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THE  
COMEY-COMEY FAMILY  
IN AMERICA.

DESCENDANTS OF DAVID COMEY OF CONCORD, MASS., KILLED IN  
KING PHILIP'S WAR, 1676,

WITH NOTES ON THE MALTMAN FAMILY.

*With compliments }*  
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## COMEE-COMEY FAMILY.

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1. DAVID<sup>1</sup> COMEE, who was in Woburn, Mass., in 1663, seems to be the first of the name in America. When or whence he came is not known with certainty, but the family tradition is that he was a Scotchman. His son John married the daughter of a Scotchman and this same John, in 1728, conveys a certain right in Concord "which belongs to the Tenement where my Hon<sup>1</sup> father David Comey formerly dwelt in the Southerly part of Concord known by the name of Scotland." So it seems there was a part of Concord known as Scotland, perhaps because a Scotch colony had settled there. The name is generally spelled Comee until the nineteenth century, when there was a division, about half adopting the form of Comey. On the old records it is occasionally spelled, or misspelled Comy, Come, Comi, Comay and Coomy. The name seems not to be related to those of Coney (Cony), Comer, Comby (Combee) or Comley, that are occasionally met with in New England. Comrie and Comyn are old Scotch names.

About 1664 David Comee moved from Woburn to Concord (Mass.), where he lived until his death. He was killed, April 21, 1676, by King Philip's Indians in the adjoining town of Sudbury, in one of the bloodiest of Indian encounters. The following petition was presented by his widow:

"To the honored Court assembled at Cambridge y<sup>e</sup> 3 day of October 1676 The humble petition of Esther Comy of Concord humbly showeth y<sup>t</sup> whereas y<sup>e</sup> said esther comy her husband David Comy was slaine by y<sup>e</sup> Indians at Sudbury and lefte me a poor widow with sixe small children and foure of them bee by a former wite and non of them being com to Age or able to choose their own Gardens: I y<sup>e</sup> said Esther doe humbly entreat this honored Court to appoynt Gardens for them & to put y<sup>m</sup> out to som good places: wherby y<sup>e</sup> boy may learne som tra l y<sup>t</sup> may bee for his futter beinfet and dispoose of y<sup>e</sup> Girls as may bee for their weell fare also for y<sup>e</sup> settlment of y<sup>t</sup> smal estate y<sup>t</sup> my husband died seized of which doth amount to about eighty pounds which appears by An jventory given in at court at Charlestown: and I doe humbly desir y<sup>t</sup> Captaine Timothy Wheeler with on or tow mor may bee appointed for both y<sup>e</sup> ends aforesaid: whom y<sup>e</sup> honored court shall see cause to appoynt: hoping y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> honoured court will Consider me beeing poor and haueing serl children very smal on of y<sup>m</sup> not being Above sixe weeks old when my husband was slaine: so praying for your prosperity: your humble petitioner this 30 : 7 : : 76

ESTHER COMY."



The inventory accompanying the above is short and amounts to £87 - 14 - 0, of which £50 is for the house and land.

Children of David and his wife Elizabeth, ii. recorded in Woburn, iii. to v. recorded in Concord:

- i. ELIZABETH, m. March 29, 1681, John Kendall (1646-1732) of Woburn, where she d. in December, 1701.
- ii. MARY, b. Jan. 30, 1683; m. May 24, 1688, Joshua Kibby, of Sherborn, and d. July 9, 1712, ae. 49. He d. in 1731.
2. iii. JOHN, b. Oct. 18, 1665.
- iv. DAVID, b. Nov. 14, 1666; d. before 1676.
- v. SARAH, b. Sept. 18, 1668.

David's wife Elizabeth died in Concord, March 4, 1671, and he married, second, Esther ———, who married, Nov. 7, 1682, Samuel Parry for her second husband.

Children of David and Esther born in Concord:

1. Daughter, name unknown.
- ii. ESTHER, b. Feb. 14, 1676.
2. JOHN<sup>2</sup> COMEE (*David*<sup>1</sup>) was a farmer and moved from Concord to Cambridge Farms (Lexington) between 1689 and 1693. He died in Lexington, Dec. 6, 1729, ae. 64. Hudson is in error when he gives the date as 1723. He married June 21, 1688, Martha, born Nov. 2, 1667, eldest daughter of William Munroe, who came from Scotland in 1652.

Children of John and Martha, i. recorded in Concord, iv. and v. in Cambridge. (The first four were baptised Feb. 26, 1699):

- i. JOHN, b. April 8, 1689; probably d. young.
- ii. HANNAH, d. unm. May 26, 1770.
- iii. MARTHA, m. July 9, 1713, Benjamin Smith, and d. Nov. 19, 1749.
3. iv. DAVID, b. Jan. 11, 1696.
- v. ELIZABETH, b. Jan. 29, 1701.
- vi. ABIGAIL, bap. Oct. 26, 1707; m. Jan. 4, 1723, Jouas Pierce, and d. in Westminster, Mass.

3. DAVID<sup>3</sup> COMEE (*John*<sup>2</sup> *David*<sup>1</sup>) of Lexington, lived to be 104 years old, if family tradition is correct. This would bring the date of his death about the year 1800. In 1729 he is called a yeoman, in 1736 an innholder. He married first, Ruhama, born in Watertown July 15, 1701, daughter of Joseph and Ruhama Brown. She died June 3, 1730, and he married second, Sarah ———.

David and Ruhama seem to have had five or six children, who died in infancy. Those that lived (born in Lexington) were:

4. i. JOHN, bap. Sept. 28, 1725.
5. ii. JOSEPH, bap. Aug. 4, 1723.

Children of David and Sarah, all born in Lexington:

6. i. BENJAMIN, b. Nov. 15, 1733.
- ii. SARAH, b. Sept. 11, 1735; m. Dec. 4, 1755, Isaac Parkhurst (1731-——) of Waltham, where they lived till 1786.
- iii. MARTHA, b. April 11, 1737; m. at Chelsea, April 2, 1761, William Williams.
7. iv. EZEKIEL, b. April 27, 1740.
- v. RUHAMA, b. April 15, 1742; m. Dec. 9, 1762, Isaac Corey (1740-1817) of Waltham, and d. at East Sudbury, March 2, 1819.
8. vi. DAVID, b. April 21, 1744.
9. vii. JONATHAN, b. April 4, 1746.





4. JOHN<sup>4</sup> COMEE (*David,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>3</sup> David<sup>3</sup>*) a farmer, moved from Lexington to Milton in 1751, but soon after (1753 to 1755) removed to Stoughton, the part known as Stoughtonham (incorporated 1762 as Sharon). He seems to have been in the part of the latter, which in 1778 became Foxboro. His name is included in the unsuccessful petition of May 1773 for the incorporation of Foxboro. At the first town meeting June 29, 1778, he (or possibly it was his son John) was chosen constable. He died in Foxboro, Feb. 8, 1815, ae. 89. He was married at Milton in 1751 to Abigail, born Oct. 22, 1727, daughter of Roger Sumner and a descendant of William Sumner (1605-1688) of Dorchester, the ancestor of Charles Sumner. Mrs. Abigail Comee died at Foxboro, May 19, 1806, ae. 78.

Children of John and Abigail, i. recorded in Milton, ii. to v. in Stoughton, vi. in Sharon:

10. i. JOHN, b. Jan. 14, 1753.  
 ii. JERUSHA, b. Feb. 22, 1755.  
 11. iii. OLIVER, b. June 11, 1757.  
 12. iv. SPENCER, b. Jan. 24, 1760.  
 v. ABIGAIL, b. Aug. 25, 1762; d. unm. Jan. 11, 1790.  
 vi. EUNICE, b. July 15, 1766.

5. JOSEPH<sup>4</sup> COMEE (*David,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>3</sup> David<sup>3</sup>*) moved previous to 1771 from Lexington to Wrentham, the part taken in 1778 to make Foxboro, where he was a cordwainer (shoemaker) and still living in 1809. He was one of the signers of the unsuccessful petition of 1773 for the incorporation of Foxboro. October 1771, Joseph Comee and wife Mary, of Wrentham, gave quitclaim to estate of their honorable father Benjamin Merriam, of Lexington. Hudson, however, in his History of Lexington makes it out that he was a member of Capt. John Parker's Company, April 19, 1775, and was wounded in the arm trying to get out of the meeting-house, whither he had been to replenish his powder-horn, but this was probably his son Joseph. He married, about 1750, Mary, born April 4, 1733, eldest daughter of Benjamin Merriam (1699-1773), of Lexington. Hannah, widow of Joseph Comee deceased, died in Foxboro, March 22, 1815. The death of a child of Joseph Comee is recorded in Lexington churchrecords in 1766.

Children of Joseph and Mary, all born in Lexington:

13. i. EZRA, (twin) bap. Oct. 27, 1751.  
 ii. MERCY, (twin) bap. Oct. 27, 1751.  
 iii. JOSEPH, b. July 1, 1753; probably the Joseph who d. in Lexington, Oct. 12, 1776.  
 iv. MARY, b. June 22, 1755.  
 v. AARON, b. Aug. 15, 1757; nothing further known.  
 vi. BETTY, b. March 23, 1760.  
 vii. RUFAMA, bap. Nov. 14, 1762.  
 14. viii. BENJAMIN, b. July 3, 1765; m. Ruth Trow.

6. BENJAMIN<sup>4</sup> COMEE (*David,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>3</sup> David<sup>3</sup>*) was a cordwainer and at the time of his marriage (1762) was still living in Lexington, but moved soon after to Malden, where he died in 1774, ae. 40. He married first, March 25, 1762, Hannah Watts, of Chelsea, who died at Malden, Dec. 1, 1767. She was probably the Hannah Watts b. Chelsea, Feb. 17, 1743, dau. of Samuel and Hannah.



He married second, Oct. 17, 1768, Hannah Richardson, of Woburn, by whom however he had no children. She was probably the Hannah Coome, who married in 1783 Thomas Sargent, of Malden.

Children of Benjamin and Hannah, ii. and iii. recorded in Malden:

I. HANNAH, d. in Boston, unm., in 1794.

II. SARAH, b. March 23, 1766.

15. III. BENJAMIN, b. Nov. 21, 1767.

7. EZEKIEL<sup>4</sup> COMEE (*David<sup>3</sup> John<sup>2</sup> David<sup>1</sup>*) lived in Cambridge (Brighton) till 1783, when he probably went to Boston, where he appears in the directories of 1796 and 1800, but not in 1803, so he probably died before that. (No directories published between these dates). Feb. 12, 1806, Mary Ann Comee, singlewoman, and Charlotte Smith, wife of Ebenezer Smith, all of Boston, sell property in Cambridge, that descended to them from their father Ezekiel.

Children of Ezekiel and his wife:

I. MARY ANN. Perhaps the Mary who d. in Boston, Aug. 12, 1824.

II. CHARLOTTE, b. about 1775; m. Ebenezer Smith, a painter and glazier in Boston, where he d. July 29, 1810, ae. 36. She d. in Boston, in June, 1809, ae. 34.

8. DAVID<sup>4</sup> COMEE (*David<sup>3</sup> John<sup>2</sup> David<sup>1</sup>*) was a farmer, but one of "the embattled farmers" that "fired the shot heard round the world." Though not a member of any militia company, as a citizen of Lexington he saw active service April 19, 1775, when his queue was shot off. At the battle of Bunker Hill a bullet from the enemy was shot into the barrel of his musket. He was out two days from March 4 to March 6, 1776, at Roxbury, in Capt. Stephen Dana's Company, while the forts were being erected on Dorchester Heights (Rev. Rolls, xviii. 239). Soon after he moved from Lexington to Westminster, the part that was incorporated in 1785 as Gardner (Mass.). His deed from Amos Gates was dated April 19, 1776. From Dec. 12, 1776 to March 1, 1777, he was out in Capt. Manasseh Sawyer's Company in Colonel Dike's Regiment (Rev. Rolls, xxvi. 419). Aug. 22, 1777, at the Bennington alarm, he marched to East Hoosick in Capt. Elisha Jackson's Company with Major Bridge (Rev. Rolls, xv. 108). From Sept. 7 to Nov. 29, 1777, he was in Capt. Nathaniel Carter's Company in Col. Job Cushing's Regiment (Rev. Rolls, xviii. 31). His house in Gardner, where he died March 8, 1826, aged nearly 82, was about one and one-half miles east of the Centre on the road to Ashburnham and before his day had been an inn. David married first, Christiana, daughter of James Maltman, who came from Scotland to Boston about the middle of the eighteenth century. She died in Gardner, May 17, 1789, ae. 33 years and 8 months, and he married second, her younger sister Hannah Maltman, who lived to be 88 years, 2 months and 18 days, dying in Gardner, Oct. 23, 1852. She was blind the last twenty years of her life.

Children of David and Christiana, i. born in Lexington, the others in Westminster (Gardner):



16. I. DAVID, b. Sunday, March 26, 1775.
17. II. JAMES MALTMAN, b. Friday, April 18, 1777.
  - III. BENJAMIN, b. May 28, 1779; d. Jan. 26, 1785.
  - IV. CHRISTIANA, b. Oct. 30, 1781; m. March 29, 1804, Eliel Bacon, of Gardner, and about 1805 moved to Henderson, N. Y.
  - V. MARY, b. Sept. 4, 1784; m. June 29, 1806, William Fletcher 2d, of Templeton, and d. Oct. 7, 1818, ae. 34.
  - VI. BENJAMIN, b. Dec. 13, 1786; d. April 4, 1790.
  - VII. JOHN, b. Jan. 24, 1789; d. May 25, 1803.

Children of David and Hannah, all born in Gardner:

- I. HANNAH MORE, b. April 6, 1790; d. March 10, 1810.
- II. SARAH, b. Feb. 12, 1793; m. Aug. 11, 1814, Elijah Breck (1792-1866), of Gardner, where she d. June 29, 1877, ae. 84, leaving several children, among them Sarah Breck, who m. A. Allen Bent; and has one son Allen H. Bent.
- III. PATTY, b. Oct. 2, 1795; d. May 19, 1803.
- IV. RUFAMA, b. Feb. 20, 1798; m. June 28, 1835, Abram Jaquith (1802-1851), of Fitchburg, where she died Dec. 19, 1884, ae. 86, leaving one daughter, Abby Mead Jaquith, who m. David Damon.
18. V. BENJAMIN, b. Sept. 16, 1800.
19. VI. JOSEPH, b. Jan. 14, 1803.
  - VII. MARTHA, b. June 20, 1805; m. Sept. 29, 1823, Ebenezer Fenno (1801-1846), of Gardner; and d. at Baldwinville, Mass., Aug. 4, 1880, ae. 75, leaving three daughters. Mr. Fenno was a son of Ephraim Fenno (1759-1820) of Westminster, Mass., and a descendant of John Fenno, who was in Milton, Mass., at its incorporation in 1652.
20. VIII. GEORGE WASHINGTON, b. Aug. 22, 1809.

9. JONATHAN<sup>4</sup> COMEY (*David*,<sup>3</sup> *John*,<sup>2</sup> *David*<sup>1</sup>) when a lad, followed his older brothers to what later became Foxboro, and while still young removed to Holliston, where he lived with a Mr. Samuel Messenger. After his marriage he went to the western part of Hopkinton to live on the west side of Whitehall Pond. At the time of the Lexington alarm he was out eleven days in Capt. John Homes' Company in Col. Samuel Bullard's Regiment. His name is spelled Ju<sup>o</sup> Commey on the muster roll. He married Elizabeth Wells.

Children of Jonathan and Elizabeth, all born in Hopkinton:

- I. PARMELIA, m. Nathaniel Chamberlain, of Hopkinton, and moved to Wardsboro, Vt.
21. II. ROYAL, b. Jan. 29, 1772.
  - III. BETSEY, m. Joshua Mellen, and lived in Westboro; where they had one son, the late Judge Edw. Mellen, of Worcester, and four daughters.
  - IV. POLLY, m. Jonathan Fairbanks, and lived in Holden, Mass.
  - V. NELLIPEE, m. John Wheelock, of Hopkinton; where she died at the birth of her son John, who was brought up by a Mr. Adams.
  - VI. HANNAH, m. Abner Prentiss, of Hopkinton.
10. JOHN<sup>5</sup> COMEY (*John*,<sup>4</sup> *David*,<sup>3</sup> *John*,<sup>2</sup> *David*<sup>1</sup>) was a farmer and lived in Foxboro, where he died May 24, 1830, ae. 77. At the Lexington alarm he marched as corporal in Capt. Israel Smith's Company and was out four days (Rev. Rolls, xiii. 103). From May to December, 1775, during the siege of Boston, he was in Capt. Samuel Payson's Company in Col. Joseph Read's Regiment. He was also out five and one-half days in Capt. Josiah Pratt's Company in Colonel Gill's Regiment "that marched on y<sup>e</sup> alarme to



Roxbury the 5 day of March A.D. 1776" (Rev. Rolls, xxi. 188). He married Betsey Carpenter, daughter of Nehemiah. Betsey died in Foxboro in February, 1823.

Children of John and Betsey, all born in Foxboro:

- i. CLARISSA, b. May 29, 1783; d. unm. Dec. 29, 1855, ae. 72.
- ii. BERTSEY, b. Aug. 26, 1784; d. unm. Nov. 13, 1869, ae. 85.
22. iii. SPENCER, b. April 2, 1786; d. Foxboro, Dec. 14, 1879, ae. 73.
23. iv. THATCHER, b. March 22, 1788; d. Foxboro, Dec. 23, 1867, ae. 79.
- v. NABBY, b. Aug. 9, 1790; d. July 13, 1796.
- vi. ERNICE, b. June 6, 1792; d. unm. Oct. 3, 1858, ae. 66.
- vii. ESTHER, b. March 6, 1794; d. unm. May 25, 1831, ae. 37.
- viii. NABBY, b. March 1, 1797; m. 1845, Amos Keith, of Norton; where she d. May 1, 1884.
24. ix. JOHN, b. April 1, 1798; d. Foxboro, April 7, 1886, ae. 88.

11. OLIVER<sup>3</sup> COMEY (*John,<sup>4</sup> David,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> David<sup>1</sup>*) was a farmer and lived in Foxboro, where he died Jan. 4, 1842, ae. 84. He enlisted July 14, 1778, and served until Feb. 18, 1779, in Capt. John Ellis's Company in Col. Thomas Poor's Regiment, raised to fortify and secure the passes of the North River in New York (Rev. Rolls, xix. 3). In later years was called Captain Comey. He married, Dec. 21, 1786, Elizabeth, daughter of Eleazar Belcher. She died in Foxboro, May 12, 1851, aged 83 years, 3 months and 26 days.

Children of Oliver and Elizabeth, all born in Foxboro:

25. i. OLIVER, b. Oct. 23, 1788; d. Foxboro, May 3, 1875, ae. 87.
26. ii. AARON, b. July 5, 1789; d. Jan. 6, 1846, ae. 56.
- iii. ELIZA, b. April 27, 1791; m. June 3, 1813, Abijah Fales. She d. Dec. 17, 1859, ae. 68. Children: Ellza M., Emily C., Abijah, Elizabeth and Abner.
27. iv. LYMAN, b. Aug. 6, 1793; d. June 14, 1878, ae. 84.
28. v. WILLARD, b. March 26, 1796; d. Foxboro, April 23, 1869, ae. 73.
- vi. PRUDENCE, b. July 7, 1798; d. Nov. 13, 1800.
29. vii. JASON, b. Oct. 4, 1800; d. Princeton, Iowa, Sept. 15, 1853.
- viii. MIRA, b. Dec. 8, 1802; m. Martin Copeland, of Easton. She d. March 19, 1878, leaving one son Ephraim M. Copeland, of Foxboro.
- ix. OTIS, b. Feb. 3, 1805; went to Pennsylvania about 1833; and is supposed to have been drowned.
30. x. CHARLES, b. April 8, 1807; living in Kennebunk, Me.
31. xi. OMAN, b. July 31, 1811; d. Foxboro, Nov. 12, 1895.

12. SPENCER<sup>3</sup> COMEY (*John,<sup>4</sup> David,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> David<sup>1</sup>*) of Foxboro, enlisted Aug. 14, 1777, (when only 17 years old), in Capt. John Bradley's Company in Col. Benjamin Gill's Regiment, marched to Manchester, Vt., to join the Northern Army and was out three months and twenty-eight days. He was in service again in Col. Thomas Nixon's Regiment from Sept. 1, 1779 to Feb. 3, 1780, when he was reported killed (Rev. Rolls, liii. 210).

13. EZRA<sup>3</sup> COMEY (*Joseph,<sup>4</sup> David,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> David<sup>1</sup>*) at the time of his marriage was of Cambridge, but seems to have lived on the south side of the river, that is, in the part set off in 1807 as Brighton. About 1782 he moved away. His later years were spent in Dana (Mass.), where he died Nov. 19, 1832, ae. 81. He married Feb. 16, 1774, Anna Porter, of Newton. She died at Dana, Oct. 28, 1838, ae. 81.





## Children of Ezra and Anna:

- i. ELIZA, b. March 21, 1781; m. Dec. 29, 1802, Rev. Joshua Flagg.
- ii. SUSAN, b. July 19, 1791; m. Barney Flagg (1792-1857).
32. iii. THOMAS WILSON, b. Jan 3, 1794; m. Lydia Towne, of Dana.

14. BENJAMIN<sup>3</sup> COMEE (*Joseph,<sup>4</sup> David,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> David<sup>1</sup>*) of Foxboro, is spoken of both as a cordwainer and a trader. He was a sergeant in the Foxboro militia in 1797. He died in Foxboro, Oct. 11, 1842, *ae.* 77. He married March 24, 1785, Ruth Trow.

Children of Benjamin and Ruth, all born in Foxboro:

- i. AARON, b. Nov. 13, 1785; d. Nov. 13, 1785.
- ii. NANCY, b. April 8, 1787; d. July 29, 1811, *ae.* 24.
- iii. RUTH, b. March 17, 1799.
- iv. OTIS, b. Aug. 12, 1791; nothing further known.

15. BENJAMIN<sup>3</sup> COMEE (*Benjamin,<sup>4</sup> David,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> David<sup>1</sup>*) moved from Malden to Boston some time before 1793, and continued to live there until 1842, when he moved to Dorchester. In April 1848 he moved from Dorchester to Chelsea, where he died June 24, 1858, *ae.* 90. He was a mast-maker and built Comey's Wharf, which first appears in the Boston Directory of 1835. The wharf was taken in 1894 to become a part of the North End Park. Benjamin married first, Hannah Watts, who died in Boston, July 25, 1829, *ae.* 62. She was born in Boston, Dec. 11, 1767, dau. of Bellingham Watts (1732-1767), mariner, who was son of Samuel and Hannah. He married second, Nov. 29, 1830, Nancy, eldest daughter of Robert Howe, of Boston. She died in Reading, Kansas, in 1886. No children by the first wife.

Children of Benjamin and Nancy, born in Boston:

- i. ISABELLA HARRIS, b. September, 1832; d. in Chelsea, Nov. 3, 1854, unm.
- ii. HANNAH WATTS, b. Sept. 22, 1834; taught school in Chelsea; m. in 1865, Joel Augustus Stratton, of Leominster, Mass., where they lived until February 1879, when they moved to Reading, Kansas. Mr. Stratton was a Capt. in 53d Mass. Vols.

16. DAVID<sup>5</sup> COMEE (*David,<sup>4</sup> David,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> David<sup>1</sup>*), of Gardner, married March 31, 1799, Esther, daughter of John and Betsey Baker of Gardner, where she died Oct. 5, 1863, aged 88 years, 11 months and 5 days. He died Sept. 18, 1848, *ae.* 73.

Children of David and Esther, all born in Gardner:

- i. DAVID, b. June 4, 1801; d. April 17, 1803.
- ii. BETSEY, b. Dec. 9, 1802; m. Dec. 28, 1826, Jesse Lovewell (1798-1838), of Hubbardston, Mass.
- iii. JOHN, b. Dec. 21, 1804; m. 1st, March 18, 1858, Mrs. Mary Ann Robbins, dau. of Robert Reed, of Dunstable, who d. Nov. 12, 1867, *ae.* 57. He m. 2d, March 10, 1870, Mrs. Harriet Stoddard, dau. of Luke Knight, of Winchendon. John G. in Gardner, March 5, 1885, *ae.* 80. No children.
- iv. LOUISA, b. Oct. 4, 1808; m. Dec. 2, 1829, Leonard Lovewell, of Hubbardston.

17. JAMES MALTMAN<sup>5</sup> COMEE (*David,<sup>4</sup> David,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> David<sup>1</sup>*) of Gardner, was the first in the town to engage in chair manufacturing, an industry for which the town has since become famous, some \$2,000,000 worth being made there annually now. It



seems to have been in the year 1805 that he began the industry in a small way in one of the rooms in his own house. The chairs he teamed himself to Boston, Salem, Providence and Worcester. The very first were probably wood seats, but they were soon succeeded by the old flag seats. He and his older brother were Masons, probably members of the now extinct Lodge at Templeton. His house was on the Ashburnham road, a short distance from the centre of Gardner. He was the first Comee to indulge in the luxury of a middle name.

James M. married Jan. 26, 1802, Sally, daughter of John and Abigail Putnam, of Fitchburg. She died in Gardner, Dec. 23, 1863, aged 81 years, 6 months and 24 days. He died Aug. 27, 1832, *ae.* 55.

Children of James M. and Sally, all born in Gardner:

- i. MARIA, b. Sept. 2, 1802; m. Nov. 22, 1821, Isaac Jaquith (1797-1861), of Gardner, where she d. Feb. 15, 1881, *ae.* 78.
  - ii. CHRISTIANA, b. April 1, 1805; m. June 23, 1825, William S. Lynde, of Gardner, where she d. May 7, 1842.
  - iii. SALLY, b. May 11, 1807; m. Oct. 27, 1824, Benjamin Franklin Heywood (1802-1813), a chair manufacturer, of Gardner. She d. at Fitchburg.
  33. iv. JAMES MALTMAN, b. May 31, 1809; d. at Fitchburg, Nov. 11, 1893.
  - v. MARY, b. May 23, 1811; m. Aug. 25, 1829, Gen. Moses Wood (1803-1869), of Gardner, and afterward lived in Providence and Fitchburg. She is living in Brookline, Mass.
  34. vi. WILLIAM WILLIAMS, b. Aug. 19, 1813; d. July 22, 1883.
  - vii. ABIGAIL, b. April 24, 1816; m. 1st, Nov. 3, 1836, Jonas Harwood (1812-1869), of North Brookfield; and 2d, Aug. 1, 1847, Rev. Sumner Lincoln (1799-1890), a Unitarian clergyman. She d. at Wilton, N. H., Jan. 24, 1895, *ae.* 78, leaving one dau. Mrs. Abble L. Bridges, by her second husband.
  - viii. JOHN PORTER, b. Sept. 3, 1818; d. March 8, 1819.
  35. ix. LEANDER PORTER, b. Dec. 26, 1819; d. Dec. 9, 1885.
  - x. ELIZA, b. April 28, 1822; d. March 10, 1836.
  - xi. DANIEL WEBSTER, b. Aug. 21, 1825; d. unm. in Sacramento, Cal. He went to California in 1853, and was in flour milling business.
18. BENJAMIN<sup>5</sup> COMEE (*David*,<sup>4</sup> *David*,<sup>3</sup> *John*,<sup>2</sup> *David*<sup>1</sup>) moved from Gardner, Mass., to Henderson, N. Y., about 1838, and thence in 1855 to Hebron, Wis., and later to Seymour, Wis., where he died Oct. 5, 1880, *ae.* 80. He married first, Sept. 30, 1823, Lovina Mead, born April 7, 1803, daughter of Thomas and Charlotte Mead, of Lunenburg, Mass. She died at Henderson, N. Y., July 11, 1812, *ae.* 39. He married second, Mrs. Eliza Ann Seger (born Dye), who died at Hebron, Wis., 1869, *ae.* 66. He was a cabinet-maker, painter, and decorator.

Children of Benjamin and Lovina:

- i. CHARLOTTE EMELINE, b. Aug. 31, 1824; m. Feb. 20, 1841, Samuel Delos Ward; and lives (1895) with her only son, Benjamin Comee Ward, at Superior, Nuckolls Co., Neb.
- ii. CAROLINE AUGUSTA, b. June 26, 1826; m. in 1855 John Parsons, and lives in Wisconsin.
- iii. MARTHA ANN, b. Aug. 28, 1828; m. 1st, ——— Gates; and 2d, Nicholas Stokes. They live at Lacrosse, Wis.
- iv. JAMES MUNROE, b. Aug. 8, 1830; m. Jennie Thoruton; and d. at Lacrosse, Wis., 1862? *ae.* 32. No children.
- v. SARAH MEAD, b. Oct. 12, 1832; m. 1st, Aug. 29, 1856, Orrin H. Emory, who d. during the War (Oct. 29, 1864). She m. 2d, Oct. 1, 1866, James H. Bower, and lives at Whitewater, Wis.



Children of Benjamin and Eliza, all born at Henderson, N. Y.:

- i. MARIA ROSETTE, b. Oct. 4, 1814; m. Jan. 1, 1860, Uriel Tibbets; and lives now at Franklin, Minn.
  36. ii. WILLIAM BENJAMIN, b. Nov. 11, 1846; m. 1867, Anna Eliza Francis, of Milwaukee, and lives at Seymour, Wis.
  - iii. SQUIRE S., b. Aug. 9, 1848; unm.; lives at Lake Linden, Mich. A photographer.
  - iv. HELEN, b. 1854; d. unm. March 15, 1890, at Seymour, Wis.
19. JOSEPH<sup>5</sup> COMEE (*David,<sup>4</sup> David,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> David<sup>1</sup>*), after the death of his father in 1826, took the old homestead in Gardner, but about 1837 moved to New York. He lived for a short time in Henderson and then in Belleville, but soon located in Ellisburg (N. Y.), where he died Jan. 10, 1856, ae. 53. He married, April 27, 1826, M. L. Stone, born Gardner, July 13, 1799, youngest daughter of Samuel Stone. She died Oct. 2, 1863, ae. 64, in Ashburnham, Mass.; whether she had removed in 1860.

Children all born in Gardner, except v., who was born in Henderson, N. Y.:

37. i. CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS, b. Jan. 23, 1827; was a captain in 94th Regt. N. Y. Vols., captured at Gettysburg and confined in Libby Prison. He is an artist and lives in Waseka, Minn.
  38. ii. SAMUEL STONE, b. June 17, 1830; m. Sarah W. Sawin.
  - iii. JAMES, b. Sept. 12, 1832; d. May 26, 1839.
  - iv. MARTHA STONE, b. Dec. 8, 1834; m. Aug. 19, 1858, Otis D. Sawin, and lives in Waseka, Minn. They have an adopted dau. Winnie, who is m. and lives in Waseka.
  - v. GEORGE WASHINGTON, b. June 9, 1838; m. Dec. 26, 1881, Elizabeth Kittredge, and has lived in Waseka, Minn., since about 1867. No children. He is a furniture mfr. with his brother-in-law, O. D. Sawin.
20. GEORGE WASHINGTON<sup>5</sup> COMEE (*David,<sup>4</sup> David,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> David<sup>1</sup>*) lived in Gardner, Templeton and Fitchburg, and about 1852 went to Worcester (Mass.), where he died May 28, 1878, ae. 68. He married first, May 2, 1833, Fanny Richardson Vining, born June 27, 1810, daughter of John Vining of Templeton. She became an invalid soon after her marriage and died at Templeton, Mass., Aug. 30, 1838, ae. 28. No children. George W. married second, Betsey Howard, of Brookfield.

Children of George W. and Betsey, all of whom died young:

- i. GEORGE M., b. May 1, 1842.
  - ii. FRANCIS.
  - iii. FANNIE.
  - iv. FRANK.
21. ROYAL<sup>5</sup> COMEE (*Jonathan,<sup>4</sup> David,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> David<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Hopkinton, Mass., Jan. 29, 1772; and died in Hopkinton, in October 1852, ae. 80. He was a well-to-do farmer and always lived in Hopkinton on the east side of Whitehall Pond. He owned a large tract on the west side of the pond and an island, now called Comey's Island. He married Polly Andrews, of Milford, who died Aug. 29, 1873, aged 83 years, 8 months and 8 days.

Children of Royal and Polly, all born in Hopkinton:

39. i. HIRAM, b. July 18, 1806; m. 1832, Emily Gibbs.
40. ii. ALBERT, b. Aug. 3, 1808; was twice m., and had seven children.
41. iii. ELBRIDGE GERRY, b. Nov. 21, 1811; m. Abigail J. Pierce.



42. iv. DEXTER, b. Feb. 21, 1814; d. in Westboro, Mass., Nov. 8, 1892.  
 v. MARTHA ANN, b. Aug. 19, 1817; m. William B. Wales, of Hopkinton; and d. April 13, 1845, leaving one child, Mary Ann.  
 vi. MARY, b. July 12, 1823; d. unm. July 18, 1844.

22. SPENCER<sup>6</sup> COMEY (*John,<sup>5</sup> John,<sup>4</sup> David,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> David<sup>1</sup>) was born in Foxboro, Mass., April 2, 1786; and died in Foxboro, Dec. 14, 1859, ae. 73. He married Polly, daughter of Jacob and Milly Leonard, of Foxboro, where she died Nov. 19, 1883, ae. 85-7-9.*

Children, all born in Foxboro:

43. i. WARREN GARDNER, b. Sept. 15, 1821.  
 44. ii. SANFORD EASTUS, b. March 5, 1826.  
 iii. JAMES MUNROE, b. March 29, 1829; has spent most of his life in the oil regions of Pennsylvania.  
 iv. SPENCER AUGUSTUS, b. Nov. 19, 1832; d. March 25, 1833.  
 45. v. SPENCER AUGUSTUS, b. Aug. 27, 1834.

23. THATCHER<sup>6</sup> COMEY (*John,<sup>5</sup> John,<sup>4</sup> David,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> David<sup>1</sup>) was born in Foxboro, Mass., March 22, 1788; and died in Foxboro, Dec. 23, 1867, ae. 79. He married Dec. 21, 1823, Mary Thompson, born July 14, 1801, daughter of David and Phebe (Bonney) Thompson, of Easton and Lenox, Mass. Mrs. Comey died in Foxboro, Dec. 21, 1867, ae. 66.*

Children, all born in Foxboro:

46. i. HENRY THATCHER, b. April 30, 1827.  
 47. ii. JAMES ALLEN, b. March 22, 1831.  
 48. iii. ELBRIDGE CARPENTER, b. Sept. 23, 1836.

24. JOHN<sup>6</sup> COMEY (*John,<sup>5</sup> John,<sup>4</sup> David,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> David<sup>1</sup>) was born in Foxboro, Mass., April 1, 1798; and died in Foxboro, April 7, 1886, ae. 88. From 1856 until his death he was a deacon in the Baptist Church and a great temperance worker, and in his younger days (from 1828 until 1831) was captain of a militia company in the 2d regiment. He married, May 23, 1824, Hannah Robinson, born March 13, 1801, daughter of Abishai Robinson, of Raynham. She died in Foxboro, Oct. 17, 1890, ae. 89.*

Children, all born in Foxboro:

49. i. GEORGE PRESTON, b. March 30, 1825.  
 ii. ANN MARIA, b. Sept. 24, 1826; m. Dec. 5, 1849, Daniel M. Mayhew, who d. July 12, 1875. They had one dau., Ellen Maria, b. Boston, Aug. 7, 1854, and d. Jan. 17, 1893. Mrs. Mayhew lives (1896) in Foxboro.  
 iii. HANNAH ROBINSON, b. March 31, 1830; is living (1896) unm. in Foxboro.  
 50. iv. CHESTER HOLBROOK, b. Feb. 22, 1832.  
 51. v. JOHN FRANKLIN, b. March 10, 1837.  
 vi. VODISA JANE, b. Dec. 30, 1842; is living (1896) unm. in Boston, where she is a valued teacher in the Lincoln Grammar School.

25. OLIVER<sup>6</sup> COMEY (*Oliver,<sup>5</sup> John,<sup>4</sup> David,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> David<sup>1</sup>) was born in Foxboro, Mass., Oct. 23, 1787; and died in Foxboro, May 3, 1875, ae. 87. He was a farmer and married Feb. 6, 1812, Keziah, daughter of Spencer Leonard, of Foxboro, where she died Oct. 12, 1879, ae. 88.*

Children, all born in Foxboro:

- i. LOUISA, b. Jan. 25, 1813; m. June 1, 1836, Addison Kingsbury, and is living (1896) in Roslindale (part of Boston).





- ii. JUNIA ANN, b. March 12, 1815; m. Nov. 9, 1838, Addison P. Forrest, and d. in Foxboro, May 11, 1882, *ae.* 67.
- iii. JERUSA, b. March 24, 1817; m. Oct. 19, 1838, Alfred Hodges; and is living (1896) in Foxboro.
- iv. MARTHA LEONARD, b. Jan. 27, 1820; d. unm. in Foxboro, March 10, 1857.
- v. MARY, b. March 22, 1822; m. April 21, 1847, William Bowers, of Boston, and d. in Hyde Park, Mass., Jan. 1, 1879, *ae.* 47.
- vi. LAURA AMANDA, b. Sept. 26, 1836; d. Sept. 19, 1827.
- 52. vii. OLIVER EDSON, b. April 8, 1839.
- viii. AMANDA FRANCES, b. Aug. 18, 1832; m. May 22, 1866, George W. Haynes, of Baltimore, Md., where she is still (1896) living.

26. AARON<sup>5</sup> COMEY (*Oliver,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>4</sup> David,<sup>2</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> David<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Foxboro, Mass., July 5, 1789; and was killed in Milton, Jan. 6, 1846 (*ae.* 57), by being thrown from his carriage while on the way to Boston. Buried in Foxboro, where he had always lived, a farmer and trader. He married in May, 1812, Charlotte, daughter of William and Avis (White) Skinner, of Mansfield, Mass. Mrs. Comey was born Nov. 5, 1791, and died in Foxboro, April 20, 1851.

Children, all born in Foxboro:

- i. LOWELL FRANCIS, b. Jan. 24, 1814; d. Jan. 25, 1815.
- 53. ii. AARON LOWELL, b. Dec. 10, 1815.
- iii. CHARLOTTE BATES, b. May 19, 1818; m. May 14, 1837, Albert Alden, and d. April 29, 1849. They had five children: Charlotte L., Albert H., Harriet E., Leslie and Arthur B.
- 54. iv. WILLIAM SKINNER, b. Sept. 30, 1821.
- v. NANCY MAHA, b. Feb. 11, 1824; m. 1st, May 12, 1848, Elias Chilingsworth Miller, who d. at Augusta, Me., in January, 1854. She m. 2d, May 12, 1858, Samuel Dexter Maybry, of Hopkinton, who d. Jan. 7, 1891. She is living (1896) in Foxboro. One child: Charles Alliston Maybry, b. Sept. 13, 1862; m. June 30, 1892, Fannie M. Soule, and lives in Middleboro, Mass.
- vi. CHLOE SABRINA, b. Nov. 10, 1827; m. June 27, 1852, Henry James Sawyer, of Hopkinton, Mass. She d. April 4, 1857, leaving two children. He lives at Joliet, Ill.
- vii. ELVIRA CORDELIA, b. Aug. 9, 1830; m. Benjamin Hartwell Spaulding, of Milford, Mass. She d. July 13, 1864. No children.
- viii. THOMAS HAYDEN, b. July 30, 1833; d. Aug. 17, 1834.

27. LYMAN<sup>6</sup> COMEY (*Oliver,<sup>5</sup> John,<sup>4</sup> David,<sup>2</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> David<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Foxboro, Mass., Aug. 6, 1793, and died in Foxboro, June 14, 1878, *ae.* 84, but lived several years at Sandwich, Mass. He married Nancy Fisher, of Wrentham, daughter of Cyrus Fisher, a Revolutionary soldier. She was born Jan. 7, 1794, and died in April, 1832.

Children, i. and ii. born in Foxboro, iii. to vi. in Sandwich:

- 55. i. LYMAN FISHER, b. Aug. 20, 1814.
- 56. ii. GEORGE ANSON, b. April 7, 1817.
- iii. HANNAH, b. October, 1821; m. at Peterboro, N. H., June 25, 1844, Alonzo C. Rounds, and lives at Milford, Mass.
- iv. MARIA, b. about 1821; d. unm. at Foxboro, Oct. 25, 1849, *ae.* 25.
- 57. v. ALBERT, b. Feb. 24, 1828.
- 58. vi. WILLARD, b. Dec. 1, 1830.

28. WILLARD<sup>4</sup> COMEY (*Oliver,<sup>5</sup> John,<sup>4</sup> David,<sup>2</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> David<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Foxboro, Mass., March 26, 1796, and died in Foxboro, April 23, 1869, *ae.* 73. He married first, Esther Boyden, of Foxboro, who died in 1823, and he married second, Ceilia, daughter of Samuel and



Sarah Leonard, of Mansfield. She died in Foxboro, June 13, 1875, ae. 80-5-18.

Child of Willard and Esther, born in Foxboro:

- I. MARY ESTHER, b. June 29, 1823; m. Aug. 29, 1843, Warren G. Comey. (See page 19).

Children of Willard and Celia:

- I. ADELINE (twin); d. ae. about 8.
- II. ALBERT (twin); d. ae. about 8.

29. JASON<sup>6</sup> COMEY (*Oliver,<sup>5</sup> John,<sup>4</sup> David,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> David<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Foxboro, Mass., Oct. 4, 1800, and died in Princeton, Iowa, Sept. 18, 1853. He was a farmer and lived in Foxboro all of his life but the last five months. He married, Oct. 8, 1826, Tryphenia Daniels, who was born in December, 1802, at Foxboro, where she died Feb. 29, 1882, ae. 79.

Children, all born in Foxboro:

- I. SUSAN D., b. July 15, 1828; d. Aug. 18, 1843.
59. II. JASON, b. Sept. 8, 1831.
60. III. JOSEPH, b. May 18, 1835.

30. CHARLES<sup>6</sup> COMEY (*Oliver,<sup>5</sup> John,<sup>4</sup> David,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> David<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Foxboro, Mass., April 8, 1807, and is living (1896) in Kennebunk, Me., where he has resided since about 1890. Most of his years have been spent in New Hampshire as a farmer. He married, June 11, 1835, Mrs. Martha Marden (née Berry), of Portsmouth, N. H. She was born at Rye, N. H., May 1, 1811, and is still living.

Children i. to iv. born in Foxboro, v. to vii. in Boston, Mass., viii. in Danbury, N. H., ix. to xi. in Wilmot, N. H., xii. in Hillsborough, N. H., and xiii. in Wilmot:

- I. CHARLES BERRY, b. May 12, 1826; d. Feb. 22, 1837.
61. II. OTIS WILLIAMS, b. June 19, 1837.
62. III. CHARLES BERRY, b. Aug. 23, 1839.
63. IV. HENRY HARRISON, b. Aug. 23, 1841.
- V. NATHANIEL WARREN, b. Aug. 18, 1843; d. Sept. 5, 1843.
- VI. MARTHA JOSEPHINE, b. Aug. 31, 1844; d. Sept. 24, 1846.
- VII. JAMES EDWIN, b. July 28, 1846; d. Sept. 29, 1846.
- VIII. JOTHAM EDWIN, b. Sept. 12, 1847; d. Feb. 27, 1864, at Fort Nelson, Ky., whither he had gone in the 11th Reg. N. H. Vols.
- IX. MARTHA JOSEPHINE, b. Sept. 21, 1849; m. Nov. 10, 1870, Warren R. Barney, of Wilmot, N. H.
- X. JULIA MARIA, b. Oct. 17, 1851; m. Sept., 1877, Albert Wetherbee, of Boston.
- XI. JASON AUGUSTINE, b. June 8, 1854; d. Nov. 23, 1855.
- XII. JAMES JASON, b. Jan. 11, 1857; d. Nov. 26, 1876.
64. XIII. JOHN HALE, b. May 25, 1860.

31. OMAN<sup>6</sup> COMEY (*Oliver,<sup>5</sup> John,<sup>4</sup> David,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> David<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Foxboro, Mass., July 31, 1811, and died in Foxboro, Nov. 12, 1895, ae. 84. He was a farmer, and married in November, 1846, Susan Adella Morse, born March 19, 1813, daughter of John Morse. She died April 11, 1877, ae. 64.

Child, born in Foxboro:

65. LEWIS ALVIN, b. Aug. 2, 1850.



**ELIZA<sup>6</sup> COMEE** (*Ezra,<sup>5</sup> Joseph,<sup>4</sup> David,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> David<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Brighton (then a part of Cambridge, now a part of Boston), Mass., March 21, 1781, and died in Dana, Mass., Sept. 30, 1843, *ae.* 62. She married Dec. 29, 1802, Rev. Joshua Flagg (born April 21, 1773; died in Dana, Nov. 10, 1859, *ae.* 86), a Universalist clergyman, who preached in Dana for over sixty years.

Children, *Flagg*, i. born in New Salem, Mass., vii. in Scituate, Mass., and the others in Dana.

- i. ELIZA, b. Nov. 11, 1804; m. 1830, Asa Spooner, and d. April 7, 1840.
- ii. JOSHUA, b. Dec. 31, 1806; d. Aug. 15, 1850.
- iii. PORTER, b. March 7, 1810; d. Dec. 26, 1880.
- iv. MARIA, b. Oct. 20, 1812; d. Nov. 17, 1865.
- v. NANCY, b. Dec. 8, 1815; d. Feb. 19, 1887; m. Nov. 10, 1836, her cousin Dennis F. Flagg.
- vi. LUCIUS, b. Jan. 22, 1818; living (1896) in San Francisco.
- vii. ALONZO, b. Oct. 21, 1820; m. Feb. 29, 1844, Hannah N. Babitt, and d. Dec. 31, 1878.
- viii. MURRAY, b. July 19, 1825; living (1896) in San Francisco.

**SUSAN<sup>6</sup> COMEE** (*Ezra,<sup>5</sup> Joseph,<sup>4</sup> David,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> David<sup>1</sup>*) was born July 19, 1771, and died in Chelsea, Mass., July 20, 1876, *ae.* 85. She married Barney Flagg (born May 24, 1792; died Nov. 6, 1857) and moved to Boston.

Children, *Flagg*:

- i. SOPHRONIA ANN, m. Charles Partridge.
- ii. FRANCIS DENNIS, b. in Dana, Jan. 22, 1815; d. in Boston, Oct. 7, 1884; m. Nancy Flagg. He wrote his name Dennis F.
- iii. SUSAN PORTER, m. Robert R. Perkins, and had two children.
- iv. DENCY, b. 1820; d. 1822.
- v. DENCY, b. 1822; d. 1824.
- vi. FRANKLIN BERGGS, b. 1824; d. 1847.
- vii. HARRIET JANE, b. 1824; m. Newell Stanyan, and had two children.

32. **THOMAS WILSON<sup>6</sup> COMEE** (*Ezra,<sup>5</sup> Joseph,<sup>4</sup> David,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> David<sup>1</sup>*) was born Jan. 3, 1794, and died in Boston, Feb. 5, 1862, *ae.* 68. He moved to Boston about 1853, but most of his life was spent in Dana (Mass.), where he was buried. He married in 1817, Lydia, born Oct. 19, 1801, daughter of Ichabod Towne, of Dana. She died in Boston, March 25, 1885, *ae.* 83, and was buried in Dana.

Children, i. to iv., vi. to viii. and xii. born in Dana; v., ix. to xi. born in Petersham, Mass.:

66. i. WILSON, b. Jan. 24, 1819.
67. ii. CHARLES, b. Nov. 2, 1821.
68. iii. EZRA, b. Oct. 21, 1823.
- iv. MARIA, b. Nov. 24, 1825; d. unm. in Boston, May 4, 1893, *ae.* 67.
69. v. FRANKLIN, b. Dec. 11, 1827.
- vi. NANCY, b. July 17, 1829; m. May 1, 1851, William S. Tuttle (b. in Rowe, Mass., Feb. 19, 1830), and is living (1896) in Boston (Roxbury Dist.). They have had three children: Lydia Maria, b. in Barre, 1853; William H., b. in Lynn, 1857, d. 1861; and Charles W., b. 1860.
- vii. LYDIA, b. Feb. 6, 1832; d. in infancy.
- viii. SOPHRONIA PARTRIDGE, b. Jan. 21, 1834; m. Jan. 5, 1870, Benjamin O. Woods (b. in Springfield, Mass., Dec. 18, 1809, and d. May 20, 1873). She d. in Boston, Sept. 17, 1877. No children.



70. ix. DENNIS FLAGG, b. June 6, 1836.

71. x. JAMES THOMAS, b. Nov. 29, 1839.

xi. SUSAN ELIZABETH, b. Nov. 6, 1841; d. in Boston, Aug. 11, 1853.

72. xii. FREDERICK TOWNE, b. Oct. 1, 1846.

33. JAMES<sup>4</sup> MALTMAN COMEE (*James M.<sup>3</sup> David,<sup>4</sup> David,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> David<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Gardner, Mass., May 31, 1809, and died in Fitchburg, Mass., Nov. 11, 1893, æt. 84. Most of his life was spent in Fitchburg, where he was a chair maker, though never in business for himself. He married first, Emily A. Nichols, of Gardner, daughter of David Nichols. She was born July 21, 1809, and died Sept. 29, 1844. He married second, April 29, 1847, Mrs. Mary F. Davis, of New Ipswich (born in Concord, Mass., July 20, 1820), daughter of James and Seba Conant, and widow of Walter Davis, of Fitchburg, where she is still living (1896).

Child of James M. and Emily, born at Gardner:

73. i. JAMES, b. July 2, 1836.

Child of James M. and Mary:

i. WEBSTER HUNTLEY, b. May 4, 1856; d. Feb. 9, 1883; m. May 12, 1877, Mary Dann, who m. again July 5, 1884, William A. Prescott, and lives now in Wakefield, Mass. They had one son: Walter Huntley Comee, b. Sept. 17, 1877; living in Wakefield.

34. WILLIAM WILLIAMS<sup>4</sup> COMEE (*James M.<sup>5</sup> David,<sup>4</sup> David,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> David<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Gardner, Mass., Aug. 19, 1813, and died July 22, 1883, at the Point of Pines Hotel, Revere Beach (about seven miles from Boston) whither he had gone for his health. He moved from Gardner to Fitchburg, Mass., where he was proprietor of the American House until 1868, when he removed to Boston, where he resided until his death, except the four years from 1871 to 1875 that he spent in Cambridge, while his son was in college. He married Thanksgiving eve,\* Dec. 2, 1835, Maria, daughter of Cyrus Winship, of Westminster (Mass.), where she was born April 13, 1817. She is living (1896) with her youngest son in Boston.

Children, i. and ii. born in Gardner; iii. in Fitchburg:

74. i. WILLIAM PORTER, b. July 17, 1837.

75. ii. CHARLES HENRY, b. Aug. 17, 1840.

76. iii. FREDERIC ROBBINS, b. Jan. 2, 1851.

35. LEANDER PORTER<sup>4</sup> COMEE (*James M.<sup>5</sup> David,<sup>4</sup> David,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> David<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Gardner, Mass., Dec. 26, 1819, and died in Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Dec. 9, 1885, æt. 66, and was buried at Fitchburg (Mass.), where a great part of his life was spent. He kept a dry goods store for several years and afterwards dealt in horses. He married Sept. 9, 1845, Sarah Louisa Beckwith, daughter of Charles and Mindwell (Alexander) Beckwith. Mrs. Comee died in Fitchburg, July 30, 1866, æt. 44-4-10.

Child:

i. FRANK E., b. July 31, 1851; d. unm. in Boston, March 25, 1882, æt. 30. Buried in Fitchburg.

36. WILLIAM BENJAMIN<sup>5</sup> COMEE (*Benjamin,<sup>3</sup> David,<sup>4</sup> David,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> David<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Henderson, N. Y., Nov. 11, 1846, and is living

\* Thanksgiving was a week later than usual in 1835.





(1896) at Seymour, Wis. In 1855, he went with his father from New York to Hebron in southern Wisconsin. Later he moved to Seymour (Wis.), where he entered the employ of the Northwestern Manufacturing Company in 1871 as Superintendent of their branch works. He married in 1867, Anna Eliza Francis, of Milwaukee.

Children:

- I. JENNIE W., m. Dr. J. H. Hittner, of Seymour, Wis.
- II. ALBERTIS BENJAMIN, a druggist in Chicago.
- III. WILLIAM CLYDE.

37. CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS<sup>6</sup> COMEE (*Joseph,<sup>5</sup> David,<sup>4</sup> David,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> David<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Gardner, Mass., Jan. 28, 1827, and is living (1896) in Waseka, Minn., where he has resided for several years. He is an artist by profession. Oct. 25, 1861, he enlisted as 1st Sergeant in Co. G, 91th Reg. N. Y. Vols. He became 1st Lieutenant, May 14, 1862, and Captain, Nov. 1, 1862. He was in the battles of Cedar Mountain, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville and Gettysburg. At the latter, July 1, 1863, he was taken prisoner and sent to Libby Prison, where he remained until exchanged March 7, 1864. He was in Grant's campaign against Lee for about three months, but at the battle of Cold Harbor, June 12, 1864, he broke down with fever and was carried from the field. He never fully recovered from the hardships of the war. He married Sept. 2, 1847, Maroa Griswold, daughter of Sylvester Griswold, of Adams, N. Y.

Children, i. and ii. born in Adams, N. Y.; iii. and iv. in Ellisburgh, N. Y.; v. and vi. in Belleville, N. Y.; and vii. and viii. in Waseka, Wis.:

- I. EMMA JANE, b. Nov. 6, 1848; m. Oct. 17, 1865, William Randall, and d. in Vivian, Minn., Oct. 27, 1866, leaving a dau., Emma.
- II. SYLVESTER GRISWOLD, b. April 27, 1853; m. 1st, in Livingston, Tenn., Margaret West, and 2d, Nov. 25, 1894, Alice Rooney. No children. He is a painter and lives in Minneapolis, Minn.
- III. ADELAIDE LAYERA, b. May 5, 1855; m. Dec. 7, 1881, John Ward, and lives in Waseka, Minn.
- IV. EBENE MOZELLE, b. Dec. 17, 1857; unm.; lives with her father.
- V. FLORENCE VILETTA, b. Aug. 29, 1860; unm.; lives with her father.
- VI. ELLEN MIRIAM, b. Jan. 23, 1862; d. Jan. 9, 1867.
- VII. SARAH BERTHA, b. July 2, 1866; unm.; lives with her father.
- VIII. JOSEPH FREDERICK, b. Oct. 19, 1869; a machinist; lives unm. in Missouli, Montana.

38. SAMUEL STONE<sup>6</sup> COMEE (*Joseph,<sup>5</sup> David,<sup>4</sup> David,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> David<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Gardner, Mass., June 17, 1830, and is living (1896) in Waseka, Minn. When about seven years old he went with his father from Massachusetts to New York. When a young man he returned to his birthplace for a few years, but soon went back to Ellisburgh, N. Y. Since 1865, most of his time has been spent in Waseka, Minn., where he is a fruit grower. He married May 13, 1855, Sarah W. Savin, born in Gardner, July 3, 1836, daughter of Joseph Dexter Sawin.

Children, i. born in Ellisburgh, N. Y.; and ii. in Belleville, N. Y.:

- I. MYRA ADELAIDE, b. Sept. 26, 1860; m. Sept. 26, 1888, Rev. Orrin L. Robinson, and lives in Baraboo, Wis.
- II. MARTHA JOSEPHINE, b. Oct. 16, 1862; m. May 1, 1881, Charles E. Leslie, and lives in Hillsboro, North Dakota.



39. **HIRAM<sup>6</sup> COMEY** (*Royal,<sup>5</sup> Jonathan,<sup>4</sup> David,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> David<sup>1</sup>*) was born July 18, 1806, in Hopkinton (Mass.), where he always lived and where he died in 1880. He was a shoe maker and farmer; was a selectman in 1849 and a member of the school committee. He married in 1832, Emily Gibbs, of Hopkinton.

Children, i. born in Holliston, the others in Hopkinton:

- i. ALPHONSO, b. 1833; never married; enlisted April 7, 1862, in Co. B, 25th Mass. Vols., saw heavy fighting, and was killed at Cold Harbor, Va., June 3, 1864, and buried in an unknown grave.
  - ii. EMILY ELIZABETH, b. Jan. 4, 1835; m. Seth Aldrich, of Milford, and lives at Hopkinton. They have four children.
  - iii. LAWSON, b. 1837; m. 1863, Ursula Taft, of Upton; enlisted Sept. 24, 1862, in Co. H, 42d Mass. Vols., and was killed on the skirmish line at Brashear City, La., June 23, 1863, and buried in an unknown grave.
  - iv. HANNAH MARIA, b. 1838; m. Welcome Temple, of Hopkinton, who d. near New Orleans in 1863. She d. in 1862. One son.
  - v. CELINDA, b. 1842; m. 1863, her cousin George R. Comey.
77. vi. JAMES KNOX POLK, b. Feb. 29, 1845.  
 vii. LESLIE SCAMMELL, b. Dec. 29, 1847; d. April 3, 1849.  
 viii. MARTHA ANN, b. March 3, 1850; d. num., 1871.  
 ix. ABBIE ISABELLA, b. March 5, 1853; m. 1874, John Colburn, of Hopkinton, and d. Jan. 26, 1878, leaving two daughters.

40. **ALBERT<sup>6</sup> COMEY** (*Royal,<sup>5</sup> Jonathan,<sup>4</sup> David,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> David<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Hopkinton, Mass., Aug. 3, 1808, and died in Pawtucket, R. I., Jan. 28, 1886, æ. 77. In 1839 he went to Texas, which had become independent four years before, but was still in an unsettled condition. The Indians at this time were particularly uneasy, so that he not only lost everything, but was obliged to flee to the wilderness, with a few companions, and for two years he endured all sorts of hardships. At the end of that time, when he returned to New England, he found that his wife had died and that his family had been broken up. In 1850 during the "gold fever" he went to California, where he spent the next five years. The remaining years of his life were spent in Pawtucket, R. I. He married first, in 1831, Celinda Barton, of Medway, who died April 8, 1840, and second, in 1843, Hannah Walker, of Pawtucket, R. I., who is still living (1896).

Children of Albert and Celinda, i. born in Medway, Mass.; ii. and v. born in Wrentham; and iii. and iv. born in Attleboro, Mass.:

78. i. ALBERT BARTON, b. Feb. 29, 1832.
  79. ii. GEORGE ROYAL, b. Feb. 2, 1834.
  - iii. ANN ELIZA, b. May 24, 1836; m. Nov. 6, 1853, George W. Temple, of Hopkinton, where she still lives.
  - iv. MARIETTA, b. May 3, 1838; m. Nov. 8, 1860, Henry L. Stearns, of Hopkinton, where she d. July 13, 1891.
80. v. WILLIAM MACHER, b. Feb. 18, 1840.

Children of Albert and Hannah, born in Pawtucket, R. I.:

- i. CHARLES DELOS, b. July 11, 1845; m. Emma Scott, of Cumberland, R. I., and lives in Pawtucket. No children.
- ii. FRANK EUGENE, b. May 29, 1848; m. Ella A. Whipple, of North Providence, R. I., and lives in Providence, R. I. No children.

41. **ELBRIDGE GERRY<sup>6</sup> COMEY** (*Royal,<sup>5</sup> Jonathan,<sup>4</sup> David,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> David<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Hopkinton, Mass., Nov. 21, 1811, and died in Hopkinton, April 19, 1868, æ. 56. He was a farmer and until about 1843



lived in Hopkinton, where he was a Lieutenant in the militia. Then for several years he lived in Holliston, manufacturing horn combs as well as farming. His last years were spent in Woodville, a village of Hopkinton. He was a member of the Congregational Church. He married Oct. 21, 1831, Abigail Jackson, daughter of Ebenezer and Ann (Spring) Pierce, of Hopkinton. She died June 9, 1893, æ. 86.

Children, i. to iv. born in Hopkinton; v. and vi. born in Holliston:

I. AMANDA ANN, b. Dec. 20, 1822; d. unm. in Holliston, Nov. 10, 1856, æ. 24. Was educated in Mt. Holyoke Female Seminary (at South Hadley) which she entered in 1851; a brilliant scholar.

81. II. ARATUS, b. Oct. 27, 1837.

82. III. HENRY NEWTON, b. March 4, 1840.

83. IV. MANLIUS, b. March 18, 1843.

V. MARY ABBY, b. Nov. 28, 1845; m. July 15, 1868, George S. Gibson, of Hopkinton, and lives (1896) in Clinton, Mass. They have five children.

84. VI. PERLEY PIERCE, b. Jan. 14, 1852.

42. DEXTER<sup>8</sup> COMEY (*Royal*,<sup>5</sup> *Jonathan*,<sup>4</sup> *David*,<sup>3</sup> *John*,<sup>2</sup> *David*<sup>1</sup>) was born in Hopkinton, Mass., Feb. 21, 1814, and died in Westboro, Mass., Nov. 8, 1892, æ. 78. He was a farmer, and boot maker, and a member of the Baptist Church. He married Mrs. Rachel Barlow, but was divorced from her and married Jan. 18, 1852, Mary, daughter of Lyscomb Brigham, of Hopkinton. She died in 1894.

Children, all born in Hopkinton:

I. EMMA ELIZA, b. April 13, 1853; m. July 31, 1887, Leonard V. Antonella, and lives (1896) in Fitchburg, Mass.

II. MARY ALBREANNA, b. May 1, 1854; m. Nov. 29, 1873, Gilbert Belcher, of Natick, Mass., and lives (1896) in Westboro, Mass.

III. WILLIAM HENRY, b. May 27, 1857; m. in 1886, Lillian Smith, of Chelsea, Mass. She d. Feb. 20, 1895, and he m. 2d, March 4, 1896, Mrs. Alice L. Beganson, of Chelsea, and lives in Allston (Boston), Mass.

43. WARREN GARDNER<sup>7</sup> COMEY (*Spencer*,<sup>6</sup> *John*,<sup>6</sup> *John*,<sup>4</sup> *David*,<sup>3</sup> *John*,<sup>2</sup> *David*<sup>1</sup>) was born in Foxboro, Mass., Sept. 15, 1821, and is living (1896) in Quincy, Mass. About 1846, or 1847, he moved to Boston, where he has been, and still is, a successful business man. Since 1867 he has lived in Quincy. He married, Aug. 29, 1843, Mary Esther, daughter of Willard Comey (see page 14). No children.

44. SANFORD ERASTUS<sup>7</sup> COMEY (*Spencer*,<sup>6</sup> *John*,<sup>6</sup> *John*,<sup>4</sup> *David*,<sup>3</sup> *John*,<sup>2</sup> *David*<sup>1</sup>) was born in Foxboro, Mass., March 5, 1826, and died in Fall River, Oct. 26, 1863, æ. 37. He married Oct. 14, 1847, Mary Ann Neal, who married second, Nov. 3, 1875, Burgess S. Wilcox. She was born April 9, 1823, and died Feb. 25, 1891. The only child of Sanford E. and Mary A. was born in Foxboro:

I. MARY ANGELINE, b. Sept. 27, 1849; m. April 13, 1876, Joseph Hearn, of Foxboro, where she d. July 5, 1890. They had one child: Grace Sanford Hearn, b. Sept. 5, 1879.

45. SPENCER AUGUSTUS<sup>7</sup> COMEY (*Spencer*,<sup>6</sup> *John*,<sup>6</sup> *John*,<sup>4</sup> *David*,<sup>3</sup> *John*,<sup>2</sup> *David*<sup>1</sup>) was born in Foxboro, Mass., Aug. 27, 1834, and is living (1896) in Norwood, Mass. March 17, 1856, he moved from Fox-



boro to Boston, where he is still in business. In October, 1892, he transferred his residence from Boston to Norwood. He married in Boston, Nov. 11, 1863, Ann Eliza, eldest daughter of William H. and Eliza (Eaton) Lawrence, of Lexington, where she was born May 30, 1841.

Children, all born in Boston, the last four in the part known as Jamaica Plain:

- i. HARRY L., b. June 1, 1867; d. in Lexington, June 28, 1869.
- ii. ALICE G., b. Aug. 14, 1871; d. Oct. 30, 1874.
- iii. WARREN W., b. Aug. 18, 1875; d. Sept. 5, 1876.
- iv. WILLIAM A., b. Dec. 3, 1876.
- v. A. LOUISE, b. Oct. 19, 1878.

46. HENRY THATCHER<sup>7</sup> COMEY (*Thatcher,<sup>6</sup> John,<sup>5</sup> John,<sup>4</sup> David,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> David<sup>1</sup>) was born in Foxboro, Mass., April 30, 1827, and died in Monson, Mass., Sept. 6, 1887, *ae.* 60. Buried in Foxboro, where most of his life was spent in the bonnet bleaching industry. He married Nov. 3, 1859, at Foxboro, Mary Richmond Luther, who was born in Taunton, Mass., March 19, 1829, and died in Foxboro, Nov. 28, 1884, *ae.* 55.*

Children, all born in Foxboro:

- i. HENRIETTA THOMPSON, b. Dec. 16, 1853; m. June 14, 1876, William Budd Van Amringe, and lives (1896) in Roxbury (Boston). They have had three children: Harry Sterling, b. in Providence, R. I., July 4, 1877; d. in Dorchester, Mass., April 1, 1884. Robert Comey, b. in Providence, R. I., June 22, 1882. William Martin, b. in Hyde Park, Mass., Oct. 5, 1884.
85. ii. ROBERT HENRY, b. Nov. 26, 1857; m. April 26, 1884, Theresa Pierce Mellor.
- iii. WALTER RICHMOND, b. April 12, 1866; m. at Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 29, 1888, Laura Munsey, and d. at Roxbury (Boston), Mass., Sept. 22, 1894, *ae.* 28. No children. Mrs. Comey has returned to California.

47. JAMES ALLEN<sup>7</sup> COMEY (*Thatcher,<sup>6</sup> John,<sup>5</sup> John,<sup>4</sup> David,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> David<sup>1</sup>) was born March 22, 1831, in Foxboro, Mass., where he still lives. He married Feb. 27, 1853, Susan Samantha Carpenter, of Foxboro, born March 11, 1832.*

Children, all born in Foxboro:

- i. EMMA RICHMOND, b. Nov. 20, 1853; m. Dec. 29, 1874, Abbott S. Smith, of West Gardiner, Me. They have one child: Allen Lincoln Smith, b. Sept. 14, 1875.
- ii. EZRA CARPENTER, b. April 21, 1860; m. Laura E. Felt, of Sharon, Mass. He is an attorney and councillor at law in Foxboro. Has one son, Lawrence Allen Comey, b. May 19, 1881.
- iii. JAMES THOMPSON, b. May 20, 1861; unm., lives in Foxboro.
- iv. HERMANN ALLEN, b. Nov. 26, 1867; m. Feb. 14, 1889, Katie E. Rowell, of Cornville, Me., and lives (1896) in Charlestown, Mass.

48. ELBRIDGE CARPENTER<sup>7</sup> COMEY (*Thatcher,<sup>6</sup> John,<sup>5</sup> John,<sup>4</sup> David,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> David<sup>1</sup>) was born in Foxboro, Mass., Sept. 23, 1836, and lives (1896) in Somerville, Mass. When he was seventeen years old he left Foxboro and went to Boston to work. Three years later, in 1856, he entered the employ of W. K. Lewis & Bros., dealers in pickles, preserves, etc., 93 Broad Street, Boston, and since 1866 has been a member of the firm, which has an extensive trade.*





About the same time he transferred his place of residence from Boston to Quincy, where he remained a dozen years. Since about 1878 he has lived in Somerville. Mr. Comey is a substantial business man and has also been much interested in the compilation of the Comey genealogy, and has rendered valuable assistance. He married, May 17, 1860, Josephine Louisa Messinger, who was born in Walpole, Mass., Jan. 25, 1835.

Their only child was born in Boston:

86. I. ARTHUR MESSINGER, b. Nov. 10, 1861.

49. GEORGE PRESTON<sup>7</sup> COMEY (*John,<sup>5</sup> John,<sup>5</sup> John,<sup>4</sup> David,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> David<sup>1</sup>) was born in Foxboro, Mass., March 30, 1825, and lives (1896) in Brooklyn, N. Y. At the age of twenty-one he left Foxboro, and for two or three years worked in Boston, removing thence to Brooklyn, N. Y., where he has ever since been engaged in the straw goods business, which under his able management has assumed large proportions. He is much interested in church work and has been for several years Trustee and Deacon of the Strong Pl. Baptist Church. He married, Oct. 15, 1848, Clara A. Dean, of Rehoboth.*

Children, i. born in Foxboro; ii. to iv. born in Brooklyn:

i. LAURA JUDSON, b. July 24, 1852; lives nuni. (1896) in Brooklyn.

ii. EMMA FRANCES, b. Oct. 8, 1854; m. July 10, 1884, Rev. Daniel J. Ellison, now (1896) pastor of the First Baptist Church of Indianapolis, Ind. They have two children: Willie Hugh, b. in Jersey City, N. J., May 8, 1885. Emma Comey, b. in Brooklyn, N. Y., Oct. 3, 1886.

87. iii. GEORGE PRESTON JR., b. April 21, 1858.

iv. ANNIE MYERS, b. July 24, 1860; m. April 14, 1881, John J. Bate, and live in Westwood, N. J. They have four children: Alice Louise, b. in Paskack, N. J., Jan. 21, 1882. Edith Adele, b. in Paskack, N. J., May 2, 1884. Daisy Dean, b. in Paskack, N. J., March 28, 1887. Arthur Comey, b. in Westwood, N. J.

50. CHESTER HOLBROOK<sup>7</sup> COMEY (*John,<sup>5</sup> John,<sup>5</sup> John,<sup>4</sup> David,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> David<sup>1</sup>) was born in Foxboro, Mass., Feb. 22, 1832, and died in Cambridge, Mass., March 31, 1881, æ. 49. In 1853 he graduated from the Bridgewater Normal School with honors, and for several years taught school with marked success in Foxboro, Kingston, South Dedham (now Norwood), Arlington and Boston (Mass.). In the latter he was sub-master of the Dwight Grammar School. His later years were devoted to the insurance business, though he always retained his interest in educational and religious work; was church trustee and deacon in Cambridge. He married Aug. 27, 1855, Sarah Dyer Rich, daughter of Capt. Philip S. Rich, of Provincetown, Mass.:*

Children, i. born in Foxboro; ii. in Dedham; iii. in Norwood; and iv. in Cambridge:

88. I. CHARLES RICH, b. July 21, 1856.

ii. FRANK HOLBROOK, b. May 25, 1859; d. Sept. 14, 1859.

iii. LOUISA G., b. April 2, 1862; d. Sept. 1, 1867.

iv. PHILIP ROBINSON, b. Nov. 2, 1871; d. Sept. 29, 1872.

51. JOHN FRANKLIN<sup>7</sup> COMEY (*John,<sup>5</sup> John,<sup>5</sup> John,<sup>4</sup> David,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> David<sup>1</sup>) was born in Foxboro, Mass., March 10, 1837, and lives (1896) in New York city (74 W. 51th St.). Educated at Pierce Academy,*



Middleboro, Mass. In 1855 he went to work in the New York salesroom of John W. Rogers, of Mansfield, Mass., straw goods manufacturer. When Mr. Rogers retired he went into the firm. Ten years later Mr. Comey became sole owner. Since then Mr. Rogers has gone back into the firm again. He lived eleven years in Brooklyn, since then in New York city. He is a Trustee and a Deacon of the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, Member of Board of Managers of the International Medical Missionary Society, Trustee of the Southern New York Baptist Association, Treasurer of the American Bible Union, and Trustee and Treasurer of the Mt. Olivet Baptist Church (colored). He married, Dec. 26, 1859, Hattie Grover.

Children, i. born in Brooklyn; ii. and iii. in Foxboro; iv. in New York city:

- i. CARRIE ROBINSON, b. March 5, 1865; d. May 21, 1866.
- ii. HARRIET BARROWS, b. Jan. 11, 1868; m. Sept. 16, 1886, Charles G. Judson. They have two daughters: Marguerite E. Judson, b. March 13, 1892, and Sylvia Judson, b. June 10, 1895.
- iii. BESSIE FRANCES, b. Dec. 15, 1870; m. June 2, 1896, Jas. B. Harris.
- iv. JOHN WINTHROP, b. April 6, 1877; is in the Class of '98, Brown University.

52. OLIVER EDSON<sup>7</sup> COMEY (*Oliver,<sup>6</sup> Oliver,<sup>5</sup> John,<sup>4</sup> David,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> David<sup>1</sup>*) was born April 8, 1830, in Foxboro, Mass., where he still (1896) lives. He was engaged in the grocery business for more than twenty years, but retired several years ago on account of poor health. He married first, in July, 1852, Harriet Anderson, who died Dec. 19, 1864. He married second, Jan. 28, 1866, Lucinda Frances Wood, who is still living.

Child of Oliver E. and Harriet, born in Foxboro:

- i. LUELLA AUGUSTA, b. Sept. 20, 1858; m. 1st, Aug. 20, 1883, William S. Whiting, who d. Oct. 23, 1886. She m. 2d, Dec. 11, 1889, Byron T. Roscoe, and they live at East Greenwich, R. I.

Child of Oliver E. and Lucinda, born in Foxboro:

- i. DANA WOOD, b. July 12, 1874; d. Jan. 1, 1876.

53. AARON LOWELL<sup>7</sup> COMEY (*Aaron,<sup>6</sup> Oliver,<sup>5</sup> John,<sup>4</sup> David,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> David<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Foxboro, Mass., Dec. 10, 1815, and died in Ortonville, Minn., July 10, 1880, æ. 64, unmarried. He went West in 1856 and was a prosperous farmer. July 20, 1862, he enlisted in Company C, Sixth Regiment Minnesota Infantry, and served until the end of the war.

54. WILLIAM SKINNER<sup>7</sup> COMEY (*Aaron,<sup>6</sup> Oliver,<sup>5</sup> John,<sup>4</sup> David,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> David<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Foxboro, Mass., Sept. 30, 1821, and died in Forge Village, Mass., April 28, 1891, æ. 69. He kept a meat market in Forge Village, in the town of Westford,\* Middlesex Co. He married in 1845 Almira Hayden, of Westford, daughter of Luther Hayden of Groton. She died in Westford, Feb. 27, 1894.

Children, i. born in Bedford, Mass.; ii. in Foxboro; the others in Westford:

89. i. WILLIAM WALLACE, b. March 4, 1846.
- ii. ARBA HAYDEN, b. May 29, 1847; d. Sept. 6, 1847.

\* Westford was set off from Chelmsford in 1729.



- iii. EDWIN RUTHVEN, b. Jan. 16, 1849; m. Maria Brusco, of Buffalo, N. Y., where he d. 1892.
- iv. NANCY MARIA, b. July 23, 1850; m. Oct. 1, 1876, Wilford G. Blodgett, and lives (1896) in Graniteville, a village of Westford.
- v. SARAH FRANCES, b. March 16, 1852; d. Aug. 11, 1852.
- vi. ELLEN CORDELIA, b. May 12, 1853.
- vii. MARY ELLA, b. May 25, 1855; m. Edwin B. Lee, and lives (1896) in Worcester, Mass.
- viii. ARTHUR EUGENE, b. Oct. 26, 1857; d. in infancy.
- ix. ANNA ELIZA, o. Jan. 28, 1859; m. Joseph Brusco, and lives (1896) in LYONS, N. Y.
- x. CLARA PORTER, b. June 28, 1861; m. Nov. 25, 1891, George F. Carlin, and lives (1896) in Graniteville.
- xi. ARTHUR HERBERT, b. Dec. 7, 1862; m. Oct. 11, 1891, Susannah Mellor, and has Hazel May, b. April 3, 1895. They live in Forge Village.
- xii. EMMA FRANCES, b. March 20, 1865; lives unm. in Graniteville.

55. LYMAN FISHER' COMEY (*Lyman,*<sup>4</sup> *Oliver,*<sup>3</sup> *John,*<sup>4</sup> *David,*<sup>3</sup> *John,*<sup>3</sup> *David*<sup>1</sup>) was born in Foxboro, Mass., Aug. 20, 1814, and died in Foxboro, October, 1867, *ae.* 53. Much of his youth was spent in Sandwich, Mass. When he was eighteen he went to sea. Returning he located in Foxboro, where he was a stone cutter. He married first, about 1836, Harriet L. Skinner, of Mansfield. She died May 17, 1842, and he married second, in 1845, Lydia, daughter of Laban Walden, of Mendon, a lady of Quaker stock, who still lives in Foxboro.

Children of Lyman F. and Harriet, all born in Foxboro:

- i. HARRIET ELIZABETH, b. March 23, 1838; m. 1st, in 1855, Cilecius M. Pierce, of Mansfield, and 2d, in 1870, Joseph Gay. She lives (1896) in Foxboro.
- ii. WARREN WESTLEY, b. Jan. 13, 1840; d. in Foxboro, Feb. 14, 1863; m. Louise Spinney, of Maine, and saw service in 11th Maine Vols. in Civil War.
- iii. ERASTUS FISHER, b. May 12, 1842; was adopted by an uncle named Williams, and lives (1896) in Providence, R. I. He m. Grace Murray, of Taunton.

Children of Lyman F. and Lydia, all born in Foxboro, except iv. who was born in Wrentham:

- i. LEWIS EDGAR, b. 1847; lives unm. in Attleboro (?). Enlisted July 17, 1864, for 100 days in Co. B, 6th Mass. Vols.
- ii. OLIVE E., b. 1849; d. 1851.
- iii. JAMES ALBERT, b. 1852; m. Aug. 17, 1879, Ida Pine, of Wrentham, and lives (1896) in Connecticut. They have three children: 1. Charles Henry, b. March 26, 1880. 2. Lewis Edgar, b. Oct. 21, 1882. 3. Earle Francis, b. July 21, 1888.
- iv. MARTHA JANE, b. 1854; m. Thomas Boyd, and d. May 2, 1893.
- v. FRANK ALLEN, b. 1856; d. 1890; m. Carrie Pierce, and had one daughter Alice, b. April 21, 1880. His widow m. a Mr. Adams, of Sherborn, Mass.

56. GEORGE ANSON' COMEY (*Lyman,*<sup>4</sup> *Oliver,*<sup>5</sup> *John,*<sup>4</sup> *David,*<sup>3</sup> *John,*<sup>3</sup> *David*<sup>1</sup>) was born in Foxboro, Mass., April 7, 1817, and lives (1896) in Cambridge, Mass., where he has resided since 1875. He married Nov. 26, 1840, Lydia Fisher Morse, born in Foxboro, Dec. 21, 1818, daughter of John Morse. Was a carpenter by trade.

Children, all born in Foxboro:

- i. SARAH ANN, b. Feb. 2, 1843; m. Nov. 27, 1868, Joseph W. Belcher, and lives in Cambridge, Mass.



- ii. GEORGE ANSON, b. Sept. 9, 1844; d. July 9, 1917.  
 90. iii. CHARLES MELVIN, b. Sept. 11, 1846.  
 iv. GEORGE OTIS, b. Nov. 17, 1848; lives (1896) in Cambridge, Mass.  
 91. v. WILLIAM ALVARADO, b. Nov. 12, 1850.  
 vi. MARY MELINA, b. Jan. 18, 1851; d. Aug. 20, 1855.  
 vii. MARY EMMA, b. Jan. 8, 1856; lives unm. in Boston, Mass.  
 viii. ELLA MARIA, b. May 18, 1858; d. Aug. 13, 1858.

57. ALBERT<sup>7</sup> COMEY (*Lyman,<sup>6</sup> Oliver,<sup>5</sup> John,<sup>4</sup> David,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> David,<sup>1</sup>) was born in Sandwich, Mass., Feb. 21, 1828, and lives (1896) in Akron, Ohio. His mother dying when he was four years old, he with his oldest sister went to live with his grand-parents and later with his uncle. He went to work at the age of fourteen. After two years spent in Canton, Mass., he went into the B. & P. R. R. repair shops at Roxbury and there learned the machinists' trade. Thence he went to New London, Conn., as a locomotive engineer. After about eleven years spent in this occupation he returned to the machinists' trade and moved, in March, 1858, to Ohio. Since about 1870 he has been connected with the Buckeye Co. (Aultman Miller Co.) at Akron, O.*

He married, Oct. 19, 1851, Mary Ann Brayinton, of Tariffville, Ct. She was born in England, Oct. 11, 1829, daughter of William Brayinton.

Children, i. born in Jamaica, L. I., ii. born in Bridgeport, Ct., iii. to v. born in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio:

1. CHARLES LYMAN, b. Nov. 15, 1852; m. Alice M. Stowell, and has one son, Arthur M., b. July 5, 1877. They have lived in Grand Rapids, Mich., since 1890.
- ii. CATHERINE HANNAH, b. May 11, 1854; m. Charles H. Myers, and lives in Akron, O. They have one son.
92. iii. GEORGE BRAYINTON, b. April 2, 1859.
93. iv. WILLARD, b. March 16, 1863.
- v. FRANK IRVING, b. Dec. 19, 1868; lives unm. in Cleveland, O., where he is in the employ of Comey & Johnson.

58. WILLARD<sup>7</sup> COMEY (*Lyman,<sup>6</sup> Oliver,<sup>5</sup> John,<sup>4</sup> David,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> David,<sup>1</sup>) was born in Sandwich, Mass., Dec. 1, 1830, and lives (1896) in Wrentham, Mass. His mother died while he was yet in infancy, and he was brought up by his grandfather Cyrus Fisher, of Wrentham. At the age of ten he went back to Foxboro, where he remained four years, after which he went to live with his sister in Upton (Mass.), where he remained until 1848, learning the boot maker's trade. From Upton he went West for a couple of years, living in Cincinnati and Louisville. Returning, he lived in Hartford and New Haven, Ct., for nine months and then gravitated back to Upton, where he remained several years, working in the straw business. The five next years were divided between Worcester and South Framingham, Mass., and Woonsocket Falls, R. I. In August, 1862, he enlisted in the 1st R. I. Cavalry and served until the close of the war. He was a prisoner in Libby and Belle Isle, and upon his exchange in 1864 was so disabled that he was transferred to the Veteran Reserve Corps. In 1865 he returned to Massachusetts, and for three years was in the straw manufacturing firm of Smalley & Comey. After 1868 he became interested in various inventions and has patented in his own name over twenty articles and machines. Since disposing of his business in Westboro in 1889 he has lived in Wrentham.*





He married first, Oct. 1, 1851, Esther E., daughter of Lewis Rockwood, of Upton, Mass. She died in Upton, Aug. 11, 1857, *ae.* 24, and he married second, Oct. 1, 1867, Velzora, daughter of Sidney L. Turner, of Westboro, Mass. She was born in Portland, Me., Sept. 3, 1833, and died in the hospital at Boston, July 18, 1889.

Child of Willard and Estlin, born in Upton:

- I. FRANK LEWIS, b. June 27, 1857; followed the sea after he was eighteen, became an officer in the whaling vessel "Vigilant" of New Bedford and was lost, with all on board, during the winter of 1879-80, in the Arctic Ocean.

Child of Willard and Velzora, born in Westboro:

- I. EDWARD OLIVER, b. Aug. 15, 1871; in 1892 entered the employ of the Adams Express Company at Worcester, Mass., where he still remains. He m. Sept. 28, 1893, Alice Ophelia, dau. of Leander M. Howland, of Whitinsville, Mass. They have a son, Willard Howland Comey, b. March 5, 1895.

59. JASON<sup>7</sup> COMEY (*Jason,<sup>6</sup> Oliver,<sup>5</sup> John,<sup>4</sup> David,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> David<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Foxboro, Mass., Sept. 8, 1831, and lives (1896) in Franconia, N. H., where he has a farm. He married Feb. 18, 1854, Julia A. Aldrich, of Dalton, N. H.

Child of Jason and Julia, born in Foxboro, Mass.:

- I. JULIA M., b. Oct. 31, 1852; m. April 25, 1882, Adelbert Jessman, of Lisbon, N. H. No children.

60. JOSEPH<sup>7</sup> COMEY (*Jason,<sup>6</sup> Oliver,<sup>5</sup> John,<sup>4</sup> David,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> David<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Foxboro, Mass., May 18, 1835, and still resides in Foxboro, where he is a farmer. He married first, Dec. 21, 1858, Lucretia Aldrich, of Dalton, N. H., a sister of his brother's wife. She died April 28, 1861, and he married second, Oct. 6, 1869, Ellen F. Blake, of Wrentham, Mass.

Child of Jason and Lucretia, born in Foxboro:

- I. JOSEPH H., b. Aug. 9, 1860; lives unm. in Foxboro, a farmer; he is deaf and dumb, the result of scarlet fever.

Children of Joseph and Ellen F., born in Foxboro:

- I. CHARLOTTE ELLEN, b. Sept. 12, 1870; m. Aug. 27, 1892, at Mansfield, Mass., to Albert Edward Hanscom, of Machias, Me.
- II. ANNA FLORENCE, b. March 28, 1876.

61. OTIS WILLIAMS<sup>7</sup> COMEY (*Charles,<sup>6</sup> Oliver,<sup>5</sup> John,<sup>4</sup> David,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> David<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Foxboro, Mass., June 19, 1837, and was killed in front of Richmond, Va., Oct. 2, 1864, *ae.* 27. He enlisted in Co. E, 10th N. H. Vols. Before the war he was engaged in farming. He married in June, 1859, Rebecca Olive Johnson, who died Feb. 22, 1864.

Children, born in Wilmot, N. H.:

- I. WARREN OTIS, b. Feb. 15, 1860; is a shoemaker; lives unm. in Raymond, N. H.
- II. CLARA ESTHER, b. April 19, 1862; m. April 13, 1880, John H. Keyser (b. Feb. 14, 1851), of North Sutton, N. H., where they still live.

62. CHARLES BERRY<sup>7</sup> COMEY (*Charles,<sup>6</sup> Oliver,<sup>5</sup> John,<sup>4</sup> David,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> David<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Foxboro, Mass., Aug. 23, 1839, and lives



(1896) in Monroe City, Iowa, a farmer by occupation. He enlisted in August, 1861, in Co. A of the famous "fighting Fifth" Regiment, New Hampshire Volunteers, in which he served three years, being severely wounded at Gettysburg. He married in June, 1866, Irene W. Tenney, who was born Feb. 5, 1838.

Children:

- I. CORA B., b. March 13, 1866.
- II. CHARLES E., b. Oct. 11, 1868; d. Aug. 29, 1869.
- III. GRACE E., b. July 28, 1871; d. Oct. 1, 1873.
- IV. CHARLES, b. July 25, 1874.
- V. MINNIE M., b. Aug. 14, 1877.
- VI. MYRTLE I., b. Dec. 15, 1878.

63. HENRY HARRISON<sup>7</sup> COMEY (*Charles,<sup>6</sup> Oliver,<sup>5</sup> John,<sup>4</sup> David,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> David<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Foxboro, Mass., Aug. 23, 1841, and lives (1896) in the part of Boston formerly Dorchester. In August, 1861, he enlisted with his brother in Co. A, 5th N. H. Vols., serving for a year. He was at the siege and capture of Yorktown, Va., and on the Peninsula with McLellan until July 5, 1862, when he was sent to David's Island, N. Y., sick with typhoid fever. Since 1863 he has resided in Boston, and since May 1, 1877, has been in the custom house, where he is an inspector. He married June 25, 1874, Caroline Elizabeth Derby (born July 23, 1843), of Boston.

Children, all born in Boston:

- I. CHARLES HENRY, b. Nov. 8, 1875.
- II. ELLEN MARIA, b. Oct. 17, 1877.
- III. HERBERT DERBY, b. Nov. 5, 1884.

64. JOHN HALE<sup>7</sup> COMEY (*Charles,<sup>6</sup> Oliver,<sup>5</sup> John,<sup>4</sup> David,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> David<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Wilmot, N. H., May 25, 1860, and lives (1896) in Melrose, Mass., where he has resided since May 15, 1886. He learned the tailor's trimmings business in Boston with N. W. Goddard, with whom he was connected from Sept. 6, 1880, to Jan. 1, 1888, since which time he has been with Cumner, Jones & Co., Boston, in the same business. He is now a travelling salesman. He married, Nov. 26, 1885, Isabella Hunter McKay, daughter of Donald A. McKay.

Children, all born in Melrose:

- I. HENRY CHEEVER, b. Jan. 9, 1887.
- II. NETTIE MAY, b. June 6, 1889; d. June 13, 1889.
- III. JOHN ODLIN, b. May 18, 1890; d. Jan. 8, 1894.
- IV. FRANCIS WILSON, b. April 16, 1892.
- V. MILDRED, b. Jan. 1, 1895.

65. LEWIS ALVIN<sup>7</sup> COMEY (*Oman,<sup>6</sup> Oliver,<sup>5</sup> John,<sup>4</sup> David,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> David<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Foxboro, Mass., Aug. 2, 1850, and still lives there. He married, June 20, 1872, Ella M. Briggs, of Mansfield, Mass.

Children, all born in Foxboro:

- I. LEWIS EDWARD, b. April 13, 1874; d. Dec. 31, 1883.
- II. IDA ISABELLE, b. Nov. 19, 1875; d. Nov. 8, 1878.
- III. CORA JOSEPHINE, b. Feb. 17, 1877; m. James Everett Campbell, of Mansfield, and has one dau., Mildred Olive, b. June 9, 1894.
- IV. HERBERT AUGUSTUS, b. June 9, 1879.
- V. WALTER LAWRENCE, b. Sept. 17, 1881; d. March 2, 1893.
- VI. EVA MAY, b. May 4, 1885.
- VII. BERNARD EVERETT, b. Dec. 30, 1893.



66. WILSON<sup>7</sup> COMEE (*Thomas W.,<sup>6</sup> Ezra,<sup>5</sup> Joseph,<sup>4</sup> David,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> David<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Dana, Mass., Jan. 23, 1819, and died in Boston, Mass., Aug. 5, 1890, *ae.* 71. Buried in Dana. He moved to Boston in 1848 and was engaged in the grocery business. He married, Sept. 28, 1841, Maria Sibley, of Dana, who was born July 14, 1822.

Children, i. to iii. born in Dana, iv. to vi. in Boston:

- I. ANSON SIBLEY, b. Oct. 19, 1842; d. in Boston, Sept. 23, 1892, *ae.* 50. He m. in Boston, March 8, 1861, Anne Cruther, who was b. March 22, 1855. No children.
  91. II. EDWARD WILSON, b. June 29, 1844.
  - III. CORDELIA WOODWARD, b. April 3, 1848; d. Aug. 30, 1851.
  - IV. GEORGE FRANK, b. Feb. 10, 1851; d. in Barre, Mass., March 12, 1895. He m. in Barre, Nov. 27, 1883, Anna Maria Barrett, b. in Barre, Sept. 23, 1858. No children.
  - V. MARY ANN, b. Aug. 12, 1853; d. in Boston, Jan. 9, 1856.
  - VI. WALTER HOBART, b. Sept. 15, 1855; d. April 1, 1856.
67. CHARLES<sup>7</sup> COMEE (*Thomas W.,<sup>6</sup> Ezra,<sup>5</sup> Joseph,<sup>4</sup> David,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> David<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Dana, Mass., Nov. 2, 1821, and lives (1896) in West Somerville, Mass. He moved to Boston from Dana in 1848. He married, Nov. 26, 1843, Samantha G. Richardson, born in Dana, Oct. 6, 1823.
- Children, i. born in Dana, ii. in Boston, iii. in Chelsea, Mass.:

- I. EDGAR FRANK, b. Feb. 15, 1840; m. Sept. 9, 1879, Marion Alice Garcelon, b. in Frederickton, N. B., Aug. 2, 1859. They live in Somerville, where they have had born two children: Roy Elliot, b. Feb. 1, 1882, and Edgar Randolph, b. July 6, 1893.
  - II. CHARLES ALBERT, b. March 20, 1858; d. June 3, 1858.
  - III. LILLIAN MAY, b. March 13, 1866.
68. EZRA<sup>7</sup> COMEE (*Thomas W.,<sup>6</sup> Ezra,<sup>5</sup> Joseph,<sup>4</sup> David,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> David<sup>1</sup>*) was born Oct. 21, 1823, in Dana, Mass., where he still lives. He still owns the farm where his mother was born, but for a few years has kept a store at the town centre. He married, Nov. 10, 1844, Arbelia Whipple, born in Dana, April 11, 1822, and died in Dana, Nov. 6, 1894.
- One child, born in Dana:

- I. EUGENE THERON, b. July 6, 1850; m. Feb. 10, 1877, Mary Etta Towne, by whom he has one child, Ethel, b. in Greenwich, Mass., Aug. 5, 1882. He is in business with his father at Dana.
69. FRANKLIN<sup>7</sup> COMEE (*Thomas W.,<sup>6</sup> Ezra,<sup>5</sup> Joseph,<sup>4</sup> David,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> David<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Petersham, Mass., Dec. 11, 1827, and lives (1896) in Brighton, Boston, Mass., where he is a paper banger. He moved to Boston about 1853. He married, Nov. 23, 1849, Lucinda Rockwood, born in Dana, Aug. 16, 1831.
- Children, both born in Boston:

- I. FRANK HERBERT, b. April 26, 1854; m. at South Framingham, Mass., Feb. 16, 1881, Lillian A. Stewart, and lives (1896) in Boston.
- II. MARION LOUISE, b. Dec. 23, 1865; m. at South Framingham, Mass., Nov. 10, 1886, Nathan Parker Colburn 21, of Hopkinton, b. March 30, 1864. They have had two children born at South Framingham: Lizzie Rockwood, b. Nov. 16, 1887, and Ralph Parker, b. Aug. 23, 1889, and d. Feb. 16, 1890.



70. DENNIS FLAGG<sup>2</sup> COMEE (*Thomas W.,<sup>6</sup> Ezra,<sup>5</sup> Joseph,<sup>4</sup> David,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> David<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Peterham, Mass., June 6, 1836, and lives (1896) in Boston, where he has resided since youth. He married, March 26, 1856, Ellen Maria Hearne, who was born in Sebago, Me., June 12, 1835, and died in Boston, Mass., Dec. 6, 1870, *ae.* 35. One child, born in Boston.
- i. WALTER JAMES, b. Feb. 18, 1857; d. in Boston, Sept. 3, 1871.
71. JAMES THOMAS<sup>2</sup> COMEE (*Thomas W.,<sup>4</sup> Ezra,<sup>3</sup> Joseph,<sup>4</sup> David,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> David<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Peterham, Mass., Nov. 29, 1839, and lives (1896) in Brighton (Boston), Mass., where he is a sergeant on the police force. He married first, Dec. 8, 1866, Fanny L. Steadman, born in Mill Village, N. S., Jan. 20, 1844, and died in Boston, Nov. 23, 1886. He married second, Oct. 16, 1890, Vesta Louise Pomeroy, born in Boston, Nov. 12, 1849. No children by the second marriage.
- Children of James T. and Fanny L., born in Boston:
- i. SUSAN AUGUSTA, b. Jan. 22, 1866; m. in Dorchester, Mass., Aug. 17, 1887, James Henry Shumaker, b. in Roxbury, Mass., April 22, 1868. They have two children, born in Boston: Henry Wilson, b. Sept. 20, 1888, and Albert David, b. June 4, 1890.
  - ii. WILSON STEADMAN, b. April 15, 1867; m. at Hyde Park, Mass., Sept. 19, 1889, Elizabeth Harwood Lockman, b. in Brantford, Canada, May 16, 1866. They have one child, James Harwood Comee, b. in Hyde Park, March 30, 1891.
72. FREDRICK TOWNE<sup>2</sup> COMEE (*Thomas W.,<sup>4</sup> Ezra,<sup>3</sup> Joseph,<sup>4</sup> David,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> David<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Dana, Mass., Oct. 1, 1846, and lives (1896) in Woonsocket, R. I., whither he removed in 1884 to become Assistant Superintendent of the Woonsocket Rubber Company. In 1887 he became Superintendent, and this position he still holds. For thirty years previous he had made his home in Boston, where he was a member of the St. John's Lodge of Masons, was Worshipful Master, 1877-78; member of St. Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter, Most Eminent High Priest, 1879-80; member of the Boston Commandery of Knights Templar, was Eminent Commander 1884-85; member of Massachusetts Consistory (32d degree), and was also Most Eminent Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, 1885-86-87. He has been much interested in this genealogy and has furnished valuable assistance.
- He married, May 25, 1871, at Salisbury Point, Mass., Mary Adelaide Morton, born in New Bedford, Mass., Oct. 9, 1846.
- Children, i. born in Salisbury Point, Mass., ii. in Boston:
- i. FREDRICK MORTON, b. Aug. 21, 1872.
  - ii. ARTHUR METCALF, b. Feb. 19, 1877.
73. JAMES<sup>2</sup> COMEE (*James M.,<sup>4</sup> James M.,<sup>3</sup> David,<sup>4</sup> David,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> David<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Gardner, Mass., July 2, 1836, and died in Fitchburg, Mass., Feb. 9, 1883, *ae.* 46. He went to Worcester, Mass., in his teens, and there married April 5, 1859, Charlotte M., daughter of Roland Pollard, of Nantucket, Mass., and moved to Boston, where he remained until about 1864, when he returned to Worcester to become superintendent of the street railway there. Three years later he went to New York to take a similar position. His health





broke down and he went to his father's home, where he died. Mrs. Comee is living in Worcester.

Child of James and Charlotte M., born in Worcester :

1. ELIZA M., b. Feb. 4, 1864; m. Dr. William T. Spring. They live in Worcester, where they have a son Willie Raymond Spring.

74. WILLIAM PORTER<sup>7</sup> COMEE (*William W.*,<sup>4</sup> *James M.*,<sup>5</sup> *David*,<sup>4</sup> *David*,<sup>3</sup> *John*,<sup>2</sup> *David*<sup>1</sup>) was born in Gardner, Mass., July 17, 1837, and lives (1896) in New York City. In youth he worked in Barnard & Sumner's dry goods store in Worcester. He was afterwards conductor on the railroad between Fitchburg and Worcester. He and his brother Charles were the tallest men in the Fitchburg Fusileers and were drafted at Lincoln's first call, but both were unable physically to go. Most of his life has been spent in the hotel business. He has been chief clerk at the Revere, Tremont, Parker and Coolidge Houses in Boston, was a year at the United States Hotel, Saratoga, and a season at the Point of Pines, Revere, Mass. Since 1891 has been steward at the Hotel Grenoble, Fifth Avenue, New York City.

He married, June 4, 1875, Alice Ferry, of St. Albans, Vt.

Child, born in Cambridge, Mass.:

1. CHARLES BINGHAM, b. March 4, 1876; since 1894 has been night clerk at Hotel Empire, New York City; is a member of Co. C in the crack 7th Reg. of N. Y., and has taken several medals for marksmanship; is 6 ft. 1½ in. tall.

75. CHARLES HENRY<sup>7</sup> COMEE (*William W.*,<sup>4</sup> *James M.*,<sup>5</sup> *David*,<sup>4</sup> *David*,<sup>3</sup> *John*,<sup>2</sup> *David*<sup>1</sup>) was born in Gardner, Mass., Aug. 17, 1840, and died unmarried in Fitchburg, Mass., Sept. 1, 1878, æt. 38. For a long time he was in the employ of the father of the famous Jim Fisk, first as an express messenger between Boston and Brattleboro, Vt., the home of the Fisks, and later, during the Civil War, running a cotton steamer on the Mississippi River for Jim Fisk himself, when the latter was cotton buyer for the firm of Jordan, Marsh & Co., of Boston. On his return from the South, Mr. Comee entered the employ of Otis F. Ruggles, Superintendent of the Vermont & Massachusetts Railroad, with offices in Fitchburg, and at the time of the leasing of the road to the Fitchburg Railroad, Jan. 1, 1874, he succeeded Mr. Ruggles with the title of Division Superintendent of the Vermont & Massachusetts Division of the Fitchburg Railroad from Fitchburg to Greenfield. This position he held at the time of his death.

76. FREDERIC ROBBINS<sup>7</sup> COMEE (*William W.*,<sup>4</sup> *James M.*,<sup>5</sup> *David*,<sup>4</sup> *David*,<sup>3</sup> *John*,<sup>2</sup> *David*<sup>1</sup>) was born in Fitchburg, Mass., Jan. 2, 1854, and lives (1896) in Boston, whither he removed with his parents in 1868. He graduated from the Boston Latin School in 1871, a Franklin Medal scholar, and the same year entered Harvard College, from which he graduated in 1875. For six years he was employed in the civil engineer's department of the Fitchburg Railroad. From 1882 to 1884 he was Assistant Treasurer of the Bijou Theatre in Boston. In December, 1885, he became Assistant Manager of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, a position he still holds, his office being at Music Hall.



He married, Dec. 12, 1894, at Hotel Brunswick, Boston, Clara E., daughter of United States Deputy Marshal Frederick Galloupe, of Somerville, Mass.

77. JAMES K. POLK<sup>7</sup> COMEY (*Hiram,<sup>6</sup> Royal,<sup>5</sup> Jonathan,<sup>4</sup> David,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> David,<sup>1</sup>) was born in Hopkinton, Mass., Feb. 20, 1815, and died in Milford, Mass., Dec. 7, 1881, *ae.* 39. April 7, 1862, he enlisted in Co. B, 25th Reg. Mass. Inf., and served until the close of the war. He was wounded, and also in the hospital. He married, June 26, 1873, Sylvania Rhoby Quimby, who died in Milford, Jan. 18, 1888, *ae.* 41. She was born in Blackstone, Mass., May 10, 1846, daughter of Sullivan J. Quimby.*

Children:

- I. LAWSON HERSCHEL, b. in May, 1874.
- II. ALFRED L., b. Sept. 5, 1877.
- III. MARIA LOUISE (twin), b. Sept. 27, 1881.
- IV. MAUD FRANCES (twin), b. Sept. 27, 1881.

78. ALBERT BARTON<sup>7</sup> COMEY (*Albert,<sup>6</sup> Royal,<sup>5</sup> Jonathan,<sup>4</sup> David,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> David,<sup>1</sup>) was born in Medway, Mass., Feb. 20, 1832, and lives (1896) in Framingham, Mass. He resided in Hopkinton, Mass., until 1858, when he moved to the adjoining town of Ashland where he remained about twenty years; engaged first in the grain business and later in the manufacture of boots and shoes. In 1878 he purchased property in South Framingham, a few miles from Ashland, and at the same time built a summer cottage at Lake View Camp Ground. A few years later he transferred his residence to Normal Hill in Framingham Centre. Aug. 23, 1862, he enlisted in Co. E., 5th Reg. Mass. Inf., and was in service until July 2, 1863. He is now a member of the Fifth Regiment Veteran Association; of Post 163, G. A. R.; of the Framingham Historical Society; and of two or three fraternal organizations; as well as being a deacon in the Park St. Baptist Church at South Framingham. He has been much interested in the history of the Comey family, and nearly all of the information about Royal Comey and his descendants has come from him. During Mr. Comey's term of service in the war he was almost constantly active, often on the skirmish line, and once for several days scout outside the Union lines. His regiment was ordered to North Carolina and attached to the 18th Army Corps, Major-General J. G. Foster. He took part in the engagements of Bachelor's Creek, Southwest Creek, Kinston, Whitehall, Goldsboro', Newbern, Rodman's Point, Little Washington, Blount's Mills, Dover Road, Gum Swamp and Bachelor's Creek again. During all the time he kept a diary, which is filled with interesting and exciting experiences.*

He married, Feb. 19, 1854, Miranda J. Temple, of Hopkinton.

Children, all born in Ashland, Mass.:

- I. SUSIE M., b. Aug. 1, 1862; m. Sept. 7, 1887, Elmer Ellsworth Graves, of Hopkinton, where they have two sons.
- II. ALBERT CALLETON, b. July 5, 1871; lives unm. in Framingham.
- III. BERNARD ERNEST (twin), b. Nov. 3, 1872.
- IV. BERNICE ELIZA (twin), b. Nov. 3, 1872.



79. **GEORGE ROYAL' COMEY** (*Albert,<sup>6</sup> Royal,<sup>6</sup> Jonathan,<sup>4</sup> David,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> David,<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Wrentham, Mass., Feb. 2, 1831, and died in Hopkinton, Mass., Nov. 26, 1870, *ae.* 36. When a young man he was with Gen. Albert Sidney Johnston's expedition to Utah in 1857 and 1858 to restore order among the Mormons who were in open revolt against the national government. Later he was with a surveying party in the wilder part of the West. June 18, 1861, he enlisted at Omaha in Co. E, 1st Neb. Vols., and was in active service until Aug. 18, 1862, when he was honorably discharged, the cause being ill health. He soon came East and on Jan. 1, 1864, enlisted in the 15th Mass. Battery, in which he remained until the close of the War. His battery was sent immediately to Louisiana. The following Fall they went up the Mississippi, first to Arkansas and then to Memphis, Tenn., but on Jan. 1, 1865, they were back in Louisiana. The following month they were sent to Alabama, and almost immediately to Florida, but were soon back in Alabama. A wound caused by the bursting of a shell at the siege of Blakely, Ala., in April, 1865, eventually caused his death.

He married, in 1863, his cousin Celinda, daughter of Hiram Comey, of Hopkinton, Mass. She died Nov. 7, 1868, *ae.* 26.

Children, i. born in Hopkinton, Mass., ii. in Aurora, Ill.:

- I. ACHSAR, b. Sept. 15, 1864; m. Dec. 30, 1887, Frank G. Proctor, of Ashland, Mass. They live (1896) at South Frammingham, Mass.
- II. WALTER LAWSON, b. Sept. 28, 1866; m. June 29, 1891, Lizzie Dyer, of Ashland, and lives (1896), at Milford, Mass. They have one son, Harvey Dyer, b. in Milford, Sept. 21, 1894.

80. **WILLIAM M.<sup>7</sup> COMEY** (*Albert,<sup>6</sup> Royal,<sup>6</sup> Jonathan,<sup>4</sup> David,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> David,<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Wrentham, Mass., Feb. 18, 1846, and lives (1896) in the village of City Mills in the town of Norfolk (Mass.), where he has resided since 1865. He enlisted at Chicago, Jan. 24, 1861, in Battery B, 4th U. S. Artillery, and was ordered at once to Newport, Ky. January 27, he was detailed as mounted orderly to report to Major McRae at St. Louis. January 31, he left St. Louis for Galveston and San Antonio, Texas. Thence he started for Fort Arbuckle, but learned before reaching there that General Twiggs had surrendered all the troops and supplies in the states. Major McRae was a Union man and decided to march to Little Rock, Ark., which he reached after a hard march. That night the garrison was surrendered, but they were allowed to proceed toward St. Louis without arms. At St. Louis, Comey was detailed as orderly to General Lyon. April 11, he was taken violently ill. At the end of May he re-joined General Lyon, and June 18 was at the battle of Boonesville, Mo., his first engagement. Immediately he was sent to Fort Kearney, Neb., and Fort Leavenworth, Kan., but by the first of August was back in Missouri, and on August 10 was in the battle of Wilson Creek, where General Lyon was killed. Comey was near General Lyon at the time and was wounded in the knee himself, was placed in his saddle and rode 125 miles without dismounting. October 15 he returned and was attached to Fremont's Body Guard, which was disbanded on Thanksgiving Day, and Comey was attached to Co. C, 2d U. S. Infantry. December 20, he was ordered to Washington, D. C., where he was detailed on special



detective service until March 8, 1862. March 9, his regiment took possession of the abandoned forts across the Potomac, and soon after sailed down the river. At Hampton Roads the steamer foundered. Then came the siege of Yorktown, and the battles of Williamsburg May 3, Ellison Mills May 23, Hanover Court House May 27, Seven Pines May 31, Fair Oaks June 1, and several other important engagements, including Malvern Hill July 1, Cedar Mountain August 8, and the 21 Bull Run August 30. At the latter Comey received five wounds in the left hand and arm and was in the hospital at Philadelphia until November 15, when he returned to his regiment in Virginia. Dec. 12-13, 1862, he was in the battle of Fredericksburg, the following May at Chancellorsville, and in July at the battle of Gettysburg. His regiment pursued Lee until ordered to New York to suppress the draft riots, remaining until September. On the night of November 27-28, Comey and several other pickets were captured, but with seven others he made his escape and rejoined his regiment, and remained with it until Jan. 21, 1864, when he received his discharge. He is a member of Antietam Command U. V. U. at Boston and of Post 60, G. A. R. at Franklin. Of the latter post he is historian. In 1892 he was on the staff of Commander-in-chief Palmer at the G. A. R. parade in Washington, D. C. Since 1868 he has been engaged in the manufacture of bonnet wire, picture cord, etc., and has taken a prominent part in town affairs, has been auditor, moderator, etc., and is a notary public also.

He married, Dec. 7, 1865 (National Thanksgiving Day), Ophelia H. Scott, daughter of Col. Saul B. Scott, of Franklin, Mass.

Children, both born in Norfolk, Mass.:

- I. ETHEL O., b. Nov. 30, 1877; d. Dec. 6, 1877.
- II. FRANK ROY, b. Jan. 2, 1880.

81. ARATUS<sup>7</sup> COMEY (*Elbridge G.*<sup>5</sup> *Royal*<sup>6</sup> *Jonathan*<sup>4</sup> *David*<sup>3</sup> *John*<sup>2</sup> *David*<sup>1</sup>) was born in Hopkinton, Mass., Oct. 27, 1837, and resides (1896) in Newton (Mass.), where he has lived since April, 1874. He is a tinsmith, his business being in Boston. He married, Jan. 1, 1861, Annie C. Leland, of Holliston.

Children, i. to iv. born in Hopkinton, the others in Newton, Mass.:

- I. HARRY LELAND, b. Jan. 26, 1862; d. in Holliston, April 5, 1867.
- II. IRVING WINIFRED, b. Dec. 18, 1863; m. Oct. 20, 1887, Emma J. Coombs, of Newton, where he resides. He is an engraver and works in Boston. No children.
- III. ANNA TEMPLE, b. June 6, 1866; d. in Holliston, April 3, 1867.
- IV. BERTRAND, b. May 13, 1869; lives (1896) unm. in New York City.
- V. EDITH RHODA, b. July 21, 1874; lives unm. in Newton.
- VI. JENNIE LOUISE, b. Feb. 5, 1879.
- VII. RALPH, b. Dec. 19, 1883; d. Jan. 20, 1884.

82. HENRY NEWTON<sup>7</sup> COMEY (*Elbridge G.*<sup>5</sup> *Royal*<sup>6</sup> *Jonathan*<sup>4</sup> *David*<sup>3</sup> *John*<sup>2</sup> *David*<sup>1</sup>) was born in Hopkinton, Mass., March 4, 1840, and lives (1896) in Swampscott, Mass., his business being in the adjoining city of Lynn, where he has been connected with the Smith & Dove Manufacturing Co. (linen threads—manufactory in Andover), for about eight years. May 25, 1861, he enlisted as private in Co. G, 2d Reg. Mass. Infantry. Nov. 1, 1862, he became second lieutenant; June 6, 1863, first lieutenant; and May 21, 1864, captain,





in which position he was active until the close of the war. For a year or more he was at Harper's Ferry and Winchester, Va. At the battle of Cedar Mountain, Va., Aug. 9, 1862, he acted as captain part of the time. He was now at the front constantly and was at the 2d Bull Run, Chantilly, South Mountain, Antietam and Chancellorsville. At the latter, he was for the time being in command of several companies and was wounded by a split bullet. At the battle of Beverly Ford, Va., he commanded a company of marksmen. His regiment arrived at Gettysburg on the evening of July 1 and was ordered to the extreme right, where they remained until the afternoon of the 2d. That night and the next morning they tried to regain their position and lost nearly half of their men. Lieutenant Comey was twice wounded. He re-joined his regiment in New York during the draft riots and soon after went to Virginia, then to Tennessee and finally to Alabama, where he passed the winter fighting guerillas and guarding the railroads. At Tullahoma, Tenn., he fractured his leg. Leaving the hospital at Nashville, Tenn., in the spring of 1864, he joined his regiment on its advance from Chattanooga to Atlanta, Ga. He took part in many of the battles until the capture, Sept. 2, 1864, of Atlanta, where as officer of the day on provost duty he took the Confederate flag from the court house. On Sherman's famous March to the Sea his regiment (the 2d Massachusetts) was the first to leave Atlanta, and continued with Sherman from Savannah to Columbia, S. C., and Goldsborough and Raleigh, N. C. During this time Captain Comey did valiant work in repulsing attacks. In March, 1865, he was present at the grand review in Washington, and was on duty at the trial of the conspirators. His campaigns extended through all of the southern states east of the Mississippi, except Mississippi and Florida. Since the war has lived in Woodville and Woburn, Mass., in Vermont, in Chicago, Ill. (about seven years), but about 1887 located in Lynn, Mass.

He married, Oct. 16, 1866, Augusta Wood, daughter of Col. Albert Wood, of Woodville (Hopkinton).

Children, both born in Woburn, Mass.:

- I. AGNES AMANDA, b. Sept. 19, 1869; m. June 18, 1895, Joseph F. Hoyt, of Lynn, and resides in Swamp-cott.
- II. MARY AUGUSTA, b. Dec. 27, 1870; lives with her sister.

83. MANLIUS' COMEY (*Elbridge G.*,<sup>4</sup> *Royal*,<sup>5</sup> *Jonathan*,<sup>4</sup> *David*,<sup>3</sup> *John*,<sup>2</sup> *David*<sup>1</sup>) was born in Hopkinton, Mass., March 19, 1843, and died Dec. 20, 1864, *ae.* 21. July 27, 1862, he enlisted in Co. F, 11th Mass. Infantry, was afterwards transferred to the 1st Battalion Mass. Heavy Artillery. He was in the forts around Washington, with Grant in his advance on Richmond in the spring of 1864, at the battles of Spottsylvania, North Anna, Topotomy, Cold Harbor and Petersburg. At the latter, June 24, 1864, he was captured and hurried off to Belle Isle prison at Richmond. Thence he was transferred to Andersonville, Ga., and on to Millen, Ga. Sherman's advance, with Comey's brother among the officers, obliged the Confederates to vacate Millen, and the prisoners went to Savannah and thence to Florence, S. C. From the latter he was paroled, but although of a naturally robust constitution the confinement and hardships had proved too much for him and he died on board the



steamer New York, while on the way from Hilton Head to Fortress Monroe. His body was brought to Massachusetts and he was buried in his native town.

84. PERLEY PIERCE<sup>1</sup> COMEY (*Elbridge G.*<sup>6</sup> *Royal*,<sup>5</sup> *Jonathon*,<sup>4</sup> *David*,<sup>3</sup> *John*,<sup>2</sup> *David*<sup>1</sup>) was born in Holliston, Mass., Jan. 14, 1852, and lives (1896) in Clinton, Mass. In 1860 his father moved to Hopkinton, and here the youth of the future doctor was spent. He fitted for college at the Oread High School in Worcester, but was unable to go, so learned the apothecary business in the same city. Later he studied medicine with Dr. A. P. Richardson, of Boston; and at the Harvard Medical School, from which he graduated in 1878. In August of that year he located in Clinton, where he still remains, enjoying a lucrative practice. He is a member of the Massachusetts Medical Society, of the Worcester County Medical Association, of the State Association of Boards of Health, of the Clinton Board of Health, of which he was chairman several years, of the medical staff of the Clinton Hospital. For three years he was chairman of the Board of Selectmen, and is now chairman of the Board of Trade. He is a member of Trinity Lodge of Masons at Clinton, and of the Worcester County Commandery of Knights Templar. He is also a member of the Old Fellows and several other fraternal organizations. He has been assistant surgeon-general of the Patriarchs Militant, is surgeon of the Worcester Continentals, and originator and president of the Clinton Riding Club. His portrait appears in the History of Worcester County published in 1889.

He married, Oct. 8, 1873, Marion L. Jones, daughter of John O. Jones, of Quincy, Mass.

Children, i. born in Worcester, ii. and iii. in Clinton:

- I. EFFIE MARION, b. Sept. 4, 1874; entered Smith College in 1892.
- II. GERTRUDE JULIETTA, b. Aug. 17, 1881.
- III. CLIFTON JONES, b. June 14, 1885.

85. ROBERT HENRY<sup>3</sup> COMEY (*Henry T.*,<sup>1</sup> *Thatcher*,<sup>6</sup> *John*,<sup>5</sup> *John*,<sup>4</sup> *David*,<sup>3</sup> *John*,<sup>2</sup> *David*<sup>1</sup>) was born in Foxboro, Mass., Nov. 26, 1857, and lives (1896) in Camden, N. J., where he has resided since the autumn of 1883. Previously he had been in Philadelphia for about fourteen months. He is a dyer and bleacher of straw goods. He married at Camden, April 26, 1881, Theresa Pierce Mellor, daughter of Jonas Mellor, formerly of Yorkshire, Eng.

Children, all born in Camden, N. J.:

- I. HARRY MELLOR, b. April 25, 1885; d. Sept. 8, 1885.
- II. MIRIAM POWELL, b. Sept. 28, 1886.
- III. HENRIETTA LOUISA, b. Nov. 5, 1888.
- IV. ROBERT HAROLD, b. Dec. 28, 1891.

86. ARTHUR MESSINGER<sup>3</sup> COMEY (*Elbridge C.*,<sup>1</sup> *Thatcher*,<sup>6</sup> *John*,<sup>5</sup> *John*,<sup>4</sup> *David*,<sup>3</sup> *John*,<sup>2</sup> *David*<sup>1</sup>) was born in Boston, Mass., Nov. 10, 1861, and lives (1896) in Cambridge, Mass. He prepared for college at Adams Academy, Quincy, graduated from Harvard in 1882, studied at the Polytechnicum in Zurich, Switzerland, and afterwards took the degrees of A.M. and Ph.D., at Heidelberg University, Germany; was instructor of chemistry at Harvard College from 1884 to 1889, and senior professor of chemistry at Tufts College from 1889 to



1893, since which time he has been engaged in preparing a "Dictionary of Chemical Solubilities" which has just been published (May, 1896).

He married, Sept. 9, 1885, Kate Coleman (of LaFayette, Ind. who was born Sept. 5, 1861.

Their only child was born in Somerville, Mass.:

I. ARTHUR COLEMAN, b. Sept. 6, 1886.

37. GEORGE PRESTON<sup>3</sup> COMEY JR. (*George P.<sup>2</sup> John,<sup>4</sup> John,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>4</sup> David<sup>1</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> David<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., April 21, 1858, and lives (1896) in Cleveland (Ohio) in which city he has resided since 1880. He is engaged in the manufacture of ladies' straw and felt hats at 7 Academy Street, the firm being Comey & Johnson. He married, June 29, 1881, Nannie J. Gill, daughter of Bartholomew Gill, of Hinsdale, Mass.

Children, all born in Cleveland, Ohio:

I. CLARA MAY, b. Oct. 16, 1884.  
 II. FLORENCE LILLIAN, b. Dec. 20, 1886.  
 III. GEORGE LAWRENCE, b. Oct. 10, 1888.  
 IV. FREDERICK HARLAN, b. Feb. 5, 1893.  
 V. RALPH HOWARD, b. Aug. 27, 1894.  
 VI. HAROLD DEAN, b. April 20, 1896.

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38. CHARLES RICH<sup>8</sup> COMEY (*Chester H.<sup>7</sup> John,<sup>4</sup> John,<sup>5</sup> John,<sup>4</sup> David<sup>1</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> David<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Foxboro, Mass., July 21, 1856, and lives (1896) in Mansfield, Mass. He graduated from Harvard College in 1878, and the following year entered the employ of Comey & Co., with whom he has been ever since, part of the time in New York City and part of the time in Mansfield. He married, June 20, 1883, Josephine M. Mead, of Cambridge, Mass.

Children, all born in Mansfield, except i. born in Cambridge:

I. MABEL LOUISE, b. Feb. 11, 1885.  
 II. EDITH MEAD, b. Oct. 9, 1886.  
 III. CHESTER FRANCIS, b. Aug. 21, 1888.  
 IV. PHILIP RICH, b. Aug. 29, 1893.

39. WILLIAM WALLACE<sup>3</sup> COMEY (*William S.<sup>2</sup> Aaron,<sup>4</sup> Oliver,<sup>4</sup> John,<sup>1</sup> David,<sup>2</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> David<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Belford, Mass., March 4, 1841, and for several years kept a market in Fitchburg, Mass., which he sold in 1895. He married, March 21, 1871, Mary, daughter of Isaac Jackson, of Hodgdon, Me.

Children, born in Forge Village (Westford) Mass.:

I. FLORENCE MAY, b. June 23, 1872; d. June 24, 1872.  
 II. ADNAH PRESCOTT, b. March 17, 1878.

40. CHARLES MELVIN<sup>8</sup> COMEY (*George A.<sup>7</sup> Lyman,<sup>6</sup> Oliver,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>4</sup> David<sup>1</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> David<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Foxboro, Mass., Sept. 11, 1846, and lives (1896) in New Belford, Mass., where he has resided since about 1868. He married first, July 8, 1868, Hannah C. Driggs, born Oct. 31, 1847, daughter of James D. Driggs, of New Belford. She died Feb. 25, 1887, and he married second, in 1891, Mrs. Elizabeth Eldridge Carsley, daughter of Ira Gerrish, of Fairhaven, Mass.



## Children, all born in New Bedford:

95. I. JAMES DAVIS DRIGGS, b. March 7, 1869.  
 II. ALICE LOUISE, b. Sept. 9, 1872.  
 III. FRANCES EMMA, b. Dec. 14, 1873; d. Nov. 28, 1874.  
 IV. CHARLES MELVIN, b. Aug. 18, 1876; d. Jan. 24, 1880.  
 V. MORRIS LOUNG, b. April 29, 1879.

91. WILLIAM ALVARADO<sup>6</sup> COMEY (*George A.*<sup>7</sup> *Lyman*<sup>4</sup> *Oliver*<sup>6</sup> *John*<sup>4</sup> *David*<sup>3</sup> *John*<sup>2</sup> *David*<sup>1</sup>) was born in Foxboro, Mass., Nov. 12, 1850, and died Oct. 17, 1890, in Cambridge, Mass., where he had lived since 1875. He married, Oct. 3, 1878, Mary J. Caldwell, of Cambridge, daughter of James Ayer Caldwell. She is still living in Cambridge.

## Children, all born in Cambridgeport:

- I. FLORENCE LYDIA, b. Feb. 3, 1882.  
 II. ELMER HARDING, b. Feb. 22, 1888.  
 III. GRACE EVELYN, b. Sept. 6, 1890.

92. GEORGE BRAYINTON<sup>8</sup> COMEY (*Albert*<sup>1</sup> *Lyman*<sup>6</sup> *Oliver*<sup>6</sup> *John*<sup>4</sup> *David*<sup>3</sup> *John*<sup>2</sup> *David*<sup>1</sup>) was born at Cuyahoga Falls, O., April 2, 1859, and lives (1896) at Akron, O. He married Nora Brannon.

## Children of George B. and Nora:

- I. ALBERT, b. March 23, 1884.  
 II. CLARENCE, b. June 21, 1886.  
 III. JOHN, b. April 13, 1893.  
 IV. GEORGE, b. Sept. 18, 1894.

93. WILLARD<sup>8</sup> COMEY (*Albert*<sup>7</sup> *Lyman*<sup>6</sup> *Oliver*<sup>6</sup> *John*<sup>4</sup> *David*<sup>3</sup> *John*<sup>2</sup> *David*<sup>1</sup>) was born at Cuyahoga Falls, O., March 16, 1863, and lives (1896) in Cleveland, O., where he has resided since July 5, 1888. He is a hatter by occupation. He married, May 25, 1887, Lottie C. Neigher.

## Children of Willard and Lottie:

- I. MARION E., b. March 15, 1888.  
 II. ELIZABETH C., b. April 15, 1890.

94. EDWARD WILSON<sup>8</sup> COMEY (*Wilson*<sup>7</sup> *Thomas W.*<sup>5</sup> *Ezra*<sup>6</sup> *Joseph*<sup>4</sup> *David*<sup>3</sup> *John*<sup>2</sup> *David*<sup>1</sup>) was born in Dana, Mass., June 29, 1844, and lives (1896) in North Dana. He married, in Boston, May 22, 1873, Emma Jane Dutton, born in Roxbury, Mass., May 22, 1849.

Children, i. ii. and vi. born in Dana, iii. in Petersham, and iv. and v. in South Boston:

- I. WALTER HERBERT, b. Jan. 5, 1874.  
 II. SUSAN MARIA, b. July 5, 1875.  
 III. MARCELLA JANE, b. Feb. 19, 1877; d. Aug. 6, 1877.  
 IV. MARGARET FULLER, b. Aug. 29, 1879.  
 V. MILLIE ELIZABETH, b. Sept. 5, 1881.  
 VI. ARTHUR EDWARD, b. Aug. 21, 1883.

95. JAMES D. D.<sup>9</sup> COMEY (*Charles M.*<sup>4</sup> *George A.*<sup>7</sup> *Lyman*<sup>6</sup> *Oliver*<sup>3</sup> *John*<sup>4</sup> *David*<sup>3</sup> *John*<sup>2</sup> *David*<sup>1</sup>) was born in New Bedford, Mass., March 7, 1869, and is living (1896) in Fall River, Mass., where he has been located since the Fall of 1891, teaching music. He is organist of the First Baptist Church, and conductor of the Fall River Choral Society. Studied the organ with H. C. McDougall, of Providence,





R. I., and George E. Whiting, of Boston; piano with Arthur Foote, and composition with George W. Chadwick, of Boston. He married, Oct. 12, 1892, Angeline S. Capen, daughter of Andrew Jackson Capen, of New Bedford.

Children, born in Fall River:

1. MARGARET,<sup>19</sup> b. Aug. 5, 1894.
- II. HELEN, b. Jan. 3, 1896.



## MALTMAN FAMILY.

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JAMES MALTMAN came from Edinburgh, Scotland, to Boston, Mass., about the middle of the eighteenth century. The tradition is that he left his native country to escape being drafted into the army. It is possible that the War of the Austrian Succession (1740-48), known in America as King George's War, was the cause of his coming to the New World, but of this there is nothing certain, and it should be understood that what is known of this James Maltman is from family tradition entirely. England was dragged into this war by her King, George II., a native of Germany, much against the wish of the people, in the year 1743, and the army was recruited with difficulty, so it will be seen that there is at least plausibility in assigning this as the cause of Maltman's leaving Scotland. The story goes that he was twenty-one when he left his old home and that after coming to Boston he met a young lady, Christiana Castor, who had come from Glasgow, and that he afterwards married her. After her death he married again. He was a cabinet maker by trade, and a member of the Masonic fraternity. At one time he lived in Providence, R. I., but died, it is supposed, in Gardner, Mass., at the home of one of his daughters, though there is not the slightest clew to the date of his death.

Children of James and Christiana:

- I. CHRISTIANA, b. in September, 1755; m. about 1774. David Comee, of Lexington (see p. 6), and died in Gardner, Mass., May 17, 1789, *ae.* 33 years and 8 months. Their second son was named James Maltman Comee.
- II. MARY, m. Joseph Clark (1757-1837), who went from Sherborn, Mass., to Gardner, among the early settlers of the latter. They had one son, Joseph, b. March 3, 1787.
- III. HANNAH, b. Aug. 5, 1764; m. about 1789, after the death of her sister, David Comee (see p. 6), and died in Gardner, Mass., Oct. 23, 1852, *ae.* 88-2-18. She was blind during the last twenty years of her life.

The name Maltman seems to be purely Scotch. In the year 1527 there was living in Aberdeen, an Alexander Maltman, flesher (butcher).

Hercules Maltman, of Edinburgh, writes (1894) that there are only four Maltmans in that city, but thinks there are more on the east coast, at Dunbar and Eyemouth. He himself went from Glasgow to Edinburgh about 1881. There is a Robert Maltman, in Ringford, Kirkeudbrightshire.

The supplement to Allibone's Dictionary of Authors has a James Maltman, minister of the gospel, and author of "Holiday Papers" on teetotalism, an 8vo volume published in Edinburgh in 1888. The Saturday Review (*lxv.* 300) says: "Mr. Maltman . . . falls upon teetotalers and smites them, taunts them, ridicules them, curses them."



In Gray Friars Churchyard, Edinburgh, are the graves of James Maltman 1778, Ann Maltman 1791, and Ann Maltman (ae. 62) 1825, widow of Alex. Ross Porter.

A recent Glasgow directory has three Maltmans, and in London (England) there is one, George Maltman, export clothier, a native of Scotland.

Among the passengers from England to Virginia in the ship "Thomas," Henry Taverner master, in 1635 (probably) was a Thomas Maltman ae. 17.

John Maltman (1800-1853?) came from Edinburgh to Canada and thence to New York City. He was a son of William Maltman, of Glasgow. John's son, Thomas B. of New York, writes that the only other Maltman he has known, John Maltman, formerly of Brooklyn, N. Y., came from Perth, Scotland. William Maltman, stone cutter, appears in the New York City directory of 1827, and ten years later there is a James Maltman, store-keeper.

There was a John S. Maltman, 1st Lieut. of the 17th Reg. Mich. Vols., April 13, 1865. The regiment was organized at Detroit, in August, 1862.

William H. Maltman is in the 1893 directory of Melbourne, Australia.

A search of the 1893 directories of the ten largest cities in the United States reveals only seven Maltmans: one in New York City, two in Chicago, three in Philadelphia, and one in Boston.



## NOTES ON KING PHILIP'S WAR.

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As the originator of the *Comey-Comee* family in America was killed in King Philip's War, a few notes upon that subject may not be out of place here. The general notes are mainly from "The Beginnings of New England," by John Fiske, and the local additions from the History of Sudbury, Mass., by Rev. A. S. Hudson.

Since the destruction in 1637 of the Pequots, perhaps the most powerful of the early Indian tribes in New England, there had been no serious outbreak. Meanwhile John Eliot of Roxbury, who after fourteen years of hard study had translated the Bible into the Algonquin dialect, had succeeded in gathering into his villages some 1500 "praying Indians," mostly of the Massachusetts tribe that took its name from Massawachusett, or Great Blue Hill, in Milton. There were as many more in Martha's Vineyard, 300 in Nantucket and about 700 in Plymouth Colony. These latter were mostly from the Wampanoags, and they, with the Massachusetts, were among the weaker tribes. The stronger tribes, the Narragansetts, around the bay of that name, the Mohegans in Western Massachusetts and the Nipmucks among the hills of what is now Worcester County, furnished few converts. They thought that the English were trying to absorb the weaker tribes and thus strengthen their fighting capacity.

In 1660 Massasoit, chief sachem of the Wampanoags, died, leaving two sons, Wamsutta and Metacom, or Alexander and Philip as the English nick-named them. Soon after Wamsutta had succeeded his father he was called to Plymouth to account for some of his actions. He seems to have explained them satisfactorily, but before leaving he either caught cold or imbibed too much "fire-water" and died of a violent fever on the way home. Philip suspected the English of having poisoned his brother, for to the savage normal death must come by the tomahawk or firebrand, abnormal death from poison or witchcraft. Philip's dark plotting presumably began about this time. Twice he was summoned before the federal council, but both times protested his innocence.

It was not until June, 1675, that Philip, issuing from his lair on the west side of Mount Hope Bay, R. I., laid waste the towns of Swanzev and Dartmouth and the war really began. Middleboro and Taunton were destroyed soon after. In July the Nipmucks attacked Mendon. The Mohegans remained faithful to the English. On the night of August 2, Philip, whose home had become too hot for him, took part in a fierce assault upon Brookfield. The scene then shifted to the Connecticut Valley and simultaneous attacks were made September 1 upon Deertield and Hadley. Meanwhile the more powerful Narragansetts, under their chief Canonchet, evidently





remembering that the latter's father Miantonomo had been put to death by order of the English in 1643, had taken the warpath. On the morning of Sunday, December 19, Gov. Josiah Winslow, of Plymouth, and his men captured the Narragansett fort in what is now South Kingston, R. I., and a thousand of the Indians (full half their number) were killed.

Feb. 10, 1676, Philip, who had disappeared since the Brookfield fight of the previous August, led a furious attack upon Lancaster. Medfield was attacked the same month, and then Worcester and Marlborough. The burning of the latter on Sunday morning, March 26, left Sudbury unprotected on the west, and for the next month the settlers kept a sharp lookout for signs of the savages. At daybreak on the 21st of April\* the Indians came, mostly Nipmucks, variously estimated from 500 to 1500. During the preceding night they had disposed themselves in small squads so as to burn the houses and attack all of the six garrisons at once. Toward one of these, the Haynes garrison, "twelve resolute young men from Concord" were rapidly approaching to give their assistance, for the fighting was particularly hot here. As they drew near they were decoyed down to the river meadows until eleven of their number found themselves surrounded, and as a result ten, including David Comey, were killed. The scene of this slaughter was on the west side of the Sudbury River a mile or more east of the present Sudbury Centre. The Haynes garrison house stood for two hundred years after, and it was not until within twenty years that it was demolished. The main fighting of that day was the west side of Green Hill, a little northeast of the present village of South Sudbury, and it was here that the monument to Captain Wadsworth and his brave followers was erected. Five of those killed at the Haynes garrison were brought in boats the next day to the foot of the old town bridge and buried. Was David Comey's body one of them?

The Indians were still active and many another town felt the effects of their savage fury, but Canochet was captured in April and gradually the Indians were killed, until in August Philip himself was captured at Bristol Neck, R. I. A dozen of the leading sachems were hanged or shot, and hundreds sent to the West Indies and sold into slavery. Among the latter was Philip's son, a lad of nine years. Of the ninety towns in the Massachusetts and Plymouth colonies twelve had been utterly destroyed, while forty others had been the scene of fire and slaughter. Hundreds of brave men had perished and an enormous war debt incurred, but severe as this had been for the English, for the Indians it meant utter annihilation, and southern and central New England ceased to be troubled by the red men.

\* There has been an endless controversy on the date of this encounter, whether it was April 18 or 21.



## MILITARY SERVICE OF THE COMEY-COMEES.

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DAVID<sup>1</sup> COMEY, the progenitor of the Comees and Comeys in America, was killed by King Philip's Indians at Sudbury, Mass., in 1676.

### THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR.

*David<sup>4</sup> Comee*, of Lexington and Gardner, Mass., was at the battles of Lexington, Bunker Hill and Bennington (see p. 6).

*Jonathan<sup>4</sup> Comee*, of Hopkinton, Mass., marched to Lexington, April 19, 1775 (see p. 7).

*John<sup>5</sup> Comee*, of Foxboro, Mass., marched to Lexington, April 19, 1775, and saw other service (see p. 7).

*Oliver<sup>5</sup> Comee*, of Foxboro, Mass., was in service in New York in 1778 and 1779 (see p. 8).

*Spencer<sup>5</sup> Comee*, brother of the two preceding, enlisted in September, 1779, and was killed Feb. 3, 1780, æt. 20 (see p. 8).

*Ezra<sup>5</sup> Comee*, of Cambridge (part now Brighton) appears in the list of Revolutionary soldiers in Drake's History of Middlesex County, but not in Massachusetts Archives (see p. 8).

*Joseph<sup>5</sup> Comee*, of Lexington, according to Hudson's History of Lexington, was in Capt. John Parker's Company of Minute-men, April 19, 1775, and was wounded in the arm in trying to get out of the meeting-house, where he had been to replenish his powder-horn, but Charles Carleton Coffin, in his "Daughters of the Revolution," says he was wounded as he was standing in the doorway of Robert Munroe's house. His name does not appear in the Massachusetts Archives. This was doubtless Joseph Comee Jr. (1753-1776). (See p. 5.)

NOTE.—The William Comey that appears in the index to the Massachusetts Revolutionary Rolls was probably the William *Coney*, born in Stoughton, March 4, 1745.

### CIVIL WAR.

*Capt. Christopher C.<sup>6</sup> Comee*, 94th N. Y. Vols. (See p. 17).

*Capt. Henry N.<sup>7</sup> Comey*, 2d Mass. Vols. (See p. 32).

*Aaron L.<sup>7</sup> Comey*, 6th Minn. Vols. (See p. 22).

*Albert B.<sup>7</sup> Comey*, 5th Mass. Vols. (See p. 30).

*Alphonso<sup>7</sup> Comey*, 25th Mass. Vols., was killed at Cold Harbor, Va., June 3, 1864. (See p. 18).

*Anson S.<sup>8</sup> Comee*, 34th Mass. Infantry and 16th Light Artillery. (See p. 27).



- Charles B.<sup>7</sup> Comey*, 5th N. H. Vols. (See p. 25).  
*Edward W.<sup>8</sup> Comee*, 42d Mass. Vols. (See p. 36).  
*George R.<sup>7</sup> Comey*, 1st Neb. Vols., and 15th Mass. Battery. (See p. 31).  
*Henry H.<sup>7</sup> Comey*, 5th N. H. Vols. (See p. 26).  
*James K. P.<sup>7</sup> Comey*, 25th Mass. Vols. (See p. 30).  
*Jotham E.<sup>7</sup> Comey*, 11th N. H. Vols. (See p. 11.)  
*Lawson<sup>7</sup> Comey*, 42d Mass. Vols., was killed at Brashear City, La. June 23, 1863. (See p. 18).  
*Lewis E.<sup>8</sup> Comey*, 6th Mass. Vols. (See p. 23).  
*Manlius<sup>7</sup> Comey*, 1st Battalion Heavy Artillery Mass. Vols., was starved to death in prison. (See p. 33).  
*Otis W.<sup>7</sup> Comey*, 10th N. H. Vols. (See p. 25).  
*Warren W.<sup>8</sup> Comey*, 11th Maine Vols. (See p. 23.)  
*Willard<sup>7</sup> Comey*, 1st Battalion R. I. Cavalry. (See p. 24).  
*William M.<sup>7</sup> Comey*, Battery B, 4th U. S. Artillery. (See p. 31).

## NOTES.

Mrs. Sally (Comee) Heywood (see p. 10) d. in Fitchburg, Mass., Dec. 29, 1881, æ. 74.

Nancy Comee of Hardwick, Mass., m. Aug. 17, 1796, Joel Woodward (of Petersham) who was b. March 23, 1774. She may have been a dau. of Ezra<sup>8</sup> Comee, of Dana, which was set off from Hardwick, Petersham and Greenwich in 1801.

Job Comee was Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts in 1783. Who was he?



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