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## PREFATORY NOTE.

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THIS volume is intended to exhibit the genealogies of the STRANAHAN, JOSSELYN, FITCH and Dow families, as represented by the children of Mr. J. S. T. Stranahan, of the City of Brooklyn, N. Y.

These records originated in that gentleman's desire to trace the ancestry of his deceased wife, Mrs. Mariamne Fitch Stranahan, and they were intended to be incorporated in the "Memorial" of that amiable and deeply lamented lady. As usual in such cases, however, the researches made for that purpose expanded until an amount of interesting material accumulated, which demanded preservation in some systematized and permanent form, yet was too extensive to be appropriately introduced in the "Memorial." It has been collected, therefore, in this separate form, and printed privately, for distribution among the members of the related families. Special thanks are due to NATHAN BURCHARD, Esq., of Brooklyn, N. Y., for the indefatigable energy with which, in marvellously brief space of time, snatched from his numerous professional engagements, he has elaborated the records of the *Stranahan* and *Josselyn* families; to Mr. WILLIAM R. BUNNELL, of Bridgeport, Conn., whose patient industry and loving care have enabled him to perfect the *Fitch* family genealogy, and to Doctor J. B. PORTER, of Coventry, Conn., and to Mrs. ALMIRA (Dow) WILSON, of South Coventry, to whom we are indebted for much of our knowledge of the *Dow* family.

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To  
Mary Ann Stranahan and Fitch James Stranahan,  
this  
Record of their Ancestry  
is  
Affectionately Dedicated by their  
FATHER.



Family Genealogies.



Stranahan Family.





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# GENEALOGY

OF THE

## Family of James S. T. Stranahan,

OF THE CITY OF BROOKLYN, N. Y., ON HIS FATHER'S SIDE.

STRAHAN, *Strachan* and STRANAHAN are supposed to be one and the same name.\* They took their origin from the Parish of Strachan, Kincardine Co., Scotland. Surnames were often incorrectly written in the two last centuries.

JAMES STRANAHAN, the founder of the Stranahan family in the United States, was born in the North of Ireland, in 1699, whence he emigrated to New-England in 1725.† He purchased lands in Scituate, R. I., Oct. 18th and Nov. 29th, 1745. He was a prosperous and intelligent farmer, and died in Plainfield, Conn., Jan. 8th, 1792, aged 93 years.

### *Children.*

JAMES,<sup>2</sup> born in 1735.

JOHN,<sup>3</sup> born in 1737.

WILLIAM,<sup>4</sup> born in 1739.

\* *Patronymica Britannica.*

† See Appendix I.

*Descendants of JAMES STRANAHAN, the Settler, in  
the Line of his son JAMES.*

JAMES<sup>2</sup> (son of James<sup>1</sup>) married Martha Corey, settled in Plainfield, Conn., where he purchased a farm in 1768, on which he died Jan. 2d, 1808, aged 73 years. His widow died at same place Sept. 25th, 1826. He was a soldier of the Revolution, and a thrifty farmer; his remains, and those of his wife and father, lie in a cemetery at South Killingly Meeting House, in Conn.—*Children*.—JANE,<sup>5</sup> born Dec. 25th, 1766; JOHN,<sup>6</sup> born April 25th, 1769; WILLIAM,<sup>7</sup> born Nov. 27th, 1770; JAMES,<sup>8</sup> born May 12th, 1772; FREELove,<sup>9</sup> born Feb. 26th, 1775; ANTHONY,<sup>10</sup> born July 16th, 1776; SAMUEL,<sup>11</sup> born June 4th, 1778; MARTHA,<sup>12</sup> born 1780.

SAMUEL<sup>11</sup> (son of James<sup>2</sup>) was one of the first settlers of Peterboro, Madison County, N. Y., was an enterprising and public-spirited man, and, at the time of his death, the owner of the mill property in that village. He married Lynda Josslyn, in the town of Butternuts, Otsego Co., N. Y., March 20, 1803, and died at his residence in Peterboro, Sept. 8th, 1816, aged 38 years.—*Children*.—JAMES S. T.,<sup>13</sup> born at Peterboro, Madison Co., N. Y., April 25th, 1808, and MARY ANN,<sup>14</sup> born at same place, June 6th, 1810.

JAMES S. T.,<sup>13</sup> (son of Samuel<sup>11</sup>) married Mariamme Fitch of Westmoreland, Oneida Co., N. Y., May 4th, 1837, where she was born March 7th, 1813. She died at Manchester, Vt., August 30th, 1856, aged 53 years.

—*Children.*—MARY, born at Newark, N. J., July 14th, 1840; FITCH JAMES, born at Newark, N. J., September 25th, 1843.

MARY ANN,<sup>14</sup> (daughter of Samuel<sup>11</sup>) married Nathan Burchard at Peterboro, April 22d, 1833. Nathan Burchard, Son of Jonathan Burchard by Beulah his wife, was born in the town of Marshall, Oneida Co., N. Y., December 3d, 1804.—*Only child* of Nathan and Mary Ann Burchard, MARY HELVETIA, who was born in the City of Basle, Switzerland, September 12th, 1850, where her father was then United States Consul.

JANE,<sup>5</sup> (daughter of James<sup>2</sup>) married Jacob Burrett; she died March 9th, 1811.—*Children*—JAMES, HENRY, WILLIAM, JACOB, ANTHONY, HASKELL and BALDWIN.

(Dea.) JOHN<sup>6</sup> (son of James<sup>2</sup>) married Prudence Rood, July 5th, 1794, at Killingly, Conn., where he was a deacon of the Congregational Church; many years afterwards he removed to Western Reserve, Ohio.—*Children*—JOHN SHEFFIELD, born August 5th, 1795; SALLY, born January 25th, 1797; JAMES, born June 12th, 1798; JOSHUA LORD, born May 25th, 1801; PATIN COREY, born May 25th, 1801; WILLIAM WARNER, born December 2d, 1811.

(Col.) WILLIAM<sup>7</sup>, (son of James<sup>2</sup>) married Martha Josslyn September 1794, at Sterling, Conn. He figured much in society; was active in the war of 1812, and bore several civic honors in Butternuts, Otsego County, N. Y., where he long resided. He had a fine person, lively wit, and winning manners. His wife died March 2d, 1838; he survived her for many years, and died February 23d,

1852, aged 82. They are both buried in the town of Buttermits. *Children*—P. CELINDA<sup>15</sup>, born June 26th, 1795; JAMES WILLIAM<sup>16</sup>, born August 20th, 1797; FREELOVE MATILDA<sup>17</sup>, born June 26th, 1799; BETHANA LUCINDA<sup>18</sup>, born July 9th, 1801; RHODA MIANDA<sup>19</sup>, born April 23d, 1804; CHARLES COREY<sup>20</sup>, born March 31st, 1808; JOHN RUGGLES, born August 25th, 1812; died at Cleveland, Ohio, September 15th, 1839, aged 27 years.

JAMES<sup>8</sup> (son of James<sup>2</sup>) married Mary Lewis, at Colchester, Conn., March 26th, 1797. He was a very prosperous and respectable farmer, and was remarkable for the beauty of his person; he resided at E. Haddam, Ct. His wife died April 25th, 1830. He died April 1st., 1845. *Children*—MARY, born January 5th, 1798, married Samuel Gates April 12th, 1821; SARAH, born March 6th, 1800, died October 23rd, 1805; JAMES<sup>21</sup>, born September 22d, 1802; BENJAMIN L., born June 1st, 1805, died February 6th, 1807; SARAH, born August 16th, 1807, married N. F. Holmes, November 25th, 1830; MARTHA, born February 7th, 1810, married Henry Miner, January 17th, 1827, died July 19th, 1843; JOHN, born July 20th, 1812, married 1832, died in New Jersey 1847.

FREELOVE<sup>9</sup>, (daughter of James<sup>2</sup>.) married Colonel Elias Parkhurst, a man of great respectability, and honored in his life-time with many offices, which he discharged with signal ability. He owned a beautiful homestead in Plainfield, Conn., on which he and his forefathers lived and cultivated. It is now the patrimony of Herbert W., their sole surviving child. The Colonel died November 3d, 1850. Free love, his widow, died March

17th, 1861. *Children*—ANTHONY, born February 16th, 1798; HIRAM, born April 23rd, 1800; ELIAS, born November 2d, 1803; HERBERT W., born October 19th, 1806; EMILY, born June 23d, 1814; JAMES, O. L., born November 14th, 1820.

(Capt.) ANTHONY<sup>10</sup>, (son of James<sup>2</sup>) married Anna Rood, and lived a long time on the "Stranahan Farm," Plainfield, Conn., and removed from that State to the Western Reserve, Ohio, where he died. *Children*—MORRAL, AUGUSTUS, ANTHONY, SAMUEL, BERTON, and two others, who died young.

MARTHA<sup>12</sup>, (youngest daughter of James<sup>2</sup>) married William P. Ingraham. *Children*—ZIMRODE, WILLIAM, TARPIN, JAPHET, MARTHA, JAMES, FARRAND, FREELOVE, REMEMBER, MARY ANN and LAFAYETTE.

P. CELINDA<sup>15</sup>, (daughter of William<sup>7</sup>), married (1) Ira Northrup July 3d, 1817, who died November 13th, 1826. She married (2) Deacon Reuben Marlett, December 5th, 1830, who died January 20th, 1841, aged 48. She again married, (3) John Culver November 14th, 1854. She resides with her husband in Penfield, Monroe County, N. Y.—*Children*, all by her first husband—LORRAINE CELINDA, born February 26th, 1820, married M. Day Hicks, M.D., who died May 16th, 1855, and had Harriet Loraine Northrup, born December, 1843, married September 25th, 1862, Col. EDWIN S. GILBERT, an accomplished gentleman, and a brave officer in the late war of the Rebellion; he died February 22d, 1863; John Marvin Day, born October 17th 1845, died July 17th, 1864, aged 18 years; Harriet Stower, born April 13th,

1823, married Ambrose Lane, June 2d, 1842, who died March 17th, 1849, aged 31 years, leaving a *surviving Child*, Ambrose Northrup, born June 11th, 1849; Ira B. Northrup, born June 3d, 1825, married Frances A. Burbank, December 13th, 1855; they reside in the City of Rochester.

JAMES WILLIAM<sup>16</sup>, (son of William<sup>7</sup>) married Sarah Flagg, September 1828; he resides in Butternuts, N. Y.

FREELove MATILDA<sup>17</sup>, (daughter of William<sup>7</sup>) married Robert C. Montgomery, December 5th, 1821; she died May 17th, 1865, aged 65 years.

BETHANA LUCINDA<sup>18</sup>, (daughter of William<sup>7</sup>) married Marcus D. Bacon 1827, who died July 20th, 1837. Surviving *child* Mary. They reside at Norwich, Chenango County, N. Y.

RHODA MIANDA<sup>19</sup> (daughter of William<sup>7</sup>) married E. Hyde Chaffee, 1829. They have a numerous family.

CHARLES COREY<sup>20</sup> (son of William<sup>7</sup>) married Euphemia Hale. They live in the State of Tennessee, and have a large family.

JAMES<sup>21</sup>, (son of James<sup>2</sup>) married Hannah B. Miner, January 18th, 1828. *Children*—JAMES T., born December 1826, died November 25th, 1830; HANNAH A., born January 3d, 1828, married J. W. Skinner, October, 1847; MARY C., born January 18th, 1830, married T. F. Silliman, December, 1848; SARAH E., born October 19th, 1832, married (1) C. R. Hubbard, May, 1855, her husband died same year, she married (2) J. W. Williams, 1860; JAMES L., born January 21st, 1835, married Emma S. Gilbert, August,



1857; EMMA E., born February 8th, 1837, married C. B. House, October 1859; WILLIAM A., born October 19th, 1839; MARTHA P., born July 9th, 1843.

*Descendants of JAMES STRANAHAN, the Settler, in the Line of his son JOHN.*

JOHN<sup>3</sup>, (son of James Stranahan<sup>1</sup>) married Lucy Buck, September, 1763; previous to the American Revolution, they removed to Canaan, Columbia County, N. Y. He was a man of intelligence and wealth, and lived to see his numerous family well settled and prosperous. *Children*—POLLY, born 1764; JAMES<sup>1</sup>, born 1766; JANE, born 1768; AARON<sup>2</sup>, born 1771; LUCY, born 1773; JOHN<sup>3</sup>, born 1776; FARRAND<sup>4</sup>, born 1778; PELEG, born 1780; GEORGE<sup>5</sup>, born 1783; GIBSON<sup>6</sup> J., born 1786; DANIEL<sup>7</sup>, born October 29th, 1789.

JAMES<sup>1</sup>, (son of John<sup>3</sup>.) had *Children*: JOHN, WILLIAM, GEORGE, GIBSON and FRANK.

AARON<sup>2</sup>, (son of John<sup>3</sup>.) had *Children*: JOHN, SARAH, SUSAN, HARRIET, EBENEZER and AARON.

JOHN<sup>3</sup> (son of John<sup>3</sup>) had *Children*: PELEG, FARRAND and JOHN.

FARRAND<sup>4</sup>, (son of John<sup>3</sup>) married a Miss Stewart. He was an eminent lawyer, and figured as a Col. in the War of 1812, and was taken a prisoner of war by the British forces at Queenston, Canada. He had great political tact and shrewdness, and was a leader of the Democratic

party in Otsego County, N. Y., where he long resided, and died in October, 1826. He was one of the immortal seventeen Senators who voted against giving the Electoral College directly to the people. *Only child*, FARRAND.

GEORGE<sup>5</sup>, (son of John<sup>3</sup>) had *Children*: HIRAM and GEORGE.

GIBSON<sup>6</sup>, (son of John<sup>3</sup>) had *Children*: DANIEL, JOHN, PERRY, JAMES, FRANK and MARGARET.

DANIEL<sup>7</sup> B., (son of John<sup>3</sup>) had *Children*: SIDNEY, DANIEL G., SARAH S., CHARLES S. and ELLA M.

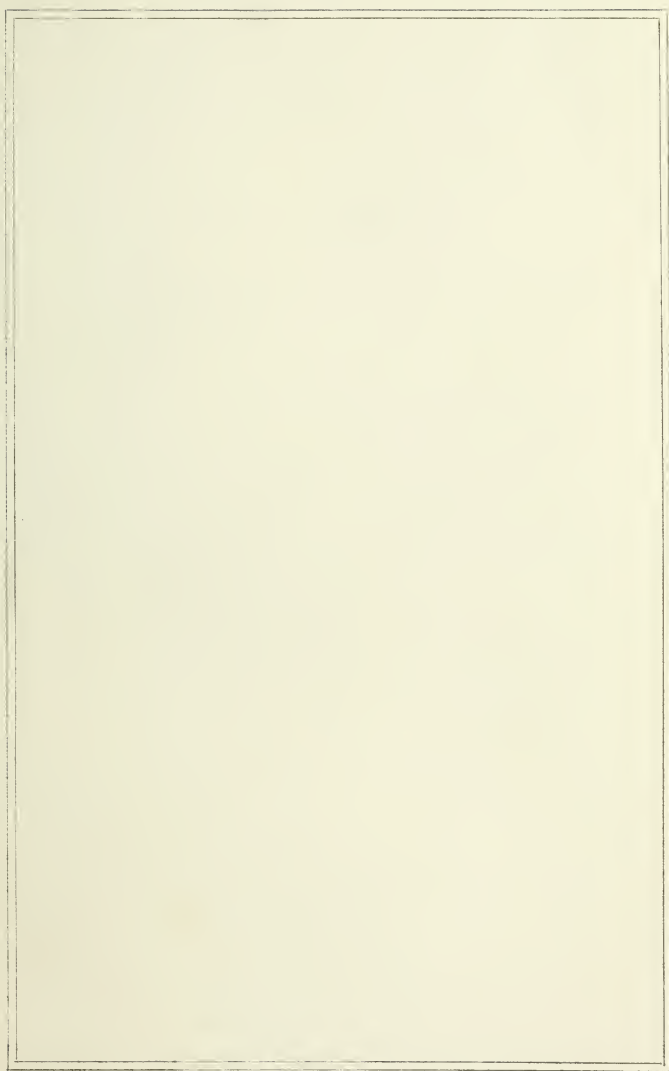
*Descendants of JAMES STRANAHAN, the Settler, in the Line of his son WILLIAM.*

WILLIAM<sup>4</sup>, (son of James Stranahan<sup>1</sup>.) removed, with his brother John, before the American Revolution, to Canaan, Columbia County, N. Y., where he married and settled. He was a thrifty farmer, and a man of great enterprise. *Children*—WILLIAM, JAMES, RHODA, SAMUEL, BETSEY, CATHARINE and ELSIE.

WILLIAM<sup>1</sup> had the following *Children*: WILLIAM, CHARLES, ALLEN, LAFAYETTE, GEORGE W., DARIUS, HELEN, JANE, CATHARINÉ and AMANDA S.



















Josselyn Family.



G E N E A L O G Y  
O F T H E  
Family of James S. T. Stranahan,

OF THE CITY OF BROOKLYN, N. Y., IN THE MATERNAL LINE,  
BY THE NAME OF "JOSSELYN."

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THE JOSCELYNE Family are of Norman origin; came over to England with William the Conqueror, and were seated in Lincolnshire.\* The Earl of Roden was of this family; as were, also, two Lord Mayors of the City of London, 1472 and 1476.† A prelate who bore the name "Josceline" was made Abbot of Melrose Abbey in 1170, and Bishop of Glasgow in 1174. Some very eminent men, who have figured in English history, have borne the name of *Josceline*.

*Joslin, Josslyne, Josten and Joseline* are all corruptions of the personal name of *Josceline*.

THOMAS JOSSELYNE,<sup>1</sup> husbandman, came from London, England, to New England, in the ship "Increase," April 17, 1635. He was then aged 43, and was accompanied by his wife, Rebecca, of the same age, and by their children, whose names and ages were thus regis-

\* *Patronymica Britannica*, pp. 173, 174.

† *N. E. Hist. and Gen. Register*, 1st Series, ii., 68.

tered:\* REBECCA, aged 18 years; DOROTHY, aged 11 years; NATHANIEL, aged 8 years; ELIZA, aged 6 years; MARY, aged 1 year. He had also an elder son, ABRAHAM,<sup>2</sup> who did not come over to America with the rest of the family, but joined them shortly after at Hingham, Mass.

THOMAS JOSSELYN was a proprietor and inhabitant of Hingham and Lancaster, Mass.; and is conceded to be the founder of the Josslyne family in the Old Plymouth Colony. He died at Lancaster, Mass., in 1660.†

ABRAHAM<sup>2</sup> (son of Thomas<sup>1</sup>) seems to have been a mariner by occupation; and, like his father, a man of some wealth and enterprise.‡ His wife was Beatrice —, and he died at Lancaster, Mass., in 1670. *Children*—ABRAHAM,<sup>3</sup> baptized April 8, 1649; HENRY,<sup>4</sup> (no record;) PHILIP, baptized December 15, 1650; NATHANIEL, born July 4, 1660, died April 8, 1694; JOSEPH, born May 26, 1663; MARY, born October 14, 1666; REBECCA, (no record,) died March, 1712-13.

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*Descendants of THOMAS JOSSELYN, the Settler, in the  
Line of his Grandson ABRAHAM.*

ABRAHAM,<sup>3</sup> (son of Abraham<sup>2</sup>) married Anna — September 29, 1672, at Lancaster, Mass., and had one child, BEATRICE, born at that place, March 9, 1674.

This family met with a disastrous fate, when the town was surprised by Indians, February 10, 1676. Abraham

\*N. E. Hist. and Gen. Reg., 1st Series, ii., 306.

†Middlesex Deeds, iii.

‡Middlesex Deeds, iv., 34; Land Titles, and Prob. Ct. Rec. of Mass.

Josslyne and family took shelter in the fortified house of the Rev. Joseph Rowlandson. The house was set on fire, and Abraham Josselyne perished in the flames. His wife (who was *enceinte*) and little daughter were made prisoners, and hurried away into the wilderness, where they suffered every indignity from the merciless savages. At length they were tomahawked, and their yet living bodies, being thrown naked upon the fire, were consumed, amidst the exulting cries of their fiendish persecutors. The pious mother shed not a tear, but continued instant in prayer, until relieved from her terrible sufferings by death.\*

*Descendants of THOMAS JOSSELYN, the Settler, in the  
Line of his Grandson HENRY.*

HENRY<sup>4</sup> (son of Abraham<sup>2</sup>) removed, before 1669, to Scituate, Mass., where he settled, and married, 1676, Abigail, (daughter of Thomas and Abigail) Stockbridge. The Records of the Court of Probate of Worcester Co., Mass., (181, 186,) prove him to have been the brother of Abraham, who, as we have seen, was murdered by the Indians at Lancaster; and, from title-deeds, he is also proved to have been the grandson of Thomas, the original Settler. He never could brook the sight of an Indian. He died at Hanover, Mass., October 30, 1730, being called on the church records "the oldest man for years." *Children*—ABIGAIL, born 1677, married Benj. Harmer in 1713; ABRAHAM, born 1678; ANNA, born 1680, died young; CHARLES,<sup>5</sup> born 1682; MARY, born 1684, mar-

\*Mrs. Rowlandson's Narrative.

ried Benj. Munroe, 1713; NATHANIEL, born 1686, married Frances Yellings, 1711; REBECCA, born 1689, died young; JABEZ, born 1690, married Sarah Turner, 1722; JEMIMA, born 1695, died young; KEZIAH, born, 1695; HENRY, born 1697, married Hannah Oldham, 1721; JOSEPH, born 1699, married Ruth Bates, 1726, was eminent for Christian benevolence and patriotism. He gave a bell to Hanover Meeting-House, and while a company of Continental troops lay at Hanover, Mass., he barba- cued an ox for them. He always bore the title of "Cap- tain," and was one of the proprietors of the Bardine Forge. He left no descendants. He was one often men- tioned by Thomas (grandson of Henry, of Scituate) as the oracle of the family, and an ornament to the race; THOMAS, born 1702, married Anna Stockbridge, 1732. He was a man of some distinction; was a Selectman several times in the town, and also its Representative in the General Court. He gave a communion service to the Church at Hanover, where he for many years officiated as deacon. No man in that part of Plymouth Colony stood higher for enterprise and political sagacity, and his signature, in a bold hand, can be found on many im- portant documents.

CHARLES<sup>5</sup> (son of Henry<sup>4</sup>) married Dorothy Paul, Oc- tober 24, 1711, and lived and died at Freetown, Mass.\* *Children*—ABIGAIL, married David Cudworth, August 7, 1733; DOROTHY, married Samuel Drinkwater; JOHAN- NA, born March 20, 1720, married John Strange, Feb- ruary 20, 1740, and died March, 1823, leaving children: CHARLES, born 1723, died 1734, from a fall on the ice; THOMAS,<sup>6</sup> born June 8, 1730, at Dighton, Mass.

\*Hist. Scituate, 299, which is not correct as to his descendants.



THOMAS<sup>6</sup> (son of Charles<sup>5</sup>) married (1) Sarah Tew, at Dighton, Mass., September 22, 1748, by whom he had a son, CHARLES, who died young. She also died, leaving no children. He married (2) Sarah Eddy, October 28, 1762, at Freetown, Mass.\* She died 1766. He then married (3) in 1767 Martha Eddy, in Freetown, Mass., and the same year removed to Cumberland, R. I. During the interim between his first and second marriage he followed the sea, under his brother-in-law, John Strange, and became remarkably well versed in navigation. He was fond of reading, rich in anecdote, and a village oracle in all matters relating to natural phenomena, and in religion was attached to the Society of Friends. Nature gave him an elegant person, and his numerous children and friends ever cherished his memory. He removed, in 1768, to Sterling, Conn., thence, in 1793, to Buttermuts, Otsego County, N. Y., where he died March, 1813, aged 83 years. His wife Martha died February, 1812. *Children* (by second wife, all born at Freetown, Mass.)—SARAH, born July 28, 1763, married — Spalding, and died leaving no issue; ABIGAIL<sup>7</sup>, born January 24, 1765; (by third wife, and born at Cumberland, R. I.) DOROTHY,<sup>8</sup> born December 9, 1768; MARTHA,<sup>9</sup> born February 10, 1770; JOHANNA,<sup>10</sup> born October 26, 1771; RHODA,<sup>11</sup> born October 13, 1773, (at Sterling, Conn., as were the remainder of the family;) THOMAS,<sup>12</sup> born June 1, 1775; BETHANA,<sup>13</sup> born February 10, 1777; CHARLES,<sup>14</sup> born August 26, 1780; LYNDA,<sup>15</sup> born October 30, 1782; LOVED,<sup>16</sup> born December 18, 1788.

ABIGAIL<sup>7</sup> (daughter of Thomas<sup>6</sup>) married Parley Spalding in Sterling, Conn., removed to Richfield, Otsego

\*Town Recs. of Dighton and Freetown, Mass.

County, N. Y., where she died, 1860, at the advanced age of 94 years. *Children*—LUTHER, NATHAN, LUCY, and PARLEY.

DOROTHY<sup>8</sup> (daughter of Thomas<sup>6</sup>) married Col. Hugh Cole, of Foster, R. I., February 11, 1790. Col. Cole was a noted man; the delight of military circles, and honored by important civic stations. He died at his residence, Foster, R. I., July 25, 1819. Dolly Cole, his widow, was a remarkable woman, both for the beauty of her person and her strong native talents. Travelers who have traveled on the great route from Hartford to Providence knew her well, and admired her sparkling wit and imposing form. She died June 13, 1860, aged 91 years. *Children*—HUGH, born March 11, 1791, died November 7, 1830; ORRA, born March 12, 1793, married—Potter; JOANNA, born February 11, 1801, — Tourtelett.

MARTHA<sup>9</sup> (daughter of Thomas<sup>6</sup>) married Col. William Stranahan, at Sterling, Conn., and removed to Butter-nuts, Otsego County, N. Y. The account of births, marriages and deaths in this family will be found in the *Genealogy of Stranahan Family*, page 15.

JOHANNA<sup>10</sup> (daughter of Thomas<sup>6</sup>) was the flower of this numerous family. She died single and young, and lies buried in the churchyard at Canterbury, Conn. Nature bestowed on her rare beauty and splendid endowments. This sweet songstress fell early a victim to an epidemic in consequence of her over exertions in watching over her sick companions.

RHODA<sup>11</sup> (daughter of Thomas<sup>6</sup>) married Nehemiah Cole at Foster, R. I. They removed early to Benton, Yates

County, N. Y., where they both died in extreme old age. *Children*—NEWEL, NEHEMIAH, CHARLES, ABIGAIL, MINERVA, THANKFUL, ELIZABETH, and RHODA.

THOMAS<sup>12</sup> (son of Thomas<sup>6</sup>) married in Butternuts, Otsego County, N. Y., 1805, Sally Mayhew. They both lived and died in the same place. *Children*—JOANNA, RHODA, ABIGAIL, SARAH A., LYNDA, CHARLOTTE, WILLIAM, JOHN, AMANDA, and JANE.

BETHANA<sup>13</sup> (daughter of Thomas<sup>6</sup>) married Reuben Shattuck, 1803, in Butternuts, Otsego County, N. Y., where she died, 1840, leaving no children.

(Dr.) CHARLES<sup>14</sup> (son of Thomas<sup>6</sup>) married Elizabeth Hunt, February 22, 1809. Dr. Charles Josslyn was a man of note in his day. He studied medicine at Philadelphia under the great Dr. Rush. He held the office of Judge of Chenango County, N. Y. His person was very imposing. Few could tell a better story or grace a conversation with more racy anecdotes. Every one was delighted with his musical voice and varied acquirements. He died May, 1856. His widow survived him some years. She was a perfect lady through all the vicissitudes of her checkered life. Her elegant needlework and fascinating and instructive conversation will be long remembered. She died on Staten Island, N. Y., March 29, 1866, a devout Christian, and lamented by her numerous friends. *Children*—CHARLES, born December, 1810; JOANNA ELIZABETH, JAMES, WILLIAM B., ROBERT EMMETT, born 1816; FREDERICK TIFFANY, born August 20, 1818; MARY TIFFANY, born August 26, 1820; LUCIUS HENRY, born August 17, 1822; J. H. HOBART, born 1824.

LYNDA<sup>15</sup> (daughter of Thomas<sup>6</sup>) married (1) Samuel Stranahan, and her *children* by him will be found in the *Stranahan Genealogy*, page 14. She married (2) John Downer, Esq., at Smithfield, Madison County, N. Y., 1818. By him she had the following *Children*: ALMENA, born May 4, 1819; married Charles K. Hopkins, present Postmaster of Utica, N. Y., March 26, 1839, who died June 7th, 1849, and had William A., born March 16, 1840, died September 10, 1865, at Milwaukee, Wis.—a brave officer in the late civil war; Pulchera, born April 17, 1841; Almena, born May 27, 1849, who died June 10, 1858; PULCHERA, born December 12, 1820, married Dr. Abram C. Burke, of Brooklyn, N. Y., November 4, 1852, and has James Stranahan, born October 20, 1853, and Henrietta F., born December 3, 1857, died February 28, 1860; MIANDA, born February 6, 1823, married J. Addison Dana, May 21, 1841, and has Lynda H., born May 22, 1849, who died September 15, 1867; William E., born February 20, 1859.

Lynda (Stranahan) Downer is now the last surviving child of Thomas Josselyn, and is, in green old age, now residing in the city of Brooklyn, N. Y.

LOVED<sup>16</sup> (son of Thomas<sup>6</sup>) married Lucinda Lewis, November 24, 1808, in Butternuts, N. Y., where they both died. *Children*—MINERVA, born April 23, 1809; CORNELIA, born July 28, 1810; LEWIS E., born February 12, 1812; CHARLES, born January 2, 1814; HARRIET, born August 3, 1815; LAURA ANN, born March 25, 1817; SARAH SABRINA, born January 28, 1819; WILLIAM, born March 11, 1821; PHEBE LUCINDA, born April 7, 1823; RICHARD JAMES, born August 12, 1825.

## Tosselyn Genealogy.

Thomas Wickham <sup>2<sup>d</sup></sup> (Son of \_\_\_\_\_ p \_\_\_\_\_ )

born \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

married Rebecca (daughter of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ )

of \_\_\_\_\_, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ died \_\_\_\_\_

Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ died \_\_\_\_\_ 1712-13

### Children,

born \_\_\_\_\_

born \_\_\_\_\_

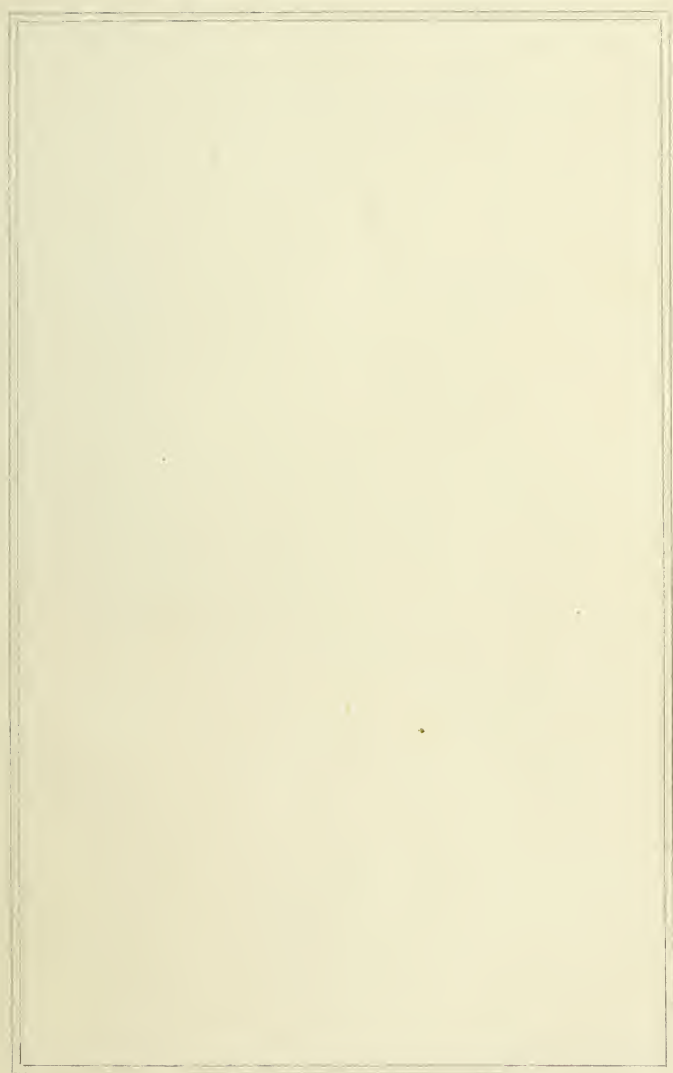
born \_\_\_\_\_

Joseph Foster m. Luanna P. Hum-  
brey  
They came to Springfield, Mass. in  
Children: Payson (d. young)

George B. m. Sophie Stebbins  
Now living in Springfield (1917.) 60 Gar-  
field St. No children

Marshall M. m. Nellie Clark  
Marshall died in 19

One child: Carl S. Foster (the writer)  
40 Cliftonwood St. Springfield  
60 Mt Auburn St. Cambridge



















# GENEALOGY

OF

## The Family of Mariamne Fitch,

WIFE OF JAMES S. T. STRANAHAN.

OF THE CITY OF BROOKLYN, N. Y., ON HER FATHER'S SIDE.

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THE name of Fitch\* appears to have been well represented among the early settlers of New England. Weaver, in his *Genealogies of Ancient Windham, Conn.*, (from which we have largely drawn our information concerning the earlier generations,) mentions the following:

“JAMES FITCH, Boston, with wife Abigail, came in the Defence, 1635 aged 30 ; was of Muddy river 1638, says Savage, but there is no account of his having children. JEREMIAH was of Lynn, 1634, removed to Reading 1644. JOHN came in the Defence 1635, aged 14. JOHN, Rehoboth, 1644. JOHN, Windsor, died, 1676, had been there many years, but probably not related to others of the name in Connecticut. He left no issue. JOHN, Gloucester. RICHARD, Boston, came in 1635. SAMUEL, perhaps

\* Appendix II.

of Milford, 1644, of Hartford, 1650, was a school master, married Mary, widow of William Whiting, had Samuel who went to Milford, and Thomas, born 1652, who lived at Wethersfield. It is thought he may have been a brother of Rev. James. THOMAS, Boston. Perhaps it was his son Thomas born in 1669, who was a merchant in Boston, to whom some of the early settlers in this and neighboring towns mortgaged their farms and traded in lands. ZECHERY, Reading, was freeman 1638, had a family. His name is sometimes spelled Fitts, or Fitz. The above were early settlers of the name of Fitch, not known to be of the race of Rev. James."

The ancestor of that line of the FITCH family, which we propose to trace in the following pages, was THOMAS, of Braintree, County of Essex, England. He left, according to tradition, *five* sons, who after his death, came to New England, about the year 1638, accompanied by their mother. The names, however, of only *three* of these sons are known, viz.: THOMAS, JOSEPH and JAMES. \*

THOMAS FITCH settled at Norwalk, Conn., where in 1665 he was the wealthiest citizen in the town, and has many descendants. From him, in a line of three generations, each bearing the same surname, descended Thomas Fitch, Governor of the Colony of Connecticut from 1754 to 1766.

JOSEPH FITCH, of Norwalk, Conn., in 1652; of Northampton, Mass., in 1655, and of Hartford, Conn., in 1660, where he married Mary, daughter of Rev. Samuel Stone, removed to Windsor, Conn., where he purchased a twentieth part of the original township, and was living as late as 1713. His great-grand-

It is said he 5 sons  
 were James (Rev.) John,  
 Joseph, Samuel and Thomas.  
 1622  
 1632-1649  
 b. 1625



son, John, (whose father and grandfather bore the name of Joseph) born in East Windsor, Conn., January 21st, 1743, was the inventor of the first steamboat.

(Rev.) JAMES FITCH, in whom we are more particularly interested, was born at Bocking, County of Essex, England, on the 24th of December, 1622, and was consequently in his sixteenth year when he accompanied his mother and brothers to this country, in 1638. After a long and thorough course of preparation for the ministry, under the Revs. Hooker and Stone, of Hartford, he was ordained, in 1646, as pastor of the Church at Saybrooke, Conn. Here he remained until 1660, when he decided with the greater portion of his congregation, to remove to the new settlement at Norwich. He labored there faithfully, as the pastor of the church which was gathered anew, until 1696, when he became disabled from further active service, by a stroke of the palsy. The Town evidenced its appreciation of his character and services by voting to him, for several successive years, a continuance of a portion of his salary, although he was a large landholder in Norwich, as well as in the towns of Lebanon and Windham. In 1702, he retired to Lebanon, where several of his children had settled, and where he died.

During the early colonial period, in which Mr Fitch lived, the clergy held the predominant influence in New England, in secular as well as religious affairs. Their countenance and advice was sought, not only in spiritual matters, but in the decision of political questions, affecting the public interest, as well as of the worldly affairs, of their parishioners. Thus we find that Mr. Fitch, in

addition to being an original proprietor of Norwich, was one of the legatees of Joshua Uncas, and thus an original proprietor, also, of the Town of Windham, where he received an allotment of five of the forty-eight shares, (of a thousand acres each) into which that township was divided. He was, also, much interested in the settlement of the town, as well as of Lebanon, and there is the best reason for believing that his counsel and assistance was frequently solicited by the early planters of those places. At the first town meeting held in Windham, June 11, 1692, a committee was appointed "to go to Mr. Fitch to advise with him about a minister:" and, it is probable that he often visited the new plantations, and, at times, preached to the people before they had settled ministers of their own. And, although we possess but a meagre record of his ministry, there is sufficient evidence that he was well qualified to lay, broadly, wisely and well, the foundations of the Colony in whose affairs he evidently held a prominent position of usefulness. Distinguished for the penetration of his mind, the energy of his preaching, and the sanctity of his life, he seems well to have deserved the encomium of Cotton Mather, who calls him the "holy and acute Mr. Fitch." Many younger ministers studied with him, who afterwards were notable preachers of the Word; and when his venerable teacher, the Rev. Mr. Hooker, of Hartford, died, he was invited to take his place. To this flattering request his laconic reply was "With whom shall I leave these few sheep in the wilderness." An election sermon, which he preached, by invitation, before the Colonial Assembly, received the compliment of being the first election sermon ever printed. To the Mohegan Indians he

not only preached in their own language, but strove by gifts of his land, to induce them to adopt the habits of civilization. This called forth a letter of thanks from the General Assembly of the Colony of Connecticut, accompanied by an appropriation for the use of his assistants, and a committal to his charge of the Indians captured in "King Philip's War." To his influence, indeed, the colony had been largely indebted for the cooperation of Uncas, Owaneco and other Indians in that war,\* in which he had, also, served as a chaplain, with such acceptableness as to call forth from the Assembly an urgent request that he would act again in the same capacity. He has been justly characterized† as "a wise, kind and good man, greatly beloved by his people, and who, during the fifty years of his ministry, exercised a beneficent and extended influence not only in spiritual matters but in secular affairs—in things pertaining to the welfare of the Colony and the good order and prosperity of the new plantations." His printed works, although few, were highly appreciated by the best minds of that day. They comprise, a most tender and affectionate Sermon preached at the funeral of his mother-in-law, the wife of

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\*"The Rev. Mr. Fitch appears to have been a man of true philanthropy and of enlarged missionary zeal. He made early efforts to instruct the natives in the truth of the Gospel. He took pains to acquire their tongue, and was a frequent visitor in their wigwams. He impressed them with his own sincerity and benevolence, so that others, who like Uncas himself remained obstinate in their unbelief, accorded him their entire confidence and regarded him with affectionate respect. To their temporal as well as spiritual wants he was always alive. His labors were not unblest. His converts were formed into a settlement by themselves upon lands which he partly presented and partly procured for them from the town."—*Bishop Lee's Discourse at Norwich Jubilee*, p. 133.

†In *Ancient Windham Genealogies*, published in the *Willimantic Journal*, by the late excellent WM. L. WEAVER, to whose invaluable labors we have already acknowledged our indebtedness.

Maj. John Mason; an Election Sermon, (in Yale Coll. Lib.) previously alluded to, preached in 1674; and, in the possession of Mr. George Brinley, of Hartford, Conn., is a volume of 133 pages, twelvemo, containing three distinct treatises by Mr. Fitch; viz: "An Explanation of the Solemn Advice, recommended by the Council in Connecticut to the Inhabitants in that Jurisdiction, Respecting the Reformation of those evils which have been the Procring Cause of the late Judgements upon New England," Boston, 1683; "A Brief Discourse proving that the First Day of the Week is the Christian Sabbath, wherein, also, the Objections of the Anti-Christian Sabbatarians of late risen up in Connecticut Colony are refuted," and "The Covenant which was solemnly Renewed by the Church in Norwich, in Connecticut Colony, in New England, March 22, 1675." We have also seen a volume by him, entitled "The first Principles of the Doctrine of Christ; Together with Stronger Meat for them that are skil'd in the Word of Righteousness, or, The Doctrine of Living unto God, wherein the Body of Divinity is briefly and methodically handled by way of Question and Answer. Published at the desire, and for the use of the Church of Christ in Norwich, in New England, by James Fitch, Pastor of that Church," Boston, 1679. The three pages of "To the Reader" are signed by the celebrated Rev. Dr. Increase Mather. He also wrote an interesting account of his work "for the heathen" in 1674, which is printed in *Mass. Hist. Soc. Colls.*, 1st series, i., 208, besides many letters to the Assembly, which may be found in *Trumbull's Colonial Records of Connecticut*.

Mr. Fitch's long and most useful life closed on November 18th, 1702, according to the inscription on his gravestone, although Lebanon records say November 19th. His wife survived him, and was living in 1711. The date and place of her death has not been ascertained.

His grave, in the old burying-ground at Lebanon, Conn., near the resting-places of the Trumbulls, is marked by an upright slab, bearing the following inscription: \*

### REMEMBER ETERNITY.

IN HOC SEPULCRO DEPOSITÆ SUNT RELIQUÆ  
 VIRI VERE REVERENDI D: IACOBI FITCH: NATUS  
 FUIT APUD BOCKING IN COMITATU ESSEXLE IN ANGLIA,  
 ANNO DOMINI 1622 DECEMB<sup>R</sup> 24 - QUI POSTQUAM  
 LINGUIS LITERATIS OPTIME INSTRUCTUS FUISSET  
 IN NOVANGLIAM VENIT ÆTAT. 16 ET DEINDE VITAM  
 DEGIT HARTFORDLE PER SEPTENNIVM SUB INSTITU-  
 TIONE VIRORUM CELEBERIMORUM D: HOOKER ET D: STONE  
 POSTEA MUNERE PASTORALI FUNCTUS EST APUD SAY-  
 -BROOK PER ANNOS 14 ILLINC CUM ECCLESIE MAIORI  
 PARTE NORVICUM MIGRAVIT ET IBI CETEROS VITÆ  
 ANNOS TRANSEGIT IN OPERE EVANGELICO IN SEN-  
 -ECTUTE VERO PRÆ CORPORIS INFIRMITATE NECES-  
 -SARIO CESSABAT AB OPERE PUBLICO: TANDEMQUE  
 RECESSIT LIBERIS APUD LEBANON UBI SEMIANNO  
 FERE EXACTO OBDORMIVIT IN IESU ANNO 1702  
 NOVEB<sup>R</sup> 18 ETAT 80 VIR, INGENII ACUMINE,  
 PONDERE JUDICII, PRUDENTIA, CHARITATE, SANCTIS  
 LABORIBUS, ET OMNIMODA VITÆ SANCTITATE PERIT-  
 IAQUOQUE ET VI CONCIONANDI NULLI SECUNDUS.

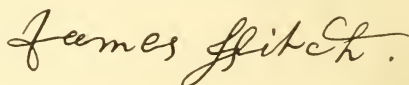
\* Said to have been written by his son Rev. Jabez Fitch, Mass. Hist. Soc. Coll. First Series x., 68.

(Translation.)

“In this grave are deposited the remains of that truly reverend man, Mr. JAMES FITCH. He was born at Bocking, in the County of Essex, in England, the 24th day of December, in the year of our Lord 1622; who, after he had been most excellently taught the learned languages, came into New England at the age of sixteen: and then spent seven years under the instructions of those very famous men, Mr. Hooker and Mr. Stone. Afterwards he discharged the pastoral office fourteen years at Saybrook. Thence he removed with the major part of his church to Norwich, where he spent the other years of his life in the work of the Gospel. In his old age, indeed, he was obliged to cease from his public labors, by reason of bodily indisposition; and at length retired to his children at Lebanon; where after spending nearly half a year, he slept in Jesus, in the year 1702, on the 18th day of November, in the 80th year of his age.

“He was a man as to the smartness of his genius, the solidity of his judgment, his charity, holy labors, and every kind of purity of life, and also as to his skill and energy of preaching, inferior to none.”

(From a signature of 1651.)



Rev. Mr. Fitch married (1), October, 1648, Abigail (daughter of Rev. Henry Whitfield, minister of Guilford, Com. :) she died September 9, 1659. He married (2), October, 1664, Priscilla, daughter of Major John and Anne

(Peck\*) Mason.† *Children* by his first wife, (all born at Saybrook, Conn.): JAMES<sup>2</sup>, born August 2, 1649; ABIGAIL, born August, 1650, married Capt. John‡ (son of Major John) Mason and had two children; ELIZABETH, born January, 1651-2, married Rev. Edward Taylor, of Westfield, Mass., September 5, 1674; she died in 1689, having had eight children most of whom died young;§ HANNAH, born

\* Supposed to have been a daughter of Rev. Robert Peck, of Hingham, Eng., and Mass.—See History of Hingham, page 20. Also, Dorchester.

† See Appendix III.

‡ One of the six Connecticut Captains killed in the Swamp Fight, in King Philip's war.

§ Mr. Taylor was a student with the Rev. Mr. Fitch, and his attachment to the daughter probably commenced at that time. A love letter received by her from him before their marriage has been preserved, which is interesting as showing the quaint and peculiar style of the age. The letter was accompanied by a rough pen sketch of a carrier dove with an olive branch in its mouth and the following inscription on the body of the dove:

“this dove and olive branch,  
to you,  
is both a post and  
emblem too.”

We quote the “love” part of the letter as follows:



This for my friend and only beloved  
MISS ELIZABETH FITCH,  
at her father's house in Norwich.

WESTFIELD, 8 day of 7th month, 1674.

“My Dove,

I send you not my heart, for that I trust is sent to Heaven long since, and unless it hath wofully deceived me, it hath not taken up its lodgings in any

September, 1653, married Thomas Meeks or Mix, of New Haven, Conn., June 30, 1677, and settled on the East side of the Shetucket, within the limits of Ancient Norwich; they had nine children: SAMUEL<sup>3</sup>, born April, 1655; DOROTHY, born April, 1658, became the second wife of Nathaniel Bissell, of Windsor, Conn., had two children, and died June 28, 1691. *Children* by his second wife, (all born at Norwich, Conn.): DANIEL<sup>4</sup>, born August 16, 1665; JOHN<sup>5</sup>, born January, 1667; JEREMIAH<sup>6</sup>, born September, 1670; JABEZ<sup>7</sup>, born April, 1672; ANN, born April, 1675, married Joseph (only son of Major William) Bradford, of Plymouth, (by his second wife); they settled at Norwich but removed to Lebanon, where she died October 17, 1715, leaving issue: NATHANIEL<sup>8</sup>, born October, 1679; JOSEPH<sup>9</sup>, born November,

one's bosom on this side of the Royal City of the Great King, but yet the most of it that is allowed to be layed out upon any creature doth safely and singly fall to your share.

So much my post pigeon presents you with here in these lines. Look not, I entreat you, upon it as one of Love's hyperboles, if I borrow the beams of some sparkling metaphor to illustrate my respects unto thyself by, for you having made my breast the cabinet of your affections, as I yours mine, I know not how to offer a fitter comparison to set out my love by than to compare it unto a golden ball of pure fire, rolling up and down my breast, from which there flies now and then a spark like a glorious beam from the body of the flaming sun. But alas! striving to catch these sparks into a love-letter unto yourself, and to gild it with them as with a sunbeam, I find that by what time they have fallen through my pen upon my paper they have lost their shine, and fall only like a little smoke thereon instead of gilding them, wherefore, finding myself much deceived, I am ready to begrudge my instruments, for though my love within my breast is so large that my heart is not sufficient to contain it, yet they can make it no more room to ride into, than to squeeze it up betwixt my black ink and white paper. But know that it is the coarsest part that is couchant there, for the purest is too fine to clothe in any linguish huswifery, or to be expressed in words."

He then proceeds to prove "that conjugal love should exceed all other love," but in illustrating the point the lover lapses into the theologian. Mr. T.'s daughter, by his *second* wife, was the mother of President Ezra Stiles, of Yale College.



1681; ELEAZER<sup>10</sup>, born May 14, 1683, married his first cousin, Martha, daughter of Capt. John and Anne (Mason) Brown, of Swanzey, Mass.; settled at Lebanon, Conn., where he was a deacon, and where he died about 1747. His wife survived him; to whom he left his property, having no issue.

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*Descendants of the Rev. JAMES FITCH, the Settler,  
in the Line of his Son JAMES.*

(From a signature of 1682.)

*James Fitch Affic<sup>t</sup>*

(Major) JAMES FITCH<sup>2</sup> was a prominent and influential man in his day; and the owner of a vast amount of land, which he accumulated by legislative grants, by purchase from other grantees, and through his intimate connection with the Indians, of whom he was a noted friend and patron. Indeed, after the death of Major John Mason, he possessed more influence over the sachems than any one else in the colony. In 1684, he received from Owaneco the native right and title to a large tract, extending from the Quimbaug River, north of the present town of Brooklyn, Conn., westward, forty-five miles, and northward to beyond the northern boundary of Massachusetts. Out of this, in 1686, he sold the Town of Pomfret, consisting of 15,100 acres, for £30! In 1687, he received from the same Chief parcels of land in Plainfield and Canterbury, several miles in extent. In addition, also, he owned land in various

localities in the neighborhood of Norwich, and as one of Joshua's legatees, and an original proprietor of Windham, was allotted five one thousand acre shares, one located at Windham Centre, one at Willimantic, and three at Mansfield. He settled at Norwich, but lived in Preston, Plainfield, and Canterbury, of which latter town he was the founder, having purchased the land, made the first clearing, laid it out in farm and house lots, and erected the first barn and framed house within its limits. He was a brave and experienced partisan soldier in the Indian wars; and active in politics, representing Norwich for several sessions, in the General Assembly, and was chosen, in 1681, one of the Assistants of the Colony. An early patron of Yale College, to which he gave the glass and nails for its first edifice, he further renewed his interest by an endowment of 637 acres of land in Killingly Township—an act which, in the then peculiar situation of the infant institution, (1701) ensured its established permanence. He evidently possessed good abilities, excellent business capacity, great activity, energy, and industry, and was among the very foremost men of the Colony in his day. He died in Canterbury, November 10, 1727, aged 80.

Major Fitch married (1) in 1676 Elizabeth Mason, youngest daughter of Major John, and sister to his father's second wife; she died Oct. 8, 1684, and he married (2) May 8, 1687, Mrs. Alice, daughter of Major William Bradford, of Plymouth, and widow of Rev. William Adams, of Dedham, Mass. *Children* (by his first wife,) JAMES, born January, 1678, died aged one week; JAMES, born June, 1679, died early, unmarried; JEDIDIAH, born April 17, 1681, married Elizabeth —, had Elizabeth and

Peter; SAMUEL, born July 12, 1683, had James, Samuel, Sarah, Mary, John, etc.; ELIZABETH, born 1684, married —. *Children* (by his second wife): ABIGAIL, born February, 22, 1688, married Col. Dyer of Canterbury, Conn; EBENEZER, born January 10, 1690; DANIEL, born February 1693, married Anna Cooke; JOHN, born 1695; BRIDGET, born 1697; JERUSHA, born 1699, married Daniel Bissell; WILLIAM, born 1701; JABEZ, born 1703.

*Descendants of the Rev. JAMES FITCH, the Settler,  
in the line of his Son SAMUEL.*

SAMUEL<sup>3</sup>, (son of Rev. James) was one of the earliest inhabitants east of Shetucket, a landholder in East Norwich, (in what is called Long Society, now included in Preston, Conn.) where his father had a large grant; was a settler there in 1687, and living as late as 1725.\* His wife's name is unknown. He had various lots of land granted to him, and laid out in the town of Lebanon, Conn., in 1695 and 1701, but it does not appear that he ever resided there, although some of his descendants settled there. He was the ancestor of the late Col. Asa Fitch, of Bozrah, Conn., (and also of the Colonel's wife—a second cousin of the same name,) from whom are descended the Fitch families of that town; and also of Hon. G. N. Fitch, U. S. Senator from Indiana, and other prominent men. From deeds, etc., we learn the names of his *Children*—HEZEKIAH; JABEZ; BENJAMIN; PELETIAH<sup>1</sup>;

PELETIAH<sup>1</sup>, (son of Samuel<sup>3</sup>) married Eliz. — who died 1778, at residence of her grandson, Col. Asa Fitch,

\* Miss Caulkins says he died in 1725. Nearly all the information we have concerning this family, is from land records.

at Bozrah, Conn. He died 1750, leaving a son, BENJAMIN<sup>2</sup>.

BENJAMIN<sup>2</sup> married Amy —, who died at Lisbon, 1795, aged 66. He died at Lisbon 1763, aged 36, leaving John<sup>3</sup>.

JOHN<sup>3</sup> died 1840, aged 92, and had JOHN, Jr. (M. D.,) of Clinton, N. Y., who died 1841, æ. 61, and had Eliza S., first wife of Col. John Barstow; JOHN L., of Bridgeport, born 1807, who married, 1841, Eliza Worden, and had William W.; John H.; Frank E.; and (twins) Mary W. and Marion; Jared W., (M. D.) of Oneida, N. Y.; THOMAS B., of Syracuse, N. Y.; IRENE, second wife of Col. Barstow; WILLIAM M.; EMORY W., and FRANK E.

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*Descendants of Rev. JAMES FITCH, the Settler, in the  
Line of his Son DANIEL.*

(Capt.) DANIEL<sup>4</sup>, (son of Rev. James,) settled at New London (at the place now known as Montville,) Conn.; was an active soldier in the Indian wars of his day; and owned three farms, one at Dry Brook, one lying on both sides of "the Connecticut path," (the road to Hartford through Colchester,) and a homestead at Trading Cove, which was a town grant to his father, and which has descended, by inheritance, to his descendants, in the present day.

He married, March 1698, Mary, (daughter of William) Sherwood, of Fairfield, Conn., and died June 3, 1711. *Children*, ADONIAH, born April, 1700—called "Captain;" and married twice. By his first wife had Anne, who married her second cousin, Samuel Hyde, and Sarah, who

married Thomas Rogers, of Montville. Captain Adonijah's second wife was Anne, daughter of Samuel and Elisabeth (Caulkins) Hyde, of Lebanon, and widow of Simon Gray, of Lebanon. Captain Adonijah had other children whose names are unknown; JAMES, born October, 1702, (according to Preston records, but in private records, October 18, 1703.)—called "Captain,"—married Anne (daughter of Robert) Demison, and settled at Lebanon, where he died 1789; and was ancestor of Hon. Jeremiah Mason, an eminent lawyer, and U. S. Senator from New Hampshire; who spent his latter years in Boston, Mass.; LEMUEL, born January, 1704, named in tribution of his father's estate, was at Colchester in 1731; MARY, born September 1707, married (1) 1726, Rev. James Hillhouse, first minister of Montville, and probably ancestor of all of that name in this country,\* (2) in 1740, Rev. John Owen, of Groton, Conn., she died 1768; DANIEL, married November 16, 1732, Sarah Sherwood, (daughter of Samuel,) of Stratford, now Bridgeport, Conn. He died in 1755, leaving a large property, a widow and the following children: Samuel, Sherwood, James, Abiah, Rachel, Eleanor, Sarah, Mary, Anne and Abigail.

*Descendants of Rev. JAMES FITCH, the Settler, in the  
Line of his Son JOHN.*

(Capt.) JOHN FITCH<sup>5</sup>, (son of Rev. James) received

\* Among whom was a dan. of Hon. James Hillhouse, who became the first wife of Rev. Dr. Hewit, of Bridgeport, Conn., and had Rev. Augustus, of the Roman Catholic Church; Rebecca, who married Dr. — Bowen, of Bridgeport, and Dr. Henry, a surgeon in the civil war, in Tennessee, and who married Catherine Inrd. of Bridgeport.

from his father on the 13th of May, 1696, the gift of a thousand acres right in Windham, Conn., the home-lot of which was No. 13 at the centre, and the house built by him remained in the family over a hundred years. He had a superior education for that day and was a prominent and useful citizen. He was chosen Town Clerk of Windham, Dec. 4, 1704, which office he held by successive annual re-elections, until his death in 1743, a period of thirty-eight years. He was also, for a short time, Judge of Probate, and Captain of the Militia, and represented the town in the Colonial Legislature at twenty different sessions, from 1712 to 1742. He first "owned the covenant" in the Norwich Church, of which he was a full member in 1700. He was a man of wealth, high social position, and extensive influence.

He married July 10, 1695, Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Thomas and Miriam (Tracy) Waterman, of Norwich, Conn. He died May 24, 1743, aged 75 years; she died June 25, 1751, aged about 76 years. *Children*, ELIZABETH, born June 1, 1696, married Nathaniel Webb, of Windham, son of Samuel Webb, the first Windham settler of that name, and became the ancestor of the Windham and Scotland Webb families; MIRIAM, born Oct. 17, 1699, married Hezekiah Riley, of Windham, and died 1744, without issue; PRISCILLA, born February 5, 1702, married Rev. Solomon Paine, of Canterbury, Conn.; JOHN, born March 18, 1705.

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*Descendants of Rev. JAMES FITCH, the Settler, in the line of his Son JEREMIAH.*

(Capt.) JEREMIAH FITCH<sup>6</sup>, ancestor of the Coven-

try, Columbia, Andover, Willimantic and Bolton families of the name, settled at Lebanon Conn., where lands had been granted him soon after his marriage. He remained there until 1703, (perhaps a little later) when he removed and settled on lands now included in South Coventry. The home farm owned by him in Coventry (in which it was included in 1723) is yet in possession of his descendants, being owned by the heirs of the late Dea. Apollos Fitch. The old homestead was a little north of the present house, and on the other side of the road. Miss Caulkins gives it as a tradition that the Fitches always selected their farms beside rivers, and were noted for securing the best lands. Capt. Jeremiah certainly acted in accordance with the tradition; his farm (which is located in the "Flanders District" and was called "the Mile and a Quarter") is a beautiful and excellent one, including a large slice of the "Willimantic Meadows" mentioned in the early records, where the first Windham and Norwich settlers, it is said, were accustomed annually to resort for their winter supply of hay, before the country was much cleared. In October, 1708, he was commissioned as Captain of the second company of militia in the town of Lebanon. This second company was probably in the second society (now the town of Columbia, Conn.,) then known, from the shape of the district, as Lebanon Crank.\* Capt. Jeremiah and his wife were members of the Windham Church before that in Coventry was formed, and the first mention of him in the latter Church's records (the first portion of which is missing) is October 22, 1719, when he was appointed one of the committee to "seat" the inhabitants of the

\* MSS. Rec. Vol. IV p. 48. Sec'y of State's Office.

“Mile and a Quarter” in the meeting-house, *i. e.* to assign them their proper places. In 1723 he was chosen a Selectman of Coventry, which office he held for six years—the last time being in 1735. He represented the Town in the General Assembly during ten sessions (1725—1734,) possessed considerable influence in town affairs, and was esteemed by his cotemporaries.

He was, according to family traditions, a noted land surveyor, and surveyed much of the towns of Lebanon, Coventry, and, it is said, a portion of Windham. There are some interesting facts in the life of Capt. Fitch, as related by Hon. J. Hammond Trumbull, in an account of the “Hartford Riot,” published in the *Hartford Press* some years since, and which from their inaccessibility to general readers are worthy of preservation in this form for the benefit of those particularly interested. After giving some account of the will of Joshua Uncas and his legatees, as well as of the difficulties concerning land titles that arose in consequence, he says, “that about 1700, pioneer settlers found their way from Hartford and Windsor to what is now probably the south-east part of Coventry, some under former conveyances from the legatees, others by “squatters’ law,”—took possession of lands about Wongumbaug pond between Hop and Willimantic rivers. Not far above the junction of the two streams. Capt. Jeremiah Fitch, a son of Rev. James, and brother of Major James Fitch of Canterbury, who at this time was one of the most popular and influential men in Eastern Connecticut (though a determined opponent of Gov. Saltonstall) had purchased a considerable tract and established his residence. His title was derived from a Windsor legatee. His house, however, and part of his



farm, was south of the boundary of Coventry, as first established, and was alleged to be within the tract reserved by Joshua for his sons, and was conveyed by Abimeleck, the last surviving son, to Major John Clark and Rev. Thomas Buckingham, of Saybrook. In May, 1721, Major Clark brought an action in the Superior Court of Hartford County to recover possession. The case was obstinately contested on both sides, and in March, 1722, judgment was given for plaintiff, and execution granted for costs, amounting to £14 13s. Capt. Fitch was obstinate—it was returned unsatisfied, and he was committed to Hartford Prison. His neighbors at Hop River, “the Mile and a Quarter,” Lebanon and Coventry, were indignant, and similar action was threatened against some of themselves—there was, indeed, scarcely a farm in that region over which there was not two or three conflicting titles. They resolved on a demonstration. On Monday afternoon, October 22, 1722, a party from Hop River, and some from (East) Windsor, about fifty in all, crossed the Hartford ferry and marched to the jail to demand the immediate release of Capt. Fitch. The jailor refused compliance—but a battering-ram was soon found in a piece of timber lying near—the door was burst open—they rushed in and carried off Capt. Fitch in triumph. Their retreat, however, was not unmolested. Col. Wm. Whiting, the High Sheriff, with some assistance, overtook them at the riverside and made every exertion to recapture the prisoner. His efforts were unavailing. The rioters, after the interchange of a few blows, and much scuffling, all got on board the ferry boat and compelled the ferryman, in spite of Col. Whiting’s commands to the contrary, to put off from the shore and land them on the east side.

At the Special Court, May 1723, fifteen were convicted of riot, etc. Two were sentenced to be branded in the forehead, others were fined from £2 to £20, and two or three escaped by giving evidence for the prosecution. Capt. Fitch was fully acquitted of all participation in the riot and "burglary"—the Court not regarding it as a crime, or even evidence of "burglarious intent," that he walked out of prison with his friends, when the doors were open.

This lawsuit had a curious sequel: Major Clark found it more difficult to *keep* than to obtain possession. In 1724 he was again a suitor in the Superior Court to recover the land of which Captain Fitch had again "dispossessed" him—when the jury gave a verdict for *the defendant*. So Capt. Fitch was left in quiet possession. Among the participants in the expedition and riot was Stephen Brown, the first Willimantic settler of that name. He was the cousin of Capt. Fitch, his mother and Jeremiah's both being daughters of Maj. John Mason.\*

Capt. Jeremiah Fitch married Ruth, probably daughter of Stephen Gifford† and Hannah Gallup,‡ of Norwich. Capt. Fitch died in Coventry, Conn., May 22, 1736, aged 65 years, his wife survived him, and was living in 1756. *Children*, JEREMIAH, born probably in 1707 or '08; (twins.) LUCY and RUTH, born April 18, 1699, in Lebanon, Conn. Ruth married Daniel Whitmore, of Cov-

\* Weaver says, with truth that the Masons and Fitches were all powerful in Eastern Connecticut in their day, and their influence was felt in the whole Colony.

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entry, Conn.; HANNAH, born January 18, 1701, in Lebanon, Conn., married Humphrey Davenport, of Coventry, Conn., May 9, 1726; ABNER,<sup>2</sup> born July 8, 1703, in Lebanon, Conn.; GIDEON, probably born in Coventry, Conn., married Sarah Caulkins, probably settled in Norwich, Conn.; ELISHA,<sup>3</sup> born in Coventry, Conn., was executor of his father's will; JAMES,<sup>4</sup> born in Coventry, Conn.; JOSEPH, born in Coventry, Conn.; STEPHEN, born 1712, in Coventry, Conn., married, January 24, 1837, Eleanor Strong, and probably removed to Willimantic. Weaver, in *Genealogies of Ancient Windham*, (No. cxiv,) devotes considerable space to the proof of this Stephen having been the son of Capt. Jeremiah Fitch. The most important fact, in addition to other presumptive testimony which he presents, is, that the late Jephtha Fitch, of Coventry, son of Abner, and grandson of the Captain Jeremiah, born in 1752, and died in 1829, stated distinctly to his descendants now living, that Stephen Fitch, father of the late Erastus Fitch, of Willimantic, *was his own cousin*. This could not be, unless their fathers were brothers. Stephen above named, was son of Stephen the Willimantic settler. 'This statement being so recent and distinctly remembered,' renders it certain, in his opinion, 'that the Willimantic Fitches are descendants of Rev. James Fitch and Major John Mason.'

(Lieutenant) JEREMIAH,<sup>1</sup> (son of Capt. Jeremiah<sup>6</sup>) married, (1) January 6, 1730, Mercy, (daughter of Capt. Thomas,) Porter, of Coventry, Conn. She was born October 10, 1708 and died January 27, 1734. He married (2) widow Martha Gifford, June 4, 1744. He died January 8, 1779, in his 72d year. *Children*, (by his first

wife,) LUCY, born September 12, 1730; MARY, born January 18, 1733, died May 7, 1749; HANNAH, born September 13, 1735; JOHN, born September 13, 1742, died March 25, 1745; (by his second wife,) MERCY, born June 7, 1746, died March 10, 1761; JEREMIAH, born January 4, 1748, married September 8, 1776, Sybil Dimmick, had — born 1777, Jeremiah, born 1778; (twins,) MARY,—still-born—and JOHN, born December 20, 1754.

(Capt.) ABNER,<sup>2</sup> (son of Captain Jeremiah,<sup>6</sup>) removed with his father's family to Coventry, about 1706; where he married (1) Ruth Rose,\* of that town, February 17, 1736. He married (2) widow — Lee, when he was 82 years old, and died at the age of 95. From the Coventry Town, Church and Society Records, he seems to have been a man of considerable note. In the year 1731, '34 and '50 he was a Lister and Inspector; in 1737 and '59 a Grand Juror; in 1733, '46 and '65 a Highway Surveyor; 1736 a Collector of Ministerial Rates; in 1747 and '50 an Auditor of the accounts of the two previous treasurers of the Society; in 1751, Moderator of the Society's Meeting; and in 1753, one of the "Seaters" of the Meeting House, an office of no small importance and respectability in those days. Capt Fitch and his wife are found upon the list of church-members during the pastorate of Dr. Huntington, who was settled in 1763—there having been, apparently, no previous church records. Mr. Fitch is called "Sergeant" in 1747; "Ensign" in 1750, and "Captain" in 1753. *Children*, (all by first wife,) JEREMIAH, born March 29, 1737, married Abigail Whitmore of Killingly, Conn., February 1, 1759—of

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him we have no other record; JEPHTAH, born March 26, 1740, probably died young; BETTIE, born September 11, 1743, married Daniel Cutler, of Lisbon, Conn., where she died; RUTH, born October 13, and died December 3, 1744; RUTH, born —, married — Lyon, of Woodstock, where they lived and died; ABNER<sup>5</sup>, born November 18, 1749; JEPHTAH,<sup>6</sup> born Sept. 1752.

ELISHA,<sup>3</sup> (son of Capt. Jeremiah<sup>6</sup>,) married; May 27, 1736, Priscilla Patten. *Children*—DEBORAH, born 1736, died October 15, 1741; ELEMUEL, born 1739; DEBORAH, born and died 1742; JOSEPH, born 1743; JOSIAH, born 1746, married Ruhama Allen, had Jerusha, Philena, Mason, Anthon, Parmissa; NATHAN, born 1748; DEBORAH, born 1752; ELIJAH, born 1754; JASPER<sup>7</sup>.

JAMES<sup>4</sup>, (son of Capt. Jeremiah<sup>6</sup>,) married, October 6, 1738, Phebe Meeagh. *Children*—RICHARD, born January 31, 1742; PHEBE, born March 6, 1748; JESSE, born March 11, 1752.

ABNER<sup>5</sup>, (son of Abner<sup>2</sup>,) resided half a mile south of the old Capt. Jeremiah Fitch place, now (1867) in possession of Deacon Apollos Fitch's family.\* He sold his farm to his brother Jephthah, a part of his family had gone west to Bridgewater, Oneida County, N. Y., and he was preparing to follow, when his hip was broken by the oversetting of his wagon, while on the road between his late home and the old Fitch place. He was carried to the latter place, but only lived a fortnight after the accident, dying on the 23d of March, 1797, aged 47, and was buried in the South Coventry burying-ground.

His wife, Elizabeth Root,† of Coventry, whom he mar-

\*By regular descent.

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ried in 1771, was a woman of great energy; and after her husband's death went to Bridgewater, N. Y., with the remainder of her family. She afterwards married Capt. John Mills, of Sherry Valley, N. Y., who died soon after their marriage, and she removed to Delhi, N. Y., and from thence to Franklin, Delaware County, N. Y., where she resided until October 10, 1817, when she died of apoplexy, in the 64th year of her age. She was a tall, finely-proportioned and noble looking woman, of strong character, and deep religious sentiment, being, at an early age, a member of the Congregational Church, and after her removal to New York State, of the Presbyterian Church. Although left, by the death of her first husband, in very straitened circumstances, she managed to bring up her younger children, as she had the older ones, to industry and self-reliance; giving them as good educational advantages as the best schools of that day afforded, so that they were all well qualified for active life, which, indeed, most of them commenced as teachers.

*Children*—EBENEZER ROOT<sup>8</sup>, born September 26, 1772; THOMAS<sup>9</sup>, born July 28, 1774; ELISABETH<sup>10</sup>, born April 25, 1776; DIANTHA<sup>11</sup>, born February 18, 1778; VINE, born March 23, 1780, was a school and music teacher, and died suddenly at Canandaigua, N. Y., 1803, unmarried; CORNELIUS ROOT<sup>12</sup>, born July 22, 1783; LATHAM<sup>13</sup>, born June 20, 1785; WILLIAM<sup>14</sup>, born May 16, 1787; MARY<sup>15</sup>, (or Polly,) born February 20, 1789; URSULA<sup>16</sup>, born January 8, 1792.

JEPHTHA<sup>6</sup>, (son of Abner<sup>2</sup>.) married (1) January 23, 1777, Ursula (daughter of Capt. Ebenezer) Root, and a sister to Elisabeth Root, his brother Abner's wife—she died Aug. 19, 1821, aged 66; (2) at 72 years of age, Widow

Sally Hartshorn. He died in 1829. *Children*—DEADAMIA, born November 23, 1777, died September 17, 1846, in Willimantic, unmarried; EPHRAIM, born December 9, 1778, died at Coventry, September 6, 1806, unmarried; APOLLOS<sup>17</sup>, born March 10, 1780; PHEBE, born December 31, 1781, married Capt. Joseph Root Simms.

JASPER<sup>7</sup>, (son of Elisha<sup>3</sup>), married Eunice (daughter of Zenas) Howes, of Windham, Conn. *Children*—FANNY, born 1808, unmarried; HENRY II., born 1810, married Mary Barber, no issue; MARY J., born 1812, married (1) Luther Frink, (2) John Capen, no issue; WILLIAM A., born 1814, married Lois Perkins, no issue; LUCY P., born 1816, married Timothy Perkins, died in Massachusetts, two children; ALFRED II., born 1819, married Martha Parker, April 27, 1842; CAROLINE, born 1824, married Samuel T. Loomis, of Coventry, Conn., three children.

EBENEZER ROOT<sup>8</sup>, (son of Abner<sup>5</sup>), married Sarah Dow, 17th January, 1796; and soon after removed to a farm in Westmoreland, Oneida Co., N. Y., where he continued till his death, August 19th, 1820. He was well, though not liberally educated and was a great reader especially of ancient history, as is evidenced by the names which he bestowed upon his children. Like most of his brothers and sisters, he possessed a very retentive memory, being able to repeat with astonishing accuracy and fulness whatever he read or heard. He was, at one time, inclined to a belief in Universalism, but afterwards joined the Baptists, among whom he became a leader. Becoming dissatisfied with "close communion," a convention was called for the discussion of the subject

and with a view to harmonize the brethren; but he finally, with others, withdrew and became an "open communionist." He was a devoutly religious man and full of good works and benevolence; refusing, in times of scarcity of crops, to sell his farm produce at high prices and would retail it to his poor and needy neighbors, either for cash or "on trust" at a very slight advance on the ordinary price. In Town affairs he was a leading spirit; addressed as "Esquire," esteemed by all who knew him, and widely mourned at his death.

His wife died in Westmoreland, March 7th, 1842, aged 66 years. *Children*, PHOEBE, born August 1798, became 2nd wife of Bradford Seymour of Utica, N. Y., and died 184-; ABNER, born December 1, 1800, a farmer and lived on old homestead in W.—died unmarried, 1862; STATIRA<sup>18</sup>, born May 1803; EBENEZER R<sup>19</sup>, born April 25, 1805; ARSINOE<sup>20</sup>, born February 1807; MARIAMNE<sup>21</sup>, born March 7, 1813; DIANTHA, born April 14, 1818, unmarried in 1867.

THOMAS<sup>9</sup>, (son of Abner<sup>5</sup>), taught school, studied medicine, and married Olive Fletcher. After marriage he settled in the practice of his profession in Delhi, Del. Co., N. Y., about 1803; and in 1806, entered mercantile business with his brother-in-law, Rufus Bunnell. In 1810, they both removed to Philadelphia, Pa., where they opened a lumber yard, which they continued until the spring of the "War of 1812." Business being now seriously impaired, they dissolved partnership and Dr. Fitch commenced the money exchange and brokerage business, in which he accumulated much wealth and real-estate. He was elected Cashier of the Farmers' and



Mechanics' Bank of that city, for a number of years; by his superior management raising the stock, previously much depressed, to par value.

Upon the expiration of the term of the charter of that bank, its renewal was opposed by parties, who, among other arguments used to influence the public mind, stated that Dr. Fitch had called Thomas Jefferson an infidel. This report gained such credence in the Democratic Legislature, who felt insulted by this aspersion upon the character of the great Democratic leader, that it was thought impossible to obtain the renewal of the charter, if Dr. Fitch should retain the Cashiership. He therefore resigned—the charter was renewed—but the stock again began to be depressed, until Stephen Girard, told the stockholders, they must re-elect the Doctor if they wished to keep up the value of their stock. Dr. Fitch however, having sold out his stock upon retiring, declined becoming a candidate. He, afterwards, took a deep interest in the construction of the Louisville and Portland Steam-boat Canal, on the Ohio River; and through his exertions, most of the stock was taken up in Philadelphia, and the work completed. His brother, Dr. William Fitch, through his influence, held the office of President of the Company for several years. Dr. Fitch was, also, largely concerned in coal-lands.

In his youth, he suffered from a pulmonary affection; which, however, he overcame by a fresh milk diet, free horseback exercise and very regular and temperate habits, abstinence from tobacco, wines, etc., so that he enjoyed very good health, generally weighing 160 to 170 pounds. He was converted in early life and was always an active christian, and an elder in the Arch Street Presby-

terian Church, (Rev. Dr. T. Skinner's,) contributing largely to the erection of the church edifice, (opposite to which was his own residence,) as well as to all benevolent objects. About 1848, he sustained an injury, by the upsetting of a coach, while viewing some coal-lands in Pennsylvania; and was obliged during the last 2 or 3 years of his life, to use crutches. Still, he was active in business, until the summer of 1850, when he was attacked with dysentery, while on a visit to Philadelphia, (having previously removed his family to New York, where a married daughter was living,) and died after a few days' illness. His wife died in 1853.

*Children*, FLETCHER, born 1804, in Delhi, N. Y., died in Philadelphia, 1825; DIANTHA, born March 3, 1813, in Philadelphia, unmarried in 1867; MARY, born Jan. 6, 1820, married, October 4, 1837, J. C. Thatcher, from New London, Conn., a dry goods merchant in New York City, She died in 1856, their children were Thomas Fitch, born Dec. 2, 1838, who married Mary (daughter of Dr. Wm. H.) Rockwell, of Brattleboro', Vt., and now lives at Flatbush, L. I.—one child: Mary O., born September, 1841, and John Christopher, born February 29, 1844.

ELISABETH<sup>10</sup>, (daughter of Abner<sup>5</sup>.) married at Bridgewater, N. Y., about 1803, Jesse Ives, a native of Torrington, Conn., who had a large farm at B.; and was afterwards extensively engaged in the improvement of stock, especially of Merino sheep, of which he generally had a flock of from five to eight hundred. He, also, occupied a farm at Whitestown, to which he soon after removed, and where he resided for many years.

Mrs. Ives resembled her mother in form and habits; being tall, well-proportioned and of stately presence;

she was also highly accomplished in all the industrial graces of "the olden time," such as spinning, weaving, knitting, &c. She died very suddenly at night, (without the knowledge, even of her husband, who slept at her side,) in 1846, at Bridgewater, at the age of 70 years. She was a consistent member of the Whitestown Presbyterian Church for years. *Children*, FANNY, born in 1805, at Whitestown, N. Y., unmarried in 1867; CHARLOTTE, born in 1810, at Bridgewater, N. Y., unmarried. Both these sisters live on and manage their large farm with much success.

DIANTHA<sup>11</sup>, (daughter of Abner<sup>5</sup>), married Rufus Bunnell March 4, 1804. He was the third of the ten children of Dea, Israel and Jerusha (Dowd) Bunnell; graduated at Yale College, in the same class with the late Rev. Dr. Lyman Beecher, and commenced the study of medicine. He was, however, persuaded by Judge Law, a fellow townsman, to remove, about 1803, to Meredith, Del. Co., N. Y. In 1806 he removed to Delhi, N. Y.; and in addition to his previous business, engaged in the manufacture of pot and pearl ashes and in lumbering on the Delaware River, with a market in Philadelphia. To that city in 1810, he removed, in company with his brother-in-law and partner, Dr. Thomas Fitch, with whom he carried on the lumber business until 1812. (See page 74.) In 1816, he commenced the money exchange and brokerage business in New York City, with Joseph D. Beers, under the firm name of Beers & Bunnell, and so continued until his death,—adding the collection of drafts and dealing in cotton; and opening offices, (as B. & B.,) at Philadelphia, (as B., B. & St. John,) at Balti-

more, (as B., B. & Booth,) at Petersburg, Va., (as B. & B.) at Charleston, S. C., and agencies throughout the United States, Canada, England and France. In 1823, he took the personal charge of the office at Charleston, S. C., spending his summers in the north, where his sons were at school, until the spring of 1825, when, with his wife, he embarked for England, in the hopes of benefiting his health which was failing. In the fall he returned to New York, but his health was still poor, his mind became depressed and it was finally thought advisable to send him, for awhile, to a private hospital at Cambridge, Mass. For some nine months after entering this retreat, his health seemed to improve; but his life was suddenly cut off by an attack of cholera morbus, on the 13th of July, 1856, at the age of 49 years. Although not a professor of religion, his moral life was unexceptionable, his attendance upon church was regular and devout, and his purse was ever open to the calls of religion or of charity. Industry, energy, courage, were his marked characteristics; and commencing life with an education, and \$500 given him by his father, he left at his death, an estate worth between \$2 and \$300,000, the accumulation of 22 years active enterprise. Mrs. Bunnell was of medium size, and well accomplished, and her life was one of active intercourse with the most intelligent of her day, both at the North and the South. She lived to the age of eighty years, retaining her vivacity and activity to the last, and was esteemed for her Christian virtues and liberality. She was for many years a member of (Dr. Spring's) Brick Church, in New York City; and from 1834 until her death, a member of the First Congrega-

tional Church of Bridgeport, Conn., where she died, June, 1858, and is buried in the Division Street Burying Ground. *Children*, GEORGE, born at Meredith, N. Y., in 1805, died 1806; WILLIAM RUFUS, born March 1, 1806, at Meredith, N. Y., married, (1) Sarah Haight, June 6, 1832, (2) Cornelia Sterling, January 24, 1838.\* JAMES FITCH, born March 27, 1807, at Bloomfield, N. Y., unmarried in 1867, a graduate of Yale; THOMAS FITCH, born November 1808; at Bloomfield, N. Y., married Matilda (McCoy,) widow of W. H. Beck, in 1834.

CORNELIUS ROOT<sup>12</sup>, M. D., (son of Abner<sup>5</sup>,) received an academical education at Hamilton Academy, (now College,) and, at the age of 18, engaged in teaching a select school at Havre de Grace, Md. After a year thus spent he returned home and was induced by his brother Dr. Thos. Fitch, then a practicing physican at Delhi, N. Y., to study medicine. Upon completing his studies, he commenced practice in Delhi, and became eminent and successful in his profession, which he followed for 33 years, although he often expressed regret that he had not followed the bent of his inclinations for law. He was a man of more than ordinary intellect, a great reader, and possessed a tenacious memory. He was an ardent politician, contributing to various partizan papers. Dignified and unostentatious in manner, high toned, of moral life, genial and kind in disposition, and possessed of a large fund of anecdote and story, he was esteemed a most entertaining and pleasant companion. He married, March 12, 1816, Paulina (daughter of March) Farrington, (who was a son of Col. Thos. Farrington, of the Revolutionary Army, and Elisabeth Colton,) and died July 12,

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\*Appendix VIII.

1846, in Delhi, N. Y. His widow still survives and resides with a son in Lexington, Ky. *Children*, FITZ-JAMES, born December 7, 1817, unmarried, resides at Catskill, N. Y., a lawyer, and for nine years County Judge of Greene Co., N. Y.; THOMAS, (M. D.) born April 13, 1820, resides at Prattsville, N. Y.; married, September 24, 1844, Sarah J. L., daughter of Dr. Beattie, a surgeon in U. S. Navy; JESSE IVES, born November 30, 1824, lawyer, resides in Oregon; married April 12, 1851, Annie L., (daughter of Dr. Abel) Brace, of Catskill, N. Y.; ELLEN, born May 28, 1828; married, August 9, 1849, Louis C. Snyder, resides at Claryville, Sull. Co., N. Y.; CORNELIUS R., born August 20, 1829, unmarried, merchant, resides at Lexington, Ky.; FRANK, born October 22, 1831, druggist, resides at Lexington, Ky., married, March 1, 1855, Fannie M. (daughter of Fielding S.) Gant, of Yonkers, N. Y.; FREDERICK, born May 19, 1834, druggist, resides at Lexington, Ky., married, June 13, 1861, Julia W. (daughter of Garney) Post, of New Britain, Conn.; EMMA, born February 3, 1839, unmarried, resides at Claryville, N. Y.

LATHAM FITCH<sup>13</sup>, (son of Abner<sup>5</sup>.) received a good common school education, and was trained for a merchant, in his brother-in-law's (Rufus Bunnell's.) store. He settled, in mercantile business, at Wayne, N. Y.; but in 1833, removed to a farm in Ossian, N. Y., and entered largely into stock-breeding. In 1848, he removed to Castile, N. Y., where he died, January 23, 1853. He was a man of good mind, strong memory and was deeply interested in political matters of the day, especially in the "Tariff Question." He was a Justice of the Peace,

in Wayne Co., but although very popular wherever known, never sought office.

He married, September 2, 1814, Alice, daughter of John Holdridge, a lieutenant of the Revolutionary War, who was living (in 1867) at Castile, N. Y.; *Children*, JULIA, born October 18, 1815, in Wayne, N. Y.; RALPH, born, December 25, 1817, at Wayne, N. Y.; married in Ossian, N. Y., Eliz. Porter, died April 10, 1853, no issue; WILLIAM ROOT, born March, 25, 1820, in Wayne, N. Y., married, December 27, 1864, in Castile, N. Y., Eliz. Accomb; EMILY A. born August 17, 1825, in Wayne, N. Y.; married, Jan. 4, 1855, Franklin D. Lake, of Nunda, N. Y.

DR. WILLIAM<sup>14</sup>, (son of Abner<sup>5</sup>), studied medicine with Dr. Luther Ginteanu, of Utica, N. Y.; commenced practice at Bridgewater, N. Y.; went thence to Franklin, N. Y., where he married, about 1811, Hannah Follett, (born October, 1790,) and where all his children were born. The latter part of his life was spent in Illinois, with the exception of the last three years, during which he resided with his son, Dr. William, Jr., at Dryden, N. Y., where he died, July 16, 1865. He loved his profession, and was successful in its practice. He was a Baptist in religious belief. *Children*, JAMES<sup>22</sup>, born December 17, 1812; URSULA, born —, died September, 1836, in Bridgeport, Conn.; ELISABETH, born September 18, 1816, died Oct. 1, 1835, at Franklin, N. Y.; DIANTHA, born May 26, 1818, died June 4, 1836; MARY, born April 30, 1820, at Franklin, N. Y., married L. M. Bissell, of that place, in 1866, children, Diantha, William F. and James; WILLIAM<sup>28</sup>, born January 26, 1822.

MARY<sup>15</sup>, or Polly as she was familiarly called, (daughter of Abner<sup>5</sup>,) was well qualified to teach and for many years kept school—but finally became a great sufferer from a spinal affection. After many years of severe illness she recovered her health, although with a bent form, and at the age of 45, became the second wife of Col. John Mitchell, an English gentleman, in Wayne, N. Y., where she died in 1845. She joined the Presbyterian Church, early in life and manifested strong faith and great patience during her severe sufferings, and a joyful hope at her death. No issue.

URSULA<sup>16</sup>, (daughter of Abner<sup>5</sup>,) resembled her mother in form and manner and married, about 1816, Martin Miner, a merchant in Unadilla, N. Y., afterwards in Cheran, S. C., then a manufacturer in Syracuse, N. Y., and finally in New York City. She died about 1830, in Syracuse, N. Y., leaving the following *Children*, FITCH, born about 1817, a merchant in Ohio, in 1842; ISAAC, born about 1819, supposed to have been in the Texan Navy, when that Republic was fighting for her liberty; RICHARD, born about 1821; GEORGE, born about 1823, was "Col." and living in Atlanta, Ga., at close of War of Rebellion; THOMAS, born about 1825, manufacturer and merchant in New York about 1840; ELLEN born about 1828. The father, Martin Miner, married again and lived and died in New York City.

APOLLOS<sup>17</sup>, (son of Jephtha<sup>6</sup>,) lived in Coventry, Ct., married, August 18, 1801, Sybil Edgerton, (born 1781,) inherited the "old Capt. Jeremiah Fitch farm," spent his days upon it and left it to his widow and children, who,



in 1867, were living upon it. He died August 19, 1842. *Children*, GEORGE EDGERTON, born August 18, 1802; LUCY ELIZA, born May 6, 1804; URSULA ROOT, born November 2, 1805; EPHRAIM ALSON, born October 1, 1807, died Sept. 30, 1824; NEWTON, born Nov. 14, 1809, married, Oct., 1832, Jane E. Bidwell, of Coventry, Conn.; LUCRETIA, born October 9, 1811, died July 28, 1846; JEPHTHA, born June 29, 1813, died September 3, 1818; PHEBE, born May 29, 1815, married Isaac C. Perkins, of Hartford, Conn., and died March 14, 1848; SYBEL, born November 16, 1817, died August 26, 1839; ELISABETH PAYNE married Chester Fox.

STATIRA<sup>18</sup>, (daughter of Ebenezer R.<sup>8</sup>,) married, in 1832, Samuel W. Johnson. *Children*, CHARLES; SAMUEL; SARAH; AMOS F.; THOMAS S.

EBENEZER<sup>19</sup>, (son of Ebenezer R.<sup>8</sup>,) married, January 1, 1851, Jane (daughter of Elijah and Lucy) Lewis. Lives on old homestead farm at Westmoreland, N. Y. *Children*, (all born in W.) SARAH, born 9th October, 1853; ABNER LEWIS, born August 20, 1856; EBENEZER R., born Nov. 22, 1859.

ARSINOE<sup>20</sup>, (daughter of Ebenezer R.<sup>9</sup>,) married, May 24, 1832, Albert P. Seymour, of Westmoreland, N. Y., a manufacturer and a son of Bradford Seymour, who married her sister as his second wife. *Children*, ALFRED R., born January 14, 1837, graduated at Yale College; BRADFORD, born October 28, 1841; ABNER F. born September 10, 1843; MARY, born July 19, 1845; ALBERT I., born Nov. 9, 1846.

MARIAMNE<sup>21</sup>, (daughter of Ebenezer R.,<sup>8</sup>) received what was, at that period, deemed a solid and thorough female education, which embraced a practical and useful discipline, and rendered her an accurate English scholar. The correctness of her deportment in childhood, and the general style of her mind in youth, gave ample promise of the future woman. Her remarkably even temper, industrious and active habits, fondness for useful knowledge, and compactness of mind, suggested a future character of very much more than the common power. The *religious* tendencies of her mind and heart dated from her early youth. Conscientious in the discharge of religious duties, fond of reading the Bible and other religious books, a regular attendant upon the public worship of God, she was indeed deemed a Christian by those who knew her best, long before she ventured to cherish the hope for herself. When, in later life, she finally concluded to assume the responsibilities of membership with the visible Church of Christ, the step was not taken without the most rigid self-examination. Her early thoughts on the subject of religion, like her more mature ones, were solid and practical. She was never a doubter, and never a caviler with the Word of God. Her difficulties were not with the Truth as revealed in the Bible, but wholly with herself. Passing up into womanhood with these general features of mind and character, she was married in 1837, at the age of 24 years, to Mr. James S. T. Stranahan, who at that time was a manufacturer and merchant, in the town of Florence, Oneida County, New York, where they resided for three years after. In 1840, the family removed to the

City of Newark, New Jersey, where the two children surviving her were born; and, in February 1845, she removed to the City of Brooklyn, N. Y., where she continued to reside until the time of her death, a period of a little more than twenty-one years. Soon after coming to Brooklyn, she became a member of the congregation of the "South Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn"; and, in 1855, she and her husband, connected themselves with that church, by a public profession of their faith. In 1851, she made, with her husband, an extensive tour through Europe. In the City of Brooklyn, they occupied a high social position, Mr. Stranahan having been elected a Representative to the thirty-fourth Congress, and subsequently occupying other positions of responsibility in the City and State. Mrs. Stranahan, was active in every good work in the City of her adoption, and those who knew her felt that they could confide in her judgment, her discernment, her tact, and her unflinching integrity and principle. For eight years she was the first Directress of the "Graham Institute for the Relief of Aged and Indigent Females," a position requiring the exercise of rare abilities, and the most skilful management to harmonize the discords, and quiet the misunderstandings, inevitable in such an institution. Her discretion, equanimity and tact, were equal to the duties of the place, and under her administration peace and quiet reigned. It was probably from the knowledge of her executive abilities, that she was unanimously chosen to preside over the Woman's Relief Association, organized in Brooklyn, on the twenty-third of November, 1862, as auxiliary to the United States Sanitary Commission.

This position was, also, one which required great tact and skill in the presiding officer. About eighty churches of different denominations in Brooklyn, co-operated in the work of the Association; and it had, also, numerous auxiliaries scattered over the Island. These diverse elements were held together, in perfect harmony, by Mrs. Stranahan's skilful management, till the occasion ceased for their labors. The Association was, from first to last, a perfect success, surpassing in its results most of the branches of the Commission, and surpassed in the harmony and efficiency of its action by none. Mrs. Stranahan, in her final report, says: "The aggregate of our efforts, including the results of our Grand Fair, represents a money-value of not less than half-a-million of dollars. \$300,000 of this sum were paid into the treasury of the U. S. Sanitary Commission in cash; and hospital supplies were furnished to the amount of over \$200,000 more; embracing the various things needed for the comfort of the sick and wounded soldier." The Great Fair of Brooklyn owes its origin to the Woman's Relief Association. It was, at first, proposed that Brooklyn should unite with New York in the Metropolitan Fair; but on further deliberation it was thought that a much larger result would be attained by an independent effort on the part of Brooklyn and Long Island, and the event fully justified the opinion. It is much to say, but the proofs of the statement are ample, that no one of the Sanitary Fairs, held from 1863 to 1865, equalled that of Brooklyn in its freedom from all friction and disturbing influences, in the earnestness of its patriotic feeling, and the complete and perfect harmony which reigned from its commencement

to its close. This gratifying condition of affairs was universally attributed to the extraordinary tact and the executive talent of Mrs. Stranahan. As was well said by her pastor, the Rev. Dr. Spear, "she was the right woman in the right place. She gave her time to the work with a zeal and perseverance that never faltered, and with a hopefulness for her country, which yielded to no discouragement or despondency. As a presiding officer she discharged her duties with a self-possession, courtesy, skill and method, that commanded universal admiration. She had a quick and judicious insight into the various ways and means by which the meetings of the Association could be rendered interesting and attractive. The business part of the work was constantly under her eye. No woman ever labored in a sphere more honorable, and but few women could have filled her place. Her general temper of mind, her large and catholic views as a Christian, and then her excellent discretion, eminently fitted her to combine all the churches in one harmonious and patriotic effort." Upon the disbanding of the Association, when all necessity for its labor had ceased. Mrs. Stranahan returned to the quiet of her home, and except her connection with the Graham Institution, gladly withdrew from any conspicuous or public position. Her health was found to be somewhat impaired by her assiduous devotion to her duties as connected with the Association, but she made no complaint, and her family did not feel alarmed. The spring of 1866 found her so feeble, that it was thought the pure and bracing air of the Green Mountains might prove beneficial in restoring her strength—but her days were numbered—and on the

30th of August, she died at Manchester, Vermont, giving up her spirit "calmly, peacefully, even smilingly," as was said by a witness of the scene. Her death was that of a Christian—her loss, a loss not only to her own loved and loving home-circle, but to the city and the community in which she dwelt.\*

Mrs. Stranahan's children will be found recorded in the *Stranahan Genealogy*, pages 14 and 15.

JAMES<sup>22</sup>, (son of Dr. William<sup>14</sup>), attended the academy at Delhi, N. Y., was clerk in a bank at Schuylkill Haven, Pa.; and, in 1832, became connected with the Pequonock Mills, Bridgeport, Conn., first as book-keeper, and, afterwards, as general agent. In 1844 he became engaged upon the construction of the Naugatuck Rail Road, and continued upon the road until his death, (caused by a severe cold contracted in their service,) in February, 1851. He married Mary, (daughter of Noah,) Plumb, of Bridgeport, October 23, 1837. *Children*, MARY, born November 22, 1839, unmarried in 1867; WALTER, born December 4, 1840, married in 1865, S. M. Leith, of North Carolina, has children—he was lieutenant in 6th Connecticut Regiment, and wounded at Fort Wagner, S. C., and promoted to Major; ELISABETH, born November 10, 1849.

WILLIAM, JR.<sup>23</sup>, (son of Dr. William<sup>14</sup>), studied medicine with Dr. F. W. Hine, of Franklin, N. Y., and gradu-

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\*A beautiful and appreciative "Memorial" volume, prepared by Mrs. Stranahan's pastor, the Rev. T. S. Spear, of Brooklyn, was privately printed by her husband, for distribution among her family and friends, and is probably in the hands of many whom this family record will reach.

ated at the Albany Medical College in 1846, and commenced practice in Cortland County. On the 13th of July of the same year he married Urania T. Everitt, of Franklyn, N. Y., (born in New Miford, Conn., Dec. 26, 1823,) and in 1859 removed to Dryden, N. Y. *Children*, MARY EVERITT, born June 15, 1852, in Virgil, N. Y.; ELISABETH, born, April 25, 1856, in Virgil, N. Y.; KATIE, born July 14, 1861, in Dryden, N. Y.

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*Descendants of the Rev. JAMES FITCH, the Settler, in the  
Line of his Son JABEZ.*

(Rev.) JABEZ<sup>7</sup>, (son of Rev. James,) graduated at Harvard College, in 1694; and after his father became disabled by paralysis, was invited to occupy his pulpit, with a view to settlement. After preaching there about a year, however, he declined the call to settle; was subsequently elected a Tutor and Fellow of Harvard College; and, in 1703, was ordained at Ipswich, Mass., as a colleague of the Rev. John Rogers. He afterwards removed to Portsmouth, N. H., where he was installed about 1725, and where he died November 22, 1746. He married Elizabeth (daughter of John) Appleton, June 10, 1704. *Children*, MARY; ANN; JOHN, graduated at Harvard College, 1728; JAMES.

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*Descendants of the Rev. JAMES FITCH, the Settler, in the  
Line of his Son NATHANIEL.*

(Capt.) NATHANIEL FITCH,<sup>8</sup> (son of Rev. James,) was one of the earliest settlers of Lebanon, Conn., where he owned a grist mill and a fulling mill. He married (1)

December 10, 1701, Ann, (daughter of Joshua,) Abel of Norwich, Conn., who died July 3, 1728, aged 47 years; (2) September 17, 1729, Mindwell Tisdale, of Lebanon, Conn. Capt. Fitch died May 4, 1759, aged 79 years. *Children, by first wife*—ANN born November, 1702, married —, had children; JOSHUA, born February 13, 1704; NATHAN born March 29, 1705; NEHEMIAH, born February 10, 1708; JAMES, born October 15, 1709; JOHN, born January 7, 1712; NATHANIEL; MEHITABLE, born February 3, 1717, married — Whiting; ELIZABETH, born May 26, 1718, married — Bissell, died Dec. 18, 1747, had Daniel living in 1755; RACHEL, born October, 1720, died May 28, 1726; ABEL, born November 22, 1722. CALEB, born June 17, 1725. *Children by second wife*—JABEZ, born October 4, 1730, died November 14, 1736; EZEKIEL, born March 11, 1732, living in 1755; ISAAC, born May 10, 1734, was joint executor, with his mother, of his father's will.

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*Descendants of Rev. JAMES FITCH, the Settler, in the  
Line of his Son JOSEPH.*

JOSEPH,<sup>9</sup> (son of Rev. James) settled first at Stonington, Conn.; but after his second marriage moved to Lebanon, Conn., where he spent the remainder of his days, and appears to have been a man of wealth. He married (1) Sarah (daughter of Major Samuel) Mason, who died previous to 1721; (2) Ann (eldest daughter of Rev. Samuel) Whiting, of Windham, Conn., December 29, 1721. He died May 9, 1741, she died at Windham, Sep-



tember 18, 1778. *Children by his first wife*—JUDITH, born in Stonington, Conn.; SARAH, born January 24, 1704, in Stonington, Conn., married and had children; MASON, born September 11, 1708, graduated at Yale College, 1729, died March 10, 1734; JOSEPH, born February 14, 1711, was "Captain," married Zervia, (daughter of Daniel) Hyde of Lebanon—no children. *Children by second wife*—SAMUEL, born January 16, 1724, at Lebanon Conn., graduated at Yale 1742, was a lawyer in Boston, married Elizabeth Lloyd; was Attorney General of Massachusetts, died in London, Eng., 1784; ELEAZER, born August 29, 1726; graduated at Yale, settled at Windham, Conn., was Sheriff and a noted Loyalist during the Revolution; AZEL, born November 7, 1728, was "Captain," died about 1769, probably unmarried; ISHABOD, born May 17, 1734; ANN, born July 12, 1737; THOMAS, born June 11, 1739; died January 27, 1747.

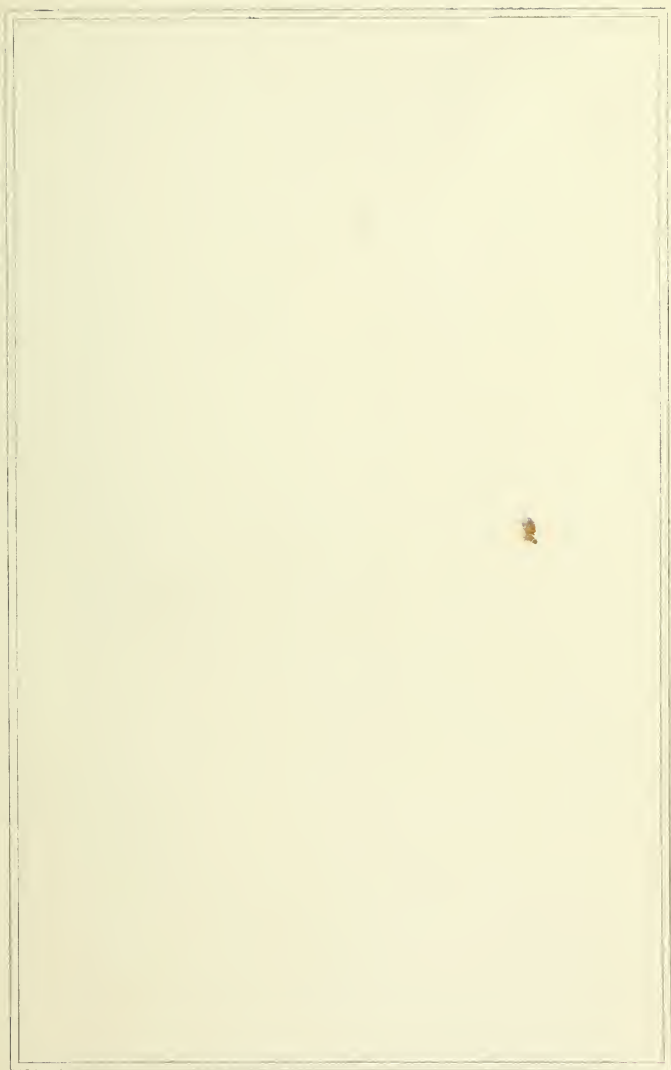




















Dow Family.



GENEALOGY  
OF  
The Family of Mariamne Fitch,

WIFE OF JAMES S. T. STRANAHAN,

OF THE CITY OF BROOKLYN, N. Y., ON HER MOTHER'S SIDE.

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EPHRAIM DOW, (probably the son of Thomas, whose father's name was also Thomas—of Norfolk County, England,) was born in Ipswich, Mass., and married Elisabeth (daughter of Humphrey) Clark, of that town.\* The family removed to Coventry, Conn.,

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\*Tradition says that this Ephraim had three brothers, and that the four "having spent one night in conversation, dispersed to seek their fortune. One was heard of no more; one settled at Voluntown, Conn.; one at Plainfield, Conn.; and Ephraim at Coventry."

Thomas, an early settler at Newbury, Mass., married Phebe —, and had Stephen, born March 29, 1642; Mary, born April 26, 1644; Martha, born June 1, 1648; John and Thomas. The father died in 1654, and, in his will, mentions John and Thomas first among his children, from which we may infer that they were the eldest. Thomas of Ipswich, (possibly son of Thomas of Newbury,) in 1675, had wife Sarah (probably daughter of James) Wall, of Hampton, whom he married in 1663, and who died in 1782. By his second wife Susannah, he had John, born April 24, 1685; Ebenezer, born May 26, 1692; perhaps Thomas, Nov. 29, 1694, (possibly the above mentioned father of Ephraim); Hannah, born October 3, 1697; Jeremiah, born December 12, 1699.—*History Newbury, Mass.*, 301; *Savage's Genealogical Dictionary*, ii. 64; *N. E. General Register* vi. 251.

about the year 1741, and settled on lands purchased in January of that year, from Ezekiel Herrick. He was chosen one of the "Listers and Inspectors" of that town, in 1743 and '50 and '63, was a well-to-do citizen, and died at the age of sixty-three years. His wife, who was born in 1704, died March, 1790. *Children*, EPHRAIM<sup>1</sup>, DANIEL<sup>2</sup>, LEMUEL<sup>3</sup>, LEVI<sup>4</sup>, PELETIAH<sup>5</sup>, LUCY and JULIA.

EPHRAIM<sup>1</sup> married (1) Elisabeth —; m. (2) Hepzibah Hawkins, in 1752, who died April 7th, 1775, in her 44th year; (3) Mrs. Mary (Ladd) Badger, August 24, 1775. *Children by first wife*, HUMPHREY DEAN<sup>6</sup>, born July 3, 1742; CALVIN, born January 10, 1747. *Children by second wife*, DANIEL, born November 27, 1752; HANNAH, born November 3, 1755; JESSE, born September 8, 1758; EPHRAIM, born April 19, 1762; HEPZIBAH, born March 6, 1767. *Children by third wife*, JOSEPH, born July 5, 1777; SOLOMON, born December 30, 1778; DANIEL CLARK, born April 8, 1783; BETSY, born August 26, 1786.

DANIEL<sup>2</sup> married Mahitabel Palmer in 1773. *Children*, ASINATH, born September 20, 1773; AMASA, born March 9, 1775; TIRZA, born January 20, 1777.

LEMUEL<sup>3</sup> removed to Vermont; married Ann Millar-ton, April 27, 1758. *Children*, SUSANNAH, born April 10, 1759; SOLOMON, born April 28, 1762; ANNE, born July 24, 1765; LEMUEL, born April 25, 1768; LYDIA, born February, 1771; ABIGAIL, born August 1, 1774.

LEVI<sup>4</sup> married Phebe Taylor. *Children*, MARY, born December 26, 1760; ESTHER, born September 3, 1762;

SAMUEL, born October 3, 1766, married a Miss Phillips; JEREMIAH, born December 28, 1770, and died unmarried; JOHN, born March 17, 1773, died unmarried; SARAH, (mother of Mrs. Stranahan,) born February 7, 1775; PAUL and WILLIAM, (twins,) born June 28, 1777, William married Cynthia Eels, and died at Bridgewater, N. Y., leaving a large family; ANSON, born June 11, 1780; HARVEY, born August 19, 1782, was drowned when young.

PELETIAH<sup>5</sup> lived to the age of 89 years, and 9 months, *Children*, MABEL, born September 25, 1763; SANFORD, born September 18, 1764; JOHN, born December 16, 1766; ELIZABETH, born September 29, 1768; JANE, born December 28, 1773; HANNAH, born September 29, 1775; MARGERY, born November 28, 1777; CLARINDA, born February 14, 1780.

HUMPHREY DEAN<sup>6</sup> married and had *Children*, ULYSSES, ETHELINDA, MIRZA, PORLENA, LORENZO, born in 1777, (the eccentric and somewhat famous revivalist Baptist preacher); TABITHA.

PAUL<sup>7</sup> married Betsy Matilda Carpenter, December 13, 1801. She was born in Foster, R. I., January 19, 1782, and died at Dryden, N. Y., in 1842. He died at Ithaca, N. Y., in September, 1849. *Children*, CHRISTOPHER, S. C.<sup>8</sup>, born in Foster, R. I., September 2, 1802; HARVEY ANSON<sup>9</sup>, born at Exeter, N. Y., December 30, 1814.

CHRISTOPHER S. C.<sup>8</sup> has DE WITT C.; SARAH; and PAUL.

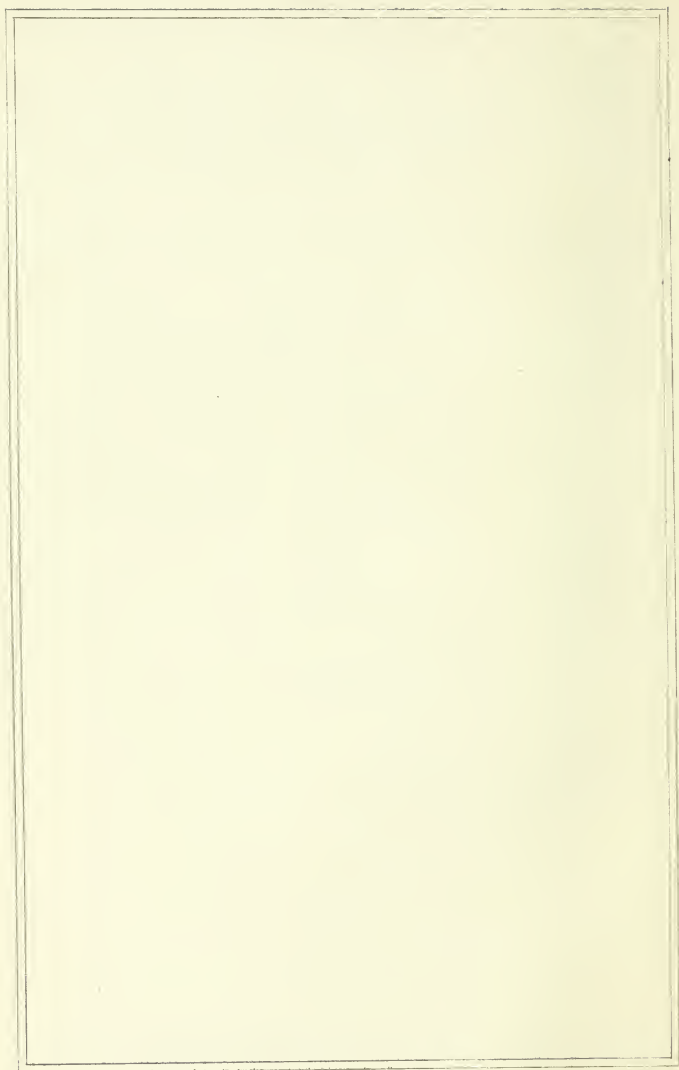
HARVEY ANSON<sup>9</sup>,\* married Adeline Carr, February 1, 1844, and resides at Ithaca, New York. *Children*, RICHARD HENRY, born April 14, 1845; FLORENCE ADELE, born November 7, 1847; BERTHA MATILDA, born Sept. 22, 1852.

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\*Spells his name Dowe, the final *e* having been added by his father, as he thinks.















# APPENDICES.

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## APPENDIX I.

THE original Scotch emigration to Ireland occurred during the reign of James the First, who desired to re-people, with Protestants, the northern Counties of that Island (comprising the Province of Ulster) which had been seriously depopulated by the rebellions occurring during the reign of his predecessor Queen Elisabeth. Liberal offers of land were made, companies were formed, individual enterprise was encouraged; and large numbers, chiefly Protestants, went forth—especially from the Highlands of Scotland, where the soil was barren, and the rewards of agricultural labor were unremunerative. These emigrants settled, mostly, in the Counties of Down, Londonderry and Antrim, and their numbers were largely increased by the religious persecutions which characterized the period of the later Stuarts, and the Rebellions of 1715 and 1745. By their efforts the deserted region into which these emigrants moved, became a comparatively rich and flourishing country—they improved agriculture, introduced manufactures; and the excellence and high reputation of their products attracted trade and commerce to their markets. Unfortunately, also, they attracted towards themselves the avaricious notice of the Government, which began (during the reign of Queen Anne and George the First) to recognize them, by the imposition of taxes and embarrassing regulations upon their industry and trade. This impolitic action of the Government occasioned much distress, not only in these northern counties, but through the whole of Ireland. Famine and excessive rents added to the difficulty, and the unfortunate people began to

seek a freer verge for their religious and industrial life. Some, as early as 1684, emigrated to and settled in New Jersey; in 1690 small parties had found their way to the Carolinas, to Pennsylvania, and to Maryland. In 1718, a considerable emigration came to New England; in 1727, three thousand souls, all Protestants, came to America, and four thousand two hundred in the course of three years, settling mostly in Pennsylvania, and the Middle Colonies. Two years later, nearly six thousand came to Pennsylvania, and for several years before the middle of the century, they arrived here at the rate of 12,000 annually—all being Protestants, and generally Presbyterians. (See "*A Preliminary Essay on the Scotch-Irish Emigration to America*," prefixed to the Genealogy of the McKinstrey Family, by Hon. William Willis, 1858.) It is probable that tradition does not err in asserting that James Stranahan was one of these emigrants.

## APPENDIX II.

From *Morant's History of Essex, England*, we learn that Braintree, in that County, was settled by the Flemish who left the Netherlands, on account of the cruelties of the Duke of Alva. *Fichte* is a German name, and the ancestors of the Fitch family, of Braintree, were undoubtedly of this Flemish emigration to England. Ralph Fitch, one of the earliest English voyagers to India, in the latter part of the 16th century, was a merchant at London; and, as that city is only 40 miles from Braintree and the adjoining village of Bocking, he may very possibly have been a native of that part of Essex, and even an ancestor or direct relation to Thomas Fitch, the progenitor of the American family.

## APPENDIX III.

Major JOHN MASON, the father of Priscilla, second wife of Rev. James Fitch, was born in England, in 1600, had a military training; and (with Miles Standish, John Underhill and Gardiner, all famous soldiers,) served under Sir Thomas Fairfax, with the rank of lieutenant. He is supposed to have come to New England with







the company which settled at Dorchester, Mass., in 1630; and, in 1632, was sent by the General Court, in company with John Gallop, and twenty men, in a shallop of 20 tons burden, to break up a gang of pirates which had infested the coast—an undertaking which he prosecuted with courage and prudence, despite the hardships of the winter season. For this he received £10 from the Government, and, in November of that year, was made Captain. In September, 1634, he was one of a committee of military men who were appointed to select sites for the fortifications in Boston harbor, and personally superintended the erection of the works on Castle Island. In 1635, he represented the Town of Dorchester in the General Court, and, while a member of that body, June 3d, the second application of the Rev. John Warham and his church, of Dorchester, for permission to remove to and found a colony in the Connecticut River was received and granted. In this enterprise, Mason was a leader, and an honored and much trusted participant in the trials of the tedious journey through the woods, October, 1635, and the subsequent hardships of the winter of 1635-6, which resulted in the founding of the present Town of Windsor, Connecticut. Soon the three new settlements of Hartford, Wethersfield and Windsor, were threatened by the Indians, and then Mason led the gallant little band of settlers against the savages—tracking them to their fastnesses; and, in the celebrated “Swamp Fight,” completely crushing out the Pequots. This brilliant campaign and battle forms so conspicuous a page of New England history that it is unnecessary for us to give the details, interesting as they are. Mason was, on this occasion, the saviour of the infant Colony, and his services were properly recognized by the General Court at Hartford, which created him the “public military officer of the Plantations of Connecticut,” with a salary of £40 per annum, a position which he held until within two years of his death, a period of about 35 years—first with the title of “Captain,” afterwards of “Major”; and, being *the only* major in the Colony, he was frequently named in the public acts of the Court as “the Major,” no other designation being necessary to distinguish him. He was the *drill-master*, also, of the Colony, being authorized to “train” all the inhabitants thereof ten days in each

year. He removed to Saybrook in 1647, it being the post of most importance and greatest danger, and was empowered to have command, not only of all soldiers, but the *inhabitants* of the town—similar orders were given in 1652. Thus the *habeas corpus* act was suspended, and dictatorial authority, for the time, conferred upon Major Mason.

So important was the presence of Major Mason to the infant Commonwealth, that the General Court, in answer to his request for permission to embark on a project for a settlement in Delaware, returned the reply: "That it is much in the desires of the whole court, that he would not entertain the thought of removing his abode out of this colony, whereunto they cannot give the least allowance or approbation"—but the Court cannot wholly deny him, and "are content that he shall attend the service for three months, provided, he will engage himself to return within that time, and continue his abode as formerly," also, in a letter of complaint to the commissioners of the United Colonies, they say that the Narragansetts had fired eleven bullets into a house "in hopes as they boasted to have slain *him* whom *we have cause to honor*, whose safety we cannot but make ourselves bound to protect, our deputy governor, Major Mason."

The Major indeed, would seem to have been much less careful of his own safety than the General Court: the last of the instructions to him, when sent as the head of an expedition to Long Island (then belonging to Connecticut,) was, "we do not judge it convenient that you should *in your own person* make after any Indians in the woods," &c.

In further testimony of their appreciation of Mason's services and gratitude for them, they made him grants of considerable tracts of land, to two of which only can we refer. On 5th of June, 1641, "that Captain Mason shall have 500 acres of ground for him and his heirs, about Pequot country." On 11th of September, 1651, also, the island commonly called Chipachauge, (now Mason's Island,) in Mystic Bay, as also 100 acres of upland, and 10 acres near Mystic, "when he shall make a choice." A portion of this Island is still owned and occupied by the descendants of Mason.

But not only were the military affairs and Indian affairs of the Colony almost entirely entrusted to the charge of Major Mason, or governed by his counsel. For a series of years (from 1637 to '41, he was a Magistrate; and, from 1641 to '59 an Assistant or member of the General Court, and from 1659, he was Lieutenant-Governor for ten successive years when he declined a re-election, and for two years, during the absence of Governor Winthrop in England, endeavoring to obtain a charter for the Colony, he was acting Governor. He was, also, one of the Commissioners of the United Colonies, (Conn., Mass. and Rhode Island,) for the years 1647, '54 '55, '56, '57 and '61.

Captain Mason was by far the most prominent person in the company that removed from Saybrook, and founded the town of Norwich. The deed of the town which was executed on the 6th of June, 1759, by Uncas, Owaneco and Attawanhood, was executed in the presence of John Mason and Thomas Tracy. This was the third town in Connecticut of which Major Mason had been the founder. The other two were Windsor and Saybrook. And he was also one of the early and influential settlers of Dorchester, in Massachusetts.

Major John Mason possessed all the elements of greatness. His purposes were high and noble; his will was strong and determined. He was possessed of remarkable firmness and promptitude, a courage which was absolutely fearless, united with a prudence and moderation the most considerate and reflecting. He was yet a man of moderation, and a friend of peace; and by his firm, cautious and resolute, and yet pacific course he prevented or checked in the outset every tendency to disorder or violence. These high qualities made him not only a great soldier, but an admirable legislator and magistrate, and caused him, as we have seen, to be selected as the master mind in all the important measures undertaken by the colony for a long series of years. Never in his life do we find recorded a single manifestation of an intolerant or persecuting spirit. Envy, hatred and malice seemed to find no place in his heart. He was virtuous in his life and habits, and in the relation of husband and father he was without reproach. His form was suited to the

noble and devoted character of the man. He is described as large in size, lofty in stature, and of a commanding presence.

There was certainly nothing feeble or effeminate in his composition; and whatever excess of sternness, or harshness or impetuosity, there may have been in his character, there was never anything bordering on tyranny or injustice; and those rougher and harsher features were moderated and tempered by the sincere faith and humble life of the Christian. He suffered during the last year of his life with one of the most painful of diseases, and died on the 30th day of January, 1672, in the seventy-second year of his age.

The closing paragraph of the last letter he wrote to the General Assembly of the Colony is in the spirit, as it is in the language, of an Apostle; entreating their remembrance at the Throne of Grace, he adds—"Beseeching the God of Peace, who brought again from the dead the Lord Jesus; the great Shepherd of His sheep, to make us perfect in every good word and work to do His will, into whose hands I commend you and your mighty affairs, who am your afflicted, yet true servant.

1651

Jn<sup>o</sup>: Mason

His grave had been neglected, and its exact location lost, the stones which marked it having been removed and built into a wall. At the bi-centennial settlement celebration at Norwich in 1859, which was attended by an immense crowd, and continued two days, Governor Wm. A. Buckingham presiding, (see description and proceedings in "Norwich Jubilee,") funds were raised and a committee appointed to purchase the ground, and erect a suitable monument to the memory of, (as the Masonic master, Mr. Clark, said

when laying its corner-stone, on the second day,) a man called "Captain," "Major" and "Major-General" John Mason, "who, though *not a Mason*, most remarkably exemplified the *principles* of Masonry "

"On the banks of the Yantic and about a mile distant were the farm and house where John Mason lived and died; and on the same stream a short distance above, under the shadow of a magnificent oak, the solitary remains of the primeval forest, on an elevation from which you see around the woods and cultivated fields, comfortable and costly residences; and, amid the countless evidences of the industry and wealth of his descendants, rest his remains, henceforth to be marked by an appropriate monument."—*Hon. J. A. Rockwell's address, 1859.*

Major Mason, by his second wife, Anne Peck, of Hartford, whom he married in July, 1639, had the following children: Isabel; Priscilla, born October, 1641, who became the second wife of Rev. James Fitch; Samuel; John, who married Abigail, the eldest daughter of Rev. James Fitch; Rachel; Anne; Daniel, and Elisabeth, who became the first wife of Major James Fitch, eldest son of Rev. James Fitch.—(See *Hinman's Catalogue of the First Settlers of Connecticut*; *Caulkins' History of Norwich*; *Hall's History of Norwalk, Conn.*; *Stiles' History of Windsor, Conn.*)

#### APPENDIX IV.

STEPHEN GIFFORD, an original proprietor of Norwich, in 1660, married (1) in 1667, Mary Gove. She died in January, 1672; he then married (2) Hannah, (daughter of 2d Capt. John,) Gallup, in 1672. *Children, by his first wife*, Samuel, born 1668; Hannah, born 1671. *Children, by his second wife*, John, born 1673; Ruth, born 1676, married Capt. Jeremiah Fitch, (son of Rev. James); Stephen, born 1679; Aquilla, born 1682.

#### APPENDIX V.

JOHN GALLUP, was of Dorchester, in 1630, removed soon to Long Island, (now called Gallup's Island, as is supposed after him,) in

Boston harbor; was a fisherman and pilot; had a house and garden in town; joined the church in January, 1634; and became a freeman in April following. In the expedition made with Capt. Mason in pursuit of the pirate Bull, (alluded to on page 107,) he won great credit for courage and energy. In July, 1636, he again distinguished himself by his attack upon the murderers of Oldham, as related by Trumbull in his History of Connecticut; who says, "One John Gallup, on 20th of July, 1636, going from Connecticut to Boston, in his boat of 20 tons burthen, discovered John Oldham's vessel (another Boston Captain,) full of Indians; suspecting that they had murdered Mr. Oldham, he hailed them, but received no answer. Gallup was a bold man; and, though he had with him, but one man and two boys, he immediately bore down upon them, armed with two guns, two pistols and duck shot, and fired so thick among them that he cleared the deck. The Indians all got under the hatches. He then stood off, and run down upon her quarter, with a brisk gale, nearly oversetting her; and so frightened the Indians, that six leaped into the sea, and were drowned. He, a second time, also, raked her fore and aft, with his shot, and bored her with his anchors; but the Indians kept themselves so close that he ran down upon her the third time, and five more Indians leaped overboard and were drowned. He then boarded, and took two of the Indians and bound them; two or three others armed with swords, in a little room, could not be driven from their retreat, he fastened down the hatches upon them. Mr. Oldham's corpse was found on board. Captain Gallup fearing the Indians might get loose if together, and having no place to keep them apart, threw one overboard. He buried the corpse in the sea, stripped the vessel of goods and rigging, and took her in tow; but night came on—the wind rose, and he was obliged to let her go adrift." He, afterwards, carried the ammunition and provisions in his vessel, and received the prisoners to keep or bind, for the expedition sent by Massachusetts and Connecticut, under the command of Major Mason, in pursuit of the remnant of the Pequots, after the destruction of their fort at Mystic, by Captain Mason. He brought his wife, Christobel, from England. He died in the summer of 1650.



His will provides for wife and children, and gives £2 to a new meeting house then building. Will of widow (published in Gen. Reg. v. 444) was made 1655. *Children*, John ; Samuel ; Nathaniel ; Joan, married Thomas Joy. (See, also, *Heral. Jour.*, No. xxii., 73.)

Captain JOHN GALLUP, 2d, of Boston, (son of preceding,) born in England, served in Pequot War, under Major Mason, for which Connecticut gave him a grant of 100 acres of land ; was at Taunton, 1643, a short time—removed to New London, 1651, and to Stonington, of which he was representative, October, 1665, and May, 1667. He was one of the six Connecticut captains killed in the great Narragansett Swamp Fight, 19th December, 1675, the hardest battle of Philip's War, where 80 men were killed, and 150 wounded, of whom many died before relief could be had. He married Hannah (daughter of Margaret) Lake, a widow, who resided at John Winthrop's.\* *Children*, Hannah, born 1644, married, 1672, Stephen Gifford, of Norwich, as his second wife ; John, made a freeman, 1673 ; Esther, born 1653, married 1674, Henry Hodge, of Taunton ; Benadam, born 1656 ; William, born 1658 ; Christobel, born 16—, married 1677, Peter Casary ; Eliza, born 16—, married —, Henry Stephens ; Mary, born 16—, married —, John Cole, of Boston ; Margaret, born 16—, in 1704 unmarried.

## APPENDIX VI.

ROBERT ROSE, of Wethersfield, 1639, from Watertown, Mass., came in the Francis from Ipswich, Suffolk Co., Eng., in 1634, aged 40, with wife Margery, aged 40, and children. Was constable 1640, Representative 1641, '42, '43, removed before 1648 to Stratford ; and, in list of freemen, 1649. He died at Branford in 1665, leaving

\*Margaret Lake, (Mrs.) was at New London, 1646, and many years after, (see Gen. Reg. vii. 165.) She was the daughter of Col. Edmund Read, of Wickford, Co. Essex, Eng., and eldest sister of Elisabeth, second wife of John Winthrop, Jr. John Lake, her husband, was descended from the Lakes, of Normantou, Yorkshire, who claimed descent through the Cailleys from the Albinis, Earls of Arundel and Sussex, from the Counts of Lorraine, (the right line of Charlemagne,) and from William the Conqueror. (*Heraldic Journal*, No. xxii., 75.) She died, says Felt, 1672, leaving two daughters. Hannah, who married John Gallup. 2d ; Martha, who married Thomas Harris.

a good estate. *Children*, (all but the youngest born in England,) John, born 1624; Robert; Elizabeth, born 1623; Mary, born 1628; Samuel, born 1630; Sarah, born 1632; Daniel, born 1633; Dorcas, born 1637.

DANIEL ROSE, of Wethersfield, (son of Robert,) was born in England, came over when 3 years old, was called 63 years old in 1696, married 1634, Elizabeth, eldest daughter of the first John Goodrich. *Children*, Elizabeth, born 1665; Daniel, 1667, married 1706, at Colchester, Mary Foot, daughter of 3d Nathaniel; Sarah, born 1681; Abigail, born 1683; Dorothy, born 1687; Lydia, born 1689.

DANIEL ROSE, Jr., of Wethersfield, (son of Daniel,) born 1667, married at Colchester, 14th May, 1706, Mary, daughter of the 3d Nathaniel, Foot, removed to Coventry about 1726. *Children*, Ruth, born 1706, died young; Jehiel, born 8th September, 1708, Ensign, of Coventry, much respected; Daniel, born 29th August, 1710; Josiah, born 27th November, 1712; Ruth, born 13th March, 1717, married, 17th February, 1736, Captain Abner Fitch.

## APPENDIX VII.

THOMAS ROOT, of Salem, 1637, where he had a grant of land; at Hartford, 1639, had large farm; was a weaver, and removed about 1659 to Northampton, where he was one of the seven pillars for the foundation of the church in 1661, and died at a great age, 17th of July, 1694, in his will naming the following *Children*, Joseph; Thomas, married, 1666, Abigail, (daughter of Alexander,) Alvord, of Northampton; John, born 10th June, 1646; Jonathan; Jacob; Hezekiah; Sarah, married Samuel Kellogg, of Hatfield.

THOMAS ROOT, of Northampton, (son of preceding,) born probably in Hartford, married, 1666, Abigail (eldest daughter of Alexander) Alvord, of Northampton; after 1700, removed to Coventry, Conn. *Children*, Thomas, born 1667, married, 1691, Thankful, (daughter of Jedediah,) Strong, of Northampton; Abigail, born 1668; Samuel, born 1673; Hezekiah, born 1676, died young.

THOMAS ROOT, 3d, of Coventry, (son of the 2d,) born 1667, in Northampton, married, 1691, Thankful (daughter of Jedediah) Strong, of Northampton, one of the two first deacons of the first Church in Coventry; was a selectman; the first Town Clerk in Coventry, for about 12 years, and died 13th November, 1756, in the 90th year of his age. His wife died in 1742, aged 70. *Children*, Thomas, born 29th July, 1692, in Northampton, married Eliza Lee, and settled in Coventry; Ebenezer, born 15th November, 1693, in Northampton; Eliakim, born 28th December, 1696, in Northampton, married, (2nd,) Jenima Ellis; Abigail, born 16th March, 1698, in Northampton; Thankful, born 4th August, 1700, in Northampton; Mindwell, born 4th October, 1701, in Northampton; Ephraim, born 18th January, 1703, in Northampton; Samuel, born 17th October, 1705, in Northampton; Miriam, born 24th September, 1707, in Northampton; Ephraim, born 6th December, 1709, in Coventry, died 25th September, 1713.

EBENEZER ROOT, of Coventry, (son of Thomas, 3d,) married 19th May, 1718, Sarah (daughter of Joseph,) Strong, of Coventry, he held various town offices and was much respected—died 30th January, 1760, 68 years old—wife died 13th July, 1784. *Children*, Sarah, born 21st March, 1719, unmarried, died 3rd October, 1807; Submit, born 19th March, 1722, married Deacon Jesse Cook, died 17th April, 1807; Silence, born 18th January, 1724; Ephraim, born 6th November, 1725, married, 1750, Elizabeth Carpenter; Hannah, born 24th October, 1727; Sybil, born 26th April, 1729; Ebenezer, born 9th March, 1732, Jesse, born 28th December, 1736, married Mary Banks, of Newark, N. J. He was educated for the ministry, then studied law and was Chief Justice of the State of Connecticut.

EBENEZER ROOT, 2d, (son of Ebenezer preceding,) was born in Coventry, Conn., 9th March, 1732; married 20th May, 1753, Phebe Hawkins, (daughter of George Hawkins, Jr., and Hepzibah (James) of Coventry); was a Captain in the Old French and Indian War; while at Fort Edward, in New York, was taken with the camp fever, and died October, 1758, in the 27th year of his age. His

widow, Phebe (Hawkins) married Amos Richardson, and died in Coventry, 12th July, 1802, aged 68. *Children*, Elizabeth, born 20th November, 1753, married Abner Fitch, 2d, (for children see Abner Fitch); Ursula, born 31st March, 1755, married Jephthah Fitch, brother of Abner; Nathaniel, born 25th March, 1757, was Captain in the Revolutionary War, at the action of Bloody Brook, in Saratoga County, New York, and in many of the border skirmishes, and had one or two daughters and a son. He died September 21, 1840.

### APPENDIX VIII.

WILLIAM RUFUS BUNNELL, (son of Rufus Bunnell and Diantha Fitch, his wife,) whose birth is recorded on page 79, acquired a good academical education at schools in New York City, Newtown and Cheshire, in Connecticut, and at Amherst, in Massachusetts; and his business education was gained in his father's exchange office, with a view to partnership and eventual succession in the business. This plan, however, was frustrated by the conduct of his father's partner, who, after Mr. Bunnell's death, managed to obtain the personal control of the business, to the entire exclusion of the heirs. Young Bunnell, in 1828, located himself upon a farm of 1,111 acres, lying in one tract, in the towns of Ossian and Burns, in Alleghany County, N. Y., which he stocked with a thousand head of Merino and Saxony Sheep. During his residence of six years upon this farm, he was for two years a Supervisor of the town of Ossian; a Captain, and subsequently a Major in the militia, and an elder in the Presbyterian Church in Burns. In 1832, he married Sarah, (daughter of General or Judge Samuel S., and Sarah Matthews,) Haight, of Angelica, N. Y., who was born in Bath, N. Y., January 28, 1807. In 1834, he accepted a favorable offer to exchange his farm and stock for an interest in the (cotton and woolen) "Pequonnock Manufacturing Company," or Bunnell's Mills, two miles north of Bridgeport, Conn., on the Pequonnock River. With a knowledge of manufacturing which he had acquired at the New York Mills, near Utica, previously to his engaging in agriculture, he took charge of the Mills; and with his uncle

Dr. Thomas Fitch, of Philadelphia, and his brothers James F. and Thomas F. Bunnell, carried on the business successfully until the fall of 1846, when he retired from business, taking up his residence in the city of Bridgeport. Here he was, for over ten years, a Town and City Assessor; and, for eight years, Clerk to the North, or First Congregational Church.

Mr. Bunnell's first wife died on the 28th of April, 1835, in the twenty-eighth year of her age; and, on the 24th January, 1838, he married Cornelia, (daughter of David and Deborah Strong,) Sterling, of Bridgeport, Conn., who was born in that town August 13, 1813. She was sister to Capt. John W. Sterling, of Stratford; to Deacon Sherwood and Daniel Sterling, of Bridgeport; (twin) to Mrs. Cordelia, wife of Capt. Robert H. Waterman, of California; and to Mrs. Ann S., wife of Mark Moore, Esq., of Bridgeport.

It is a somewhat curious fact that Mr. Bunnell's two wives, were *third* cousins, through Selah Strong, of Setauket, N. Y., whose son Joseph went to Stratford, Conn., and his son Selah to Orange County, N. Y. Joseph Strong was great-grandfather to Cornelia Sterling, Mr. Bunnell's first wife; and Selah Strong was great-grandfather to Sarah Haight, his second wife. Mr. Bunnell is also himself *fourth* cousin to both of his wives, through Thomas Strong, and *fifth* cousin through Jedediah Strong, sons of Elder John Strong, of Northampton—so that each of his wives have three crosses of the Strong blood.\*

Mr. Bunnell's *Children* are as follows. *By his first wife*, DIANTHA FITCH, born in Ossian, N. Y., March 9, 1832, married October, 24, 1855, George William Hart, of Rochester, N. Y., and now of Brooklyn, N. Y.; RUFUS WILLIAM, born February 11, 1835, in

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\*The STRONG genealogy will be found at length in *Goodwin's General Notes*; *Judd's History of Northampton, Mass.*; *Stiles' History of Windsor, Conn.*; *Thompson's History of Long Island*, etc. In the same works, as also, in *Bond's Watertown, (Mass.) Genealogies*; *The Alford Genealogy*; *The Chapin Genealogy*; *The Foote Genealogy*; will be found records, more or less complete, of other Wethersfield, Windsor and Springfield families alluded to in these pages; viz., *Goodrich*; *Foote*; *Bliss*; *Smith*; *Chapin*; *Alford*; *Woodford*; *Holton*; *James*; *Bascom*, etc.

Bridgeport, Conn., is an architect in Bridgeport, and was Corporal in 23d C. V. Regiment, in the Banks' expedition to New Orleans, was captured by the rebels at Brazier City, and paroled. *By his second wife*, and all born in Bridgeport Conn., DAVID STERLING, born May 24, 1839, died October 21, 1840; SARAH, born November 10, 1840, died December 2, 1840; JAMES STERLING, born November 15, 1843, now clerk in Well's, Fargo & Co's Overland Stage Office, New York City; JULIA HAIGHT, born March 29, 1845; KATHERINE, born February 11, 1847; ANNE S., born September 16, 1848, died August 5, 1850; HENRY, born February 5, 1851, died February 7, 1851; JOHN S., born May 11, 1853, died May 15, 1853; CORDELIA W., born June 23, 1855, died June 25, 1855.

JAMES FITCH BUNNELL, brother to William Rufus, and son of Rufus Bunnell, has his birth recorded on page 79. He graduated from Yale College, in 1826; attended a course of law lectures, in 1827, at Litchfield, Conn., and continued his legal studies for two years longer in New York City, but never applied for admittance to the bar. He engaged in manufacturing in Bridgeport Conn., with his brother and uncle, retiring therefrom in 1846. He resides with his brother, Wm. R. Bunnell, and is unmarried.

THOMAS FITCH BUNNELL, brother to William R. and James Fitch Bunnell, and whose birth and marriage are recorded on page 79, received a good academical education and learned the dry-goods business, in Philadelphia. In 1830, he was engaged in the dry goods line in New York, and soon after purchased from Mr. Daniel Thatcher, an interest in a flannel manufactory in Bridgeport, Conn. The remainder of the business was, a year later, purchased by Dr. Thomas Fitch Bunnell and James F. Bunnell, who subsequently greatly enlarged the establishment and added cotton manufacturing to it. In 1849, he removed to Wilmington, Del., and thence to Trenton, where he still resides. *Children*, all born in Bridgeport, Conn., CORA, born April 2, 1836, married John Norris, of Trenton, N. J., and has two children; ISAAC McC., born Sept. 20, 1837, was lieutenant in N. J. Vol., in the war, died 1865; FANNY, born July 17, 1839, died 1859.

## APPENDIX IX.

## THE FITCH AND MASON ARMS.

The FITCH arms given in this volume are copied from an impression of the seal of THOMAS FITCH, Governor of Connecticut, from 1754-'66, appended to a document of the date of 1757. Its heraldic description is as follows: "Vert, a chevron between three leopards' heads, or. Crest, a leopard's head cabossed, or, in the mouth a sword proper, hilt gules." These are given by Burke, as those of Fitch, of Headall and Woodham Walter, Co. Essex, and Eltham and Mount Mascul Co., Kent. Morant states that the Fitch family bought several estates in the Co. Essex, about the middle of the 16th century. One branch settled at Brasen Head, in Lindrell; the other and principal branch, at Little Crowfield, a few miles distant. (*Hist. Essex*, II, 446, 463.) A branch of the Fitch family was settled at Bocking, as early, at least as 1569, when John Fitch, gentleman, held the manor of Boones and mesuage of Lyons, in that parish. (*Morant*, II., 387, (*Heraldic Journal*, XIII., 46-47.)

The MASON arms, here given, are taken by permission of Mr. THEO. W. MASON, of Brooklyn, N. Y., from a copy of an ancient painting, on parchment, in the possession of Mr. Wm. Fitch of Norwich Town, Conn. They are described by Burke as "Vert, two lions combatant, or. Crest, a mermaid proper."

The seal of Major JOHN MASON, given of page 126, is copied from impressions found on some of his letters, now preserved in the Massachusetts, and also the Connecticut Archives, and the arms thereon depicted are probably those of his second wife — Peck, (See *Heraldic Journal*, xiii., 41-42, 1866.)

## APPENDIX X.

The date of the arrival in this country of JAMES STRANAHAN, the original settler, may have been five or ten years later than 1725, the date given on page 16.

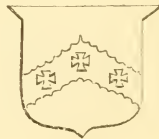
The first child of SAMUEL STRANAHAN, father of J. S. T. Stranahan, was a son born at Waterville, Oneida County N. Y., February 20, 1805, and died on the 28th of same month.

His second child *Belinda*, was born at the same place, May 15th, 1806, and died at Peterboro', N. Y., May 15, 1809.

It is in contemplation to remove the remains of Samuel Stranahan, and his daughter Belinda, to the lot of his son, J. S. T. Stranahan, in Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn, N. Y.

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An infant daughter of J. S. T. Stranahan, was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., March 12th, 1846, and died April 2, aged 20 days.









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