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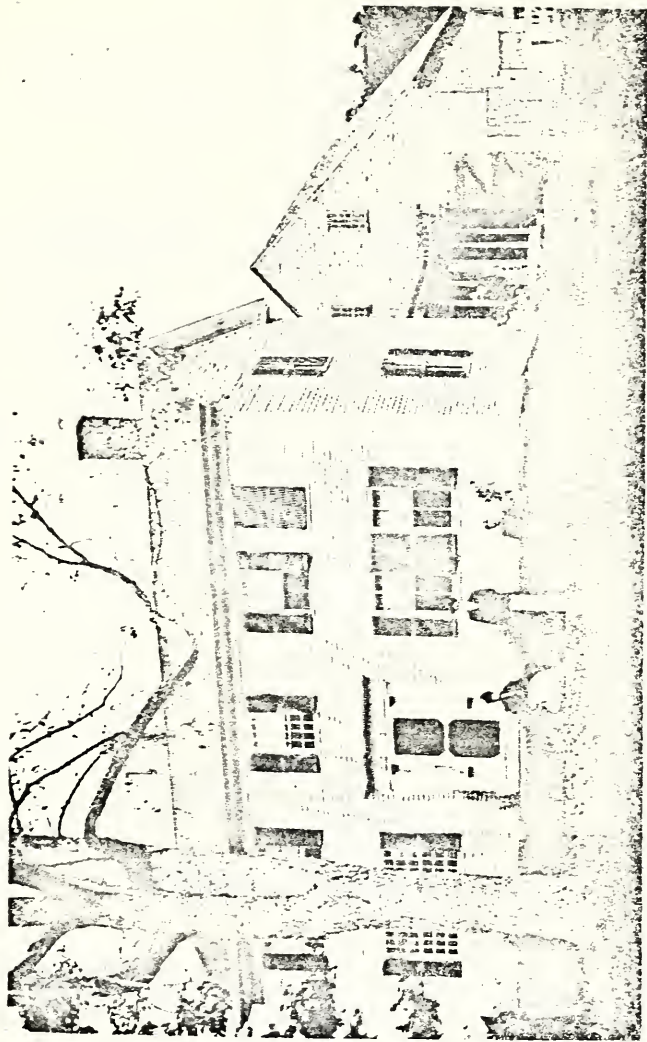


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House and barn on the Russell Farm in New Sharon, Me. The house was built in 1829 by Elijah Smith who cleared the land. It was occupied by the Isaac Russell family in 1839 and burned Jan. 22, 1919.

THE
ANCESTORS AND DESCENDANTS

OF

ABEL RUSSELL

Revolutionary Soldier from Westford,
Massachusetts, and Fayette,
(Starling Plantation) Maine

Comprising One of the Lines of Descent
from William and Martha Russell, of
Cambridge in Massachusetts,
who Came to America from
England about the
Year 1640



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THIS BOOK IS DEDICATED TO
FRANK JAMES RUSSELL
AND
RALPH ORDWAY RUSSELL
OF
NEW SHARON, MAINE,
BOYS OF THE TENTH GENERATION
IN AMERICA

28 b.c./w/h

THE FIRST MIGRATION

THE emigration of Englishmen to New England began with the Mayflower pilgrims in 1620. It was inconsiderable until 1630 and then increased greatly. At the end of ten years more, 1640, it had almost ceased. The reason for the cessation was the opening of the Long Parliament in England and the cessation of the religious persecution that had caused the exodus.

In the time given, about twenty years, 21,000 Englishmen came to New England and multiplied there for a century and a half in almost complete seclusion from other influences. Here occurred the genesis of the "Yankees," as the Indians pronounced the word "English."

Some slight emigrations from this stock took place early, but it was not until the

last quarter of the Eighteenth Century that those swarms of Yankees which have so spread over the United States and now into western Canada, began to leave New England. Millions of living persons, either born in New England or tracing their origin to natives of that region, are descendants of the 21,000 Englishmen who came over in the twenty years from 1620 to 1640.

The people of New England were an unmixed race of pure English blood, representing a peculiar type of Englishman of the Seventeenth Century, called Puritan. Among the immigrants were a few other English elements, but, under the influence of the environment, their anti-Puritan peculiarities began to disappear and conformity to the Puritan standard was soon brought about.

The "Ulster County emigration" did not begin until about a century later and the Southern Irish emigration that has now so overwhelmed parts of New Eng-

land was later still. The Italians and Jews are comparatively modern contributions.

THE FIRST GENERATION

Somewhere about the year 1640, when John Milton was engaged in thinking out and writing down the first drafts of his "Areopagitica" or his "Penserosa," and when a copy of Shakespeare's "First Folio" might have been secured for a pound or so in the second hand bookshops of that city, William and Martha Russell, with their son, Joseph, set sail for America; probably from the port of Ipswich on the east coast. Mr. Russell was a "housewright" or carpenter, and is known to have been England in 1636 and to have been in Cambridge in Massachusetts in 1645. He appears to have resided first at Menotomy (Arlington) in Massachusetts. At a later date he is found at Cambridge where he and his wife were members of the Church. It is believed

that the family came from Ipswich; though this is not certain, and while relationship to the celebrated Richard Russell line of Charlestown, or to the John Russell line of Woburn, is not clear, some connection is suggested by similarity of first names in the lines.

Like many of the early arrivals, Mr. Russell did not at once fix upon a permanent abiding place, but he is usually spoken of as "of Cambridge," and there died on February 14, 1662, having made a will twelve days before. His widow, Martha, married, second, May 24, 1665, Humphrey Bradshaw, and, third, May 24, 1683, Thomas Hall. She died in 1694.

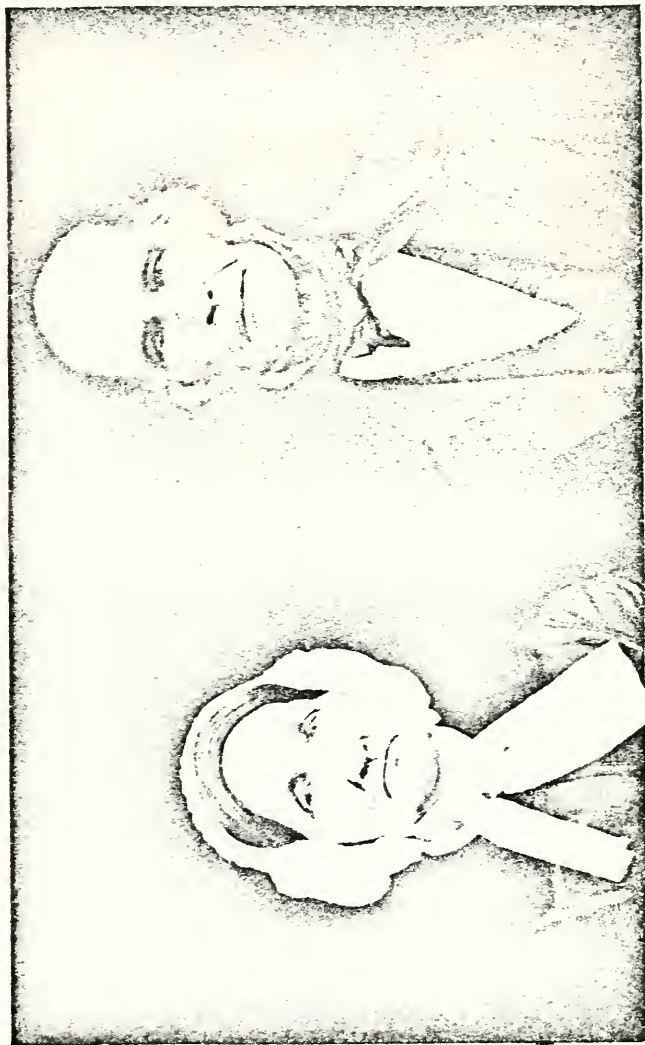
The children of William and Martha Russell, all born in Cambridge except the first two, follow:

JOSEPH, born in England 1636, married, June 23, 1662, Mary Belcher.

PHOEBE, died July 8, 1642.

BENJAMIN, married Rebecca —.

JOHN, born Sept. 11, 1645, married Elizabeth Fiske, daughter of David Fiske.



*Isaac Russell, born April 15, 1789, died Oct. 3, 1862. Temperance Fuller Russell,
born August 12, 1793, died Dec. 22, 1878.*

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MARTHA.

PHILIP, born 1650, married April 19, 1688, Joanna Cutler.

THOMAS, died July 21, 1653.

WILLIAM, born April 28, 1655, married Abigail Winship.

JASON, born Nov. 14, 1658, married Mary Hubbard.

JOYCE, born March 31, 1660, married Edmund Rice of Sudbury.

While the writer was working on this family line, the following query appeared in the Genealogical Department of the Boston Transcript:

David Fiske, Watertown, 1636, married Sarah Smith, daughter of Edmund Smith of Wrentham, England. David (2) Fiske, born 1624, died at Lexington, Feb. 14, 1710, married first, Lydia Cooper, sister of John (1) Cooper, and daughter of the second wife of Deacon Gregory (1) Stone. She died Nov. 29, 1654. David (2) Fiske married second, Sept. 6, 1655, Seaborn Wilson, daughter of Theophilus Wilson of Ipswich. She died Jan. 12, 1721, at Woburn. Elizabeth (3) Fiske was baptized before 1658, but I am not sure of which wife she was

the daughter. She married John (2) Russell (William 1).

It was evident by this that a descendant of another branch of the family was also working on this line. Elizabeth Fiske was, of course, the great-great-great-great-great grandmother of Frank James Russell and Ralph Ordway Russell of New Sharon, who make up the tenth generation of Russell descendants along this line.

THE SECOND GENERATION

The John Russell who was born at Cambridge Sept. 11, 1645, died there March 6, 1733, full of years and honors. He married Elizabeth Fiske, born 1645, daughter of David Fiske and (probably) Lydia Cooper Fiske who died in 1654.

John Russell was at Cambridge Farms at the organization of the parish in 1693 and was the largest subscriber for the meeting house. He was one of the original members of the church in 1696. He

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was not only a man of wealth but he was an active and valuable citizen, filling various offices in church and town. His children, born in Lexington, follow:

JOHN, born Nov. 9, 1671, married Rebecca —.

THOMAS, born Sept. 1, 1675.

MARTHA, born Sept. 1, 1675. Died young.

BENJAMIN, born April 2, 1677.

DAVID, born 1679. Married Abigail (Reed).

✓ JONATHAN (1681).

WILLIAM (1683).

ABIGAIL, born April 18, 1686.

PATIENCE, born 1687, died in 1688.

ESTHER, born December 19, 1700.

The senior John Russell was a "housewright" and resided at "The Farms." Both he and his wife were living on Dec. 13, 1731.

THE THIRD GENERATION

David Russell was a farmer and lived at "The Farms" (Harvard) until 1715 when he moved to Concord, Mass., and

thence, about 1720, to Littleton, Mass., where he was deacon in the church. He died before Oct. 29, 1744, and his estate was divided among his children who are named as follows: David, Jr., and John at Lunenberg; Abigail, Hannah, Amos, Elizabeth and Esther at Littleton; Jason and Sarah at Harvard. The elder David was an early resident of Nashoba (Cambridge) where he bought land of William Powers in 1715. His wives were, first, Abigail (Reed); second, Hannah——— and third, Mary Clark at Groton.

The children of David Russell were as follows, the first ten being the children of the wife, Abigail:

DAVID, died young.

JOHN, born 1702, died 1781. Married Mercy, who died 1754.

ABIGAIL, born Aug. 27, 1704. Married Isaac Preston.

HANNAH, born June 2, 1708. Married Edward Farwell.

JASON, born 1710. Married Mary Robbins of Concord.

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SARAH, born (1712). Married William Sanderson of Harvard.

ELIZABETH, born (1714).

ESTHER, born (1716).

AMOS, born June 6, 1723. Married Sarah Hildreth June 25, 1747; died May 9, 1804.

MARTHA, born Nov. 9, 1725.

DAVID (son of Hannah) born Sept. 1726.

OLIVER (son of Mary) born March 4, 1731-2.

MARY (daughter of Mary) born April 21, 1735.

THADDEUS (son of Mary) born April 2, 1738.

Mrs. Mary Russell late in life married Samuel Tuttle, Jr., on December 27, 1757.

THE FOURTH GENERATION

Amos Russell of Harvard and Sarah Hildreth, born in 1726, daughter of Ephraim and Mary Hildreth, were married by Rev. Matthew Scribner on June 25, 1747. The "History of Westford" by Rev. Edwin R. Hodgman says, "A Mr.

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Russell (this was undoubtedly Amos Russell) came from Boston and occupied part of Mrs. Abigail Fletcher's house." The children of Amos and Sarah Russell were as follows:

AMOS, Jr., baptized Aug. 28, 1748.

SARAH, baptized April 29, 1750.

ABEL, born Sept. 3, 1751, baptized Sept. 16, 1753; married Sarah Bryan Frost Nov. 1, 1781. She died April 13, 1849.

HANNAH, died Aug. 10, 1755.

MOLLY; died July 9, 1758.

There is one event in the life of Amos Russell, the senior, the touching record of which was cut on an ancient stone in the Harvard burying ground.

"Here lies Bur'd ye Body of Mrs. Deborah Russell, ye Wife of Mr. Amos Russell, Who Died Sept. ye 14, 1745, Aged 17 years, 11 months, 28 days.

Two years later, June 25, 1747, Amos Russell and Sarah Hildreth were married.

This first wife of Amos Russell died when he was 22 years old and she was

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18. No word further in explanation is to be found. The old sorrow has long since been wiped out, but we find ourselves retracing it again with sympathetic interest.

A letter from Florence E. Follette of Weston, Vt., who is a descendant of John Russell, a brother of Amos Russell, says: "There is an Amos Russell buried here in Weston. I wonder if he is your Amos? He died May 9, 1804, in his 80th year."

This is undoubtedly the senior Amos Russell, and shows that when Abel Russell, after the Revolutionary war, went up into Maine, his father, then or later, emigrated to Vermont, or lived there late in life with relatives, probably with Amos, Jr.

ABEL RUSSELL IN THE REVOLUTION

So far in the genealogy, we have reprinted facts and data from the printed books and records. These data have been

found in "Descendants of William Russell of Cambridge," by Hezekiah Stone Russell, of Pittsfield, Mass., 1900;" in Paige's "History of Cambridge" and in the Vital Records of various Massachusetts towns. The records of Samuel Smith, as published in the Vital Records of Littleton, Mass., give a very good Russell line and are useful.

We have now reached a point where family tradition meets the recorded history and supplements it vitally. In Abel Russell we are particularly interested because he fought in the War of the Revolution and his record is known. He was born "an Englishman in the colonies" in Westford, Mass., in 1751, the year in which Samuel Johnson in London was at work on his great dictionary and on his famous "Rambler" papers.

Before taking up the family traditions, let us study the record of Abel Russell as it appears in the compilation made by the state of Massachusetts called "Massachu-



*Old Fuller Homestead in Readfield, afterwards Manchester, Maine. It fronted
westerly with rear view of Lake Umbagog. Birthplace of
Temperance Fuller Russell. The house was destroyed by fire.*

setts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War. A Compilation from the Archives, Boston, 1905." We find there the following facts:

RUSSEL, Abel, Westford. Private, Capt. Zaccheus Wright's Co., Col. Brooks' regt.; company return dated camp at White Plains, Oct. 31, 1776; said Russell reported as sick and absent.

RUSSEL, Abel. Sergeant, Capt. Israel Harris's co., Col. Benj. Simonds's (Berkshire Co.) regt.; engaged Oct. 12, 1780; discharged Oct. 19, 1780; service 11 days, including four days (80 miles) travel home; company marched to northern frontiers by order of Gen. Fellows on an alarm; also, same co. and regt.; engaged Oct. 26, 1780; discharged Oct. 28, 1780; service, three days; company marched to northern frontiers by order of Gen. Fellows on an alarm.

RUSSELL, ABEL, Watertown. Private Capt. Stephen Dana's co., Col. Josiah Whitney's regt.; arrived at destination May 14, 1777; service, 2 mos., 2 days, including travel (6 days) to camp and from place of discharge home; Co. raised to serve at Rhode Island for 2 mos. Roll dated South Kingston.

RUSSELL, Abel, Westford. Private, Capt. John Minot's co., Col. Dike's regt.; muster roll for Dec. 1776-Feb. 1777; enlisted Dec. 18, 1776; regt. raised to serve until March 1, 1777; also, descriptive list of men raised to serve in the Continental Army, agreeable to resolve of April 20, 1778; 8th co., Col. Brooks's regt.; age, 25 yrs.; stature, 5 ft. 9 in.; residence, Westford; engaged for town of Westford.

This shows clearly that Abel Russel, or Russell, saw service during the war which he entered as a private and came out a sergeant; that, when the company was formed, Oct. 31, 1776, he was "sick and absent;" but on the following Dec. 18, 1776, he was present and enlisted, serving until March 1, 1777. He then, on May 14, 1777, when the call came, entered the service again at Watertown and marched to Rhode Island for two months. Again in 1780, when alarms of invasion from the northern frontiers came, he hurried to the colors twice, ready for action and was finally discharged from

service on Oct. 28, 1780, or near the year 1781.

THE STORY OF SARAH BRYAN

On Nov. 1, 1781, Abel Russell married "Widow Sarah Frost" at Westfield. In attempting to trace the "Widow Sarah Frost" we find in "The Genealogies and Estates of Charlestown, in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 1629-1818, by Thomas Bellows Wyman, Boston, 1879," the following entries:

FROST, Oliver. Son of Abraham; married Sarah——, who married (2) Abel Russell. * * * Issue—Oliver and John. guardianship, ae. 11 and 10, to Nchemiah Rand, at Dublin, N. H., 1785, 1790.

BRYAN, John, married Elizabeth Treworgia, who was of Chelmsford. * * * Issue, (1.) Elizabeth, born March 22, 1752; died, Aug. 12, 1753, aged 1 year, 5 mos. (2.) Sarah, born June 26, 1755.

Widow Elizabeth was in valuation 1771, No. 42. Sells, with Penny heirs, to Thomas Wood, $\frac{1}{2}$ pew under stairs, E. corner of house, (other $\frac{1}{2}$ is E. Kent's,

late of W. Smith) 1771. Claimed for loss, 1775. Sells to S. Penny, house plot, 20 feet on Main st., 30 feet rear, adj. Makepeace, late of John Penny; 1787, rec. 1791.

The "Penny heirs" phrase in the above is explained by the fact that Elizabeth, wife of John Bryan, was the widow of Hercules Treworgia (Trueworthy) mariner. Her maiden name was Penney, or Penny. Her daughter, Sarah Bryan Frost Russell, lived to a great age, and died in 1852 in New Sharon, Maine, where her grave is now to be found.

The traditions in the Russell family of this branch came down through the mouth of Sarah Bryan Russell, wife of Abel Russell, the Revolutionary soldier. She claimed that she was the daughter "of an English sea-captain, who was weathy and proud" and who did not wish his daughter to work with her hands. In the home in Charlestown lived two negro servants who were spoken of at one time as "Cuff and Dinah." At another

time "Cuff" is called "Pomp." Sarah Bryan first married Oliver Frost, who, she said, while he was sick, "was poisoned by a Tory doctor."

At the time of the Battle of Bunker Hill and the burning of Charlestown, Sarah Bryan Frost was obliged hurriedly to leave that place with her baby son, then ten days old, in her arms, the nurse having the older boy in a wheelbarrow with the few belongings that could be taken. In their hurried flight, a bullet pierced the sleeve of Sarah Bryan Frost's dress, but without harming her. Among the clothing rescued in the barrow were "two silk dresses that would stand alone;" and for many years in the old home in Fayette was a pincushion covered by a piece of silk from one of these dresses.

Previous to the Battle of Bunker Hill, Captain Bryan is said to have gone to sea taking Pomp, his servant, with him. As he never returned, it was conjectured that his ship was sunk or captured.

Sarah Bryan Frost now went to Bil-lerica to live with her mother and, as she had lost all her property in the Charlestown fire, and was in straitened circumstances, she engaged in nursing, while her mother took care of the children. Later she was at Chelmsford. She never revisited Charlestown, but she is reported to have said that, had she done so, she could have gone directly to the spot where the house stood.

One day in the year 1780 or 1781, as Sarah Bryan Frost was walking along the highway, she was startled by the appearance of a soldier on horseback. The horse was unmanageable and was giving the rider great trouble. As he bolted and circled about, the rider called out to the young widow, who had stopped to watch the contest between man and beast, and asked her if she would pick him a switch from a bush. This she did and managed to hand it to him.

This rider was Abel Russell, young

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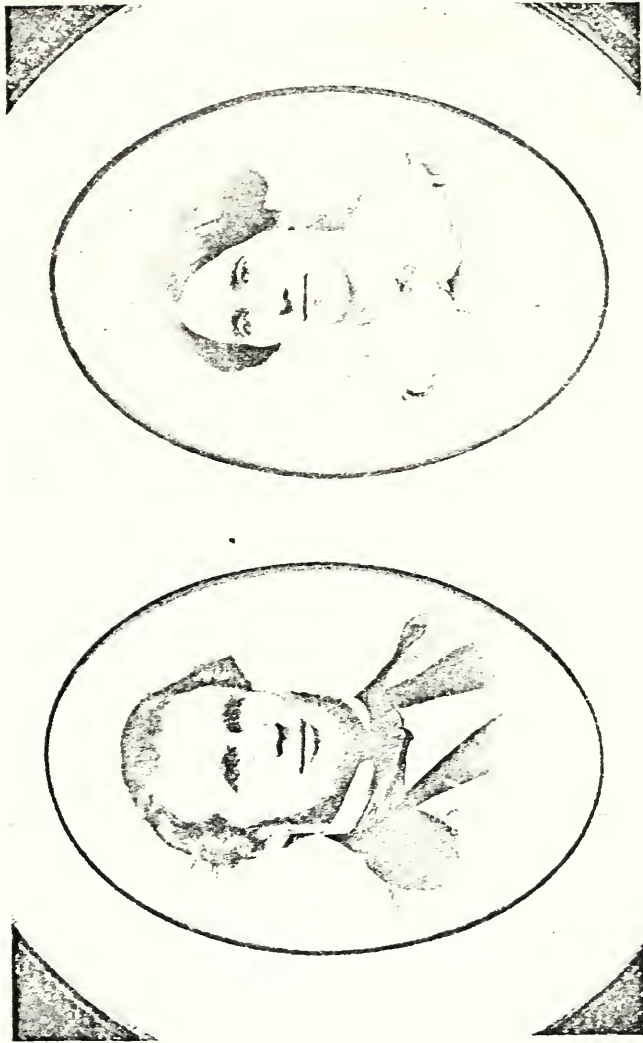
farmer and Revolutionary soldier, doubtless now a martial figure from his long and varied service in the war. It is hardly necessary to add that the acquaintance struck up so romantically by the roadside resulted in marriage. This, the records show, took place at Westford, Mass., on November 1, 1781. Mrs. Frost is put down as of Chelmsford. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Matthew Scribner.

THE MIGRATION TO MAINE

Tradition is now vague. We know that the two Frost boys, Oliver and John, were under guardianship to Nehemiah Rand, of Dublin, N. H., whose wife was a sister of their father. We know that in the spring of 1782, probably, possibly one or two years later, Abel and Sarah Russell packed "all their earthly possessions on the old white horse" and started out for the wilderness of Maine. The records in Augusta state that land was

bought by Abel Russell in 1784. What would we not give for a written account of this difficult trip where there were few roads and trails, and of their settling upon and clearing the land of the old farm on Moose Hill, in Fayette. Maine was then wilderness. Indians abounded and it was found necessary to dispute the ownership of the family pig with the bears of the neighborhood. But in this contest of wits, the white man soon won out, for the original Yankees were now fast swarming over this section of country, taking up farms, clearing the land and cutting so-called roads through the wilderness.

Moose Hill is a few miles from Livermore, which at that time was a small settlement. It is near what is now known as the Twelve Corners. The road up the hill to the old farm is described in the old deeds as "The Russell Road" and is still sometimes so called. It starts near the abandoned cemetery and stops today



*Joseph F. Russell, of Hallowell, Me., born January 22, 1823; died Feb. 10, 1878.
Mary Haskell Russell, of Livermore, Me.*

at the site of the old Russell house which has been torn down and replaced by a modern structure. But the site of the old house may be still clearly seen, and the basement of the old shed with its great stones in the wall remains nearby. Many of the well burned and blackened bricks of the old chimney are still there. One of these has been secured and will be built into the house of Mrs. Nellie Russell Chapman in Farmington, Maine. ✓

Sarah Bryan Russell believed in witches and if the butter would not come, or if an animal fell sick, she was confident that these things were the result of witchcraft. The traditional pictures of her in her last days are of a little old woman smoking her pipe in the chimney corner. During the first winters in Maine the men were not properly shod to contend with the cold, and a row of large chips stood by the fireplace to warm. The boys would cut wood for a time and then run in to get a hot chip to stand on. When this

chip grew cold, a hot one took its place. Here at Moose Hill in the Census of 1790, the first census taken by the United States, we find the name of "Abal Rusel" at Starling Plantation which was the first name given that portion of Fayette. The family is reported as having "2 males over 16, 3 males under 16 and 3 females." The two males over 16 must have been Abel Russell and Oliver Frost. The three males under 16 were John Frost, Abel Russell, Jr., and Isaac Russell who was born April 15, 1789, just in time to get into the census.

Starling Plantation was first settled in 1779 on 7,000 acres granted by the State of Massachusetts "to Robert Paige and associates."

Abel Russell is said to have died before Isaac's marriage in 1822. He must have died before congress passed the Revolutionary pension law as his name does not appear as a pensioner. Tradition has it that he was poisoned by drinking by

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mistake a cupful of lye that his wife had set aside for the purpose of making bread.

THE FIFTH GENERATION

The children of Abel Russell and of Sarah Bryan Frost Russell, all born at Starling Plantation, (Fayette) Maine, were as follows:

BETSY, "who married a Farrington."

SALLY, "who married a Sweat."

ABEL, Jr.

ISAAC, born Apr. 15, 1789, died Oct. 3, 1862. Married Jan. 24, 1822, Temperance Fuller, born August 12, 1793; died Dec. 23, 1878.

LEONARD, married Fannie Lovejoy.

REBECCA, married Samuel Prescott and died childless.

LOVINA, married Joseph Fogg.

THE SIXTH GENERATION

The children of Dr. Leonard Russell and Fannie Lovejoy were as follows:

MARTHA, married Calvin Prescott.

HARRIET, married a Lovejoy.

FANNIE, married Henry Wyman.

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ANN MARIA, married a Tuttle.

ELLEN, married an Emerson.

FRANK.

This Dr. Frank Russell married and left two daughters, but no sons. Dr. Russell died in Showhegan and his wife moved to Malden, Mass., and died there. Both Martha and Harriet lived in Malden. Ellen Emerson printed a book of "Poems" which I saw during my childhood in my home at Hallowell, Me.

Lovina Russell, b. Sept. 19, 1797, d. June 3, 1878, married Joseph Fogg, b. June 19, 1797, d. Aug. 17, 1842, on Sept. 4, 1820. Their children were:

SARAH E., born June 30, 1821; married Perley Fisk.

FANNIE TEMPERANCE, born Feb. 20, 1823; married Simeon Hersey.

RUTH ANN, born Sept. 1, 1827; died young.

LOVINA, married Peasley Morrill (1) and ——— Weymouth, (2).

DANA B., married Charlotte Packard.

Dana P. Morrill is the son of Peasley and Lovina Russell Morrill and Fred P.

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Fogg is the son of Dana Fogg and Charlotte P. Fogg.

Of the Betsy Russell line, we learn from Leonard Russell Farrington of Kents Hill, Maine, the only surviving grandson, that Martin Farrington was born in 1786, married Betsy Russell in 1807 and died in 1854. Betsy Russell Farrington died in 1857. Their children follow:

ABEL RUSSELL FARRINGTON

LEWIS FARRINGTON

LOUISA FARRINGTON

LEONARD W. FARRINGTON

SARAH BRYAN FARRINGTON

POLLY FARRINGTON

Leonard W. Farrington married Betsy Walton. Their son, Leonard Russell Farrington, was born Aug. 6, 1846. He still lives on Kent's Hill within sight of the original farm. The children of L. R. Farrington and Nancy Smith Farrington are Winnifred C., born Oct. 13, 1875, and Vinton A., born Dec. 14, 1876, died March 24, 1917.

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The only descendants who bear the name of Russell now have come down through the Isaac Russell branch. Isaac Russell was born on April 15, 1789, and served in the War of 1812. He worked on the old farm till the war broke out, when, of his two cows, one was sold to purchase his musket. With this weapon he made his way to Wiscasset, Me., and went into camp there. As the war was fought largely on the sea, he was not, so far as can be ascertained, under fire. This old flint-lock gun is now in the possession of Arthur J. Russell of Minneapolis and hangs, with its bayonet in place, on the walls of his library.

A MAYFLOWER CONNECTION

Temperance Fuller, Isaac Russell's wife, was the tenth child of Francis and Hannah (Cobb) Fuller of Readfield, now Manchester, Maine. Francis Fuller was the son of John and Temperance (Gorham) Fuller, Barnstable. And as, ac-

cording to the Fuller Genealogy, the Fuller descendants of this line may claim Mayflower ancestry, this line is given here. The Fuller Genealogy, by William Hyslop Fuller, Palmer, Mass., says:

"According to H. W. Brainard, all descendants of John Fuller and Temperance (Gorham) Fuller are Mayflower descendants. Temperance Gorham descended from Captain John Gorham whose wife was Desire Howland, daughter of the Pilgrim, John Howland." John Howland's wife was Elizabeth Tilley, who also came in the Mayflower.

The children of Francis and Hannah (Cobb) Fuller were as follows:

HANNAH, born Aug. 14, 1773. Married Peter Haines.

MARY, born May 1, 1775.

SARAH, born Jan. 22, 1778.

FRANCIS, born Aug. 16, 1780.

EDWARD, born Jan. 22, 1782.

DAVID C., born Dec. 8, 1785.

JAMES B., born Dec. 29, 1786.

GORHAM, born Sept. 23, 1788.

WILLIAM, born Nov. 23, 1791.

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TEMPERANCE, born Aug. 12, 1793.
Married Isaac Russell Jan. 24, 1822.
Died Dec. 23, 1878.

EBEN, born Feb. 25, 1795.

We now return to the children of Isaac Russell and Temperance (Fuller) Russell. They were all born at Fayette, on the old Moose Hill farm. The family emigrated to New Sharon, Maine, about the year 1839.

JOSEPH F., born Jan. 22, 1823; died Feb. 19, 1878. Married Mary H. Haskell, of Livermore, Jan. 4, 1849.

LEONARD W., born Aug. 3, 1824; died Aug. 3, 1842.

EBEN F., born Aug. 3, 1824. Married Sarah J. Reed, born June 25, 1826.

MARY ANN F., born July 30, 1826. Married Thos. C. Marsh.

REBECCA MARILLA, born Jan., 1828; died Dec. 1907.

FRANCIS F., born Aug. 5, 1829.

ABEL H., born Aug. 5, 1829; died Dec. 19, 1907. Married Adeline J. Marvell; died Nov. 7, 1889.

ISAAC N., married Mary Bailey.

ELIZA F., born Dec., 1833.

HIRAM F., born Oct. 22, 1837. Mar-



*Eben F. Russell, born August 3, 1824. Sarah Reed Russell,
born June 25, 1826.*

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ried Caroline Safford and Bernice A. De Merritt.

Joseph F. Russell, of Hallowell, Me., who married Mary Haines Haskell, of Livermore, a granddaughter of Peter Haines and Hannah Fuller, had three children as follows:

· ALICE MARY, born Oct. 29, 1851; died April 29, 1857.

ARTHUR JOSEPH, born Mar. 14, 1861.

EMMA MARY, born July 18, 1863.

The only grandchild of this branch is Alice Russell of 1717 Irving Ave. South, Minneapolis, born December 21, 1909, daughter of A. J. Russell and Mary Warner Russell of Rockford, Minn.

The only child of Abel Hildreth Russell and Adeline J. Marvell Russell of New Sharon, married April 29, 1860, is Mary Ellen Russell, now Mrs. Eugene Chapman of New Sharon, b. Aug. 9, 1861.

Mary Ann Russell, who married Thomas C. Marsh, had three children, Elizabeth F., Herbert and Helen R.

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The only descendants of Abel Russell who will in the future, bear the name of Russell are of the Eben Russell branch. Eben F. Russell, born August 3, 1824, married Sarah J. Reed on May 23, 1846. Their children follow:

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LEONARD W., b. June 11, 1847. Died Feb. 29, 1920.

CHARLES S., b. April 10, 1848. Died Aug. 6, 1912.

LOUELLA J., b. March 14, 1851.

WILLIAM E., b. Aug. 21, 1852. Died Feb. 7, 1904.

ANNIE F., b. Nov. 21, 1854.

ELLEN G., b. Feb. 8, 1857. Died Nov. 23, 1857.

FRANK A., b. Oct. 7, 1861.

CAROLINE S., b. Jan. 29, 1864.

Charles Shaw Russell married Sarah Palmer Crowell on May 8, 1870. Their children are:

GRACE MAY, b. May 21, 1871.

CHARLES HERBERT, b. April 29, 1873.

ERNEST EBEN, b. July 5, 1875.

ALICE VESTA, b. May 18, 1878.

CARRIE LULA, b. March 17, 1881.

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HIRAM OZNI, b. April 18, 1884.

PERLEY OSCAR, b. April 4, 1887.

CHAUNCEY ELBERT, b. April 3, 1892.

HARRIET ERNESTINE, b. Feb. 6, 1897.

Leonard White Russell and Arvilla Louisa Caswell were married on May 29, 1870. Their children are:

GEORGE ALBERT, b. April 25, 1873.

EDWARD LEONARD, b. Jan. 10, 1876.
Died Feb. 8, 1907.

George Albert Russell and Nellie Clara Neal were married on June 18, 1904. Their children are:

AVIS ARVILLA, b. Sept. 21, 1910.

IRMA NELLIE, b. May 15, 1912.

THE NINTH GENERATION

Frank Arthur Russell and Clara Minnie Hanson were married on March 15, 1884. Their children are:

EDWARD EVERETT, b. Dec. 9, 1884.

ARCHIE HANSON, b. Nov. 3, 1886.

CLARA BELLE, b. Oct. 7, 1888.

SADIE JESSIE, b. May 3, 1890.

VILLA LEILA, b. Feb. 26, 1892.

LUTIE ETTA, b. Feb. 17, 1900.

FRANK ORDWAY, b. July 22, 1901.

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Edward Everett Russell and Annie Olive Tarr were married on Nov. 22, 1916. She died on Aug. 21, 1921. They had one child, Muriel. Dr. Russell married Ruby Wood in 1921. They live in Farmington, Maine.

THE TENTH GENERATION

Archie Hanson Russell and Helen Mae Moore were married on Aug. 31, 1908. They live in New Sharon, Maine. Their children are:

DOROTHY CLARE, b. April 8, 1909.

HELEN LEONORA, b. Jan. 22, 1911.

VIVIAN, b. Nov. 5, 1912.

FRANK JAMES, b. April 17, 1915.

MARJORY, b. Oct. 29, 1917.

SARAH JANE, b. Oct. 17, 1920.

Frank Ordway Russell and Phyllis Hazel Williamson were married on Oct. 23, 1920. They live in New Sharon, Maine. Issue:

RALPH ORDWAY, b. Jan. 19, 1921.

EDITH CLARA, b. Oct. 2, 1922.

Charles Herbert Russell (son of

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Charles S.) and Lillian Pevear Coffin were married on Jan. 8, 1919. Address, Newton Center, Mass.

Ernest Eben Russell and Sarah Ann Thomas were married on Oct. 14, 1900. Address, Portland, Me.

Perley Oscar Russell and Ida Florence Taylor were married on July 3, 1914. Address, Bangor, Maine.

Lester Tolman and Villa Leila Russell have one daughter born June 29, 1922.

Ernest H. Follett and Belle C. Russell were married Nov. 7, 1908. They have two daughters, Clara Elizabeth and Carrie.

Chester Emerson Crowell and Sadie Jessie Russell were married March 30, 1912. They have one son, Frank Emerson and twin daughters, Annie Wilma and Minnie Thelma.

Victor Ernest Tupper and Harriet Ernestine Russell were married June 30, 1920. They have one son, Reginald Shaw.

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Arthur L. Young and Grace May Russell were married Nov. 12, 1914. They have one daughter, Emily Sarah.

Going back to the children of Eben and Sarah Russell, the families of the daughters are as follows:

Louella Josephine Russell married Samuel W. Gordon on April 27, 1873. They have six children, Harold M., Bertha M., Mabel W., Bessie D., Nellie G., and Angie G.

Annie Florence Russell married Moses Crowell on April 5, 1874. They have two children, Arthur Clinton and Chester Emerson.

ORIGIN OF THE FAMILY

The Russell family in England came originally from Normandy in France where it is first found under the name De Rozel. The "Roz" was an ancient name for "castle" and the "el" is the old French "eau" or "water." The name seems to signify "The castle by the water." There

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are several coats of arms among the Russell families of England, but it is impossible now to tell which coat of arms is appropriate to the descendants of William and Martha Russell of Cambridge in Massachusetts.

The perpetuation of the Russell name, of this line of descent in which we are particularly interested, now depends upon the descendants of Eben and Sarah Russell of New Sharon, Maine. Hope is expressed that they will become interested in their ancestry, will teach it to their children and will show them the importance of keeping it pure. These children may claim Mayflower descent through their Fuller line and may claim membership in all patriotic orders such as the Sons of the Revolution and the Daughters of the American Revolution, through the patriotic efforts of their ancestor, Abel Russell of Westford, Mass., and Fayette, Maine.

On October 9, 1922, Mr. and Mrs.

Eugene Chapman (Nellie Russell) of New Sharon, Me., Miss Emma M. Russell of Hallowell, Me., and A. J. Russell, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, visited the old Russell farm on Moose Hill in Fayette, Me. This place was then owned by C. E. Stuart, who was using it for market gardening. It was called "The Limberlost."

The grave of Abel Russell, who fought in the Revolutionary war and bought the land here in 1784, could not be found. Although there is no positive proof, it was thought by those living in the vicinity that his body lies in the old cemetery on the farm owned by U. O. Moulton. The so-called "Russell Road" runs up the hill in a northerly direction from the Moulton place and now comes to an end at the old Russell farmhouse site. Formerly it continued on towards Chesterville nearly parallel with the "Ridge Road" to the east.

If the old grave of Abel Russell is not

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found, it is hoped sometime to place a tablet on a boulder, perhaps at the corner of the Russell Road, carrying an inscription something like this:

*Somewhere in This Vicinity Near
This "Russell Road"
Repose the Ashes
of
ABEL RUSSELL
Revolutionary Soldier from
Westford, Mass.
In Whose Memory This Tablet Is
Placed by His Grateful Descendants*

NOTE.—It would have been difficult to trace the early generations of the family, from 1640 to 1750, had it not been for the invaluable assistance of Alice Webber Child (Mrs. S. R. Child) genealogist and member of the State Historical Society of Minnesota. No trail was too hard for her to follow and every difficulty was finally resolved by her indefatigable labor and ingenuity.

Bird's Eye View of the Line

WILLIAM RUSSELL, d. Feb. 14, 1662
MARTHA

JOHN RUSSELL, b. Sept. 11, 1645; d. March 6, 1733
ELIZABETH FISKE

DAVID RUSSELL, b. 1679; d. Oct. 29, 1744
ABIGAIL (REED)

AMOS RUSSELL, b. June 6, 1723; d. May 9, 1804
SARAH HILDRETH

ABFL RUSSELL, b. Sept. 3, 1751
SARAH BRYAN FROST

ISAAC RUSSELL, b. April 15, 1789; d. Oct. 3, 1862
TEMPERANCE FULLER

EBEN F. RUSSELL, b. Aug. 3, 1824
SARAH J. REED

FRANK A. RUSSELL, b. Oct. 7, 1861
CLARA M. HANSON

ARCHIE H. RUSSELL
b. Nov. 3, 1886
HELEN M. MOORE

FRANK O. RUSSELL
b. July 22, 1901
PHYLLIS H. WILLIAMSON

FRANK JAMES RUSSELL
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