionery in Kent, Ohio. They have two children, both born in Kent, viz:

ROY DONAGHY,¹⁰ b. 23 Sept. 1893.

DICK DUDLEY DONAGHY,¹⁰ b. 6 July 1900.

MAUD FESSENDEN,⁹ b. 3 May 1867; was graduated from Kent High School in June, 1885. She was married, 30 May 1887, to W. S. Costley of Kent, who was born 22 Nov. 1864. No children.

CHARLES PAYNE FESSENDEN,⁹ born in Kent, Ohio, 29 Oct. 1841; entered service of Wabash R. R., in 1858, in Indiana, as locomotive fireman; he moved thence to Ohio, and was a locomotive engineer on the Atlantic and Great Western R. R. (now Erie R. R.) for twenty-three years. He was seriously hurt in a wreck at Warren, Ohio, 11 Oct. 1887, was not able to work again, and was a great sufferer until his death which occurred in Massilon, Ohio, 15 Nov. 1899. He married, 1st in Ravenna, Ohio, 19 Nov. 1863, Alice Lampson of Kent, who was born in Cleveland, Ohio, in June 1845, the daughter of — Johnson, and adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Lampson. She died in Kent, 16 Oct. 1868, and he married, 2nd, in Kent, 23 Nov. 1870, Lillie Lampson, who was born in Aurora, Ohio, 29 March 1852. She was the daughter of Ephraim and Corinthia (Pettibone) Parish of Aurora, and was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Lampson.

Child of Charles and Alice (Lampson) Fessenden:

ROSIE FESSENDEN,⁹ b., in Kent, 1 Aug. 1868; d. 21 Oct. 1868.

Children of Charles and Lillie (Lampson) Fessenden:

NETTIE FESSENDEN,⁹ b., in Kent, 2 Feb. 1872; d. 16 Aug. 1872.

LOUIS PAYNE FESSENDEN,⁹ b. in Kent, 1 April 1874; resided in Kent, Ohio, until 1895, when he removed to Warren, Ohio, where he is electrical engineer at the electric light plant there. He married in Warren, Ohio, 2 Dec. 1896, Grace Gladys Kingsley, who was born in Bazette, Ohio, 29 Nov. 1876, the daughter of Hyman B. and Anna Phoebe Kingsley, of Warren, Ohio. Louis and Grace Gladys (Kingsley) Fessenden have one child:

CHARLES KINGSLEY FESSENDEN,¹⁰ b. in Warren, Ohio, Aug. 1900.

WILLIAM FESSENDEN,⁹ b. 15 April 1876; d. 7 May 1881.

ANNA FESSENDEN,⁹ b. 1 April 1878; was married, in Kent, 20 May 1896, to William Miller Boyd merchant, of Warren, Ohio, who was born in Bazette, Ohio, 16 Jan. 1858, the son of Robert Boyd, who was born, in England, 17 March

1808, and died Aug. 1889. Mrs. Sarah Boyd, the mother of William Miller Boyd, was born in Ireland 25 Dec. 1818, and d. 24 July 1898. William and Anna (Fessenden) Boyd reside in Warren, Ohio, and have one child, DONALD BOYD,¹⁰ b., in Kent, 27 April 1897.

BYRON W. FESSENDEN,⁹ b. 10 Dec. 1890.

ANN MARIA FESSENDEN,⁸ born, in Kent, 5 March 1843; died, in Kent, 16 March 1868. She was married in Kent, 18 Jan. 1858, to Fred^k. Leroy Dunning, of Brimfield, Ohio, who was born in Brimfield, 23 May 1833. He was killed instantly, in Kent, by the cars, 8 March 1889. In 1842, he came to Kent with his parents, and after his fourteenth year was associated in business with his father who was a manufacturer of plows in Kent. He served three years in the Union Army in the Civil War, entering as Corporal, and finally holding the office of Captain. He enlisted at Franklin Mills, Ohio (now Kent), 2 Aug. 1862 and was discharged, 12 June 1865, at Camp Harker, Tenn. He served in Co. F, 45th Ohio Vol. Infantry. Children:

ELLA MARIE DUNNING,⁹ b., in Rootstown, 16 Oct. 1860; married in Kent, Ohio, 20 March 1878, Arthur Stanley Olin, who was born in Streetsboro, Ohio, 12 Aug. 1846, the son of Alonzo and Elmira B. (Squiers) Olin of Streetsboro. Arthur Stanley and Ella Marie (Dunning) Olin resided on their farm two miles southeast of Kent, until 25 Feb. 1897, when, his health failing, they moved to Kent, Ohio, where they now (1901) reside. They have five children: EDNA M. OLIN,¹⁰ b., in Shalerville, 7 Dec. 1879; adopted, 18 Nov. 1881, by Arthur and Ella Olin.

ETHEL MARIE OLIN,¹⁰ b. 12 Dec. 1882.

MELTA ELMIRA OLIN,¹⁰ b. 23 Jan. 1885.

MABEL ANN OLIN,¹⁰ b. 21 Aug. 1887; d. 10 March 1889.

NINA DUNNING OLIN,¹⁰ b. 29 Aug. 1889.

CORA LOVINA DUNNING,⁹ b. in Kent, Ohio, 25 Feb. 1868; at the death of her mother she was adopted, in April 1868, by Mr. and Mrs. E. Allen of Kent. She died, in Kent, 29 Jan. 1878.

BYRON WELLINGTON FESSENDEN,⁸ born, in Kent, 20 July 1846; enlisted in the Union Army in the Civil War, 18 Aug. 1862, at Franklin Mills, Ohio (now Kent), and was discharged at Camp Harker, Tennessee, 12 June 1865. He was Sergeant in Co. F, 45th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He entered railroad service in August 1865, and was a locomotive engineer on the N. Y. P. & O. R. R. (now Erie R. R.) until his death in Meadville Hospital, which was caused by a wreck at Meadville, 17 March 1887. He died the next day. He married, 26 Oct. 1870, Angeline Merrell, of Kent, who was born in Kent, 20 June 1847, the daughter of Hiram and Sarah (Williard) Merrell of Kent.

Byron Wellington and Angeline (Merrell) Fessenden had three children:

MAY FESSENDEN,⁹ b. in Kent, Ohio, 2 Nov. 1871; was graduated from Kent High School June 1889; d. 23 March 1892.

BURT CLIFTON FESSENDEN,⁹ b. in Kent, Ohio, 14 March 1874; in railroad service on Erie R. R.; residence, Kent, Ohio; married, 30 Jan. 1899, Blanche Botsford of Kent, who was born in Charlestown, Ohio, 23 March 1878, the daughter of William Botsford of Glenville, Ohio. Her mother's maiden name was Catherine Watrous of Connecticut.

EARL MERRELL FESSENDEN,⁹ b. in Kent, Ohio, 25 Sept. 1880.

SARAH FESSENDEN,⁸ born in Kent, Ohio, 1848; died, in Kent, 5 March 1853.

Child of Julius and Lovina (Converse Fessenden) Curtiss:

LIZZIE JULIUS CURTISS,⁹ born in Kent, Ohio, 21 June 1855; married, 8 Jan. 1873, in Kent, to Walter Irvin Cooke, who was born in Mendon, Worcester Co., Mass., 11 June 1846. His father was Welcome Balloon Cooke, born in Mendon, Mass., 19 Sept. 1807, died in Farnumsville, Mass. His mother's maiden name was Rhoda Wilcox Pickering, born in Bellingham, Mass., 10 June 1810, died in Farnumsville, Mass. Walter Irvin Cooke has always been in railroad service, and is now (1901) Superintendent of Locomotive Service on the Chicago & Eastern Illinois R. R. Mr. and Mrs. Cooke reside in Danville, Ill., and have two children:

MYRTLE IRVIN COOKE,⁹ b., in Kent, 19 Jan. 1877.

RAY WELCOME COOKE,⁹ b. in Galion, Ohio, 4 March 1885.

241. HENRY GREEN CONVERSE⁷ (*Gardner*⁶ (82), *Capt. Pain*,⁵ *Pain*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Sergeant Samuel*,² *Deacon Edward*¹), born in Bridport, Vt., 30 August 1812. With the exception of about a year's residence in Panton, Vt., he always lived in Bridport, and died there 18 July 1848. He was married, 1 January 1834, by Seneca Austin, J. P., to Lucinda Derby, who was born in Bridport, died in Utica, Minn., 24 April 1876. She was the daughter of Cyrus and Roxina (Wilson) Derby.

Children:

CYRUS CONVERSE⁸ born, in Panton, 7 Sept. 1835; married Lucinda Elizabeth Gibbs. (411)

MARY ROXANNA CONVERSE,⁸ born, in Bridport, 4 Sept. 1839; married in St. Paul, Minn., Henry Francois Phillips, who, however, always subscribed himself Frank H. Phillips. He now (1900) resides in Ballard, Washington. She died in St. Paul, Minn., 18 Feb. 1897. Their only child, LILLA PHILLIPS,⁹ born in St. Paul; died there when about one year old.

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