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At her death in 1905, Mrs. Mary D. McLean left a small manuscript volume containing a genealogical record of the ancestors and descendants of her grandfather, Ezekiel Williams, of Wethersfield, Connecticut. For nearly twenty years she had been engaged in making the record complete and the latest entry was of a marriage that took place a few months before her death. She did not wish the work to be printed during her lifetime, but was willing, if we desired, that it should be put into some permanent form after her death, for private circulation among those who would value the information that it contained. Feeling certain that so important a contribution to the genealogy of the Williams family in America should not remain in manuscript, and wishing to perform a last service for her whom I greatly loved and revered, I have edited this record as a tribute to her memory.

A few alterations have been made and a few facts have been added, but the record is here printed substantially as she left it.

CHARLES M. ANDREWS.

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## INTRODUCTION.

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There have always been in Wethersfield, since the first settlement of the town or soon after, families of the Williams' name. Frequent inquiries have been made by descendants of the present day who suppose their ancestors to have been allied to Robert of Roxbury, but although it cannot be shown that they are not of the same English origin, no relationship between them has ever been discovered, and probably the early settlers themselves knew of none. It is not known whether the two who first came to Wethersfield were related to each other. They did not come together, and Mathew, "the brick maker," seems to have been here some years before Thomas. Mathew had a son, Amos, born March, 1645-1646, and Thomas a son born March, 1656-1657. Most of the sons, for there were several other children of both, took up lands in Rocky Hill and became pioneer settlers there, where many of their descendants, of their own and other names, are now living. The family of Capt. Williams of Griswoldville say that they are not descended from these early settlers, but that their emigrant ancestor came from Wales to this country at a quite recent date.

The first descendant of Robert Williams of Roxbury to settle in Wethersfield was his great-grandson, Elisha, Rev., Rector, Col., etc., of whom so much has been preserved elsewhere that nothing further need be added here. His line of descent will easily be found in the following pages. Ezekiel was his nephew and came here when quite a young man. He probably engaged in business with his uncle, who was then of the firm of Williams, Trumbull & Pitkin, a business house interested in extensive mercantile operations at home and abroad and had branch establishments in several different places.

The facts concerning the early American ancestors of Ezekiel Williams, which are recorded in the earlier pages of this work, are derived from several sources. The earliest compilation known is an ancient manuscript in the handwriting of Ezekiel's father, Rev. Solomon Williams, D.D.,

of Lebanon, the opening words of which are: "The Following is the Copy of a Record kept by my honoured Father [word here undecipherable] Some of his ancestors and of his Children, In these Words: 'An account of the deaths of several of My honored Parents and dear Relations.'" This manuscript, the contents of which have been incorporated in the following genealogy, covers the period from July, 1674, to January 12, 1750, containing, in addition to the account kept by Rev. William Williams, Solomon's father and Ezekiel's grandfather, certain other facts contributed in "A copy of my Br Israel's writing" and "an Account of My own Family and Descendants, written by me, Solo: Williams."

The next attempt to compile a genealogy of the American ancestors of Ezekiel Williams was made by Mrs. Samuel Pitkin of East Hartford, a great-granddaughter of Rev. John Williams of Deerfield, whose captivity by the Indians and sojourn among them in Canada, with his final deliverance and return to his people, forms an interesting chapter in the history of New England.

In 1847, Dr. Stephen West Williams published a much more extended genealogy of the Williams family.<sup>1</sup> He acknowledged his obligations to Mrs. Pitkin's manuscript for much valuable information, but he collected a vast deal more which in his work he added to hers. Although badly arranged and marred by many mistakes and omissions, his record as far as it goes is a very valuable one. A few additional facts concerning the first American ancestor and his children have been published by the late Prof. George H. Williams of Johns Hopkins University and also by A. D. Weld-French, Esq., of Boston, Mass., and will be introduced in the following record.

[Prof. Edward Higginson Williams, Jr., late of Lehigh University, and now residing in Andover, Mass., has been engaged for many years upon a history of the Williams family in America, which, when published, will be one of the most elaborate works of its kind that has been issued. A few years ago Mrs. McLean placed in his hands all the material that she had collected, so that probably a very con-

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<sup>1</sup> *The Genealogy and History of the Family of Williams in America*, more particularly of the descendants of Robert Williams of Roxbury. 1847.



siderable part of this record has been incorporated in Prof. Williams' manuscript. A large part of Prof. Williams' work is already in the hands of the printer and it is hoped that the volumes will be issued at an early date.]

The investigations of recent years have excited much doubt as to the genuineness of the claim of descendants of Robert Williams to the coat of arms to which they have long considered themselves entitled. It is hoped that further researches will determine the question. A seal is shown by descendants of Dr. Thomas Williams of Deerfield, known to have been his and supposed to have come down to him from his great-grandfather, Robert of Roxbury. Engraved in the stone is a coat of arms, said to be like that of the family of Williams of Denton in Lincolnshire, England, a county the southeastern corner of which joined Norfolk. Rev. Dr. Wood of Norwich, England, in the voluminous diary which he wrote for the wife of Rector Williams and which was bound by her or by Ezekiel Williams, in one place refers to something Mrs. Williams (then Mrs. Smith) had said of her first husband's coat of arms, so that he must have had one to which he supposed himself entitled, unless his first wife was mistaken as to the origin of the one in his possession.



## ROBERT WILLIAMS<sup>1</sup>.

Born Dec. 11, 1608. Died Sept. 1, 1693.

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The first American ancestor of Ezekiel, tradition and family record say, emigrated to this country in, or shortly before, the year 1638, and settled in Roxbury, Mass.

The tradition prevailing among his descendants has been that his family was of Welsh origin, a tradition apparently for a long period unquestioned, but of late objected to by some upon no very satisfactory grounds.

Great pains have been taken by antiquarians and others interested in the family history to learn something of Robert's immediate ancestors, with but slight results. In 1893, two hundred years after the death of Robert, there was found in Norwich, England, an indenture of apprenticeship of Nicholas, son of the late Stephen Williams of Yarmouth, cordwainer, to Robert Williams, and another record stating that Robert was in 1635 warden of the gild of cordwainers and sealer of leather for the city of Norwich. Later was found in the register of the church of St. Nicholas at Great Yarmouth a record of the marriage of Stephen Williams and Margaret Cooke, Sept. 22, 1605. Also baptisms of the following children: Robert, Dec. 11, 1608; Nicholas, Aug. 11, 1616; John, Feb. 2, 1618; Frances, June 10, 1621. [Prof. Williams has obtained a few additional facts: There was an elder sister, Ann; Robert was born in July, 1607; baptized when eighteen months old in Dec., 1608; was married to Elizabeth Stalham probably before 1630, and had four children, two sons and two daughters, born to him in England, all of whom accompanied him to America. In 1905, Prof. Williams discovered that Elizabeth Stalham was baptized in 1595, which shows that she was nearly thirteen years older than her husband.]

Something of Robert's parentage may be assumed from his own well-known character after he came to this country and the position which he occupied among the early settlers.

Mr. French says: "His name appears among the early members of the church in Roxbury. He was made a freeman in that place, May 2, 1638. He was much interested in education and made liberal arrangements to assist the Free Schools, was a subscriber to and for many years a trustee of the funds raised for their benefit." Ellis, in his "History of Roxbury," says that "Robert Williams was one of the most influential men in town affairs." In his will, still extant, he expresses his faith in his merciful Redeemer, the Lord Jesus Christ, and his hope of a glorious resurrection at His appearing.

Of his wife it is said that "she was of good family and had been delicately reared and when her husband desired to come to America, though a truly religious woman, she dreaded the undertaking and shrunk from the hardships to be encountered. While the subject was still under consideration, she had a dream foreshadowing that if she went to America she would become the mother of a long line of worthy ministers of the Gospel. The dream so impressed her that she rose up cheerfully and began to prepare to leave her home and kindred for the new and distant land." A descendant of hers of the sixth generation, Mrs. Emily Williams of Wethersfield, is remembered to have related this tradition in the early part of the nineteenth century, with full confidence of its truth. The dream was certainly fulfilled, but not in the pious mother's day, for she died October 24, 1674, leaving no son in the ranks of the Christian ministry. Nine years afterward, her grandsons John and William Williams, cousins, graduated from Harvard College, two of a class of three, and the day of fulfillment began. As far as records indicate, she was the mother of all the children of Robert Williams of Roxbury, who, it is said by Farmer in his genealogy, "is the common ancestor of the divines, civilians, and warriors of the name who have honored the country of their birth."

The children of Robert and Elizabeth, as far as known, were:

SAMUEL<sup>2</sup>, born in England, 1632; died in Roxbury, Sept. 25, 1698, age 66.

MARY<sup>2</sup>, born in England; married Nicholas Wood, 1644.

A DAUGHTER<sup>2</sup>, born in England; married, 1648.

JOHN<sup>2</sup>, probably born in England; died in Roxbury, Oct. 6, 1658.

ISAAC<sup>2</sup>, born Sept. 1, 1638; died Feb. 11, 1707, aged 69.

STEPHEN<sup>2</sup>, born Nov. 8, 1640; lived in Roxbury.

THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, died young.

Of John little is known, and even the existence of such a son was only lately discovered from the Roxbury records, which show that Robert administered the estate of his son John, who died Oct. 6, 1658. The other brothers, who lived to maturity were all men of character and influence, active in promoting the welfare of the towns in which they lived and of the rising colony. The stone which marks the grave of their mother is still standing in the old Roxbury burying ground, as is that of two of her sons and many other descendants. Although the spot is supposed to be known where Robert, the husband and father, was buried, there are no traces of a monument to designate it. He survived his first wife nearly twenty years, and married, Nov. 3, 1675, Margaret Fearing, widow of John Fearing of Hingham, Mass. She died, it is supposed, Dec. 22, 1690. His own death occurred on Sept. 1, 1693.

ISAAC WILLIAMS<sup>2</sup>.

Born Sept. 1, 1638. Died Feb. 11, 1709.

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Supposed to have been the third son of Robert, was born in Roxbury, Sept. 1, 1638. As I know nothing of him excepting what is recorded in the *History of the Williams Family*, I quote what is there found. "He settled in Newtown, Massachusetts, which then comprehended Cambridge. He represented the town in the General Court of Massachusetts five or six years, and it is said that he commanded a troop of horse." He is referred to by his own son, Rev. William Williams, as well as by Mrs. Pitkin and others, as *Captain Williams*.

He married first Miss Martha Parke, daughter of Deacon William Parke of Roxbury and sister of the wife of his brother Samuel. "Deacon Parke was a man of property and note in the town and represented it in the legislature for many years." He died May 10 or 11, 1685, at the age of seventy-nine.

The children of Isaac and Martha Williams were:

ISAAC<sup>3</sup>, born Dec. 11, 1661; died 1739. He had a large family of whom little is recorded in the *History*.

MARTHA<sup>3</sup>, born Dec. 27, 1663; died Sept., 1702, aged 39, leaving two sons and two daughters. She married Mr. Hunt.

WILLIAM<sup>3</sup>, born Feb. 2, 1665. See page 16.

JOHN<sup>3</sup>, born Aug. 31, 1667; settled at Stonington, and was the ancestor of most, if not all, of the distinguished men of the name who have lived in Stonington, Norwich, and New London.

ELEAZER<sup>3</sup>, born Oct. 22, 1669; settled at Stonington; his descendants are fewer and less known than those of his brother John.

THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, born Oct. 23, 1673.

HANNAH<sup>3</sup>, died April 27, 1739, aged 66.

THOMAS and HANNAH were probably twins.

After the death of Mrs. Martha Williams, Oct., 1674, Capt. Williams married Miss (or Mrs.) Judith Cooper. Their children were:

PETER<sup>3</sup>, born Aug. 31, 1680.

SARAH<sup>3</sup>, born Oct. 2, 1688.

EPHRAIM<sup>3</sup>, born Oct. 21, 1691; settled in Stockbridge; was the father of Col. Ephraim Williams, the founder of Williams College, and the great-grandfather of Rt. Rev. John Williams, D.D., late bishop of the diocese of Connecticut.

WILLIAM WILLIAMS<sup>3</sup>.

Born Feb. 2, 1665. Died Aug. 29, 1741.

Second son of Isaac of the second generation, was born at Newtown, Feb. 2, 1665. He graduated at Harvard College in 1683 and was settled over the church in Hatfield, Mass., in 1685, before he had reached the age of twenty-one years. "There he continued laboring with great zeal and exerting a wide influence till death put a period to both his ministry and his life." (Sprague's *Annals of the American Pulpit*.) The same work, and also the *History of the Williams Family*, gives an extract from his funeral sermon, preached by the Rev. Jonathan Edwards, which describes him as a Christian scholar and minister more fully than any writing furnished by his contemporaries is known to have done.

Dr. Charles Chauncey, in a letter to President Stiles, comparing him with Rev. Solomon Stoddard of Northampton, writes: "Mr. Williams of Hatfield, his son-in-law, I believe to have been the greater man, and I am ready to think greater than any of his own sons, though they were all men of more than common understanding." The following inscription is on the tablet erected to his memory in Hatfield burying ground:

"The tomb of the Rev. William Williams, the evangelical pastor of Hatfield, who died 29 August, 1741, in the 76th year of his age and the 56th of his ministry.

"My flesh shall rest in hope, for Jesus said I am the resurrection and the life."

Mr. Williams married (1) Elizabeth, daughter of Rev. Seaborn Cotton of Hampton, New Hampshire (born Aug. 13, 1665, a son of the celebrated Rev. John Cotton of Boston, and received his name from the place of his birth, that event having taken place while his parents were on their voyage to this country).

The children of Mr. Williams and his first wife were:



WILLIAM<sup>4</sup>, born April 30, 1687; died May 5, 1687.

WILLIAM<sup>4</sup>, born May 11, 1688; for 41 years pastor of the church in Weston, Mass.

MARTHA<sup>4</sup>, born Oct. 10, 1690; married Edward Partridge of Hatfield; died Nov. 26, 1766.

ELISHA<sup>4</sup>, born Aug. 26, 1694; known among his relatives to the present time as "The Rector," from his thirteen years' presidency of Yale College, and one of the most distinguished of the descendants of Robert Williams.

JOHN<sup>4</sup>, born Mar. 7, 1697; died July 29, 1697.

Mrs. Williams died May 7, 1698, and Mr. Williams married (2) Aug. 9, 1699, Christian Stoddard, third daughter of Rev. Solomon Stoddard of Northampton. She died April 23, 1764, aged 87. Their children were:

SOLOMON<sup>4</sup>. See page 18.

ELIZABETH<sup>4</sup>, born June 7, 1707; married Samuel Barnard of Salem, Mass.; died Oct., 1753.

ISRAEL<sup>4</sup>, born Nov. 30, 1709; settled in Hatfield; was one of the most distinguished men of his time in Western Massachusetts and unlike most of the name was a Tory in Revolutionary days, but not the less a patriot.

DOROTHY<sup>4</sup>, born June 20, 1713; married Rev. Jonathan Ashley of Deerfield. Her daughter, Charissa (not Carissa), married Rev. Dr. Moses C. Welch of Mansfield, Conn., an eminent Connecticut divine. They were the parents of Dr. Archibald Welch, for many years a highly esteemed and beloved physician of Wethersfield.

SOLOMON WILLIAMS<sup>4</sup>.

Born Jan. 4, 1701. Died Feb. 28, 1776.

Fifth son of the Rev. William Williams of Hatfield, was born Jan. 4, 1701, graduated at Harvard College in 1719, was ordained pastor of the church in Lebanon, Conn., Dec. 5, 1722.

Sprague says: "Dr. Williams undoubtedly held a place among the most prominent of the New England clergy. His influence was felt among the churches not only in Connecticut but throughout New England, and his services were very often called for on important public occasions. He had an extensive correspondence in Europe and America, and among his correspondents abroad he numbered one or more of the Erskines and the celebrated Maclaurin, author of the well-known sermon, 'Glorying in the Cross.'" Some interesting facts concerning his life and character are appended by his grandson, Rev. Timothy Stone, to the sketch given by Dr. Sprague in his *Annals*. They cannot be recorded here.

Dr. Williams was a Fellow of Yale College from 1749 to 1769 and received the degree of D.D. from that institution in 1773. He was the pastor of a patriotic, spirited, self-sacrificing people. How much this may have been owing to his own influence cannot now be known with certainty. Trumbull, the only colonial governor who supported the American cause — the wise and efficient friend and counselor of Washington, on whom he depended in the most trying emergencies — had studied theology with Dr. Williams after leaving college, and was his neighbor and parishioner as long as the good pastor lived. Certain it is that they were in full accord in their spirit of resistance to British oppression, and that the voice and pen of Solomon Williams and his son William did much to inspire the people, abroad as well as at home, with ardor and courage for the strife. Dr. Williams died Feb. 28, 1776, just before midnight, a few months before the Declaration of Independence by the American Congress. Although he did not live to see the

sight he doubtless died in firm faith that independence would eventually be established, and it is recorded that he left to the town a sum of money to be used in aiding the cause of the colonies.

Some papers in my possession, relating to his last days, which are worn from age and much handling, may be interesting to some of his descendants, as they are to me, and are therefore copied here. The first is entitled: "Last Sayings of Rev. Solomon Williams of Lebanon," and reads as follows:

"Monday morning, 26th Feb., 1776. 'God has given me many blessings and favors and been very gracious on many accounts, amongst others He has given me very kind and dutiful and affectionate children. I thank Him and thank you all for all your kindness, etc. I told him that God had given us one of the best and tenderest fathers that ever children were blessed with, and we had received twenty thousand kindnesses, etc., which we did not deserve. He replied we were most welcome, what he had done God had enabled him and if in his power would gladly have done more. He thanked God He had given him hope concerning his children, that they were and he hoped would be useful in the world in various departments, but they were all duty and duties of them to be done; that we must look to God, love God, love our fellow-men, and love and live in love to one another. God required our whole heart and was infinitely deserving of it, of ten million times more than we could do for or be to Him; we must make religion our business, our choice, our delight at all times; anything short of that would be nothing.'

"P. M. 'I don't see the beauties and inexpressible glories of the other world in so strong a manner as I wish, but God can reveal them, and if He withhold them from my view He can take me to Heaven without and I wait for Him. I am weary of my groaning; wearisome days and nights are appointed to me; I chose strangling and death rather than life, but perhaps I am too impatient, etc.; I know God's everlasting covenant and promises are firm and strong, and the glorious mercies of it stable and everlasting; 'tis impossible He should lie or deceive His creatures; to the terms of that covenant I think and am sure; I had heartily consented a

hundred and a thousand times and do now most fully if I know my own heart. My children, this world is nothing; care nothing for or about it, but to do what God requires of you in it, etc. Never rest till you make your calling and election sure.'

"Sometime in the night he said 'we love our friends and our children greatly, and are very desirous to afford them all help in distress, and immediately, but cannot. God loves His children much better, and can afford them all relief if they need at any time, but will not, not because He does not love them, but because He is infinitely wise and knows what is best for us, and always does it.' He said many other things.

"Tuesday, 27th. He was extremely faint all day. Rev. Mr. Salter, making some pious remarks, among other things he said: 'I am under infinite obligations to God for thousands of favors and among them that He has given me so many and so much of opportunity to speak for God, to speak for Christ, and have therefore more reason to be patient that He won't let me now; it would be pleasant but I cannot speak and God does not want me. I have great reason to lament that I have lived no better and so much neglected that constant intercourse and communion with God that I ought to have kept up, so many intermissions, so many interruptions, etc. I should have reason to fear He would leave me to want that sweet consolation which I now stand in so much need of, but blessed be His name, He gives enough to support me, etc. I have more and more firm assurances of the truth of the gospel; 'tis not any special illumination, but the overbearing weight of the witness of God. I hope the time will soon come but I must wait, etc., etc.'"<sup>1</sup>

Another paper is a letter from his son Ezekiel to his wife, whom he had left at their home in Wethersfield. It is interesting as exhibiting some characteristics of both father and son:

"LEBANON, 1st March, 1776.

"My dearest Love:

"I got down here just time enough to see and feel one of the most tender, affecting and distressing scenes of my

<sup>1</sup>These words were taken from his lips by his son Col. William Williams.

whole life, our most tender, dear, inexpressibly dear Father just leaving this troublesome, wicked and worthless world. A little before 12 o'clock that night, with the utmost calmness and composure, he took his departure (I have no manner of doubt) but on the wings of angels to meet his dear Father, his dear (once Wethersfield) brother, and other dear departed saints and above all his dear Saviour Jesus, in the realms of eternal happiness and glory. Unspeakable consolation! O how much wisdom, knowledge and goodness left the world that fatal night! No more shall I hear his sweet voice, his wise counsels, his pious, his excellent instructions. Tell our dear excellent Aunt<sup>1</sup> that none of us can have any more of his Pathetick Prayers, but that I hope and trust they are laid up as a precious increase. We must now pray more earnestly for ourselves; beg she would pray for me and for us all, for our dear little ones. Oh that they may be early formed for God, to know the God of their own excellent Grandfather! I wish our dear John might be properly affected with what he has lost. The subject is too tender to dwell on; I can say no more; am this moment called upon to go view the ground where to lay the precious remains, which are to be deposited next Monday, there to remain to the glorious resurrection day. . . . Oh may we all follow our dear departed father wherein he has followed Christ and be prepared (as I trust and doubt not he was) for a glorious immortality. Hope you will be careful of your own tender frame this changeable and uncomfortable weather and of the dear children, and I know you will do everything you can that our dear Aunt Smith's life and health may be as comfortable as possible. I wish I could do a thousand times so much as I have. . . . She, as well as we, has lost a dear and very valuable friend. I shall always love her the more because he loved and respected her so much and she him. . . . Hope to return next Tuesday if God permit, tho' I know it will be hard leaving the distressed family — a kind and tender mother almost overcome, and dear brothers and sisters greatly distressed and yet greatly comforted with the assurance of his now being infinitely happier than it was possible for him to be here, in the enjoyment of his God and blessed Saviour Jesus Christ. . . . I

<sup>1</sup> Mrs. Smith formerly wife of Rector Williams.

scarce know what I have wrote, my heart is too full, and I fear you will not be able to read it, and I believe it is so confused as not to be worth reading. Am most tenderly and affectionately yours,

“EZ<sup>L</sup> WILLIAMS.

“P. S. Remember me to all the dear little ones (may God preserve them), to Mrs. Hancock also, who I heartily wish may be very happy and comfortable; beg her prayers also.”

Dr. Williams' funeral sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Cogswell of Windham from the text, “Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life.”<sup>1</sup> Extracts from the sermon are as follows:

“Adulation is to be avoided, to be abhorred, as well that which is spoken of the dead, as addressed to the living. Few characters will justly bear panegyric. Concerning the greater part of mankind, therefore, it is best to be silent, but with regard to this our deceased father and friend, there is more reason of coming short than of exceeding due bounds. I am very sensible of my own insufficiency to give the character of so great and good a man, and I shall only touch upon a few branches, leaving to some abler hand the agreeable task of a large and minute character. His genius was truly both great and excellent. He had a quick discernment, deep penetration, solid judgment, lively imagination, a capacious and tenacious memory. These endowments laid the foundation for excelling in the knowledge of books and men; and in both of these kinds of knowledge he actually excelled in no common degree. By the care of his pious, venerable and learned ancestors he had the benefit of a very liberal education, which he improved to the best purposes by an indefatigable application to study, whereby he became in younger life a good scholar in the liberal arts and sciences. But his favorite study was Divinity; to this he early devoted himself, not from necessity but from inclination. Being in early life savingly acquainted with the love of God and Christ and consequently the preciousness of immortal souls, he devoted

<sup>1</sup>Two editions of this sermon were published, and very likely a copy might be found hidden in many an attic. I have seen but one in a bound volume of sermons in my father's library.

himself to the study of Divinity and the work of ministry from a principle of supreme love to Christ and an ardent desire to build up His kingdom in the salvation of souls; what proficiency he made in his study, his useful, learned and pious labors in the pulpit and from the press are and long will be witnesses.

“In the sacred desk he shone with peculiar lustre. His whole deportment was such as greatly recommended the ministerial character — grave, devout, solemn, affectionate and animating. In prayer he was copious, fervent, unaffected, devout, scriptural; endowed with an amiable talent of adapting himself to every varying occasion and omitting nothing which was pertinent, yet always concise, never tedious. But the art, the talent of preaching, was all his own. He had not, indeed, the strong commanding voice, nor did he make use of the labored flourishes of artificial oratory, but his method of preaching, in the opinion of the best judges, was far better. His sermons were composed with great judgment and accuracy, in that natural, easy method and unaffected style which would induce one to imagine while hearing his discourses that nothing was easier than to imitate him, but upon trial nothing was found harder. His voice was very agreeable and his delivery with such a mixture of gravity and pleasantness of dignity and modesty of authority and meekness, that few, very few could command the attention better than he. But above all, the devotion, piety and philanthropy which were pictured in his countenance and in his flowing accents of ardent affection with most evident tokens of sincerity in every sentence coming warm from his heart, had a marvellous influence not only to gain, to command the attention, but to elevate the affections of the devout heart and raise them up to Heaven, and to leave such deep and permanent impressions of divine truth fixed and rooted in the soul as were not easily effaced.

“He was truly a primitive apostolic Christian divine and preacher. Christ was the centre of his affections, the sum of his preaching; with strict truth he could adopt the words of St. Paul and say to his people, ‘I determine to know nothing among you save Jesus Christ and Him crucified,’ and he was careful that none should spoil them through philosophy and vain deceit after the traditions of men and not

after Christ. The system of religion which he inculcated was evidently taken out of the Bible, to which he recurred by numerous quotations. These were taken and applied in such a manner as made it exceeding evident that he had not previously found or adopted a system which he was impressing a few detached passages of the sacred writings to confirm, but that these were indeed the source from which his whole scheme was derived. He not only taught but lived the religion of the gospel; he was evidently an example of his flock in word, in conversation, in charity, in faith, in purity; by his singular prudence and exemplary moderation, condescension, affability, modesty and charity, and his faithful discharge of every part of his ministerial work, with an apparent evident regard to God and love to Christ and his people, he so recommended himself to his whole flock that he was greatly beloved by them and as universally esteemed as any of his order. And he was not only beloved and esteemed by his own flock and most esteemed and most beloved by those who were most respectable and discerning among them, but greatly and universally beloved and esteemed by his numerous acquaintances of all ranks. In this respect he might have been said to be 'first-born among many brethren,' and it is not strange that he was so, for in him the scholar, the gentleman and the Christian were happily united. He made it his endeavor to please all men in all things so far as he could do it without displeasing God. He was a peacemaker in the true gospel sense and was under God an instrument of healing as many breaches and reconciling as many differences as perhaps any man in his day. This excellent pacific temper, in conjunction with singular wisdom and prudence, fitted him to be an able counsellor; to him, therefore, a great number, both of churches and ministers, applied under their various difficulties and perplexities for advice; nor did they apply in vain, for he was ready as well as able to give the best counsel. He was a warm and consistent patriot, zealous for the rights of humanity, an able advocate for liberty and a bold and avowed opposer of despotism and usurpation; at the same time he was a fast friend to government and good order, and not afraid to testify against that licentiousness which some have endeavored to introduce under the name of liberty. In him,



therefore, his country has lost one of her ablest, best friends; in this gloomy, doubtful and alarming crisis of public affairs, his counsels, his steadfastness, his prayers will be greatly wanted. But we have reason to hope that tho' he is gone, those fervent, effectual prayers which he has put up for his flock, his friends, his country have entered into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth and will be heard and answered to the ruin of tyranny and salvation of our land.

“ In his family he was an example of conjugal tenderness and parental affection; remarkable for the care and pains which he took to give the best education to his children in every regard; to cultivate their minds with early erudition and bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; the happy effects of which, under the Divine benediction, he had the satisfaction to see and rejoice abundantly in, and as he had reason to bless God for success in his pious, judicious and laborious endeavors in his own family, so he had likewise in numerous instances among his flock; indeed, we have reason to conclude that the blessing of many souls, ready to perish, do and will rest upon him, for his labors were crowned with remarkable success in various periods of his ministry. With what faithfulness to Christ and His cause, with what prudent zeal, with what love to souls, he conducted in that remarkable season, when we have reason to believe many were brought home to Christ under the special influences of the divine Spirit, and when through the subtlety of the grand adversary many were led away into pernicious errors, not only many of his hearers but his brethren and children in the ministry and other acquaintances will remember. It was owing, under God, to his steadiness and wisdom that the same errors and wildnesses which spread so far and rent so many churches did not prevail to any considerable degree in this place.

“ Thus beloved by and a blessing to mankind, to his flock and family, God upheld his feeble frame and lengthened out his life to a good old age, though he was frequently exercised with bodily weakness and pain. The amiable patience and singular fortitude of mind with which he bore them all, plainly and fully evidenced that even those could not abate either his virtue or his happiness, but were only a means of refining, improving and perfecting them, and I have the best

information that his faith and patience not only held out but were increasing to the last.

"In his last moments he expressed his perfect satisfaction in the way of redemption by Christ, his firm reliance on the promise and faithfulness of God, and his full assurance of his interest in that glorious salvation which Christ has purchased, which carried him above not only the world and all its affairs but even above all disquieting sense of his pains and afflictions in sure and certain hope of a glorious resurrection and a blessed immortality. A happy conclusion this of a long and godly life; showing the pertinence and importance of the Psalmist's remark, 'Mark the perfect man and behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace.'

"And now we have reason to rest satisfied that he rests from all his labors and has experienced the fulfillment of the promise that these light afflictions which are but for a moment have wrought for him a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. This hope we have abundant reason for, from the whole tenor of the promises in God's word and from that made in our text in particular, for he was eminently faithful in all the various and important bestrustments committed to him; he was a faithful father and friend to the seminary of learning in this government, of which he was many years a member. He was many years a faithful minister of Jesus Christ, a faithful friend, and, in a word, universally faithful, wherefore he now inherits the crown of righteousness and life which the Lord hath promised to those who are faithful to the death."

Dr. Williams married, Jan. 22, 1723, about the time of his settlement in Lebanon, Mary, daughter of Hon. Samuel and Joanna (Cook) Porter of Hadley, Mass., who was born Nov. 4, 1703, and died Sept. 30, 1787. The house in which he lived and in which his children were born, a good sample of an old New England colonial house, remained in the hands of his descendants for a hundred years or more, and is still standing in good preservation in old Lebanon, not far from the house in which his distinguished son William lived. Their children were:

SOLOMON<sup>s</sup>, born Nov. 5, 1723; died Nov. 12, 1723, in infancy.

SOLOMON<sup>s</sup>, born July 6, 1725; died in the year of his graduation from Yale College, Oct. 24, 1743.

ELIPHALET<sup>s</sup>, born Feb. 25, 1727; minister of the church in East Hartford from March, 1748, until his death in 1803. He was a member of the corporation of Yale College for more than thirty years, and received the degree of D.D. from that institution in 1782.

EZEKIEL<sup>s</sup>. See page 29.

WILLIAM<sup>s</sup>, born at Lebanon, March 18, 1731 [so says his father; his monument says April 8]; graduated at Harvard College in 1751; died Aug. 2, 1811. A very interesting sketch of the life and character of this distinguished and valuable man may be found in Goodrich's *Lives of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence*, which is copied in the *History of the Williams' Family*, pp. 180-186. In a centennial address delivered July 4, 1876, in Lebanon, the Rev. Mr. Hine says: "With tongue and pen and estate William Williams gave himself to the cause of the colonies." How he identified himself with this cause may be seen from a remark which he made when at great labor and cost to himself he sent supplies of beef, cattle, and gold to Valley Forge in the gloomy winter of 1777: "If independence is established," he said, "I shall get my pay, if not the loss will be of no account to me."

William Williams married, Feb. 14, 1771, Mary Trumbull, second daughter of the "war governor." She was born at Lebanon, July 16, 1745, and died there February, 1831. They had three children: Solomon, Faith, and William Trumbull, who was born in 1775; graduated at Yale College, 1795; married his cousin Sarah (born Sept. 7, 1779, died Oct. 3, 1839), daughter of David and Sarah (Backus) Trumbull; was a lawyer and antiquarian, interested in collecting Trumbull papers; died at Lebanon, Dec. 15, 1839.

MARY<sup>s</sup>, born Feb. 11, 1733; married Rev. Richard Salter, D.D., of Mansfield, brother of her sister Christian's husband. They had three children, not one of whom lived two months.

THOMAS<sup>s</sup>, born Nov. 12, 1735; graduated at Yale College, 1756; died at Lebanon, Feb. 10, 1819. He married Rebecca, daughter of Samuel and Esther (Ellsworth) Welles, of Hartford, who was born Dec. 16, 1743, and died at Lebanon, March, 1792. Their children were: a daughter, died stillborn, April 26, 1782; Solomon and Mary, twins, born Aug. 29, 1873; Thomas, physician in Lebanon, whose son Solomon lived for many years in East Hartford and Manchester and had a large family of enterprising and intelligent children, many of whom are still living.

CHRISTIAN<sup>s</sup>, born April 11, 1738; married John Salter, of Mansfield, Conn., had one son who married his cousin. A record of his family will appear hereafter.

MOSES<sup>6</sup>, born May 8, 1740; died in his tenth year.

SAMUEL<sup>6</sup>, born Dec. 5, 1741; died Jan. 31, 1742.

EUNICE<sup>6</sup>, born May 22, 1745; married, Dec. 6, 1769, Rev. Timothy Stone of Goshen, a parish of Lebanon, in which place he was settled for about thirty years. He is said to have been among the ablest ministers of Connecticut of that day. He died at Goshen, May 12, 1797. For an account of Mr. Stone, the father, as well as of Dr. Salter, see Sprague's *Annals*. Mrs. Stone died in Cornwall, Conn., June 14, 1836, aged 91. Nearly all her children died in infancy, but one, Rev. Timothy, was for many years minister of the Congregational Church in Cornwall. A daughter, Mary, married Rev. Mr. Pinneo, and had several children.

EZEKIEL WILLIAMS<sup>5</sup>.

Born May 4, 1729. Died Feb. 12, 1818.

Fourth son of Rev. Solomon Williams, D.D., was born in Lebanon, May 4, 1729. Of the five sons of his father who lived to maturity, he was the only one who did not receive a college education. He was of a very ardent, active temperament, and probably preferred business to study. I know nothing of his early life. Upon the Wethersfield Land Records is a copy of a deed, dated Dec. 12, 1752, by which all rights in certain lands are conveyed to Elisha Williams, Jr., and Ezekiel Williams, both of Wethersfield. Nothing being known of any other Ezekiel Williams, we must conclude that the son of Solomon settled in Wethersfield at an early age and was probably soon engaged in active business. He may have been connected with the firm of Williams, Trumbull & Pitkin, which had a branch establishment in Wethersfield, although he could not have been the senior member, the firm having existed under the same name as early as 1746, when he was but seventeen years of age. In 1759, as we learn from the Town Records, he bought the land upon which soon after he built the large house now standing at the head of Broad street, in which his children were born and reared.

On Nov. 6, 1760, he married his second cousin, Prudence Stoddard, born March 28, 1734, daughter of Col. John Stoddard of Northampton, Mass. Of him Gov. Hutchinson of Massachusetts wrote: "Few men have been more generally esteemed. . . . No man in Massachusetts Bay possessed the same weight of character during the last twenty years of his life, and it may be said, almost literally, that 'after him men spake not again.'" Dr. Dwight, a former president of Yale College, in his *Travels in New England*, quotes still further from Hutchinson and gives a fuller tribute to the character and services of Col. Stoddard, with some interesting facts illustrative of both.<sup>1</sup> His daughter

<sup>1</sup> See *Stoddard Genealogy*, pp. 98, 203-222.

was educated at some of the best schools of the colony. The *History of the Williams Family* says, "She was a lady of great strength of character with uncommon dignity of deportment." In a manuscript record, prepared under the oversight of her son, Hon. Thomas S. Williams, it is written, "Her character was one of remarkable excellence, intelligent and lovely."

About the year 1767, Ezekiel Williams was appointed sheriff for the county of Hartford, a much more honorable and desirable office at that time than it is considered at present. Henceforth he was universally known as "The Sheriff," and the few who at this day remember him prefix to his name the title by which, as long as he lived, he was distinguished.

In the *History of the Williams Family*, his son, Hon. Thomas S. Williams, gives a brief sketch of his character and official services, as follows: "During the time that 'tried men's souls,' he was warm and active in the cause of his country. Silas Deane sneeringly calls his ardor 'boiling zeal.' During most of the time of the Revolutionary War, he was Commissary of Prisoners for the State of Connecticut, and his voluminous correspondence with the venerable Boudinot, Commissary General, shows that the duties were arduous. In addition to this he held the office of sheriff of the county of Hartford, which he resigned in the year 1789, after twenty-two years of service."

Of his official appointments Judge S. W. Adams wrote me as follows: "He was appointed by the General Assembly captain of the first company of the Sixth Regiment of Connecticut militia in May, 1761. The same authority also appointed him sheriff of Hartford County in 1767. He was (with Mr. Pitkin, Thos. Seymour, and Oliver Ellsworth), on the 'Committee of the Pay Table' from April, 1775, to the end of the Revolutionary War. This body audited the war accounts of the Colony and State. In May, 1775, he with ten others were constituted a commission to take charge of prisoners of war in Connecticut. In May, 1777, upon the request of Congress, the General Assembly appointed him Commissary of Prisoners. He was thereafter called Deputy Commissary General and was usually entitled Colonel. I suppose the office carried with it the assimilated

rank of colonel. So you see that his descendants would be entitled to be enrolled among the Sons of the Revolution beyond question."

Chief Justice Williams continues: "He was many years, from 1774 until his death in 1818, deacon of the Church of Christ in Wethersfield. His official duties were discharged with great promptitude and fidelity. He was uncompromising in his principles, active in the cause of Christ, and devoted to the welfare of his fellowmen. His hand was ever open to the calls of the poor and destitute, and his heart devised liberal things for the benevolent operations of the day."

Hinman's *History of the Connecticut Actors in the American Revolution* shows him to have been quite prominent among them, unwearied in his labors and freely sacrificing his property to aid the colonies in their struggle for independence." "The citizens of that State," says one, "are under lasting obligations to him for his services."

He was a tender loving husband, and an affectionate, anxious father. His solicitude for his children, especially for his sons, led him to secure for them the best teachers at home, and to place them under eminent instructors abroad. He had for many years a governess in his family, Mrs. Hancock, an English lady of great piety, intelligence and worth, to whom his younger children, particularly his son Thomas, felt in after life greatly indebted. One of his daughters was for fourteen years an invalid, a great sufferer from disease that utterly baffled the skill of the best physicians of the town and neighboring city. His considerate thoughtfulness and tender care of her were beautiful. The whole family was restrained for her sake, not unwillingly, for she was lovely and beloved by all who knew her. Whatever her father saw or heard of that was likely to contribute to her comfort he procured for her, and I have been told that before the Fourth of July or a "Training Day," such as was frequent in those times, he would go to a distant part of the town and engage rooms to which she was tenderly carried, thus escaping the noise of guns and cannons and other unpleasant sounds that would cause pain to her very sensitive nerves. The wheeled chair, made according to her father's directions expressly for her use, was after her death, when such appliances were more uncommon and less easily ob-

tained than now, loaned to many a sufferer, and more than once sent thirty miles or further than that on its errand of mercy. For many years it reposed in his granddaughter's attic, broken beyond repair, the necessity for its use superseded by greatly improved contrivances adapted to the same purpose.

Sheriff Williams' hospitality was unbounded. His children sometimes thought it carried to too great excess, when he put himself and them to so much trouble in showing kindness in his own house, to the poor, the distressed, and the stranger. His house, large as it was, did not suffice for his generous hospitality, and a small house a few rods away was used when the big mansion overflowed its limits. The boys were usually sent there, and free from parental control and restraint, they played many a prank which made the old walls ring and which have been handed down to their children and grandchildren. In the southeast parlor was what I think must have been the ancestor of the modern folding bed. In outward appearance something like a large wardrobe with panelled doors, but containing a bed which could be let down at night, when a late traveler might appear, and the bedrooms were all full. Many incidents illustrative of this open-handed liberality, were told by his children with evident satisfaction and pride in after years. Others have confirmed the impression which his children gave, and have added to it a vision of a nervous, excitable person, in perpetual motion, with an extreme sensitiveness to slight annoyances and any physical discomfort, which he could not conceal, yet with a never failing impulse to help any one to whom he could render a service, and grudging no trouble or sacrifice of pleasure or pride to accomplish this end.

Many anecdotes were current years ago displaying his peculiarities of temperament and manner in rather an amusing light, but these peculiarities were merely superficial and did not at all detract from the respect and love which were universally manifested toward him. He sat in a very conspicuous seat in the "meeting-house," as the place of worship was then called, in the deacon's seat in front of and beneath the pulpit and facing the congregation. Sometimes the flies would bother him and he would wave his red bandana to drive them away, or he felt a breath of air and would throw



the same red bandana over the exposed part, head or neck, to the amusement of the sitters in the galleries and pews. In winter there was no fire in the church, and he carried a foot stove which he moved from place to place; when his feet were coldest he put it under them and when his hands were chilled he took it into his lap and laid them upon it. His successor in office, Stephen Chester, sat opposite him in the singer's gallery, and was probably more interested in watching him than in joining in the service or listening to the sermon. Mr. Chester was a near relation of Mr. Williams' wife and an intimate acquaintance of the sheriff, and being something of a wag thought he would get a little fun out of his friend's peculiarities. So one day he told the constable that he had a writ for him to serve. When the constable learned that it was a summons to Sheriff Williams to appear and answer to certain charges against him he objected to performing the duty, but the new sheriff insisted, and the inferior officer set out to do as he was bidden. When Mr. Williams learned on what errand he had come to him he broke out in strong expressions of astonishment, "A writ to be served upon me! and what for?" "For disturbing Sheriff Chester's devotions in meeting," was the constable's reply. To which the ex-sheriff made answer, "Sheriff Chester! Sheriff Chester never had any devotions to disturb," which it is to be feared was at that time true, for though he led the singing of the church with unusual skill, and often the tears would flow freely when the sweet voices of his choir were in harmony, it was not seldom that only words profane were strong enough to express his displeasure when a false note was struck or the voices of his singers were discordant. It is presumed that the writ was returned to the acting sheriff and no further attempt was made to serve it.

Sheriff Williams' son Thomas says of him, "His hand was ever open to the calls of the poor and destitute, and his heart devised liberal things for the benevolent operations of the day." His son John used to tell his children that their grandfather had a drawer in his desk in which there was always money devoted to charitable purposes. From the time it was placed there it was "the Lord's," and sometimes when his children asked for a small sum to expend for their own pleasure he would say, "Do you want me to rob the

Lord? I shall have to do it if I give you anything now"; thus effectually silencing the most of them, but not always his son John.

Sometimes his kindness was imposed upon and children and friends would advise him to be more discriminating in the bestowal of his charities, but in vain. It was his unvarying practice to give not less than "eighteen pence" to every stranger who asked of him alms. "Then," said he, "I shall not deny entirely anyone really in need of help." A good deacon, who was associated with him in office, told me that as they walked together in the street one day they were accosted by a well-known lazy, intemperate townsman, who began a pitiful story of his misfortunes, holding out his hand at the same time for something that would relieve them. The sheriff at once slipped a piece of silver into his palm and passed on with his friend. When they were out of the beggar's hearing the younger deacon asked the elder how he could give to such a worthless fellow. "Ain't I a worthless fellow?" was the reply, "and the Lord is always giving to me."

Sometimes his kindness was appreciated and the recipient would seek an opportunity to express his gratitude. One day he was passing alone in his chaise over an unfrequented and very muddy road. At one spot his wheels stuck fast and his horse could not draw him on. Greatly excited, as he was wont to be in an emergency requiring immediate action, he cried out, "Lord deliver me from the horrible pit and the miry clay!" Some negroes at work in an adjoining field heard him and came to his rescue. They cheerfully performed the not very easy or agreeable task and landed him upon firm ground, expressing their pleasure at being able to serve one who had always been so kind and polite to them.

His eldest daughter, upon whom much family care devolved, told me that he would often accost strangers who were riding or driving by, and if it were near a meal time would insist upon their coming into his house and taking a seat with himself and his family at the table, or if that were already cleared, would have it spread anew for them. The temperament of his wife was just the reverse of his own, and such interference with her domestic arrangements, it is believed, never disturbed her equanimity or disposed her to check his kindly impulse.

This good man, who perhaps scarcely knew what *repose* was while in this earthly life, entered upon "the rest that remaineth for the people of God" on Feb. 12, 1818, in the eighty-ninth year of his age. It was a long life, but he used to say, as he drew near the close of it, "There's no such thing as old people; I thought there was once, but I'm as old as anybody and I'm sure I am not old."

His wife survived him about four and a half years, her death occurring on July 1, 1822. They were laid side by side in a tomb which he had prepared in the old burying ground of Wethersfield. The effects of time and decay made it necessary between thirty and forty years after to fill up the vault and take down the structure over it. A suitable monument was erected upon the centre of the lot, which bears the name of Ezekiel Williams and his wife, as also the names of their descendants by blood and marriage who lie around them.

Above the names of the founders of the family and their children who died unmarried, upon the side facing the entrance to the lot, are the comforting and inspiring words of St. Paul, "Them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him."

DESCENDANTS OF  
EZEKIEL WILLIAMS AND PRUDENCE HIS WIFE.

My list of the descendants of Ezekiel and Prudence Stoddard Williams is complete [for four generations. For the last generation, eleventh from Robert, I have been able to obtain but a very few names].

I shall take each of the children separately and trace his or her descendants down to the present time. I am aware that a better arrangement might be adopted, but this one will be the easiest for me and I think that the few who will care to consult this record will find no difficulty in obtaining any facts they may desire which are contained in it.

The children of Ezekiel Williams numbered eleven, all of whom lived to maturity, and most of them to an advanced age, as the following list will show:

1. EMILY,<sup>o</sup> born June 29, 1761; baptized July 12; died Sept. 19, 1850, aged 89.
2. JOHN,<sup>o</sup> born Sept. 11, 1762; baptized Sept. 12; died Dec. 19, 1840, aged 78.
3. HARRIET,<sup>o</sup> born June 26, 1764; died June 5, 1850, aged 86.
4. EZEKIEL,<sup>o</sup> born Dec. 29, 1765; baptized Jan. 5, 1766; died Oct. 18, 1843, aged 78.
5. PRUDENCE,<sup>o</sup> born Oct. 2, 1767; baptized Oct. 4; died March 24, 1853, aged 86.
6. MARY,<sup>o</sup> born Aug. 14, 1769; baptized Aug. 20; died Nov. 25, 1850, aged 81.
7. ESTHER,<sup>o</sup> born April 14, 1771; died June 24, 1820, unmarried, aged 49.
8. SOLOMON STODDARD,<sup>o</sup> born Oct. 10, 1773; died Feb. 10, 1840, unmarried; aged 67.
9. CHRISTIAN,<sup>o</sup> born Sept. 22, 1775; died Jan. 30, 1803, unmarried; aged 28.
10. THOMAS SCOTT,<sup>o</sup> born June 26, 1777; died Dec. 22, 1861, aged 84.
11. SAMUEL PORTER,<sup>o</sup> born Feb. 22, 1779; died Dec. 23, 1826, aged 47.

EMILY<sup>6</sup>.

Born June 29, 1761. Died Sept. 19, 1850.

Eldest child of Ezekiel and Prudence (Stoddard) Williams, married her second cousin, Samuel William Williams, Nov. 23, 1785. He was a grandson of Rector Williams, a graduate of Yale College, 1772, an officer in the Revolutionary army and afterward held offices of trust in Wethersfield, his native town, in which he spent most of his life. He died Sept. 14, 1812, aged 62. Mrs. Williams, his wife, was an uncommonly active, efficient and benevolent woman. By word and deed she expressed her warm interest in all around her; as her brother-in-law said of her, "To do good and communicate, she forgot not." They had issue:

HARRIET<sup>7</sup>, born Nov. 28, 1786; died Aug. 6, 1881.

EMILY<sup>7</sup>, born July 25, 1788; died, unmarried, May 11, 1848.

ELIZABETH<sup>7</sup>, born July 2, 1790; died May 11, 1848.

MARY<sup>7</sup>, born April 15, 1792; died Sept. 15, 1793.

MARY<sup>7</sup>, born Nov. 25, 1793; died July 12, 1886.

FRANCES<sup>7</sup>, born Nov. 10, 1795; died Dec. 21, 1815.

WILLIAM<sup>7</sup>, born Oct. 2, 1797; died June 17, 1860.

EZEKIEL<sup>7</sup>, born July 5, 1799; died Feb. 10, 1873.

ABIGAIL<sup>7</sup>, born May 10, 1801; died, unmarried, Feb. 28, 1832.

SAMUEL<sup>7</sup>, born Feb. 26, 1804; died Feb. 8, 1882.

JOHN STODDARD<sup>7</sup>, born June 3, 1806; died Sept. 11, 1848.

HARRIET WILLIAMS<sup>7</sup>, the eldest child of Emily and Samuel W. Williams, married Caleb Goodwin, a merchant of Hartford, Sept. 3, 1811. He died in that city, May 24, 1830, aged 51. Their children were:

ELIZABETH WILLIAMS<sup>8</sup>, born Sept. 3, 1813; died Sept. 23, 1898, at the Hartford Hospital after eleven days' illness, the effect of a fall in her room, by which a limb was broken.

WILLIAM WILLIAMS<sup>8</sup>, born in Hartford, May 13, 1817; settled in Galena, Ill., in mercantile business in 1845; in 1857 moved to Chicago; resided for many years with his daughter, Mrs. Watson; married Nov. 14, 1850, Kate F.

Amoss, daughter of William Amoss of Baltimore, Md., who died June 28, 1866, aged 35. Their children were:

FRANCIS PARSONS<sup>9</sup>, born Dec. 26, 1851; died, unmarried, at San Antonio, Texas, March 12, 1894.

EMMA TREGO<sup>9</sup>, born Aug. 27, 1852; died July 10, 1887.

ALICE<sup>9</sup>, born May 27, 1856; married June 27, 1882, Rev. William J. Watson, now pastor of the Baptist Church, Villisca, Iowa. They have children:

EMMA MARIE<sup>10</sup>, born Dec. 10, 1884.

JOSEPH<sup>10</sup>, born May 12, 1887.

ALICE<sup>10</sup>, born Dec. 31, 1890.

ELIZABETH ALINE<sup>10</sup>, born April 25, 1895.

WILLIAM HENRY<sup>9</sup>, fourth child of William W. and Kate (Amoss) Goodwin, born March 4, 1859; married July 26, 1898, Grace F. Watson of Pittsburg, Pa.; bookseller, Jamestown, N. Y.; now resident at Auburn, N. Y. Mrs. W. H. Goodwin died June 17, 1903. They had one child:

HARRIET FRANCENIA<sup>10</sup>, born April 1, 1863; died, unmarried, at Monmouth, Ill., March 13, 1889.

HENRY MARTYN<sup>8</sup>, third child of Harriet Williams and Caleb Goodwin, born at Hartford, June 8, 1820; studied theology at New York and New Haven, 1843-1846; was ordained, 1851; married, Nov. 6, 1854, Martha French of Bath, N. H., who died March 17, 1876, aged 51. Rev. Mr. Goodwin, D.D., was pastor of the First Congregational Church in Rockland, Ill., from 1850 to 1872; resided in Europe with his family, 1872 to 1874; on his return was appointed professor in Olivet College, Olivet, Mich., which office he resigned in 1887. He wrote a theological work entitled *Christ and Humanity*, and many valuable articles published in the *New Englander* and other religious magazines. He died of pneumonia, March 1, 1893, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Wild, in Williamstown, Mass.

The children of Henry M. Goodwin and Martha French are:

HORACE BUSHNELL<sup>9</sup>, born Aug. 21, 1856; married (Mrs.) Lida Lennox, daughter of Richard Collins, now of Kansas City, Mo., July, 1883; no children.

MARTHA CHAPIN<sup>9</sup>, born July 12, 1859; married July 9, 1903, George DeWitt Castor of Kansas City, Mo., a graduate of Drury College and instructor on missions, etc., Yale College.

1904-1907; now Professor of New Testament Exegesis, Berkeley Divinity School, Berkeley, Calif.; no children.

HENRY FRENCH<sup>9</sup>, born April 25, 1863; graduated Olivet College, 1884; Yale Divinity School, 1890; for some years pastor of church in or near Chicago; studied medicine and is now a practicing physician in Chicago; unmarried.

ADA LILLEY, born Jan. 15, 1865; married July 14, 1892, Henry Daniel Wild, Professor of Latin Language and Literature, Williams College, Williamstown, Mass. Their children are:

HENRY DOUGLAS<sup>10</sup>, born Nov., 1893, in Leipzig.

ARTHUR GOODWIN<sup>10</sup>, born May 4, 1897, in Williamstown.

CALEB<sup>8</sup>, fourth child of Harriet Williams and Caleb Goodwin, was born in Hartford, Sept. 13, 1822; settled in Chicago; married there, Sept. 13, 1847, Elizabeth Brooks, daughter of Samuel Brooks of London, born in Islington, England, Jan. 31, 1823. They had children:

HENRY BUSHNELL<sup>9</sup>, paper manufacturer's agent, Chicago, born in Galena, Ill., July 19, 1848; married Oct. 24, 1883, in Boston, Mass., Mary Minerva Welles, daughter of George M. and Mary (Wilcox) Welles of Chicago. No children.

HARRIET WILLIAMS<sup>9</sup>, born in Chicago, Oct. 7, 1850; died Sept. 7, 1853.

FREDERICK BROOKS<sup>9</sup>, merchant in Chicago, born in Chicago, Aug. 23, 1852; married there, Sept. 16, 1880. Orra Louvis Pierce, daughter of Henry and Susan (Leach) Pierce. Their children are:

MARY PIERCE<sup>10</sup>, born Feb. 9, 1882; married, Chicago, Dec. 31, 1904, Ernest Frank Gould; one child:

ORRA HARRIET<sup>11</sup>, born April 28, 1906.

SUSAN LEACH<sup>10</sup>, born Jan. 1, 1886; married, Dec. 31, 1904, on same day as her sister, Frederick Chester Pullen.

SAMUEL BROOKS<sup>9</sup>, born, Chicago, April 24, 1855; died Sept. 10, 1855.

MARY SHEPPERD<sup>9</sup>, born, Chicago, April 24, 1855 (Samuel's twin sister); married, Chicago, May 23, 1878. Henry Theodore Pierce, son of Henry and Susan (Leach) Pierce, who died of enlargement of the heart, Sept. 17, 1901, after many years as a merchant in Kansas City. Their children are:

ELIZABETH BROOKS<sup>10</sup>, born, Chicago, April 19, 1879.

HENRY LEACH<sup>10</sup>, born, Chicago, April 27, 1881.

RUTH MARIAN<sup>10</sup>, born, Kansas City, Dec. 5, 1882.

*Descendants of Ezekiel Williams.*

MARY LOUISA<sup>m</sup>, born, Kansas City, Jan. 23, 1885.

AN INFANT<sup>m</sup>, born Aug., 1888; died September of the same year.

OTIS SOUTHWORTH<sup>10</sup>, born, Kansas City, Nov. 1, 1890.

ELIZABETH MARSDEN<sup>9</sup>, born, Chicago, May 21, 1857; married Mar. 25, 1890, Sereno E. Norton, manufacturer, son of clergyman of Evanston, Ill. They have children:

SERENO GOODWIN<sup>10</sup>, born July 5, 1891.

EDWIN NORTON<sup>10</sup>, born Feb. 6, 1901.

HOWARD WILLIAMS<sup>9</sup>, born, Chicago, Sept. 1, 1859; married, Independence, Kan., Jan. 3, 1888, Mary Emmaline Collins. No children.

SARAH LENORE<sup>9</sup> and LEONARD REMMER<sup>9</sup>, twins, born, Chicago, Oct. 13, 1861.

ISABELLA LOUISA<sup>9</sup>, born, Chicago, Sept. 22, 1863; married June 28, 1888, William C. Payne, son of Alfred Payne, Superintendent of Schools, Chicago. Their children are:

LEONARD GOODWIN<sup>10</sup>, born June 11, 1889.

ARTHUR PAYNE<sup>10</sup>, born Sept. 20, 1890.

HENRY<sup>10</sup>, born May 14, 1892.

LEWIS<sup>5</sup>, fifth son of Harriet Williams and Caleb Goodwin, born, Hartford, April 4, 1826; went to California when quite young, arriving at San Francisco on the last day of February, 1849; spent his whole life, with the exception of a few short visits in the East, upon the Pacific coast; died, San Francisco, Sept. 19, 1889; unmarried.

WILLIAM WILLIAMS<sup>7</sup>, the first son and seventh child of Emily and Samuel W. Williams, graduated at Yale College, 1816; ordained at Salem, Mass., in 1821. He was twenty-one years pastor of two Congregational churches in that city; was afterward settled in Exeter, N. H., and still later, on account of the failure of his health, left the ministry and became a physician. He married his first cousin, Mary Parsons, daughter of Rev. Dr. David Parsons of Amherst, Mass., Sept. 18, 1821. They had issue:

HENRY PORTER<sup>8</sup>, born June 20, 1823; died Aug. 22, 1824.

MARY PARSONS<sup>8</sup>, born July 30, 1826; died Nov. 18, 1829.

FRANCES CHAPPEL<sup>8</sup>, born Feb. 12, 1828; died Nov. 14, 1829.

HARRIET PIERSON<sup>8</sup>, born Dec. 17, 1830; died Mar. 3, 1841.

MARY ELIZABETH<sup>8</sup>, born Jan. 8, 1833; died in Hartford, Feb. 15, 1898.

WILLIAM OAKES<sup>8</sup>, born Aug. 5, 1835; soon after leaving



school in Salem, he went as a sailor on a long voyage in a clipper ship with a friend of the family in command; for two years or more he was engaged in mercantile pursuits in Cleveland and Providence; after which he settled in Boston as a real-estate dealer, where he still lives unmarried.

CHARLES HENRY<sup>8</sup>, born May 27, 1837; identified with the Congregationalists, and residing in Massachusetts or Connecticut has rendered occasional or continuous service to churches of six denominations in fourteen states from Maine to California; His settled pastorates have been over the following churches: Congregational Church, Wellesley Hills, Mass.; Howard Avenue Congregational Church, New Haven, Conn.; First Congregational Church, Meriden, Conn.; First Church of Christ, Hartford, Conn.; now residing in New London, Conn.

SAMUEL<sup>8</sup>, born May 20, 1839; died July 23, 1841.

EZEKIEL WILLIAMS<sup>7</sup>, the second son and eighth child of Emily and Samuel W. Williams, married Adeline M. Arthur Butler, daughter of Levi Butler of Wethersfield, Dec. 22, 1825; baptized May 5, 1799; died at the birth of her second child, Feb. 19, 1840, aged 41. Their children were:

SARAH BUTLER<sup>8</sup>, born Oct. 13, 1826; married, Jan. 29, 1848, Charles Seymour of Hartford, who died Sept. 24, 1884; died in Hartford, Oct. 25, 1897. They had issue:

MARTHA ADELIN<sup>9</sup>, born Aug. 6, 1850; died Aug. 9, 1850.

CHARLES HENRY<sup>9</sup>, born July 5, 1851; died Mar. 24, 1866.

EUGENE EVERETT<sup>9</sup>, born Nov. 6, 1852; married (1) Elizabeth Lyons of New York City, Oct. 9, 1877, who died June 3, 1885, leaving an infant son who survived her only eighteen days; (2) Ella Jane Kipp, of New York City, April 28, 1886, who died Feb. 8, 1899. Their child is:

HELEN<sup>10</sup>, born, New York, Dec. 5, 1893.

A SON,<sup>8</sup> born Feb. 19, 1840; died Feb. 21, 1840.

SAMUEL WILLIAMS<sup>7</sup>, the third son and tenth child of Emily and Samuel W. Williams, married (1) Mary Elizabeth Adams, youngest daughter of Nathaniel Adams of Portsmouth, N. H., Oct. 17, 1831, who died Dec. 27, 1843, aged 35. Mr. Williams was for many years engaged in active business, and afterward studied and practiced law in

New York city. He died Feb. 8, 1882, and was buried in Wethersfield. They had issue:

LOUISA ADSHEAD<sup>s</sup>, born Feb. 12, 1834; married, June 19, 1862, George Tompson of Portsmouth. Their children are:

ALICE WILLIAMS<sup>s</sup>, born April 13, 1863.

LOUISA ADAMS<sup>s</sup>, born Dec. 24, 1864; died young.

HENRY RICHARDS<sup>s</sup>, born July 28, 1867; died young.

STANLEY PARKER<sup>s</sup>, born Mar. 12, 1869.

ANNA ADAMS<sup>s</sup>, born Mar. 10, 1870.

EMILY DE NORMANDIE<sup>s</sup>, born Jan. 20, 1873; died young.

MARION<sup>s</sup>, born Oct. 27, 1877.

WILLIAM ADAMS<sup>s</sup>, second child and first son of Samuel and Mary E. Williams, born Mar. 12, 1836; fell severely wounded in the battle of Gaines Mills in the seven days' fight before Richmond, and died eleven days after, July 8, 1862.

ALICE<sup>s</sup>, born May 28, 1838.

GRACE<sup>s</sup>, born July 28, 1840; married, June 28, 1868, William H. Treadwell of Portsmouth; died 1892. Two children, one not living.

DANIEL A.<sup>s</sup>, born April 17, 1842; married, Nov. 30, 1867, Katharine L. Platt of London, England. Their children are:

ALBERT E.<sup>s</sup>, born Nov. 30, 1870.

FREDERICK A.<sup>s</sup>, born July 2, 1875.

CHARLES H.<sup>s</sup>, born Sept. 6, 1877.

MARY ELIZABETH<sup>s</sup>, born Dec. 21, 1843; died Aug. 4, 1849.

Samuel Williams married (2) Harriette Amelia Bronson, daughter of Rev. Hector Bronson and Lucy Gallop. They had issue:

EMILY IDA<sup>s</sup>, born Sept. 19, 1846.

FREDERICK ELISHA<sup>s</sup>, born Nov. 19, 1848.

HAZEL STODDARD<sup>s</sup>, born Mar. 5, 1850; married Mr. De Agüero.

FRANCK<sup>s</sup>, born Nov. 2, 1852.

JOHN STODDARD<sup>s</sup>, the fourth son and eleventh child of Emily and Samuel W. Williams, graduated at Yale College in 1827; studied law with Rufus Choate at Salem, Mass.; practiced his profession in that city, holding many important town and state offices, until his death, Sept. 11, 1848. A Salem journal said of him: "As an advocate Mr. Williams was eloquent and successful. He was a generous patron of

all benevolent undertakings and a most devoted and active Christian. Those who worshipped with him will bear testimony to his earnestness and zeal in the performance of his Christian duties and his ready eloquence in his effective addresses and prayers in the religious meetings of his society. He was truly a whole-souled man, constantly moved by a most unlimited and impulsive benevolence." He married Mehitable Oakes of Danvers, Mass., who died at Salem, Aug. 2, 1895, aged 87. Their children were:

EMILY OAKES<sup>8</sup>, born May 25, 1838; died Aug. 7, 1892.

RUFUS CHOATE<sup>8</sup>, born Dec. 1840; died in Wethersfield, Sept., 1842.

JOHN STODDARD<sup>8</sup>, born July 20, 1844; married, Sept. 9, 1869, Maria T. Brown, daughter of Ephraim Brown of Salem. Their children are:

JOHN STODDARD<sup>9</sup>, born Aug. 25, 1870; married, Salem, June 19, 1895, Gertrude Evelyn Prime. Their children are:

ELIZABETH<sup>10</sup>, born Dec. 29, 1896.

JOHN STODDARD<sup>10</sup>, born July 13, 1904.

HELEN WILLIAMS<sup>10</sup>, born Nov. 4, 1905.

ALICE TRUMBULL<sup>9</sup>, born Oct. 19, 1892; married, Sept. 15, 1900, Leonard Harrington Goodhue, business man of Boston; resides in Malden; one child:

ALICE GOODHUE<sup>10</sup>, born Jan. 6, 1905.

HELEN OAKES<sup>9</sup>, born Dec. 6, 1875; died Jan. 31, 1877.

EDITH BROWN<sup>9</sup>, born Dec. 23, 1878; died Mar. 30, 1880.

RALPH BROWN<sup>9</sup>, born Aug. 24, 1881.

CHESTER PARSONS<sup>9</sup>, born Aug. 9, 1886.

JOHN<sup>6</sup>.

Born Sept. 11, 1702. Died Dec. 19, 1840.

Second child and eldest son of Ezekiel and Prudence (Stoddard) Williams, graduated at Yale College in 1781. He studied law with Judge Chauncey of New Haven and afterward settled in his native town, Wethersfield. "Having an easy fortune, he early relinquished the law and devoted himself to the leading interests of society and to general literature. In 1800 he made a public profession of Christianity and in after life the study of theology became his favorite pursuit—in its doctrines as received by the Puritans—ever claiming the right of private judgment in its tenets. He was esteemed as a gentleman of literary taste, liberal attainments and philanthropic views of the claims of society, and an ardent patriot in the honor of the country; was a patron of religious institutions and a friend and upholder of the gospel ministry. In the great benevolent objects of the day he was munificent, in private charity unceasing, providing for the destitute after his decease. To his uncommon personal beauty were added the courtliness of dress and manners of the revolutionary age." (Tribute by Dr. Archibald Welch, quoted in *History of the Williams Family*.)

He married (1), Sept. 25, 1799, Sophia, daughter of Col. John and Hannah (Hopkins) Worthington of Springfield, born Dec. 5, 1765, died May 5, 1813. To his record of her death her husband added the following: "She was faithful in all things; in the character of a wife was everything a kind husband could ask. As a mother she was wise, prudent and affectionate. The tears of her family and the whole neighborhood witnessed that they had lost a dear friend. She was a Christian without affectation and without superstition." They had issue:

JOHN WORTHINGTON<sup>7</sup>, born Sept. 28, 1802; died Oct. 4.

JOHN WORTHINGTON<sup>7</sup>, born Nov. 29, 1803; died Aug. 29, 1837.

HANNAH HOPKINS<sup>r</sup>, born Feb. 3, 1805; died, unmarried, Feb. 26, 1846.

EZEKIEL SALTER<sup>r</sup>, born Nov. 11, 1806; died Jan. 12, 1816.

JOHN WORTHINGTON<sup>r</sup>, the second son of John and Sophia (Worthington) Williams, early exhibited an unusual love of books and in college was called the best belles-lettres scholar of his class. He graduated from Yale College in 1822; studied law in Philadelphia, and began there the practice of his profession. But it was not in accordance with his taste and after a few years he relinquished it, to devote himself entirely to literature. He had before this attained a high reputation as a writer, contributing to the columns of the *American Quarterly Review*, and about twelve months before his death had entered upon the chief editorship of the *National Gazette* of Philadelphia, fully prepared for such duties as demanded great labor and a high order of intellect. The following article, written by the associate editor of the *American Quarterly Review*, will show how his character and attainments were estimated by those who knew him. This is but one of many testimonies to his character and genius which issued from the Philadelphia press. All pronounced his early death to have been a severe loss to the city and to the whole country.

“The editor of this Review would do injustice to his own feelings and to the cause of literature if he passed over the decease of his late colleague without expressing upon its pages and in a permanent form his sense of the loss which the community and the interests of letters have sustained by that event.

“Mr. Williams was a prominent example of the eminent reputation which a devotion to learning and the finer accomplishment of mind will confer. Though in the maturity of his intellect when disease laid her fatal hand upon him and marked him for speedy dissolution, he had yielded but a short portion of his life to active exertion. Naturally of a frame by no means capable of fatigue, the seductions of literary repose had withheld him, though so capable of instructing and adorning his age, from the vigorous exhibition of his great powers. He lived in comparative retirement; storing his mind with the rich treasures of antiquity, by a resort to the original and pure fountains of classic lore; refining

his taste by the examination and comparison of the gems of literature, both ancient and modern; and polishing his native energies for their future development, when circumstances should attract him from his retreat. He never sought opportunities for distinction. Perhaps this was a deficiency in his character, when we reflect upon what he might have done for the literary reputation of his country; certainly it was this repugnance to an active and bustling career, to public display and popular excitement, that disqualified him for certain departments of his profession, that of a lawyer, though it fitted him the better for the post of a critic and a journalist, in which responsible situation, in his closing days, he shone so brightly.

“This unobtrusiveness and fondness for study had, however, in Mr. Williams’ instance, the good effect of clothing him in ample and perfect armor when he came forth to the conduct of one of the leading journals of our city. His varied learning, his refined taste, his discriminating judgment, the depth and sagacity of his political views, his admirable command of language—all conjoined with a generous amiability of disposition and a contempt for mere personal virulence and abuse, in which he was never known to indulge, established for him, in the short period of seven months, a repute second to none of its kind in our country. Few will forget his short but brilliant career as editor of the *National Gazette*. His townsmen knew the disadvantages under which a young and untried man labored in assuming an editorial chair just vacant by the retirement of a gentleman who had raised the *Gazette* in question to so high a point of distinction, but they readily perceived that his station was occupied by one under whose direction no diminution of that distinction was to be feared. There was a boldness and a strength in the political speculations and views of the new editor which excited their admiration equally with the flowers of wit and fancy which he scattered with a profuse hand upon the pages of that journal.

“This is not the place in which to speak of Mr. Williams’ labors as one of the editor of this Review, in the cause of sound literature and the true principles of political science. His elaborate articles will speak for themselves to all who have the interests of either at heart. We may be permitted

to say, however, that our departed friend and coadjutor was no sciolist in aught which constituted the perfectly educated gentleman. No merely utilitarian notions directed his energies in the attainment of learning. He was of that true school whose students drink deeply of waters of knowledge, who find in exploring the vast domain of ancient literature pleasures which none but those who resort thither can taste, who feel within them the humanizing and refining and ennobling effects of her culture, and the emanations of whose genius, when they handle the pen, exhibit the beautiful proportions of that grace which is at the upmost reach of art.

“We may speak, too, of his private virtues, which so endeared him to a wide circle of friends, and which must have so strengthened the ties of a closer relation as to make it almost death to break them. We may speak of the gentleness and polish of his manners, of the amiability of his temper, of the total absence from his disposition of all envy, hatred or malice. His social qualities were of a high order. His friends will long remember the admirable playfulness and sprightliness of his fancy and the fund of agreeable anecdote which his extensive reading and keen observation of men and manners supplied. His wit was of the most polished sort, regulated and chastened by a delicate taste, his humor the gentle persuasion to merriment, with naught of the coarseness of buffoonery. He was, in a word, a ripe scholar and an accomplished man.

“The lengthened illness of Mr. Williams, while it protracted his pains, afforded him a larger opportunity, which he gladly embraced, of preparation for his final change. He was mercifully spared the sudden stroke of death which so often comes in the warmth of the young blood, when the passions tempt the heart from the contemplation of man’s higher destinies. He had time and leisure under a perfect consciousness of his approaching dissolution to compose his thoughts and to bend the powers of his intellect to frequent reflection upon the sacred truths of Christianity. His entire resignation, under the most trying circumstances, to the dispensation of Providence, was a consolatory evidence that this reflection brought with it the assurance of hope. To such as leave the shores of time with a calm trust in the guidance of a merciful Redeemer, the passage to eternity is but a translation from suffering to glory.”

Mr. Williams married, April 26, 1836, Anne, daughter of Michael and Catherine (Caldwell) Keppele of Philadelphia, who died Oct. 16, 1853, aged 45. They had one son:

JOHN WORTHINGTON<sup>8</sup>, born Feb. 23, 1837; graduated at the University of Pennsylvania, 1856; studied law; and during the Civil War served for two years. He married Sarah E. Keyser, daughter of Samuel S. and Elizabeth (Wyman) Keyser of Baltimore. Their children are:

ELIZABETH WYMAN<sup>9</sup>, died early.

SAMUEL S.<sup>9</sup>, died early.

ANNE KEPPELE<sup>9</sup>, born July 7, 1866; married, Feb. 12, 1890, John Kearsley Mitchell, M.D., son of Dr. S. Weir and Mary Middleton (Elwyn) Mitchell, daughter of Dr. Elwyn of Philadelphia. Their children are:

MARY MIDDLETON<sup>10</sup>, born Feb. 14, 1894.

SARAH WORTHINGTON<sup>10</sup>, born July 6, 1896.

SARAH KEYSER<sup>9</sup>, born Dec. 30, 1872; married James A. Bayard Kane, M.D., son of Dr. John K. and Mabel (Bayard) Kane of Wilmington, Del.; his father was a nephew of Dr. Elisha Kent Kane, U. S. N., the Arctic explorer, and his mother was a daughter of Senator James A. Bayard of Delaware and sister of Ambassador Thomas F. Bayard. Their child is:

MABEL BAYARD<sup>10</sup>, born April 5, 1905.

JOHN WILLIAMS<sup>6</sup>, son of Ezekiel, married (2) Jan. 1, 1817, (Mrs.) Mary Silliman, widow of Rev. Ebenezer Silliman of Amsterdam, N. Y. She was born in Windham, Conn., Nov. 16, 1784, daughter of Col. Thomas and Elizabeth (Ripley) Dyer, and granddaughter of Hon. Eliphalet Dyer, all of Windham. She died Aug. 12, 1859. They had issue:

THOMAS SCOTT<sup>7</sup>, born Nov. 20, 1818; died, unmarried, Sept. 17, 1842.

ESTHER SOPHIA<sup>7</sup>, born May 19, 1820; died, unmarried, Mar. 18, 1847.

MARY DYER<sup>7</sup>, born Feb. 10, 1822; died Nov. 21, 1905.

HENRY SILLIMAN<sup>7</sup>, born June 2, 1824; died Aug. 29, 1825.

ELIZABETH BYRNE<sup>7</sup>, born Mar. 10, 1828; died Dec. 4, 1906.

THOMAS SCOTT<sup>7</sup>, eldest child of John and Mary (Dyer) Williams, graduated at Yale College, 1838, studied law with his uncle, Hon. Thomas Scott Williams of Hartford, and



at Harvard University. He had just commenced the practice of his profession in Hartford when his sudden death brought the deepest sorrow upon his family and friends and excited a painful shock and a wide sympathy throughout the state as well as in the city and his native town. Rowing for pleasure with a friend upon Little (now Park) River, they incautiously came too near the dam of the saw-mill, were drawn into the rapid current and both drowned. The bodies were recovered and that of Thomas laid with his fathers.

A friend wrote of him as follows: "To those who knew Williams we need say nothing to remind them of the vigor, of the ability and independence of character which he exhibited on all occasions. He had a mental strength which promised to make an impress on the sphere of his action had he attained to the average years of man. There are those among us who knew him well and favorably in his college life. They knew his well-earned reputation as a scholar, his powers of mental concentration, and the firm and independent tone of feeling which characterized all his intercourse. His relations are not alone in their sorrow at his untimely death. He moved in a large circle of acquaintances in this city, who loved him when living, and who will delight to cherish his memory now that he is dead. What would we not have given could we have stood between him and death!" — From *The Hartford Courant*, September 18, 1842. He was nearly 24 years old and unmarried.

ESTHER SOPHIA<sup>7</sup>, second child and eldest daughter of John and Mary (Dyer) Williams, was an unusually bright and spirited girl, of ardent, energetic temperament and devotedly attached to those she loved. In childhood she evinced great taste and skill in all kinds of feminine handiwork and later the same taste was exhibited in her keen sense of the beautiful and love of it as it appeared in nature, literature and art. More highly still did she appreciate moral beauty and aspire after its attainment. Frequent and long illnesses, while they scarcely checked her vivacity, chastened and refined her character and led to the constant contemplation of spiritual realities in which her faith was undoubting, and she found rich compensation for all the enjoyments of which the loss of health deprived her. Her beauty and grace charmed the stranger

and a fuller acquaintance was sure to call forth admiration and love. The sudden death of her brother produced a shock from which she never recovered and the death of her eldest sister, still later, severely affected her. Full of life and energy, those about her did not realize the extreme delicacy of her frame and restrain her activity or shield her from the severity of our winters at a time when these precautions might have saved her life.

Consumption finally settled upon her and no remedial skill was of any avail to arrest the progress of the disease. She suffered much from it and from the remedies employed scarcely less; yet she often said that the last year of her life was the happiest, and it was a common remark of those who visited her sick-room that it was the pleasantest place in town. She never lost her fine taste or thought it any sin to enjoy flowers, books and pictures and to arrange them in the most attractive manner. But her sweet, animated countenance, her conversation, now sparkling with a ready wit, now serious and earnest, but always glowing with intelligence and love, were what gave to the room its chiefest charm and made it so desolate when she was taken from it.

One evening we left her, not thinking that her last night on earth had come. When we were called to her side, before the morning dawned, she could not speak to us, but the good friend who had kindly watched with her told us afterward that a little while before she had said to her, "Miss N., I love you and I love everybody and I love God"; and so, with a spirit attuned to its harmonies, she passed from earth to heaven.

MARY DYER<sup>7</sup>, second daughter and third child of John<sup>6</sup> and Mary (Dyer) Williams, married July 9, 1845, Rev. Charles Backus, son of Rev. Allen and Sally (Pratt) McLean of Collinsville, Conn., born in Simsbury, Aug. 23, 1815. He graduated at Yale, 1836; was for more than twenty-two years pastor of the Congregational Church in Collinsville, where he was ordained Feb. 7, 1844; resigned in the spring of 1866 on account of failing health, and after a long and painful illness died in Wethersfield, Oct. 29, 1873. His long pastorate and the high esteem and strong affection which his people always manifested toward him

and still retain, in spite of separation and death, testify to the excellence of his character, his winning qualities and his faithful service.

[Mrs. Mary D. McLean, the compiler of this record, was a woman of unusual mental powers, wide sympathies and affections, and of great activity in the communities in which she lived. As a pastor's wife in Collinsville she performed her duties with energy and scrupulous conscientiousness and won from old and young a love and devotion that she retained long after she had removed from among them. In 1866 she returned to Wethersfield, the place of her birth, living with her younger sister in the house built by her father in 1831, and, except for a trip to California in 1871 and another to England in 1877, she remained there till her death in 1905. Afflicted by deafness, which in later years became serious, and toward the end of her life by rheumatism, which made walking difficult, she was in a measure cut off from the outside world and had more frequent recourse to her pen. Her correspondence was wide-reaching and probably few representatives of the family whose record she kept were better known to its members than she. Her advice and knowledge were widely sought, particularly in genealogical matters, for she was a recognized authority on what pertained not only to the family of Williams, but to the kindred families of Dyer, Stoddard, Chester, etc. She was an admirable conversationalist and a delightful story-teller, and her anecdotes of old Wethersfield people, their histories and oddities, will long linger in the minds of those who heard them. Her generosity was limited only by her means, and her unflinching interest in the lives of her nephews, nieces, and cousins, her husband's as well as her own, was provocative of deep loyalty to her from all of them. She was devoted to the interests of the Congregational Church, of which she was a member, and as long as health permitted was coöperative in its affairs. Even to the last, when able, she attended service, though she could not hear a word that was spoken. She was a wide and intelligent reader, familiar with the current topics of the day and always shrewd and keen in the discussion of them. Few people of her time and generation have left stronger impres-

sions of a remarkable personality upon the minds of those who came into contact with her than has she. The following obituary notice was printed after her death:

"An 'elect lady' — the partial judgment of a kinsman may be pardoned for thinking *the* elect lady — of Wethersfield will be henceforth only a name and a memory; a fragrant memory to many, an honored name to more. Mary Dyer McLean 'fell on sleep' Nov. 21st, in the home where her youth was nurtured and to which she returned after a score of years spent in the pretty manse at Collinsville as wife of Rev. Charles B. McLean and his faithful and efficient helper.

"Daughter of John and Mary (Dyer) Williams, and having in her veins the blood of these families, as of the Chesters, Stoddards, Porters, and others honored in New England, she proved a loyal and worthy descendant. To graces of person and intellect was added a moral character, deepened and enriched by the discipline of disappointment and bereavement. Largely shut off, for most of her life, by increasing deafness from society, which she enjoyed and was so well fitted to adorn, she found compensation in books and writing. Her firm, even chirography, literary finish, keen sense of humor, warm affection and devout spirit, made her a valued correspondent. Childless herself, she acted the mother's part to not a few orphans, and has had satisfaction in noting their success, as in the respect and love which they and their children have cherished toward her. Better versed in the traditions of the town and in the annals of her own and other families than perhaps any other, she has for years put her stores of information at the disposal of any seeker, — a labor of love on her part, but a labor none the less, especially of late. While strength permitted she felt it a privilege to worship in the old church which had been the spiritual home of her ancestors and the scene of her own espousals. Of late, the eyes that had served her so long and well gave token of failure.

"But He, who is better than our fears, spared her that trial, and in the glory of the autumn called her to come up higher where the eyes of the blind are opened to see the King in his beauty, and the ears of the deaf unstopped to hear the melody of the redeemed. As the shadows began to lengthen

Thursday afternoon, the hands of kinsmen bore the body to its burial in the rural cemetery behind the church, attended by a company of kindred, neighbors, and friends, on foot, while the bells tolled the years — fourscore and more — of another of the Father's children welcomed to the 'many mansions.'"]

ELIZABETH BYRNE<sup>7</sup>, third daughter and youngest child of John and Mary Dyer Williams, married, as his second wife, July 21, 1858, Rev. William Watson Andrews, son of Rev. William and Sarah (Parkhill) Andrews, born, Windham, Feb. 26, 1810; graduated Yale College, 1831; was pastor of the Congregational Church in Kent, Conn., from May, 1834, to May, 1849; since which time, until his death, Oct. 17, 1897, pastor and evangelist in the Catholic Apostolic Church, residing in Wethersfield. They had issue:

MARY WILLIAMS<sup>8</sup>, born, Wethersfield, May 29, 1860.

CHARLES MCLEAN<sup>8</sup>, born, Wethersfield, Feb. 22, 1863; graduated Trinity College, 1884; Ph.D. Johns Hopkins University, 1889; Professor of History, Bryn Mawr College, 1889-1907; *ibid*, Johns Hopkins University, 1907; married, June 19, 1895, Evangeline Holcombe, daughter of Dr. John Crawford and Laura Marion (Seymour) Walker of Indianapolis. Their children are:

ETHEL<sup>9</sup>, born, Bryn Mawr, May 30, 1897.

JOHN WILLIAMS<sup>9</sup>, born, Bryn Mawr, Nov. 10, 1898.

ELIZABETH PARKHILL<sup>8</sup>, born, Wethersfield, Sept. 9, 1868.

HARRIET<sup>6</sup>.

Born June 26, 1764. Died June 5, 1850.

Second daughter and third child of Ezekiel and Prudence (Stoddard) Williams, married, Nov. 24, 1785, Rev. David Parsons, D.D., for about thirty years pastor of the Congregational Church in Amherst, Mass. He died in Wethersfield, at the age of 74 years, May 18, 1823, while on a visit. For some account of his life and a brief delineation of his most striking character, see Sprague's *Annals*, II, p. 120. The children were:

EZEKIEL<sup>7</sup>, born Feb. 16, 1787; died in New York City, Nov. 9, 1868.

DAVID<sup>7</sup>, born June 10, 1788; died June 17, 1872.

PRUDENCE<sup>7</sup>, born Dec. 24, 1789; died in Dunkirk, Mar. 16, 1881.

THOMAS<sup>7</sup>, born Oct. 10, 1791; died Aug. 21, 1832.

HARRIET<sup>7</sup>, born Aug. 6, 1793; died May 21, 1874.

FRANCES<sup>7</sup>, born Feb. 16, 1795; died Mar. 9, 1861.

MARY<sup>7</sup>, born Dec. 8, 1796; died Sept. 29, 1876.

CAROLINE<sup>7</sup>, born Sept. 15, 1798, died, unmarried, Jan. 5, 1820.

SOPHIA<sup>7</sup>, born Aug. 8, 1800; died Feb. 26, 1880.

WILLIAM<sup>7</sup>, born Oct. 30, 1802; died, unmarried, April 18, 1830.

JAMES<sup>7</sup>, born Nov. 15, 1804; died Sept. 3, 1833.

EZEKIEL<sup>7</sup>, the first child of Harriet Williams and David Parsons, became a physician and settled in Colchester, Conn. He married, June 17, 1822, Sarah Clark, daughter of Ezra and Eunice (Foote) Clark of Colchester, who died Dec. 7, 1864. They had issue:

HARRIET WILLIAMS<sup>8</sup>, born Mar. 3, 1829; married, June 21, 1853, Joseph Jauncey Outerbridge Brown, a lawyer in New York City, who died May 6, 1894. They had issue:

SARAH LOUISE<sup>9</sup>, born Sept. 29, 1854; married, June 7, 1882, Edwin Langdon, born in Southington, Conn., Jan. 29, 1848. Mr. Langdon is a lawyer in New York city.

ELIZABETH AGNES<sup>9</sup>, born April 17, 1856; married, June 17, 1884, Hubert Alan Kingsbury, born April 1, 1856, died Sept. 24, 1891. They had issue.

FRANCES DAVENPORT<sup>10</sup>, born April 26, 1885; died the same day.

LOIS EVELYN<sup>10</sup>, born Mar. 5, 1887; died of heart disease and pneumonia, April 4, 1898.

HELEN JAUNCEY<sup>10</sup>, born Sept. 9, 1890.

RALPH DAVID PARSONS<sup>9</sup>, homeopathic physician, born May 30, 1862; married (1), in 1887, Tasheline Little of Hartford; divorced, Mrs. Brown, marrying Col. Early, and after a second divorce, 1900, Mr. Jarvis. One child:

CAROL JAUNCEY OUTERBRIDGE<sup>10</sup>.

Mr. Brown married (2), 1903 (4?), Anne Geer of Denver, Colorado. One daughter:

GWENDOLINE<sup>10</sup>, born June, 1906.

EDGAR RONALD KETCHUM<sup>9</sup>, born Dec. 1, 1863; lawyer, New York; unmarried.

CAROLINE SOPHIA<sup>8</sup>, born Oct. 8, 1820; married, June 22, 1858, William Russel, a merchant in New York City. One child:

SARAH REBECCA<sup>9</sup>, born Nov. 8, 1863; unmarried.

MARY SALTER<sup>8</sup>, born Nov. 16, 1836; died June 22, 1842.

DAVID<sup>7</sup>, the second child of Harriet Williams and David Parsons, settled in Amherst, Mass. He was a jeweler and machinist. Married (1), Jan. 31, 1816, his second cousin, Elizabeth Williams, daughter of Edward Williams of East Hartford, and granddaughter of Rev. Dr. Eliphalet Williams of that place; born at East Hartford, March 5, 1789; died Oct. 5, 1844. David Parsons married (2) Dec. 16, 1845, (Mrs.) Lucy (Chapman) Howell of Hartford, who died, Clinton, Conn., April 24, 1878. The children by the first wife were:

EDWARD WILLIAMS<sup>8</sup>, born Dec. 28, 1816; married, Nov. 28, 1839, Caroline Matilda Stebbins, daughter of Jonathan and Catherine (Coates) Stebbins, born, Newport, R. I., Mar. 13, 1816, of Longmeadow, Mass. He was prominent in Hartford as a man of business and held many responsible positions; for many years he was president of the Connecticut Life Insurance Company; died Sept. 25, 1898. Their children are:

ELIZABETH WILLIAMS<sup>9</sup>, born, Amherst, Dec. 7, 1840; married Nov. 20, 1866, Frederick Elizur Goodrich, son of Elizur Tryon and Mary (Beach) Goodrich, of Hart-

ford. Mr. and Mrs. Goodrich reside in Boston, where he is editor of the *Boston Post*. Their children are:

DAVID PARSONS<sup>m</sup>, born June 14, 1863; married at Hartford, Oct. 14, 1902, Clementine Keagy.

HAROLD BEACH<sup>m</sup>, born April 14, 1870; married, Sept. 30, 1902, Jessie Weir of Nova Scotia.

THEODORA CAROLINE<sup>m</sup>, born Mar. 10, 1874.

CHARLES HENRY<sup>o</sup>, born April 17, 1843; married (1) Oct. 17, 1867, Mary Adelaide Mortimer, daughter of Benjamin and Eliza (Duryea) Mortimer of Brooklyn, N. Y., born at New Brunswick, N. J.; died Mar. 7, 1888. (2) Nov. 12, 1890, Mrs. Charlotte Mortimer Remington, a sister of his first wife. Children by the first wife are:

CHARLEY ADELAIDE<sup>o</sup>, born Oct. 4, 1869; married Francis Marion Pinkney. One son:

LOUIS MORTIMER<sup>m</sup>, born Feb. 11, 1903.

LOUIS MORTIMER<sup>o</sup>, born Nov. 25, 1870.

MABEL<sup>m</sup>, born Sept. 3, 1877.

MADÉLINE<sup>m</sup>, born July 2, 1880.

CAROLINE STEBBINS<sup>o</sup>, born Oct. 13, 1849; died in Hartford, Mar. 2, 1881, unmarried.

CAROLINE MIRANDA<sup>a</sup>, born Feb. 6, 1819; married, April 19, 1842, William F. Church, son of Uriah and Phœbe Church of Middlefield, Mass. Mr. Church left his home while yet a boy, living some years in Amherst, Mass., afterward in New York City, and finally in Cincinnati, where he was in active business as an insurance agent for forty years, and built up for himself a reputation "as a clear-minded conscientious business man and upright citizen." In 1872 was appointed state commissioner of insurance for Ohio where he organized the department of insurance. He died in Huntington, Mass., near his native town, Oct. 15, 1892. Mrs. Church died at North Egremont, Mass., Oct. 1, 1903.

CHARLES HENRY<sup>a</sup>, born Dec. 1, 1821; died June, 1898, at Washington; married Jan. 5, 1852, Sarah, daughter of Ezekiel and Bethiah (Merriam) (Hall) Rice of West Meriden, Conn. They had issue:

ELLEN RICE<sup>o</sup>, born, Cleveland, O., Jan. 7, 1853; died Oct. 19, same year.

FRANCIS HENRY<sup>o</sup>, born, Cleveland, Jan. 23, 1855; married at Washington, D. C., June 3, 1880, Sophia Fisher. Their children are:

AURELIA BLAIR<sup>o</sup>, born April 20; died Dec. 27, 1885.

ALICE FRANCIS<sup>o</sup>, born Jan. 12, 1887.



CHARLES EDWARD<sup>10</sup>, born Sept. 6, 1889.

EZEKIEL WILLIAM<sup>8</sup>, born May 28, 1825; married, Sept. 7, 1851, at Lowell, Mass., to Aurelia Rebecca Chamberlain, died Jan. 7, 1864; jeweler in Quincy, Ill., died Nov. 25, 1863. One daughter:

CARRIE MAY<sup>9</sup>, born May 1, 1854; died Dec. 26, 1861.

ELIZABETH BARNARD<sup>8</sup>, born Dec. 14, 1827; married, Nov. 22, 1848, Charles Moore, merchant in Ware, Mass., who died May 3, 1876; she died, New Braintree, Mass., Aug. 17, 1902.

HARRIET SOPHIA<sup>8</sup>, born Oct. 31, 1830; principal of Bradburn School, Cleveland, O.; died, Washington, D. C., Dec. 8, 1893.

NANCY PORTER<sup>8</sup>, born Mar. 9, 1833; married July 26, 1855, William Fiske, son of Rev. John Fiske, D.D., and Betsey (Mellen) Fiske, of New Braintree, Mass., who died at Newark, N. J., Mar. 10, 1894; she died at Jamaica Plains, Mass., Nov. 19, 1906. Their children are:

GRACE PARSONS<sup>9</sup>, born April 13, 1859; adopted in place of an infant who died at birth and was about the same age; married Mr. Marsh.

JOHN PERCY<sup>9</sup>, born Jan. 12, 1862; died September of same year.

PARNELLE COAN<sup>9</sup>, born June 26, 1864; unmarried.

JAMES MELLEN<sup>9</sup>, born June 16, 1868; died Aug. 27th of same year.

WILLIAM PERRY<sup>9</sup>, born, Brooklyn, N. Y., Sept. 9, 1869; married, June 16, 1902, Ruth Robey Tucker of Jamaica Plains. They have two children:

ELIZABETH FISKE<sup>10</sup>, born, Sharon, Mass., Oct. 7, 1903.

NANCY FISKE<sup>10</sup>, born Dec. 17, 1904.

EDWARD PARSONS<sup>9</sup>, born, Brooklyn, N. Y., July 11, 1872; died Sept. 18th of the same year.

PRUDENCE<sup>7</sup>, eldest daughter and third child of Harriet Williams and David Parsons, married, Oct. 7, 1823, Rev. Marcus Smith, a native of Dorchester, Mass. He was a graduate of Middlebury College, 1818, and Andover Theological Seminary, 1821, and settled in Rensselaersville, N. Y.; died July 1, 1871. They had issue:

DAVID PARSONS<sup>8</sup>, born June 21, 1824; died Jan. 31, 1834.

SAMUEL MOSELEY<sup>8</sup>, born Feb. 9, 1826; graduated at the Albany Medical College, 1849, married, Mar. 4, 1869, Sarah

Cummins Carlisle of Lancaster, N. H.; resided, Dunkirk, N. Y.; died April, 1889.

MARCUS WITHINGTON, born Jan. 23, 1838; married, Oct. 9, 1850, Fannie Caroline Hitchcock. Their children are:

FRANCIS PARSONS<sup>9</sup>, born Aug. 3, 1854; married Oct. 19, 1878, Sarah Hawkins; died Jan. 7, 1881. Child:

FRANCES CAROLINE<sup>10</sup>, born Oct. 10, 1879.

HELEN ANTOINETTE<sup>9</sup>, born Aug. 19, 1857; married. Dec. 25, 1875, Robert Golden.

EDWARD NEWELL<sup>9</sup>, born May 7, 1860.

ROBERT WYNKOOP<sup>9</sup>, born Sept. 3, 1867.

FRANCIS BROWN<sup>8</sup>, born Nov. 12, 1829; died Dec. 24, 1830.

THOMAS<sup>7</sup>, third son and fourth child of Harriet Williams and David Parsons, married, March 18, 1822, Frances Catherine Chappell of New London, Conn., who died Aug., 1865. He was a merchant in New London, and died in Colchester, Aug. 21, 1832. They had issue:

A DAUGHTER<sup>8</sup>, born and died in 1823.

A SON<sup>8</sup>, born and died in 1824.

HARRIET WILLIAMS<sup>8</sup>, born Jan. 8, 1825; died, unmarried, June 4, 1856.

RICHARD CHAPPEL<sup>8</sup>, born Oct. 10, 1827; married, Nov. 11, 1851, Sarah Starkweather, daughter of Hon. Samuel and Julia Starkweather of Pawtucket; prominent in political life, holding many important offices, such as marshal of the United States Supreme Court, member of Congress, 1872, for Twentieth District of Ohio, etc.; resided in Cleveland; died ——. Their children were:

JULIA STARKWEATHER<sup>9</sup>, born May 4, 1854.

RICHARD CHAPPEL<sup>9</sup>, born Oct. 29, 1858.

FANNY<sup>9</sup>, born Dec. 3, 1866; died Mar. 3, 1868.

MARIAN LEEDS<sup>8</sup>, born Sept. 10, 1829; married (1) Oct. 20, 1849, George Hinsdale Burritt of New Britain, Conn., who died June 20, 1873. They had one daughter and two sons, who died at the ages of two, three and sixteen respectively. She married (2), April 30, 1877, Abel Denison Breed, merchant and manufacturer of New York City, who died Dec. 24, 1888. She died Nov. 16, 1896.

WILLIAM WILLIAMS<sup>8</sup>, born Mar. 3, 1831; died unmarried, May 14, 1853.

HARRIET<sup>7</sup>, second daughter and fifth child of Harriet Williams and David Parsons, married, Aug. 8, 1827, Rev.

Royal Washburn, graduate of Vermont University, 1820, and of Andover Theological Seminary, 1824, pastor of the First Congregational Church in Amherst from 1826 until his death in January, 1833. Their children were:

JOHN HENRY<sup>8</sup>, born, Amherst, Oct. 27, 1828; educated Amherst Academy, Williston Seminary, Amherst College, 1849; read law, Rutland, Vt., and Granville, N. Y.; married, Oct. 17, 1853, Jane Ives, who died Oct. 21, 1898; entered service of Home Insurance Co., New York City, of which he became president in 1901, resigned 1904; an efficient and trusted leader in some of the most important religious enterprises of the day. One son:

WILLIAM IVES<sup>9</sup>, born Aug. 30, 1854; married, May 15, 1882, Carrie W. Fisher. Their children are:

GRACE IVES,<sup>10</sup> born Sept. 13, 1884; unmarried.

WILLIAM IVES, JR.<sup>10</sup>, born May 24, 1887.

NATALIE FISHER<sup>10</sup>, born May 27, 1895; died Dec. 17, 1895.

WILLIAM PARSONS<sup>8</sup>, born April 15, 1830; married, Macon, Georgia, 1864 (1) (Mrs.) Ruth Marion (Brown) Leonard, who died Oct. 14, 1877; (2) (Mrs.) Eliza J. Maynard, Nov. 5, 1880; highly esteemed and prosperous, a confederate colonel, lawyer, judge, Sunday School superintendent, elder in the Presbyterian Church, having one of the finest estates (at Knoxville) in eastern Tennessee; died Feb. 9, 1904. Children by second wife who is still living:

MARY PARSONS<sup>9</sup>, born June 29, 1882; died Jan. 24, 1885.

WILLIAM PARSONS<sup>9</sup>, born July 30, 1885.

FRANCIS<sup>7</sup>, the fourth son and sixth child of Harriet Williams and David Parsons, graduated at Yale College, 1816, and established himself as a lawyer in Hartford. "He was judge of the County Court and held many positions of trust and responsibility, but for the most part avoided political life. He married Dec. 23, 1829, Clarissa Brown, daughter of William Brown, formerly of Hartford, who died March 16, 1866; he died March 9, 1861. She was a very superior woman, highly esteemed by all the relatives of her husband, and many now living hold her in grateful and affectionate remembrance. Their children were:

JOHN CALDWELL<sup>8</sup>, born June 3, 1832; graduated Yale College, 1855; lawyer in Hartford, and like his father held many

positions of trust and responsibility; chairman Board of Street Commissioners of Hartford, 1872-1880; in command of First Company, Governor's Foot Guards, 1875-1877; married, April 7, 1870, Mary McClellan, daughter of Dr. Samuel and Margaret (Ely) McClellan of Philadelphia, who died Jan. 22, 1871; he died March 11, 1898; esteemed, beloved, and deeply lamented. One son:

FRANCIS<sup>9</sup>, born Jan. 13, 1871; graduated Yale College, 1893; Yale Law School, 1897; on Gov. Lounsbury's Staff as assistant quartermaster-general with rank of colonel, 1899-1900; married, June 22, 1897, Elizabeth Alden Hutchins, daughter of Robert Ambrose and Georgiana Alden Hutchins of Brandon, Vt., born Feb. 6, 1872. Their children are:

MARY<sup>10</sup>, born May 13, 1898.

JOHN CALDWELL<sup>10</sup>, born April 26, 1900.

FRANCIS<sup>10</sup>, born Sept. 14, 1906; died Sept. 16, 1906.

MARY HOOKER<sup>8</sup>, born Feb. 2, 1835; married, June 6, 1866, Captain Watson Webb of the United States Army, who died Dec. 3, 1876. They had issue:

FRANCIS PARSONS<sup>9</sup>, born Sept. 26, 1868.

HELEN LISPENARD<sup>9</sup>, born Sept. 25, 1870; married Lawson Averell Carter; died Cooperstown, N. Y., May 12, 1896. One child:

LAWSON AVERELL LISPENARD<sup>10</sup>, born May 12, 1896; died the same day.

JANE CHESTER<sup>7</sup>, born Oct. 4, 1839; died Jan. 9, 1843.

ELIZABETH SCOTT<sup>7</sup>, born June 14, 1842; married, Feb. 26, 1864, Capt. John Worthington Newton, born Aug., 1834, graduate of the University of Vermont, 1857, who died Jan., 1905; she died in Hartford, Feb. 26, 1905. They adopted a daughter in infancy:

HARRIET WORTHINGTON<sup>9</sup>, born Nov. 9, 1866; married, June 5, 1889, Dr. Arthur Bosanko of Colorado, who was born Nov. 25, 1855, and died Nov. 23, 1895. One child:

PAUL BOSANKO<sup>10</sup>, born Aug. 19, 1891.

MARY<sup>7</sup>, third daughter and seventh child of Harriet Williams and David Parsons, married her cousin, Rev. William Williams of Salem, Mass.

CAROLINE<sup>7</sup>, fourth daughter and eighth child of Harriet Williams and David Parsons, died unmarried, Jan. 5, 1820.

SOPHIA PALMER<sup>7</sup>, fifth daughter and ninth child of Harriet Williams and David Parsons, married as second

wife, Rev. Silas Aiken, D.D. of Boston, Mass., May 24, 1837. He was a graduate of Dartmouth College, 1825; tutor for three years; ordained at Amherst, N. H., March 4, 1829; pastor of Park Street Church, Boston; removed in 1847 to Rutland, Vt., where he was installed pastor of the Congregational Church and remained until his death, April 7, 1869. Their children were:

HENRY HOMES<sup>s</sup>, born Jan. 26, 1843; died Sept. 1, 1846.

HARRIET SOPHIA<sup>s</sup>, born Jan. 12, 1848.

WILLIAM<sup>7</sup>, fifth son and tenth child of Harriet Williams and David Parsons, entered Amherst College with the class of 1825 but left before graduation, and studied medicine with the celebrated physician, Dr. Samuel B. Woodward of Wethersfield. He died unmarried, April 18, 1830, in Canaan, Conn., where he was engaged in the practice of his profession.

JAMES<sup>7</sup>, sixth son and youngest child of Harriet Williams and David Parsons, graduated at Amherst College in 1830; became a lawyer; married April 5, 1832, Mary Eliza Lewis of Forsyth, Georgia, who died at Monteagle, Tenn., June 26, 1905. Their children were:

FRANCIS WASHBURN<sup>s</sup>, born Jan. 5, 1833; married, June 11, 1862, Sarah Paine Hervey, who died Mar. 1, 1884. They had issue:

HERVEY<sup>o</sup>, born Mar. 8, 1863; died May 16, 1866.

HARRIET HALE<sup>o</sup>, born Feb. 1, 1866; married at Dedham, Mass, Dec. 13, 1893, George W. Oakes of Savannah, Georgia.

ELIZA LEWIS<sup>o</sup>, born May 6, 1869.

JAMES<sup>s</sup>, born May 5, 1834, several months after the death of his father; married, Feb. 26, 1874, Mary Fisher Norris, daughter of Dr. George W. Norris of Philadelphia, who died in 1894; he was admitted to the Philadelphia bar in 1857 and elected Professor of Law in the University of Pennsylvania, Feb. 3, 1874; died of pneumonia, Philadelphia, Mar. 22, 1900. Their children are:

LEWIS HINES<sup>o</sup>, born April 30, 1876; unmarried.

MARY NORRIS<sup>o</sup>, born 1881; unmarried.

EZEKIEL<sup>6</sup>.

Born Dec. 29, 1765. Died Oct. 18, 1843.

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Second son and fourth child of Ezekiel and Prudence (Stoddard) Williams, graduated at Yale College, 1785. He married Abigail Ellsworth, eldest daughter of Hon. Oliver and Abigail (Wolcott) Ellsworth, born at Windsor, Aug. 1774, and died Feb. 26, 1860. Mr. Williams was for many years engaged in business in Hartford. They had one son:

OLIVER ELLSWORTH<sup>7</sup>, born April 19, 1796; graduated Yale College, 1816; lawyer by profession and resident of Hartford; married April 25, 1819, Elizabeth Barker Croade, daughter of Nathaniel Croade of North Providence, R. I., who died March, 1874, aged 74; he died June, 1870. Their children were:

ELLEN<sup>8</sup>, born June 25, 1820; married Cornelius Vanderbilt, son of Commodore Vanderbilt, Mar. 25, 1872.

ELIZABETH CHANNING<sup>8</sup>, born Oct. 18, 1821; died, unmarried, Aug. 31, 1865.

MARY HOWARD<sup>8</sup>, born April 17, 1830; died in Wethersfield, Nov. 20, 1890.

AUGUSTA HART<sup>8</sup>, born Mar. 31, 1841; resides in Hartford.

PRUDENCE<sup>6</sup>.

Born Oct. 2, 1767. Died Mar. 24, 1853.

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Third daughter and fifth child of Ezekiel and Prudence (Stoddard) Williams, married May 12, 1790, Rev. Bezaleel Howard, D.D., who was born at Bridgewater, Mass., Nov. 22, 1753; graduated at Harvard College, 1781; studied theology under Rev. Dr. Ebenezer Gay of Hingham, Mass.

In 1703 he was appointed tutor at Cambridge and held the office until he was invited, in the autumn of 1784, to become the pastor of the First Church in Springfield, Mass. (Was ordained to this office, April, 1785). In 1803 his health failed and his voice was so seriously affected that he was never able to preach afterward, but he continued to be the pastor of the church until the year 1809, when a successor was appointed and "the grateful and affectionate regards of his people followed him to retired life." He died Jan. 20, 1837. For very interesting sketches of his life and character see Sprague's *Annals of the American Pulpit*.

Of Mrs. Howard (Prudence Williams) one of these sketches says, "She was a most gentle being, of very calm exterior and almost unfit to cope with the harsher world without. When the writer first saw her she and her husband sat side by side, at the dinner table with their children around them, her face bearing the remains of great beauty. One charm she retained to the last, her soft hazel dovelike eye. After his death she lived quietly on in the room so long consecrated by prayers and pious conversation, withdrawing more and more from a world she never cared to mingle with. She found her chief solace in the Bible, in holy hymns, prayers and alms; for like her husband, she was a ready and cheerful giver. Death came to her in the gentlest form. She had a severe cold, but they scarcely considered her in a dangerous condition. Her son was in the room with her and his daughters too, who watched her

with the tenderest care. Though her life had so long been a preparation for death, she had never lost her dread of the last conflict, but in its near approach she had no terror; for she passed away in a gentle slumber and so God 'gave His beloved sleep.'" Rev. Dr. Sprague a near neighbor and friend says, "Mrs. Howard who was a highly intelligent and benevolent lady died on the 24th of March, 1853." The children of Prudence Williams and Dr. Bezaleel Howard were:

JOHN<sup>7</sup>, born 1791; died Oct. 24, 1849, aged 58 years, 6 months.

CHARLES<sup>7</sup>, born Mar. 21, 1794; died Sept. 18, 1875.

MARGARET<sup>7</sup>, born 1792; died Dec. 9, 1810.

EZEKIEL<sup>7</sup>, born Dec. 27, 1796; died at Salem, Feb. 5, 1818, when a senior in Harvard College.

JOHN<sup>7</sup>, eldest son of Prudence Williams and Rev. Dr. Howard, graduated at Yale College, 1810; was a lawyer by profession, but chiefly occupied in the care of large financial concerns in which he held important offices. He married, Dec. 18, 1818, Mary Stoddard, daughter of Col. Thomas and Hannah (Worthington) Dwight of Springfield, a very superior woman greatly admired and beloved. She was born Jan. 26, 1792, and died in Springfield July 20, 1836. Mr. Howard was a very prominent citizen of Springfield and his death was greatly lamented by the community at large. Their children were:

HANNAH WORTHINGTON<sup>8</sup>, born Aug. 12, 1821; married as his second wife, April 18, 1844, William Henry Swift, son of Dr. Foster and Deborah (Delano) Swift of Boston, a captain in the United States Army, corps of topographical engineers. They had no children.

MARGARET<sup>8</sup>, born May 11, 1823; married, May, 1853 (?), Charles William Swift, a step-son of her sister Hannah. She died in London, April 22, 1893. They had issue:

MARY HOWARD<sup>9</sup>, born 1857; married (1), Feb., 1887, Alfred St. Johnston of Birmingham, England, who died in 1890 or 1891. One son:

ADRIAN<sup>10</sup>, born 1889.

She married (2) Robert Falconer Macdonald, son of the novelist, George Macdonald.

JOSEPHINE LOUISA<sup>9</sup>, born 1860.



FRANCES AMES<sup>s</sup>, born April 5 (or 20), 1825; resides with her younger sister in Paris.

ELIZA WETMORE<sup>s</sup>, born May 3 or 6, 1826; married, Jan. 2, 1856, Edward de Stoeckl, secretary of the Russian Legation at Washington, 1844-1854, chargé d'affaires, 1849-1851, minister, 1854-1869. M. de Stoeckl was also a privy councillor of the Russian Empire. In 1867 he negotiated and signed the treaty by which Russia ceded Alaska to the United States. In 1869 he left the diplomatic service and resided in Paris until his death, Jan. 26, 1892, at the age of 87. Mme. de Stoeckl lives at 3 Rue de Logelbach, Paris. One son:

ALEXANDER DE STOECKL<sup>o</sup>, born Jan. 1, 1862; entered the diplomatic service in 1879, and after some years in Russia was appointed attaché to the Russian Embassy in London. In 1897 he was attached as equery to the Grand Duke Michael Mihaëlovitch. He is a chamberlain of H. M. the Emperor Nicholas II with the rank of councillor of state. In 1892 he married Miss Barron and they have one daughter:

LOIA<sup>10</sup>, born in 1893.

CHARLES<sup>7</sup>, second son of Prudence Williams and Rev. Dr. Howard, was a merchant and manufacturer, and from 1829 to 1841 paymaster at the U. S. Armory in Springfield. Later, 1846-1849, he was an officer in the Custom House, Boston. He married (1), 1818, Anna McCarthy, daughter of Eben H. Williams of Deerfield, Mass., who died in 1822, leaving no children; (2), Elizabeth Buckminster, daughter of Col. Thomas Dwight and sister of the wife of his brother John; born Feb. 18, 1801, died Oct. 7, 1855. The mother of these sisters was a daughter of Col. Worthington and sister of the first wife of John Williams<sup>7</sup> of Wethersfield (see *ante*). Of Elizabeth Buckminster (Dwight) Howard it was said, "she was one of the wisest and wittiest women in Springfield's social annals." Many now living have such delightful memories of her cheerful presence and entertaining stimulating conversation as to think that her dear friend Mrs. Joseph Lyman of Northampton scarcely exaggerated, when on her return from a visit in Springfield, she said, "It's worth a guinea a minute to be with Betsey." Of Hon. Charles Howard a local paper said, "He has been a man of good health and happy life; he lived long and simply. He died because he had

got through, without serious or prolonged sickness, with his children around him and with an intelligent wish to go. For himself there is no occasion to regret; for us we must all feel the loss of one of the great and most interesting historic monuments of the town." The children of Charles and Elizabeth B. Howard were:

LUCINDA ORNE<sup>s</sup>, born Mar. 8, 1825; associated with her sisters Sophia and Katharine in the charge of a boarding and day school for young ladies, which the editor of the *Springfield Republican* said was "one of our great local prides." It is now the McDuffie School. She died, after an illness of but a few days, Jan. 24, 1899.

THOMAS DWIGHT<sup>s</sup>, born Dec. 25, 1826, a graduate of Harvard College; connected with several philanthropic enterprises and for many years pastor of a Unitarian church in Charlestown, N. H. Now retired and living in Springfield. He married, June 8, 1854, Sarah A. Eaton of Perry, Maine, daughter of David and Margaret (Bulmer) Eaton, who was born at Eastport, Maine, 1831, and died in Charlestown, Nov. 13, 1898, aged 68.

ELIZABETH BRIDGE<sup>s</sup>, born Dec. 17, 1828; married, Oct. 16, 1856, William Shaw Tiffany, artist, son of Osmond and Anna (Shaw) Tiffany, of Baltimore; now residing in New York; she died July 12, 1900. They had issue:

OSMOND CHECKLEY<sup>o</sup>, born in Baltimore, Nov. 26, 1858; died Nov. 27 or 28, 1862.

ELIZABETH DWIGHT<sup>o</sup>, born in Bristol, R. I., June 1, 1861; married, June 26, 1884, Charles Richardson Dilworth of Pittsburg; died at Savin Rock, New Haven, Dec., 1891.

CHARLES HOWARD<sup>o</sup>, born in Northampton, Sept. 26, 1863; traffic manager of the West Virginia Paper & Pulp Co.; now residing in New York.

ROBERT SHAW<sup>o</sup>, born in Binghamton, Feb. 11, 1872; died in August of the same year.

SOPHIA WORTHINGTON<sup>s</sup>, born Jan. 26, 1831; one of the three sisters in charge of the school before mentioned. Now living in Springfield.

KATHARINE LATHROP<sup>s</sup>, born Feb. 24, 1833; in charge, as principal, of the school for young ladies; died Dec. 1, 1897. A volume of her letters written from Europe, 1869-1871 has been published.

MARY DWIGHT<sup>s</sup>, born Oct. 12, 1835; married, Oct. 31, 1860, Alexander Edward Andrews, son of Rev. Dr. Edward and

Elizabeth (Harper) Andrews of Binghamton, N. Y., who graduated at Hobart College, 1853; was recorder of the City of Binghamton, 1867-1874; member of New York legislature, 1878, 1880; a lawyer and real estate agent in Binghamton; she died Sept. 26, 1904. Their children are:

CHARLES HOWARD<sup>9</sup>, born Nov. 22, 1861; married in 1890, Clara Redd; he is a druggist in Brooklyn, N. Y. Their children are:

ALEXANDER HOWARD<sup>10</sup>, born Aug. 23, 1890.

EARL ROBIN<sup>10</sup>, born Nov. 13, 1892.

EDWARD AUGUSTINE<sup>9</sup>, born Sept. 21, 1863; married his first cousin, Margaret G. Hayward<sup>9</sup>, daughter of Sarah B. (Howard) and James Warren Hayward, June 8, 1901. Their children are:

ELIZABETH HOWARD<sup>10</sup>, born June 15, 1902.

EMILY HAYWARD<sup>10</sup>, born Mar. 13, 1904; died Mar. 27, 1906.

ROBERT HARPER<sup>9</sup>, born April 7, 1868; died a week after.

JAMES HAYWARD<sup>9</sup>, born Dec. 28, 1871; married, June, 1897, Louise Ely Hagerman, born May, 1875.

HELEN WRIGHT<sup>9</sup>, born Sept. 29, 1875; married, July 14, 1906, Dr. George Hopkinson, born Oct. 20, 1873.

SARAH BANCROFT<sup>8</sup>, born Sept. 13, 1838; married, Dec. 25, 1866, James Warren Hayward, son of James Thatcher and Sarah (Dawes) Hayward, Roxbury. Resided in Roxbury, later in Cambridge. Their children are:

EMILY HOWARD<sup>9</sup>, born Aug. 30, 1867.

MARGARET GREENLEAF<sup>9</sup>, born Oct. 7, 1869; married her first cousin, Edward A. Andrews<sup>9</sup>.

NATHAN<sup>9</sup>, born Aug. 27, 1872; graduated Harvard University, 1895, and Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1897; general contract agent, Bell Telephone Co., Philadelphia; married, April 30, 1907, Anna Howell Lloyd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Lloyd of Philadelphia.

DWIGHT HAYWARD<sup>8</sup>, died in early childhood.

EMILY WILLIAMS<sup>8</sup>, born Dec. 21, 1840; resides in Cambridge.

AMELIA PEABODY<sup>8</sup>, born June 4, 1843; died Jan. 21, 1844.

JOHN<sup>8</sup>, born June 28, 1845; died August 27, 1845.

MARY<sup>6</sup>.

Born Aug. 14, 1769. Died Nov. 25, 1850.

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Fourth daughter and sixth child of Ezekiel and Prudence (Stoddard) Williams, married May 7, 1789, her first cousin, John Salter of Mansfield.\*

He was born June 17, 1769, graduated from Yale College, as A.M., 1788, afterward studied law, but did not practice much, if at all, at the Bar. He was an able magistrate, sustaining for many years the office of Justice of the Peace, an office of considerable importance in that day. For a few years he was Registrar of Deeds. Year after year he was invariably elected as presiding officer of the town meetings and was almost uniformly elected one of the representatives of the General Assembly. He was colonel of a regiment, stationed off New London during the war of 1812. Subsequently he was made general in the state militia. He also held other responsible local and general positions. Whatever he did, he did well. He cultivated a large farm, and enjoyed his rides on horseback, overlooking and directing his workmen. But his inclination was for sedentary life; his leisure hours were largely employed in general reading, of which he was very fond. Occasionally he wrote poetry, and now and then commented, in the newspapers of the day, on some theological point. This work, however, was ephemeral in character. His was a large, generous, hospitable nature; he enjoyed throwing his doors

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\* For the full and very interesting Record of the family which comes next in order of the descendants of Ezekiel Williams, I am wholly indebted to Miss Edith Agnes Salter<sup>7</sup>, youngest daughter of the late R. H. Salter<sup>7</sup>, M.D., of Boston, Mass.

She apologizes in a very happy manner for presenting only favorable aspects of character, admitting that like all others her honored relations had their faults, but "They struggled against them and death has long since hidden them from view, leaving in our memories only the fragrance of their virtues, the taste of their high principles, the delight of their good minds." Of the living, much that might have been written in the same strain, she thought it best for the present to omit. Lack of information alone, made it necessary to pass over some no longer with us with very brief notice.

open for the visits of his relations and friends, toward whom he showed every consideration, and was prompt, even punctilious, in returning civilities. In perfect accordance with his wife, he was noted for his humane, thoughtful, and charitable disposition towards the poor, the sick poor especially, delighting to make them recipients of his bounty from year to year; while his wife looked after the more personal needs of the sick. Mary Salter was a perfect wife and mother and a noble woman. Of calm and even temperament, firm will and firm intellect, she was well disciplined, well balanced, and was devoutly religious, living up to the grace that was in her, and making her whole life in sweet accord. Her children have risen up and called her blessed. Higher praise she does not need. She died Nov. 25, 1850. Gen. Salter had died before her, June 6, 1831. They had issue:

CHRISTIAN<sup>r</sup>, born Feb. 26, 1790; died in Mansfield, unmarried, Nov. 2, 1856.

HARRIET MARIA<sup>r</sup>, born Mar. 20, 1792; died in Elyria, Aug. 6, 1846.

MARY JULIANA<sup>r</sup>, born April 12, 1794; died May, 1810.

ELIZABETH SCOTT<sup>r</sup>, born April 19, 1796; died in Waltham, Mass., Sept. 30, 1887.

JOHN WILLIAMS<sup>r</sup>, born Jan. 28, 1798; died in Mansfield, July 6, 1869.

EMILY<sup>r</sup>, born Mar. 29, 1800; died in Mansfield, unmarried, Sept. 10, 1861.

SUSANNA<sup>r</sup>, born April, 1802; died six hours afterwards.

DELIA<sup>r</sup>, born June 4, 1804; died in Mansfield, unmarried, Dec. 11, 1869.

RICHARD HENRY<sup>r</sup>, born Aug. 2, 1808; died in Boston, Aug. 4, 1893.

THOMAS GARDNER<sup>r</sup>, born April 1, 1810; died in Charlestown, Mass., Feb. 25, 1872.

MARY JULIANA, 2<sup>d</sup>, born Feb. 15, 1813; died the same month.

MARY JANE<sup>r</sup>, born Dec. 23, 1814; died in Waltham, Nov. 30, 1884.

CHRISTIAN<sup>r</sup>, eldest child of John and Mary (Williams) Salter, was a daughter after her mother's heart, devoted to the younger children, looking after the interests of the

household and sharing its duties with her mother. She was always occupied and happiest in her varied occupations. Like all her sisters she had a most amiable disposition and her life showed the fruit of a refined education and the discipline of a religious character.

HARRIET MARIA<sup>7</sup>, second daughter of John and Mary (Williams) Salter, was married as second wife to Heman, son of Justin and Ruth (White) Ely of Elyria, Ohio, Aug. 20, 1828. "She was prepared by her naturally amiable disposition and winning manners, by an early and refined education, and by the grace of God, to exemplify in the prominent station she filled, the graces of a Christian character. A sweet and charming modesty adorned her whole deportment and shed a beautiful lustre over all her actions. She was attentive and hospitable to strangers, benevolent to the poor, respectful and courteous to all; and beloved by all who knew her. Her piety was a matter of principle drawn from the Bible, and carried out into all the various relations of life; hence its consistency, beauty, and utility. A calm enlightened, dignified submission to the Divine Will was her uniform state of mind in health and in sickness." (Extract from a communication to a local paper after her death.) At home, in her young days, Harriet was noted for her high spirits, her active energy, her bright mind and her unselfishness. In Heman Ely she had an excellent husband and kind friend. He was born (in West Springfield, Mass., I think), April 24, 1775. He was associated in business in New York with his brother Theodore. He spent some years in France. On his return he went to Ohio, and was the founder of Elyria, Lorain Co. in 1817. He was Judge of the County Court. He died Feb. 2, 1852. The only child of Harriet (Salter) and Heman Ely was:

CHARLES ARTHUR<sup>8</sup>, born May 2, 1829; married, June 14, 1854, Louise Caroline, daughter of Hon. John A. Foote of Cleveland, son of Gov. Samuel A. Foote of Connecticut (1834, died 1846) and Frances Amelia Foote. She was a rarely gifted and accomplished woman, bright, generous, and self-denying. "He was a man of broad, benevolent mind and remarkable public spirit," of "talent, culture, wealth, and better than all of spotless character" (Anson Smyth, D.D.). He founded the

public library of Elyria, and when, after his death, it was burned, his widow renewed and enlarged it, delighting to carry on her husband's wishes. He died Sept. 30, 1864. She survived him until Aug. 15, 1881. They had issue:

WILLIAM ARTHUR<sup>9</sup>, born Aug. 31, 1860; married, Oct. 4, 1882, Kate J. Fisher, daughter of John R. and Mary E. (Henry) Fisher of Columbus, Ohio, born at Columbus, Nov. 12, 1858; died Jan. 18, 1885. One child:

ARTHUR<sup>10</sup>, born June 20, 1883.

MARY JULIANA<sup>7</sup>, third daughter of John and Mary (Williams) Salter, as a young girl must have been possessed of remarkable traits and great personal beauty. Her funeral sermon, preached, May 19, 1810, by the Rev. Moses G. Welch of North Mansfield, speaks of her as possessed of a sweet and amiable temper, accompanied by a dutiful and engaging deportment. She was the delight of her parents and greatly beloved by her friends. Ill for three years before her death, she passed her long painful confinement with striking patience, and her submission to the will of God was very earnest and sweet.

ELIZABETH SCOTT<sup>7</sup>, fourth daughter of John and Mary (Williams) Salter married Aug. 20, 1825, the Rev. John Adams Albro. Of delicate health from her twenty-second year, Elizabeth or Eliza, as she was more generally called, survived all her sisters, and two of her three brothers, living to the advanced age of ninety-one years. As in the case of her sisters, she also was marked by her amiability, her refined and lovely character, and the same traits of her benevolence. But what especially distinguished her was, that in her long life her patience never faltered, her faith never grew dim. With the increase of years, her infirmities and weaknesses increased and her trust and courage increased also. Her submission to God's will grew in cheerful readiness as her trials grew. One almost loses sight of the good intellect, the bright interest in life and its duties, the earnest character in the remembrance of her heroic patience, which seemed to cast all other traits into the shadow. That patience was the crowning glory of a saintly life.

Her husband, John Adams Albro, was born in Newport, R. I., Aug. 13, 1799. With great musical gifts, playing

both flute and 'cello, he prepared himself at first to teach music. "When about eighteen he commenced the study of law, in the school then flourishing at Litchfield, Conn. A year later he found a kind and appreciative friend in Gen. Salter of Mansfield with whose family he became subsequently allied by marriage. Finishing his law studies in Dec., 1821, he commenced practice in Mansfield with bright prospects of success." (From Discourse of the Rev. J. H. Means.) After two years at the Bar, feeling called to the ministry, he studied at Andover. In 1827, he was ordained over his first pastoral charge. In the same year he received the honorary degree of Master of Arts from Yale. On the 15th of April, 1835, he was installed over the Shepard Society in Cambridge, Mass. He received the degree of D.D. from Bowdoin in 1848 and from Harvard in 1851. He resigned his pastorate in Cambridge April 15, 1856. "As a critic, few surpassed him. He was a diligent student in several tongues. He had great knowledge. He was inflexible in his decisions when he had duly considered the matter. Yet how playful and childlike. His attachments were uncommonly tenacious, he loved intensely" (Rev. Nehemiah Adams, D.D.). His was a logical mind, united with a calm and solid judgment, while his Christian graces and modest, unassuming ways endeared him to all hearts. He died Dec. 16, 1866. Dr. and Mrs. Albro had issue:

JOHN SALTER<sup>s</sup>, born June 13, 1829; in business in Carson City, Nevada; unmarried.

ANNE ELIZABETH<sup>s</sup>, born April 23, 1839; unmarried; residence, Cambridge, Mass.

JOHN WILLIAMS<sup>7</sup>, fifth child and eldest son of John and Mary (Williams) Salter, was prepared for college by tuition of the Rev. Moses Hallock of Plainfield, Mass. Mr. Hallock was his father's classmate at college and his life-long and intimate friend. John entered Yale in 1814 and graduated in 1818. He studied law with his uncle, Judge Williams of Hartford, and was admitted to the Bar in 1821. He practiced for two years in Mansfield, but having studied law simply to gratify his father, he abandoned the profession and commenced the study of theology in New Haven in 1827. He was licensed to preach in 1829; was settled for



short periods in Kingston, Mass., at Milford, N. H., and at Douglas, Mass., but the greater part of his ministry was passed at Bozrah and Montville, Conn. At the latter place he was pastor of the church for eleven years. In 1862 he returned to his native town, where he resided till his death. He had a very genial disposition which won for him many friends. His conversational powers, enlivened by wit and bits of humor were remarkable, but as a Christian gentleman, he commanded respect and honor. He married (1) Sept. 28, 1825, Harriet Byron Lucretia, daughter of Thomas and Lucy (Wattles) Stedman, born at Williamstown, Mass., Aug. 1, 1805. He died Sept. 2, 1838. They had issue:

MARY CATHERINE<sup>s</sup>, born in Mansfield, Sept. 28, 1826; married (1) James D. Lockwood; (2) Gilbert M. Belknap. No issue.

JOHN THOMAS<sup>s</sup>, born in Bozrah, January 25, 1833, of whom very little is known.

He married (2) at Colchester, Conn., March 1, 1842, Elizabeth Turner, daughter of David and Lois (Baker) Turner, born Feb. 5, 1799. She died Feb. 24, 1880, without children. He died in Mansfield, July 6, 1869.

SUSANNA<sup>7</sup>, sixth daughter and seventh child of John and Mary (Williams) Salter, "like the dew-drop, sparkled, was exhaled and rose to Heaven." She lived on earth only six hours.

DELIA<sup>7</sup>, seventh daughter and eighth child of John and Mary (Williams) Salter, was also of a lovely amiable disposition and was perhaps the most religious of the sisters. Her influence for good was very widely extended, and her charities large, but quiet and unobtrusive, like her life.

RICHARD HENRY<sup>7</sup>, ninth child and second son of John and Mary (Williams) Salter, graduated at the Yale Medical School in 1831; married at Andover, Mass., April 29, 1835, Abbie Wheeler, sixth child and second daughter of Rev. Dr. Leonard and Abby (Wheeler) Woods, born, Andover, July 25, 1811; died, Aug. 23, 1883. She was a very gifted and accomplished woman. Dr. Salter settled as a physician

first in Norwich, but in the fall of 1835 removed to Boston. He received the honorary degree of Master of Arts from Kenyon College in 1854. He went out in our late war as surgeon with the First Massachusetts regiment in May, 1861, and remained with the regiment till Feb., 1863, when his health forced him to resign. He was a member of Phillips Academy Alumni (class of 1825) of the Mass. Medical Society, Yale Medical Association, etc. As an evidence of his marked literary tastes, I mention a translation of De Maistre's *Generative Principles of Political Constitutions*, which he made and to which he added valuable notes. This was published in 1847. But his preference was to lead a quiet, unobtrusive life, [the last years of which were spent in Boston with his daughter Edith. He died, Aug. 4, 1893.] The children of Dr. Salter and Abbie (Wheeler) Woods Salter were:

HELEN JOSEPHINE<sup>s</sup>, born in Andover, Feb. 12, 1836; entered Convent of Sisters of Mercy, Brooklyn, L. I., Oct., 1870; was professed by name Sister Mary Stephen, May, 1873.

MARY WILLIAMS<sup>s</sup>, born in Boston, June 23, 1839; married as second wife, June 28, 1867, Linton, son of Andrew Baskins and Matilda (Lindsay) Stephens, born near Crawfordsville, Georgia, July 1, 1823, a younger brother of the Hon. Alexander H. Stephens and himself a famous lawyer and judge; died July 14, 1872. They had issue:

LEONORA AMY<sup>o</sup>, born May 8, 1868.

ALEXANDER<sup>o</sup>, born Aug. 28, 1869.

ROSE MARY<sup>o</sup>, born Oct. 22, 1871.

LEONORA<sup>s</sup>, born in Boston, Mar. 10, 1844; died Nov. 21, 1864.

RICHARD HENRY<sup>s</sup>, born in Boston, Feb. 19, 1847; married (1) at San Francisco, Sept., 1870, Emma Gertrude Coon, born, New Orleans; died in Boston, Feb. 6, 1875. They had issue:

RICHARD HENRY<sup>o</sup>, born in San Francisco, Dec. 21, 1871.

MARY JOSEPH<sup>o</sup>, born in San Francisco, Sept. 23, 1873.

He married (2) at Sparta, Georgia, April 18, 1876, Rebecca Christine, eldest child of Linton and Emeline (Thomas) Stephens, born in Sparta, Nov. 22, 1852; died at the same place, Sept. 17, 1880. They had issue:

JOHN MARY<sup>o</sup>, born in Sparta, June 23, 1877.

AGNES EMELINE<sup>o</sup>, born in Sparta, Aug. 14, 1879; died in Lower California, Mexico, July 24, 1889.

He married (3) at Boston, Mass., July 27, 1885, Katharine, daughter of William Gideon and Catharine Stephens, born New Orleans, June 20, 1853. They had issue:

PAUL PERCIVAL<sup>9</sup>, born, Haverford Hill, Mass., Feb. 15, 1887; died Ensenada, Lower California, Mar. 5, 1888.

A DAUGHTER<sup>9</sup>, born in San Diego, Cal., Sept. 23, 1889.

ABIGAIL EDITH<sup>9</sup>, born in Peoria, Ill., Nov. 18 or 19, 1892.

EMILY OTIS<sup>8</sup>, born in Boston, April 11, 1851; died in Boston, Jan. 3, 1853.

EDITH AGNES<sup>8</sup>, born in Boston, June 1, 1854; [removed to England after the death of her father, and was for some years secretary to the poet, Aubrey de Vere; since his death she has resided in Shepard's Bush, London; a woman of remarkable sweetness of disposition, strong devotion to her chosen (Roman Catholic) faith, and exceptional intellectual attainments. Though totally deaf from childhood, she learned to converse by reading the lips and has never been seriously debarred from the society of her friends,]

THOMAS GARDNER<sup>7</sup>, tenth child and third son of John and Mary (Williams) Salter, married Dec. 10, 1844, Mary, eldest daughter and third child of the Hon. Timothy Gardiner and Betsey (Parker) Coffin of New Bedford; born, April 7, 1821. She died at New London, March 29, 1884. He died at Charlestown, Mass., Feb. 25, 1872.

Thomas G. Salter having completed his studies at Ellington, Conn., entered Yale College in Oct., 1828, and thus was a member of the famous class of 1832. When the class disruption caused by the "Conic Sections Rebellion" occurred in 1830, he entered Rutgers College, N. J., where after a thorough examination, he was admitted to the Junior class and graduated in 1832. Although trained in strict Scotch Presbyterianism, his views underwent a great change and in 1834 he entered the General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church in N. Y., where he graduated in 1837. He was ordained deacon at Christ Church, Hartford, Dec. 16, 1838, by Bishop Brownell. He took charge of Grace Church, Utica, N. Y., for a few months, and then supplied the pulpit of the church at Lansdale, R. I. There he received priests orders from Bishop Griswold of the eastern New York diocese. From March, 1841, to Nov., 1842, he was in charge of St. Stephen's Church, East Had-

dam, Conn.; from June, 1844, to March, 1848, of a church in Nantucket. In 1847, he was settled over St. Thomas' Church, Dover, N. H., and continued in charge of this parish till July, 1861. Receiving the appointment of chaplain in the United States Navy, he resigned the rectorship of St. Thomas' and until his death remained in the navy.

As a boy, he was high spirited, generous, and religious. He was sympathetic and quickly won the affection of his parishioners and friends. In the navy he was highly esteemed. He was always a true pastor. His sermons were brilliant and his manner and spirit in preaching made a good impression, hence his instructions appealed more to his promiscuous congregations, than if he had been of deeper mind. He was not great but good and true, and a Christian gentleman. Chaplain Salter was on board the *Minnesota* in 1862 when she was nearly destroyed by the *Merrimac*, while lying off Hampton Roads during the late war between the States. The shock was severe and it is thought unsettled his system. The children of Thomas and Mary (Gardner) Salter were:

MARY WILLIAMS<sup>s</sup>, born in New Bedford, Feb. 3, 1846; married as second wife, Feb. 14, 1885, Charles Bernon, son of Philip and Phœbe (Aborn) Allen, born Dec. 23, 1831. No children:

JANE COLBY COFFIN<sup>s</sup>, born, New Bedford, Oct. 1, 1848; married, Nov. 23, 1875, Abiel Ward, son of Job Pierce and Fatima (Baker) Nelson, born in Lakeville, Mass., Aug. 24, 1835, graduated from Brown University and from Harvard Medical School (1861).

TIMOTHY GARDINER COFFIN<sup>s</sup>, born Dover, N. H., Nov. 11, 1850; graduated from the Naval Academy, Annapolis; an officer in the United States Navy.

THOMAS GARDINER<sup>s</sup>, born Dover, N. H., Aug. 9, 1854; received the usual education; became a Roman Catholic in 1878, and after a course in college entered the Society of Jesus to study for the priesthood; after three years of study he left in 1884 and spent the following years in travel.

GEORGE WALDRON<sup>s</sup>, born, Dover, N. H., Nov. 11, 1856; died Jan. 25, 1861.

ABBIE WALDRON<sup>s</sup>, born, Dover, N. H., Mar. 19, 1861; died Jan. 25, 1861.

MARY JULIANA<sup>7</sup>, eleventh child and eighth daughter of John and Mary (Williams) Salter, born Feb. 15, 1813, lived but a few hours.

MARY JANE<sup>7</sup>, twelfth child and ninth daughter of John and Mary (Williams) Salter was born Dec. 23, 1814; married as second wife, April 26, 1865, Edward Gilbert of Mansfield, who died Nov. 30, 1869. She died at Waltham, Mass., Nov. 30, 1884.

ESTHER<sup>e</sup>.

Born April 14, 1771. Died June 24, 1820.

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Fifth daughter and seventh child of Ezekiel and Prudence (Stoddard) Williams, was for many years an invalid, a great sufferer from disease of an unusual nature, little understood in that day and perhaps it would be as obscure in this. It made her nerves extremely sensitive, so that various sounds which a person in health would not notice affected her most painfully. It deprived her of the power of speech, and while her mind was as bright and active as ever, rendered her incapable of any exertion, except occasionally with pen or pencil. In letter-writing indeed, she excelled and long after her death her letters were regarded as precious treasures. She was greatly beloved by every member of her family and by a large circle of friends, and in all that the writer heard in her youth of Esther's long illness, nothing but sympathy and admiration was expressed for her. Not the first intimation was given that her friends ever lost patience with her or thought that it could have been possible for her, by any exercise of self-control or effort of any kind, to free herself, in any degree, from those symptoms which are sometimes attributed to a disordered imagination or an inert will. There is no one now living who remembers anything of her except the beauty of her person and the exquisite taste in which, when in health she was always dressed. But there are those who *heard*, in their childhood and youth, of intellectual accomplishments and loveliness of character, which made her the delight of her friends far more than the eternal beauty which they did not undervalue. Among the papers of one of her brothers was found the following which appears to be a copy of an obituary notice written for the press. It is not known who was the author, but probably it was a Wethersfield lady, who had long been intimately acquainted with her, and this delineation of her character is so like that which has come

to us from those more closely associated with her, that there can be no doubt of its correctness:

“Died at Wethersfield, 24th June last, Miss Esther Williams, daughter of the late Ezekiel Williams, Esq., in the 49th year of her age. From her earliest years, she discovered such discernment of intellect, correctness of taste and sweetness of temper as rendered her an object of peculiar regard with her friends and justly endeared her to her numerous acquaintances. The native kindness of her disposition, being sanctified by divine grace, excited in her breast that real benevolence, which arises from Christian principle. She always delighted in doing good and making those around her happy. At the age of 35 she was seized with an indisposition by which she has been secluded for fourteen years from all social intercourse except with her most intimate friends. Although days of affliction and nights of sorrow have been appointed unto her, it has been only that her sufferings might exhibit her virtues in the most amiable and endearing light. Her cheerful resignation to the will of Heaven under the greatest bodily distress and her uniform patience and serenity of soul during her long protracted confinement evinced a piety and a faith in God which no adversity could shake. But at a time when her disease appeared to be forming a favorable crisis and the hopes of friends began to brighten at the prospect of her returning health, a new and unexpected attack blasted every rising expectation and put a speedy period to her mortal existence. The same cheerful serenity that marked her countenance in health and in sickness, did not forsake her in the dying hour but the power of utterance having long been denied her, she could only testify by a speaking smile the triumphs of her faith and her ravishing prospects of future glory.”

SOLOMON STODDARD<sup>s</sup>.

Born Oct. 10, 1773. Died Feb. 10, 1840.

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Third son and eighth child of Ezekiel and Prudence (Stoddard) Williams, was the only one of their sons who did not receive a college education. His health was at no time very good, and I am not aware that he was ever engaged in business of any kind,—certainly he was not after I was old enough to know anything about his occupations. He was a somewhat eccentric character, inheriting the family weaknesses to a greater degree than any of his brothers and sisters and was not so highly endowed intellectually as they were, or cared, as his brothers did, for cultivating the faculties which he possessed. Still, he was not without a good share of mother wit, and this, with his quaint ways, made him often very amusing, while his irritability and fastidiousness in minor matters made him at times very annoying. He dressed with great care in the finest broad-cloth made up in the latest fashion, and all that he wore or carried about his person was the nicest of its kind. He had none of the equanimity which was such a beautiful feature of his mother's character and which several of her children inherited, but he had no vices and his failings were more the result of infirmity than of a want of the Christian principle by which he professed to be governed. His life was mostly passed in his native town. After the home of his youth was broken up, during all the years that I remember him, with the exception of occasional visits at the homes of his brothers and sisters, his time was divided between the families of one nephew in Salem and another in Amherst and a favorite boarding place in Wethersfield. He died unmarried at the house of his brother, Hon. Thomas Scott Williams, in Hartford, in the 67th year of his age.



CHRISTIAN.

Born Sept. 22, 1775. Died Jan. 30, 1803.

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Sixth daughter and ninth child of Ezekiel and Prudence (Stoddard) Williams, is the one of their children of whom I know the least. She was born Sept. 22, 1775, and died after a mortal life of twenty-seven years and four months, Jan. 30, 1803, unmarried. She was connected with the Christian Church by her baptism in infancy, and by her voluntary and public union with it, as its records show, about six years before her death. This event occurred so many years before I was born as to account sufficiently for my knowing no more of her.

THOMAS SCOTT<sup>6</sup>.

Born June 26, 1777. Died Dec. 22, 1861.

Fourth son and tenth child of Ezekiel and Prudence (Stoddard) Williams was named, not, as many have supposed, for the distinguished English commentator, but for the father of the wife of Rector Williams (a beloved and highly esteemed aunt of the father of Thomas), a dissenting minister of Norwich, England.

An excellent account of his career to 1847 is given in the *History of the Williams Family*, pp. 174-175. "He was born at Wethersfield, Conn., June 26, 1777; educated at Yale College, graduated in 1794, attended Judge Reeves' Lectures at Litchfield from March 4, 1797, until some time in the summer of 1798, then read law with Zephaniah Swift, Esq., of Windham County; afterwards chief justice, from August, 1798, to February, 1799, when he was admitted to the bar in Windham County; removed to Hartford in December, 1803. In 1809 he was appointed attorney of the Board of Managers of the School Fund, and held the situation about a year, when the board itself was superseded by the appointment of a commissioner. He represented the town of Hartford in the General Assembly, October, 1813, October, 1815 (when he was appointed clerk in the House of Representatives), October, 1816, and again clerk in 1819, 1825, 1827, and 1829. He represented the State in the Fifteenth Congress of the United States, viz., from March 4, 1817, to March 4, 1819. In May, 1829, he was appointed associate judge of the Supreme Court of Errors, from and after the 30th of December, 1834. He was mayor of the city of Hartford from March, 1831, until April, 1835. In August, 1834, he received from the corporation of Yale College, the honorary degree of LL.D." Soon after he was appointed chief justice of the Supreme court of Connecticut, in which office he continued until he attained the age at which, according to the law of the State, he was no longer eligible.

A satisfactory delineation of his life and character would require much more space than can be spared here. Brief sketches, to which I could add nothing of interest, were published after his death, and are now easily accessible. More than one copy of each is in my possession, and I hope those who come after me will value and preserve them. They may be assured that they do not in the least overestimate the character and services of a man, who was as highly esteemed in his native State, and perhaps in New England, as any one who was contemporary with him. Nowhere was he held in higher honor than in his own house and his near neighborhood. One who lived but a few doors from him, a citizen of wealth and high repute, who met him for many years almost daily in their walks to and from business told me that he had never seen a man to whom he felt so much like taking off his hat as he did to Judge Williams whenever he approached him.

He married, first, January 7, 1812, Delia, youngest daughter of Hon. Chief Justice Ellsworth of the United States Supreme Court, born January 23, 1789. She was a sister of the wife of his brother Ezekiel. Of her I say unhesitatingly, she was the most conscientious, self-sacrificing, thoroughly excellent woman I ever knew. The sketch of her character which accompanies that of her husband is as true to life as his. She died, deeply mourned, not only by her relatives and intimate friends, but by all classes of the community, on the 25th of June, 1840.

He married, second, November 1, 1842, Martha M. Coit, Daughter of the late Elisha Coit of New York City. His last days were made happy by her devoted affection and kind attentions. She survived him a little more than five years, and died in Boston, April 22, 1867. Neither of these wives was the mother of children.

SAMUEL PORTER<sup>6</sup>.

Born Feb. 22, 1779. Died Dec. 23, 1826.

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Fifth son and eleventh and youngest child of Ezekiel and Prudence (Stoddard) Williams was named, it is supposed, for his father's maternal grandfather, an eminent citizen of western Massachusetts. He entered Yale College at the age of thirteen and graduated at seventeen, as his brother Thomas had done before him. It was a source of great regret to him afterward that such advantages could not have been reserved for him until he was better fitted to appreciate them. He felt that "precious advantages" had been lost by this mistake. "Time, expectation, money, all squandered, but," he adds nobly, "I resolve to redeem that which is lost." This was probably written after he had been for a time engaged in mercantile pursuits, for after leaving college he had no disposition to enter at once upon another course of study.

In 1803 he became for the first time a communicant of the church and began to carry out his high resolve. Under the direction of Dr. Dwight he commenced the study of theology, continuing it with his brother-in-law, Rev. Dr. Howard of Springfield, Mass. Soon after he was licensed he was invited to become the colleague of Dr. Howard, the failure of whose voice made such an assistant necessary to him. At nearly the same time he received calls from Deerfield and Mansfield, and decided to accept the latter, although, from a worldly point of view, it seemed the least desirable. At that place he was ordained pastor January 1, 1807, and remained until September, 1817, having preached to his people nine hundred sermons. Leaving Mansfield, he preached two years in Northampton, Mass., as the colleague of his cousin, Rev. Solomon Williams, in charge of a church which, almost from its formation has been ministered to by Solomon Stoddard or one of his descendants. Afterward he received a unanimous invitation to become pastor of the First Presbyterian church in Newburyport,

Mass., and was installed February 8, 1821. He was a very eloquent and impressive preacher, and a strong, true man.

Rev. Dr. Withington, his near neighbor and intimate friend, said of him: "He was the most transparent man I ever knew [and] was universally respected for his decision, talents, and piety. His preaching lost immensely by the printer's ink; his voice, so melodious, was a constant stimulant, and his emphasis a perpetual comment." His personal appearance, no doubt, contributed something to the powerful impression which his preaching produced. Dr. Withington said further: "His action was graceful; he was tall in person, quick and firm in his step, manly in his motions, giving you the air of a military man rather than a preacher of the Gospel. He was a living exemplification of the Saviour's direction, 'When ye fast be not as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance,' etc. He was cheerful without levity, and careless of shadowy solemnities, sought to secure the object most solemn of all."

A volume of his sermons was published after his death, and to the biographical sketch therein given, as also to the article in Sprague's *Annals*, IV, p. 370, those who would know more of him may be referred. He died in the prime of life, wanting but two months of 48 years of age.

He married, first, November 7, 1801, Mary Hanford Webb, a very beautiful and accomplished woman. She died September 13, 1815, and was buried in Mansfield. Their children were:

JOHN HOWARD<sup>r</sup>, born in Hartford, June 6, 1803; died in New York, April 3, 1890.

RICHARD SALTER<sup>r</sup>, born in Mansfield, Mar. 1, 1805; died Sept. 27, 1854.

SAMUEL PORTER<sup>r</sup>, born in Mansfield, Aug. 5, 1807; died Aug. 3, 1877.

ESTHER ELMINA<sup>r</sup>, born in Mansfield, Nov. 2, 1809; died Sept. 27, 1854.

STODDARD WORTHINGTON<sup>r</sup>, born in Mansfield, Mar. 20, 1812; died Jan. 23, 1883.

WALTER<sup>r</sup>, born in Mansfield, June 8, 1814; died Sept. 29, 1814.

FRANCKE<sup>r</sup>, born in Mansfield, Aug. 31, 1815; died in Aiken, S. C., May 23, 1871.

JOHN HOWARD<sup>7</sup>, eldest son of Samuel Porter and Mary Hanford (Webb) Williams, settled in New York soon after attaining his majority, and there he resided for the remainder of his life. He never engaged in business on his own account, but held many important clerkships, being for eight years in the Custom House. From these employments he retired early, being unmarried and having an income sufficient for his support. He found congenial occupation in society and politics, in reading and writing, and in the services of his church, into which he always entered with very great interest. His illness was long, but attended with every alleviation which affection and money could secure. A few weeks more of life would have brought him to the age of 87 years.

RICHARD SALTER<sup>7</sup>, the second son of Samuel Porter and Mary Hanford (Webb) Williams, was for three years a member of Yale College, class of 1826. He did not graduate but received the degree of A.M. in 1844 from the same institution. He studied law, and commenced practice in Nashville, Tenn., but soon removed to Natchez, Mississippi, and became a cotton planter. He married, January 29, 1829, (Mrs.) Agnes Wilson Hoggatt, daughter of Nathaniel Hoggatt, Esq., of Natchez. In the spring or summer of 1854, Mr. and Mrs. Williams, with his sister Elmina and her son Augustus, went abroad in search of health and pleasure. On the return passage, the steamer *Arctic*, in which they sailed, collided with a French steamer in a dense fog, off the banks of Newfoundland, about noon of September 27, and in less than five hours it sank with all on board. No tidings of Mr. Williams or of those who accompanied him ever reached their relatives and friends at home. Their children, all of whom died in infancy or early childhood, were:

CHARLOTTE<sup>8</sup>, born Sept. 25, 1830.

SARAH HOGGATT<sup>8</sup>, born July 30, 1832.

ELIZABETH ELMINA<sup>8</sup>, born Feb. 26, 1835.

SAMUEL PORTER<sup>7</sup>, the third son of Rev. Samuel Porter and Mary Hanford (Webb) Williams, was born at Mansfield, and settled in 1828 in New York City, where he engaged in mercantile business. He married (1) October 2,

1839, Catherine Antoinette Dey, daughter of Anthony Dey, Esq., and granddaughter of the venerated Archibald Laidlie, D.D., pastor of the North Dutch church in New York City, born November 1, 1810, died April 6, 1848. They had issue:

CATHARINE LAIDLIE<sup>s</sup>, born Aug. 26, 1840; died, unmarried, April 8, 1865.

SAMUEL PORTER, JR.<sup>s</sup>, born Sept. 20, 1842; married Sept. 15, 1870 (Mrs.) Almena (Bradley) Axtell of Olean, N. Y. He died Mar. 21, 1875. Mrs. Williams now resides in New York. They had children:

ALMENA BUTMAN<sup>o</sup>, born Nov. 1, 1871; unmarried; now residing with her mother.

CATHARINE LAIDLIE<sup>o</sup>, born Jan. 20, 1873; died Jan. 23, 1873.

SAMUEL PORTER, 3d<sup>o</sup>, born Feb. 9, 1874; died July 22, 1875.

WINTHROP DWIGHT<sup>s</sup>, born Feb. 6, 1844; died July 17, 1865.

ARCHIBALD LAIDLIE<sup>s</sup>, born Mar. 31, 1848; died Feb. 2, 1873, unmarried.

Each of these children, except Winthrop, died of consumption after a lingering illness. Samuel P. Williams married (2) Feb. 17, 1853 (Mrs.) Jane (Van Anken) Colwell of New York City, who died April 10, 1854; he died Aug. 3, 1877. They had one daughter:

MARY AGNES<sup>s</sup>, born Jan. 19, 1854; married, April 19, 1877, Ogden Brower, son of John Lefoy and Elizabeth (Ogden) Brower, born, New York City, July 21, 1855; member of the Gibbes-Brower Co., etc. They have children:

MURRAY VAN GELDER<sup>o</sup>, born August 10, 1878.

ALICE<sup>o</sup>, born Oct. 1, 1880.

OGDEN, JR.<sup>o</sup>, born Mar. 31, 1882; married, Jan. 6, 1906, Eleanore Stewart Montell. One child:

ELIZABETH OGDEN<sup>o</sup>, born Aug. 18, 1906.

LESLEY WILLIAMS<sup>o</sup>, born July 13, 1886.

ESTHER ELMINA<sup>r</sup>, the fourth child and only daughter of Rev. Samuel Porter and Mary Hanford (Webb) Williams, married, June 11, 1834, George Snowden Howland of Brooklyn, New York. He had many business interests. She was lovely in person and amiable in character; was with

her brother Richard and his wife and her own son Augustus, on the steamer *Arctic*, and with them sank to an ocean grave, September 27th, 1854. They had children:

JULIA CHESTER<sup>n</sup>, born May 7, 1835; died Sept. 6, 1849.

AUGUSTUS GRAHAM<sup>n</sup>, born Dec., 1840; lost at sea, Sept. 27, 1854.

JOSEPH SNOWDON<sup>s</sup>, born Feb., 1848; died April, 1850.

JOHN SNOWDON<sup>s</sup>, born Jan. 23, 1851; died Sept. 19, 1885, an excellent and interesting young man, long an invalid, faithfully and tenderly cared for by his step-mother, the widow of his father.

STODDARD WORTHINGTON<sup>t</sup>, fourth son and fifth child of Samuel Porter and Mary Hanford (Webb) Williams, graduated at Amherst College, 1835. He was a teacher for a few years; afterward an invalid until his death, which occurred at the Hospital of the Insane, Northampton, Mass., January 23, 1883. He was never married. He was full of life and fun in his youth, and had many noble traits which I well remember.

WALTER<sup>t</sup>, fifth son and sixth child of Rev. Samuel Porter and Mary Hanford (Webb) Williams, died in early infancy.

FRANCKE<sup>t</sup>, sixth son and seventh child of Rev. Samuel Porter and Mary Hanford (Webb) Williams, was named for the distinguished divine and philanthropist, August Hermann Francke. His father had been reading the life of this eminent man and so admired his character and work that he determined to bestow his name upon his infant son. When he took him in his arms for baptism, he could only recall the surname, and so that alone was given to the child. The father was unwilling afterward to prefix what he had forgotten. The later boyhood and youth of Francke was passed in the family of his uncle, Judge Williams, and until he married that was considered his home. He entered the New Haven Medical School and graduated from it in 1840. He first settled as a physician in the city of New York, but in May, 1844 removed to Newburyport, Massachusetts, and on December 17th of the same year married Caroline Hall Bartlett, born September 7, 1818, daughter of William Bartlett, Esq., of that place. He died in Aiken, South



Carolina, May 23, 1871, where he had gone for the improvement of his health, which had long been feeble. She died February 23, 1904. They had children:

AUGUSTUS HERMAN<sup>s</sup>, born Oct. 30, 1845; married, April 10, 1877, Aravilla Nelson, now deceased. They had issue:

ERNEST NELSON<sup>o</sup>, born Mar. 18, 1878; married Mary Root, Feb. 22, 1901.

HOWARD BARTLETT<sup>o</sup>, born Mar. 30, 1881; married, Sept. 5, 1906, Carrie Maud Burnop, daughter of George Willard and Florence Adele (Baxter) Burnop.

ADELAIDE HEMINGWAY<sup>o</sup>, born April 7, 1883; died April 29, 1887.

HARRY TUCKER<sup>o</sup>, born April 9, 1885; died May 3, 1887.

RALPH SCOTT<sup>o</sup>, born Aug. 25, 1888.

ELIZABETH BARTLETT<sup>o</sup>, born Nov. 19, 1890.

FRANCKE SHERMAN<sup>s</sup>, born April 20, 1847; graduate of Yale College, 1869, and of the Columbia Law School, 1872. He practiced law in New York City a few years until his health failed and he removed to Washington, D. C. To aid in preparing himself for practice as a patent lawyer he took a clerkship in the Patent Office, in which he continued, receiving several promotions until his death, which occurred Sept. 22, 1882, after a short and at no time apparently dangerous illness. He married the widow of his cousin, Samuel P. Williams. They had no children.

AGNES ELMINA<sup>s</sup>, born Sept. 12, 1849; died Dec. 16, 1850.

ERNEST DWIGHT<sup>s</sup>, born Nov. 9, 1851; married, June 6, 1881, Gertrude Isabella Cole; died Nov., 1899. No children.

ADELAIDE ELMINA<sup>s</sup>, born Mar. 20, 1854; married, Dec. 31, 1878, Thomas Henry Dewey, a lawyer in New York City, son of the late Col. David S. Dewey of Hartford. They reside in Brooklyn, N. Y.

CARRIE GERTRUDE<sup>s</sup>, born Jan. 8, 1857; married, Dec. 13, 1881, Dwight C. Pinney, a merchant in New York City. They reside in Brooklyn. They have children:

GRACE DEWITT<sup>o</sup>, born Oct. 23, 1882; married April 26, 1905, Henry Langdon Butler, son of Henry Langdon and Cornelia White Butler; in office furniture business in New York City. One child:

BEATRICE<sup>o</sup>, born Mar. 9, 1906.

DEWITT<sup>o</sup>, born April 15, 1886; died in June of the same year.

HAROLD<sup>o</sup>, born Dec. 9, 1887; died Dec. 24, 1899.

GRACE VERNON<sup>s</sup>, born July 24, 1861; died May 22, 1879, of brain fever, after a short illness of ten days.

Rev. Samuel P. Williams married, second, Nov. 21, 1814, Sarah Pierrepont Tyler, a great granddaughter of Jonathan Edwards, born April 22, or 25, 1791, died Nov. 7, 1857. They had issue:

SEPTIMIUS TYLER<sup>t</sup>, born in Brooklyn, Conn., Dec. 22, 1818; died Dec. 2, 1901.

EDWARDS<sup>t</sup>, born in Northampton, Mass., Mar. 2, 1820.

JOSIAH DWIGHT<sup>t</sup>, born in Newburyport, April 2, 1821; died Sept. 24, 1821.

WILLIAM<sup>t</sup>, born in Newburyport, Nov. 17, 1822; died in Stratford, Conn., Jan. 5, 1870.

SARAH<sup>t</sup>, born June 2, 1824; died in 1826.

MARY ELIZABETH<sup>t</sup>, born in Newburyport, Feb. 27, 1826.

SEPTIMIUS TYLER<sup>t</sup>, eldest son of Rev. Samuel Porter and Sarah Pierrepont (Tyler) Williams was happily and usefully engaged for many years in mission work in New York City. He died Dec. 2, 1901.

EDWARDS<sup>t</sup>, second son of Rev. Samuel Porter and Sarah Pierrepont (Tyler) Williams, became a merchant in New York City, but at the beginning of the Mexican War went out to California as a lieutenant in the 1st Regiment, N. Y. Volunteers under Col. J. D. Stevenson. He subsequently established, in conjunction with Henry Meiggs, a large saw-mill at Mendocino and was for many years prominent in San Francisco, in connection with the lumber interests of the Pacific Coast. The family has resided for many years at Oakland.

Mr. Williams married, first, Susan Amelia Harrower, June 7, 1853, the youngest daughter of Benjamin Harrower of Lawrenceville, Penn., born May 22, 1833, died in Alviso, Cal., May 30, 1856. They had one child:

BENJAMIN HARRISON<sup>s</sup>, born in San Francisco, Dec. 3, 1855; married, April 29, 1885, Adelia Emma Decker. Their children are:

LUELLA<sup>o</sup>, born Sept. 21, 1886.

AMY<sup>o</sup>, born Oct. 31, 1887.

Mr. Williams married, second, in Troy, New York, March 1, 1859, Mary Floyd Cushman, youngest daughter of the late Judge John Paine Cushman of Troy, and granddaughter, on her mother's side, of Col. Benjamin Tallmadge of Litchfield, Conn., at one time a member of the military family of Gen. Washington. They had issue:

MARIA TALLMADGE<sup>s</sup>, born in Troy, Jan. 26, 1860; married, Sept. 26, 1900, in Oakland, Cal., Rev. Reed Brown Cherington, of Kenwood, Sonoma Co., Cal.

SARAH PIERREPONT TYLER<sup>s</sup>, born in Troy, Dec. 12, 1862; died in New York City, Dec. 22, 1863.

MARY FLOYD<sup>s</sup>, born in Troy, Mar. 31, 1866.

JOSIAH DWIGHT<sup>r</sup>, third son of Rev. Samuel Porter and Sarah Pierrepont (Tyler) Williams, died in infancy.

WILLIAM<sup>r</sup>, fourth son of Rev. Samuel Porter and Sarah Pierrepont (Tyler) Williams, married, Dec. 8, 1851, Julia Woodbridge Lanman, daughter of the Hon. Charles Lanman of Norwich, Conn. They had issue:

THOMAS SCOTT<sup>s</sup>, born in New York City, Dec. 1, 1852; married, June 9, 1883, Margaret Neville of St. Louis; is local freight agent of the Wabash Railroad in East St. Louis. They have children:

NELLIE MAY<sup>o</sup>, born April 3, 1884; died Nov. 8th of the same year.

JULIA<sup>o</sup>, born July 30, 1886.

CHARLES LANMAN<sup>s</sup>, born in Valparaiso, Chili, Aug. 22, 1856; died there April 1, 1857.

WILLIAM PIERREPONT<sup>s</sup>, born in Valparaiso, April 11, 1858; graduated Yale College, 1877; lawyer in New York City.

SARAH<sup>r</sup>, fifth child and first daughter of Rev. Samuel Porter and Sarah Pierrepont (Tyler) Williams, died in early childhood.

MARY ELIZABETH<sup>r</sup>, sixth child and second daughter of Rev. Samuel Porter and Sarah Pierrepont (Tyler) Williams, married Richard Cunningham Edwards, who died at Danielson, Conn., Feb. 18, 1903. He was a brother of Mrs. Prof. Park of Andover and is said to have been the last living great-grandson of Jonathan Edwards.







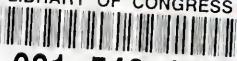








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