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OF

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## INTRODUCTORY.

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TO SAMUEL HOLDEN PARSONS, Esq., of Middletown, Conn., are we mainly indebted for the compilation of the antiquities and p̄digree of the PARSONS Family in the following pages, and first published in the *New-England Historical and Genealogical Register*, in 1847. Mr. Parsons has spent much time and money in collecting these and other names; indeed, the names in his possession, as yet unpublished, far exceed the number contained in this book. The family cannot sufficiently thank him for his labors in this direction. We hope, when his health shall have been re-established, he will give us the benefit of his entire collection.

The principal object of the writer in compiling this particular book, is to secure the record of the Springfield, or West Springfield, branch of the family, including, also, the family of his mother, LEONARD. Of this family no effort has been made to go beyond the immediate connections, except to trace the family down

from the first of the name in the Valley of the Connecticut. The difficulties in procuring such a record are so many and so great, that we are quite sure no one, after having made the least effort in this direction, will complain of inaccuracies.

SAMUEL LEONARD PARSONS,

*Of West Springfield, Mass.*

*Now of Brooklyn, N. Y.*

AUGUST, 1867.

## THE PARSONS FAMILY.

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As it respects the *origin* of the name of Parsons, some have supposed that it was derived from the word *parson*, a clerical title, given from the fact that a clergyman is the principal person in the church. Hence in law he is termed *ecclesiæ persona*, and has full possession of all the rights of a parochial church. The *s* is added for euphony's sake, or from the fact that the individual was the parson's son.

Others have derived it from the word *parish*, as parish-son, meaning the son of some parish, one supported or educated by the parish.

And others again have supposed that the name is the same with *Person*, *Peerson*, *Pierson*, and *Pearson*, modified in the spelling.

*Peirson* or *Peerson* is derived, according to Camden, from *son of Peter* or *Peterson*, the former coming originally from the French word, *Pierre*.

It does not appear that there has ever been any attempt to collect even the materials for a history of the English family of Parsons, so far as has come to our knowledge, notwithstanding there have been many in-

dividuals among them of great distinction ; as knights, baronets, and noblemen. Those of the name are, and have been for a long period, found in several counties ; as, Devonshire, Buckinghamshire, Nottinghamshire, Oxfordshire, &c.

Prior to 1672, Andrew Parsons, gent., was of Somersetshire, and Philip Parsons, gent., of Worcestershire. But the earliest record we have noticed is in

1290. WALTER was then a resident of Mulso in Ireland. How long before this he or his ancestors went there we know not. The name is still extant there, and something above one hundred years ago, Bishop Gibson remarked, (in his edition of Camden's *Britannia*,) "The honorable family of Parsons have been advanced to the dignity of Viscounts, and more lately, Earls of Ross."

1481. SIR JOHN was Mayor of Hereford.

1546. ROBERT, afterwards the noted jesuit, was born this year, and died April 18, 1610, a. 64.

1556. FRANCIS was vicar of Rothwell, in Nottinghamshire. There is a wood called Parsons' wood, in the hundred of Nassaburgh, in the same county.

1618. BARTHOLOMEW appears as the author of three sermons—"First Fruits of the Gentiles," 4to. In 1616, "Assize Sermon," 4to. 1631, "Dorcas, or a Perfect Patterne of a True Disciple," Sermon, 4to. Oxford.

1634. About this year Thomas Parsons was knighted by Charles I. The following engraving represents his arms, still retained in the family in the United States, and by his descendants in London, among whom were Sir John and Sir Humphrey ; the former, Lord Mayor of that city in 1704, the latter, in 1731 and 1740. The same coat of arms is also retained by the branch of the Parsons family now long resident in Barbadoes.

The coat of arms granted to Sir Thomas is thus described: "He beareth gules, two chevrons, ermine. Between three eagles displayed or. *Crest*.—An eagle's leg erased at the thigh or, standing on a leopard's head gules."



Langley in Buckinghamshire was long a seat of a family of the name, but they seem to have abandoned it about the end of the 17th century for a residence in Nottinghamshire. The first of this family whose descendants we can trace appears to have been

RALPH, of Northampton, who had a son

JOHN, who lived at Boveney, Co. Bucks, who had by his wife, dau. of —— Cutler, Esq.,

JOHN of Boveney and Langley, who m. Elisabeth, the sole heiress of Sir John Kidderminster, and had,

1. Charles, b. 1625, d. without issue.

2. William, and three daughters.

This WILLIAM, the only surviving son, m. Elisabeth, dau. and heiress of Sir Lawrence Parsons, by whom he had two sons; one a Colonel, d. without issue, and John, his successor. WILLIAM PARSONS (the father) was made a baronet by Charles II. for his adherence to the cause of his father, Charles I.

SIR THOMAS PARSONS, of Great Milton, in Oxfordshire, (before mentioned,) m. in 1614, Catharine, a dau. of Edward Radcliff of London, son of Alderman Radcliff, by whom he had ROBERT, THOMAS, RICHARD, ANTHONY, and six daughters. He was the son of THOMAS of the same place, by his first wife, Judith Garbrand of

the city of Oxford, who also had a daughter Amy, m. to Richard Alworth of Turford, Buckinghamshire. His second wife was Sarah, dau. of Edmund Waller of Costell, by whom he had three sons, JOHN, EDMUND, FRANCIS, and two daughters, Elisabeth, m. Anthony Radcliff of Chalford, Co. Bucks, and Ann, wife of Richard Baldwin of Beaconfield, in the same county.

The grandfather of SIR THOMAS was THOMAS of Great Milton, who m. Catharine, dau. of Hester Sydenham, by whom he had THOMAS, HUGH, and RICHARD.

RICHARD m. Miss ——— Pierpont, and had a son JOHN of London, who m. 1. a dau. of Joshua Whistler, by whom he had a daughter, Catharine; he m. 2. Mary Gualter of London. Some of this family were among the early emigrants to America.

The first of the name we find in New-England is JOSEPH, Springfield, 1636, where he appears as a witness to the deed from the Indians of the lands of that place and vicinity to William Pynchon and others, on the fifteenth of July. There appear, however, soon after, at the same place, HUGH and BENJAMIN. And family tradition relates that JOSEPH and BENJAMIN were brothers, that they were born in Great Torrington, near Exeter, Devonshire, England, who, with other children, accompanied their father to New-England, about the year 1630. It is probable that they came over with Mr. Pynchon.

JOSEPH PARSONS,<sup>1</sup> as has been mentioned, was at Springfield in 1636, where he probably remained until 1655, in which year he removed to Northampton. On the records of the latter town is this entry: "Joseph Parsons did at a Court in Northampton, holden March, 1662, testifie that he was a witness to a deed of the lands at Springfield, and a bargain betweene the Indians and Mr. Pynchon, dated July 15, 1636, for 18 fathoms of wampom, 18 coates, 18 hatchets, 18 hoes, 18 knives."



As soon as the town was incorporated he was elected "Townsmen," (or selectman,) though he subsequently paid the town 20 shillings not to elect him to any office during the second year of its incorporation. After that we find him serving the town as "Townsmen" for seven years. He was a principal founder of Northampton, was extensively engaged in the fur trade, and acquired a large estate.

He m. Mary, dau. of Thomas Bliss of Hartford, (afterwards of Northampton,) Nov. 26, 1646. They resided in Northampton till 1679, in which year they returned to Springfield, where they both died. Among the records of deaths of that town we find, "Cornet Joseph Parsons was sick and died, Oct. 9, 1683." She outlived him near 19 years, dying Jan. 29, 1712. Their children were,

- I. Joseph,<sup>2</sup> b. 1647, m. Elisabeth, dau. of Elder John Strong, whose father was ancestor of the late Caleb Strong, Governor of Massachusetts. He d. Nov. 29, 1729. She was b. at Windsor, Ct., Feb. 24, 1648, d. at Northampton, May 11, 1736, a. 88.
- II. John,<sup>2</sup> b. 1649, m. Sarah, dau. of Lieut. William Clarke, at Northampton, Dec. 23, 1675.
- III. Samuel,<sup>2</sup> b. 1652, settled at Durham, Ct., 1706.
- IV. Ebenezer,<sup>2</sup> b. 1655, served against the Indians in Philip's war, and was killed fighting under Capt. Beers at Northfield, Sept. 8, 1675, with his commander and many more. He was the first white child born in Northampton.
- V. Jonathan,<sup>2</sup> b. June 6, 1657, d. Oct. 19, 1684.
- VI. David,<sup>2</sup> b. April 30, 1659.
- VII. Mary,<sup>2</sup> b. June 27, 1661, m. 1. Joseph Ashley of Springfield, Oct. 15, 1685; 2. Joseph Williston, March 2, 1699.
- VIII. Hannah,<sup>2</sup> b. 1663, m. Rev. Pelatiah Glover of Springfield, Jan. 6, 1687.

IX. Abigail,<sup>2</sup> b. Sept. 3, 1666, m. John Colton, Feb. 19, 1689, d. soon after, leaving a dau. who m. Francis Griswold, of Windsor, Ct.

X. Hester,<sup>2</sup> b. 1672, m. Joseph Smith, of Greenwich, Ct.

JOSEPH,<sup>2</sup> who m. Elisabeth Strong, had,

I. Joseph,<sup>3</sup> b. June 28, 1671, graduated at H. C. 1697, being the first of the name who had graduated there. He m. Elisabeth, dau. of Dr. Benjamin Thompson, of Roxbury, Ms., (who was son of Rev. William Thompson, of Braintree, Ms.) in 1701. He settled in the ministry, 1st, at Lebanon, Ct., 2d, at Salisbury, Ms., in 1718, where he d. March 13, 1739, a. 69. His wife died at Kensington, N. H.

II. John,<sup>3</sup> b. Jan. 11, 1674.

III. Ebenezer,<sup>3</sup> b. Dec. 11, 1675, m. Mercy Stebbins, Dec. 15, 1703, d. 1744.

IV. Elisabeth,<sup>3</sup> b. Feb. 3, 1678.

V. David,<sup>3</sup> b. Feb. 1, 1680, at Northampton, grad. H. C. 1705, minister of Malden, 1708, of Leicester, 1721, where he d. 1737, having been dismissed two years before. His son David<sup>4</sup> graduated at Harvard College in 1729, and was ordained as the first pastor of the church in Amherst, Nov. 6, 1739. He m. Eunice Wells, of Wethersfield, Ct., had nine children, and d. 1781, a. 69. He was the father of the Rev. David<sup>5</sup> Parsons, D. D., of Amherst, who was b. Jan. 28, 1749, H. C. 1771, settled Oct. 2, 1782, d. 1823, a. 74. Dr. Parsons had eleven children; namely, Ezekiel Williams,<sup>6</sup> a physician in Colchester, Ct.; David,<sup>6</sup> of Amherst, an artisan; Prudence Stoddard,<sup>6</sup> m. Rev. Marcus Smith,<sup>6</sup> Rensselaerville, N. Y.; Thomas,<sup>6</sup> a merchant, New-York city, d. a. 41; Harriet,<sup>6</sup> m. 1. Rev. Royal Washburn, and 2. Hon. David Mack, of Amherst; Francis,<sup>6</sup> an attorney at Hartford, Ct., and Judge of the Court

of Common Pleas; Mary,<sup>6</sup> m. Rev. William Williams, formerly a clergyman, but now a practising physician at Salem; Caroline,<sup>6</sup> d. a. 22; Sophia,<sup>6</sup> m. Rev. Silas Aiken, of Boston; William,<sup>6</sup> a physician, of Canaan, Ct., d. a. 27; and James,<sup>6</sup> a graduate and an instructor of youth at Savannah, Ga., d. a. 29.

VI. Josiah,<sup>3</sup> b. Jan. 2, 1682, m. Sarah Sheldon, June 22, 1710, d. April 12, 1768, a. 86.

VII. Daniel,<sup>3</sup> b. August, 1685, at Northampton, m. Abigail Cooley, of Springfield, June 17, 1709, resided in Springfield.

VIII. Moses,<sup>3</sup> b. Jan. 15, 1687, at Northampton, m. Abigail Ball, of Springfield, Jan. 20, 1710, about which time he removed to Durham, Ct.

IX. Abigail,<sup>3</sup> b. Jan. 1, 1690.

X. Noah,<sup>3</sup> b. August 15, 1692, left descendants.

SAMUEL,<sup>2</sup> who settled in Durham, Ct., had,

I. Timothy,<sup>3</sup> b. 1694, d. Jan. 28, 1772.

II. Simeon,<sup>3</sup> b. 1701, d. Jan. 6, 1784.

III. Phinehas,<sup>3</sup> b. 1703, d. May 6, 1724.

IV. Aaron.<sup>3</sup>

V. Ithamar,<sup>3</sup> b. 1707, d. Jan. 21, 1786. He and probably all his brothers left male posterity. David<sup>4</sup> and Nathan,<sup>4</sup> sons of Ithamar, removed to Granville, Ms., about 1760. David,<sup>4</sup> of Granville, Ms., had a son Joel,<sup>5</sup> who was father to the Hon. Judge Anson V.<sup>6</sup> Parsons, of Philadelphia.

JOSEPH,<sup>3</sup> who m. Elisabeth Thompson, had,

I. Joseph,<sup>4</sup> b. in Salisbury, 1702, grad. H. C. 1720, ordained at Bradford, Ms., June 8, 1726, d. there May 4, 1765, a. 63. His wife was Frances, dau. of John Usher, Lieut. Gov. of New-Hampshire, who was son of Hezekiah Usher, by Elisabeth, dau. of the Rev. Zachariah Symmes, of Charlestown, Ms. His publications were an Election Sermon, an Ordination, and an Artillery Election Sermon, 1744.

Their children were, 1. Frances,<sup>5</sup> b. 1730, d. at Epping, N. H., Oct. 7, 1808, unmarried, a. 78. 2. Elisabeth,<sup>5</sup> b. 1731, d. 1733. 3. Joseph,<sup>5</sup> b. Oct. 5, 1733, minister of Brookfield, Ms., d. Jan. 17, 1771, a. 38. His wife was Sarah, dau. of Rev. Warham Williams, of Waltham, Ms., by Abigail, dau. of Col. George Leonard, of Norton. Rev. Warham Williams was son of Rev. John Williams, of Deerfield, the "Redeemed Captive," and grandson of Deacon Samuel Williams, of Roxbury, and Rev. Eleazer Mather, of Northampton, great-grandson of Robert Williams and Deacon William Park, of Roxbury. 4. Thomas,<sup>5</sup> b. 1735, who went to Parsonsfield, Me. 5. Samuel,<sup>5</sup> b. 1737, of Cornville, Me., d. 1807. 6. Dr. John,<sup>5</sup> b. 1740, of S. Berwick, Me., d. 1775. 7. William,<sup>5</sup> b. 1741, d. 1742. 8. William,<sup>5</sup> of Alfred, Me., b. 1743, d. August 4, 1826, a. 83. 9. Sarah,<sup>5</sup> b. 1745, d. at Parsonsfield, 1800. 10. Edward,<sup>5</sup> b. 1747, went in the Revolutionary army, as Adjutant in Col. Poor's regiment, and d. 1776.

Rev. Joseph Parsons,<sup>5</sup> of Brookfield, left an only dau. who m. Samuel Pitkin, Esq., of E. Hartford, Ct. William,<sup>5</sup> who d. at Alfred, Me., had nine children, among whom was Usher,<sup>6</sup> M. D., of Providence, R. I., a professor in Brown University, a surgeon in the war of 1812, and in Perry's fleet at the battle of Lake Erie. He m. Mary, dau. of Rev. Abiel Holmes, D. D., author of "American Annals." Dr. Parsons is himself author of several medical treatises of great merit.

Thomas,<sup>5</sup> was the proprietor of Parsonsfield, Me., and left a numerous posterity—19 children, by two wives. His first wife was Mary Poor.

II. Samuel,<sup>4</sup> b. at Salisbury, Ms., 1707, grad. H. C. 1730, ordained at Rye, N. H., Nov. 3, 1736,

m. Mary, only child of Samuel Jones, Esq., of Boston, Oct. 9, 1739, d. Jan. 4, 1789, a. 82, in the 53d year of his ministry. The grandfather of Mary Jones was Capt. John Adams, of Boston, grandson of Henry, of Braintree, who was among the first settlers of Massachusetts, and from whom a numerous race of the name are descended, including two Presidents of the United States. Gov. Samuel Adams (the patriot) was cousin to Mary, who m. Samuel Jones.

Rev. Samuel Parsons,<sup>5</sup> had four children; namely, 1. Mary, m. Rev. John Tucke, of Epsom, whose dau. Love M., m. Simeon Drake, late of Concord, N. H. 2. Joseph, M. D., a captain in the Revolutionary army, who d. in Rye, N. H., in 1832, a. 86. 3. Hannah, d. unmarried. 4. Betsey, m. Lieut. Samuel Wallace, of Rye, whose dau. m. the late Isaac Waldron, Esq., of Portsmouth, N. H.

III. William,<sup>4</sup> b. at Salisbury, April 21, 1716, grad. H. C. 1735, settled over the church in South Hampton, N. H., 1743, from which he was dismissed after a ministry of about twenty years. He m. Sarah Burnham, of Durham, N. H., May 16, 1743. In 1763, he removed to Gilmanton with his family, that town being then a wilderness, though by the end of the year about twenty families had arrived and commenced settlements.\* Mr. Parsons was employed by the proprietors to preach to the inhabitants. He also instructed the youth of the place, and continued these services after his labors as a minister ceased.

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\* For minute and interesting particulars of this now important town, the reader is referred to the history of it by Rev. DANIEL LANCASTER. In that work the author has given pedigrees of many of the early settlers.

He d. Jan. 31, 1796, and his wife followed him to the grave, Feb. 28, 1797. His children were Sarah, William, Elisabeth, John, Joseph, and Ebenezer. Elisabeth m. Gen. Joseph Badger, Jr., who was the father of Hon. William Badger, of Gilmanton, late Governor of New-Hampshire.

- IV. Elisabeth,<sup>4</sup> b. 1718, m. Rev. Jeremiah Fogg, of Kensington, N. H. She d. March 5, 1779, a. 61. He d. Dec. 1, 1789, in the 78th year of his age, and the 52d of his ministry. A descendant of Rev. Mr. Fogg is the consort of Rev. James Farnsworth, of Roxboro', Ms.
- V. John,<sup>4</sup> b. Oct. 15, 1725, d. Sophomore in H. C., Oct. 28, 1740.
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**BENJAMIN PARSONS,**<sup>1</sup> younger brother of Cornet Joseph, whose descendants are above traced, was like him among the first settlers of Springfield, and a prominent citizen, a gentleman of exemplary moral character, of great worth and respectability. He was Deacon of the church, and a chief instrument in its formation in Springfield, as appears from his correspondence with the Rev. Dr. Increase Mather. In the civil affairs of the town, no one held more responsible offices, or discharged them with greater fidelity.

Mr. Parsons m. 1st. Sarah, dau. of Richard Vore, of Windsor, who was a member of the Rev. John Warham's church, in Dorchester, and accompanied him to Windsor in 1635. She d. at Springfield, Jan. 1, 1676. He m. 2d, Sarah, relict of John Leonard, Feb. 21, 1677. Her father having settled in Springfield in 1639. Deacon Parsons d. August 24, 1689, and his wife in 1690.

His children by his first marriage were,

- I. Sarah,<sup>2</sup> b. at Springfield, (as were probably all his children,) August 18, 1656, m. James Dorchester.
- II. Benjamin,<sup>2</sup> b. Sept. 15, 1658, m. Sarah, dau. of John Keep, of Springfield, Jan. 17, 1683. He d. at Enfield, Ct., Dec. 28, 1728, a. 60. She d. July 8, 1729. Her mother was Sarah, dau. of John Leonard, of Springfield, and her father was killed by the Indians at Long Meadow, 1676; probably on the 26th of March; as on that day, six men were killed at Springfield, three of them near Pecowsick brook, as they were passing from Long Meadow to the town, with an escort under Capt. Nixon. The circumstance was long perpetuated by the following distich, but with how much truth we pretend not to say. It is this:
- “Seven Indians, and one without a gun,  
Caused Captain Nixon and forty men to run.”
- III. Mary,<sup>2</sup> b. Dec. 10, 1660, d. at Springfield, Jan. 27, 1662.
- IV. Abigail,<sup>2</sup> b. Jan. 6, 1662, m. 1. John Mun, Dec. 23, 1680; 2. John Richards, Oct. 7, 1686.
- V. Samuel,<sup>2</sup> b. Oct. 10, 1666, m. Hannah Hitchcock, March 18, 1683, d. in Enfield, Feb., 1736, a. 70.
- VI. Ebenezer,<sup>2</sup> b. Nov. 17, 1668, m. Margaret, dau. of Samuel and Katherine Marshfield, of Springfield, and grand-daughter of Thomas Marshfield, who came from Exeter, England, with Rev. Mr. Warham, and settled in Windsor, Ct. Mr. Parsons d. at Springfield, Sept. 23, 1752, a. 84. His wife d. June 12, 1758, a. 87, as is to be seen on her tombstone in West Springfield, together with these lines:

The hope of life immortal  
bloom, Dispel y<sup>e</sup> grave's  
most hideous gloom  
Christ on y<sup>e</sup> Resurrection  
day his Saints with glory shall array.

Mr. Parsons was highly respected, was Deacon of the Congregational Church in West Springfield *fifty-two* years, which terminated at his decease.

- VII. Mary,<sup>2</sup> b. Dec. 17, 1670, m. Thomas Richards, Oct. 21, 1691.
- VIII. Hezekiah,<sup>2</sup> b. Nov. 24, 1673, m. Hannah, dau. of Eliakim Cooley, of Springfield, Feb. 20, 1701. [There is a curious entry on the Springfield records concerning this match.] They resided in Enfield and Suffield, Ct. He d. July 11, 1748.
- IX. Joseph,<sup>2</sup> b. Dec. 1675, m. Abigail Phelps, Sept. 15, 1697. He resided in West Springfield.
- BENJAMIN,<sup>2</sup> of Enfield, who m. Sarah Keep, had,
- I. John,<sup>3</sup> b. in Enfield, Nov. 19, 1684, d. there May 9, 1717, a. 33.
- II. Benjamin,<sup>3</sup> b. March 1, 1688, was of Enfield, Ct., where he d. unmarried, July 4, 1734, a. 46.
- III. Christopher,<sup>3</sup> b. Jan. 28, 1691, m. Mary Pease, of Enfield, April 22, 1714, d. Sept. 10, 1747, a. 56. They had twelve children, born between March 1, 1715, and Dec. 23, 1740; eight sons and four daughters. The sons were John,<sup>4</sup> Christopher,<sup>4</sup> Benjamin,<sup>4</sup> Joseph,<sup>4</sup> Ebenezer,<sup>4</sup> Benjamin,<sup>4</sup> Jabez,<sup>4</sup> Noah,<sup>4</sup> John,<sup>4</sup> m. Ann Colton, at Enfield, and had John,<sup>5</sup> Ebenezer,<sup>5</sup> Jabez,<sup>5</sup> and Oliver,<sup>5</sup> who d. at Peekskill, in 1777, in the Revolutionary war.
- Christopher,<sup>4</sup> m. Mary, dau. of Samuel Pease, and had among other children, Asahel,<sup>5</sup> and Christopher.<sup>5</sup>
- Benjamin,<sup>4</sup> m. Sophia Pease, and had Simon,<sup>5</sup> Mary,<sup>5</sup> and John.<sup>5</sup> He lived at Enfield.
- Joseph,<sup>4</sup> m. Rebecca Allen, of Enfield, Ct., and had Joseph,<sup>5</sup> and Jabez,<sup>5</sup> and three daughters. Joseph,<sup>5</sup> had a large family in Enfield.
- V. Sarah,<sup>3</sup> of whom we have no account but of her death, July 8, 1729.



- SAMUEL,<sup>2</sup> of Enfield, who m. Hannah, dau. of Luke Hitchcock, of Springfield, had,
- I. John,<sup>3</sup> b. July 23, 1693, m. Thankful Root, of Enfield, June 20, 1716. They had seven children, among whom were John,<sup>4</sup> Moses,<sup>4</sup> and Thomas.<sup>4</sup>
  - II. Luke,<sup>3</sup> b. Jan. 4, 1696, m. Sarah Osborn, Sept. 13, 1716, at Enfield. They had seven children, one of whom was a son, Luke,<sup>4</sup> b. April 17, 1724.
  - III. Hezekiah,<sup>3</sup> b. April 13, 1698, m. Rebecca Burt, Nov. 15, 1723, d. 1751. He had, besides other children, Hezekiah,<sup>4</sup> David,<sup>4</sup> Eldad,<sup>4</sup> and Charles.<sup>4</sup>
  - IV. Hannah,<sup>3</sup> b. August 2, 1700, m. Nathaniel Horton, March 3, 1720.
  - V. Nathaniel,<sup>3</sup> b. Dec. 28, 1702, m. Mary Pease, Dec. 18, 1725. He had Nathaniel,<sup>4</sup> Chadwell,<sup>4</sup> who m. Ruth, dau. of Josiah Ward, of Enfield, and Stephen.<sup>4</sup>
  - VI. Moses,<sup>3</sup> b. June 10, 1707, m. Hannah, dau. of Samuel Stebbins, of Springfield, Jan. 13, 1736, d. at Enfield, 1786. He had eight children, four sons and four daughters. Warham<sup>4</sup> m. Mary Pease, and had, besides other children, Martin,<sup>5</sup> Warham,<sup>5</sup> and Moses.<sup>5</sup>
  - VII. Miriam,<sup>3</sup> b. April 9, 1710, m. Caleb Jones, Nov. 10, 1730.
  - VIII. Samuel,<sup>3</sup> b. Nov. 23, 1690, (at Springfield,) m. Abigail Randall, Dec. 4, 1713, and had sons, Samuel<sup>4</sup> and Aaron.<sup>4</sup>
  - IX. Sarah,<sup>3</sup> b. Nov. 10, 1704, m. Thomas Jones, June 10, 1742.
  - X. Daniel, of whom, as yet, nothing appears.
- EBENEZER,<sup>2</sup> of West Springfield, who m. Margaret Marshfield, had,
- I. Ebenezer,<sup>3</sup> b. at Springfield, Jan. 12, 1691, m. Martha Ely, 1714, d. 1742, leaving ten children; namely, Martha,<sup>4</sup> m. John Taylor; Eu-

- nice,<sup>4</sup> m. Daniel H. Phelps, of Upper Housatonic; Margaret,<sup>4</sup> m. Daniel Foot, of Colchester; Mary,<sup>4</sup> m. William Clark, of Colchester; Diana,<sup>4</sup> Ebenezer;<sup>4</sup> Naomi,<sup>4</sup> m. Asaph Leonard; Stephen,<sup>4</sup> Abigail,<sup>4</sup> and Seth.<sup>4</sup>
- II. Margaret,<sup>3</sup> b. Sept. 19, 1693, m. Rev. Daniel Elmer, of Newark, N. J.
- III. Jonathan,<sup>3</sup> b. July 15, 1695. Drowned July 1, 1703.
- IV. Benjamin,<sup>3</sup> b. Dec. 15, 1696, m. Martha Bliss, August 15, 1723; went to Kingston, thence to Palmer, Ms., d. at Swansey, in the house of his son, Aaron.<sup>4</sup> His wife d. at Palmer, Ms., July 17, 1760, a. 56. They had twelve children. Eleanor,<sup>4</sup> m. Elizur Fitch, of Monson; David,<sup>4</sup> of Palmer, Ms.; Tabitha,<sup>4</sup> m. Robert McMaster, of Palmer, 1766; Moses,<sup>4</sup> d. at the Havanna in the French war; Israel,<sup>4</sup> d. in the same war, at Fort Harmer; Aaron,<sup>4</sup> of Swansey; Jonathan,<sup>4</sup> m. Mary, dau. Deacon Joseph Merrick, of Springfield, d. at W. Springfield, May 2, 1810, a. 75. She d. March 15, 1817, a. 84. Joshua,<sup>4</sup> m. Eleanor Allen, lived in Palmer, Ms. Abigail,<sup>4</sup> m. Ebenezer Bliss, of Belchertown. Martha,<sup>4</sup> m. Daniel Worthington, Vt.; Benjamin,<sup>4</sup> d. in the French war.
- V. Caleb,<sup>3</sup> b. Dec. 27, 1699, m. Miriam Williston, Oct. 4, 1749. She d. at W. Springfield, July 24, 1760, a. 53, leaving one son, Caleb,<sup>4</sup> b. 1755, d. 1760.
- VI. Sarah,<sup>3</sup> b. Feb. 4, 1703, m. Pelatiah Hitchcock, of Brookfield, Ms.
- VII. Jonathan,<sup>3</sup> b. at Springfield, Nov. 30, 1705, grad. at Y. C. 1729, studied theology with Rev. Elisha Williams, President of Y. C., and Rev. Jonathan Edwards, of Northampton, ordained at Lyme, March 17, 1730, m. Phebe, dau. of John Griswold, of Lyme, and sister of Governor Matthew Griswold.

In March, 1746, Rev. Mr. Parsons removed to Newburyport, Ms., where he preached until his decease. He d. July 19, 1776, a. 71, and was interred in a tomb under his pulpit, by the side of Rev. George Whitefield, who had died at his house not long before. His wife d. at Newburyport also, Dec. 26, 1770. He m. 2. Mrs. Lydia Clarkson, widow of Andrew Clarkson, Esq., of Portsmouth, N. H. She survived him, and d. April 30, 1778.

Mr. Parsons was author of several occasional and other sermons in pamphlet form, and two volumes of sixty sermons in 8vo., advertised as in press at Newburyport, in 1781, by J. Mycall. As extended memoirs have been published of him in several works, it is unnecessary to be more particular at this time.

VIII. Abigail,<sup>3</sup> b. Oct. 21, 1708, m. Thomas Day, of Springfield, March 19, 1735.

IX. Katherine,<sup>3</sup> b. Oct. 16, 1715, m. Aaron Taylor, of Upper Housatonic.

Rev. JONATHAN PARSONS,<sup>3</sup> of Newburyport, had thirteen children, six of whom d. in infancy.

Those who married were,

I. Marshfield,<sup>4</sup> b. Feb. 7, 1733, lived at Lyme, Ct., d. there Jan. 13, 1813, a. 80. He m. 1. Lois, dau. of Richard Wait, Sen., of Lyme. He m. 2. Abigail Marvin, Nov. 20, 1766. She d. August 22, 1782, a. 35. He m. 3. Abigail Waterman, of Norwich, Jan. 15, 1783. She d. March 14, 1793, a. 53. He m. 4. Phebe Griffin, Oct. 10, 1793, widow, and dau. of Pardon Taber, of Lyme. He had children only by his first wife. His son, John,<sup>5</sup> m. Joanna, dau. of Joseph Mather, of Lyme. By a second wife, Lois, dau. of Richard Wait, Jr., he had twelve children.

II. Jonathan,<sup>4</sup> b. April 25, 1735, m. Hannah, dau. of Samuel Gyles, of Salisbury, August 26, 1756.

They had ten children, four of whom were sons, and all d. unmarried. Elisabeth,<sup>5</sup> m. 1. Samuel Chandler, 2. John Mycall. Hannah,<sup>5</sup> m. Abraham Jackson, and had Ellen<sup>6</sup> and Isaac Rand;<sup>6</sup> the latter d. July 27, 1842, at Copenhagen, while U. S. Chargé d'Affaires, a. 37. He m. Louisa C. Carrol, of Philadelphia, grand-daughter of Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Md., one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

- III. Samuel Holden,<sup>4</sup> b. May 14, 1737, at Lyme, Ct., grad. H. C. 1756; in 1781 he received an honorary degree from Y. C., studied law at Lyme in the office of his uncle, Gov. Matthew Griswold, admitted to the bar in New-London County, 1759, settled at Lyme, was elected Representative to the General Assembly in 1762, and successively for eighteen sessions, which brought him to the year 1774, when he received the appointment of King's Attorney, and removed to New-London. In 1775 he was appointed Colonel of the sixth Connecticut regiment, and a Brigadier-General by Congress in 1776, Major-General in 1780. In 1779 he succeeded Gen. Putnam in the command of the Connecticut line of the Continental army, and served in the Revolutionary army as Major-General until the close of the war. He was an active member of the Convention of Connecticut in January, 1788, which ratified the Constitution of the United States, and was elected President of the "Society of Cincinnati" of Connecticut. In 1785 he was appointed by Congress a Commissioner to treat with the Indians at Miami. In 1788 he was appointed and commissioned by President Washington first Judge of the Northwest Territory, which included the present States of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Michigan; and

while holding that office, was, in 1789, appointed by the State of Connecticut a Commissioner to hold a treaty with the Wyandots and other tribes of Indians on Lake Erie, for extinguishing the aboriginal title to the "Connecticut Western Reserve." While returning to his residence at Marietta from this service, he was drowned by the overturning of his boat in descending the rapids of the Big Beaver River, Nov. 17, 1789, a. 52.

Gen. Parsons m. Mehetabel, dau. of Richard Mather, of Lyme, (a lineal descendant of Rev. Richard Mather, of Dorchester,) Sept. 10, 1761. She was b. in Lyme, March 7, 1743, d. August 7, 1802, and was buried at Middletown, Ct. The children of Gen. Parsons were, 1. William Walter,<sup>5</sup> b. July 5, 1762, m. Esther, dau. of Thompson Phillips, of Middletown, d. Jan. 24, 1801, leaving children, Esther Phillips,<sup>6</sup> m. William Hammet, of Bangor, and Thomas,<sup>6</sup> who d. young. 2. Lucia,<sup>5</sup> b. Nov. 8, 1764, m. Hon. Stephen Titus Hosmer, Chief-Justice of Connecticut. They had four sons and six daughters. All the sons d. young, except Oliver Ellsworth,<sup>6</sup> who m. Ann P. Hawes, of New-York. 3. Thomas,<sup>5</sup> who d. young. 4. ENOCH,<sup>5\*</sup> b. Nov. 5, 1769, d. at Hartford, July 9, 1846, m. 1. Mary Wyley Sullivan, May 19, 1795. She was dau. of John Sullivan, of London, and b. in Philadelphia, Nov. 9, 1772, d. at Middletown, July 2, 1807. He m. 2. Mrs. Sarah Rosecrans, dau. of Nehemiah Hubbard, of Middletown, by whom he had one son, Henry Ethelbert,<sup>6</sup> who m. Abby C., dau. of John Welles, of Ann Arbor, Michigan; and a dau., Mary Sullivan,<sup>6</sup> m. James, son of Robert Dickson, of London, Eng., d. at Phila-

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\* For extract of Memoir, see page 23.

delphia, Dec. 15, 1841. The next of the children of Gen. Parsons was, 5. Mehetabel,<sup>5</sup> b. Dec. 24, 1772, m. William B. Hall, M. D., of Middletown, d. Nov. 1, 1823, a. 51, leaving, 1. William Brenton;<sup>6</sup> 2. Samuel Holden Parsons,<sup>6</sup> of Binghamton, N. Y. 6. Phebe,<sup>5</sup> b. Jan. 25, 1775, at New-London, m. Samuel Tiffen, and had a dau.<sup>6</sup> m. to L. T. Clark, of Philadelphia. 7. Samuel Holden,<sup>5</sup> b. Dec. 31, 1777, m. Esther, dau. of Giles Page, of Middletown, d. in the West Indies, leaving a dau., Mary Ann,<sup>6</sup> m. to William C. Hammet, of Howland, Me. 8. Margaret Ann.<sup>5</sup> 9. Margaret,<sup>5</sup> b. 1785, m. 1. Stephen Hubbard, of Middletown, who settled at Champion, N. Y., where he d. 1812. 2. Alfred Lathrop,<sup>6</sup> of Champion and W. Carthage, N. Y.

- IV. Thomas,<sup>4</sup> b. April 28, 1739, m. 1. Mary Gibson, and had one son, Jonathan G.,<sup>5</sup> who. d. without issue. He m. 2. Sarah Sawyer, of Newbury, and had, 1. Sarah,<sup>5</sup> m. to Gorham Parsons, late a merchant of Boston, whose father was brother to the late JUDGE THEOPHILUS PARSONS, of Boston, descended from that branch of the family settled at Gloucester, Ms., the ancestor of which was Jeffrey Parsons, whose pedigree we propose to trace hereafter; 2. Ann,<sup>5</sup> m. Fitz-William Sargent, of Gloucester, Ms.; 3. Mary,<sup>5</sup> m. Ignatius Sargent; 4. —,<sup>5</sup> m. Samuel Torrey, of Boston.
- V. Phebe,<sup>4</sup> b. at Newburyport, March 6, 1748, m. Capt. Ebenezer Lane, of Boston, had no children, d. 1781.
- VI. Lucia,<sup>4</sup> b. at Newburyport, Dec. 23, 1752, m. Capt. Joseph Tappan, of that place, d. there in 1815, a. 63, leaving seven children: 1. Thomas P.;<sup>5</sup> 2. Phebe Griswold;<sup>5</sup> 3. Sarah;<sup>5</sup> 4. John Pike;<sup>5</sup> 5. Richard;<sup>5</sup> 6. Joseph;<sup>5</sup> and 7. Thomas Parsons.<sup>5</sup>

VII. Lydia,<sup>4</sup> b. April 3, 1755, m. Moses, son of Hon. Jonathan Greenleaf, of Newburyport, Sept. 17, 1776, and had children: 1. Moses;<sup>5</sup> 2. Clarina Parsons;<sup>5</sup> 3. Ebenezer;<sup>5</sup> 4. Simon,<sup>5</sup> b. Dec. 5, 1783, the distinguished attorney and professor of law, in H. C. 5. Jonathan,<sup>5</sup> a clergyman of Brooklyn, N. Y., and author of a memoir of Rev. Jonathan Parsons in the American Quarterly Register, also of Ecclesiastical Sketches of Maine.

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HUGH PARSONS appears on the town records of Springfield, 27. 8, (27 Oct.,) 1645. How long before that he was resident there does not appear, though it is quite probable that he was among the first inhabitants. Whether HUGH were a brother of Benjamin and Joseph, or what relationship he may have borne to them, nothing has yet come to our knowledge to enable us to determine; yet he was probably the older brother of those, and so we shall consider him until we are otherwise assured. Mr. Parsons married *Mary Lewis* on the date above mentioned, by whom he had,

I. SAMUEL, b. Oct. 4, 1648, d. Oct. 4, 1649.

II. JOSHUA, b. Oct. 26, 1650. d. June 4, 1651.

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The following extract from a memoir of ENOCH PARSONS, Esq., of Hartford, Conn., (son of Samuel Holden Parsons, Esq., of Lyme, Conn.,) was written by his son, Samuel Holden Parsons, Esq., of Middletown, and published in the New-England Historical and Genealogical Register for April, 1847:

“ENOCH PARSONS, Esq., of Hartford, Ct., was born at Lyme, Ct., Nov. 5, 1769. He was the third son of Samuel Holden Parsons, an Aid to General Washington, a Major-General in the Revolutionary army, and subsequently Chief Justice of the North Western Territory. Mr. Parsons was also grandson of the Rev. Jonathan Parsons, a distinguished clergyman first of Lyme,

Ct., and secondly of Newburyport, Ms. His mother, who was a daughter of Richard Mather, of Lyme, was lineally descended from the Rev. Richard Mather, the first clergyman of Dorchester, Ms., ancestor of the Rev. Messrs. Increase and Cotton Mather, of Boston. His grandmother was sister to the Hon. Matthew Griswold, of Lyme, formerly Governor of the State, and was lineally descended from Henry Wolcott, 1st of Windsor, the progenitor of all who bear that name in Connecticut.

May 14, 1789, Mr. Parsons was appointed by Gov. Arthur St. Clair, Register and Clerk of the first Probate Record Office, established in the County of Washington, which was the first county erected northwest of the river Ohio. He there remained, faithfully discharging the duties of this appointment, until April, 1790, when he resigned and returned to Middletown, Ct., his family residence, and was appointed by the General Assembly of the State at their ensuing session, in May, High Sheriff of Middlesex County. This office he accepted, being then only twenty-one years of age; and he continued to perform its duties with fidelity and public acceptance, till he attained the age of forty-nine, a period of *twenty-eight* years; when he was compelled by ill health and various imperative avocations, to relinquish its fatigues and solicitude.

During the period of his official duties as Sheriff, Mr. Parsons was also actively engaged in various other public avocations, and in mercantile business. He was called to preside over different local institutions and organizations in the place where he resided; acted awhile as Secretary to an Insurance Company, and was repeatedly elected an Alderman of the City of Middletown, and Representative in the General Assembly of the State. He was also presented by his Congressional friends as a rival candidate of the late President Harrison in the year 1791 for the office of Secretary and *ex-officio* Lieutenant-Governor of the N. W. Territory, but he declined the nomination. He likewise declined the honor, though repeatedly solicited,



to represent his fellow-citizens in the councils of the nation. His own private affairs too much required his attention to permit him to engage in this high trust.

In the year 1816, when the late Bank of the United States was incorporated, Mr. Parsons, believing that the establishment of a Branch in Connecticut, (by many deemed impracticable,) would materially promote the commercial interests of its citizens, visited Philadelphia in company with other gentlemen, with a view to this object. By the most persevering efforts, and through his active and efficient influence and exertion, a Branch was located in Connecticut, at Middletown. He was chosen a Director of the institution immediately upon its organization, and continued in the direction during the existence of the charter.

In 1818 he was elected President of the Connecticut Branch, on the resignation of the Hon. Samuel W. Dana, then a Senator in Congress; and was annually elected, until it was transferred from Middletown to Hartford, in the spring of 1824. Having removed thither himself about the same time, he was re-elected, and continued to preside over the institution with acknowledged impartiality, fidelity and firmness, and the most unflinching integrity, during the operations of the Branch in Connecticut, and until the expiration of the charter.

Mr. Parsons was a firm believer in the Christian religion. He adopted the principle of the gospel as the standard of human action; and frequently remarked, that through life he had made it an invariable rule never to close his eyes in sleep without first communing with his God.

About a year previous to the close of his interesting life, his system became generally debilitated, and during the last three or four months he was unable to leave the house. He expressed himself perfectly resigned to the will of Heaven, and gradually sunk into a lethargy, which continued until the morning of July 9, 1846, when he slept in death, in the 77th year of his age."

## PARSONS,

OF SPRINGFIELD AND WEST SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

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- I. BENJAMIN PARSONS, 1636.
  - II. EBENEZER,<sup>2</sup> son of Deacon Benjamin.<sup>1</sup>
  - III. BENJAMIN,<sup>3</sup> son of Deacon Ebenezer.<sup>2</sup>
  - IV. JONATHAN,<sup>4</sup> son of Deacon Benjamin.<sup>3</sup>
  - V. JONATHAN,<sup>5</sup> son of Jonathan.<sup>4</sup>
  - VI. EDWARD,<sup>6</sup> son of Jonathan,<sup>5</sup> 1867. West Springfield was set off from Springfield and incorporated a town in 1774.
- JONATHAN PARSONS,<sup>4</sup> son of Benjamin,<sup>3</sup> was born 1735, d. at West Springfield, Mass., May 2, 1810, aged 75, m. Mary, dau. of Deacon Joseph Merrick, she died March 15th, 1817, aged 84. Their children were,
- I. Israel,<sup>5</sup> b. June 11, 1762, d. Sept. 25, 1846, m. Polly Marvin. They lived in Granville, Mass. She died August 31, 1847.
  - II. Mary,<sup>5</sup> b. Nov. 12, 1763, d. May 5, 1853, m. Elihu Stow, of Granville, Mass.
  - III. Martha,<sup>5</sup> b. March 24, 1765, d. Nov. 20, 1828, m. Joseph P. Sears, of East Bloomfield, N. Y.
  - IV. Rahama,<sup>5</sup> b. Nov. 11, 1766, m. Levi Hayes, of Granville, Ohio.
  - V. Mercy,<sup>5</sup> b. Oct. 13, 1768, d. Dec. 8, 1789.
  - VI. Jonathan,<sup>5</sup> b. Sept. 19, 1770, d. Dec. 6, 1827, m. Graty,<sup>5</sup> daughter of Elias<sup>4</sup> and Susannah Leonard.
  - VII. Joseph,<sup>5</sup> b. June 24, 1773, d. Oct. 16, 1789.

JONATHAN PARSONS,<sup>5</sup> son of Jonathan<sup>4</sup> and Mary, was b. September 19, 1770, d. December 6th, 1827, m. June 24, 1797, Graty,<sup>5</sup> daughter of Elias and Susannah Leonard, of Feeding Hills, West Springfield, Mass. She was born August 8, 1777, and died March 24, 1853. An intelligent, affectionate and faithful wife and mother. She deserved and received the tenderest love of her children. Their children were,

- I. Harriet,<sup>6</sup> b. Dec. 27, 1798, d. Sept. 7, 1800.
- II. Francis,<sup>6</sup> b. Dec. 5, 1800, d. Sept. 6, 1803.
- III. James Merrick,<sup>6</sup> b. Dec. 18, 1802, d. Sept. 6, 1803.
- IV. Edward,<sup>6</sup> b. Sept. 17, 1804.
- V. Mary,<sup>6</sup> b. July 27, 1806, d. June 18, 1842.
- VI. Henry,<sup>6</sup> b. Sept. 25, 1808.
- VII. James Merrick,<sup>6</sup> b. Feb. 23, 1810.
- VIII. Harriet,<sup>6</sup> b. Sept. 20, 1812.
- IX. Frances Cornelia,<sup>6</sup> b. Aug. 19, 1814, d. May 23, 1840.
- X. Samuel Leonard,<sup>6</sup> b. April 9, 1817.
- XI. Jonathan,<sup>6</sup> b. Oct. 7, 1820.
- XII. Martha,<sup>6</sup> b. July 7, 1824.

EDWARD,<sup>6</sup> (son of Jonathan<sup>5</sup> and Graty,<sup>5</sup>) was born September 17, 1804, m. November 17, 1825, Sophronia, daughter of Aaron Bagg, of West Springfield. He has represented his town and county in the State Senate and House of Representatives, a Justice of the Peace, and has held the various offices of the town.

August, 1867. They now occupy the old homestead.

MARY,<sup>6</sup> (daughter of Jonathan<sup>5</sup> and Graty,<sup>5</sup>) b. July 27, 1806, d. June 18, 1842, m. Jan. 18, 1827, Joseph Ely, of West Springfield, merchant. They removed to St. Louis, Missouri, in 1831, where he died July 28, 1833. She returned to W. S., where she died in the full belief

that a crown awaited her in heaven. Their children were,

- I. William,<sup>7</sup> b. in W. S., Jan., 20, 1828. He served in the war from 1861 to 1864, m. Jan. 31, 1859, Sallie Johnson, of Louisville, Kentucky, where they resided August, 1867.
- II. Mary,<sup>7</sup> b. in W. S., Feb. 4, 1830, m. August 11, 1852, Henry A. Pierce, of Hinsdale, Mass. Resided August, 1867, in Lansingburgh, N. Y.

HENRY,<sup>6</sup> (son of Jonathan and Graty,) b. Sept. 25, 1808, m. August 31, 1831, Harriet Maria, daughter of Richard Bagg, of W. S. She was born Jan. 8, 1810. They removed to Pennfield, Calhoun County, Michigan, in 1837, where they resided in August, 1867. For many years a Justice of the Peace, town officer and Postmaster. Their children were,

- I. Harriet Maria,<sup>7</sup> b. in W. S., March 17, 1834, m. Varnum T. Hull, of Pittsfield, Mass., Jan. 1, 1857. They removed to Chicago, Illinois, where they resided August, 1867. Their children were,
  1. Ida Ellen,<sup>8</sup> b. May 20, 1859, d. May 25, 1859.
  2. Henry Parsons,<sup>8</sup> b. July 31, 1860.
  3. Mary Ellen,<sup>8</sup> b. April 30, 1865.
- II. James Merrick,<sup>7</sup> b. in W. S., Dec. 27, 1835, d. at Falmouth, near Fredericksburgh, Virginia, in the service of his country, Jan. 16, 1863.

He was a young man of unusual maturity of character. In August, 1862, moved by true patriotism, he left his father in the field, to take the sword against those who had risen to overthrow the government. He enlisted in the 20th Michigan Regiment, August 13, 1862, and marched directly to the front of battle. He was engaged in the attack upon Fredericksburgh, under Gen. Burnside, Dec. 12, 1862, but returned from that attack unin-

jured. He was, however, soon attacked with typhoid fever, and died in camp on the 16th of the following January. His body was recovered and taken home, and now rests beside that of his soldier brother, spoken of below. He lived an exemplary life, and died a Christian.

III. Ellen Cornelia,<sup>7</sup> b. Dec. 14, 1837.

IV. William Henry,<sup>7</sup> b. July 9th, 1840, d. at Tipton, Missouri, in the service of his country, Dec. 22, 1861.

At the breaking out of the war his patriotic heart overflowed for his country. He enlisted in her service August 22, 1861, and was sent to Missouri. He was under the command of Gen. Fremont, in his celebrated and almost unequalled march down through that State to Springfield. While upon that march, and when near the town of Tipton, he was attacked with measles and typhoid fever, which terminated in his death in about a week—the death of a trustful Christian. A fellow-soldier, a townsman, took his body home, and his parents have the satisfaction of knowing that their brave and noble boys rest quietly within sight of their own door.

V. Mary Frances,<sup>7</sup> b. Feb. 24, 1843.

VI. Richard Bagg,<sup>7</sup> b. June 18, 1846.

VII. Clara Martha,<sup>7</sup> twin sister of Clarence Marvin, b. August 30, 1850.

VIII. Clarence Marvin,<sup>7</sup> twin brother of Clara Martha, b. August 30, 1850, d. Oct. 21, 1850.

JAMES MERRICK,<sup>6</sup> (son of Jonathan and Graty,) b. Feb. 23, 1810; removed to Marshall, Calhoun Co., Mich., in 1835; m. May, 1836, Eleanor Dorsey, of Lyons, N. Y. She was born August 12, 1814. For many years he has been an elder in the Presbyterian Church, Postmaster, County Treasurer, and has filled various other offices

of responsibility and trust. August, 1867, still resided at Marshall. Their children were,

I. William Ely,<sup>7</sup> b. March 27, 1837, d. July 14, 1839.

II. Andrew Dorsey,<sup>7</sup> b. May 11, 1839, d. August 2, 1839.

III. Sarah Dorsey,<sup>7</sup> b. Jan. 9, 1843.

IV. Edward,<sup>7</sup> b. Jan. 13, 1849.

HARRIET,<sup>6</sup> (daughter of Jonathan and Graty,) b. Sept. 20, 1812, m. Rev. Joseph A. Northrop, of Lowville, Lewis Co., N. Y., Feb. 12, 1832. They resided August, 1867, near Otisville, Franklin Co., Iowa. Their children were,

I. Frances Cornelia,<sup>7</sup> b. at Antwerp, N. Y., Nov. 26, 1832, m. Spencer Mosely, of Clyman, Dodge Co., Wisconsin, Nov. 25, 1860. Resided August, 1867, in Carlinville, Ill.

Their children are,

1. Edward Parsons,<sup>7</sup> b. January 5, 1862.

2. Martha Kate,<sup>7</sup> b. February 20, 1864.

3. Robert Spencer,<sup>7</sup> b. March 20, 1866.

II. Mary Parsons,<sup>7</sup> b. Dec. 18, 1834, d. Dec. 21, 1838, at Carthage, N. Y.

III. A son unnamed, b. at Lowville, N. Y., June 10, 1837, d. June 17, 1837.

IV. Caroline Putnam,<sup>7</sup> b. at Massino, N. Y., August 25, 1840.

V. Jane Maria,<sup>7</sup> b. August 13, 1842, d. at Lowell, Wisconsin, Sept. 13, 1847.

VI. Edward Allen,<sup>7</sup> b. at Clyman, Wis., August 15, 1844, d. Jan. 3, 1858, from injuries inflicted by a horse.

VII. Mary Abigail,<sup>7</sup> b. Sept. 14, 1846.

VIII. James Austin,<sup>7</sup> b. July 19, 1849.

IX. Martha Alida,<sup>7</sup> b. Jan. 20, 1852.

X. Harriet Ada,<sup>7</sup> b. Feb. 12, 1854.

XI. Charles Sumner,<sup>7</sup> b. Sept. 17, 1856.

XII. Joseph Allen,<sup>7</sup> b. May 3, 1859.

FRANCES CORNELIA,<sup>6</sup> (daughter of Jonathan and Graty,) b. August 19, 1814, d. May 23, 1840.

SAMUEL LEONARD,<sup>6</sup> (son of Jonathan and Graty,) b. April 9, 1817, m. Harriet Olmstead, of New-York City, June 7, 1847. She was born Jan. 8, 1817.

He has been for many years a deacon in the Congregational Church, and an active Sunday-school man. They resided August, 1867, in Brooklyn, N. Y. Their children were,

I. Samuel Leonard,<sup>7</sup> b. in Springfield, Mass., Dec. 16, 1849, d. Dec. 19, 1849.

II. Charles Sutherland,<sup>7</sup> b. in Brooklyn, June 18, 1851.

III. Henry Herbert,<sup>7</sup> b. in Brooklyn, August 10, 1853.

JONATHAN,<sup>6</sup> (son of Jonathan and Graty,) b. Oct. 7, 1820, m. Oct. 4, 1847, Mary B. Colt, of Hinsdale, Mass. Resided August, 1867, in Kalamazoo, Mich. He has been one of the village officers, and a leading man in town affairs. Their children were,

I. Edward Colt,<sup>7</sup> b. at Kalamazoo, June 24, 1848.

II. Jennie Clark,<sup>7</sup> b. August 31, 1850.

III. Mary Adele,<sup>7</sup> b. Nov. 5, 1852.

IV. George Sandford,<sup>7</sup> b. Jan. 16, 1855.

V. Eliza Crane,<sup>7</sup> b. June 12, 1857.

VI. Allen Woodbury,<sup>7</sup> b. Nov. 23, 1864.

MARTHA,<sup>6</sup> (daughter of Jonathan and Graty,) b. July 7, 1824.

## LEONARD.

JOHN LEONARD<sup>1</sup> lived in Springfield, Mass. Supposed to have emigrated from Bilston, County of Stafford, England, about 1639, with two brothers. His children were,

- I. John,<sup>2</sup> b. July 25, 1641.
- II. Joseph,<sup>2</sup> b. January 17, 1643, d. in infancy.
- III. Joseph,<sup>2</sup> b. March 3, 1644.
- IV. Sarah,<sup>2</sup> b. October 13, 1645.
- V. Mary,<sup>2</sup> b. July 14, 1647.
- VI. Martha,<sup>2</sup> b. February 15, 1649.
- VII. Sidda,<sup>2</sup> b. August 29, 1650.
- VIII. John,<sup>2</sup> b. July 10, 1652.
- IX. Benjamin,<sup>2</sup> b. July 5, 1654.
- X. Josiah,<sup>2</sup> b. January 28, 1658.
- XI. Hannah,<sup>2</sup> b. December 29, 1659.
- XII. Rebecca,<sup>2</sup> b. March 26, 1661.
- XIII. Deborah,<sup>2</sup> b. October 1, 1663.

JOSIAH,<sup>2</sup> son of John,<sup>1</sup> born January 28, 1658. Married Ruth ———. Lived in West Springfield, Mass. Their children were,

- I. Abel,<sup>3</sup> b. November 22, 1706.
- II. Sarah,<sup>3</sup> b. November 14, 1709.
- III. Ruth,<sup>3</sup> b. April 24, 1713.
- IV. Reuben,<sup>3</sup> b. November 25, 1716.
- V. Jonathan,<sup>3</sup> b. January 24, 1719.

REUBEN,<sup>3</sup> son of Josiah<sup>2</sup> and Ruth, b. November 25th, 1716, d. October, 1804, m. Miriam ———; she died August, 1791. Their children were,

*Heath  
m Sarah Peald  
b 11/12/1640  
d - 1711*



- I. Miriam,<sup>4</sup> b. Oct. 13, 1740, d. Aug. 17, 1791.
- II. Abner,<sup>4</sup> b. Feb. 13, 1744, d. died March, 1793.  
Lived in West Springfield, Mass.
- III. Enoch,<sup>4</sup> b. July 29, 1747, died young.
- IV. Josiah,<sup>4</sup> b. March 27, 1750, lived in Johnstown, N. Y.
- V. Elias,<sup>4</sup> b. July 24, 1753, d. Sept. 1, 1831, m. Susannah Selden.
- VI. Enoch,<sup>4</sup> (twin with Timothy,) b. Dec. 14, 1755, d. Dec. 1810, lived in Albany, N. Y.
- VII. Timothy,<sup>4</sup> (twin with Enoch,) b. Dec. 14, 1755, d. April, 1814, in Lansingburgh, N. Y.
- VIII. Cybil,<sup>4</sup> b. June 20, 1758, d. May 23, 1792.
- IX. Thaddeus,<sup>4</sup> b. Nov. 2, 1762, d. m.  
she died Oct., 1816. Lived in West Springfield.

ELIAS,<sup>4</sup> son of Deacon Reuben<sup>3</sup> and Miriam, b. July 24, 1753, d. at Medina, Ohio, on a visit, Sept. 1, 1831, m. Susannah Selden; she died May 12, 1829, aged 77. Their children were,

- I. Selden,<sup>5</sup> b. April, 18, 1776, d. died July 27, 1806, m. — White; lived at Camillus, N. Y.
- II. Graty,<sup>5</sup> b. August 8, 1777, d. March 24, 1853, m. Jonathan Parsons,<sup>5</sup> West Springfield.
- III. Electa,<sup>5</sup> b. June 15, 1779, died in infancy.
- IV. James Harvey,<sup>5</sup> b. Sept. 22, 1780, d. March 14, 1845, m. Mary Parish; lived in Lowville, Lewis County, N. Y.
- V. Rodney,<sup>5</sup> b. June 8, 1784, d. August 11, 1852, m. — Bates; lived in Martinsburgh, N. Y. She resided August, 1867, with her daughter, Graty P. Tracy, wife of Squire H. Tracy, in Sterling, Whiteside County, Ill.
- VI. Warren,<sup>5</sup> b. March 26, 1787, d. May 5, 1789.
- VII. Frances,<sup>5</sup> b. April 27, 1791, d. April 12, 1792.
- VIII. Francis,<sup>5</sup> b. March 23, 1793; lived, August, 1867, in Brooklyn, N. Y.
- IX. Lorin,<sup>5</sup> b. April 12, 1797, d. Nov. 3, 1822.

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JOSEPH SELDEN, of West Springfield, Mass., married Susannah Morley; they lived together sixty-three years. He died May 29, 1811, aged 89 years; she died Jan. 6, 1811, aged 85 years. Their daughter, Susannah, married Elias Leonard,<sup>4</sup> son of Reuben<sup>3</sup> and Miriam Leonard.

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GRATY LEONARD,<sup>5</sup> daughter of Elias and Susannah, b. August 8, 1777, d. March 24, 1853, m. Jonathan Parsons, of West Springfield; he died Dec. 6, 1827. For record of their family, see Jonathan Parsons, page 27.

JAMES HARVEY LEONARD,<sup>5</sup> son of Elias<sup>4</sup> and Susannah, b. Sept. 27, 1780, d. March 14, 1845, m. Mary, daughter of Capt. John Parish, of Branford, Conn.; she was born July 10, 1785. Lived in Lowville, Lewis County, N. Y. Their children were,

- I. Van Vechten,<sup>6</sup> b. Aug. 19, 1806, d. Jan. 30, 1831.
- II. Charles Russell,<sup>6</sup> b. July 2, 1808, d. April 25, 1825.
- III. Cornelius Parish,<sup>6</sup> b. Feb. 13, 1813, d. Oct. 17, 1863, m. Elizabeth F. Jones, Sept. 10, 1835; she was born April 17, 1817. Their children were,
  1. Henry Chapman,<sup>7</sup> b. April 30, 1838.
  2. Mary Elizabeth,<sup>7</sup> b. Oct. 15, 1840.
- IV. Marietta,<sup>6</sup> b. Sept. 23, 1815, died at Oswego, N. Y., Sept. 7, 1851, m. Asa E. Rogers.
- V. Francis Kellogg,<sup>6</sup> b. Nov. 25, 1818, m. Elizabeth H. Hayden, July 27, 1846.
- VI. James Loring,<sup>6</sup> b. June 5, 1821, died at Lowville, Jan. 26, 1867, m. Mary M. Willard,

dau. of Gen. Joseph R. Willard, Jan. 25, 1858.  
She was b. Dec. 24, 1838, d. Aug. 11, 1858.

He was President and principal owner of the Bank of Lowville; Trustee of Lowville Academy; member and Trustee of the Presbyterian Church; a leading citizen of the town and county; a generous, open-hearted, public-spirited man. He accumulated a very considerable estate, and disposed of it by will in a most Christian and business-like manner.

VII. Susan Maria,<sup>6</sup> b. Aug. 31, 1823, d. March 26, 1845.

VIII. Caroline Russell,<sup>6</sup> b. Jan. 1, 1826, d. Dec. 5, 1856, m. Lorin M. Brown, Feb. 7, 1850; he was born Nov. 13, 1826, d. July 19, 1858. They had one child, died in infancy.

RODNEY LEONARD,<sup>5</sup> son of Elias<sup>4</sup> and Susannah, b. June 8, 1784, d. Aug. 11, 1852, m. — Bates; lived at Martinsburgh, N. Y. Their children were,

I. Edmund,<sup>6</sup> b.

II. Graty,<sup>6</sup> b. m. Squire H. Tracy; lived, August, 1867, in Sterling, Ill.

III. Van Ransalaer,<sup>6</sup> b.

IV. Selden.<sup>6</sup>

V. Cymantha.<sup>6</sup>

VI. Flava.<sup>6</sup>

VII. Eliza.<sup>6</sup>

VIII. Juliet.<sup>6</sup>

IX. Lorin.<sup>6</sup>

X. Cornelia.<sup>6</sup>

FRANCIS LEONARD,<sup>5</sup> son of Elias<sup>4</sup> and Susannah, b. March 23, 1793; m. *first*, Sally Maria Wells; she died in Hamilton, Canada, Feb. 14th, 1832. Their children were,

I. Martha Ann,<sup>6</sup> b. July 10, 1820, d. April 17, 1821.

- II. Ann Matilda,<sup>6</sup> b. March 3, 1822.
- III. James Horatio,<sup>6</sup> b. Nov. 12, 1823, d. in Brooklyn, N. Y., April 14, 1859.
- IV. Norman,<sup>6</sup> b. Aug. 21, 1825, d. Nov. 13, 1834.
- V. Joseph Christmas,<sup>6</sup> b. May 10, 1827, m. Lavinia L. Morgan; lived in New-York, Aug., 1867. Their children were,
1. Charles Sumner,<sup>7</sup> b. Nov. 3, 1857, d. Oct. 15, 1858, at Plymouth, Ind.
  2. Nellie Eliza,<sup>7</sup> b. March 29, 1858.
  3. Francis Horatio,<sup>7</sup> b. Nov. 6, 1860.
  4. Lillian,<sup>7</sup> b. Nov. 6, 1862, d. at Plymouth, Ind., May 17, 1863.
- VI. Susan Eliza,<sup>6</sup> b. April 21, 1829.
- VII. Henry,<sup>6</sup> b. Oct. 16, 1830, d. Aug., 1831.
- VIII. Sally Maria,<sup>6</sup> b. Feb. 5, 1832, d. March 5, 1832. Married, *second*, Nancy Fitch, widow of Warren Loomis, and niece of President Fitch, of Williams College. Francis and family resided August, 1867, in Brooklyn, N. Y.











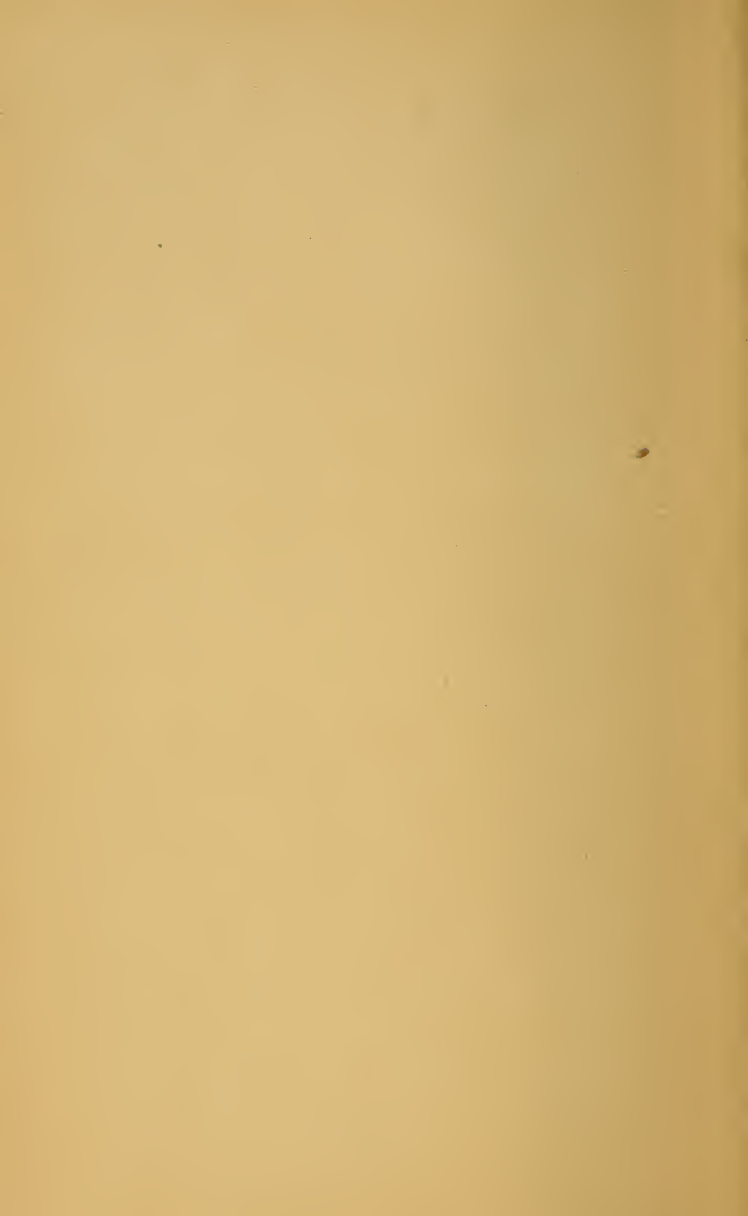


























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