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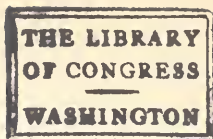
## THE DESCENDANTS OF DEA. ZACHARY FITCH OF READING.

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It is the province of this genealogy, in the REGISTER, to present a condensed record of the descendants of Dea. Zachary Fitch. The space assigned for these articles will not admit an extended notice of individuals, but dates, residence and general facts will be presented, to clearly identify the several persons named.

In the REGISTER, Vol. xlvii., p. 323, is found the will of Thomas Fitch of Bocking, Essex, England. He married Anne Reve, Aug. 6, 1611, and died in Bocking, 1632 or early in the following year. He names sons, Thomas, John, James, Samuel, and Joseph, who came to New England, and also names other children, Nathaniel, Jeremy, Mary, Anna and Sarah. The first bequest provides for the oldest son Thomas, born 1612, died in Conn., 1704. The second bequest, "To my son and his heirs the messuage in Bocking, late of Richard Usher, deceased," &c., possibly designates a son whose name is unintentionally omitted. It remains, however, to be proved that Dea. Zachary Fitch of Reading was a son of Thomas Fitch of Bocking. The date of the birth of Dea. Zachary Fitch, and of his older sons, is not recorded, but the age of some of his grand-children suggests that possibly Dea. Zachary Fitch was a few years too old to be admitted among the children of Thomas Fitch of Bocking.

1. ZACHARY<sup>1</sup> FITCH, the emigrant ancestor, of one branch of the Fitch Families of New England, came to Lynn about 1633. It is understood that he lived in Lynn a few years, and settled about 1640 in the South Parish of Reading, now Wakefield, where he lived until his death. The boundary lines of Lynn and other early towns were not clearly defined—Zachary Fitch with others received grants of land from Lynn which fell within the town of Reading when that town was organized. It is probable that he occupied the land in Reading, now Wakefield, a few years earlier than the date assumed by Eaton's History of Reading. He was admitted freeman in 1638. He was an original member of the Church of Reading, and a Deacon from 1645 until he died; and a selectman, 1649, '51, '61. In the records of Reading he is frequently named, and in the colonial papers of his time the good character of the man is fully confirmed. A facsimile of his autograph is found in the REGISTER, Vol. xxxiii, page 61, and other autographs are found in original papers. He wrote the name Zachrie, and his contemporaries frequently wrote it Zachary and Zaehery, but the name of his son and of many of his descendants has taken the full form of Zachariah. The name of his wife was Mary, but a record of the marriage has not been found. It is certain that he was married about the time he emigrated to America, and, so far as known, the marriage could have been consummated in England or immediately after his arrival in America. He died in Reading, June 9, 1662. His will is dated March 18, 1662. To his sons Benjamin, Joseph and Samuel, who were farmers remaining in Reading, he devised lands in Reading; and to his sons Jere-



miah, Thomas and John he gave money. It is known that Jeremiah and Thomas were merchants in Boston, and as this is the only mention we have of John, it is presumed from the character of the bequest that he had removed from Reading, and possibly was engaged in business. In naming the children of Zachary and Mary Fitch, the order of age is not fully known.

Children :

2. i. THOMAS,<sup>2</sup> m. Martha Fisk.
3. ii. JEREMIAH, m. Esther —.
4. iii. BENJAMIN, m. Elizabeth Skerry.
5. iv. SARAH, m. John Weston.
6. v. JOSEPH, b. 1634; m. Hannah Sweetser. —
- vi. JOHN.
7. vii. SAMUEL, b. March 6, 1644-5; m. Sarah Lane.
- viii. ZACHARIAH, d. June 20, 1647.

2. THOMAS<sup>2</sup> FITCH, son of Dea. Zachary<sup>1</sup>, removed to Boston at an early age. He married about 1654, Martha Fisk, only dau. David and Sarah (Smith) Fisk of Watertown. He is styled cordwainer, but he owned houses and stores in Boston. He was a constable 1663, and sealer of leather 1670. He died 1678. Administration of his estate was committed to the Widow Martha. The inventory includes one negro man.

Children :

- i. MARTHA,<sup>3</sup> b. Nov. 9, 1656.
8. ii. MARY, b. Feb. 17, 1657-8; m. Thomas Hunt.
- iii. ELIZABETH, b. 1659; died young.
9. iv. SARAH, b. June 14, 1661; m. Thomas Warren.
- v. ELIZABETH, b. Aug. 2, 1664.
10. vi. THOMAS, b. Feb. 5, 1668-9; m. Abiel Danforth.

3. JEREMIAH<sup>2</sup> FITCH, son of Dea. Zachary<sup>1</sup>, settled in Boston. He was a glover, and prosperous. He was clerk of the market, and frequently named in Boston records. I do not find a record of his first marriage—her name was Esther. She died Sept. 14, 1656. He m. second, in Weymouth, Feb. 25, 1657, Sarah Chubbuck, b. 1638, dau. of Thomas Chubbuck of Hingham. He m. third, Sept. 5, 1689, Martha Messinger, widow of John Messinger of Boston. He d. May 3, 1692. She d. March 14, 1703.

Children :

- i. MARY<sup>3</sup>, b. March 1, 1652-3.
- ii. JEREMIAH, b. Feb. 5, 1658-9; d. young.
- iii. ZACHARIAH, b. Feb. 19, 1660-1; d. Aug. 13, 1661.
- iv. DEBORAH, b. Nov. 5, 1662; d. Jan. 14, 1662-3.
- v. SARAH, b. Feb. 21, 1663-4.
- vi. DEBORAH, b. June 27, 1665; m. Joseph Belknap, b. Jan. 26, 1637-8, son of Joseph. She d. April 20, 1687. Three children.
- vii. ABIGAIL, b. Aug. 5, 1666.
- viii. JEREMIAH, b. Sept. 1, 1667.
- ix. REBECCA, b. Feb. 19, 1668-9; m. Jan. 21, 1702, William Tedman.
- x. ESTHER, b. Sept. 29, 1670.
- xi. ELEANOR, b. Aug. 20, 1676.

4. BENJAMIN<sup>2</sup> FITCH, son of Dea. Zachary<sup>1</sup>, m. Feb. 27, 1665-6, Elizabeth Skerry. Eaton's Hist. of Reading names Elizabeth Storey as the wife of Benjamin Fitch, but town records assert the name Elizabeth Skerry. In his will, 1694, Francis Skerry, Essex County, names his cousin Elizabeth Fitch, wife of Benjamin Fitch, and her

three daughters. Benjamin Fitch was a farmer in Reading, a deacon, selectman many years, and his name is frequently found in the records. Elizabeth, his wife, d. Aug. 17, 1697. He m. second, Mary ——. He d. March 12, 1712-3. In his will he provides for his wife Mary, and names three daughters, Bridget Poole, Elizabeth Brown, deceased, and Mary Bryant.

Children :

- i. ZACHARIAH,<sup>3</sup> b. Nov. 24, 1666; d. April 16, 1684.
  11. ii. BRIDGET, b. Nov. 1, 1669; m. Jonathan Poole.
  12. iii. ELIZABETH, b. March 27, 1671-2; m. John Brown.
  13. iv. MARY, b. April 2, 1678; m. Thomas Bryant.
5. JOHN<sup>2</sup> WESTON, b. in England, 1631, came to Salem 1644, and settled in Reading, now Wakefield, 1652. He was prosperous, and the possessor of several tracts of valuable land. He m. April 18, 1653, Sarah<sup>2</sup> Fitch, dau. of Dea. Zachary<sup>1</sup>. This is the earliest marriage recorded in Reading. He d. about 1723, aged over 90 years.
- Children :
- i. JOHN,<sup>3</sup> b. Aug. 17, 1655; d. young.
  - ii. SARAH, b. July 15, 1656.
  - iii. MARY, b. May 25, 1659.
  - iv. JOHN, b. March 9, 1661; m. 1684, Mary Bryant, b. 1666, dau. of Abraham and Mary (Kendall) Bryant. Lived in Reading.
  - v. ELIZABETH, b. Feb. 7, 1662.
  - vi. SAMUEL, b. April 16, 1665. Lived in Reading.
  - vii. STEPHEN, b. Dec. 8, 1667; m. Sarah Townsend. Lived in Reading.
  - viii. THOMAS, b. Nov. 20, 1670. Lived in Reading.
6. JOSEPH<sup>2</sup> FITCH, son of Dea. Zachary<sup>1</sup>, b. 1634; m. July 2, 1661, Hannah Sweetser, b. 1639, dau. of Seth and Bethiah Sweetser of Charlestown. He was a prosperous farmer in Reading. He d. 1694. She d. Nov. 5, 1673.
- Children :
- i. HANNAH<sup>3</sup>, b. March 3, 1661-2; d. March 25, 1662.
  14. ii. JOSEPH, b. Feb. 26, 1662-3; m. Ann Kibbe. —
  - iii. HANNAH, b. Nov. 28, 1664.
  15. iv. BENJAMIN, b. July 14, 1667; m. Mary Hett.
7. SAMUEL<sup>2</sup> FITCH, son of Dea. Zachary<sup>1</sup>, b. March 6, 1644-5. He was a farmer in Reading. A facsimile of his signature is found in the REGISTER, Vol. ii., page 234. He m. April 23, 1673, Sarah Lane, dau. of Job Lane of Malden and Billerica. She d. Oct. 2, 1679. He m. second, July 26, 1681, Rebecca Merriam. He d. 1684. His widow Rebecca m. Aug. 19, 1685, Joseph Dustin. In his will he commits his only surviving child, Samuel, to the care of Robert Avery, who married a sister of his first wife.
- Children :
16. i. SAMUEL,<sup>3</sup> b. March 4, 1673-4; m. Elizabeth Walker.
  - ii. ZACHARIAH, b. Feb. 25, 1674-5; d. March 8, 1674-5.
  - iii. JOB, b. Oct. 27, 1676; d. Nov. 7, 1676.
  - iv. SARAH, d. Oct. 2, 1679.
  - v. SARAH, b. Sept. 27, 1679; d. May 21, 1680.
8. THOMAS HUNT, b. 1652; m. Mary<sup>3</sup> Fitch, dau. of Thomas<sup>2</sup> Fitch. He was a brush-maker of Boston. The family is named in will of her brother, Hon. Thomas Fitch. She d. Aug. 22, 1703. He m. second, Sept. 12, 1704, Mary (Manning) Francis. He d. 1734.

Thomas and Mary (Fitch) Hunt were the parents of ten children.  
Children :

- i. THOMAS, b. Aug. 21, 1681; d. young.
  - ii. MARY, b. Oct. 7, 1683; d. April 11, 1690.
  - iii. THOMAS, b. March 15, 1685.
  - iv. PRISCILLA, b. April 11, 1688.
  - v. MARY, b. Oct. 11, 1690.
  - vi. SARAH, b. Dec. 9, 1692; m. Oct. 11, 1716, Robert Watts.
  - vii. JOANNA, b. March 29, 1695; d. young.
  - viii. MARTHA, b. Jan. 26, 1696-7; d. Dec. 22, 1713.
  - ix. JABEZ, b. April 5, 1698; m. Hannah Brown. She d. Sept. 21, 1748; he d. Dec. 22, 1762. Obituary in *Evening Post*.
  - x. ELIZABETH, b. April 2, 1700; died young.
9. THOMAS WARREN, m. Dec. 14, 1694, Sarah<sup>3</sup> Fitch, dau. of Thomas.<sup>2</sup> They lived in Boston, and she was named in the will of her brother, Hon. Thomas Fitch.
- Children :
- i. SARAH, b. March 8, 1696-7.
  - ii. THOMAS, b. June 11, 1699.
10. THOMAS<sup>3</sup> FITCH, son of Thomas,<sup>2</sup> b. in Boston, Feb. 5, 1668-9. The limits of this article will not admit a sketch of one of the most prominent men of his time. The reports of the Record Commissioners, in which he receives frequent and honorable mention, will supply many details. He was a selectman 1702-1705, declining after an election in 1706. He was a representative, a magistrate and a councillor, and in the military service he was a colonel. He was a merchant, and acquired great wealth. A volume of business letters, copied for reference and transcribed by himself, is now in the custody of this Society. Beside valuable real estate in Boston, his estate included 2,200 acres in Lunenburg, 2,346 acres in Dunstable, and nearly equal tracts in Townsend, and several other towns recently organized. He owned a part of the Common north of Boylston street, which fell by inheritance to the Oliver family. His will is dated July 19, 1735. At this date all his children, except Martha Allen, were deceased; but his daughter, Mary Oliver, was represented by a son, Andrew Oliver, Jr. He made a bequest to the poor of Boston, and bequeathed £300 to Harvard College "for the education of scholars of good capacity for the work of the ministry."
- He m. April 12, 1694, Abiel Danforth, baptized Jan. 31, 1674-5, daughter of Rev. Samuel and Mary (Wilson) Danforth of Roxbury. He d. June 23, 1736. His widow m. Oct. 19, 1741, Hon. John Osborn who, after her decease, m. Dec. 12, 1745, Sarah Hutchinson.
- Children :
- i. MARY,<sup>4</sup> b. April 21, 1695; d. March 11, 1695.
  - ii. THOMAS, b. Sept. 21, 1697; d. Dec. 8, 1713.
  - iii. SAMUEL, b. Aug. 31, 1703; d. Sept. 10, 1703.
  - iv. MARTHA, b. Sept. 25, 1704; m. July 29, 1725, James Allen.
  17. v. MARY, b. Aug. 28, 1706; m. Hon. Andrew Oliver.
  18. vi. JOHN, b. Oct. 19, 1709; m. Martha Stoddard.
11. JONATHAN POOLE, b. Feb. 28, 1667, son of Capt. Jonathan and Judith Poole, m. Dec. 3, 1691, Bridget<sup>3</sup> Fitch, daughter of Dea. Benjamin.<sup>2</sup> He lived on the paternal homestead, and was a magistrate, selectman and an active citizen of Reading. He d. May 28, 1723; she d. May 2, 1723.

## Children :

- i. JONATHAN, b. Sept. 14, 1692; m. April 16, 1714, Esther Flagg of Woburn. He d. Feb. 8, 1755.
  - ii. BENJAMIN, b. April 7, 1694; m. 1715, Bethiah Mansfield of Lynn. He m. second, Dec. 17, 1723, Mehitable Gibson of Boston. He d. Dec. 17, 1732.
  - iii. ZACHARIAH, b. April 25, 1696; d. May 15, 1698.
  - iv. ELIZABETH, b. March 28, 1698; m. Nov. 24, 1720, Nicholas Belknap of Boston.
  - v. SAMUEL, b. April 10, 1700; m. Dec. 11, 1729, Rebecca Williams of Lynn. He d. May 8, 1752.
  - vi. WILLIAM, b. Feb. 24, 1702; prob. d. young.
  - vii. ZACHARIAH, b. March 25, 1703; m. Sept. 18, 1730, Rebecca Wade of Medford. He d. Feb. 20, 1776.
  - viii. MARY, b. June 30, 1711; m. Nov. 30, 1731, Ephraim Weston, b. 1700, son of Thomas Weston and grandson of John and Sarah (Fitch) Weston (5). She d. June 5, 1737.
  - ix. JUDITH, b. April 29, 1714; d. Sept. 8, 1714.
  - x. BRIDGET, b. about 1719.
12. JOHN BROWN of Reading, m. May 29, 1694, Elizabeth<sup>8</sup> Fitch, dau. of Dea. Benjamin<sup>2</sup> Fitch. She d. Aug. 12, 1696. No children recorded, and probably there was no living issue.
13. THOMAS BRYANT, b. April 6, 1674, son of Abraham and Mary (Kendall) Bryant, m. Dec. 10, 1696, Mary<sup>3</sup> Fitch, b. April 2, 1668, dau. of Dea. Benjamin<sup>2</sup> Fitch. They lived in Reading.
- Children :
- i. ELIZABETH, b. Aug. 9, 1697; d. young.
  - ii. THOMAS, b. Aug. 29, 1698; d. young.
  - iii. THOMAS, b. Nov. 14, 1700.
  - iv. ELIZABETH, b. Feb. 2, 1702.
  - v. MARY, b. April 20, 1706.
  - vi. JOHN, b. Aug. 19, 1707.
14. JOSEPH<sup>3</sup> FITCH, b. Feb. 26, 1662-3, son of Joseph<sup>2</sup> was a farmer of Reading. He m. June 29, 1688, Ann Kibbe. He d. Jan. 9, 1695; and she m. second, May 28, 1700, John Dix, b. 1659, son of Ralph Dix of Ipswich and Reading.
- Children of Joseph and Ann (Kibbe) Fitch :
- i. JOSEPH,<sup>4</sup> b. Sept. 3, 1689; d. Nov. 10, 1694.
  - ii. ANNA, b. Aug. 14, 1690; d. June 29, 1697.
19. iii. ZACHARIAH, b. Feb. 24, 1693-4; m. Abigail Davison.
20. iv. JOSEPH, b. Feb. 4, 1695-6; m. Margaret Clark.
15. BENJAMIN<sup>8</sup> FITCH, b. July 14, 1667, son of Joseph<sup>2</sup> removed to Boston, where he was prosperous in business and a citizen of good repute. In 1720, Dublin, a negro servant of Benjamin Fitch, married a servant of Rev. William Cooper, and in his will, to the dower of his wife, he adds Dinah, a negro. He m. March 2, 1693, Mary Hett. He d. Dec. 14, 1739. She d. 1748.
- Children :
- i. BENJAMIN,<sup>4</sup> b. Jan. 13, 1693-4; d. Jan. 5, 1702-3.
  - ii. ELIPHALET, b. Oct. 29, 1695; d. Jan. 21, 1702-3.
  - iii. MARY, b. May 28, 1698; m. Aug. 8, 1717, Samuel Greenwood. They had sons Samuel and Benjamin.
21. iv. JOSEPH, b. July 30, 1700; marriage intention to Phebe Gross.
- v. ANN, b. May 5, 1704; d. July 30, 1705.
22. vi. BENJAMIN, b. Sept. 25, 1706; m. Jerusha Boylston.

16. SAMUEL<sup>3</sup> FITCH, b. March 4, 1673-4, was son of Samuel.<sup>2</sup> In addition to the estate of his father, he received from his maternal grandfather, Job Lane, one-fourth of the Winthrop farm, upon which he settled at the time of his marriage. (See Hazen's Billerica, and Brown's Bedford.) This farm was in Billerica, and in the incorporation of Bedford, 1729, it was included in the new town. His children were born in Billerica, but those who remained upon the paternal acres were residents of Bedford. He was a soldier in the Indian War, 1706; and many of his sons and grandsons were soldiers in the French and Indian War or in the Revolution. He was town clerk and selectman, and through life an intelligent useful citizen. He m. March 20, 1695, Elizabeth Walker, b. Feb. 13, 1677-8, dau. of Joseph and Sarah (Wyman) Walker of Billerica. She d. Nov. 26, 1716. Seven of her eight children survived her. He m. second, 1717, Eunice Taylor, b. in Concord, Dec. 22, 1678, dau. of John and Eunice (Wooley) Taylor. He d. April 4, 1742. The widow Eunice d. Aug. 27, 1767.

Children by first wife :

- i. SARAH,<sup>4</sup> b. Dec. 25, 1696; d. Feb. 4, 1696-7.
23. ii. SARAH, b. May 4, 1698; m. Aug. 26, 1727, Richard Hickson of Stoughton.
24. iii. SAMUEL, b. Feb. 14, 1699-1700.
25. iv. JOSEPH, b. Oct. 2, 1702.
26. v. BENJAMIN, b. July 30, 1705.
27. vi. JOHN, b. Feb. 12, 1707-8.
28. vii. JEREMIAH.
29. viii. ZACHARIAH, b. Feb. 13, 1712-13.

Child by second wife :

- ix. ELIZABETH, b. Sept. 22, 1718; m. Dec. 11, 1735, Joseph Mead, b. 1712, son of Stephen and Ruth (Taylor) Mead. They lived upon the Mead homestead in Bedford.
17. ANDREW OLIVER, b. March 28, 1706, son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Belcher) Oliver, H. U. 1724, m. June 29, 1728, Mary<sup>4</sup> Fitch, dau. of Hon. Thomas.<sup>3</sup> His mother was a sister of Gov. Belcher. He was Lieut. Governor, and an agent under the Stamp Act. She d. Nov. 26, 1732. He m. second, Dec. 19, 1734, Mary Sanford, a sister of the wife of Gov. Thomas Hutchinson. Andrew Oliver, a son of Andrew and Mary (Fitch) Oliver, an heir to the estate of his maternal grand-father, m. Mary Lynde.
18. JOHN<sup>4</sup> FITCH, b. Oct. 19, 1709, son of Hon. Thomas.<sup>3</sup> m. March 30, 1732, Martha Stoddard, daughter of Andrew and Martha (Belcher) Stoddard. Gov. Belcher was her maternal uncle. He died, *sine prole*, previous to July 19, 1735.
19. ZACHARIAH<sup>4</sup> FITCH, b. in Reading, Feb. 24, 1693-4, was son of Joseph.<sup>3</sup> He was early a leather dresser, and subsequently engaged in mercantile pursuits. He was active in business, and accumulated a fair estate. He was prominent in town affairs, and acquired tracts of land in several of the new townships. As the guardian of James Kibbe, an insane person, perhaps a maternal uncle, he disposed of a tract of land in Lunenburg belonging to his ward. He m., 1718, Abigail Davison, dau. of Major Daniel Davison of Newbury. He d. previous to 1746. Oil portraits of Zachariah and Abigail (Davison)



Fitch, now in the possession of the family of the late Francis Sheldon of Fitchburg, were once in the custody of their daughter Anna, who m. Nathaniel Sheldon, the great grand parents of Francis Sheldon.

Children :

- i. ZACHARIAH<sup>5</sup>, b. March 9, 1719-20.
  - ii. MARY, b. Aug. 29, 1721; living and unmarried, 1746.
  - iii. ABIGAIL, b. Sept. 6, 1723.
  - iv. JACOB, b. Sept. 3, 1725; m. Aug. 3, 1746, Eleanor Stayner.
  - v. BENJAMIN, b. Feb. 9, 1727-8.
  30. vi. ANNA, b. March 20, 1729-30; m. Nathaniel Sheldon.
  - vii. ELIZABETH, b. Jan. 31, 1731-2; m. 1760, Samuel Gorrod.
20. JOSEPH<sup>4</sup> FITCH, b. in Reading, Feb. 4, 1695-6, was son of Joseph.<sup>3</sup> In his infancy his widowed mother married John Dix of Reading. He came to Boston in his youth, under the patronage of an older brother, and was admitted to membership in Brattle Street Church, June 5, 1715. He was prosperous in business, and an active useful citizen. He was one of the Prince subscribers, and his name is frequently met in the records of Boston. He m. in Boston, Jan. 15, 1718-9, Margaret Clark, b. April 4, 1697, dau. of Timothy and Sarah (Sprague) Clark. She d. Aug. 23, 1748; and he m. second, April 6, 1749, Mehitable (Gibson) Poole, dau. of Benjamin and Mehitable (Austin) Gibson of Boston, and widow of Benjamin Poole of Reading. At the time of his second marriage, Joseph Fitch removed to Reading, where he d. March 16, 1754. In his will, dated March 2, 1754, witnessed at Reading, he is styled "Joseph Fitch late of Boston." His widow m. third, Samuel Bancroft, b. 1693, son of Dea. Thomas and Sarah (Poole) Bancroft.

Children :

- i. MARGARET<sup>5</sup>, b. Dec. 5, 1719; d. May 9, 1722.
  31. ii. JOSEPH, b. Aug. 21, 1721; m. Anne Waldo.
  32. iii. MARGARET, b. March 14, 1722; m. William Downe.
  - iv. PRUDENCE, b. Aug. 18, 1724; d. Aug. 22, 1734.
  33. v. TIMOTHY, b. Oct. 23, 1725; m. Abigail Donahue.
  - vi. THOMAS, b. Jan. 12, 1726; d. Feb. 26, 1754—headstone in Reading.
  34. vii. JONAS, b. June 1, 1728; m. Mary Harrod.
  - viii. JEREMIAH, b. Nov. 10, 1729; d. May 26, 1730.
  35. ix. SARAH, b. May 8, 1731; m. Thomas Dutton.
  - x. JOHN, b. Oct. 2, 1733; d. Jan. 4, 1739.
  - xi. PRUDENCE, b. March 5, 1734-5; d. young.
  - xii. HANNAH, b. Oct. 9, 1736.
  - xiii. JONATHAN, b. March 1737-8; d. June 21, 1738.
  - xiv. MARY, b. Sept. 10, 1739; d. Feb. 16, 1739-40.
21. JOSEPH<sup>4</sup> FITCH, b. July 30, 1700, was son of Benjamin.<sup>3</sup> His marriage intention to Phebe Gross was recorded Oct. 1, 1729. The marriage was not consummated. He d. Oct. 10, 1729. Phebe Gross, b. 1695, was the daughter of Samuel and Mary (Cutt) Penhallow, and a grand-daughter of Gov. John Cutt of New Hampshire. She married first, Thomas Gross of Boston; and married second, Oct. 10, 1734, Leonard Vassal, b. in Jamaica, 1678, son of John and Ann (Lewis) Vassal. He d. June 20, 1737. She m. third, Feb. 11, 1738-9, Thomas Graves, H. U. 1703. He d. June 19, 1747; and she m. fourth, March 21, 1749-50, Francis Borland, whom she survived, and died April 3, 1775.

22. BENJAMIN<sup>4</sup> FITCH, b. Sept. 25, 1706, was son of Benjamin (15). He was a tanner, and his yard was not far from Bowdoin Square. He became wealthy, and each of the five children who survived him received by inheritance valuable real estate in Boston. He m. Oct. 28, 1731, Jerusha Boylston, b. Nov. 5, 1711, daughter of Dr. Zabdiel and Jerusha (Minot) Boylston. He d. 1767. His widow subsequently is frequently named in the records and tax lists of Boston. She survived all her children except her son Zabdiel, who was living in Jamaica, 1799, the date of her will. She also names in her will, Mary and Anna, children of her grandson Joseph Fitch, besides the children of her son Eliphalet Fitch.
- Children :
- i. BENJAMIN<sup>5</sup>, b. Feb. 18, 1732-3; not living 1767.
  - ii. JERUSHA, b. April 13, 1734; living 1767.
  - iii. JOSEPH, b. Aug 24, 1735; living 1767.
  - iv. ZABDIEL, b. Nov. 29, 1736. See Mass. Rolls for his continued service in the Revolution.
  - v. JOHN, b. Jan. 14, 1738-9; d. Nov. 12, 1739.
  - vi. ELIPHALET, b. Nov. 5, 1740. He was one of the committee selected in 1774 to accompany the selectmen in the annual visitation of the schools of Boston. In 1799 he was of Kingston, in Jamaica.
  - vii. MARY, b. Sept. 23, 1742; d. young.
  - viii. THOMAS, b. 1743. Timothy Fitch (33) was appointed his guardian. April 10, 1767.
23. RICHARD HICKSON m. Aug. 26, 1727, Sarah<sup>4</sup> Fitch, dau. of Samuel (16). They lived in Stoughton, where six children were born.
- Children :
- i. RICHARD, b. Jan. 15, 1728-9.
  - ii. ELIZABETH, b. Sept. 18, 1730.
  - iii. SARAH, b. Feb. 8, 1731-2; m. Nov. 20, 1761, Geo. Monk.
  - iv. SAMUEL, b. Dec. 9, 1734; m. March 22, 1771, Mary White.
  - v. EUNICE, b. Oct. 26, 1736; d. Oct. 28, 1737.
  - vi. JEREMIAH, b. Nov. 14, 1738; d. in His Maj's Service at Lake George, July 30, 1758.
24. SAMUEL<sup>4</sup> FITCH, b. Feb. 14, 1699-1700, son of Samuel (16); m. April 24, 1732, Joanna (Keyes) Kidder, b. 1695, dau. of Joseph and Joanna (Cleveland) Keyes, and widow of Thomas Kidder. She was the mother, by the former marriage, of Aaron, Reuben and Joseph Kidder, of New Ipswich, N. H. Samuel Fitch was a farmer in Westford, where he d. Jan. 9, 1775. She d. March 4, 1787. His will is dated June 6, 1772; probated Feb. 21, 1775. The estate was given to the two daughters.
- Children :
- i. SAMUEL<sup>5</sup>, b. Aug. 28, 1733; probably d. young.
  - ii. JOANNA, b. Jan. 29, 1734-5; m. March 22, 1754, Eleazer Read, b. Feb. 22, 1731, son of Thomas and Sarah (Fletcher) Read of Westford. Eleven children.
  - iii. LYDIA, b. March 13, 1737; m. Oct. 20, 1760, Francis Leighton, b. 1734, son of John. They lived in Westford, where she d. Feb. 13, 1801. He m. second, Nov. 21, 1802, Mrs. Hannah Jones, widow of Samuel Jones. Her maiden name was Hannah Brown, b. 1764. She m. first, Oct. 25, 1764, Capt. Isaac Davis of Acton, who fell at Concord Bridge on April 19, 1775; and m. second, July 30, 1782, Samuel Jones of Acton. Francis Leighton d. 1806. Eleven children by his first marriage.

25. JOSEPH<sup>4</sup> FITCH, b. Oct. 22, 1702, was son of Samuel (16). He was a farmer, wheelwright and builder, of Bedford. He built the first meeting house in New Boston, N. H., and in 1747 he was one of a commission to locate the meeting house in Dunstable. He m. Jan. 21, 1730-1, Sarah Grimes, dau. of William Grimes of Lexington. She d. Jan. 22, 1749-50; and he m. second, Rachel (Blanchard) Converse, dau. of Joseph and Abiah (Hassell) Blanchard of Dunstable, and widow of Joshua Converse of Merrimack, N. H., who was drowned in Merrimack river, 1744. Joseph Fitch d. Feb. 7, 1769, and she m. third, June 3, 1773, John Page, b. Oct. 11, 1704, son of Nathaniel and Susannah (Lane) Page of Bedford. John d. Feb. 18, 1782. She d. Jan. 16, 1801. Joseph had six children by the first and one by the second marriage.

## Children :

36. i. SARAH<sup>5</sup>, b. March 25, 1732; m. Capt. Josiah Crosby.  
 ii. JOSEPH, b. July 14, 1734; d. Sept. 21, 1736.  
 37. iii. MOLLEY, b. Oct. 16, 1737; m. Jonathan Blodgett.  
 38. iv. SUSANNAH, b. July 22, 1743; m. Capt. Josiah Munroe.  
 v. JOSEPH, b. Oct. 2, 1746. He was in Jaffrey, N. H., two or more years from 1769. No additional record secured.  
 vi. RUTH, b. Oct. 2, 1749; d. same day.  
 39. vii. THADDEUS, b. March 23, 1755; m. Mary Moore.

26. BENJAMIN<sup>4</sup> FITCH, b. July 30, 1703, was son of Samuel (16). He was a farmer and a miller. The mill was on the Shawshine river. (See Brown's "Legends of Old Bedford.") He m. Feb. 28, 1732-3, Miriam Gray, b. 1713, dau. of Solomon Gray of Andover. He d. July 7, 1770; and she d. Aug. 25, 1797.

## Children :

- i. HANNAH<sup>5</sup>, b. June 10, 1733; m. Aug. 1, 1751, David Tarbell, b. Sept. 25, 1726, son of John Tarbell of Billerica. He was in the Louisburg Expedition, 1745.  
 ii. MIRIAM, b. Jan. 23, 1734-5; m. Sept. 11, 1778, Timothy Jaquith, b. March 6, 1743-4, son of Abraham and Hannah (Farley) Jaquith. Lived in Billerica. One child, Alice, b. Nov. 30, 1779.  
 iii. BENJAMIN, b. Jan. 6, 1735-6. He was living 1769, but no other record secured.  
 iv. BETTY, birth not recorded; she was baptized June 14, 1738-9. She m. March 30, 1763, Noah Wyeth, b. July 7, 1742, son of Ebenezer and Susannah (Hancock) Wyeth. He was a brick maker, of Cambridge.  
 v. LOIS, b. Oct. 3, 1740; m. Nov. 2, 1776, Edward Powers, then of Boston.  
 40. vi. DAVID, b. May 22, 1743; m. Mary Fowle.  
 vii. LYDIA, b. March 21, 1744-5; d. March 11, 1759.  
 viii. EUNICE, b. July 26, 1747; m. Sept. 29, 1778, Daniel McNichol, then of Rutland.  
 ix. NATHAN, b. Jan. 27, 1748-9; d. May 13, 1755.  
 x. ISAAC, b. May 18, 1752; d. July 24, 1773.  
 xi. ABEL, bapt. 1755. He was living 1769, the date of the will of his father.

27. JOHN<sup>4</sup> FITCH, b. Feb. 12, 1707-8, was son of Samuel (16). He m. about 1733, Susannah Gates of Stow, dau. of Simon and Hannah (Benjamin) Gates. He settled in Lunenburg, on the Lancaster road, south of the old centre of the town. Subsequently he purchased a tract of land then in the northern part of Lunenburg, where he erected buildings to which he removed his family in 1739. In

the creation of new towns, this homestead became a part of Fitchburg in 1764, and of Ashby in 1767. During the French and Indian wars he lived upon the frontier, and his house was one of a line of block houses fortified for the protection of Westminster, Lunenburg and Townsend. July 5, 1748, the Indians made an attack upon the garrison, killed two soldiers then on duty, and made captives of John Fitch, his wife and five children. They were conducted to Canada, and exchanged as prisoners of war a few months subsequently. Susannah, wife of John Fitch, died on the homeward journey, Dec. 24, 1748. The father and his young children again occupied the homestead. He m. second, Feb. 14, 1750-1, Elizabeth (Bowers) Pierce, b. Sept. 2, 1710, dau. of Samuel and Esther Bowers, and widow of David Pierce of Lunenburg. Through industry, and by inheritance from his father and the father of his first wife, he accumulated for the times a good estate, but in later years he lost heavily in land speculations, and in old age was impoverished. In 1772 he removed to Rindge, N. H., and in 1779 to Harvard, where his wife died Jan. 20, 1780. In 1782 he removed to Jaffrey, N. H., and two years later to Ashby, where he died April 8, 1795. A monument to his memory has been erected at Ashby, and a memorial tablet erected by the Fitchburg Historical Society marks the site of the garrison. Fitchburg was named in his honor. For an extended sketch of John Fitch, see Proceedings of the Fitchburg Historical Society, Vol. 1. He had five children by the first and two by the second marriage.

Children:

- i. CATHERINE,<sup>3</sup> b. April 28, 1735; m. intention, Dec. 14, 1762, to William Campbell of Harvard. He was a soldier from Harvard in the Revolution.
  - ii. JOHN, b. May 16, 1737; soldier 1755 (see Military Annals of Lancaster).
  41. iii. PAUL, b. Jan. 4, 1741-2; m. Mary Jaquith.
  - iv. JACOB, b. June 29, 1744. He was carried to Canada, when four years of age, upon the back of an Indian. The rigor of the thongs with which he was bound dwarfed his lower limbs, and he was a cripple for life. He was a school teacher several years in Rindge, N. H., and vicinity, and about 1778 he removed to Clarendon, Vt.
  42. v. SUSANNAH, b. Feb. 18, 1746-7; m. Joshua Chase.
  - vi. MOLLEY, b. Nov. 23, 1752; m. intention, March 15, 1771, to Thomas Hutchinson, and the same year they removed from Ashby to Rindge, N. H. She was a school teacher at Rindge. He was a soldier in Capt. Thomas's Co., Col. Reed's Regt., at Bunker Hill. In the burning of Charlestown he lost "a pair of trowsers." Commencing 1777, he served three years in the N. H. Continental Line. After the Revolution, he removed to Clarendon, Vt., and after a few years to Camillus, N. Y. About 1815 he returned to Rutland Co., Vt. He had one child, b. in Rindge: i. Betty, b. Oct. 5, 1771.
  - vii. SARAH, b. June 11, 1755. She was in Rindge, N. H., with her parents, from 1772 to 1779, but later record has not been secured. It is probable that, if then living, she removed to Clarendon, Vt., with her brother Jacob and sister Molley Hutchinson.
28. JEREMIAH<sup>4</sup> FITCH, was son of Samuel (16). His birth is not recorded, but he is named in the will of his father. He m. Feb. 3, 1735-6, Elizabeth Lane, b. Oct. 14, 1716, dau. of John and Catherine (Whiting) Lane. He was a good citizen of Bedford. All his sons

were soldiers in the Revolution. No record secured of his death. She d. a widow, Sept. 12, 1803.

Children :

43. i. SAMUEL<sup>5</sup>, b. Nov. 9, 1736; m. Mary Blood.
- ii. ELIZABETH, b. Dec. 24, 1738; d. Oct. 6, 1750.
44. iii. JEREMIAH, b. Sept. 25, 1742; m. Lydia Smith.
- iv. JOHN, b. Aug. 14, 1745, twin; a farmer of Bedford; d. unmarried, May 31, 1820.
- v. MATTHEW, b. Aug. 14, 1745, twin; m. Aug. 25, 1774, Lydia Lane, b. Aug. 13, 1749, dau. of Job and Susannah (Fasset) Lane. He was a farmer of Bedford. He d. Aug. 3, 1811.
- vi. JOANNA, b. Feb. 29, 1747-8; m. Jan. 6, 1774, Benjamin Tidd, b. Lexington, June 21, 1742, son of Joseph and Dorothy (Stickney) Tidd. He was a soldier in the Revolution. In 1790 he removed from Lexington to New Braintree. He d. March 28, 1814.
- vii. PATTY, b. July 14, 1750; living and unmarried, 1793.
- viii. ELIZABETH, b. Aug. 7, 1752; d. unmarried, March 1, 1825.
45. ix. MOSES, b. March 3, 1755; m. Rachel Stearns.

0. ZACHARIAH<sup>4</sup> FITCH, b. Feb. 13, 1712-3, son of Samuel (16); m. Oct. 1, 1733, Elizabeth Grimes, b. 1717, dau. of William Grimes of Lexington. He was a farmer of Bedford. He d. Dec. 8, 1800; and his wife d. March 12, 1790.

Children :

46. i. ZACHARIAH<sup>5</sup>, b. April 1, 1734; m. first, Rebecca Davis.
- ii. WILLIAM, b. Feb. 19, 1735-6; soldier, d. in French and Indian War.
- iii. ELIZABETH, b. Jan. 6, 1738-9; m. Dec. 8, 1763, Samuel Lane, b. Oct. 21, 1737, son of John and Hannah (Abbott) Lane, and a half brother of Elizabeth Lane, wife of her uncle Jeremiah Fitch. They lived in Bedford, where she d. Sept. 29, 1796; and he d. June 26, 1802. Four children.
47. iv. JONAS, b. Feb. 5, 1740-1; m. Annis Shattuck.
- v. EBENEZER, b. Sept. 4, 1743; d. Sept. 6, 1749.
- vi. ESTHER, b. Sept. 12, 1745; d. Sept. 23, 1749.
- vii. LUCY, b. —; d. Sept. 11, 1749.
- viii. ESTHER, b. Oct. 13, 1749; m. Oct. 25, 1774, Nehemiah Lawrence, b. Jan. 14, 1752, son of Amos and Abigail (Abbott) Lawrence. He d. in Groton, July 13, 1786. Four daughters.
48. ix. EBENEZER, b. Aug. 5, 1751; m. Persis Bush.
- x. LUCY, b. July 6, 1753; m. Joseph Hill of Billerica, b. Aug. 28, 1749, son of Joseph Hill. He d. Aug. 6, 1789; and she m. second, Nov. 7, 1793, Peter Hill, b. March 9, 1747-8, son of Peter Hill. She d. July 10, 1822. He d. Feb. 21, 1823. Children.
- xi. SARAH, b. Jan. 2, 1755; m. April 26, 1774, Lieut. Samuel Hemenway of Groton, b. 1748, son of Rev. Phineas Hemenway of Townsend. She d. in Groton, April 15, 1826. Their son Samuel was a well known physician of Salem and Boston.
- xii. PHEBE, b. Nov. 25, 1756; m. July 22, 1784, John Sprague, b. in Billerica, April 26, 1759, son of Nicholas and Sarah (Walker) Sprague. They lived on the Fitch homestead in Bedford. He d. March 6, 1810; and she d. March 25, 1841. Seven children.
- xiii. ALICE, b. Nov. 10, 1759; m. Capt. Henry Woods, b. Dec. 11, 1757, son of Gen. Henry and Deborah (Parker) Woods of Groton and Pepperell. They lived in Pepperell, Eaton, N. H., and Nottingham, N. H. He was town clerk and selectman of Eaton several years. He d. Sept. 2, 1813, near Sackett's Harbor, N. Y., while in service on a government commission to establish the boundary line between New York and Canada. She d. at Belgrade, Me., March 16, 1829. Ten children.
- xiv. DANIEL, b. Feb. 21, 1764. He was one of the pioneer settlers of Eaton, N. H. He d. Oct. 12, 1843.

30. NATHANIEL SHELDON, son of Ephraim Sheldon, m. about 1749, Anna<sup>5</sup> Fitch, born March 20, 1729-30; dau. of Zachariah (19). They lived in Reading. The births of the children are recorded in Reading. He d. in Reading. The widow Anna subsequently lived with her children in Ashby and in Fitchburg. She d. in Fitchburg, 1820.
- Children:
- i. HANNAH, b. 1750; m. Jacob Damon, b. March 15, 1746. He d. 1821; she d. 1834.
  - ii. NATHANIEL, b. Jan. 9, 1752; m. April 29, 1779, Sarah Carter. They lived in Reading. Four children.
  - iii. ZACHARIAH, b. March 10, 1754; m. Oct. 20, 1785, Mary Jones of Andover. They lived in Andover a few years, removing to Fitchburg 1790. Francis Sheldon, previously named, is a son of Samuel and grandson of Zachariah. See Zachariah Fitch (19).
  - iv. SUSANNAH, b. June 5, 1756; m. Russell Sheldon, b. Jan. 14, 1752, son of Abraham Sheldon of Reading. He d. June 29, 1843.
  - v. WILLIAM, b. July 7, 1758; m. Oct. 4, 1793, Hannah Page, b. May 20, 1770, dau. of Jonathan and Esther (Willard) Page of Fitchburg. He lived in Ashby, where he d. 1826. Four children.
  - vi. LUCY, b. March 7, 1761; m. Jonathan Lawrence, b. in Woburn, Dec. 11, 1758, son of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Johnson) Lawrence of Woburn and Ashby. They lived in Ashby, where she d. about 1798. He m. second, June 24, 1800, Lydia Boynton, and d. 1806.
  - vii. BENJAMIN, b. recorded July 20, 1764, and again July 10, 1765. Possibly there were two children, and one d. young. He m. Esther Flint. They lived in Fitchburg, where he d. Oct. 25, 1825. Three children.
  - viii. MARY, b. 1767, recorded June 10, and again July 9; m. Amos Eaton. Removed to Wilton, N. H., 1792.
  - ix. ELIZABETH, b. Jan. 10, 1770; m. Joseph Eaton of Ashby.
  - x. TAMAR, b. March 10, 1774; m. Feb. 9, 1797, Jonathan Page of Fitchburg, b. Feb. 22, 1772, son of Jonathan and Esther (Willard) Page.
31. JOSEPH<sup>5</sup> FITCH, b. Aug. 21, 1721, son of Joseph (20); m. April 5, 1744, Anne Waldo, b. July 15, 1719, dau. of John and Elizabeth (Fenno) Waldo. Lived in Boston, where he d. Oct. 31, 1748. She m. second, May 30, 1754, Capt. Nathaniel Wales of Braintree, b. April 11, 1717, son of Elkanah Wales. He d. June 26, 1790; she d. about 1800.
- Children:
- i. PRUDENCE,<sup>6</sup> b. Dec. 16, 1744; m. 1762, Abijah Hunt, b. Aug. 20, 1743, son of Benjamin and Sarah (Arnold) Hunt. They removed from Braintree to Williamsburg. He d. 1822; and she d. Oct. 17, 1803. Twelve children.
  - ii. ANN, b. Oct. 22, 1746; m. 1742, George Wheeler.
  - iii. JOSEPH, b. Dec. 14, 1748; d. Feb. 8, 1748-9.
32. WILLIAM DOWNE, b. in Boston, May 16, 1719, son of Col. William and Sarah (Danforth) Downe; m. in Boston, March 12, 1740, Margaret<sup>5</sup> Fitch, b. March 14, 1722-3, dau. of Joseph (20). He lived in Boston and in Cambridge, removing to Lunenburg 1745. He was selectman, town clerk and Justice of the Court of Sessions. For several years he was clerk of the proprietors of Monadnock No. 1, now Rindge, N. H. His manuscript was scholarly, and his handwriting clear and ornate. He d. May 6, 1759. His widow had a home, for some time at least, with her sister Sarah, wife of Thomas Dutton.

## Children :

- i. WILLIAM, b. in Boston, July 17, 1741.
- ii. JOSEPH, b. in Boston, Dec. 30, 1742; m. Dec. 22, 1768, Martha Wood, b. July 15, 1749. He lived in Fitchburg, where his descendants have been numerous. He d. Feb. 20, 1828; and she d. June 29, 1812.
- iii. SAMUEL, b. in Cambridge, Jan. 17, 1744-5; m. Jan. 1, 1771, Eunice Wentworth, b. Dec. 18, 1750, dau. of Moses and Mindwell (Stone) Wentworth of Harvard. They removed to Cavendish, Vt.
- iv. SARAH, b. Lunenburg, Dec. 20, 1746; d. March 24, 1755.
- v. MARGARET, b. Lunenburg, Aug. 19, 1749; m. Nov. 12, 1771, Samuel Davis, b. June 7, 1735, son of Samuel and Sarah (Boynton) Davis.
- vi. ELIZABETH, b. Lunenburg, Dec. 18, 1751.

33. TIMOTHY<sup>5</sup> FITCH, b. in Boston, Oct. 23, 1725, son of Joseph (20), was a prosperous merchant in Boston. He is frequently and honorably named in the records of Boston, and in 1764 he was one of the gentlemen invited to attend the selectmen at the annual visitation of the schools. During the later years of the Revolution he met several losses and retired from business, and subsequently lived in Medford. He m. Aug. 19, 1746, Abigail (Hall) Donahue, b. in Medford, Aug. 15, 1725, dau. of Andrew and Abigail (Walker) Hall, and widow of Capt. David Donahue. She died leaving six daughters. He m. second, Oct. 16, 1760, Eunice (Brown) Plaisted, b. in Salem, 1731, dau. of Benjamin and Eunice (Turner) Brown, and widow of — Plaisted. He d. in Medford, Sept. 28, 1790. The widow Eunice d. in July 1799.

## Children, by first wife :

- i. ABIGAIL,<sup>6</sup> bapt. April 5, 1747; m. Nov. 5, 1771, Hugh Tarbet. He d. about 1790. The widow receipts, 1800, for one-seventh of her father's estate, of which Hon. Peter Chardon Brooks was admr. Four children: (1) *Hugh*. (2) *Abigail*, b. 1773; m. Dec. 31, 1795, Augustus Hunt, b. 1769, son of Samuel and Hannah (Taylor) Hunt, He was a merchant, Temple street, Boston. He d. 1812. She d. Oct. 29, 1813. (3) *Fitch*. (4) *Nancy*, m. Samuel Buell, postmaster of Medford, 1797-1813.
- ii. ELIZABETH, m. Lendall Pitts, b. 1747, son of Hon. James and Elizabeth (Bowdoin) Pitts. He d. in Boston, Dec. 31, 1784. Four children: (1) *William*, b. Aug. 22, 1779; m. Dec. 15, 1810, Emily Shattuck of Suffield, Conn. She d. Dec. 15, 1831; he d. 1846. (2) *James Lendall*, b. 1780, d. 1798. (3) *Elizabeth Warner*, b. Dec. 15, 1783; m. Gerard Cazeneau, French Consul at Portsmouth, N. H., and New York City. He d. in France, 1830; she d. 1851. (4) *Margaret Gordon*, b. 1784; unm.; d. Aug. 17, 1823.
- iii. MARGARET, b. about 1751; m. — Gordon. She d. without issue.
- iv. HANNAH, bapt. Feb. 4, 1753-4; m. Joseph Barrell. She d. soon after marriage. Their daughter, Hannah, m. Benjamin Joy of Boston.
- v. SARAH, m. Edward Gray; and d. without surviving children, before 1790.
- vi. BETSEY, d. unm., before 1800.

## Children, by second wife :

49. vii. JOHN BROWN, m. Hepzebah Hall.
- viii. EUNICE, m. April 19, 1789, Andrew Hall, b. Feb. 26, 1761, son of Benjamin and Hepzebah (Jones) Hall. See Hall Genealogy.
- ix. CHARLES HARRISON, m. — Orne. He was a merchant of Medford.
- x. HANNAH BROWN, b. May 14, 1777; m. Sept. 18, 1794, Ezekiel Hersey Derby, b. in Salem, Nov. 1, 1772, H. U. 1791, son of Elias Hasket and Elizabeth (Crowninshield) Derby. He d. Oct. 31, 1852. See Essex Inst. Collections, iii., 287.

34. JONAS<sup>5</sup> FITCH, b. June 1, 1728, son of Joseph (20); m. in Boston, April 12, 1751, Mary Harrod. He removed to Maine about 1754. In 1756-1759 he was often in the service, and was a lieutenant in Capt. Goodwyn's company, and subsequently a captain. He resided at Pownalsborough, now Dresden, and later in Bristol, Me. He was a selectman, and a substantial citizen. His wife d. 1768, and he m. second, 1772, Widow Annis Miller. He d. Sept. 11, 1819.
- Children :
- i. JOSEPH,<sup>6</sup> b. Boston, Feb. 9, 1752.
  - ii. CATHERINE, bapt. Boston, Jan. 13, 1754.
  - iii. JOHN, m. Sept. 22, 1789, Sally Patterson.
50. iv. TIMOTHY, b. Nov. 20, 1757; m. Abigail Webster.
- v. MARY.
  - vi. HANNAH.
35. THOMAS DUTTON, b. in Billerica, Aug. 28, 1713, son of Thomas and Hannah (Burge) Dutton; m. May 10, 1737, Mary Hill. He removed from Westford to Lunenburg soon after 1741. His wife Mary, the mother of several children, d. about 1754. He m. second, Sept. 9, 1756, Sarah<sup>5</sup> Fitch, b. May 8, 1731, dau. of Joseph (20). By a change in town lines his homestead was within Fitchburg after 1764. He removed, 1766, to Rockingham, Vt.
- Children, by second wife :
- i. JOSEPH FITCH, b. June 3, 1757.
  - ii. SUSANNAH, b. March 7, 1759.
  - iii. JOHN, b. July 9, 1761.
36. JOSIAH CROSBY, b. in Billerica, Nov. 24, 1730, son of Josiah and Elizabeth (French) Crosby; m. Aug. 23, 1750, Sarah<sup>5</sup> Fitch, b. March 25, 1732, dau. of Joseph (25). They lived in Monson, now Milford, N. H. He was a soldier in French and Indian wars, and an officer of distinction in the Revolution. He d. Oct. 15, 1793, and she d. Sept. 16, 1825. They were the progenitors of a celebrated family. For a full account of their descendants, see "A Crosby Family," by Judge Nathan Crosby, 1877.
37. JONATHAN BLODGETT, b. in Lexington, June 28, 1729, son of Thomas and Mary Blodgett; m. Jan. 12, 1757, Molly<sup>5</sup> Fitch, b. Oct. 16, 1737, dau. of Joseph (25). He removed to Jaffrey, N. H., about 1765. Three children b. in Lexington and two in Jaffrey.
- Children :
- i. JONATHAN, b. March 6, 1756; m. first, Susannah Tenney; m. second, Parna Goodenough. Lived in Harvard, Marlborough, N. H., and Gilead, Me.
  - ii. MOLLEY, b. Oct. 3, 1760; m. 1781, Roger Gilmore, b. July 31, 1739, son of Robert and Elizabeth Gilmore of Londonderry, N. H.; his second marriage. He was one of the early settlers of Jaffrey, N. H., and a prominent citizen, a captain, selectman, representative, and delegate to the constitutional convention in 1791. He d. 1807; she d. July 5, 1819. Eight children.
  - iii. THADDEUS, b. Dec. 24, 1762; unm.; d. 1807.
  - iv. CHARLOTTE, b. April 14, 1769; m. Nov. 2, 1788, David Lacy of Jaffrey, N. H. He d. Feb. 17, 1827, aged 68; she d. July 6, 1834. Nine children; among these, Betsey, wife of Jonas M. Melville, a gentleman of wealth and influence.
  - v. JOSEPH, b. Oct. 14, 1770; m. Elizabeth French, b. June 20, 1769, dau. of John and Priscilla (Mace) French of Billerica and Jaffrey, N. H. He lived in Jaffrey. He d. May 23, 1842; she d. Dec. 19, 1852. Several children.



3. JOSIAH MUNROE, b. in Lexington, Feb. 12, 1745, son of Marrett and Deliverance (Parker) Munroe; m. Nov. 16, 1768, Susannah<sup>6</sup> Fitch, b. July 22, 1743, dau. of Joseph (25). In 1768 he settled in Jaffrey, N. H., but soon removed to Monson, N. H., and later to Amherst, N. H. In 1788 he removed to Marietta, O. He served in the Revolution, and was a captain in the N. H. Continental Line from 1776 to 1781. See N. H. War Rolls, for a continued record of patriotic service. Six children.
4. THADDEUS<sup>5</sup> FITCH, b. March 23, 1755, was only son of Joseph (25) and Rachel Fitch. He lived in Rindge, N. H., and Amherst, N. H., a few years. He was a soldier in the Revolution, was at Bunker Hill in Capt. Josiah Crosby's company, and a quarter-master in Stark's Brigade in the Bennington campaign. He returned to Bedford, 1778. He m. Sept. 14, 1779, Mary Moore, dau. of John and Mary (Wheeler) Moore.
- Children:
- i. MARY,<sup>6</sup> b. Dec. 29, 1779; m. Sept. 2, 1810, Oliver Reed, b. Dec. 11, 1755, son of Oliver and Sarah (Bridge) Reed. Lived in Bedford. He d. Aug. 15, 1837; she d. May 31, 1812. They had two children, twins, Nathan Oliver and Mary Elizabeth, b. Feb. 6, 1812. See Family of David Fitch (51).
  - ii. SARAH, b. Sept. 22, 1781.
  - iii. JOSEPH, b. July 10, 1797; d. Dec. 30, 1830.
5. DAVID<sup>5</sup> FITCH, b. May 22, 1743; m. April 3, 1770, Mary Fowle. Succeeded his father in the mill and homestead. Served in Capt. John Moore's company, 1775. He d. July 27, 1813; she d. Sept. 19, 1829, aged 82.
- Children:
- i. POLLY,<sup>6</sup> b. Oct. 23, 1770; m. Benjamin Wheeler of Concord, N. H. Giles Wheeler, Esq., of Concord, is a descendant.
  - ii. LYDIA, b. Dec. 7, 1772; m. Sept. 10, 1801, Nathaniel Page, b. Oct. 25, 1755, son of Nathaniel and Sarah (Brown) Page of Bedford. He d. Aug. 30, 1858; she d. Jan. 24, 1852. Eight children.
6. iii. DAVID, b. June 28, 1777; m. Hannah Proctor.
- iv. ISAAC, b. Jan. 15, 1782; d. Feb. 5, 1797.
7. PAUL<sup>5</sup> FITCH, b. Jan. 4, 1741-2, was son of John (27). He m. 1767, Mary Jaquith, b. Billerica, June 26, 1747, dau. of Abraham and Hannah (Farley) Jaquith. He lived in Ashby until 1770, when he removed to the north part of Lancaster; and in 1775 he bought of his brother Jacob the land and mills in Rindge, N. H., later known as the Kimball and the Converse mills. While a resident of Rindge, he served in Capt. Salmon Stone's company, 1777. In 1778 he removed to Peterborough, N. H., and in 1780 to Jaffrey, N. H. His wife d. in Jaffrey, Feb. 18, 1800. He m. second, in Rindge, Jan. 7, 1802, Joanna (Rice) Walker, widow of Samuel Walker of Rindge. At this date he removed to Marlborough, N. H., where he d. May 2, 1818.
- Children:
- i. HANNAH,<sup>6</sup> b. Ashby, June 23, 1768; m. John Moore, b. Sharon, N. H., Jan. 20, 1768, son of David and Margaret (Taggart) Moore. He was a soldier in the Revolution, and was a farmer in Sharon. He d. Dec. 20, 1840; she d. Sept. 18, 1854. Nine children.
  - ii. JOHN, b. Lancaster, Oct. 11, 1770; d. in Cleveland, O., 1841. He was married; but no record obtained of the family.

- iii. PAUL, b. Lancaster, June 21, 1773; m. Nov. 25, 1802, Sarah Walker, b. 1784, dau. of Samuel and Joanna (Rice) Walker of Rindge, N. H. She d. Nov. 14, 1814. He m. second, Dec. 21, 1815, Sarah Davis. He lived in Marlborough, N. H., and Claremont, N. H. He d. Dec. 18, 1843; she d. Aug. 2, 1869. Six children by first, and six by second marriage.
  - iv. MARY, b. Rindge, March 15, 1776; m. April 15, 1799, William Moore, b. Jan. 10, 1774, son of David and Margaret (Taggart) Moore of Sharon, N. H. He was a lieutenant in the militia, and a town officer. He died Oct. 6, 1823. His widow died Oct. 23, 1835. Eleven children; among these, Mary Fitch Moore, b. April 20, 1807, m. March 4, 1830, Samuel Stearns, b. Aug. 27, 1802, son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Knowlton) Stearns—the honored parents of the compiler of this genealogy.
  - v. ALICE, b. Peterborough, April 11, 1779; blind many years; d. unm., 1859.
  - vi. ABIGAIL, b. Jaffrey, Feb. 26, 1782; m. 1809, Joseph Piper. Four children.
  - vii. JACOB, b. Jaffrey, Feb. 20, 1785; unmarried; d. Marlborough, N. H., Aug. 19, 1852.
  - viii. SUSAN, b. Jaffrey, Oct. 2, 1789; m. Aug. 7, 1808, David Blood. He was killed in a mill at Marlborough, N. H., May 2, 1813. She m. second, April 3, 1815, Joseph Tolman, b. March 8, 1789, son of Joseph and Martha (Clark) Tolman. She d. Hinsdale, N. H., June 29, 1875. Three children by first, and eight by second marriage.
  - ix. LUTHER JAQUITH, b. Jaffrey, Sept. 8, 1792; m. Nov. 4, 1822, Jane Hoyt, b. May 25, 1798. He was a man of culture, and many years a school teacher. Lived in Hopkinton, N. H., where he d. Feb. 5, 1872. She d. April 1, 1867. One child, Sarah Jane, who m. Samuel Spofford of Hopkinton.
42. JOSHUA CHASE, b. Littleton, Aug. 31, 1743, son of George Chase of Littleton, and later of Shirley, m. 1770 (intention June 2), Susannah<sup>6</sup> Fitch, b. Feb. 18, 1746-7, dau. of John (27). He removed to Chesterfield, N. H., and after several years returned to Shirley, where he d. March 11, 1810. She d. July 10, 1827.
- Children:
- i. JACOB, b. Shirley, June 30, 1771; m. 1791, Olive Wilson; m. second, Jenny Nelson.
  - ii. ABIGAIL, b. April 25, 1773.
  - iii. WILLIAM P., b. June 8, 1775; d. Chesterfield, 1778.
  - iv. GEORGE, b. Jan. 2, 1778; d. Chesterfield, 1778.
  - v. SUSANNAH, b. Oct. 17, 1780.
  - vi. WILLIAM P., b. June 2, 1783.
  - vii. LUCY, b. April 8, 1786.
  - viii. JOHN, b. Aug. 15, 1788.
43. SAMUEL<sup>6</sup> FITCH, b. Nov. 9, 1736, son of Jeremiah (28), m. May 28, 1766, Mary Blood, b. Concord, Aug. 1, 1740, dau. of Stephen and Mary Blood. He was a farmer of Acton. His wife d. about 1776, and he m. second, April 23, 1778, Abiel Walker, widow of Capt. Benjamin Walker of Chelmsford. Captain Walker was wounded and taken prisoner at the battle of Bunker Hill, and died within the enemy's line, August, 1775. Samuel Fitch d. July 21, 1809. The births of the daughters are not on record. It is probable there was a dau. Abigail, who m. 1798, James Giles, Jr., of Townsend; and a dau. Hannah, who m. Joseph Blood, but it may appear that Hannah was a daughter of Captain Walker. So far as known, there were six children by the first, and two by the second marriage.

## Children, by first wife :

- i. NOAH,<sup>6</sup> b. April 19, 1768; m. May 1, 1795, Mary Davis, dau. of Capt. Isaac Davis of Acton. He lived in Peterboro', N. H., and in Hancock, N. H. He removed in 1821 to Albany, N. Y.; and d. Springfield, N. Y., about 1839. Five children.
- ii. LOR, b. April 19, 1768; twin; m. in Acton, Aug. 28, 1792, Pamela Hoar, dau. of Oliver and Silence (Houghton) Hoar. She d. Temple, N. H., Jan. 16, 1821. He m. second, Rhoda ———, who d. March 22, 1861. He lived in Temple, where he d. May 24, 1840. Eleven children; and numerous descendants.
- iii. SAMUEL, b. Feb. 22, 1770, by family record; April 6, 1770, by town record. He was a reputable physician of Greenfield, N. H. He m. Emmie Perry, b. Sherborn, Mass., March 28, 1779. He d. Nov. 1, 1857. She d. Nov. 1, 1866. Four children.
- iv. LUKE, b. Jan. 2, 1771. "I know not if he be living or where he is," says his brother Irad in his will.
- v. MARY, b. Dec. 18, 1774; m. Dec. 29, 1795, Samuel Read, b. Chelmsford, May 15, 1774, son of Samuel and Hannah (Underwood) Read. They lived in Littleton. She d. Sept. 23, 1853. He m. second, Betsey (Fitch) Read, a half sister of the first wife. He d. July 23, 1860; she d. March 26, 1865. Six children.
- vi. DANIEL, b. April 11, 1776.

## Children, by second wife :

- vii. BERSEY, b. 1779; m. ——— Read; m. second, Samuel Read (see above).
- viii. IRAD, b. July 12, 1781. Lived in Acton, and in Tyngsboro'; d. unmarried, 1838.

JEREMIAH<sup>5</sup> FITCH, b. Sept. 25, 1742, son of Jeremiah (28), was an innholder on the estate now known as Stone Croft Farm, in the village of Bedford. It was at his tavern that the minute men of Bedford were gathered and entertained, April 19, 1775. Of this military company the popular landlord was a sergeant. He m. April 19, 1770, Lydia Smith, b. Feb. 23, 1744, dau. of Jonas and Thankful (Fiske) Smith of Waltham. He d. Dec. 29, 1808; she d. Sept. 10, 1823.

## Children :

- i, ii, iii. ARFORD, LYDIA, LYDIA, all d. young.
- iv. JEREMIAH, b. May 14, 1778; m. May 10, 1804, Mary Rand, b. Dec. 14, 1776, dau. of Robert and Mary (Simpkins) Rand of Boston. He was a well known and reputable merchant of Boston, a selectman of the town (serving on the best board previous to a city charter), and a director of the Union Bank and of the Mercantile Marine Insurance Company. For an appreciative sketch, see Brown's History of Bedford, supp., p. 11. He d. July 10, 1840; she d. March 3, 1840. Of their six children, five died unmarried. The youngest child, Mary Rand, b. Aug. 30, 1813, m. April 7, 1841, John Henry Jenks, b. Bath, Me., July 6, 1810, son of R. v. William Jenks, D.D. He was a bookseller of Boston, where he d. Oct. 20, 1869; she d. June 13, 1881. To Charles W. Jenks of Bedford, and Rev. Henry F. Jenks of Cambridge, sons of John Henry and Mary Rand (Fitch) Jenks, the compiler is under obligation for courteous and diligent attention to many inquiries.
- v. ALMON, b. Aug. 8, 1780; m. March 28, 1814, Martha Wood. Lived in Bedford. He d. Nov. 23, 1820; she d. June 22, 1852. Two children.
- vi. ANOS, b. July 26, 1782; m. April 7, 1813, Martha Starr of Roxbury. Three children.
- vii. JOSEPH, b. Feb. 6, 1785; d. Feb. 2, 1850.
- viii. ARFORD, b. Aug. 3, 1787; m. June 4, 1818, Sally Reed, b. Oct. 8, 1757, dau. of Roger and Sarah (Webber) Reed. He d. June 22, 1852; she d. Aug. 23, 1820. One child, Sally Reed, b. Feb. 19, 1820.

45. MOSES<sup>5</sup> FITCH, b. March 3, 1755, son of Jeremiah (28), m. Nov. 14, 1782, Rachel Stearns, b. Nov. 3, 1758, dau. of Capt. Edward and Lucy (Wyman) Stearns of Bedford. He was one of the Bedford company, April 19, 1775, and later of Capt. Solomon Kidder's company, Col. Brooks's regiment of Continental Line. He was wounded at White Plains, and subsequently a pensioner. He was a deacon, and a worthy citizen. He d. Oct. 12, 1825; she d. May 23, 1817.
- Children:
- i. SOLOMON,<sup>6</sup> b. Nov. 8, 1783; m. Jan. 7, 1808, Susannah Fuller, b. Charlestown, N. H., July 30, 1788, dau. of Benjamin and Mary (Parks) Fuller. He was a farmer, and lived in Littleton, N. H., from 1808 until he died, Nov. 18, 1870; and she d. July 30, 1870. Ten children; of these, Susan, b. June 13, 1817, was the wife of Charles R. Morrison, a lawyer, and compiler of Morrison's Digest of New Hampshire Law Reports.
  - ii. LUCY, b. July 7, 1785; m. June 5, 1810, John Page, b. March 3, 1781, son of Nathaniel and Sarah (Brown) Page of Bedford. Lived in Bedford, where both d. February, 1861.
  - iii. MOSES, b. March 28, 1787; m. Dec. 6, 1810, Polly Brown, dau. of Nathaniel Bowman and Abigail (Page) Brown. He d. in Bedford, Aug. 1, 1824, leaving one son, John Moses, b. July 8, 1811, who removed to Michigan, and was successful.
  - iv. ELIJAH, b. Jan. 10, 1790; m. Mary Morse. Lived in Boston, and d. May 7, 1840.
  - v. RACHEL, b. Nov. 30, 1791; m. Feb. 18, 1819, Joseph Brown, b. Jan. 24, 1782, son of Nathaniel Bowman and Abigail (Page) Brown. He d. Aug. 26, 1858; she d. March 26, 1868. They were the grandparents of Abram English Brown, to whom the compiler is indebted for favors received.
  - vi. JOEL, b. June 12, 1794; m. Feb. 18, 1819, Susannah Hill, b. April 30, 1798, dau. of Josiah and Susanna (Davis) Hill. He was a farmer, and later a merchant, in Bedford, and a deacon. He d. Aug. 4, 1845; she d. Oct. 21, 1882.
  - vii. NATHAN, b. Oct. 22, 1797; d. Feb. 9, 1800.
46. ZACHARIAH<sup>5</sup> FITCH, b. April 1, 1734, was son of Zachariah (29). He is known as Capt. Zachariah Fitch of Groton, and his name is frequently met in the annals of his time. He served in the French and Indian Wars, and was a lieutenant and later a captain in the Revolution, and distinguished in civil affairs. He m. Oct. 15, 1755, Rebecca Davis, b. Aug. 2, 1736, dau. of Eleazer and Rebecca (Chandler) Davis of Concord; m. second, Aug. 4, 1763, Lydia Tuck; m. third, Feb. 3, 1767, Sibyl Lakin, b. Oct. 16, 1739, dau. of John and Lydia (Parker) Lakin of Groton, who d. Oct. 11, 1806; and he m. fourth, May 11, 1809, Elizabeth Tuttle. He d. Sept. 2, 1820; she d. Jan. 5, 1823.
- Children, by first wife:
- i. REBECCA<sup>6</sup>, b. 1759; m. 1779, Benjamin Whitney, b. Pepperell, Oct. 27, 1741, son of Josiah and Abigail (Nutting) Whitney. Lived in Pepperell. She d. June 23, 1793.
  - ii. ABIGAIL, b. 1761; d. unmarried, 1831.
- Children, by second wife:
- iii. RICHARD, b. Oct. 25, 1763; removed to Baldwin, Me.
  - iv. JOSEPH, b. Feb. 13, 1766; removed to Baldwin, Me.
- Children, by third wife:
- v. WILLIAM, b. Feb. 18, 1768; m. March 8, 1792, Betsey Woods.
  - vi. ELIZABETH, b. Dec. 30, 1769; m. Nov. 25, 1788, Samuel Farnsworth, b. Sept. 29, 1767, son of Dea. Isaac and Anna (Green) Farnsworth.

He was a physician of Bridgeton, Me. He d. Nov. 4, 1817; she d. April 6, 1844. Eight children. Of these, Samuel, b. Oct. 19, 1791, Dart. Coll. 1813, was a physician of Bridgeton; and Benjamin Franklin, b. Dec. 7, 1793, Dart. Coll. 1813, was a Baptist clergyman, and at his death, 1851, was president of Tennessee University.

- vii. **SIBYL**, b. May 7, 1772; m. June 2, 1793, David Potter; removed to Fryeburg, Me.
- viii. **ZACHARIAH**, b. April 21, 1775; m. 1800, Amelia Blood, b. Jan. 23, 1776, dau. of Levi and Sarah Coburn (Fiske) Blood. He was a useful citizen, and a farmer on the paternal homestead in Groton. He d. 1848; she d. Jan. 6, 1859. Seven children. To a grand dau., Ellen Eliza Fitch of Malden, the compiler is indebted for valuable records.
- ix. **JOHN**, b. Sept. 20, 1777; m. Feb. 16, 1801, Susan Parker of Groton. Upon his farm a soap-stone quarry was opened about 1825.
- x. **SALLY**, b. May 18, 1780, the dark day; m. June 3, 1821, Ezra Farnsworth of Groton. No children.
- xi. **LUTHER**, b. Jan. 28, 1783; Dart. Coll. 1807. Lawyer. After a few years of professional labor in Saccarappa, now Westbrook, Me., he removed to Portland, Me., and was many years Judge of the Municipal Court. He m. June 23, 1816, Almira Titcomb, dau. of Andrew P. and Mary (Dole) Titcomb. He d. Aug. 15, 1870. Eight children.

**JONAS<sup>5</sup> FITCH**, b. Feb. 5, 1740-1, son of Zachariah (29), lived in Pepperell. He m. Oct. 11, 1775, Annis Shattuck, b. Pepperell, Oct. 2, 1749, dau. of Jonathan and Kezia (Farnsworth) Shattuck. He was a clock maker, and many of the timepieces by his hand are still preserved. He was drowned in Groton, June 11, 1808.

Children :

- i. **ANNIS**,<sup>6</sup> b. July 14, 1776; m. Feb. 15, 1814, Simeon Nutting. She d. Jan. 25, 1824.
- ii. **MILLE**, b. July 9, 1779; m. Oct. 7, 1793, Thomas Blood, b. Oct. 31, 1776, son of Caleb and Elizabeth (Farnsworth) Blood. She d. in Pepperell, June 4, 1823.
- iii. **JONAS**, b. March 23, 1783; m. Oct. 29, 1809, Thirza Jewett, dau. of Nehemiah Jewett of Pepperell. They had five children, among them Jonas, b. March 21, 1811, the architect of Fitchburg R. R. Depot, Masonic Temple, City Hall and other substantial buildings of Boston.
- iv. **POLLY**, b. Sept. 22, 1785; m. Thomas Blood, who previously m. her sister Mille.
- v. **CALVIN**, b. July 9, 1790; d. Feb. 13, 1815.

- 8. **EBENEZER<sup>5</sup> FITCH**, b. Aug. 5, 1751, son of Zachariah (29), was a sergeant in the Bedford company of minute men, April 19, 1775, and an ensign in Capt. Benjamin Walker's company at Bunker Hill, continuing in the service in the siege of Boston, 1775. He removed to Rindge, N. H., 1779, and is styled Lieut. Fitch in the records of the town. He m. in Lancaster, August 29, 1780, Persis Bush, b. March 8, 1759, dau. of Jotham and Hepsibah (Keyes) Bush of Shrewsbury. A few years after the Revolution, he removed to Sterling, where he d. Jan. 26, 1826. His wife d. May 27, 1816. In the following imperfect record of the children, the order of age is not known.

Children :

- i. **EDWARD RAYMOND**,<sup>6</sup> m. Susannah Kilburn. Lived at Fitch Hill in Sterling. He d. Feb. 17, 1825. Five children.
- ii. **EBENEZER**, removed to Troy, N. Y., and after a residence "West," he had a home with a son in Louisiana, where he died. His children were: John, George, Ebenezer, Timothy, Mary, Eunice and Elizabeth.

- iii. **HEPSIBAH**, b. 1784 or '5; m. Martin Jennison, b. June 30, 1779, son of Jonathan and Rhoda (Ashley) Jennison of Walpole, N. H. She d. Jan. 10, 1824, leaving one son, Alfred, b. Oct. 2, 1805. Martin Jennison d. at Bowling Green, Ky., May 20, 1816.
- iv. **BUSH**.
- v. **WILLIAM**.
- vi. **TORREY**, b. 1795; m. May 10, 1821. Harriet Thurston, b. July 27, 1797, dau. of Silas and Sarah (Kendall) Thurston of Lancaster. He was an innholder in Lancaster, where he d. Sept. 4, 1843. Two or three children d. young. Charles T. and Edwin Raymond were sons of this family.
- vii. **ACKLEY**, b. 1797; m. Ann E. Ludlow. Lived in New York and Brooklyn; d. East New York, Oct. 27, 1871. Three children, of whom one d. young. Charles Henry resides in South Brooklyn, N. Y.
- viii. **STILLMAN**, b. Dec. 3, 1800; m. Nov. 22, 1831, Harriette Mellen. His children were: 1. *George Edward*, b. Jan. 2, 1833; 2. *Harriette Mellen*, b. Dec. 18, 1836, d. 1855; 3. *John Bush*, b. April 1, 1841.
- ix. **GEORGE**, b. 1803; m. 1827, Sophronia Willard Houghton, b. Oct. 25, 1806, dau. of Elijah and Ruth Houghton. He lived in Lancaster, and d. Dec. 23, 1854; she d. March 13, 1884. Six children, of whom Andrew Lucien, b. Jan. 28, 1837, m. Abbie Wheeler of Berlin, who d. 1893; m. second, Minnie G. Harrington. He resides in Sterling.
- x. **CYNTHIA**, m. Paul Bailey of Sterling.
49. **JOHN BROWN<sup>6</sup> FITCH**, son of Timothy (33), was a merchant in Boston and Watertown. He m. in Boston, Jan. 27, 1785, Hepsibah Hall, b. June 23, 1764, dau. of Benjamin and Hepsibah (Jones) Hall of Medford. She died 1800. He m. second, Rose Linzie, who inherited property from Hannah Rowe, which was held in trust for her four children. She d. 1820; he d. Nov. 8, 1832. Five children by first, and four by second marriage.
- Children, by first wife :
- i. **JOHN BROWN<sup>7</sup>**, b. Dec. 11, 1785; d. Feb. 27, 1802.
- ii. **HEPSIBAH JONES<sup>6</sup>**, b. June 21, 1790; m. March 18, 1821, Dudley Hall, who previously had m. her sister Mary H. He was a merchant who accumulated a large estate; he d. Nov. 2, 1768. See Hall Genealogy.
- iii. **MARY H.**, b. June 16, 1793; m. July 19, 1818, Dudley Hall, b. Oct. 14, 1780, son of Benjamin and Lucy (Tufts) Hall of Medford. She d. May 20, 1820.
- iv. **NANCY SHEAFE**, d. unmarried, June 21, 1839.
- v. **BENJAMIN HALL**, b. 1800; d. Jan. 4, 1803.
- Children, by second wife :
- vi. **MARIA LINZIE**, d. unmarried.
- vii. **EDWARD AMORY**, d. Sept. 5, 1833. Lost at sea.
- viii. **WILLIAM DERBY**, b. 1810; m. Oct. 30, 1839, Susan Mitchell Hall, b. May 7, 1808, dau. of Ebenezer and Eunice (Jones) Hall of Medford. He d. Jan. 13, 1843; no children.
- ix. **JOHN BROWN**, m. Almira Lincoln; removed to Illinois.
50. **TIMOTHY<sup>6</sup> FITCH**, b. Nov. 20, 1757, son of Jonas (34), m. in Edgecomb, Me., Feb. 15, 1786, Abigail Webster, b. Aug. 13, 1764. He was a soldier in the Revolution. See Mass. War Rolls for prolonged service. He lived at Bristol, Me., where he d. Jan. 4, 1826 she d. Oct. 19, 1840.
- Children :
- i. **JOHN<sup>7</sup>**, b. Dec. 14, 1786.
- ii. **ABIGAIL**, b. Sept. 20, 1788; m. Jan. 27, 1809, Samuel Doe of Bangor, Me.

- iii. BETSEY, b. Dec. 9, 1790; m. 1810, John Goudy.
- iv. TIMOTHY, b. March 17, 1793; unmarried; d. in the war of 1812.
- v. HARRON, b. Nov. 29, 1796; m. 1825, Sally McFarland.
- vi. SALLY, b. Dec. 26, 1799; unmarried.
- vii. PRUDENCE, b. Sept. 23, 1802; m. Joseph Brown, b. Widgeomb, Me., June 26, 1807, son of Joseph and Mary (Winslow) Brown. He was lost at sea, 1856. She d. Nov. 8, 1869. Four children. Joseph and Prudence<sup>7</sup> (Fitch) Brown were grandparents of Gilbert Patten Brown of Boston, who has been of material assistance to the compiler.

DAVID<sup>6</sup> FITCH, b. June 28, 1777, son of David (10), owned and occupied the mill and the farm formerly of his father and his grandfather. He m. Nov. 12, 1799, Hannah Proctor, b. Feb. 7, 1779, dau. of Peter and Molly (Putnam) Proctor of Littleton. She d. Dec. 22, 1803; he m. second, Jan. 8, 1805, Olive Simonds, b. Nov. 12, 1783, dau. of Jonathan and Phebe (Cummings) Simonds of Woburn, who d. Sept. 20, 1859; he m. third, 1859, Susan (Dodge) Adams, b. May 18, 1804, dau. of David and Polly (Stevens) Dodge, and widow of Amos Adams of Billerica. He d. May 24, 1860. Two children by first, and nine by second marriage.

Children, by first wife:

- i. DAVID,<sup>7</sup> b. Feb. 20, 1802; m. March 31, 1825, Betsey Buttrick. Lived in Bedford. He d. May 19, 1851; she d. Oct. 1, 1889. Eight children.
- ii. HANNAH PROCTOR, b. Dec. 10, 1803; m. April 24, 1823, Bela Gardner, b. in Littleton, July 28, 1796, son of Abel Gardner. He was a physician in Bedford, from 1820 until his death, June 27, 1844. She d. Jan. 29, 1844. Eight children.

Children, by second wife:

- iii. MARY FOWLE, b. 1805; d. Aug. 4, 1806.
- iv. MARY FOWLE, b. May 29, 1807; m. Jan. 20, 1835, as his second wife, Benjamin F. Hartwell, b. June 8, 1800, son of William and Joanna (Davis) Hartwell. Lived in Bedford. He d. Dec. 14, 1884; she d. May 15, 1871. Two children.
- v. ABEL, b. April 25, 1809; m. Oct. 6, 1835, Nancy Bacon, b. Nov. 8, 1810, dau. of Stephen and Mary (Porter) Bacon of Bedford. Lived in Bedford. He d. Oct. 16, 1839. Three children. She m. second, Nov. 10, 1843, Nathan Oliver Reed, whose first wife was Martha Simonds Fitch, named below. He d. April 27, 1865.
- vi. NATHAN, b. Feb. 13, 1811; m. Sept. 9, 1834, Louisa Burnham. He was the last of the family in possession of the Fitch Mills. He d. March 20, 1890; she d. May 30, 1889. Three children; of these, the first born, Nathan A., b. Sept. 9, 1835, m. Dec. 1, 1859, Calista F. Tarbell, b. May 31, 1837, dau. of Reuben and Beatrice (Beard) Tarbell of Rindge, N. H. He is a provision dealer of Boston; residence Somerville; alderman 1883-4.
- vii. JONATHAN SIMONDS, b. 1814; d. Jan. 25, 1819.
- viii. MARTHA SIMONDS, b. May 29, 1817; m. Dec. 18, 1834, Nathan Oliver Reed, b. Feb. 6, 1812, son of Oliver and Mary (Fitch) Reed. See Thaddeus Fitch (39). Lived in Bedford. She d. March 22, 1841; he m. second, Nancy (Bacon) Fitch. See above.
- ix. OLIVE, b. April 24, 1820; m. May 23, 1854, Robert A. Cook.
- x. ISAAC, b. Dec. 23, 1824; d. Feb. 13, 1825.
- xi. LUCY, b. Dec. 23, 1824, twin; d. May 5, 1854.





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