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A GENEALOGY OF

THE DESCENDANTS OF

WILLIAM BOLTON

OF

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## INTRODUCTION.

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In the villages about Bolton, in Lancashire, there are to-day descendants of that Oughtred de Bolton who, in 1135, was living on the estates which, Sir Wm. Dugdale believes, he held on account of his descent from the Saxon Earls of Mercia. From Boelton, Bodelton or Bolton (*boel* a manor-house, and *tun* a town) he took his name, and many generations came after him as Lords of Bolton and bow-bearers and falconers in the Royal Forests of Bowland and Gilsland. The estates were carried to another family by an heiress long after the days of the Conquest; and the Boltons have spread over England, Ireland and America.

Some families have been able to keep the line of their descent to the present day, while many, like the descendants of William Bolton of Reading, can offer only their inherited surname as a link to bind them to the possible common ancestor of the family.

Of the many families of Bolton two are well known in England. Captain William Bolton, an officer in the Cromwellian invasion of Ireland, settled at Waterford. His descendants of to-day are counted among the landed gentry.

Thomas Bolton of Woodbridge, in Sussex, 1615, had a descendant, Thomas Bolton, who married a sister of the great admiral, Lord Nelson. Their son, Thomas Bolton, by command of Parliament, took the name of Horatio Nelson and succeeded as 2d Earl Nelson, Viscount Trafalgar and Merton, Baron of the Nile and Duke of Bronte.

From the earliest times Boltons have been in the ministry in England, of the established church and also of the Puritan faith. The Rev. Samuel Bolton preached before the King, the Lords and the Commons, while the Rev. Robert Bolton preached and wrote for the cause of the dissenters. Thomas Bolton was bishop of Worcester, and Theophilus Bolton archbishop of Cashel in Ireland.

In Parliament from the early days the name of Bolton appears. In law there was Sir Richard Bolton; in construction, Matthew Boulton furnished money and energy for the fulfillment of the plans of Watt. The Soho works which produced the engine for Fulton's steamboat are still owned by the Boultons.

In America the Boltons have led honorable careers. Those of Philadelphia and Georgia came from Brookhouse, in Lancashire, and claim descent from that Oughtred who is the ancestor of the Boltons of County Waterford, Ireland, and those of Norfolk, in England. The late Rev. Robert Bolton, M. A., of Pelham Priory, N. Y., Col. Richard Bolton, and Prof. H. Carrington Bolton, lately of Trinity college, Hartford, are of this family.

Everard Bolton came to Pennsylvania in 1683 from Hertfordshire. From him have descended an honored line of merchants and soldiers. Gen. William J. Bolton of Philadelphia and Major Joseph Bolton of Harrisburg did gallant service in the recent war.

Of the Boltons in Canada Henry John Boulton, chief justice of Newfoundland, was a son of D'Arcy Boulton of England and a graduate of Oxford. The late Wm. Henry Boulton, M. P. P., was of Boulton of Moulton, County Lincoln.

The New England Boltons, whether in the professions, in business or on the farm, have shown patriotism in war, and industry in peace. In the frontier wars, against Louisburg, and in the Revolution the Boltons have borne their part. Four sons of William Bolton of Reading answered to the first call for aid when the British, under Pitcairn, marched toward Lexington. In their towns they have shown commendable enterprise as selectmen, postmasters, militia officers and members of the Legislature.

If we have not all achieved fame, may we not say with Stedman —

Noble deeds are held in honor, but the wide world sorely needs  
Hearts of patience to unravel this,—the worth of common deeds.

Beside receiving help from the Rev. Robert Bolton's book on the Boltons I am much indebted for valuable papers to the Right Hon. Lord Nelson of Trafalgar, Salisbury, Eng., to the Rev. Wm. S. Heywood of Sterling, Mass., Mr. Edward May Bolton

of Holyoke (who has published an account of the Boltons), Mrs. P. J. Cartwright of Boston, and to many who have so kindly copied records for me.

Before enumerating the early settlers of the name in New England I will give here a pedigree which, for Christian names, conforms strangely with the William, Nicholas, John and Stephen that appear among the Boltons here. The persistence with which *William* has been used in the oldest branch of the descendants of William of Reading, and the traditions of old-time prosperity lead me to hope that we may some day learn more from the unknown past.

The following letter addressed to the late Lord Thurlow (who married a Bolton in England) explains the pedigree; through the kindness of Lord Nelson I am able to give it in full:

Copy 2<sup>d</sup> Letter

“Heralds College

London March 31 1847

“My Lord

“I have the honour to inform your Lordship that I have made a careful search in this College without finding any other records of the Pedigree of the family of Bolton of Bolton in Lancashire than that sent to your Lordship—I enclose a copy of a Pedigree of Bolton descended out of Warwickshire bearing the same Arms and Crest as those entered to the family descended from a junior son of Bolton of Bolton. The quartering of whose Arms appear to be—Gules, three Gryphons heads, or—but I cannot

discover the name of the Coat or how it is brought in — Camden Clarenceux granted and confirmed these Arms to Thomas Bolton of Woodbridge Co: Suffolk who it is stated descended from Bolton of Lancashire and the quartering is there allowed to this Thomas Bolton without giving the name. The Confirmation of the Arms is dated Aug. 26, 1615.

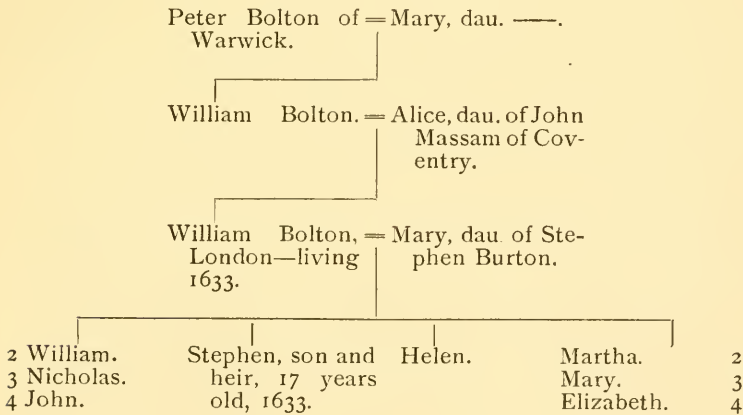
I have the honour to be

&c &c &c

Copy) Signed Albert Woods

Lancaster Herald

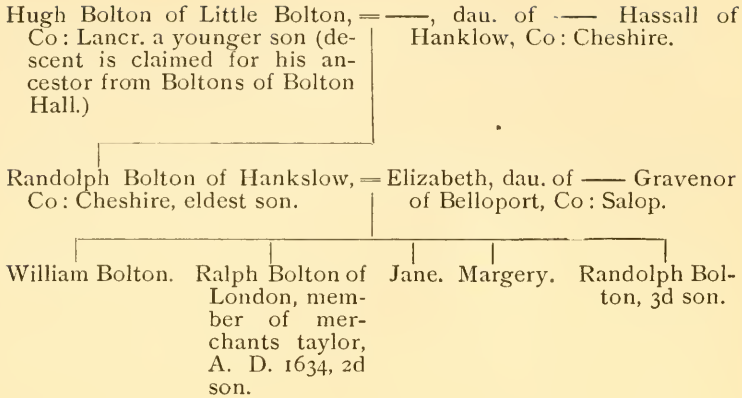
“The Right Hon:  
Lord Thurlow



Extracted from the Heralds Visitation of the City of London, 1633.

Copy. (Signed.) ALBERT WOODS,

Lancaster Herald.



Extracted from the Herald's Visitation of the City of London, made in the year 1634, and compared therewith by me this 22d day of February, 1847.

Copy. (Signed.) ALBERT H. WOODS,  
 Lancaster Herald.

Herald's College, Doctors and Commons, London.

The two Coats-of-Arms of Bolton most used are variations of the following :

*On a bend gules three lions heads of the field.*

*Sable, a falcon, jessed and belled, or.*

In the BOLTON GENEALOGY, heads of families are in **black letter**. When the number next a *child's* name has a cross(+) that name appears farther on in black letter following the same number. *S. p.* means *without issue*.

## BOLTONS IN NEW ENGLAND.

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**William Bolton** of Newbury, Mass., was a prosperous farmer. He married Jane Bartlet January 16, 1654-5. She died September 6, 1659. He married, second, Mary Denison, November 22, 1659. Of their sons, William, born May 27, 1665, was a soldier in the French wars and died March 30, 1694. Stephen, born January 3, 1669, was a turner and came into possession of his father's property. The only other son, Joseph, born July 8, 1682, does not appear on the records at any time. Inventories and wills of William Bolton, Sr., and of his daughters, show them to have had comforts beyond many of the pioneers of those days. He died March 27, 1697. (See Coffin's Hist. of Newbury.)

**Nicholas Bolton** of Dorchester was a freeman May 29, 1644, and died May 27, 1683. By his wife, Elizabeth, he had two children, John, and Elizabeth, who married Experience Willis October 25, 1676. Nicholas rang the bell and kept the church in order. He also desired very much to sell cider but his petition was refused. (See N. E. Gen. Register, vol. 5, p. 396.)

**John Bolton** of Bridgewater, "a son or grandson of Nicholas," by wife Sarah, had a large family. His eldest son, John, married Ruth Hooper in 1710, and had all daughters. "He was an ensign and left a large estate, and gave a tankard to the S. Bridgewater Church." Samuel married Rebecca Simmons in 1742. Elisha, by wife Mary, had: Seth, Jabez, Elisha, Meshech. Joseph, born 1704, married Deliverance Washburn in 1740 and had Joseph and Phillip. Joseph Bolton, Jr., married Mary Bolton in 1773 and had: Philip, 1774; Joseph, 1776; John, 1778; Barzillae, 1783; Tuniri, 1786, and daughters. Nathaniel, born 1706, married Deborah, widow of John Ripley and daughter of Israel Washburn, in 1740, and had a son Nathaniel, who married Jane Thompson in 1777. This son left an only surviving son, Oliver, whose descendants live at Orrington, Me., and at Waltham, Mass. Other descendants of John Bolton of Bridgewater are to be found in the southern counties of Massachusetts and in Maine. (See Mitchell's History of Bridgewater.)

**William Bolton** of Reading, Mass., 1720.

**Thomas Bolton** of Falmouth was appointed in 1740 "to settle the school-master and have the whole benefit of him." He had two daughters, and perhaps other children. *a son, William.*

**Dr. Hugh Bolton** came from England to Londonderry, N. H., in 1730, and settled in Coleraine, Mass.,



in 1741. His wife, Elizabeth Patterson, was of the family into which Prince Jerome Bonaparte married. Of his sons, Hugh Bolton was a soldier. Matthew followed his father's profession ; his descendant, Geo. C. Bolton, postmaster of Heath, Mass., has the spectacles and physician's scales of the emigrant Hugh. John commanded a company at West Point in the Revolution and gave all his property to clothe his soldiers. Hugh Bolton Miller was the historian of the town.

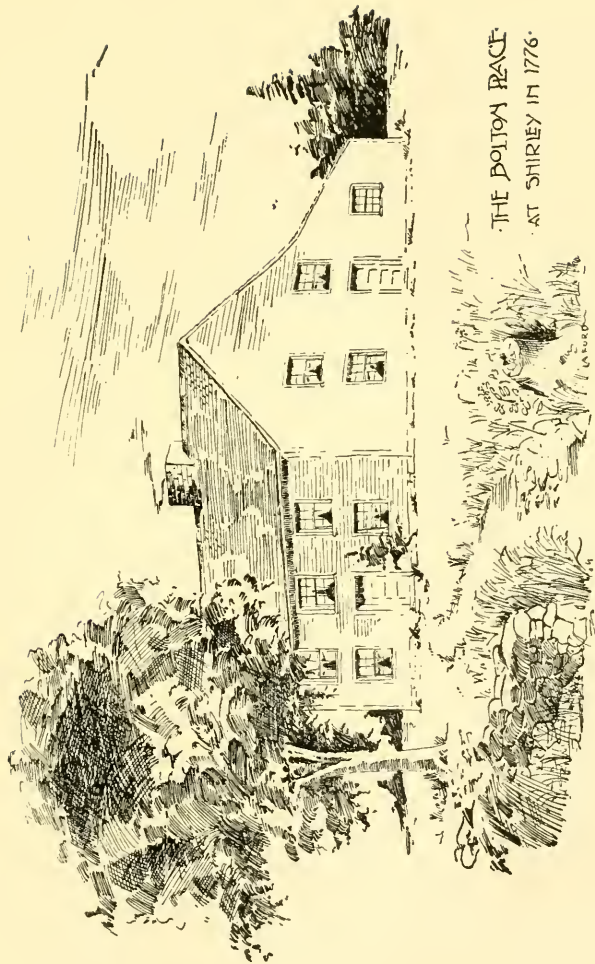
**William Bolton** of Windham, N. H., was an early settler, born in 1682 or '83 and died April 22, 1755. Children : James, Daniel, John and two daughters, Agnes and Grizelle. \*

**Daniel and Polly (Fletcher) Bolton** of Bolton, Mass., had the following children : Nelson, born March 26, 1807 ; Lowell, born January 8, 1809 ; Winslow, born October 12, 1810 ; Abigail, born March 28, 1812. He may be descended from Daniel Bolton, grandson of William of Reading.





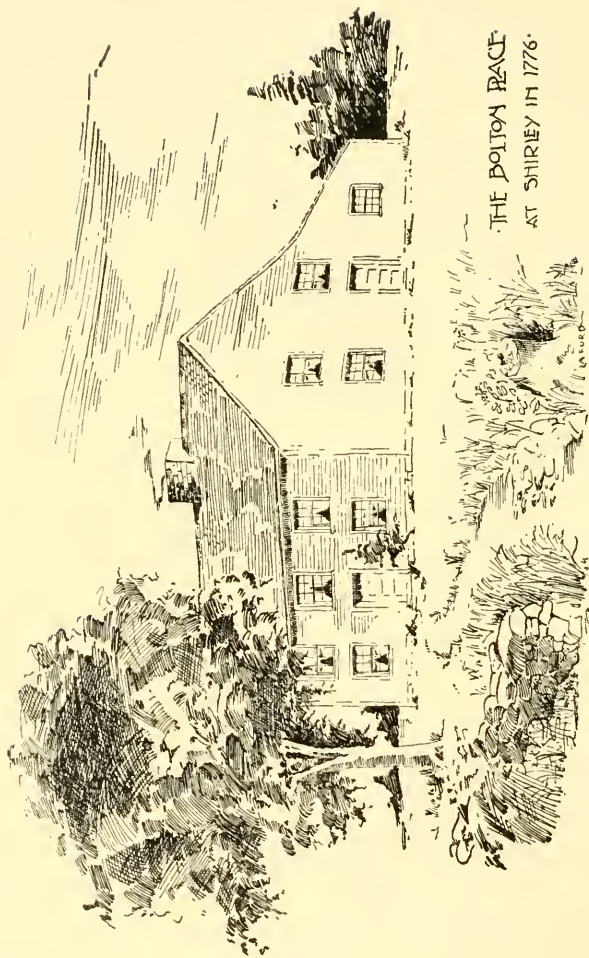




THE BOLTON PLACE  
AT SHIRLEY IN 1776.



William Bolton



THE POLTON PLACE  
AT SHIRLEY IN 1776.



## DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM BOLTON.

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### FIRST GENERATION.

**W**illiam Bolton was living at Reading, Middlesex county, Massachusetts-Bay Colony, at the time of his marriage, January 5, 1720, to Elizabeth, oldest daughter of John and Sarah White of Andover, Essex county. Both the town records and the church records speak of him as of Reading. They were married by Mr. Samuel Phillips, a well-known Congregational minister.

Elizabeth White was born at Andover April 8, 1688, and joined the South Church on profession of faith June 1, 1712.

Thus it will be seen that William Bolton married a woman nearly thirty-two years of age. It may not be too much, then, to presume that he was, at this time, a man in middle life. We do not know how long he had lived at Reading before he went to Andover a-courting in 1719. Possibly he came from Virginia where lands were granted to one of the same name forty years before. It seems more probable, however, that he came from London or from Lancashire where William was a favorite name with the Boltons.

In those days when the selectmen made laws to protect the deer that ran wild on the meadows, and women spun at their wheels, our ancestors were married. The years that were spared to them in which to labor together were destined to be few, for Mr. Bolton died at Reading, September 10, 1725. His widow married, January 5, 1739, Timothy Dorman of Boxford. The Dormans, for over two hundred years, have been a well-known and prosperous family in and about Boxford.

William and Elizabeth had :

- 2.+ William, b. at Reading, Oct. 25, 1721.
3. John, b. at Reading, April 29, 1724. He lived at Andover, and died at Cape Breton in 1746; a soldier in the expedition against the French. Jonathan Nurse, Capt. Edward Hercom and the brother were made appraisers of his estate, May 12, 1746. *Ob. s. p.*

2. **William Bolton** was born at Reading, Massachusetts-Bay Colony, October 25, 1721. He married first, Mary, probably daughter of Benjamin Nurse and Elizabeth Roberts, born November 30, 1725. Her cousin Jonathan appears as an appraiser of the estate of John Bolton. Mr. Bolton may have named his son Timothy for Jonathan Nurse's brother Timothy.

Mr. Bolton married, second, Sarah Lewis of Reading, September 18, 1788. His farm was in the North Parish, at the Lynnfield line and the highway. He was a thrifty farmer, a loyal soldier and an active citizen.

“At the anuall town meeting held in Reading March thee 3d 1755, Regularly assembled: Tything men — M<sup>r</sup> Ebenezer Emerson. M<sup>r</sup> Michael Sweetser. M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Emerson. M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Parker. M<sup>r</sup> Amos Flint. M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Lewis. M<sup>r</sup> William Bolton.”

Mr. Bolton was a tithingman from the North Parish for a number of years following. The tithingman “whose power reached over the threshold of every family in the hamlet, patriarchal, fatherly, neighborly,” is a thing of the past, carrying us back to Plymouth, to old England and the Saxon times. On May 25, 1773, he sold his house and garden, with other lands in Reading, to Jeremiah Eaton, and three days later settled in Shirley. The same year he bought a large farm of the Hon. James Prescott, adding to it in 1794. The house, with the ridge-pole parallel with the road and sloping back, after the manner of the time, to a shed in the rear, was conspicuous, as the first house west of West Groton, for its large chimney, and fine elm before the door. The place became known later as “The Peter Tarbell Place.” Near by stands the old barn, doing duty to day as it did in the days before the Revolution.

In February, 1801, William Bolton gave an undivided half of the farm to his sons Timothy and Edward. He died April 30, 1804. The sons the same year sold forty-five acres of the farm to James Parker, gentleman; Mrs. Bolton, in 1806, sold her

share to the same James Parker. She lived to be over ninety-two years of age, and died at Reading.

William and Mary had :

- 4.+ William, b. at Reading, Jan. 21, 1744.
5. Daniel, b. at Reading, July 1, 1747.
- 6.+ Ebenezer, b. at Reading, Jan. 12, 1749.
7. Edward, b. at Reading, May 25, 1751. He was a farmer at Shirley. *Ob. s. p.*
- 8.+ Aaron, b. at Reading, Feb. 12, 1753.
9. Lois, b. at Reading, Feb. 28, 1757; m. at Windsor, Conn., Ephraim Lord, July 14, 1774.
- 10.+ Timothy, b. at Reading, May 5, 1759.
11. Mary, b. at Reading, Feb. 11, 1761.
12. Susanna, b. at Reading, Nov. 22, 1763.
13. Eunice, b. at Reading, Dec. 18, 1764.

### THIRD GENERATION.

4. **William Bolton, Jr.**, was born at Reading, Middlesex county, January 21, 1744. He was married to Mrs. Abigail Sheldon by the Rev. Eliab Stone at Reading, March 28, 1785. From a deed of the time it appears that William Bolton gave Thomas Sheldon a piece of land in Shirley and promised to care for his mother until her death, and give her a Christian burial. This curious agreement was thwarted by the early death of Mr. Bolton on May 7, 1780, leaving a considerable estate to his family. He had moved to Shirley soon after 1767, having bought a part of the estate of Jonathan Moore, gentleman. His grave is marked by a stone with angel's head and wings, and the following :

In Memory of  
M<sup>r</sup> WILLIAM BOLTON  
Jun<sup>r</sup> who Departed  
this Life May the 7<sup>th</sup>  
1780  
in the 37<sup>th</sup> Year  
of his age.

Blessed are the Dead  
which lie in the Lord  
They rest from their labour  
& their Works do Follow them.

He beat the drum for Henry Haskell's company which marched from Shirley on the alarm of April 19, 1775. Sergeant Bolton was at Bennington in July, 1777, and fought August 16 at the battle, under General Stark. In 1779 he was at Cheverick on the Hudson in the Second Massachusetts regiment. After his death, the following year, Mrs. Bolton married Ezra Smith of Shirley, brother to Lieutenant Sylvanus Smith of the Revolutionary war.

William and Abigail had :

14. Abigail, b. at Reading, Feb. 16, 1766. She m. Joseph Chaplin, a Continental soldier, and d. at Danville, Vt., Mar. 8, 1844.
15. Nelly, b. at Shirley(?), Dec. 29, 1769; d. Feb. 1, 1770.
- 16.+ William, Jr., b. at Shirley, Oct. 14, 1771.
- 17.+ John, b. at Shirley, Oct. 24, 1774.
18. Thomas, b. at Shirley, Aug. 22, 1775. He d., in 1801, a sea captain. Among the articles mentioned in an inventory were: "One best coat, one surtoot, one shot bag and powder,

- one sabbor, one cork scrue, one pair compasses, one close brush, one small french organ." *Ob. s. p.*
19. Eleanor, b. at Shirley in 1776. One of the heirs.
20. Nelly, b. at Shirley, Aug. 12, 1777. She gave a receipt, Jan. 22, 1798, for her share in her father's property. Timothy Bolton and Joseph Chaplin were witnesses.

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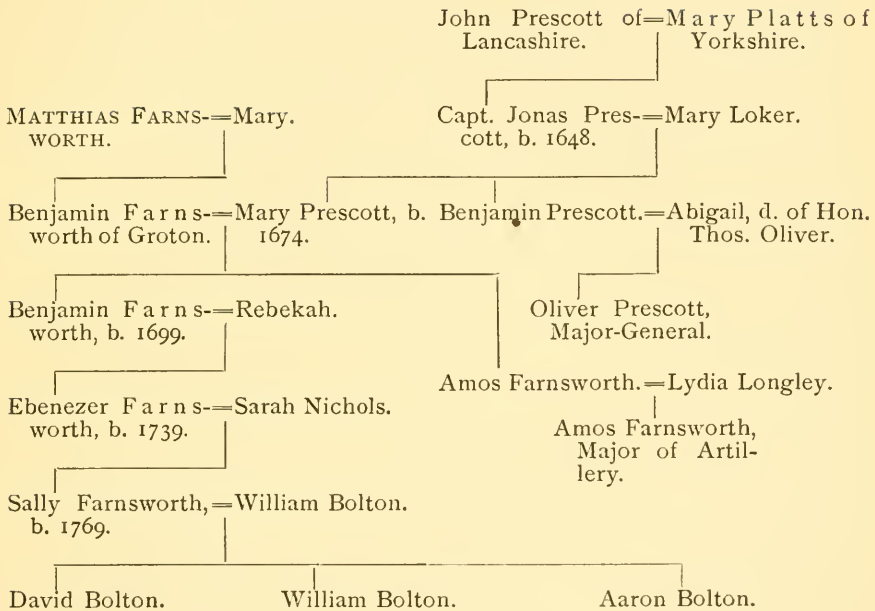
FOURTH GENERATION.

16. **William Bolton, 4th**, was born at Shirley, Mass., October 14, 1771. He married at Groton, Sally Farnsworth, October 14, 1790(?). The early years of his married life were passed at Reading. Later he moved to Shirley. Having bought a large farm of William Gould, lying in Fitchburg, next that of Lieutenant Jonathan Page, he moved there about 1797. This he increased in 1806. On April 4, 1827, Mr. Bolton gave the home and all his property to his son Aaron, "except a cow and household furniture brought by his wife Sarah at their marriage," the son to "furnish a good and comfortable support and maintenance . . . during their lives and the life of the survivor of them in the family of the s<sup>d</sup> Aaron."

William and Sarah had:

- 21.+ David, b. at Reading, Mar. 2, 1794.
22. William, 5th, b. at Reading, Mar. 13, 1792.  
He died at sea.
- 23.+ Aaron, b. at Shirley, June 16, 1795.

## Farnsworth Ancestry.



17. **John Bolton** was born at Shirley, Mass., October 24, 1774. He went to Vermont when a boy, and became a manufacturer. His grist mill on Wells river, near Danville, the saw-mill, built by his son William in 1824, his fulling mill, and the carding and cloth dressing mill which John Bolton erected in 1826, were among the first in the State. He also owned property in Massachusetts. The town of Boltonville, Vt., was named for his son.

Mr. Bolton married first, Betsy Tilton in 1798. She was born June 30, 1783. He married second, Cynthia Chamberlain, September 7, 1806. She was born December 30, 1782. His third wife, Abigail Wesson, whom he married March 4, 1830, was born January 26, 1790. John Bolton died March 28, 1843.

John and Betsy had :

- 24.+ William, b. at Danville, Vt., May 8, 1799.
- 25.+ Luther Chamberlain, b. at Danville, Feb. 19, 1801.
- 26. Susanna, b. at Danville, Aug. 22, 1803; d. Nov. 22, 1804.

John and Cynthia had :

- 27.+ Eliza, b. at Danville, May 20, 1807.
- 28.+ Alvin, b. at Danville, Mar. 25, 1809.
- 29. Elizabeth, b. at Danville, June 4, 1810; d. —.
- 30. Mary, b. at Danville, Aug. 29, 1811. She m. James Remick, and d. Sept. 30, 1835, leaving two sons, James and John.
- 31. Abigail, b. at Danville, Oct. 2, 1814. She m. Levi H. Harris, and d. May 27, 1843.
- 32. Cynthia, b. at Danville, Mar. 25, 1818; d. Mar. 29, 1829.
- 33.+ Eleanor, b. at Danville, June 2, 1820.
- 34. Harriet, b. at Danville, July 7, 1825; d. —.

John and Abigail had :

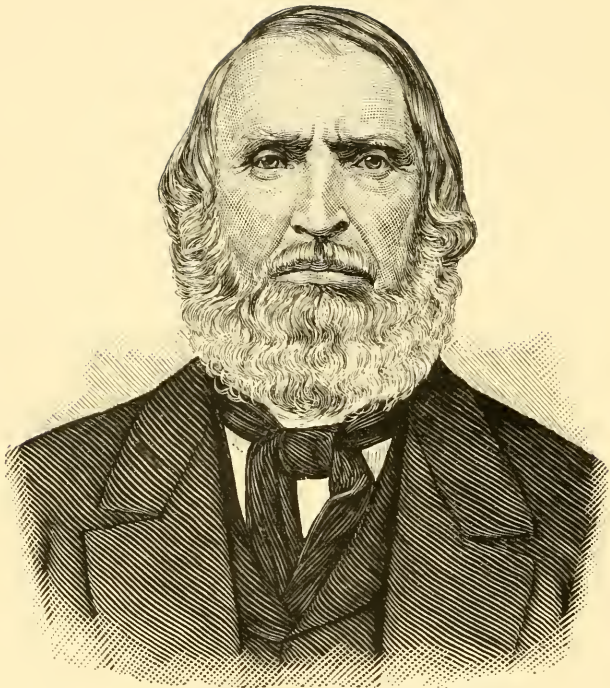
- 35.+ John, b. at Danville, Feb. 8, 1831.

#### FIFTH GENERATION.

21. David Bolton was born at Reading, Mass., March 2, 1791. He married at Fitchburg, Phebe,







*Wm Botton*

only child of Benjamin Kemp and Abigail Smith, in 1811. They moved to Winchester, Cheshire county, N. H., in 1816, where most of their family were born. Mr. Kemp left his property to his daughter and her children, as shown by a deed at Worcester. Mr. Bolton died April 1, 1849. His wife Phebe died January 17, 1860.

They had three children :

- 36.+ Phebe Elvira, b. at Fitchburg, Mar. 18, 1812.
- 37.+ Alonzo David, b. Apr. 7, 1813.
- 38. Sally L., b. Jan. 14, 1816; m. Thomas Page.

23. **Aaron Bolton** was born at Shirley, Mass., June 16, 1795. He married Sarah —, and lived at Fitchburg, where he bought land of Joshua Flint of Ashby, in 1817. His father and mother lived with him until their death.

Aaron and Sarah had :

- 39. Caroline Ardella, b. at Fitchburg, Aug. 3, 1823.
- 40. Ivers Augustus, b. at Fitchburg, Oct. 7, 1824;  
d. July 9, 1827.
- 41. Adaline Sarah, b. at Fitchburg, Apr. 16,  
1825. She m. June 26, 1844, Edward H.  
Fox of Fitchburg, and had a daughter, Liz-  
zie Adaline, b. Oct. 24, 1854.
- 42. Rachel Elizabeth, b. at Fitchburg, Mar. 16,  
1837.
- 43. Mary Frances, b. at Fitchburg, Jan. 28, 1841.
- 44. Ellen Augusta, b. at Fitchburg, Dec. 22,  
1842.

24. **William Bolton** from whom the village of Boltonville was named, was born in London, N. H.,

May 8, 1799. His parents very soon moved to Danville, Vt., where his youth and early manhood were spent. He learned the trade of coloring and cloth dressing, and worked in the factory of his father at Greenbanks Hollow, now so called, in Danville. He married, at the age of 19, Miss Almy Hooker of Danville, June 18, 1818, and went to Barnet, Vt., to reside, but the year following moved to Brock's Falls, and there made a permanent home.

For many years he was an active business man, the entire business interests of the place centering in his mills. He was an honest miller, and although a man of original notions, with many peculiarities, very outspoken in his opinions, he was highly respected by all who knew him. A strong anti-mason when the anti-mason war raged so fiercely; a whig and republican from his first vote to his last, it was his pride always to show his colors and to stand firm in the opinions he had formed. He was a constant reader and was well informed upon all the views and topics of the day. Genial and jovial he will be long remembered in his own and in the surrounding towns. He was appointed postmaster in 1831, and the name of Brock's Falls changed to Boltonville in his honor. His wife died February 9, 1840, and he married, January 1, 1846, Lydia Aldrich, widow of Josiah Rodgers. His health failing him in 1854, he retired from active business, but he was interested in the nursery business and made for himself an extensive vineyard.



Lydia S Bolton  
Boltonville  
Vermont



He passed away at his old home October 27, 1883, leaving there a widow and his youngest daughter, also three sons and two daughters, who are widely scattered. (The accompanying picture is furnished through the liberality of his step-daughter, Mrs. Emily Rodgers Fletcher.)

William and Almy had :

45. Mary, b. at Boltonville, Vt., June 7, 1819. She m. Hector M. Page and lives in New York city.
46. John, b. at Boltonville, July 30, 1820. He m. Matilda Reed, and went to Big Springs and Portage, Wis., where he has two sons.
- 47.+ Alden, b. at Boltonville, Jan. 11, 1822.
48. Harriet, b. at Boltonville, Nov. 23, 1823. She m. Joshua Bailey, and d. May 1, 1851. *Ob. s. p.*
49. Cynthia, b. at Boltonville, Mar. 3, 1826. She m. Amplias Chamberlain, and lives at Kilbourn City, Wis.

William and Lydia had :

- 50.+ Carlos Edson, b. at Boltonville, Vt., Apr. 3, 1847.
51. Arabella F., b. at Danville, Jan. 15, 1849. She m. Apr. 26, 1870, Nathaniel Robinson, and lives in the old homestead at Boltonville with her adopted daughter, Florence. To her I am indebted for the account of her father, William Bolton.

25. **Luther Chamberlain Bolton** was born at Danville, Vt., February 19, 1801, and died October 25,

1873. He married first, Julia, daughter of Thomas Hooker; and second, Elizabeth Emerson Page of New Sharon, Me.

Luther and Julia Bolton had :

- 52.+ Charles Sargent, b. at Lyndon, Vt., Sept. 4, 1822.  
 53.+ Plynny, b. at Passumpsic, Barnet, Sept. 16, 1824.  
 54.+ Lucy, b. at Newbury, Sept. 6, 1826.  
 55. Francis, b. at Newbury, May 30, 1828. He went to California in 1849-50, and was last heard of at a meeting of Vermont men at Sidney, Australia.  
 56.+ Nathan T., b. at Newbury, June 16, 1830.  
 57.+ Milo, b. at Newbury, Aug. 2, 1832.  
 58. Orrin, b. at Newbury, Jan. 26, 1835; d. —.

Luther and Elizabeth had :

- 59.+ Joseph Franklin, b. at Boston, Mass., Feb. 17, 1843.

27. **Eliza Bolton** was born at Danville, Vt., May 20, 1807. She married Loren Chase in 1822, and moved to Flanders, Vt.

They had :

60. Emily Morrill, b. at Flanders, Vt., Nov. 28, 1823. She m. Sylvanus Kendall, Sept. 15, 1840. Their son, Captain Edward S. Kendall, b. at Royalston, Mass., was in the battles of Ball's Bluff, Yorktown, Fair Oaks, Savage Station, Malvern Hill, Second Bull Run and South Mountain. He has pub-



lished an account of the Kendall family, and is now town clerk of Westminster, Mass.

- 61. John Bolton, b. Feb. 14, 1825; m. Kate Chapman.
- 62. Loren, b. May 5, 1828.
- 63. Mary Bolton, b. Sept. 7, 1830; m. John Lamb.
- 64. Alvin Bolton, b. at Royalston, Mass., Feb. 7, 1836.
- 65. Eliza Bolton, b. Apr. 5, 1838.
- 66. Ellen Bolton, b. Apr. 20, 1841.
- 67. Eliza Maria, b. Dec., 1842.
- 68. Elmore, b. July 6, 1844; d. —.

28. **Alvin Bolton** was born at Danville, Vt., March 25, 1809. He married Florinda Danforth, April 14, 1842. Mr. Bolton was with his father, John Bolton, in the woolen mill the early part of his life, and then bought a farm near Peacham. He died February 13, 1862.

Alvin and Florinda had :

- 69.+ Henry Danforth, b. at Danville, Vt., May 31, 1844.
- 70. Eugene, b. Sept. 11, 1846. He m. Lilian Culver, and lives at Spokane Falls, W. T. S. p.
- 71.+ Abigail Wesson, b. May 14, 1849.
- 72. Martin Sargent, b. June 9, 1855. He m. Helen S. Brown, July 3, 1879, and lives at Peacham, Vt. S. p.

33. **Eleanor Bolton** was born June 2, 1820, at Danville, Vt. She married Samuel B. Parker of Dan-

ville, December 27, 1846. Mr. Parker was a superintendent in the woolen mills for some years, and died March 17, 1885. Mrs. Parker lives at St. Johnsbury, Vt.

Their children are :

- 73. Henry Albert, b. Nov. 16, 1847; m. Julia F. Green, Nov. 14, 1870. He d. Jan. 14, 1877.
- 74. John Calvin, b. Feb. 1, 1851; m. Ellen F. Garland of Lowell, Nov., 1876, and lives in Lowell, Mass.
- 75. Cynthia Eleanor, b. May 6, 1859, She m. Dr. Wilfred G. Brown of Leicester, Mass. Oct. 29, 1884, and lives in Duxbury, Mass

35. **John Bolton, 2d**, was born at Danville, Vt., February 8, 1831. He married February 8, 1854, Harriet, daughter of Asahel C. Denison. She was born November 21, 1830. Mr. Bolton served for three years in the war of the Rebellion in the Ninth Vermont regiment. He was taken prisoner at Harper's Ferry, paroled and sent to Chicago. After the war he returned to his farm at Danville.

John and Harriet had :

- 76. Carrie Hosmer, b. at Danville, Feb. 24, 1855. She m. Francis H. Goodale of Cabot, Vt., Mar. 5, 1877. Their children are : Julia, b. in 1878; Effie, b. in 1880; and Mabel, b. in 1884.
- 77. Abbie Wesson, b. at Danville, Dec. 21, 1857. She m. Israel T. Farrow, and lives at Walden. They have a son, Israel Taft, b. in 1881.

- 78.+ John Wesson, b. Jan. 16, 1860.
- 79. Aaron Wesson, b. Nov. 12, 1869. He lives at Danville with his father.
- 80. Mabel Hosmer, b. at Danville, May 12, 1874; d. Feb. 7, 1876.

SIXTH GENERATION.

36. **Phebe Elvira Bolton** was born at Fitchburg, Mass., March 18, 1812. She married in May, 1830, Eliphalet Doolittle of Hinsdale, a near descendant of the Rev. Benjamin Doolittle, the first minister of Hinsdale. Their children were born at the same town.

Their children are :

- 81. Eliza A., b. Aug. 14, 1831.
- 82. Fanny S., b. July 4, 1835.
- 83. Alonzo E., b. July 11, 1840.
- 84. Albert N., b. Feb. 8, 1844.
- 85. Olive C., b. Apr. 21, 1846.
- 86. Warren G., b. July 31, 1848.
- 87. Ellen M., b. Sept. 18, 1851; m. Thos. W. Kendrick, and has a son, Warren.

37. **Alonzo David Bolton** was born at Fitchburg, Mass., April 7, 1813. He married Mary G. Morse, December 27, 1834, and lives on the farm in Winchester, N. H., which was owned by his father, David Bolton.

Their children are :

- 88.+ John Alonzo, b. at Winchester, N. H., Sept. 29, 1836.

89. Maryetta, b. Apr. 8, 1839. She m. Charles Davis, and has ten children.
90. Hiram, b. Jan. 3, 1842. He served in the civil war, and d. at Cairo, Ill., on his way home.
- 91.+ James H., b. Oct. 3, 1844.
92. Amos K., b. Feb. 28, 1847. He m. Carrie Holman, and lives at Ashuelot (P. O.), N. H. Mr. Bolton is a carpenter by trade.  
*S. p.*
93. Oliver D., b. May 10, 1849; d. in 1862.
94. Adeline M., b. Dec. 6, 1851. She m. Arthur Holton, and is a member of the Universalist Church. *S. p.*
- 95.+ Charles Herbert, b. July 10, 1854.
96. Ida M., b. Sept. 20, 1856. She m. John H. Shaw of Hinsdale, N. H., and has one child.
97. Hattie S., b. July 11, 1859, and d. in 1873(?).
98. Isabell, b. May 18, 1861; m. Walter Holton of Winchester, and has one son.

47. **Alden Bolton** was born at Boltonville, Vt., January 11, 1822. He married Sarah Cole, August 27, 1849, and moved to Malabar, Fla., where he owns a hotel and an extensive orange grove.

They have one son:

99. Charles William, b. Feb. 27, 1856; unmarried.

50. **Carlos Edson Bolton** was born at Boltonville, Vt., April 3, 1847. He married, October 26, 1869, Augusta H. Somes, and moved to Bolton, Idaho Territory.

They have a daughter:

100. Frederica E., b. Apr. 8, 1883.

52. **Charles Sargent Bolton** was born at Lyndon, Vt., September 4, 1822. He married, in 1846, Lydia Norris. Mr. Bolton is a manufacturer at Boltonville, owning the farm and the carding mill inherited from his uncle William.

Their children are :

- 101. Julia A., b. Apr. 23, 1847; m. Ira W. Cunningham of Lyndonville, Vt., Apr. 18, 1876.
- 102. Lucy L., b. July 18, 1848; m. Bina L. Hastings of St. Johnsbury, Vt., Aug. 10, 1874.
- 103. Martha Y., b. Dec. 23, 1853; m. Edwin Sly of Boltonville, Apr. 3, 1876.
- 104. Francis Charles, b. Apr. 8, 1857. He m. Kate B. Bullock of Lyndonville, Vt., Nov. 16, 1881. They live at Boltonville and have a daughter, Jesse M., b. Apr. 7, 1883
- 105. [eighth generation.]

53. **Flynn Bolton** was born September 16, 1824, at Passumpsic, Barnet, Vt. He married first, Phœbe B. Wesson of Danville, Vt., April 8, 1858. She died September 13, 1863. Mr. Bolton married second, Martha J. McCloud of Woodbury, Vt., May 11, 1865. He lives at Peacham, a wealthy farmer.

Plynn and Phœbe Bolton had :

- 106. George Wesson, b. Mar. 21, 1859. He m. Ida L. Cole in Nov., 1884, and is a practicing physician at West Concord, Vt. *S. p.*

Plynn and Martha had :

- 107. Phœbe Helen, b. Feb. 16, 1868; d. May 28, 1869.

108. Mae Evelyn, b. May 28, 1870, at Peacham.  
 109. Recta Gertrude, b. July 10, 1878; d. June 9,  
 1886.

54. **Lucy Bolton** was born at Newbury, Vt., September 6, 1826, and married, December 21, 1846, James Whittemore of Leicester, Mass., a manufacturer of machine card clothing.

Their children are :

110. William Francis, b. at Leicester, Aug. 12,  
 1848. Of the firm of W. & J. Whittemore,  
 manufacturers.  
 111. Susan Eliza, b. Feb. 6, 1851.  
 112. George, b. Dec. 15, 1852.  
 113. James Phillip, }  
 114. Joseph Sidney, } b. Aug. 13, 1864.

56. **Nathan P. Bolton** was born at Newbury, Vt., June 16, 1830. He married Agnes N. Paddleford of Monroe, N. H., March 31, 1858. She was born June 26, 1834. Mr. Bolton's home has been in North Monroe, where he has been collector of taxes for fifteen years, a selectman and a State Representative.

Their children are :

115. Hannah, b. at Monroe, N. H., Mar. 1, 1860.  
 116. Eliza, b. at Monroe, Feb. 9, 1862.  
 117. Nellie, b. at Monroe, Mar. 27, 1864.  
 118. Julia, b. at Monroe, Apr. 24, 1866.  
 119. Comer P., b. at Monroe, July 27, 1868.

57. **Milo Bolton** was born in Newbury, Vt., August 2, 1832. He moved to Leicester, Mass., and

married first, Ann Jeanette Woodard, September 10, 1856. Mr. Bolton married second, Mary A. Loring, at Leicester, March 27, 1864. Mr. Bolton is a card-maker in the card clothing firm of W. & J. Whittemore. They are members of a church in Worcester.

Milo and Ann Bolton had :

- 120.+ Ella H., b. at Leicester, Sept. 20, 1857.
- 121. Harry, b. June 26, 1859 ; d. Aug. 28, 1859.
- 122. Leon Ernest, b. Nov. 1, 1860 ; d. Feb. 23, 1861.
- 123. Carrie Jeanette, b. June 14, 1862 ; d. Mar. 10, 1880.

Milo and Mary Bolton have :

- 124. Walter Eugene, b. Oct. 27, 1865.
- 125. Herbert Loring, b. Dec. 15, 1867 ; d. Aug. 17, 1868.
- 126. Oscar R., b. at Worcester, Jan. 7, 1870 ; d. Sept. 3, 1870.
- 127. Fred A., b. Mar. 3, 1875.

59. **Joseph Franklin Bolton** was born in Boston, Mass., February 17, 1843. He married November 21, 1866, Sara Kingman Hayden, daughter of Captain Abel T. Hayden of Boston. Mr. Bolton is a paper hanger by trade and is connected with the fire department.

He has two children :

- 128. Joseph Franklin, b. in Boston, Nov. 15, 1872.
- 129. Helen Rosaline, b. in Roxbury, Boston, July 21, 1873.

69. **Henry Danforth Bolton** was born at Peacham, Vt., May 31, 1844. He married first, Hannah Blodgett, November 21, 1867. She died February 27, 1878. He married second, Jane Adams, November 3, 1880. Mr. Bolton served in the war under General Sheridan as sergeant of Co. A, First Artillery, 11th Vermont volunteers, until mustered out, when he returned to the farm at Peacham.

130. Orrin Alvin, b. at Peacham, Vt., Nov. 27, 1869.

71. **Abigail Wesson Bolton** was born at Peacham, Vt., May 14, 1849. She married Richard W. Haynes, August 17, 1872, and lives at Eden (West Trenton), Me.

Their children are :

- 131. Walter Henry, b. Feb. 17, 1877.
- 132. Fred. Richardson, b. Mar. 21, 1878.
- 133. Lizzie May, b. Sept. 21, 1880.
- 134. Richard Wesley, b. Sept. 9, 1881.
- 135. George Martin, b. Sept. 6, 1885.
- 136. Eugene Bolton, b. Aug. 3, 1888.

78. **John Wesson Bolton** was born at Danville, Vt., January 16, 1860. He moved to Lawrence, Mass., and married there Mary T. Colby.

They have two children :

- 137. Roy, b. in 1884.
- 138. Susie May, b. in 1886.



## SEVENTH GENERATION.

88. **John Alonzo Bolton** was born at Winchester, N. H., September 29, 1836—the oldest son of the oldest son for seven generations. Mr. Bolton married Philinda Jane Doolittle, May 12, 1861. Philinda, daughter of Jackson Doolittle and Mary Jane Howard, was born at Winchester, N. H., October 2, 1836. Mr. Bolton lives in Northfield, Mass., and is a member of the Trinitarian church there.

He has an only child :

139. William Jackson, b. at Northfield, Mass., Feb. 4, 1870 [eighth generation]. He studied at the Mt. Hermon school, and as a nurse at the "Nervous and Mental Diseases Home" in Winchendon, Mass., is preparing to become a physician.

91. **James H. Bolton** was born at Winchester, N. H., October 3, 1844. Mr. Bolton married Emily M., daughter of Judge Sidney Carleton, State Representative, and Elmira Poland, his wife, January 1, 1877. Mr. Bolton served, during the civil war, in Co. F, 14th New Hampshire volunteers, and is now a farmer at Ashuelot (P. O.).

They have four children :

- 140. Hiram P., b. Jan. 12, 1878.
- 141. Mary E., b. June 29, 1879.
- 142. Arthur H., b. June 12, 1883.
- 143. George W., b. Sept. 17, 1887. All of the eighth generation.

95. **Charles Herbert Bolton** was born at Winchester, N. H., July 10, 1854. He married Hattie Higgins, December 25, 1883. Mr. Bolton has been a coal dealer at Hinsdale Centre, N. H.

Their children are :

- 144. Harris.
- 145. Forest.
- 146. Hope.

120. **Ella H. Bolton** was born at Leicester, Mass., Sept. 20, 1857, and married July 3, 1879, Edward T. Alexander. Mrs. Alexander died Sept. 4, 1885.

Their children were :

- 147. Bertha L., b. Mar. 27, 1880.
- 148. Florence E., b. Jan. 20, 1882.
- 149. Harry E., b. Nov. 20, 1884.

#### EBENEZER BOLTON AND DESCENDANTS.

##### THIRD GENERATION.

6. **Ebenezer Bolton** was born at Reading, Middlesex county, January 21, 1749. He married at Reading, February 20, 1771, Elizabeth, daughter of David Damon and Esther Going, born May 3, 1749, a descendant of Deacon John Damon of Reading Berkshire, England. In 1773, Mr. Bolton moved to the south part of Westminster, Worcester county, which became a part of Gardner in the division of the town in 1785. After the call of the 19th of April he enlisted into the army. He was a corporal at Prospect Hill, and as a minute-man at the battle of Bunker Hill, "at one time felt the bullets brush his

*Ebenezer Bolton*

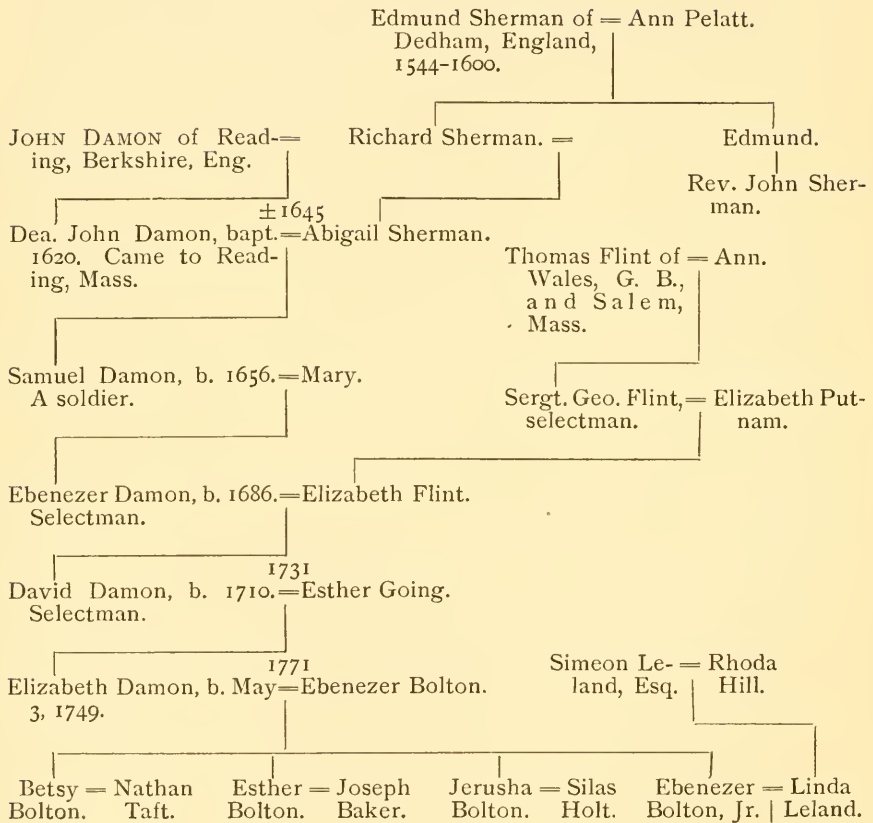


hair as they passed him"—to use his own words to an early historian of Gardner. He served under Major Bridge, at Bennington, in 1777.

Ebenezer Bolton bought over sixty acres in Westminster, November 29, 1770, of Jonathan White, Esquire, and Gardner Wilder. In a deed at Worcester he mentions his "pew in Gardner Meeting-house in the Gallery at the south-west corner," which he leaves to his son Ebenezer. He married, for a second wife, Mrs. Hannah Barnes of Westminster, April 16, 1822. Mr. Bolton died in 1835.

His children are :

150. Betsy, b. at Reading, Aug. 9, 1772. She m. Nathan Taft of Gardner, and had: Nathan, Hollis, Jerusha, Lovina and Asa.
151. Esther, b. at Westminster, Dec. 18, 1773. She m. Joseph Baker, and lived at Westminster.
152. Jerusha, b. at Westminster, Oct. 17, 1775. She m. Silas Holt at Westminster, June 2, 1796, and had two children: Reuben and Esther.
- 153-4. Abram and Asa, twins, died.
- 155.+ Ebenezer, b. at Westminster, Feb. 14, 1778.

**Damon Ancestry.**

## FOURTH GENERATION.

155. **Ebenezer Bolton, Jr.**, was born at Westminster, Mass., February 14, 1778. He married Linda, daughter of Simeon Leland, Esquire, and Rhoda Hill. Linda was born in 1782, and always signed her name *Lenday*. Mr. Bolton was a housewright. He served as sergeant and clerk of Captain Ephraim Williams' company in the war of 1812, and took an active part in the State militia. In an old family Bible once belonging to him were found the records of his father's family. He died July 13, 1850.

Their children were :

156.+ Hollis, b. at Gardner, Dec. 1, 1799.

157.+ Horatio Nelson, b. at Gardner, May 25, 1806.

158. Emily, b. at Gardner, Feb. 26, 1814. She m. first, Samuel Hooker; second, Willard Guilde, and lives at Gardner. *S. p.*

159. Ransom, b. at Gardner, May 9, 1817. He m. Fidelia, daughter of Elijah Travers of Gardner, b. Nov. 12, 1816. He died in 1844. *S. p.*

160.+ Rhoda, b. at Gardner, Dec. 24, 1821.

161.+ Bellarmin, b. at Gardner, Oct. 10, 1824.

## FIFTH GENERATION.

156. **Hollis Bolton** was born at Gardner, Mass., December 1, 1799. He married, June 4, 1822, Betsy, daughter of Stephen Sawin and Lydia Bemis. Mr. Bolton lives on his large and valuable farm stretching over one of the foot-hills of Mt. Wachusett. At

the age of eighty-nine he is still strong and well. His reminiscences go back to the days when as a boy he heard the stories of the old Revolutionary pensioners. His wife was an untiring Christian mother in her daily cares, and leaves many sons to cherish her memory. Hollis and Betsy Bolton had a large family at Westminster.

Their children are :

162. Charles Harrison, b. at Westminster, June 24, 1822. He moved to Waterville, W. T., and has been treasurer of Douglas county for three terms, but is now in failing health.  
*S. p.*
- 163.+ Simeon Leland, b. Nov. 27, 1823.
- 164.+ Franklin Ebenezer, b. May 24, 1825.
- 165.+ Almond Augustus, b. Dec. 28, 1826.
166. Aaron Sanford, b. Apr. 3, 1828. He m. first at Fitchburg, Lois E. Hobbs, Oct. 19, 1856. Child: Micah Jackson, b. May 23, 1857. He m. second Evalena Allen, and died Oct. 17, 1871.
167. Stephen Nelson, b. Aug. 20, 1829. He went to Jamestown, N. Y., in 1851, where he still lives. Mr. Bolton was a sergeant, Co. B, 68th N. Y. Vols. during the war. By his help and subscriptions he has encouraged the publication of this book. He is unmarried.
168. Eveline Elizabeth, b. May 6, 1831; d. Oct. 14, 1853.
- 169.+ Andrew Jackson, b. Jan. 17, 1833.
- 170.+ Henry Clinton, b. May 20, 1834.
- 171.+ Alonzo Davis, b. Dec. 17, 1835.



157. **Horatio Nelson Bolton** was born at Gardner, Mass., May 25, 1806. His name shows the interest taken in the hero of Trafalgar by the New Englanders at this time. Mr. Bolton followed the trade of his father, and was an officer in the militia company of Westminster. He married Mary, daughter of Joseph and Hephzibah Waite of Hubbardston, and died November 15, 1838.

Mrs. Bolton married, in 1839, Mr. William S. Lynde, "a valuable citizen of Gardner," by whom she had two daughters:— Octavia, who married George F. Peabody, and Harriet, who died.

Horatio N. Bolton had :

- 172. Harriet, b. at Gardner, Oct. 6, 1831; d. —.
- 173. Melinda, b. at Gardner, Dec. 22, 1832; d. —.
- 174. Christopher, b. at Gardner, Nov. 4, 1834. *S. p.*
- 175. Sidney, b. at Gardner, July 13, 1838. He studied law at Worcester but left his books in 1861 to enter the 26th Mass. volunteers. After two years' service, he was disabled by sun-stroke and discharged. The picture that remains of him shows a frank, manly face, full brow and rich brown hair. Had he lived, his love of law and history must have fulfilled the promise of his early years.

160. **Rhoda Bolton** was born at Gardner, Dec. 24, 1821. She married Ezekiel, son of Daniel Adams, a chair-maker.

Their children were :

- 176. Nelson, b. at Gardner, Oct. 24, 1841.

177. Horatio, b. at Gardner, July 26, 1845. He served in company G, 53d regiment, during the war.  
 178. Eveline, b. at Gardner, Oct. 13, 1847.  
 179. Eugene, b. at Gardner, Aug. 13, 1852.

161. **Bellarmin Bolton** was born at Gardner, October 10, 1824. He married Eunice Jane Coleman at Winchendon, August 21, 1851. As a sergeant in the 21st Mass. Infantry, he fought at Spottsylvania Court House, Cold Harbor—one of the terrible battles of the war, at Petersburg, and at other battles. He is a member of the G. A. R., and his son Hobart belongs to the "Sons of Veterans."

Their children are :

180. Charles Edmund, b. at Gardner in 1855; d. July 26, 1855.  
 181. Hobart Le Sure, b. at Gardner, Nov. 2, 1866.

#### SIXTH GENERATION.

163. **Simeon Leland Bolton** was born at Westminster, Mass., November 27, 1823. He married at Fitchburg, Mary N. Reed, in February, 1849. Mr. Bolton has a large summer resort and hotel at the foot of Mt. Wachusett.

His children are :

182. Henry Allen, b. Sept. 5, 1854. Unmarried.  
 183. Elizabeth Jackson, b. April 12, 1856. She m. Ellis G. Whiting.

164. **Franklin Ebenezer Bolton** was born at Westminster, Mass., May 24, 1825. He married Abi-

gail, daughter of John and Abigail F. Harrington, at Princeton, February 16, 1850. Mr. Bolton has been a Selectman of Westminster a number of times, beside holding other town offices. His son:

184. Charles, b. at Princeton, July 8, 1851. He m. Nov. 17, 1882, Emma J. Sanders, and is in the employ of the Fitchburg R. R., at Fitchburg.

165. **Almond Augustus Bolton** was born at Westminster, Mass., December 28, 1826. He married Louisa Ellen Drushal, August 21, 1873, and lives at Akron, Ohio. She was born March 10, 1850. Mr. Bolton is a Free Mason; and is by trade a sawyer.

Their children are:

185. Lewis Miller, b. June 4, 1874.

186. Edward Stanton, b. Oct. 27, 1876.

187. Archibald Nelson, b. Aug. 24, 1880.

169. **Andrew Jackson Bolton** was born at Westminster, Mass., January 17, 1833. Mr. Bolton went to California in the days of '49, and was a successful mining engineer. On his return he married, July 28, 1870, Mrs. Mary F. (Brown) Sawtell, a truly Christian woman. She died in December, 1888.

Mr. Bolton has been often a selectman of his native town, and chairman of the board, and has been always held in high esteem by his fellow townsmen. He is also a director in the Westminster National Bank.

188. Lester A. Bolton, was b. Nov. 19, 1881.

170. **Henry Clinton Bolton** was born at Westminster, Mass., May 20, 1834. Mr. Bolton married, first, Frances, daughter of David and Fanny Reed, October 12, 1856, at Westminster. She died, September 12, 1857, leaving a daughter who lived only two months. In 1858, Mr. Bolton moved to Jamestown, N. Y., and enlisted in September, 1861, in Co. B, 100th N. Y. Vols., under Col. Jas. M. Brown. After Fair Oaks, the siege of Morris Island and other stirring battles of the war, he was taken prisoner at Drury's Bluff, May 16, 1864, and sent to the prison at Andersonville. "Mr. Bolton came out of this death-pit on parol, weighing less than one hundred pounds, though six months before when he went in, he tipped the beam at one hundred and eighty-five." In 1862, he had married Miss Jane Dingley of Sinclairville. She died January 1, 1863, while he was sailing round Cape Hatteras to St. Helena Island, S. C. In June, 1867, he was married for a third time, now to Miss Annis Phillips of Jamestown. The Jamestown *Sunday Sun* of May 23, 1886, gives a good likeness of Mr. Bolton at the time of his entering the Police Department of the city, and says: "Mr. Bolton is a powerfully built man, of fine physique, genial and accommodating, and makes a most efficient officer."

171. **Alonzo Davis Bolton** was born at Westminster, Mass., December 17, 1835, and is a painter there. He married at Millbury, July 3, 1857, Marion, daughter of Micah and Elizabeth Hobbs.

Their children are:

189. Fred R., b. in Westminster, Mass., Nov. 13, 1858. Mr. Bolton m. Sarah E. Merriam, dau. of Joel Merriam, Dec. 25, 1880. They have a son, Carl A. Bolton (eighth generation), b. at Westminster, Aug. 18, 1882. Mr. Bolton is a boot and shoe merchant at Keene, N. H.
190. Carrie E., b. in Westminster, Sept. 14, 1863. She m. Nathan R. Besse, Mar. 27, 1880, at Gardner, and has a dau. Marion, b. Sept. 4, 1880. Residence, Onset, Mass.

*Aaron Bolton and Descendants.*

8. **Aaron Bolton**, gentleman, was born at Reading, Middlesex county, February 12, 1753. He moved to Westminster, Worcester county, and bought a large farm in 1774. The same year, April 12, Mr. Bolton married Dorcas, daughter of Jonas and Mary Winship, descended from Lieutenant Edward Winship of Cambridge. At the alarm, April 19th, 1775, Aaron Bolton enlisted under Captain Noah Miles, and in 1777 served under Captain Reed at Machias. Later he became a captain, and was long known and respected in Westminster as a militia officer, as selectman in 1800-1, 1803-4, and as an arbitrator in town boundaries and disputes. In the Worcester county deeds he is styled "Aaron Bolton, gentleman."

Captain Bolton's grave is marked by the first marble stones erected in the cemetery. Near him lies Colonel Rand of the Revolution, and not far

away are the ancestors of General Miles and Senator Hoar. He was a Revolutionary pensioner in 1818.

Mrs. Bolton was born February 26, 1755, and died May 5, 1826. Captain Bolton died April 29, 1837.

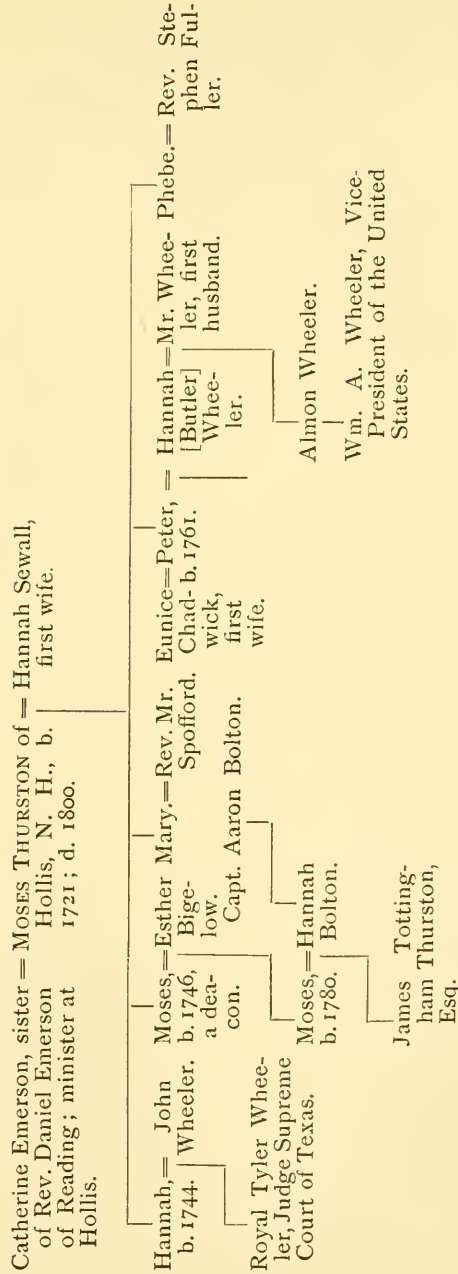
They had:

- 191. Dorcas, b. at Westminster, Feb. 1, 1775; d. Sept. 4, 1778.
- 192. Dorcas, b. at Westminster, Sept. 25, 1778.
- 193. Moses, b. at Westminster, in 1781; d. Sept. 9, 1785.
- 194.+ Hannah, b. at Westminster, June 26, 1783.
- 195.+ Eunice, b. at Westminster, Aug. 9, 1786.
- 196. Nancy, b. at Westminster, July 31, 1788. She m. Josiah Jackson, of Westminster, June 23, 1812, and had two (?) children.
- 197.+ Mary, b. at Westminster, May 21, 1791.
- 198. Louise, b. at Westminster, Jan. 8, 1794. She m. Caleb Wilder and had seven children, b. in Fitchburg and in Vermont.
- 199.+ Matilda, b. at Westminster, Nov. 21, 1796.
- 200. Aaron, b. at Westminster, Oct. 9, 1800; d. Jan. 22, 1803.

#### FOURTH GENERATION.

194. **Hannah Bolton** was born at Westminster, June 26, 1783. She married at Westminster, December 12, 1806, Moses, a son of Deacon Moses Thurston, a hatter of Westminster. They moved to Cambridge, Vt., in 1815, where Mr. Thurston was a farmer, and a member of the Congregational church. He died July 29, 1854, and his wife died May 3, 1865.

Thurston Family.



201. Fidelia, b. at Westminster, Mass., Nov. 10, 1807; m. Oct. 21, 1828, Henry Wm. Sabin. They have a son, Charles T. Sabin, a civil engineer of Montpelier, Vt.
202. Nancy Bolton, b. Sept. 28, 1809; m. July 24, 1828, Otis Bennett, and moved to Ogle Co., Ill., where they suffered much from the Indians. Their son, Rev. Moses T. Bennett, lives at Waterville, Kan.
203. Moses, b. Oct. 2, 1811; m. Mrs. Eliza Flagg in 1840. He was a hunter and trapper with the famous John Brown who explored "John Brown's Tract" in western New York.
204. Matilda Bolton, b. Oct. 19, 1813; m. June 29, 1842, Earl Smilie, a merchant, and d. Sept. 28, 1844. They have a son, Melville E. Smilie, a lawyer in Montpelier, Vt.
205. James Tottingham, b. Feb. 18, 1818; m. first, Feb. 14, 1843, Fanny Witherell; second, Mrs. Jane Currier. Mr. Thurston was president of the Vermont Mutual Fire Insurance Company, the largest of its kind in New England, and was an eminent man in public life. Their son, John Baldwin, Amherst Coll. 1870, is a successful business man in Montpelier.
206. David Chadwick, b. July 19, 1821; m. Free-love Carey, and d. Sept. 19, 1863.

195. **Eunice Bolton** was born August 9, 1786, at Westminster, Mass., and married Samuel Clark of Ashburnham.

Their children born at Ashburnham were :



207. Susanna N., b. July 6, 1807.  
208. Aaron Bolton, b. Dec. 1, 1809.  
209. Joseph, b. Aug. 20, 1811.

197. **Mary Bolton** was born at Westminster, Mass., May 21, 1791. She married January 3, 1809, Ohio, son of Captain Silas Whitney of Ashburnham. She died August 30, 1843. Mr. Whitney married second, June 9, 1844, Mrs. Dorothy (Maynard) Brown and died March 23, 1870. "Mr. Whitney was a man of ability and unusual force of character. The record of his life and good works is engraven in the annals of Ashburnham. He was a selectman several years and honorably discharged every trust. At all times and under all circumstances he commanded the respect and affectionate regard of his townsmen." There is a picture of Mr. Whitney in the History of Ashburnham; and also engravings of two descendants of Mary Bolton: Hon. Ohio Whitney, Jr., and Ivers W. Adams, Esq., of Boston.

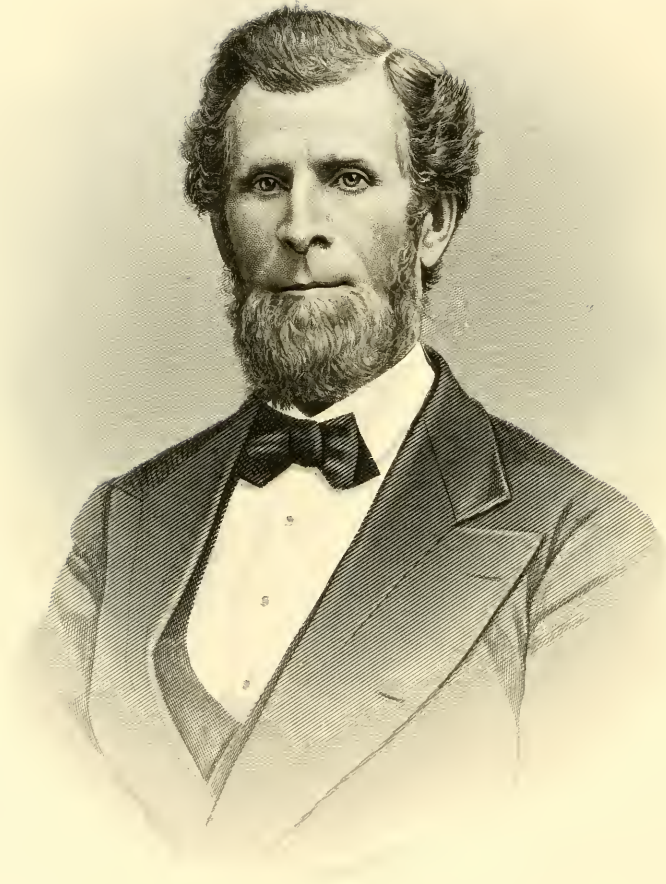
They had :

210. Mary Bolton, b. July 23, 1809. She m. James Adams of Ashburnham, Sept. 20, 1827. He was a farmer and tanner, and established the business carried on by L. B. and A. J. Adams. She d. Oct. 29, 1847, and he m. Mary H. Smith and moved to Brooklyn, Penn., and d. Dec. 25, 1880. They had six children, born at Ashburnham (see the town history).

211. Jason, b. Feb. 10, 1811. A farmer. He m. first, Elizabeth L. Samson; second, Susan E. Barrett; third, Esther Ball, and had nine children, of whom four died. A son, Charles, is a farmer in Ashburnham, and another son, Ferdinand, lives in Fitchburg.
- 212.+ Ohio, b. June 9, 1813.
- 213.+ Sarah, b. April 5, 1815.
214. Amos, b. June 7, 1817; m. Harriet J. Bemis, and d. April 20, 1868. He was a foreman in the chair factory several years. Among their five children are Edwin and Albert of Newton, and Waldo F., a dentist of Boston.
- 215.+ Dolly Winship, b. Jan. 19, 1819.
- 216.+ Harriet Jackson, b. Dec. 8, 1820.
- 217.+ Francis Alexander, b. Aug. 2, 1823.
218. Walter, b. Jan. 1, 1825. "He was respected for his candor and honesty, and loved for amiable traits of character and unfailing kindness." He m. Elvira Dunn, and d. July 23, 1867. His oldest surviving son, Frank Walter Whitney, is principal of the Chicopee High School. A daughter, Jennie, is a teacher at Ashburnham.
219. Ivers Bolton, b. Aug. 1, 1827; d. Sept. 8, 1829.
220. Aaron, b. March 20, 1829; d. Sept. 5, 1830.
221. Nancy, b. Feb. 23, 1831; d. Oct. 20, 1847.
222. Abbie Ellis, b. Feb. 25, 1836. She m. Dec. 5, 1857, Chas. W. Barrell of Westminster; second, Simeon Merritt, Esq., a prominent man in town and State politics.

199. **Matilda Bolton** was born at Westminster, Mass., November 21, 1796. She married at Gardner, Nehemiah Shumway. They had:





*Ohio Whitney Jr*

- 223. Caroline A., b. Feb. 5, 1817; m. Amasa, son of Smyrna Bancroft, and d. Sept. 12, 1858.
- 224. Charles A., b. April 27, 1818; m. Adeline Davis.
- 225. Almira M., b. April 17, 1820; d. Sept. 23, 1828.
- 226. Albert A., b. Jan. 7, 1824; d. Oct. 30, 1848.
- 227. Edwin E., b. Aug. 14, 1826; d. Sept. 5, 1838.
- 228. Handel M., b. March 27, 1828; m. Martha Underwood.

## FIFTH GENERATION.

212. **Hon. Ohio Whitney, Jr.**, son of Ohio and Mary (Bolton) Whitney, was born at Ashburnham, June 9, 1813, and married April 11, 1839, Mary, daughter of Elijah Brooks. "He was honorably connected in direct and collateral branches of his family. With him the fame and growth of Ashburnham was a controlling and ever-renewed inspiration." He was trustee and treasurer for Cushing Academy; trustee of the Fitchburg Savings Bank, a vice-president of the Ashburnham Savings Bank and an original director of the National Bank of the same town. He was president of the Worcester North Agricultural Society, a member of the Fitchburg Board of Trade, and represented his native town in the State House and Senate. "In his intercourse with his fellow-men he was affable and charitable. He bore malice to none. In the inner walks of his daily life his affections were constant and his friendships enduring. He died February 6, 1879." The engraving on steel, which was just used in the History of Ashburnham, appears here

through the kindness of Mr. Whitney's son, Mr. Walton B. Whitney.

229. Ellen Rebecca, b. Jan. 6, 1840; d. Oct. 10, 1865.
230. Josie M., b. Aug. 23, 1843; she m. Capt. Walter Osgood Parker.
231. George S., b. Aug. 26, 1845; m. Moses P. Greenwood.
232. Lydia A., b. Aug. 3, 1846.
233. Clinton Ohio, b. Aug. 9, 1850; m. Lillian E. Connant, and lives in Boston.
234. Walton B., b. Aug. 28, 1859; m. Sadie B. Sherburne, and is a job and ornamental printer in Ashburnham, and also town clerk.

213. **Sarah Whitney**, daughter of Ohio and Mary (Bolton) Whitney, was born at Ashburnham, April 5, 1815. She married, January 1, 1834, Walter Adams, "a carpenter and an esteemed citizen." They had six children.

235. Ivers Whitney, b. May 20, 1838. Mr. Adams by patient labor has achieved notable success. He was the active member of the firm of John H. Pray, Sons & Co., so well known throughout eastern Mass., and president of the American Net and Twine Company. "He owns extensive salmon fisheries in New Brunswick, and shooting grounds in Virginia. He is a member of Grove Hall Church, Dorchester, and chairman of its board of trustees, and also chairman of the board of directors of the Universalist Club of Boston." Mr. Adams is a man of genial manners and a ready appreciation of the demands of friendship and society.

236. Walter Russell, b. Feb. 7, 1840. He m. April 21, 1881, Mary, dau. of Dr. Levi Pillsbury of Fitchburg, and is a successful business man.
237. Sarah Adelaide, b. Feb. 26, 1843; m. Charles A. Robbins.
238. Abbie Augusta, b. Jan. 14, 1846; d. Aug. 27, 1848.
239. Charles Francis, b. Oct. 21, 1849; d. Dec. 19, 1876.
240. Willis Herbert, b. March 3, 1852; d. Aug. 27, 1853.

215. **Dolly Winship Whitney**, daughter of Ohio and Mary (Bolton) Whitney, was born at Ashburnham, Mass., January 19, 1819. She married July 22, 1841, Joseph Adams, brother to Walter Adams.

They had :

241. Melvin Ohio, b. Nov. 7, 1847. He m. Jan. 20, 1875, Mary, dau. of Dr. George Colony of Fitchburg. "Mr. Adams was sub. master of the Fitchburg High School in 1871-2, and read law with Hon. Edward Avery of Boston, and Hon. Amasa Norcross of Fitchburg." He was admitted to the Suffolk bar in 1875, and became assistant district attorney for the district of Suffolk not long after. Mr. Adams is a man of ability and force of character.
242. Walter Hale, b. Nov. 11, 1851; d. Oct. 6, 1852.

216. **Harriet Jackson Whitney**, daughter of Ohio and Mary (Bolton) Whitney, was born at Ashburn-

ham, December 8, 1820. She married March 10, 1840, Salmon W. Putnam, a gentleman closely identified with the growth and prosperity of Fitchburg. They had nine children, of whom George E., the sixth, is an attorney and counselor-at-law.

217. **Francis Alexander Whitney**, son of Ohio and Mary (Bolton) Whitney, was born at Ashburnham, August 2, 1823. He married January 6, 1852, Lucy, daughter of Elias Lane. Mr. Whitney has been prominent in his town as a teacher, a trustee of Cushing Academy, and as a town officer. He married, second, Sarah I. Watkins, September 9, 1862, and has two surviving sons :

243. Earl Ingraham, b. July 25, 1865.

244. Winthrop, b. June 17, 1874.



*Timothy Bolton and Descendants.*

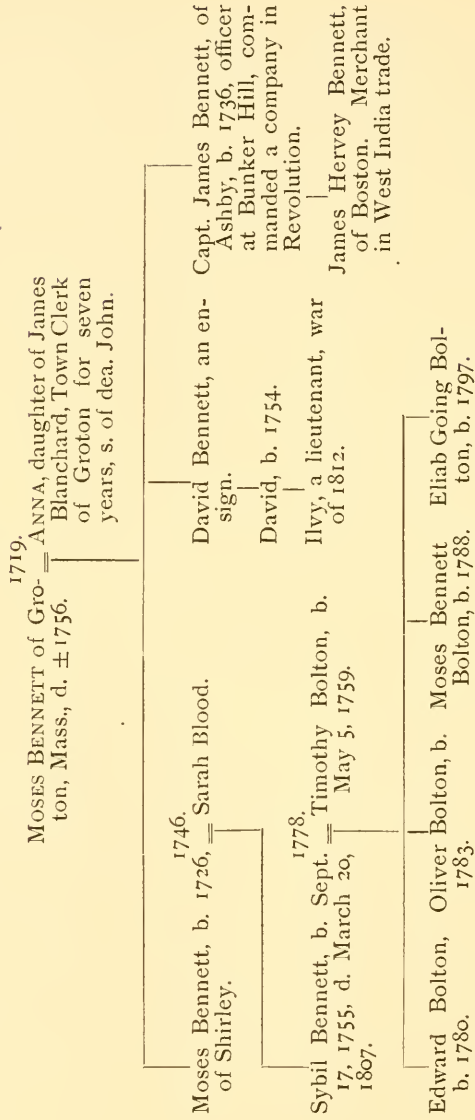
10. **Timothy Bolton** was born at Reading, Middlesex county, May 5, 1759. A boy of sixteen he marched to Cambridge Common on hearing of the battle at Lexington. During the siege of Boston in 1775, he was on Prospect Hill with Capt. Robert Longley, and tradition saith took part at Bunker Hill, June 17th. Mr. Bolton married at Shirley, May 14, 1778, Sybil, youngest child of Moses Bennett, Jr., and Sarah Blood.

Sybil, born September 17, 1755, was a niece of Captain James Bennett, an officer at Bunker Hill, and at other battles of the war; also a descendant, through her mother, of Major Simon Willard of Concord. She died at Shirley, March 20, 1807.

*Timothy Bolton*

Timothy Bolton served through the war. He was yet a boy, tall, angular and brown; ever ready for a brush with the enemy, or a long story by the camp-fire. Timothy had a particular dislike for the half-hearted Nova Scotia volunteers; whenever he met a "Holy Ghoster," as they were called, he took no pains to conceal his aversion. When the soldiers marched home from the war and were about to fire a salute, Timothy's father put his hand upon the son's shoulder and said, "don't fire, Timmer." It was thus

**Bennett Family.**



the soldier first learned of the death of his mother on that day.

He lived on the farm with his father, improving it with him until 1804. Soon after he moved to Vermont where he was a Revolutionary Pensioner until March 4, 1826. Timothy Bolton died in a great snow-storm in Vermont in 1826.

Their children were :

- 245. Mary, b. at Shirley, Feb. 1, 1779. She m. a Captain Torrance of the St. Lawrence river.
- 246.+ Edward, b. at Shirley, Feb. 5, 1780.
- 247. Olive, b. at Shirley, Oct. 19, 1781. She m. at Fitchburg, June 7, 1801, John Darby.
- 248. Oliver, b. at Shirley, Oct. 9, 1783. He m. Sally Bliss, and moved to Lockport. He was known as "Olvin."
- 249.+ Eunice, b. at Shirley, May 13, 1786.
- 250.+ Moses Bennett, b. at Shirley, Aug. 26, 1788.
- 251.+ Lucinda, b. at Shirley, July 1, 1791.
- 252. Eliab, b. at Shirley, Feb. 23, 1794; d. Sept. 11, 1796.
- 253.+ Eliab Going, b. at Shirley, Dec. 19, 1797.

#### FOURTH GENERATION.

246. **Edward Bolton** was born at Shirley, Mass., February 5, 1780. He married April 17, 1800, Elizabeth Sanderson of Harvard. She was born July 21, 1778. He died in 1834.

They had :

- 254. Leonard, b. at Shirley, Nov. 28, 1800. He lived at Shirley village till 1821, with the Shakers. Later he m. Phebe Samson and moved to Pelham, Mass.

255. Edward Bennett, b. at Shirley, Nov. 28, 1802.  
He lived with the Shakers, and died March 10, 1882.
256. Mary, b. at Shirley, March 15, 1805.
- 257.+ William, b. at Shirley, March 17, 1807.
- 258.+ Eli, b. at Shirley, April 17, 1809.
259. Elizabeth, b. at Shirley, Nov. 19, 1819. She m. first, Wentworth Sanderson of Harvard, in March, 1838; second, Eli Stone of Groton, in Nov., 1866. Wentworth was a double first cousin to Elizabeth Bolton.

249. **Eunice Bolton** was born at Shirley, Mass., May 13, 1786. She married Isaac Sanderson of Harvard, published December 16, 1805. She died at Boylston, December 8, 1860. They had:

260. Lucinda, b. May 5, 1806. She m. first, Hiram Twell of Groton; second, John Woodburn of Nashua, N. H., and moved to Londonderry, N. H.
261. Isaac, b. May 22, 1807; d. March 1, 1834.
262. William, b. Sept. 27, 1808; d. Oct. 19, 1809.
263. Henry, b. Feb. 19, 1810; m. Mary Hubbard of Amherst, N. H., and moved to Mt. Vernon; later to Milford, N. H.
264. Wentworth, b. Jan. 20, 1812; m. Elizabeth Bolton of Sterling, Mass.; d. in 1866.
265. Washington, b. Aug. 21, 1813; m. first, Mary A. Gardner of Lancaster; second, Rhoda Robinson of Lancaster.
266. Oliver, b. March 6, 1815; m. Lucinda Miller of Petersboro, N. H., and moved to Lowell, Mass.
267. Joseph, b. Jan. 26, 1816; m. Eunice Cuzzins and lives at Nashua.

- 268. William, b. Nov. 12, 1818, at Northboro.
- 269. Druida, b. Mar. 6, 1820; m. John W. Seaver of Boylston.
- 270. Julia, b. Jan. 26, 1822; m. Amos Fletcher of Hollis, N. H., and d. in 1848.
- 271. Mary, b. April 4, 1823; m. Benjamin Melvin of Bolton, and moved to Lyndeboro', N. H.
- 272. James, b. May 19, 1824; m. Betsey McQuestion of Litchfield, N. H., and moved to Milford.
- 273. Orison, b. April 9, 1827; m. Hannah Barnes of Merrimac, N. H.
- 274. Rosilla, b. Sept. 7, 1829; m. John W. Twombly, and d. at Mamaroneck, N. Y.
- 275. Lorenzo, b. April 1, 1831; m. first, Dolly Hastings of Boylston; second, Mary A. Josselyn, and moved to Northboro'.

250. **Moses Bennett Bolton** was born at Shirley, August 26, 1788, and went with John King to Wilbraham, Mass., when a boy. He married at Wilbraham, Sarah Roxana Bliss, August 14, 1811. Sarah, daughter of Obed and Roxana Bliss, was born October 20, 1792, and died September 17, 1855, descended from Thomas Bliss of Belstone, Devonshire, England. Mr. Bolton was a farmer and died June 2, 1878.

Their children were:

- 276+. James King, b. at Wilbraham, March 31, 1813.
- 277+. Henry Elliot, b. at Wilbraham, May 9, 1815.
- 278+. George Washington, b. at Wilbraham, Feb. 22, 1817.
- 279+. Obed Bliss, b. at Wilbraham, Nov. 24, 1818.

- 280+. Francis, b. at Wilbraham, Nov. 20, 1820.  
 281+. Eliza Bliss, b. at Wilbraham, June 19, 1822.  
 282+. Lucy Bartlett, b. at Wilbraham, Sept. 3, 1824.  
 283. Mary Ann, b. at Wilbraham, Sept. 12, 1826;  
     d. June 4, 1837.  
 284. Moses Bliss, b. at Wilbraham, June 1, 1828;  
     m. Lucinda Augusta Vinton, in 1851.  
 285. Samuel Slater, b. at Wilbraham, June 10, 1832,  
     and lives at Big Rapids, Mich,

251. **Lucinda Bolton** was born at Shirley, Mass., July 1, 1791. She married about 1810, Erastus Glover of Wilbraham, son of John and Mercy (Cotton) Glover, descended from John Glover of Prescott, England. They lived at Wilbraham and had:

286. Adaline, b. in 1812; m. Reuben Underwood.  
 287. Benjamin, b. Sept. 10, 1814; d. since 1853.  
 288. Albert, b. Sept. 8, 1816; d. since 1853.  
 289. Samuel, b. Feb. 1, 1824; a master mariner,  
     drowned in 1861.

253. **Eliab Going Bolton** was born at Shirley, Mass., December 19, 1797. He married in 1821, Dorcas R. Farwell of Groton, who was born September 10, 1796, and died September 27, 1854. Mr. Bolton was a mariner and sailed under Captain Nash. He was familiar with all the West Indies, and brought the first tomatoes into Groton, it is said. He was stationed at Fort Warren, Boston, during the latter part of the war of 1812, and died at Groton, February 18, 1876.

290. George Fulsom, b. at Groton, Jan. 10, 1822.  
He followed the sea for many years, in the  
trade with Europe, and with Japan and the  
Pacific islands. He d. Sept. 20, 1847. *S. p.*
- 291+. Mary Ann, b. at Groton, June 17, 1823.
- 292+. Pamela Jane, b. at Groton, Nov. 24, 1825.
- 293+. Eliab Going, b. at Groton, Oct. 28, 1828.
- 294+. Christiana Rockwood, b. at Groton, Aug. 22,  
1831.
295. Nancy Bigelow, b. at Groton, June 3, 1833.  
She m. Elliott P. Wilder of Bartonville,  
Vt., March 4, 1854. They had a child, b.  
Jan. 26, 1860. Mrs. Wilder d. Dec. 25,  
1862. Her husband d. May 11, 1867.
296. Francis, b. at Groton, March 5, 1843; d. June  
12, 1844.

## FIFTH GENERATION.

257. **William Bolton** was born at Shirley, March 17, 1807. He married Sybil Kezar, October 31, 1830. She was born January 24, 1810, at Pepperell; her grandmother was a sister of Mr. Alexander, proprietor of the old "Lamb Tavern" of Boston, now the Adams House. Mr. Bolton lived at Franklin, Sheldon and Enosbury, Vt.

297. Mary Jane, b. at Woodstock, Vt., April 5, 1834.  
She m. Rufus B. Wells of S. Caxton, P. Q.,  
Canada.
- 298.+ Charles Edwin, b. April 11, 1835.
299. Leonard Sumner, b. June 26, 1837; moved to  
Clay City, Kansas.
300. Rodney Bennett, b. — ; killed in a saw-mill  
at Shirley, Mass., aged 23.

301. George Daud, b. May 26, 1844; moved to  
Boylston, Vt.  
302. Cynthia M., b. July 6, 1846; m. Silas Coburn  
of Jay, Vt.  
303.+ Joel W., b. Nov. 3, 1849.

258. **Eli Bolton** was born at Shirley, Mass., April 17, 1809. He married at Reading, Rebekah Nichols, March 6, 1831, and lives in South Portland, Maine. He writes me that he has been married fifty-three years and has :

304. Edward, lives in Saginaw city, Mich.  
305. Daniel T., d. ——.   
306. John T., has one child.  
307. Thomas S., has four children.  
308. Charles D.  
309. Mary E., m. Mr. Stanton, of Lynn, Mass.  
Has five children.  
310. Elizabeth.  
311. Amanda, b. at Portland, June 4, 1845. Has  
three children and lost one.

276. **James King Bolton** was born at Wilbraham, Mass., March 31, 1813. He moved to South Hadley Falls, and became a paper-maker. Not long after he married Marilla Sophia, oldest daughter of John and Lucy (Hubbard) Ingram of Amherst. She was born January 19, 1814, and married Mr. Bolton, October 24, 1837. She was a descendant of that Martha Pitkin of London, "who," said the Rev. Mr. Robbins, "put the colony in commotion. If possible she must be detained. It became a matter of general consulta-



tion what young man was good enough for Miss Pitkin." She became the mother of Gov. Roger Wolcott of Connecticut, and ancestor of five other governors. Mrs. Bolton died at South Hadley Falls, October 28, 1888, in the house where she had lived for fifty years. The Holyoke *Transcript* of October 29 said: "Mrs. Bolton had long been a member of the Congregational Church here (South Hadley Falls), and was much respected—a Christian woman and a beloved mother." After her death, the eldest son, C. E. Bolton, found in her work-basket a stocking half knit.

## THE UNFINISHED STOCKING.

Lay it aside—her work—no more she sits  
By open window in the western sun,  
Thinking of this and that beloved one,  
In silence, as she knits.

Lay it aside—the needles in their place—  
No more she welcomes, at the cottage door,  
The coming of her children home once more,  
With sweet, and tearful face.

Lay it aside—her work is done, and well—  
A generous, sympathetic, Christian life;  
A faithful mother, and a noble wife,  
Her influence who can tell?

Lay it aside—say not her work is done—  
No deed of love or goodness ever dies,  
But in the lives of others multiplies:  
Say it is just begun.

SARAH K. BOLTON.

They had:

312. James Wells, b. at S. H. F., Jan. 6, 1839; d. Sept. 24, 1840.  
 313.+ Charles Edward, b. at S. H. F., May 16, 1841.  
 314. John King, b. at S. H. F., Jan. 18, 1843; d. Sept. 16, 1845.  
 315.+ John Ingram, b. at S. H. F., July 3, 1845.  
 316. Arthur Leroy, b. at S. H. F., Oct. 19, 1847; d. Oct. 7, 1848.  
 317.+ Ellaroy Marilla, b. at S. H. F., Oct. 8, 1849.

277. **Henry Elliot Bolton** was born at Palmer, Mass., May 9, 1815. He married Catherine, daughter of Zebina Moody of Granby, December 1, 1836, and is a paper manufacturer at Bondsville, Mass. She was born at Granby, Mass., November 9, 1819. Mr. Bolton has always been a strong Republican, as indeed have been most of the family. His children are:

318. Edward May, b. at S. H. F., Oct. 9, 1837; d. May 1, 1838.  
 319. Mary Catherine. b. at S. H. F., May 2, 1839.  
     She m Henry Clark Joslyn, Nov. 28, 1860.  
     He d. Jan. 28, 1889. *S. p.*  
 320.+ Henry Elliot, b. at S. H. F., Aug. 18, 1841.  
 321.+ Edward May, b. at S. H. F., Aug. 10, 1845.  
 322. Hattie Emily, b. at S. H. F., Feb. 2, 1856; m. Frank H. Blaisdell of Salisbury, Mass., Feb. 21, 1875, and d. Dec. 30, 1880.  
 323. Cecil May, b. Oct. 6, 1879; d. Jan. 28, 1880.

278. **George Washington Bolton** was born at Wilbraham, Mass., February 22, 1817. He married Ruth Gilbert of West Brookfield, September 4, 1838, and lived at South Hadley Falls. She was born at West

Brookfield, Mass., April 17, 1817. Later, Mr. Bolton moved to Beaver (Volney P. O.), Michigan, with his two younger brothers. His children born at South Hadley Falls, Mass., are :

324. Wealthy Jane, b. Feb. 2, 1843 ; m. Stephen A. Blanchard, Jan. 22, 1862, and lives at Colfax, Mich.
325. Ida Ann, b. April 25, 1846 ; m. Loren E. Robinson, June 1, 1865. He d. May 21, 1879, and she lives at S. H. F. with her children Wilbur, Leona and Edith.
326. Laura Maria, b. Aug. 21, 1852 ; m. John Wells, Dec. 25, 1870.
327. Calvin Oney, b. Aug. 31, 1857. Unmarried.

279. **Obed Bliss Bolton** was born at Wilbraham, Mass., November 24, 1818. Mr. Bolton married Caroline Jane Snow of Brookfield, August 29, 1842, and lives at South Hadley, near the Seminary. His only son

328.+ William Curtis, b. at S. H. F., March 2, 1851.

280. **Francis Bolton** was born at Wilbraham, Mass., November 20, 1820. He married Sarah Stebbins of Granby, December 6, 1842. As an engineer he worked for a number of years in the Andes and at Panama, where he studied the language, and came to know the poetry and song of the people. Returning to Hartford, he entered the employ of the Hartford Silver Plate Company. They had :

329+. Cynthia, b. at New Bedford, Jan. 23, 1845.

330+. George Henry, b. at Taunton, July 14, 1847.

281. **Eliza Bliss Bolton** was born at Wilbraham, Mass., June 19, 1822. She married Edwin Patter-son, October 10, 1843, and lives at Agawam, near Springfield.

Her children are :

- 331. Henrietta Frances, b. Oct. 18, 1844; m. T. C. Parsons.
- 332. John Sylvester, b. Aug. 19, 1846; m. L. B. Richmond.
- 333. Lucy Clemence, b. Aug. 28, 1850; d. March 2, 1854.
- 334. Louise Cummings, b. Nov. 20, 1855; unmar-ried.

282. **Lucy Bartlett Bolton** was born at Wilbraham, September 3, 1824. She married first, Calvin Beck-with, Jr., September 21, 1843; he died June 13, 1857. She then married Gilbert G. Moody of Springfield, September 3, 1867. Mrs. Moody, or "Aunt Lucy," is one of the brightest and most hospitable of aunts. She went last year (1888) to live with her only daughter in New York State.

- 335. Ella Elizabeth, b. at Springfield, Mass., July 22, 1848; m. Nov. 16, 1876, Edwin D. Hager, of N. Blenheim, N. Y., a member of the State Legislature, and has two children living, Eugene and Florence.

291. **Mary Ann Bolton** was born at Groton, Mass., June 17, 1823, and died August 17, 1871. She mar-ried July 2, 1839, James Hartwell of Groton, who





Truly yours  
Mrs. Pamela J. Cartwright

died February 11, 1889. Mr. Hartwell was a painter by trade, and was very successful in his business.

Their children :

- 336. James Adams, b. at Groton, Jan. 17, 1841; m. Hannah Maria Holden of Shirley, and d. at Camp Nelson, Ky., Jan. 29, 1864.
- 337. Emeline, b. June 12, 1843; m. Amos L. Ames.
- 338. Lucy Ann, b. Nov. 8, 1844; m. Eldridge Gerry White of Shirley.
- 339. Thomas E., b. Aug. 22, 1846; m. Maria M. Cogswell.
- 340. Susan W., b. Dec. 8, 1848; m. Augustus J. Rogers, and d. Mar. 23, 1876.
- 341. Abbott, b. July 15, 1850; d. —.
- 342. Augusta, b. June 6, 1852; m. George S. Joseph.
- 343. George Henry, b. Feb. 2, 1856; m. Josephine M. Nutting.
- 344. Charles F., b. Mar. 9, 1859; d. —.
- 345. Sarah Elizabeth, b. July 15, 1861; m. Fredk. H. Jenkins of Shirley, June 18, 1876.
- 346. Frank E., b. April 21, 1864; m. Mary J. Rollins.

292. **Pamela Jane Bolton** was born at Groton, Mass., November 24, 1825. She married George Brown Cartwright, Esq., a merchant of Boston, June 25, 1863. Mr. Cartwright died January 15, 1885. His wife, a lady of education and means, having no children of her own, adopted a boy and a girl. She has shown herself to be a true mother and a noble Christian. She has been skillful in the management of her property, and generous in gifts to every good cause. To her encouragement is due in great part the collection of these records.

293. **Eliab Going Bolton, Jr.**, was born at Groton, Mass., October 28, 1828. He married Betsy L. Place of Bolton, November 4, 1865, and lives at Chester, Vt., where his family have been educated. He has :

- 347. George E., b. June 18, 1867.
- 348. William E., b. Aug. 28, 1870.
- 349. Myra E., b. Sept. 11, 1872.
- 350. Eliab G., b. July 17, 1875.
- 351. Warren E., b. Aug. 22, 1877.
- 352. Maude M., b. Dec. 28, 1879.
- 353. Walter E., b. Feb. 10, 1881.
- 354. Bertie A., b. Aug. 30, 1883.
- 355. Lillian F., b. Feb. 9, 1886.

294. **Christina Rockwood Bolton** was born at Groton, August 22, 1831. She married Isaac T. Wilder of Bartonville, Vt., March 28, 1859. Mr. Wilder died March 25, 1875. His wife has been of great help collecting information about the Vermont Boltons. She has :

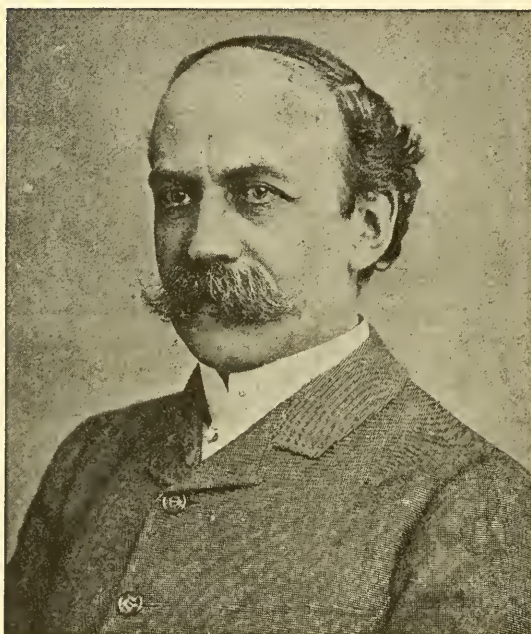
- 356. Jennie M., b. June 20, 1860; m. Royal Gam-  
mel of Rockingham, June 26, 1877.
- 357. Ezra, b. Oct. 25, 1862; d. Jan. 13, 1883.
- 358. Mabel E., b. Oct. 13, 1868; m. Charles D.  
Moffitt of Penn., Oct. 13, 1883.

#### SIXTH GENERATION.

298. **Charles Edwin Bolton** was born at Woodstock, Vt., April 11, 1835. He was brought up on a farm, and at seventeen became a machinist. He married







*C. E. Bolton*

Lucy V. Cosby, a Canadian, in 1857, and settled at Bolton Centre, P. Q., in 1859. His children were born in Canada. Mrs. Bolton died July 28, 1883, and her husband came to Bennington, Vt. He moved recently to North Adams, Mass.

Their children are :

- 359.+ William Charles, b. at Bolton Centre, P. Q., May 9, 1861, and lives at Fitchburg, Mass.,
- 360. Lucy Ellen, b. at Bolton Centre, Sept. 17, 1863, and lives at Fitchburg, Mass.
- 361. George E., b. at Bolton Centre, Nov. 11, 1865, and lives at Troy, Vt.
- 362. Carrie V., b. at Bolton Centre, Oct. 27, 1867, and lives in Canada.

303. **Joel W. Bolton** was born November 3, 1849. He married June 17, 1875, Rachel Corey, who lived but three years, and bore him a son. Mr. Bolton lives at Enosburgh Falls, Vt.

363. Harvey Elwin, b. July 22, 1878.

313. **Charles Edward Bolton** was born at South Hadley Falls, Mass., May 16, 1841. He graduated from Amherst College in 1865, receiving a prize in mineralogy. He assisted in the work of the Christian and Sanitary Commissions in the Civil war, and was at the siege of Petersburg, Va. In ministering to the wounded on the field, he found a dying colored soldier, who had carried a large family Bible in his knapsack. This the man gave to Mr. Bolton, who presented it to Amherst College.

In 1865, he settled in Cleveland, O., becoming manager of a branch house for Hall's Safe and Lock Company, and took a leading part in Y. M. C. A. work, temperance reform, and in the growth and improvement of the city. He was successful in the real estate business, but lost heavily in the depression of 1873. Mr. Bolton then became vice-president and manager of the Cleveland Machine Company. He obtained patents for several of his inventions. He made five journeys to Europe, visiting Great Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Russia, Turkey, Norway, Sweden and other countries, writing for the *Congregationalist*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Springfield Republican* and other papers, in addition to business. For *St. Nicholas' Magazine* he prepared a series of articles on the "Progress of Invention," to be used in a book.

He was a delegate to the World's Y. M. C. A. Convention in London; also an Ohio delegate to the Sunday School Centenary. At the meeting held in the church of Rev. Dr. Newman Hall, under the Lincoln Tower, at the time of the burial of President Garfield in the United States, Mr. Bolton made one of the addresses. He traveled through Turkey with General Lucius Fairchild, ex-minister to Spain, and family, and camped for several days with an English party at the North Cape.

He organized and conducted the Cleveland Educational Bureau, to give the best lectures and concerts to the people at the lowest price possible, a re-

port of which is given in the *Century* for January, 1885, page 390. Four thousand persons attended every Saturday evening through several winters. Over six million pages of valuable reading matter were prepared and given to the audiences during three years.

For several years he has given illustrated lectures from Maine to California, on his travels through Europe and America, combining history and the study of the people, with description. The press has given hearty praise. The New York *Tribune* says: "Every part of Chickering Hall was crowded when Mr. Bolton lectured on 'The Lands of the Midnight Sun,' under the auspices of the Teachers' Association of the city of New York. \* \* His style is such as to fix the attention of any audience, and applause was hearty and frequent."

The Boston *Herald* says: "Union Hall was packed to the doors last evening by an interested audience that listened to an illustrated lecture by Mr. Bolton on Re-united Germany and Heroic Louise."

\* \* He possesses a clear and musical voice, and a graphic, offhand manner, which enable him to command rapt attention."

Bishop John H. Vincent says: "Mr. Bolton is a close observer, a good student of men and things, and a clear and forcible talker."

General S. C. Armstrong says: "You are an educator of the people."

Mr. Bolton, always an ardent Republican, was most active in the Blaine campaign of 1884, instituting a novel method in politics by a mammoth tent for audience and speakers, with the distribution of tens of thousands of well-prepared political pamphlets. He was prominently mentioned for Congress from his district in 1888. His wife

**Sarah Knowles Bolton**, born at Farmington, Ct., Sept. 15, 1841, was the daughter of John Segar Knowles of Connecticut, descended from Henry Knowles, who came to Portsmouth, R. I., from London, England, April 17, 1635. Her grandmother, Mary Carpenter, was descended from Elizabeth Jenckes, sister of Joseph Jenckes, governor of Rhode Island, 1727-32.

Mrs. Bolton, on the side of her mother, Elizabeth Mary Miller, is descended from Nathaniel Stanley of Hartford, Ct., "one of the most distinguished men of the colony in both civil and military affairs;" lieutenant-colonel of First Regiment in 1739; assistant treasurer, 1725-1749; treasurer, 1749-1755. She is also descended through his wife, Anna Whiting, from Colonel John Allyn of Hartford, her grandfather. He was secretary of the colony after 1657; colonel in 1662; secretary of Council under Sir Edmund Andros in 1687, and historian of the Pequot war. Colonel John Allyn was the grandson of Colonel William Pynchon, one of the twenty-six incorporators of Massachusetts Bay Colony in the



*Sarah K. Bolton.*





charter granted by King Charles I ; treasurer of the colony, and founder of Springfield, Mass., in 1636.

Her childhood was passed in the country, where she learned to love nature intensely, and to read all that came within her reach, especially history and poetry. Her father and only brother dying early, she became a member of the family of her uncle, Colonel H. L. Miller, an able lawyer of Hartford, Ct., where she graduated from the seminary established by Catharine Beecher. Her first book was a volume of poems, published by D. Appleton. After her marriage and removal to Cleveland, O., she became secretary of the Woman's Christian Association, and assistant corresponding secretary, with Frances E. Willard, of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

For several years she was a contributor to the *Independent*, *Youth's Companion*, *Harper's Bazar*, *Congregationalist*, and other journals. Of the latter paper she was for three years one of the editorial staff. For the Centennial Temperance Volume she wrote a sketch of the crusade in Ohio and elsewhere ; for Mrs. Wittenmyer's History, a sketch of the temperance work in Cleveland.

She has passed two years abroad, in Norway, Sweden, Russia, Italy, England and other countries ; in England, making an especial study of higher education for women, and of the means used by employers for the mental and moral elevation of their employees. On her return from Europe she

read a paper on the latter subject before the American Social Science Association at Saratoga.

Mrs. Bolton's books are: "Poems," a novelette, entitled "The Present Problem," "How Success is Won," "Social Studies in England," "Poor Boys Who Became Famous," "Girls Who Became Famous," "Stories From Life," "Famous American Authors," "Famous American Statesmen," "Famous Men of Science," "Famous European Artists" and "Successful Women." She has also, with her son, Charles K. Bolton, published a volume of poems, "From Heart and Nature." The press has spoken highly of her books, and the sale has been large. One of her poems, "United," was read on Veterans' Day, May 11, 1885, at the World's Exposition at New Orleans, and has been set to music. (See sketch of her in Appleton's *Cyclopedia of American Biography*.) Their son:

364. Charles Knowles, b. Nov. 14, 1867, at Cleveland, Ohio, graduated at the High school there in 1886, traveled in Europe and entered Harvard College in the fall of the same year. Poems "From Heart and Nature" were published in 1887 by T. Y. Crowell & Co. "The Fight at Fayal" appeared (illustrated) in the *Magazine of American History* in 1885, and "A Night's Tragedy" in the *Golden Era of California* in 1889. Occasional poems have appeared in the *Century*, *Independent*, *Youth's Companion* and other publications.

315. **John Ingram Bolton** was born at South Hadley Falls, Mass., July 3, 1845. He married Ella F. Bickford of Biddeford, Maine, April 29, 1875. Mr. Bolton went to Cleveland, O., in 1869, and was for some years associated with his brother, C. E. Bolton, in business. Since that time he has been in active business in New York city. He is interested in all public questions, and esteemed for his many good qualities.

365. Calvin Francis, b. Oct. 10, 1877; died.

## SIXTH GENERATION.

317. **Ellaroy Marilla Bolton** was born at South Hadley Falls, Mass., October 8, 1849. She studied for a time at Oberlin College, and married at Holyoke, Frederick T. Richards, March 20, 1871. Mr. Richards represented the American Express Company at Pittsfield for some years, and now lives at Springfield.

366. Frederick Smith, b. at Holyoke, Mar. 7, 1874.

320. **Henry Elliot Bolton, Jr.**, was born at South Hadley Falls, Mass., August 18, 1841. He married at Holyoke, June 26, 1867, Sarah Lydia, daughter of Abel and Harriet (Howard) Reed. Mr. Bolton was in the war in 1862-3. He has two daughters.

367. Mary Henrietta, b. at Holyoke, Aug. 14, 1868.

368. Mildred Jeanette Reed, b. at Holyoke, Nov. 24, 1870; m. July 21, 1887, Charles Franklin Howes.

321. **Edward May Bolton** was born at South Hadley Falls, Mass., August 10, 1845. He graduated at Eastman's Business College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., in 1866, and is business inspector for the Holyoke Water-works. He married Katherine E. Avery, April 25, 1889, at Holyoke. She was born at Salisbury, N. Y., April 18, 1845. Mr. Bolton has printed an account of the Bolton family, and has kindly furnished me with unpublished records.

328. **William Curtis Bolton** was born at South Hadley Falls, Mass., March 2, 1851. He married Miss C. L. Coffin, February 16, 1875. Mr. Bolton entered a drug store in New York city when a boy, and after several years, began business for himself. By energy and ability he has established a large and profitable trade, and is a successful wholesale druggist.

329. **Cynthia Bolton** was born at New Bedford, Mass., January 23, 1845. She married July 10, 1866, Professor D. B. Hazen, superintendent of schools at Batavia, Ill. Mrs. Hazen teaches with her husband. They have three daughters, one a valedictorian of her class and a student of stenography, and the others still in school.

Their children are :

- 369. Emma.
- 370. Frances.
- 371. Jennie.

330. **George Henry Bolton** was born at Taunton, Mass., July 14, 1847. He married Frances P. Holt of Taunton, October 18, 1870. Mr. Bolton is at the firm of Tripp & Bowker in New Bedford.

372. Harry Strange, b. at Taunton, Jan. 8, 1872.

SEVENTH GENERATION.

359. **William Charles Bolton** was born at Bolton Centre, Province of Quebec, May 9, 1861. He married at Bolton Centre, December 23, 1885, Nettie Baldwin, and moved to Fitchburg, Mass. Their children of the *eighth generation* are :

373. Arretta Florence, b. Nov. 17, 1886.

374. Charles Eugene, b. Mar. 27, 1888.

## SOME EARLY BOLTONS.

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1135. OUGHTRED DE BOLTON, Lord of Bolton by Bowland, was, according to Sir William Dugdale, the lineal representative of the Saxon Earls of Mercia, who held the country before him. He was *bow-bearer* and *falconer* in the Royal Forests of Bowland and Gilsland. (See Robert Bolton's *History of The Bolton Family*.)

1150. ELIAS DE BOLTON, his son, is the ancestor of the Boltons of County Waterford, Ireland.

1156. RICHARD DE BOLTON, another son, held Little Bolton in Thanage, and is the ancestor of the Boltons of New York and Georgia.

1213. GALT DE BOULTON, rector of the Prior Moiety Church of St. Mary, York.

1300. JOHN DE BOLTON, *bow-bearer* in the royal forests.

1326. HENRY DE BOLTON represented York in Parliament.

1380? UTRED BOLTON, author of *Pro Veris Monarchis*, and a friend of Wycliffe.

1387. JOHN DE BOLTON, bailiff of the city of York.

1427. THOMAS BOLTON, Bishop of Worcester.

1442. Sir THOMAS DE BOLTON of Horton Pagnale, near Doncaster.

1530. WILLIAM BOLTON, Prior of St. Bartholomew's, Lord of Stanmere Magna, and supposed to have designed the Chapel of Henry VII at Westminster.

1554. THOMAS BOLTON, mayor of Liverpool.

1600. ROBERT BOLTON, rector of Broughton. The Bishop of London, hearing that Bolton had been presented to Broughton, thanked the patron, but said: "Sir, you have deprived the University of its brightest ornament." He was the father of Samuel (1660).

1610. EDMUND BOULTON, "a profound scholar and eminent critic," retainer to George Villiers, Duke of Buckingham, and author of "Elements of Armories," London, 1610; "Life of Henry II;" "Nero Cæsar, or Monarchie Depraved," London, 1624; "Hypercritica, or a Rule of Judgment for Writing or Reading our Histories;" "Life of the Emperor Tiberius."

1621. Rev. FRANCIS BOLTON came to Virginia recommended by the Earl of Southampton "for his honestie and sufficiencie in Learninge." He preached at Elizabeth City and Jamestown.

1625. SIR RICHARD BOLTON, Chief Baron of the Court of Exchequer in Ireland, and Lord Chancellor. Author of *Statutes of Ireland*, etc. His son Edward became Chief Baron in 1640.

1644. NICHOLAS BOULTON of Dorchester, Mass.

1644. SAMUEL BOLTON, D.D., Master of Christ's Coll., Cambridge, and Vice-Chancellor in 1651, believed to be the same who attended the Earl of Holland on the scaffold in 1648. "A Tossed Ship making for a Safe Harbour; or a Word in Season to a Sinking Kingdom," 1644, etc.

1655. WILLIAM BOULTON of Newbury, Mass.

1660. SAMUEL BOLTON, prebendary of Westminster, chaplain in ordinary to Charles II, and a "man of extraordinary ability."

1667. Sir WILLIAM BOLTON, Kt., Lord Mayor of London.

1680. JOHN BOLTON of Bridgewater, Mass.

1680. ROBERT BOLTON, author of "The Papist's Bloody Oath of Secrecy." Printed at Stationers' Hall, London, 1680.

1682. WILLIAM BOULTON of Norfolk county, Virginia. See Virginia Land Grants.

1700. RICHARD BOLTON, a physician and author, of Chester. "Vindication of the History of Magic."

1714. THEOPHILUS BOLTON, D. D., was born in County Mayo about 1678. Grad. of Trinity Coll.,



Dublin; chancellor of St. Patrick's Cathedral in 1714; bishop of Clonfert, 1722; bishop of Elphin, 1724; archbishop of Cashel, 1729. He died in 1744.

1719. WILLIAM BOLTON of Reading, Mass.

1730. HUGH BOLTON, a physician, who settled in Coleraine, Mass., refusing to pay tithes in England.

1731. THOMAS BOLTON of Portland, Me.

1745. ROBERT BOLTON, LL. D., of Wadham Coll., Oxford, author of "Letters to a Lady and to an Officer Against Card Playing and Travelling on the Lord's Day;" "The Employment of Time," 1750; "The Ghost of Ernest," 1757; "Letters and Tracts on the Choice of Company," 1761. He was Dean of Carlisle.

1755. WILLIAM BOLTON of Windham, N. H.

1769. SOLOMON BOLTON, "The Extinct Peerage of England."

1774. MATTHEW BOULTON, an engineer of Birmingham, of the firm of Boulton & Watt. The first successful steamboat on the Hudson was run by an engine made by them. "It may be said here that if the completion of the steam engine was due to Watt, its introduction, at that time, was due to Boulton. He devoted to the enterprise all the capital he possessed. \* \* \* He kept up the drooping spirits of his partner, and would never allow him to despair \* \* \*." — (H. Trueman Wood in Dictionary of National Biography.)

Among Boulton's intimate friends were Franklin, Priestley, Darwin, Wedgwood and Edgeworth.

1785. JAMES BOLTON of Stannery near Halifax, a naturalist, and author of many books.

1790. Sir GEORGE BOLTON, preceptor to the royal princesses.

1800. WILLIAM BOLTON, a merchant of Charlestown, Mass.

1805. D'ARCY BOLTON, "Sketches of Upper Canada." His son, Henry John Bolton, was attorney-general of Canada, and chief justice of Newfoundland. He died at Toronto, June 18, 1870.

1807. SAMUEL BOLTON, aid-de-camp to Nelson at Trafalgar.

1815. SIR WILLIAM BOLTON. Capt. R. N. C. B.

1850. ROBERT BOLTON, M. A., of Pelham, author of a "History of the Bolton Family," "History of Westchester Co., N. Y.," and a member of many learned societies.

1860. WM. HENRY BOULTON, ESQ., of Toronto, M. P. P., of the Boultons of Moulton, Co. Lincoln, Eng.; married Harriet Dixon, of a prominent Canadian family. She married second, Prof. Goldwin Smith, D. C. L., lately of Oxford University.

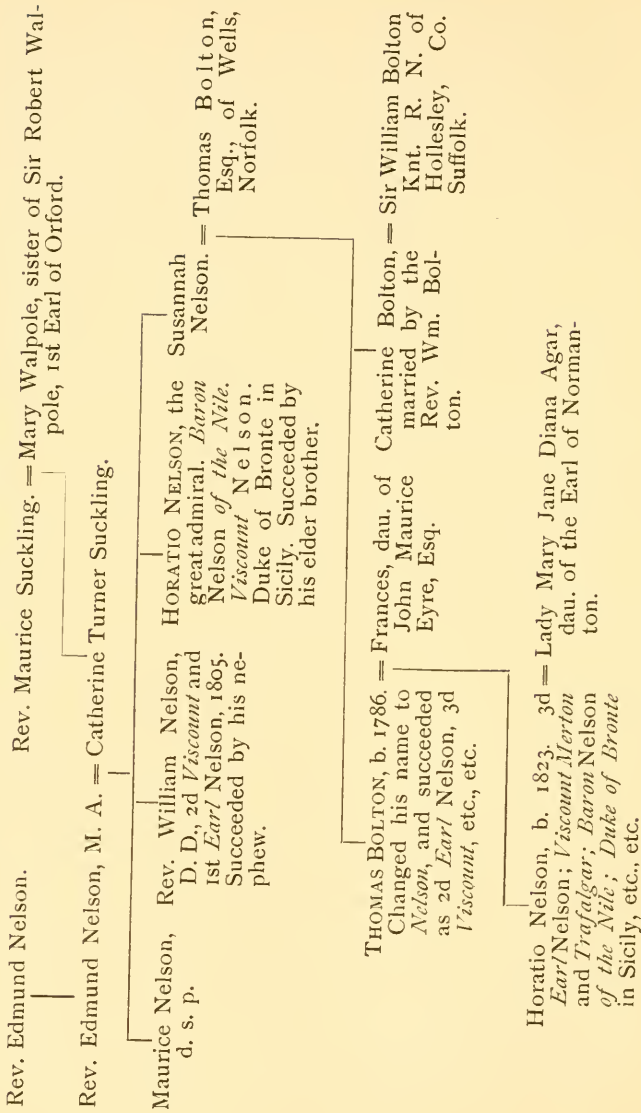
1865. SARAH T. BOLTON, poet, wife of Nathaniel Bolton, editor, and U. S. consul at Geneva. "Paddle Your Own Canoe," is her best known poem.

1888. CHARLES PERCEVAL BOLTON of Mt. Bolton, County Waterford ; HENRY RICHARD STEWART BOLTON of Tullydonnell, County Louth ; and WILLIAM BOLTON of The Island, County Wexford, J. P., are of the landed gentry, mentioned by Burke.

1888. HENRY CARRINGTON BOLTON, lately Professor at Trinity College, Hartford, and author of many works on chemistry, lives in New York city.

The present Earl Nelson is a direct male descendant of the Rev. Thomas Bolton of Suffolk in 1615.

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