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## GENEALOGY OF THE BUSS FAMILY.

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In the year 1775 there lived in Fitchburg, Mass., one JOHN BUSS, (who was born in Lancaster, Mass., Jan. 3, 1739, and died at the age of 56 years in Marlboro', N. H., in 1795.) At the time of his removal to Marlboro', he had two sons, Zephaniah and David; afterwards one son and three daughters, the entire family comprising Zephaniah, David, Mary Daniel, Matilda and Eunice. John Buss was not flush with this world's goods, but he brought up a family of six children as well as could be expected in those days, giving them what little schooling was available at that period, which was not much; and when they became of age they looked out for themselves.

### ZEPHANIAH

Married and moved to Middlebury, Vt., where he bought a farm and became a prosperous farmer raising wheat, corn, rye, oats, flax and grass. Farming was the first business in those days. He drew the first stick of timber for the college buildings in that town; and raised a family of two boys and four girls, who grew up and settled in business for themselves.

The second son,

### DAVID,

Was born Jan. 31, 1775, in Fitchburg, and soon after his parents moved to Marlboro', N. H. He grew to manhood with very little schooling, as there were not many school advantages in those days, and he could not be spared the time to acquire an education, as his labor was needed to support the family, there being

four children younger than himself. On becoming of age he went from home to seek a fortune by working out by the month, at \$8 and board, and after at \$10 per month, which he continued to do for seven years, and he saved from his earning several hundred dollars, when he concluded to take a partner for life, and Nov. 2, 1803, he married Anna Jones of Dublin, a daughter of Daniel Jones, who was born in Framingham, Mass., Nov. 18, 1746, and died Jan. 22, 1820, aged 74 years. On July 27, 1804, a daughter, Mary, was born; and in February, 1805, he moved to Marlow, and had to go through Keene, Surry and Alstead to the southwest corner of the town, drawing his goods with a yoke of oxen, which took two days, while his wife and daughter went with her father, Daniel Jones, and a pair of horses, and accomplished the journey in one day. They moved into the house with John Jones, whose wife was a sister of David; and in 1806 he bought of Andrew Towne 118 acres of land for \$500, being a wilderness except seven acres cleared. He went on and cleared four acres, and built a house 22 x 28, with three rooms and a large pantry, with no finish inside, except to lay the floors and partition the rooms with boards; also a barn 28 x 32, boarded, and shingled the roof with 4-foot shingles, split and shaved spruce, the timber for which he found in plenty on his land; and moved into his house in the Winter of 1806. A few years after, as he had cleared up his land and his crops increased, he saw the need of more barn room to hold his hay and crops, and he built an addition to his barn 28 x 30, which he thought would be all the barn room he would ever need; then built an additional room to his house, and a wood shed; also added a shed to the barn 50 x 18, 1½ stories high, using the upper story for storing hay. To these improvements were added a wagon house and hog pen, but no addition to the house until after all his children were born. In 1822 he built an addition to his house of



two rooms, and finished two rooms in the old house, making five rooms lathed and plastered and painted inside; but the outside was never painted.

He went on clearing his land, a few acres each year, until his crops became so large that his barn would not hold them, and then he sat about to build another barn. In 1835 he built another 30 x 40, and filled them all with hay and grain. He had a field of rye on new cleared land for 28 years in succession, and had a field of flax, corn, potatoes, wheat and barley, and his farm was considered as good as any in town for crops of hay and grain. Each year he built a piece of stone wall, which was considered the best and only good fence that could be built, until his whole farm was fenced with stone wall. He dug a well between the house and barn about the year 1830, and after digging about ten feet he came to a solid ledge; but not discouraged, he went to blasting, and dug into the rock ten feet more, and found lasting water. He had always been obliged to drive his cattle one-third of a mile to water; at first it was through the woods, but after this had been cleared off it was a cold, bleak place. So in 1836 he dug another well. When two feet from the top of the ground he came to the ledge, into which he dug 26 feet, and found permanent water, sufficient for his stock.

He raised a family of eight children—four boys and four girls: Mary, Samuel, David jr., Eliza A., Eunice A., Daniel, Elisha, and Anna G. Besides the regular business of the farm, the boys had the flax to get ont, the wood-pile to chop, the wood for the sugar-place to get up, and in the Spring to make the sugar, which product supplied the house through the year, besides considerable to sell. And the girls had the tow and flax to card, spin and weave, and to make the girls' dresses and the boys' shirts and trowsers, which we used to color with sweet fern, which grew plentifully on the farm. Then there was a flock of sheep which had to be washed and sheared in June, and the wool

was sent to the carding machine, and then the girls spun and wove it, after which it was sent to the clothier to be colored and dressed to make the Winter garments for the children to wear to school. We always kept a flock of from 30 to 50 sheep, and a stock of 20 to 30 cattle, one or two horses, two to ten hogs; and from five to eight cows we made all the butter and cheese required in the family, and a lot to sell. Butter generally brought from 8 to 12 cts. per pound; cheese from 3 to 5 cts.; fresh pork about 3 to 5 cts.; salt pork 10 cts. There were generally from two to four calves to kill each year, and their hides were sent to the tanner's, where they remained four to six months in the process of tanning; this being usually done on shares. In October or November the shoemaker came to the house to make the boys' boots and the girls' shoes to wear while going to school; and then came the tailoress to make the boys' clothes previous to school term. There was always a school in Summer from eight to twelve weeks, taught by a woman, and from ten to twelve weeks in the Winter, taught by a man; and all the children went in Summer until 9 years of age, and all in Winter until 18 or 20 years of age. Although we were one and a half miles from the school house, we went, rain or shine. We had every other Saturday, on which school did not keep, and there was always some heavy work left for Saturday, when the boys would be at home to help do it.

Thus David Buss went into the wilderness at the age of 30 years, cleared the land, built a dwelling, and raised from the farm almost everything to feed and clothe his large family; and schooled them. He lived to the good old age of 70 years; and died on the 24th day of January, 1845.



## MARY,

The next to David, married John Jones of Dublin, son of Daniel Jones, and brother of Anna Jones, the wife of David Buss. She and her husband moved to Marlow, on a farm in the southwest corner of the town, on the main road from Acworth to Keene, and near the school house. They raised a family of five boys and one girl: Edmund, Gilman, Franklin, Ashley, John Q., and Mary; the last dying when young. None, except John Q., are living at this date.

## MATILDA,

The next to Mary, married Thomas Howard of Marlow, and moved there to live. Thomas was a school teacher in his younger days, but afterward a carpenter and joiner, and worked at that trade. He was an expert at carpenter work, especially in framing and raising large barns. In those days nearly the whole town would be invited to a raising, and sometimes as many as 150 men would be present. It was also the fashion to have all the rum they would drink, and Mr. Howard was not slow to take his share. It was said that he would drink all that was left and go off straight. A favorite trick at a raising was to drink up all the liquor furnished. But at one large barn raising, where from 150 to 200 hands had assembled, Mr. Howard, anticipating that they might try the game of drinking him dry, had a barrel of rum, (which in those days could be bought for 20 to 25 cts. per gallon), brought and secreted within a few rods of the raising. Before the work was completed, it was whispered around that the rum was about gone; and the cry was made that they had drank him dry; but no sooner did the word come, than Mr. Howard sent a yoke of oxen to bring up the stone boat on which was loaded a barrel of rum, and said to the crowd, "Gents, help yourselves; we are not drained

yet." They did not attempt to empty the barrel, but concluded to wind off with a ring wrestle.

Mrs. Matilda raised a family of eight children—four boys and four girls—and they all lived to grow to man and womanhood, and went forth into the world to look out for themselves. Mr. Howard became a temperance man in his last days; and after his death Matilda married Artemas Hemingway of Gilsum, where she resided the remainder of her life.

### DANIEL,

The third son of John Buss, lived at the home place in Marlboro', on the hill,  $1\frac{1}{4}$  miles from the village. It was then on the main road from Sullivan to Marlboro' town, and from Keene to Dublin; but at this day (March 26, 1888), the buildings are all gone and the road thrown up. In later years he moved to the village. He married Tabitha Collins for his wife, and had two children, Harriet and Stillman. Harriet died young. Stillman was a school teacher in his younger days, but afterwards a mill-wright, and was an expert on the spiral vent water-wheel. He married Mary Holman, and lived with his father. He had three children, one boy and two girls. The boy died young, but the girls grew to womanhood. Stillman died at the age of 53.

### EUNICE,

The third daughter of John Buss, was a school teacher in her younger days, and afterward married Ziba Nason, and lived in Marlboro' on the hill, on the main road from Marlow to Troy. Mr. Nason was a farmer, and in his later years moved to Marlboro' village, where he died. They had four children, three daughters and one son: Harriet, Emily, Louisa and William. Emily died young; Harriet married Curtis Hunt; Louisa and William were also married. All are dead at this date, excepting Louisa.

MARY, the eldest daughter of David and Anna Buss, was born in Marlboro' July 27, 1804. She was a great spinner and weaver of linen, and used to pride herself on what nice linen she could weave—anything in the shape of towels, table-cloths, bags, bed-spreads, or anything else that anybody ever wove. I think I have seen her weaving with 32 treadles. Her greatest hobby was weaving, which she did a great deal of; and which girls at this day know nothing about. At the age of 20 she married Samuel Royce—son of Samuel Royce of Marlow—who was a farmer. They first lived in Marlow, and then moved to Alstead on the hill in the southeast part of the town, where he lived until his death in 1843, aged 38 years. His wife was the mother of six children: CALISTA, EDWARD E., DAVID, ELIZA M., ANN J., and MATILDA. CALISTA died at the age of 19; EDWARD E. died at the age of 21. DAVID married Clarissa M. Kidder, and had five children: Herbert G., Ella C., Milan D., Mary A., and Edward E. ELIZA M. married Moses Elliott, and had three children: Ferdinand S., Edward L., and Joseph A. ANN J. married Chas. Elliott, and had ten children: Myra C., Charles M., James A., Minnie A., Alice M., Clifford M., Herman A., Elgin M., Bertia C., and Elsia M. Myra C. married Wm. S. Gray. MATILDA died at the age of 23. Mary lives with her children, is in good health, and ever since her husband's death, 45 years ago, she has worked out at nursing and housework.

SAMUEL, the eldest son of David and Anna Buss, was born in Marlow, March 19, 1806. He lived at home and worked for his father until eleven years of age, going to school in summer until eight. When eleven years old his father put him out to work by the month through the summer, and came home in winter to go to school, which usually lasted about 12 weeks—not so long a term as is common in these times, but it seemed long to scholars then. When 13 years of age he worked for Hon. Aaron Matson for

eight dollars per month and board, which was thought to be large pay for a boy of 13. Mr. Matson had a large farm in the southwest corner of Stoddard, and kept several men at work on his farm; and Samuel used to say that he did as much as any of them; he could chop as much, hoe and mow as much as any of them. When 19 years of age he could chop the most wood of any man in town, and was an expert with an axe. He once cut up a woodpile of about 40 cords for Allen Giffin, at 33 cts. per cord; and cut, split and piled his four cords per day. He went to Charlestown to work for Mr. White at 14 dollars per month and board. Mr. White was the father of David Giffin's wife; and David Giffin worked for Mr. White at the same time. Samuel continued to work at Charlestown for White and Capt. Willard for six seasons, his father receiving his wages and furnishing his clothes, until he was 21, when his father gave him a freedom suit—one that his mother spun and wove. Clothing was not to be bought of dealers then, as in these times. After he quit work at Charlestown he bought a yoke of oxen and went to jobbing, building wall or anything where ox work was needed; and he followed jobbing for three years, then went to work for one Mr. Barden in his store, which he had just filled with goods, at Marlow village. In the course of a few months he bought out Mr. Barden and ran the store alone, doing his own teaming to Nashua and Boston. He kept everything that was usually kept in a country store, not excepting new rum, which was a great commodity in those days; and he generally bought his rum and molasses at Nashua, as he could not buy it enough cheaper in Boston to save the extra freight. As the business increased he built a store of his own, and took in Reuben Giffin as partner, under the firm name of Buss & Giffin. They continued in trade for several years, when they sold out to Joel Tenney. Samuel drove team awhile for one Hardy, then bought

one-half interest in the team; and at Hardy's death, shortly after, he sold out to close the concern.

On March 14, 1841, he married Lucinda Tubbs, daughter of Eli Tubbs, and went on to the Tubbs farm to live, but staid there only a short time. He afterwards went to his father's farm and carried it on for a year or two, and then moved back to the village and went to teaming. He drove a four, six or eight horse team for many years, to Nashua and Keene, after the railroad came to those places. At one time, in driving a four-horse team from Nashua to Marlow, and going through Stoddard, there was a fire by the side of the road which he attempted to go through; but when part way through the fire was in front of him so he could not proceed, neither could he turn around. He succeeded in loosening one horse, which with himself was saved, but the other horses, load of goods and wagon, were burned. He afterwards recovered pay for his loss from the town of Stoddard. He followed teaming as long as he was able to do anything, and then lived a few peaceful years at his home in Marlow, where he died the 19th day of October, 1886, aged 80 years.

He had one daughter, LYDIA D., who married Edward L. Jones, son of Gilman Jones, and had two children, Bertha Maud and Guy Edward, who live in Marlow. LYDIA was a school teacher, and learned the milliner trade, carrying on that business. Bertha, her daughter, is a school teacher.

DAVID, JR., the second son of David and Anna Buss, was born at the farm house at Marlow, July 27, 1808, and lived at home with his father until 20 years of age; went to school in summer until 9 years of age, and 12 weeks in winter until 20, when his father gave him his time to work and trade for himself. His father thought he could not spare him from the farm when a boy, as he was seven years older than his next brother; and there was so much land cleared



up, and such large products of hay and grain, that his help was needed to carry on the farm, and thus he was kept at home.

When 20 years of age he went to Charlestown to work on the farm of Capt. Willard, at \$15 per month and board, for seven months from the first of April; and when his time was up he came home with \$105 in his pocket. He did not have his pay every Saturday night, as boys do at present, but when his time was up he had all his money; and when he got home his father had a job of wall to build, and put him to work. He staid at home through the winter, helping his father get up his wood, and worked for other people when they wanted. When he let himself to Capt. Willard, David Giffin and his brother Samuel told him he would not stay, as it was a hard place to work at; but he proved equal to the emergency, and staid his time out. In the Spring he let himself again at the same place at \$16 per month for seven months, and worked his time out. The next year he worked for Enos Stevens, the next for J. White, the next for Joel Willard, at 18 dollars per month and board, and the next year he worked for Thomas Dickey, in Acworth. Then he went to jobbing, in company with Samuel Morrison, building wall and doing any other work that required ox work, following that pursuit two years. In April, 1835, he bought a farm in Acworth for the sum of \$1500, with a good house of five rooms, well finished, and a large barn. On the 13th day of May, 1835, he married Abigail C. Mack, daughter of Jonathan Mack, Esq., of Charlestown, and moved on to his farm in Acworth. There was considerable wood land on the farm, and he went to work to clear it up, raising rye on the new land. His farm was excellent for tillage; he raised corn, wheat, potatoes and barley, and had much to sell; besides, in winter he sold bark and wood, for which he found a good market at Alstead and Langdon. In a few years he built an addition to his house, built a large



barn and filled it with hay and grain, and raised the best of oxen and cows, and had a model farm under his supervision. He was three times chosen one of the selectmen of Acworth. He lived on his farm in peace and happiness for thirty-three years, when he sold it for \$2500, and moved to Drewsville, Walpole, where he lived for a short time, and then bought a house in Paper Mill Village, with half an acre of land. He made extensive repairs on the house, bought additional land, and built a barn; also bought part of a farm in Alstead, which he carried on for several years; and lived in peace and plenty until Feb. 17, 1877, when he died.

ELIZA ANN, the second daughter of David and Anna Buss, was born at the farm in Marlow, July 25, 1810. She lived at home a part of the time, went to school ten weeks in summer and twelve in winter, which was all the school we had. Although she had to go a mile and a half, she seldom missed a day when school kept. In the winter, in storms and bad traveling, her father would carry us to school. She was a great spinner and weaver of tow and wool, and could weave almost anything that could be woven; and there was a great deal of it to be done to clothe so large a family. She was also an expert with the needle, in making the children's clothes; and went out sewing for other people a great deal. On Jan. 20, 1835, she was married to Samuel Morrison, at the age of 25 years, and moved to a farm in East Alstead. She was the mother of three boys, ANDREW, GEO. D., and MILAN D. Her husband had a small farm, but was a carpenter, and made ox yokes and pumps, and moved buildings. He could make the best ox yoke of any man in New England, and was an expert at carpentry and moving buildings.

ANDREW, the oldest son of Samuel and Eliza Ann Morrison, lived at home, worked on the farm with his father, and went to school until 21, when he began for himself. On May 15, 1861, he married Julia

V. Kidder, and moved on the farm in East Alstead on the height of land on the main road from Nashua to Bellows Falls, and has since purchased farms and land in the vicinity, so that he has now about 500 acres, and is an enterprising and prosperous farmer. He has had two children, Jennie E. and Nettie S. Jennie E. died June 24, 1877, aged 15 years. Nettie S. still lives at home with her father, and is a school teacher.

GEORGE D., the second son of Samuel and Eliza Ann Morrison, was born in Alstead, Sept. 23, 1838. He lived at home and attended the common schools and worked on his father's farm until 21 years of age, and then struck out for himself at farming. On March 20, 1866, he married Lucy Ann Knight, and moved on to a farm south of Marlow village, on the road from Marlow to Keene, it being a part of the old Hon. Aaron Matson farm; and he has been farming and carpentering ever since.

MILAN D., the third son of Samuel and Eliza Ann Morrison, was born in Alstead, Oct. 28, 1843, and lived at home and worked for his mother and went to school until 21 years of age; and on June 18, 1868, he married Olive P. Horsley of Maine, and five years after moved to Alstead on his father's farm, where he lived four years, and then returned to Maine. He has had six children: Fred W., Stellie A., Effie M., Cora E., Hattie O., and Ernest M., all living in Carthage, Maine.

ELIZA ANN, after she was married, spun and wove and made all her husband's and boys' clothes as long as they lived with her. Her husband was blind during the last years of his life, and she had him to care for. The son Andrew had his parents move into a house near his own, so he could see to them; and here they lived a long and happy life. Eliza Ann died Nov. 24, 1886, and Samuel her husband died Nov. 26, 1886. Both were buried in one grave. In life they were happy, and in death they were not separated.

EUNICE A., the third daughter of David and Anna Buss, was born in Marlow, April 15, 1813. She lived at home and went to school until she was of age, and helped her mother about the housework. She used to spin tow, but never was a weaver. She chose to do housework, and after she became of age went out to work at that employment. She was a professional nurse, and ready to help when one was sick. She worked in several boarding houses in Gilsum, Keene, Nashua, Marlow, and Alstead. She lived a worthy life, and died April 9, 1876, at Alstead.

DANIEL, the third son of David and Anna Buss, was born at Marlow, April 14, 1815. He went to school when two years old, and followed it up until eight years old, after which time he worked on the farm in summer, as he could not be spared to attend school. When he could get any spare time he was always tinkering with carpenter's tools; and was quite an expert with them when twelve years of age. When any tools were broken they would call on Daniel to mend them. He always had a great taste for going to school and standing at the head of his class; and nothing could keep him from school a day when school kept, although he had a mile and a half to go. Rain or shine, he always went, and took his turn with the other boys in building the fire, in all kinds of weather. His father never allowed his boys to come from school and complain of abuse from other boys; he would tell them that they were as bad as the rest; so Daniel always had to fight his way. He attended school in winter until 19 years of age, and then went to a select school at Gilsum one term in the fall. He then taught school in the winter, and went four terms to the Scientific and Military Academy at Unity, taught by Mr. A. A. Miner and his assistants, and during the four terms had nothing but perfect recitations, in both scientific and military departments. He gave great attention to surveying during three terms, and practiced with the compass

in the field, with the thought of becoming an engineer by profession; but as time rolled on he gave up that idea, and only practiced at field surveying.

He taught nine district schools, and then learned the carpenter and joiner's trade. He commenced his military career when 16 years of age, and the first time on duty he was appointed corporal, afterwards holding every intervening commission to Colonel of the 28th Regiment. He was offered the commission of Brigadier General, which he refused; but afterwards accepted the commission of Brigade Inspector, and held it for two years, when the militia laws of New Hampshire were abolished, and we had no more military in the State.

He worked at the carpenter's trade at Marlow, Stoddard, Goshen and Langdon; built a church at Goshen, two glass factories at Stoddard, and a dwelling house at Langdon. He went in company with J. Q. Jones, hired a shop of J. Burnap, put in planer and saws and machinery for making sash, doors and blinds, and doing carpenter work for a number of years. He built a house for himself, another for J. Q. Jones, a hotel for Edmund Jones, and various other buildings not necessary to mention.

On April 29, 1845, he married Emeline S. Field, daughter of Eliphaz Field, Esq., of Surry, and moved into his house at Marlow, working at his trade as carpenter and manufacturing sash, doors and blinds; also surveying, of which he had a large practice in Gilsum, Stoddard, Washington, Acworth, Alstead and Marlow. He was sought to run lines and hunt up lost bounds, which was a difficult task, as the old surveys were imperfect, as land was of little value when they were made, and a few rods were of no consequence.

Emeline S. Field was a school teacher in her younger days, teaching schools in Keene and Surry. In after years she learned the dressmaker's trade, and worked at it more or less until her marriage to Daniel

Buss, April 29, 1845, and then commenced housekeeping; but still worked at dressmaking as long as she lived. For 15 years she kept from 4 to 12 boarders, and attended to the business herself. In her religious views she was Unitarian.

In 1856 Mr. Buss was appointed chief engineer of the fire department of Keene, a position which he held for three years. In 1857 he was chosen Representative to the General Court at Concord; and again in 1858; holding the office during these two years with honor to himself and credit to his constituents. He held the office of Notary Public for 35 years, and the office of Justice of the Peace for 15 years. He joined the Odd Fellows at Bellows Falls in 1853; and in 1856 joined the F. & A. Masons at Alstead, N. H., and became a Master Mason. In 1867 he joined the Cheshire Royal Arch Chapter and St. John's Council in Keene. In 1868 he joined Hugh de Payens Commandery; and in 1878 he joined Washington Commandery, No. 1, stationed at Hartford, Conn.

In 1853 he sold out at Marlow and moved to Bellows Falls, where he built three houses. In 1854 he moved to Keene and went into the door, sash and blind business, in company with Lanmon Nims, on Mechanic street; but also continued to carry on the house building business for seven years; then moved to Fairbanks' shop on Ralston street and carried on the clothes-dryer business, in connection with carpenter work. In a few years he bought out the Handys' sash and blind business, and carried that on for one year, and was then burned out, with no insurance, losing \$3000; but the clothes-dryer business was not burnt, which was insured. In 1871 he, with Madison Fairbanks, Horace Adams and John Humphrey, built the Beaver Mills, and got it all in running order; but the cost being much more than was expected, they were not able to run it, and were obliged to sell it. Mr. Buss hired a shop there for a few years and carried on the sash, door and blind business, and



house building; built a large number of the best dwellings in Keene; also the High School building. In 1877 he moved to Hartford, Conn., and went into selling sash, doors and blinds which were manufactured at Oswego, N. Y., continuing in that business for six years, then sold out and moved back to Keene.

His wife, Emeline S. Buss, died Aug. 25, 1886. They had one child, EMMA L., born at Marlow Jan. 13, 1846. She married Daniel C. Howard, train dispatcher for Cheshire Railroad Co., on Jan. 13, 1870. Mr. Howard had one daughter by a previous marriage, HELEN M., who was born April 11, 1858, and on April 9, 1885, married Dr. Clarence M. Whitaker, and has one child, Emily H., born Feb. 16, 1888. They live in Yarmouthport, Mass.

EMMA attended school four terms each year until she graduated at the High School, and then taught school in Surry and Keene several terms.

ELISHA BUSS, the fourth son of David and Anna Buss, was born at Marlow, Aug. 31, 1817. He went to school and worked on the farm until 20 years of age, then took his father's farm to carry on for two or three years, then bought a farm of Jesse Pike, in the edge of Stoddard. On April 5, 1842, he married Julia A., daughter of Jesse Pike, and moved on to his farm, which he carried on successfully for a number of years, and then built a house in company with Mr. Pike at Marlow village, and moved there. After a short time he bought a small farm with house and barn near the village, and has lived there ever since, in peace and prosperity. In his military life he rose to the command of a company of Rangers, with the commission of Captain, which he held several years. In religious belief he and his wife were Universalists, and leading members in that denomination. They had one son, HENRY E., who died in 1857, aged three years, two months and sixteen days.

ANNA G., the fourth daughter of David and Anna Buss, was born at Marlow, Jan. 30, 1820. She lived at



home, went to school and worked for her mother; but unlike the older girls, who were great spinners and weavers, she preferred sewing and knitting as her part of the work at home. When of age she went to work in a cotton factory at Nashua. On Dec. 5, 1843, she was married to Amos C. Glidden of Unity, son of Col. E. Glidden, and the pair moved on to the Colonel's farm in Unity, where they lived several years, and then moved to Marlow, on the farm of David Buss. After carrying on the farm for several years, Mr. Glidden engaged in the Protective Union Store at Marlow, in which he remained several years, and was postmaster at Marlow. He then moved to Goshen to take charge of a Protective Union Store at that place, where he staid several years. His health failing him, he moved to Claremont, but was not able to work much; though in 1876 he worked in haying for his brother-in-law, Tinker. He died Aug. 17, 1870.

ANNA G. worked in a mill at Claremont for one season, and then made vests for a tailoring establishment for several years. She died May 27, 1877.

They had three children: DAVID W., MELISSA E., and OLIN S. DAVID W. was born at Unity, June 10, 1845, and was drowned in Ashuelot river at Marlow, Nov. 29, 1852. MELISSA E. was born and died at Marlow. OLIN S. lived with his mother and learned and followed the bakery business for several years. He married Mabel J. Foster Oct. 17, 1877, and had two children: Clarence M. and Olin D., the latter of whom died Sept. 11, 1882. Mr. Glidden now lives at Haverhill, Mass.

David and Anna Buss were Orthodox in their religious belief, were constant attendants at church, and brought up their children in that belief and had them baptized and trained to attend the Sunday School. But when they grew up to an age to reason and think for themselves, there was only one who continued in his parents' faith. One was a Methodist, and the rest Universalists and Unitarians. The first settlers in

Marlow were Baptists, and owned the first house of worship in that town; so David Buss and wife joined the Orthodox church in Stoddard, six miles distant. But when the second church edifice was built on the Hill, it was built by the town, and owned in shares by four societies — the Baptists, Methodists, Universalists and Christians — each society having the use of the building one Sunday in each month; and thus it continued for a good many years, being also used for town purposes. It was built in the old style, with a porch on each end, and a gallery all around, except where the high pulpit was. There was no method of warming the building, so in winter the meetings had to be held in the school houses. People generally in those times attended church, and all turned out to a funeral; and David Buss was usually the conductor at a funeral. After a while the Methodist society increased so that they built a new church for themselves; the society of Christians bought the town church and moved it to the village; then the Universalists built themselves a church; so there are now three houses of worship. The Orthodox went to Alstead six miles to attend church, and were constant church-goers.

Thus, at the age of 31 years, David Buss started into the woods to seek a fortune, with a few hundred dollars in his pocket, and commenced clearing the forests for a productive farm, and erecting buildings to shelter his family and stock from the storms; and he turned a barren wilderness into a fruitful field. He saved the best land on his farm and near his buildings for a sugar orchard, which was covered with a heavy growth of maple, beech and birch, and allowed none of it to be cut while he lived. He set out a large orchard and grafted it with the best of fruit, being an expert at grafting; and had plenty of apples, cherries, currants, strawberries and plums of his own raising. He raised hay, grain, flax and corn, and filled his garner and cellar with such abundance

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that he required but little besides the farm products to support his family. He was always busy, Summer and Winter; and found plenty of work for his boys to do; and the mother found work for her girls at all times. They raised a family of eight children, fed and clothed them; and as they grew to manhood and womanhood among healthful surroundings, very seldom was a doctor called to the house. All but two were married; and the father and mother lived to see most of their children settled in life, before their departure. The father died Jan. 24, 1845; the mother died March 18, 1854. After their death, as none of the children seemed to want the homestead, and had interests elsewhere, the farm was divided and sold in lots. The nice maple sugar orchard was sold and the timber made into chairs; the buildings were moved away or fell into ruin; the road was thrown up; and the farm once so productive has gone back to a condition worse than the primitive wilderness, and good for nothing but a poor old pasture. Thus it is seen how by his persistent energy the pioneer in 39 years turned a barren wilderness into a fruitful field; and in 39 years after his death a fruitful field was turned into a barren waste.



# NAMES OF THE BUSS FAMILY AND THEIR DESCENDANTS.

NAME.	Date of Birth.
David Buss,	Jan. 31, 1775.
Anna Jones,	July 31, 1779.
Mary Buss,	July 27, 1804.
Samuel Buss,	Mar. 19, 1806.
David Buss, jr.,	July 27, 1808.
Eliza Ann Buss,	July 25, 1810.
Eunice A. Buss,	Apr. 15, 1813.
Daniel Buss,	Apr. 14, 1815.
Elisha Buss,	Aug. 31, 1817.
Anna G. Buss,	Jan. 30, 1820.
Samuel Royce,	Dec. 24, 1804.
Samuel Morrison,	Aug. 14, 1807.
Amos C. Glidden,	May 3, 1817.
Lucinda Tubbs,	Jan. 8, 1812,
Abigail C. Mack,	Feb. 19, 1812.
Emeline S. Field,	Dec. 19, 1817.
Julia A. Pike,	July 16, 1824.
Calista Royce,	Oct. 26, 1825.
Edward E. Royce,	Apr. 26, 1827.
David Royce,	Feb. 3, 1829.
Eliza M. Royce,	Dec. 5, 1830.
Anna J. Royce,	Mar. 22, 1836.
Matilda Royce,	Sept. 6, 1841.
Andrew Morrison,	Dec. 9, 1835.
George D. Morrison,	Sept. 23, 1838.
Milan D. Morrison,	Oct. 23, 1843.
Clarissa M. Kidder,	Jan. 4, 1832.
Herbert G. Royce,	Apr. 8, 1855.
Ella C. Royce,	Mar. 20, 1857.
Milan D. Royce,	Apr. 8, 1860.
Mary A. Royce,	Oct. 12, 1862.
Edward E. Royce,	Aug. 13, 1863.
Lucy A. Knight,	July 11, 1833.
Julia V. Kidder,	Aug. 4, 1837.
Jennie E. Morrison,	Mar. 24, 1862.
Nettie S. Morrison,	Jan. 18, 1865.
Olive P. Horsley,	May 26, 1848.
Fred W. Morrison,	Oct. 6, 1869.
Stella A. Morrison,	June 11, 1873.
Effie M. Morrison,	Jan. 3, 1878.
Cora E. Morrison,	Nov. 23, 1879.
Hattie O. Morrison,	Dec. 3, 1882.
Ernest M. Morrison,	Aug. 26, 1886.

NAME.	Date of Birth.
Moses Elliott,	Sept. 25, 1822.
Ferdinand S. Elliott,	May 30, 1849.
Edward L. Elliott,	Dec. 1, 1859.
Joseph A. Elliott,	Feb. 1, 1867.
Charles Elliott,	June 23, 1828.
Myra C. Elliott,	Sept. 16, 1858.
Charles M. Elliott,	Jan. 7, 1860.
James A. Elliott,	July 15, 1861.
Minnie A. Elliott,	May 15, 1863.
Alice M. Elliott,	Mar. 14, 1865.
Clifford M. Elliott,	Nov. 5, 1868.
Herman A. Elliott,	Feb. 5, 1871.
Elgin M. Elliott,	Aug. 30, 1875.
Bertie C. Elliott,	Jan. 19, 1877.
Elsia M. Elliott,	May 31, 1879.
Lydia D. Buss,	Mar. 12, 1844.
Edward L. Jones,	June 19, 1842.
Berthe M. Jones,	Aug. 8, 1870.
Guy E. Jones,	Nov. 10, 1872.
Emma L. Buss,	Jan. 13, 1846.
Olin S. Glidden,	Aug. 26, 1855.
David W. Glidden,	Jan. 10, 1845.
Melissa E. Glidden,	May 4, 1848.
Mabel J. Foster,	Mar. 27, 1859.
Clarence M. Glidden,	Sept. 10, 1878.
Olin D. Glidden,	Aug. 22, 1881.
Henry E. Buss,	Feb. 19, 1854.
Charles W. Tole,	Mar. 26, 1846.
Harry W. Tole,	July 16, 1882.
Fred T. Tole,	Apr. 22, 1885.
Daniel C. Howard,	Nov. 20, 1834.
Helen M. Howard,	Apr. 11, 1858.
William S. Gray,	Mar. 13, 1855.
Clarence W. Whitaker,	Sept. 24, 1857.
Emily H. Whitaker,	Feb. 16, 1888.
Ella M. Moore,	Nov. 1, 1860.
Jennie M. Fisher,	July 8, 1861.
Willis A. Elliott,	Jan. 27, 1882.
George I. Elliott,	Nov. 1, 1885.
Hugh H. Elliott,	Aug. 20, 1887.



## MARRIAGES.

		Married
David Buss,	Anna Jones,	Nov. 2, 1803.
Samuel Royce,	Mary Buss,	June 1, 1825.
Samuel Morrison,	Eliza Ann Buss,	Jan. 20, 1835.
David Buss, jr.,	Abigail C. Mack,	May 13, 1835.
Amos C. Glidden,	Anna G. Buss,	Dec. 5, 1843.
Elisha Buss,	Julia Ann Pike,	Apr. 5, 1842.
Samuel Buss,	Lucinda Tubbs,	Mar. 14, 1841.
Daniel Buss,	Emeline S. Field,	Apr. 29, 1845.
David Royce,	Clarissa M. Kidder,	Dec. 15, 1853.
Andrew Morrison,	Julia V. Kidder,	May 15, 1861.
George D. Morrison,	Lucy Ann Knight,	Mar. 20, 1866.
Milan D. Morrison,	Olive P. Horsley,	June 18, 1868.
Edward L. Jones,	Lydia D. Buss,	June 7, 1869.
Moses Elliott,	Eliza M. Royce,	Sept. 10, 1848.
Charles Elliott,	Anna J. Royce,	Sept. 15, 1857.
Daniel C. Howard,	Emma L. Buss,	Jan. 13, 1870.
Clarence W. Whitaker,	Helen M. Howard,	April 9, 1885.
Charles W. Tole,	Ella Calista Royce,	Nov. 10, 1880.
William S. Gray,	Myra C. Elliott,	May 6, 1883.
Olin S. Glidden,	Mabel J. Foster,	Oct. 17, 1877.
Ferdinand S. Elliott,	Ella M. Moore,	Feb. 26, 1877.
Edward L. Elliott,	Jennie M. Fisher,	Dec. 15, 1880.



## DEATHS.

NAME.	Date of Death. .
David Buss,	Jan. 24, 1845.
Anna Buss,	Mar. 18, 1854.
Eunice A. Buss,	Apr. 9, 1876.
David Buss, jr.,	Feb. 17, 1877.
Anna G. Glidden,	May 27, 1877.
Samuel Buss,	Oct. 19, 1886.
Eliza Ann Morrison,	Nov. 24, 1886.
Samuel Morrison,	Nov. 26, 1886.
Samuel Royce,	Dec. 7, 1843.
Amos C. Glidden,	Aug. 17, 1870.
Calista Royce,	Jan. 20, 1844.
Edward E. Royce,	July 4, 1848.
Matilda A. Royce,	Oct. 13, 1864.
David-W. Glidden,	Nov. 29, 1852.
Melissa E. Glidden,	Aug. 24, 1864.
Jennie E. Morrison,	June 24, 1877.
Clarissa M. Royce,	Mar. 24, 1887.
Minnie A. Elliott,	Nov. 4, 1883.
Alice M. Elliott,	June 6, 1884.
Bertie C. Elliott,	Aug. 23, 1877.
Willis A. Elliott,	(died in infancy.)
Olin D. Glidden,	Sept. 11, 1882.
Henry E. Buss,	May 5, 1857.
Emeline S. Buss,	Aug. 25, 1886.