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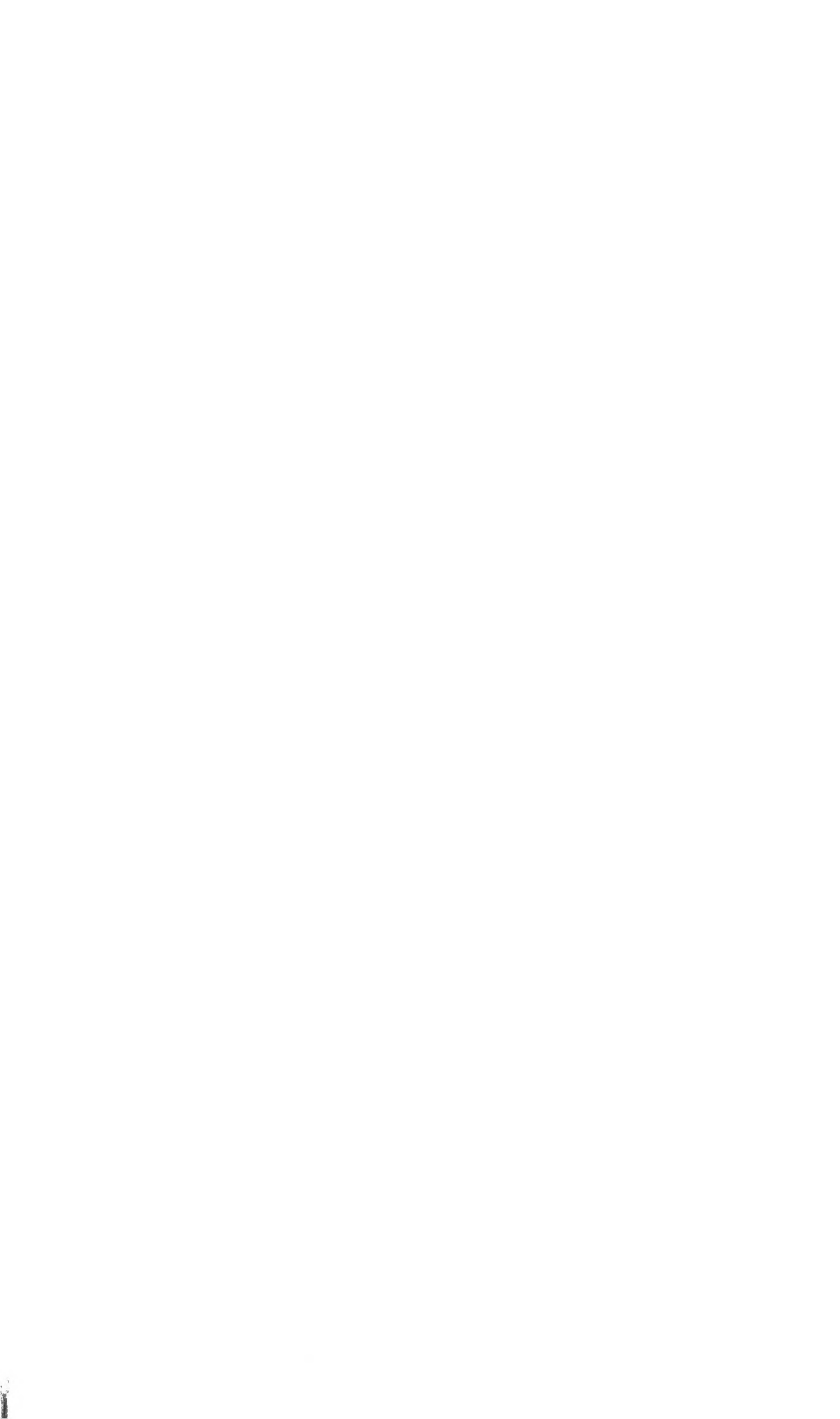
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EARLY SETTLERS

—OF—

HARRISON, MAINE,

—WITH AN—

HISTORICAL SKETCH OF THE SETTLEMENT,

PROGRESS AND PRESENT CONDITION OF

THE TOWN.

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## TO THE READER.

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This humble volume makes no pretensions to be a history of the town of Harrison from its settlement to the present time. It was not my purpose when compiling the genealogies of the pioneer families of the town, to give *any* account of the settlement and growth of the town other than was closely associated with the history of families; but many representatives of the families whose pedigrees I have made out, expressed a desire to see a *sketch* of the town history in the work when published. I must say that neither my time nor means would admit of an attempt to prepare a complete history of the town; and, besides, such a work should begin with the early history of Bridgton and Otisfield, towns from which Harrison was made. I will here say that I have gathered a considerable amount of material which would properly come within the scope of the history of the towns before mentioned, and shall be glad to assist any competent person in preparing such a work. The material found in the genealogical department of this work has been gathered from a wide field. I have spent days in listening to the aged people, as they recounted events connected with the early settlement of the town, in which they enacted a part, or were witnesses of; and these I have noted down for permanent preservation. The records of the old families have been gathered from family registers, old bibles, wills, deeds, inventories, petitions, grave-stones and the town records. Much has been gathered from distant parts by correspondence. Great care and patience have been exercised to avoid mistakes in dates. Where discrepancies were known to exist, I have searched diligently for the "bottom facts." Those who have provided records must bear the responsibility of their correctness; I have copied such *verbatim*.

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No doubt errors will be found and corrected in the future ; but it is believed the genealogies will be found nearly correct. Nearly all of the old pioneers have passed away, and would have left but little by which their history could have been known, but for the exertions of the author to note down such incidents as they were recounted, before their memories were impaired. The meagre records of the town have nearly faded out by lapse of time, (those relating to its early history) and will soon be illegible ; the old tomb-stones are moss-grown and crumbling ; old documents have been destroyed by vermin or sold to the tin-peddler, and in a few more years nothing would have been found for the basis of a town history but faint and fragmentary traditions. The author has not been inspired to his self-imposed undertaking by the pride of birthright, for he is only a townsman by adoption ; he has not driven his horse over the hills and through the deep snows when gathering the statistics for this work, for pecuniary considerations, as all know who are acquainted with the expense of compiling and publishing such a work ; he has not prosecuted the task with the persistency and discrimination which it has demanded, with the expectation of receiving the thanks of the present towns-people, for so few appreciate a work of its class sufficiently as to regard the time devoted to it but foolishly employed ; but the work has been carried forward under an impetus of inborn interest in the permanent preservation of the annals and records of towns and families. While others have been sleeping, much now found in this little book was arranged and composed. The work is too limited in scope to give place to any old documents ; it has been condensed as much as possible and be specific. I sincerely hope that some competent historian will consult the proprietors' records of Otisfield, and other documentary evidence, and write a detailed and authentic history of the towns of Bridgton, Otisfield and Harrison ; for these towns are so intimately associated in historical interest that the history of one must be, in part, the history of the other. There is this comforting thought

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about my work, viz: That my undertaking has been a commendable one; that I have done all in my power, with my means, to make it reliable, and that it will, like wine, grow richer and be better appreciated in the future than at present. Those who know the least about the magnitude of my work, and the difficulties with which one of its class is attended, will have the least patience with any errors they may discover; while those who have had experience in such work will properly appreciate what I have accomplished. With the hope that the material incorporated in this book may prove of value to the families whose records it preserves, and to future writers as a reference, I commit it to the public.

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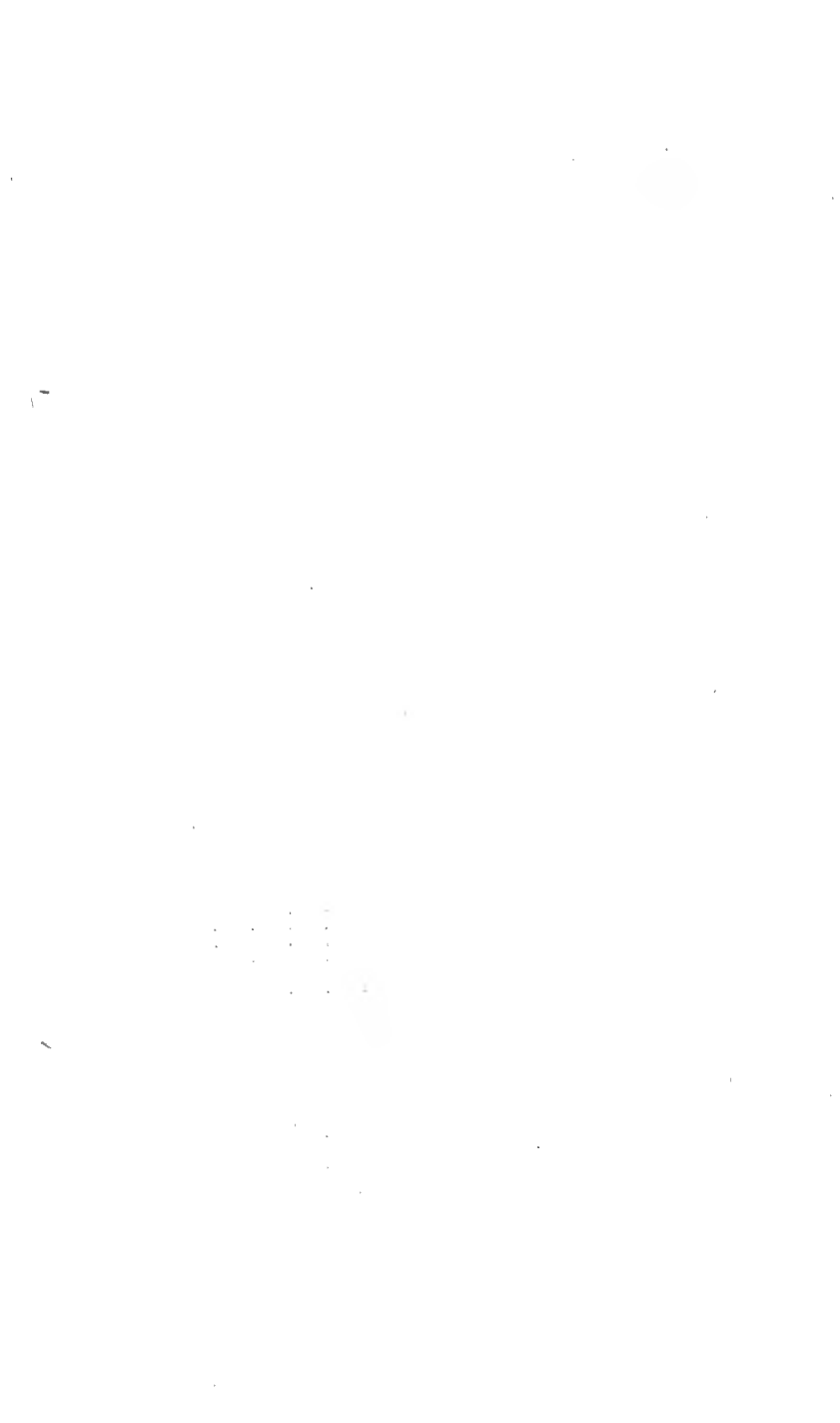
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## HISTORICAL SKETCH.

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The town of Harrison, named in honor of the HON. HARRISON GRAY OTIS, of Boston, was taken from the towns of Bridgton and Otisfield; the former town was granted to soldiers who were in the Canada expedition of 1690, and confirmed to them in 1765. The town was originally called Pondicherry, and was afterwards named for MOODY BRIDGES, ESQ. Otisfield was granted to HON. JAMES OTIS, NATHANIEL GORHAM, and the other heirs of CAPT. JOHN GORHAM, June 14, 1777, for services against Canada, in 1770.

In 1805, that part of Bridgton lying on the east side of Long Pond, containing about 8500 acres, was taken off to form, in part, the new town of Harrison, and, united with that part of Otisfield on the west side of Crooked River, was incorporated into a town, March 8, 1805.

When the first explorers, and early settlers, came into the township they found it a dense wilderness. There were no marks of the woodman's axe, or prints of the white man's foot; no sound was heard to disturb the awful silence of the primeval solitudes, save the music of the waterfall, and the scream of wild beasts; and the only thing to guide them, or to help them on their way, were the Indian trails.

The first settlers who established themselves on the town lands, were men well adapted to the work of the pioneer; descended from the Puritan stock of the old colony of Plymouth, and born during the dark days of

the Indian wars; skilled in woodcraft, and acquainted with hardships and the use of the musket from childhood, they were calculated to endure the deprivations that are incident to the settlement of a new country.

Several of the first settlers were born in the old fort at Gorham, when their parents had taken shelter there to save themselves from the torch and scalping-knife of the treacherous red men; and were reared at a time when their parents could only cultivate their growing crops, or attend the worship of God under arms; when the mothers dare not leave the cradles of their sleeping infants for a moment, lest they should be snatched away and borne to the wigwam of the savage. Under constant apprehension of danger, and trained to watch every bush and brake with discriminating vigilance, these children, grew to be men and women of courage, fortitude and strong nerves, invested with strong constitutions, and capable of great endurance.

The woods everywhere abounded with game, and the waters with fish, so that the pioneers could provide for the necessities of their families until their ground would yield a sufficient harvest to depend upon as the basis of supply; and for several years much of the living was taken by the rifle and trap. Bears and wolves were constantly destroying the growing corn, or stealing from the sheep-fold, and the settlers were compelled to hunt these marauders as a means of extermination, as well as to furnish meat for their tables.

There were times when the early settlers suffered extremely from cold, exposure and hunger; and a less courageous and determined people would have deserted for more populous districts. The wives and mothers



shared in all the interests and hardships of their husbands; they worked in the fields, went to mill, and made the cloth for their own and family's wear. Before mills were built, corn was pounded into samp, and boiled with milk for food.

The first houses were built of logs, and chinked with moss; the roof covered with bark; the floors, if any, were usually of hewn logs, and the fire-places of stones, rudely made, and the chimney-tops made of sticks of wood. In these primitive dwellings the family lived, worked and slept; and by their rough hearth-stones many of our towns-people were reared, who have since enjoyed all the comforts of the well arranged modern homes.

As soon as mills were in operation, and the clearings were sufficiently productive to provide comfortable family support, the log-house gave place to the frame, and weather-boarded dwelling; and its rude furnishings to the more pretentious conveniences of prosperous times. But the settlers and their families had to be industrious to provide for the immediate demands of every-day life; the noise of the spinning-wheel and the loom from the inside, and that of the axe and flax-brake on the outside, were the sounds that awoke the children in those days, instead of the piano and organ of our days. The parents had but few books and but little leisure to read them; and the children had few advantages for learning letters; many of them learned to write on *birch bark*.

The first settler in town was JOHN CARSLY, from Gorham, a descendant of a Puritan family in old Plymouth Colony; he opened a clearing on the ridge, near where MR. GEORGE CUMMINGS now lives, but on the opposite side of the road that leads to the old Baptist Meeting

House. A brother of John, NATHAN CARSELEY, and a brother-in-law, JAMES WATSON, came into town about the same time; the former settled just below his brother John's clearing, and the latter, about one mile below the village, on the "Pond Road." It has been a matter of dispute, whether NATHAN CARSELEY or JAMES WATSON built the first *frame house* in this town, but from the best evidences to be obtained, I conclude that Watson's was built first. The boards were sawed in Waterford, and Mr. Watson's place was very much nearer the mill, and more easily reached with a team than Mr. Carsley's; besides some of the old people have informed me that they heard Mr. Watson *say* his house was the first erected.

The Carsleys came into town and fell trees in the autumn previous to their removal; and after building some rude "Sugar Camps" they returned to Gorham. In the following March, 1793, they came into town with their wives and made maple sugar—and that was not all, for Nathan's wife, who had been drawn over the snow on a hand-sled by her husband from Otisfield, gave birth to a child during their sojourn here—the first child born in the town. They returned to Gorham, and remained there until their second child was born, 1796. It is believed that the brothers planted corn and erected substantial log-houses while their families were in Gorham; and by some that they did not permanently locate until 1796-7; other of the old people claim, however, that JOHN CARSELEY and wife never returned to Gorham after their first coming into this town, which statement is probably true, as he was married in 1790, and there are no records of births of his children in Gorham; hence I think they came into town in the spring of 1793, and became per-

manent residents here. Other Gorham families followed soon after, and families from Bridgton, and Minot, settled in town quite early.

The town was surveyed and "lotted" by BENJAMIN KIMBALL, JR., of Bridgton, (that part which was then in Bridgton) in 1793. There were fourteen lots granted to the early settlers, located on the easterly side of Long Pond, called "*merited lots*," in June, 1782; but these were not run out until 1793, when *all* that part of Bridgton lying north and east of Long Pond, was laid out by Mr. Kimball into ninety lots, of about ninety acres each, (old survey) and was called the "Second Division." Four of the poorest of these lots were set aside as blank lots; and of the remaining eighty-six, one was drawn to the holder of each of the eighty-six different rights. For performing this service, Mr. Kimball received fifty acres of land, which he selected at the outlet of Anonymous Pond—where the village is now situated.

That part of Harrison that was taken from Otisfield, was surveyed and "lotted" by GEORGE PEIRCE, ESQ., the Proprietors' Agent for the latter town, and a large part of the territory was then owned by that gentleman. The road that leads from the village to the south part of the town, by the Methodist Meeting House, is on the original line between Bridgton and Otisfield. Many of the old deeds show that the PERLEY family were heavy owners in that part of the town, which was taken from Bridgton. The first settlers in the south part of the town were CAPT. BENJAMIN FOSTER, and MAJ. JACOB EMERSON. The first town meeting was held at the house of

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NOTE.—One MUFFAT commenced a clearing near Harmon's Corner very early; he had a house near the brook, and buried a child there.

NEPHTALI HARMON, at "Harmon's Corners," near where the "Old Baptist Meeting House" stands; and near where said meeting was held—on the opposite side of the road—the *first* town-house was built. [Mr. Harmon then lived at the road corner, on the side toward Capt. Charles Walker's.] At the first meeting it was voted to hold future town meetings at the house of NEPHTALI HARMON, till a more convenient place be appointed. JOEL SIMMONS was Moderator; SAMUEL WILLARD was chosen Clerk; SAMUEL WILLARD, BENJAMIN FOSTER and STEPHEN STILES, were the first Selectmen; NATHANIEL BURNHAM was made Treasurer, and SAMUEL SCRIBNER, Constable; SIMEON CASWELL, EDWARD LOWELL, EBENEZER CARSLEY, NATHAN CARSLEY, and RICE ROWELL, were chosen Highway Surveyors; and JOHN WOODSUM Surveyor of Lumber; LEVI PERRY, DANIEL STONE, and PETER GILSON, were Fence Viewers; JAMES SAMPSON, EDWARD LOWELL, and BENJAMIN FOSTER, were Tithing-men; JOEL SIMMONS, JEREMIAH TURNER, and MOSES CHICK, were Hog-reves; NEPHTALI HARMON, Pound-keeper; CUSHING DAWS, STEPHENS INGALLS, and EDWARD LOWELL, Field-drivers. The foregoing proves that those parties were in town as early as 1805; many were settled here before.

SCHOOLS. The first summer schools were taught in barns, and the winter schools in private houses. Although schools were instituted in town early, the branches taught were few; some of the children learned to write on birch bark. In 1806, the town was divided into *six* school districts; and a few years later, it was voted in town meeting that "every school district shall build their own school house." The *first* school house in town, was

on the "Scribner Hill," on the right hand side of the road that leads from "Harmon's Corners" to said hill. The *second* school house was built near JACOB EMERSON'S, and called the "Emerson School House." Soon after the preceding, the "Springer School House" was built near where HEBER KIMBALL now lives; after this the village folks, and those in the interior of the town, united and built the "Pound School House." The first six districts were divided and sub-divided as the population increased, until all were well accommodated, although the town raised but one hundred dollars a year, until 1814, for the support of schools.

CHURCHES. The first religious meetings were held in barns, school houses, the town house, and in dwelling houses. The first preacher in town was ELDER NICHOLAS BRAY. ELDER CLEMENT PHINNEY was the first F. W. Baptist preacher. ELDER SAMUEL LEWIS was an early preacher here. The Congregational Church was organized at the house of OLIVER PEIRCE, in 1826; it consisted of *eleven* members. REV. JOSEPH SEARLE was the first installed Pastor. The Calvin Baptist Church was organized at the house of SAMUEL SCRIBNER, on "Scribner's Hill" in 1827, \*(?) and its first regular preacher was ELDER JACOB BRAY, father of the present ELDER JACOB BRAY, of Bridgton. The F. W. Baptist Church was organized at the house of SHEPHERD HAWK, (where NEWELL TRAFTON now lives) in 1826. The *first* Meeting house (now called the "Old Baptist Meeting House") was built at "Harmon's Corners" by the Baptists and Congregationalists, in 1827. The F. W. Baptist Meeting House,

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\*William Harmon was Chosen Deacon of the Baptist Church in 1827; hence, I suppose, the Church was organized at that date.

in the interior of the town, and the Congregationalist House at the village, were built in 1836. The Methodist Church was organized, and their house of worship built, some years subsequently. The Christian Meeting House, in the south part of the town, was erected in 1870.

**MERCHANTS.** The first store was kept by CAPTAIN FOSTER, at the south part of the town; it was situated on the right hand side of the road leading toward Edes' Falls, a few rods below the BENJAMIN FOSTER house. This store was the place where many great stories were told, and where much ardent spirit was imbibed. The residents in the north and central parts of the town, went to North Bridgton, and traded with "Old Merchant ANDREWS." JOEL WHITMORE was the first trader at the village; he was a brother of MRS. JAMES CHADBOURNE. Mr. Whitmore kept goods in a small wooden building between the old brick store where Carter traded, and the Blake store. LEVI BURNHAM and OLIVER PEIRCE were also traders in town quite early. ISAAC BOLSTER built and kept the first store at "Bolster's Mills," and GEORGE PEIRCE, the second.

**MANUFACTURERS AND MILLS.** The first manufactories were carried forward on a small scale. JAMES SAMPSON built the first mills at the village—a saw-mill and grist-mill. SAMUEL TYLER carried on wool-carding and cloth-dressing where NEWELL CASWELL'S mill now stands; he and Sampson were the only residents at the village, "Flat," at that time. Old MR. EDSON carried on the manufacture of wrought nails somewhere on the "Neal Hill," above the village; he sold nails to "Merchant ANDREWS" of North Bridgton. COLMAN WATSON carried on coopering in the village, quite early. The GILSONS owned a

mill on Crooked River, below "Bolster's Mills," at an early day; the Bolsters bought out the Gilsons and built mills above, in 1819 and 1820. SETH CARSLY had mills at Harrison village, subsequent to Sampson, and manufactured hat-blocks and wooden plows. DAVID MORSE built a small shingle mill on the outlet of Anonymous Pond, which he sold to LUTHER CARMAN, who changed it to a machine shop and manufactured power looms and general machinery; this was in 1846. He sold out to T. H. RICKER in 1848. Mr. Ricker manufactured shingle machines, horse powers, and plows, until 1859, when he and his son Sherburn—who became a member of the firm in 1855—commenced the manufacture of wood-working machinery. They were burned out in 1859, but immediately rebuilt, and have continued to extend their business until the present time—a business amounting to about eight thousand dollars a year. Their machinery goes to all parts of the United States, and British Dominions. The firm now consists of the father and two sons.

GREENFIELD BLAKE and ICHABOD WASHBURN, commenced the manufacture of *wire* here (in the village) as early as 1834, and that business has been carried on by different parties ever since; and is now owned by TOLMAN, CASWELL and WALKER, who have a large factory, and in prosperous times drive an extensive business.

TRANSPORTATION. A line of canal-boats commenced running between Harrison village and Portland in 1828, and continued until the Ogdensburg Rail Road, touched the foot of Sebago Lake. As the head of the canal route was at Harrison, large store-houses were built at the village, in which the supplies for many back towns were stored until the heavy teams, which brought in manu-

factured lumber, wood and produce, could take them to their destination; in consequence of these circumstances the village became quite a business mart, and presented a lively appearance. A large tavern was built to accommodate the teamsters and travelling public; and around its ample fire, many joyous and hilarious meetings were held by the story-tellers.

A steamboat named the "*Fawn*" was built by a stock company, and run down the chain of lakes to the "carry-ing-place" at Standish Neck, many years ago, but it was not properly constructed, and was taken off after a few years; it was commanded by Capt. Christopher C. W. Sampson. There was no other steam navigation over these lakes until one Simonds commenced running a beautiful little steanboat named the "*Oriental*;" this proved a success, but was burned at the village. Meanwhile the "Sebago Lake Steamboat Company," was incorporated, and two fine boats, the "*Sebago*," and "*Mount Pleasant*," were launched upon the waters of the lakes; these boats supplanted the canal boat transportation, and have carried a great amount of freight over their route. They are owned and run by Mr. Charles Gibbs of Bridgton, a gentleman of great enterprise and public spirit. As the steamboats run only in summer, a great amount of freight is taken from South Paris station, on the Grand Trunk Rail Road, by teams, in winter. But the white sails of the canal boat may still be seen, like the wings of some mighty bird, spread out upon the waters of the Lakes; they are now run to the foot of Sebago Lake, with wood and manufactured lumber, and return with heavy freight.

IMPROVEMENTS. The Harrison of to-day, presents a



very different appearance from that indicated in the opening of this sketch. The strong arms of the pioneers, moved by a determined will, have plied the strokes of the axe, until the primeval forest has given place to broad fertile farms; the rude, primitive dwellings have been taken down, and beautiful modern residences, stately, graceful, and ornamental, have taken their places; the old-fashioned school houses have been abandoned—those places where so many of our aged towns-people were *deeply impressed*, both with book and *birch*—and new and commodious ones erected; the old town house—over the dismantling of which there was a severe contention—has been taken down, and a large and respectable one built at the village; the old church-houses have been closed, and others of modern architecture and convenience are now raising their graceful spires among the elms and maples that grow around them; population has gathered about the centers of trade; the villages have risen from little hamlets, to manufacturing places of considerable importance; the blessings of education have been multiplied; new resources discovered, and all branches of industry carried forward, until the town has become one of the most enterprising, prosperous, and beautiful in Cumberland County. For its romantic scenery and picturesque views it can hardly be excelled. Like Zion of old, Harrison is “beautiful for situation;” there is no monotony or tiresome sameness; there are the rugged, towering hills, with their rock-ribbed and tree-covered sides; and, nestling at their feet, the silver-surfaced lakelets which reflect like a polished mirror, in their miniature bays, the forest-shaded headlands and the bordering pastures; there run the purling brooks, in serpentine course, like a thread of

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silver woven into the landscape's green fabric by the creative fingers, which all day long glisten in the sunlight, and sing through their pebbled harps to the traveler who, with rod and line wanders along their banks, to take the speckled trout that finds his home in their tree-shaded coves; here are the larger bodies of water which have now changed their old names from that of *ponds* to the more popular one of *lakes*; upon their bosoms plow the noble steamboats, while their shrill and business-toned whistles echo and re-echo among the hills and valleys along the shores. Instead of gathering at the store and village green, to engage in neighborhood gossip, as on evenings of the past, the villagers now crowd around the wharves to gaze upon the new arrivals—the city folk who during the hot weather flock to our cool hillsides for rest and recreation. Everything wears a neat and enterprising appearance. The farmers have opened their comfortable homes to their city neighbors, and find pleasure as well as profit in entertaining those who have been more closely associated with the great busy outside world. Since the beauties of the scenery, and the new facilities for travel have become known, Harrison has grown to be a very popular resort for the weary, more especially since the remarkable "Summit Spring" was discovered; the water of this spring possesses the most valuable medicinal properties, and is healing hundreds; this water is now sold in all parts of the country. While the lakes that intersperse the landscape afford pleasure to the city boarders when rowing or sailing over them, the smoothly graded and forest-arched carriage roads invite the drive. No more invigorating air, no more healthy situation can be found in New England, than is found here; and the

moral character of the inhabitants is a subject of remark. Industrious, enterprising, and temperate—the town is not cursed with a drinking shop—the people recognize all those kindly obligations of neighbors, and the courtesies and conventionalities which are pleasant to strangers. Peace and prosperity are general. Those in professional life have been successful; the mechanic and artisan grow in independence, and the farmers are constantly improving in wealth and culture,—and we shall attribute this prosperity to the character of those families who first permanently settled here. They had good bodies and good brains; they had strong wills and strong arms; they had enterprise and executive ability; they possessed courage and self-reliance—all kept fresh by a blood inherited from a noble ancestry; and they lived, many of them, to see what they found a wilderness, become a blossoming garden. Noble and loyal-hearted were the fathers and mothers, and their posterity do honor their parentage and emulate their examples.

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The number of inhabitants in Harrison, in 1870, was 1219. Valuation in 1870, Polls, 307; Estates, \$304,635.

"The Harrison Farmer's Club" was organized many years ago, and has held regular and successful town fairs; it has proved a source of profit and improvement to farmers and manufacturers. President, John Dawes, Esq.; Secretary, Alphonso Morton.

"The Harrison Insurance Association," (insurance against fire) has been long sustained in town, and is a most excellent organization.

A Stock Company erected a Woolen Mill in town, some years ago, but it was burnt down after running a few years.

LAWYERS that have practiced in town were—Washburn, Thomas, Eastman, Blake, Strout, Chaplin and Bullard.

PHYSICIANS that have practiced in town were—Carter, Conant, Rodgers, Dunnells, Weston, Kimball, Dunn, Pease and Cole.

## OUR PIONEER FAMILIES.

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Among our grand and towering tree-crowned hills,  
Whose feet are daily washed by cool refreshing rills;  
Among the granite rocks, through forests deep and strong,  
Around the silvery lakes, roaming their shores along;  
Came pioneer adventurers of pure Old Colony stock,  
As staunch as ever stood on Plymouth's landing-rock.  
Strong arms, and noble aims, these hardy men possessed;  
They were well born for *men*, not for dolls to be caressed.  
'Twas homes they sought, and lands on which to live,  
For independence and honesty, where love could thrive.  
They sought it, found it, bought it with their hands—  
And *kept* it by temperance and industry's iron bands.  
The stately pine, the hemlock, elms and sturdy oaks,  
Like mast, fell fast before the woodman's giant strokes.  
Then sunshine and rain, upon the dormant soil came down,  
To wake the sleeping earth, and warm the virgin ground.  
Broadcast the seed was sown, and fields of golden grain  
Soon waved o'er hills, and gilded open plain.  
Around their log-house hearth, the children gathered fast  
To bless the home, and share the table's plain repast;  
To rise to man and woman's dignified estate;  
To nobler deeds of good; their town to populate.  
Thou, sons and daughters of our grand old town,  
Your place was nobly won, your honor and renown.  
To country loyal, and to your birthright ever true;  
For stations high, and ranks of eminence you *grew*—

Grew tall of body, strong of intellect and heart,  
 In sympathy, in charity, in love to act your part.  
 An honest life was yours; you ever hated sloth;  
 You always gave good measure, and wove "full-cloth;"  
 You breathed pure air, and never feared the cramp,  
 While you drank milk-porridge and ate corn-samp.  
 Your names, not all poetic, were significant of good,  
 And when orderly connected, make a lively brood.  
 The *Abbotts* and *Chaplins* are not our churchmen now;  
 Some practice at the Bar, others practice with the plow.  
 The *Stanleys* were a witty set in politics and law,  
 "Jack" *Johnson* was the *joker*, and "Zeb" could use his *jawn*.  
 "Gee" *Harmon's* a "Universaller," and "Sam" could *talk* by rule,  
 "Uncle Bill" drove the *ox-team* and Walter drove the *mule*.  
 While the *Bennetts*, and *Phinneys*, and *Harmons* were singers,  
 Their neighbors were *Walkers* and *Jumpers* and *Springers*.  
 The *Sampsons*, rightly named, were very strong and straight,  
 Especially "Uncle Hira" he did—he did, never come to latc.  
 The wise *Stewarts*, selected the *Hall* girls for their wives,  
 And vowed a faithful *Stewart* ship the rest of their lives.  
 In the north were many *Stiles'* upheld by the *Bracketts*,  
 And the *Haskells* and *Caswells* made a wedding racket.

NOTES. The surnames *Abbott* and *Chaplin* were derived from officers in the Church; some are lawyers and others farmers, now.

The *Stanleys* were very sarcastic and quick for an answer.

John *Johnson*, called *Jack*, was very cunning and a great wag in his day; his brother *Zebulon* was apt to scold.

*Gee Harmon* was once urged to become a Christian, and in his stammering way replied, "Im a-a Universal-e-r;" his brother *Samuel* was a great story-teller and could paint his descriptions in high colors, too high for truth.

*William Harmon* was one of the best teamsters known; he drove an ox-team in the lumber swamps many years; his brother *Walter* was a great horseman, and once owned some mules.

*Mr. Bennett* was a music-teacher, and once competed with *Clement Phinney* in a trial of voice; the *Harmons* used to sing in the old Baptist Choir.

There were families of *Walkers*, *Jumpers* and *Springers*, living near each other, between the village and "Harmon's Corners."

The *Sampsons* walk very erect are very muscular and prompt-spoken. *Uncle Ahira* had a habit of repeating the last words in a sentence when talking.

Several daughters of *Isaac Hall* married with the *Stewart* brothers, of *Gorham*, and settled in town; the surname *Stewart*—or *Stuart* as some spell it—was derived from the office of *High Stewart*, in *Scotland*.

A family of *Stiles'* settled early in the north part of the town, in the *Brackett* neighborhood.

The *Haskell* and *Caswell* families have frequently intermarried.

"Ben" Chadbourne used the trowel, the "Squire" was the tailor,  
 Col. Watson was a cooper, and Old Edson was a nailer;  
 The Peirces were Senators, land-surveyors and esquires,  
 While the family of Dawes' were land and lumber buyers.  
 Mr. Cummings, on the hill, drove his *awl* to his *last*,  
 And waxed bristles to the *end* to keep his *sole* fast.  
 The Bolsters (not for beds) and Gilsons built the mills,  
 And carried on farming on the brow of "Gilson's Hill."  
 Some Cursleys were inventors, and others learned to hew;  
 The Kneelands and Kilborns were never very few.  
 Some Burnhams caught the rogues, and others roguish grew,  
 While the Fosters and the Emersons were ever in a stew.  
 Some old Withams were like giants, corpulent and strong,  
 But the Whitneyys were the toughest, their bodies lean and long.  
 With the Howards to hew Stones, while Burnham made a hat,  
 Sam Tyler, the wool-carder, run his business at the "Flat."  
 While Strickland made bricks, "Marn Bucknell" would switch  
 The urchins in her school room, on the "Scribner Hill;"

Benjamin Chadbourne, a distant relative of James Chadbourne, Esq., was a mason; James a tailor, as was also his father in Gorham.

Colman Watson carried on coopering at the village, early; while Mr. Edson, said to have learned his trade in prison, made nails by hand, on the Neal hill.

Oliver Peirce was Justice of the Peace, and in the Legislature, as was also George, and they were surveyors for three generations.

The Dawes family have owned much timber land.

Mr. Cummings was probably the *first* shoemaker in town.

Isaac Bolster bought out the Gilson's mill property, and built largely where Bolster's Mills village now stands; both families have lived on the well known "Gilson's Hill."

Seth Carsley invented a machine to make lasts and hat-blocks, and went to Washington in a gig with his model and secured his patent.

The Kneeland and Cummings families came from Topsfield, Mass., and settled near each other; the Kneelands and Kilborns were numerous.

Sumner Burnham was Sheriff and State Detective.

There were political feuds between the Foster and Emerson families, as also between Capt. Foster and Major Emerson during their military career. George Emerson owned a powerful black horse and when returning from town meeting drove by the Fosters, and when passing a neighbor, said, "I'll let the Fosters know they must go behind while I keep old black."

Several of the Witham family were very corpulent; some weighed about three hundred pounds.

The Whitneyys are nearly all very tall and hardy men.

Several Howards were stone-masons. Daniel Stone was early in town. One Burnham was a hatter at the village.

Samuel Tyler carried on wool-carding and cloth-dressing near where Newell Caswell's mill now stands; the village has always been known as "Harrison Flat."

John Strickland made brick at, or near, the place where the village now stands; a Miss Bucknell kept one of the first schools on Scribner's hill.

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If *Woodsum* built a barn, Old *Neal* could dig a ditch,  
 And "Jim" play *Gammon* on the road to Bolster's Mill.  
 The *Perleys* had their say, on each election-day;  
 And the *Plaisteds* had their *Foggs* as well as *showers*;  
 While Elders *Pitts* and *Bray*, taught others how to pray,  
 The *Willards* intermarried with the *Powers*.  
 With *Traftons* for drovers, and *Bisbees* for rovers.  
 And the *Scribners* once scribes, to serve Constables here,  
 With *Simmons* Moderator, and *Ingalls* a field-driver,  
*Perry*, *Turner*, *Chick* and *Lowell* close the rear.

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John Woodsum worked as framer and builder; Old Mr. Neal, an Irishman, was a ditcher by trade.

James Neal used to stop and see the Gammon girls when carrying corn to Bolster's Mills. Gammon lived on Gilson's hill.

The Perleys have been radical and noisy politicians.

The Plaisteds and Foggs were neighbors and intermarried.

The Powers family came from Sanford, and were related to the Harmons.

Solomon Pitts and Jacob Bray were early Baptist Ministers.

The Traftons have become wealthy, dealing in live stock; the Bisbees have been a moving family.

The surname Scribner, was derived from *scrivenor*, to write. Samuel Scribner was first Constable in town.

Joel Simmons was Moderator of the first town meeting, and Stephens Ingalls chosen field-driver.

Levi Perry, Jeremiah Turner, Moses Chick and Edward Lowell, were chosen to fill offices at the first town meeting held in town—1805.

## ABBOTT FAMILY.

HIRAM ABBOTT, son of Theophilus, of Newfield, York County, came here about 1820, and settled in the "Johnson Neighborhood," where Abijah Lewis subsequently lived, and where John Lakin now lives. He married Betsey Hazeltine, and had issue as follows, all born in this town—Mr. Abbott moved into the northerly end of the town, and settled near where his son Samuel now lives, in later years, and died April 27, 1843, aged 51 years and 6 months. His widow is still living with her daughter in Waterford :

1. OLIVER, born April 29, 1821; married Nancy Edson, Nov. 20, 1843, and died Jan. 18, 1846.
2. SAMUEL, born Aug. 10, 1823; married Eliza, daughter of Joshua Howard, Dec. 13, 1848, and settled where he now lives, at the head of "Anonaymous Pond." Mr. Abbott is a successful farmer, and has been a hard worker. He is a kind neighbor, and respected citizen. His amiable wife died in 1875. No children.
3. MERCY, born Feb. 17, 1826; married Joseph Kilgore of Waterford, and is now living in that town.
4. ZEBULON J., born Aug. 17, 1829; married Caroline Anderson, and settled on "Temple Hill," in Waterford. Mr. Abbott is a good farmer; has two children.
5. CHARLES, born Sept. 30, 1831; married Sarah J., daughter of Ephraim Cook of Harrison, and settled on a farm in Waterford. He has since moved to a farm near his brother Samuel's, in this town. His children were *four* in number.
6. BETSEY, born Dec. 13, 1833; married Kimball Kilgore, (brother of Joseph) and lives in Waterford, Maine.
7. ELIZA J., born Dec. 7, 1835; married ——— Davis, of Lewiston, Maine, and resides in that city.



### BISBEE FAMILY.

They are descended from THOMAS BESBEDGE, (Bisbee) of Scituate, Mass., through *Elisha, John, Elisha, John*, and EBENEZER BISBEE, who settled in Harrison. The family were connected with the Edsons by marriage. Ebenezer married in Maine. He was born in 1782. This family are said to have moved to Aroostook County, many years ago; they lived where Albert Burnham now resides, on "Burnham's Hill" Harrison. Children as follows:

1. HULDAH S., born Sept. 12, 1804.
2. EDMOND W., born April 5, 1806; died May 22, 1827.
3. LOUISA, born April 8, 1808.
4. IRENE, born May 4, 1809.
5. EBENEZER, JR., born Feb. 24, 1811.
6. IRA, born Feb. 9, 1813.
7. MARTHA, born Nov. 14, 1814.
8. WILLIAM, born Nov. 2, 1816.
9. JOHN, born Nov. 5, 1818.
10. SOLOMON B., born March 30, 1820.
11. ABIGAIL B., born April 30, 1822.
12. HANNAH S., born Sept. 20, 1825.

The mother's name was *Eunice*.

Many of this family, from the first ancestors, were blacksmiths. Several branches settled in Maine. A genealogy of the family has been published by Dr. Wm. B. Lapham, of Augusta, Maine.

### BENNETT FAMILY.

They were here quite early, in the settlement of the town. STANTON BENNETT came from "Coos," N. H., and settled near where the F. W. Baptist Meeting House now stands, about where Stephen Nason lived in 1870. He was a great singer, and once competed with Elder Clement Phinney with his vocal powers. His children, born here, were as follows:

1. SYLVIA ANN, born May 9, 1813; died young.
2. BETSEY, born April 15, 1815; married Jonathan Brackett, Sept. 14, 1843.
3. MARIVILLA, born Feb. 2, 1818.
4. JANE, born Oct. 14, 1819.
5. CAROLINE E., born June 14, 1821.
6. SYLVIA, born Dec. 14, 1825; married James Rounds, of Poland, June 6, 1847.

### BOLSTER FAMILY.

ISAAC BOLSTER, son of Isaac, was born in Paris, Maine, May 22, 1769; married March 9, 1794, Hannah Cushman, of Hebron (she was born April 16, 1777, and died Jan. 25, 1865,) and settled in his native town. He died Jan. 8, 1835. Mr. Bolster, from whom the present village of "Bolster's Mills" took its name, purchased property of the Gilsons on Crooked River, and built a dam and saw-mill in 1819, and a grist-mill in 1820. The business was carried on mainly by his sons. His son William (of whom more hereafter) built the "fulling-mill" in 1826. The father was never a resident of Harrison. Children as follows:

1. ALVIN BOLSTER, son of Isaac, was born in Paris, Dec. 7, 1795; married Cynthia Wheeler, of Rumford, and died in that town Dec. 8, 1862.
2. ISAAC BOLSTER, JR., was born in Paris, Feb. 22, 1797; married Polly Cushman, of Buckfield, and settled in Harrison, in 1821. He died in Norway, March 9, 1863. He built the first store at Bolster's Mills village, and resided in town fifteen years. His children were born in Harrison; they were as follows:
  - i. ELENOR E., b. April 23, 1820; m. to James Bennett, of Norway, and lives there now.
  - ii. JOHN A., b. June 28, 1822; m. — Adams, of Andover, and resides in Norway. He has been largely engaged in the live stock trade; has

- been in the State Legislature; is a man of considerable public spirit, and interests himself in matters of polity.
- iii. CYNTHIA J., b. March 15, 1825; m. to Grover Crockett, of Norway, and lives there.
  - iv. OLIVER F., b. Sept. 6, 1828; resides in Massachusetts.
  - v. MARY D., b. July 29, 1832; m. — Severence, of Minot.
  - vi. GEORGIA E., b. Oct. 12, 1835; m. Thomas Plummer, of Waterford; is dead.
3. GIDEON BOLSTER, son of Isaac, was born in Paris, April 28, 1799; married Charlotte Hall, of Paris, and died there Oct. 20, 1873.
  4. OTIS C. BOLSTER, son of Isaac, born in Paris, Sept. 25, 1801; married, 1st, Dolly Kire, of Rumford, and 2ndly, Maria Virgin, of the latter town; he died Nov. 20, 1871.
  5. WILLIAM BOLSTER, son of Isaac, born in Paris, June 23, 1804; married, 1st, Hannah Turner, of Otisfield, and 2ndly, Nancy J. Edwards, of the latter town. Mr. Bolster came to Harrison in 1826, and commenced the milling business with his brother Isaac, building a mill for fulling and dressing cloth the same year. He is now living on "Gilson's Hill," about one mile from "Bolster's Mills," and carries on a large farm. His children were as follows:
    - i. MARTHA L., b. Feb. 18, 1835; m. Gilbert S. Pearsons, of Windsor, Vermont, and is now living at Denver, Colorado.
    - ii. HANNAH E., b. Jan. 17, 1844; d. July 18, 1869.
    - iii. ALBERT W., b. July 22, 1847; m. Jennie N. Emery, and lives on the homestead.
  6. HANNAH BOLSTER, daughter of Isaac, born in Paris, June 23, 1807; married to Dr. Thomas Gore, of Minot, and died in Litchfield, Feb. 12, 1876.

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NOTE.—DEA. ISAAC BOLSTER, son of Gideon, lives in Eastern, Aroostook County, Maine. An excellent man.

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7. LYMAN BOLSTER, son of Isaac, born in Paris, March 29, 1809; married Betsey Knight, of Rumford, and resides at Bryant's Pond, Woodstock.
  8. LOUISA BOLSTER, daughter of Isaac, born in Paris, April 28, 1812; married Augustus King, of said town, and died May 17, 1834.
  9. LEVI BOLSTER, son of Isaac, born in Paris, Nov. 10, 1819; married Marcia Warren, of Waterbury, Connecticut, where they now reside.
  10. RUTH J. BOLSTER, daughter of Isaac, born Jan. 1, 1821; married to Alexander Cushman, of Buckfield.
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### BRAY FAMILY.

BRAY is a Scottish surname, taken from *Brae*, and the family date their history to a remote period. Several junior branches spread into England and the United States. One of the associates of Sir William Pepperell, and Governor Wentworth, was *Bray*, an early ship-builder. Among the first settlers of this town came NICHOLAS BRAY, who sometime lived at Cape Elizabeth, and subsequently in the town of Minot. He probably came here about the same time as the Caswells, and was connected with that family by intermarriage. Relatives are still living in Poland. Mr. Bray, now under notice, was in the war of the Revolution for seven years, and endured great suffering from exposure and engagements. He opened a clearing on the ridge, one or two lots above the first settler, viz: John Carsley's. In 1800 he owned Lot No. 8, in Range 2, then in Otisfield, which comprised what has since been known as the "Old Bray Farm," the place since owned by William Hill, where a few years ago the buildings were burned by lightning. Mr. Bray was born in March, 1752, died February 5, 1843, and was buried in the F. W. Baptist Cemetery, near his home. He had married twice and had issue as follows:

1. SOLOMON BRAY, son of Nicholas, was born in Minot about the year 1774; came to this town with his

father, as early as 1800, and in that year paid taxes on Lot No. 9, in Range 3. He lived where Newell Trafton now resides, and reared a large family, but afterwards moved to Monson, where he and wife died quite aged. Mr. Bray married Alice Perry, and by her had the following children :

- i. SUSANNA, b. Sept. 24, 1799; m. Otis Harmon June 12, 1826, and settled in Monson, Maine.
  - ii. FREEMAN, b. May 20, 1801; m. Martilla Briggs, of Minot; moved to Monson and had issue.
  - iii. CYRUS, b. May 30, 1802; m. Susan Aldin, of Minot, moved to Monson and had issue—dead.
  - iv. POLLY, b. March 6, 1804; m. Deacon Andrews, of Monson, Me.
  - v. ALICE, b. Nov. 6, 1805; m. James Stinchfield, of Monson, Maine.
  - vi. JANNET, b. April 8, 1807; m. Alexander Cushman, of Monson, Maine.
  - vii. HANNAH, b. April 16, 1809; m. Walter P. Harmon, April 4, 1830, and died in 1875, in Harrison.
  - viii. SOLOMON C. C., b. Jan. 17, 1810; m. Sybel Gowau, and 2ndly a widow —.
  - ix. ROXANNA, b. Oct. 23, 1812; m. Dea. Benjamin Stinchfield, (brother of James) of Monson.
  - x. AXIL, b. Nov. 17, 1814; m. —.
  - xi. SAMUEL, b. March 1, 1817; m. —.
  - xii. EDWARD, b. in 1819; died unmarried.
  - xiii. JULIA A., b. in Monson; m. Nelson Thomas, of said town, and settled there.
2. DEA. EDWARD BRAY, son of Nicholas, was born in Minot, July 6, 1792; married Susanna Hobbs, daughter of Morrill Hobbs, Sr., and settled in this town, on the homestead with his father. He was in the war of 1812. Mr. Bray early embraced religion and united with the F. W. Baptist Church, in Harrison; was chosen one of the first deacons, and associated with Dea. Carsley in that sacred office many years. Dea. Bray believed in spiritual

worship, and was accustomed to exhort after the sermon in Sabbath services; at such times he would shout aloud for joy. When he was a child his mother was insane, and sometimes would carry him into the woods, near the house, and cover him up with leaves and brushwood, while she visited neighbors, or returned to her home, and no one could persuade her to disclose his whereabouts until such time as she saw fit to go and bring him back. Mrs. Bray died March 28, 1866; he died Sept. 21, 1865; they had issue as follows:

- i. MIRIAM, b. May 27, 1815; m. to Simeon Chadbourne, of Harrison—see Chadbourne family.
  - ii. CHARLOTTE H., b. May 2, 1817; m. William C. Hill, and died in town.
  - iii. SUSAN, b. April 17, 1819; m. Samuel W. Chadbourne, and died in town.
  - iv. ANN, b. June 2, 1824; died Sept. 13, 1825.
  - v. SARAH ANN, b. Aug. 2, 1827; died July 13, 1828.
  - vi. EDWARD, JR., b. Dec. 21, 1830; m. Abby Bartlett, and had issue, of whom hereafter. Mr. Bray settled in this town, and is now situated at the village as a painter. His children are *Nellie Grace*, b. Aug. 26, 1861, and *Flora Dell*, b. June 14, 1864.
3. REV. NICHOLAS BRAY, son of Nicholas, was born in Minot, in 1794, (?) married Abigail Bucknell, and lived in this town several years; he subsequently went to Whitefield, N. H., and labored as a Baptist minister. Issue, *Moses, Sephrona, Ruth, Christiana, Lucy, Abigail, Drusilla, Sarah, Martha* and *Samuel*.
  4. POLLY BRAY, daughter of Nicholas, married Obed Mann, of Whitefield, N. H.
  5. FIDELIA BRAY, daughter of Nicholas, married Philip Caswell, of Harrison—see Caswell family.
  6. ANNA BRAY, daughter of Nicholas, married Evans Wilson, of Durand, Me., Sept. 9, 1819.
  7. ——— BRAY, daughter of Nicholas, married Asa Bradford, of Turner, Me.

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8. ———BRAY, daughter of Nicholas, married ———  
Whitney, of Phillips, Me.
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### BURNHAM FAMILY.

They are descended from an ancient English stock through REUBEN BURNHAM, who came from Bolton, Mass., to Bridgton, Me., in 1774; he was killed by a falling tree in 1775. Mr. Burnham had eight children, two of whom settled in this town, viz:

1. ABRAHAM BURNHAM, born in Bolton, Mass., in 1765; married Alice Scribner, of Waterboro', Me., and settled on "Scribner's Hill," in this town, where he reared several children. He and wife (she predeceased him) were buried on his farm. Their children were *Reuben*, *Timothy*, and *Ai*, and some of their descendants are now living. Mr. Burnham died June 24, 1850, aged 85 years.
2. NATHANIEL BURNHAM, born in Bolton, Mass., Dec. 22, 1769; married Nabby Scribner, (sister to the wife of Abraham) of Waterboro', Me., Jan. 24, 1799, and settled on Lot 8, Range 5, in Harrison, the farm now owned by Frank Whitman, situated on the beautiful eminence known as "Scribner's Hill," latterly as "Burnham's Hill." Mr. Burnham was one of the first settlers in town, and some think his house was built (frame house) as early as Nathan Carsley's and James Watson's. He was many years Selectman, and loved to work so well, that when thirsty, he would *run* to the spring and back to his field again. His second wife was Nancy Marshal, of Alfred, Me., whom he married April 30, 1820. He died Oct. 12, 1837, and his wives, Nov. 26, 1819 and Nov. 12, 1866, respec-

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NOTE.—The ancestors of the Bray family came from Gloucester, Mass., to New Gloucester, Me., with the first settlers of that town. One branch settled in Anson, and a son lives in Skowhegan.

- tively. All buried on "Burnham's Hill." Children:
- i. BANI, b. in Harrison, Nov. 12, 1799; married Eliza Haskell, (now living,) in 1820, and settled on "Burnham's Hill." He afterwards emigrated to Dwight, Ills., where he died May 4, 1874, having had issue, *seven* children, as follows: *Jacob H.*, b. Dec. 10, 1820; *Elizabeth H.*, b. Dec. 10, 1823; *Emily H.*, b. April 27, 1828; *Octava D.*, b. March 20, 1834; *Alvin P.*, b. May 15, 1836; *S. Marshall*, b. Sept. 6, 1840; *John*, b. Oct. 10, 1842.
  - ii. REV. LEVI, b. May 8, 1802; m. Deborah C., daughter of Capt. Nephtali Harmon, June 3, 1824, and settled in this town. Elder Burnham was once settled in Limington, as minister, and was actively engaged in his profession for many years; he lived for several years, latterly, with his son, on the "Willard Place," and died in the autumn of 1876—his wife having predeceased him, May 30, 1868; they had children, as follows:
    1. SALLY H., b. June 8, 1825; m. Lorenzo D. Swan, of Woodstock, and d. Aug. 28, 1850.
    2. MAHALA J. A., b. Jan. 8, 1829; m. John Thompson, of Hartford, July 4, 1844.
    3. NEPHTALI H., b. Oct. 7, 1834; m. Harriet N. Stedman, March 3, 1857; settled in Harrison, and has issue, two children, viz: *Lincoln M.*, b. Oct. 15, 1858, and *Bertie M.*, b. July 3, 1863.
    4. NATHANIEL L., b. May 9, 1839; d. July 1, 1852.
    5. ABBIE M., b. March 22, 1845; m. Seth M. Keen, Jan. 21, 1871.
  - iii. MOSES, b. March 21, 1804; m. Lucretia, daughter of John Bucknell, April 17, 1828, and settled in this town, on "Burnham's Hill." He had one son, and died Aug. 4, 1834; his widow married Rev. David Jewell, a Baptist preacher, who has died, and the widow now lives with her daughter, Miss Lucia Jewell, at the village.



- The son, *Albert*, married Melvina McKennie, and resides on his father's Homestead.—Has issue.
- iv. JOHN, b. March 23, 1807; m. Susan, daughter of Dea. Charles Walker, and settled in Jamestown, N. H.—now at Busti—and has issue, several children.
- v. SUMNER, (Esq.) b. Nov. 16, 1805; m. Christiana, daughter of Ephraim Washburn, of Hebron, Me., and had nine children, of whom hereafter. Mr. Burnham resided many years at the homestead of his father, but subsequently exchanged with Frank Whitman, and settled on a large farm in Norway. Mr. Burnham was many years a Deputy Sheriff, and besides serving in all the town offices, was a State Detective during the war of the Rebellion. He has had an active business life, and is now settled in Norway village, as Bank President, and in affluent circumstances. His weight is about 300 lbs. Children: *M. Greenleaf*, who married Christiana Stedman, his cousin, and died leaving three children; *Frances*, who married William Evans, of Portland; *Otho W.*, who married Mabel Bates, of Waterville, and practiced law in Portland—now dead; *Caroline*, who married Henry C. Robie, of Harrison; *Sumner, Jr.*, who died young; *Sumner W.*, *Silas*, *Horace* and *Alice*.
- vi. NATHANIEL, b. Feb. 24, 1812; m. 1st, Mary Mustard, of Bowdoin, and by her had a son *Joseph*, who is now a wealthy farmer in the West, and 2ndly, Olive Sawyer, of Madison, Me. He was stage driver in Eastern Maine, for some years, but subsequently emigrated to Dwight, Ills., where he died April 8, 1870, leaving a widow.
- vii. ABIGAIL, b. July 7, 1818; m. Franklin Peirce, of Harrison. (See Peirce Family.)

- viii. SARAH ANN, b. April 12, 1826; m. Rev. Silas Brackett, and now lives in Dwight, Ills.
- ix. WILLIAM H., b. Feb. 29, 1827; m. Mary Maxwell, of Scottish descent, and 2ndly, Annie ———, by whom children.

### BRACKETT FAMILY.

The Bracketts came from Westbrook, Me. For an account of the ancestors, see "Willis' History of Portland." CAPT. JOHN BRACKETT, a soldier of the Revolution, settled in this town about the year 1810. He located a little below the "Brackett School House," on the "Brackett Road." His wife was Molly Walker, of Westbrook, sister of Dea. Walker's father; she died Sept. 18, 1843; he died Feb. 22, 1844, aged 80. They had children as follows:

1. WALKER BRACKETT, born in Westbrook, in 1796; married Corlista Wight, of Raymond; settled in the "Brackett neighborhood," and had issue. He died in 1871; his widow died in 1875, aged 79 years; their children were as follows:
  - i. SILAS C., b. Nov. 11, 1818; m. Sarah A., daughter of Nathaniel Burnham, of Harrison, and is a Methodist preacher, now living in the West. Children as follows: *Frederick, Franklin P., Alpheus L., Henry C., Peel B., Virgil, Velzora, Josephene, Lovina, Abbie, Corlista, Gilbert M., and others.*

NOTE.—Capt. John Brackett was a man of learning and position; he was a land surveyor by profession, and laid out a great part of the city of Portland. He, at one time, owned one-half mile square of land in what is now the heart of the city, which was sold in about 1800, for \$500. Capt. Brackett had a son *John* who owned a farm in Scarborough; a daughter *Mary*, who married Eleazer Burbank; *Lucy* married Asael Foster, and another daughter whose name does not appear, married Simon Quimby. Capt. Brackett was a Revolutionary soldier, and sickened in the army. Query:—How was this family connected with the Westbrook stock? There are several families in Otisfield and Naples; also in Limerick and Limington. Query:—What connection was the above named Asael Foster to Asael Foster who came from Danvers, Mass., to Bridgton, Me, in 1772, and had sons, *Joseph, Asael, Benjamin, Francis* and *Moody*?

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- ii. POLLY W., b. Aug. 16, 1820; m. Seth Pike, of Norway, May 23, 1844.
  - iii. Nancy C., b. Nov. 19, 1822; m. Alfred Noyes, Nov. 7, 1844.
  - iv. WALKER, JR., b. Nov. 24, 1824; m. Eliza Leach, of Casco; 2ndly, Jennie Hackett, of Salem, Me., and 3rdly, a widow Dresser.(?) His children were as follows, viz: *Ella* and one that died.
  - v. ROXANA, b. —; d. aged 16 years.
  - vi. HARRIET W., b. —; m. Tristram Noyes, Nov. 8, 1849; lives in town.
  - vii. ELBRIDGE, b. —; m. Mary Hunt, of Avon, Me., and went to Minnesota in 1876.
  - viii. BETSEY, b. —; m. Oneal R. Mills, of Bethel; now living in town.
  - ix. CHARLES H., b. —; m. Lois Talbot, of Avon, Me., and lives in Vinalhaven.
  - x. SOPHRONA, b. —; m. Robert S. Lamb, of Harrison; 2ndly, George Shead, of Norway.
2. WILLIAM BRACKETT, born in Westbrook, Me., Aug. 25, 1789; married Sarah Hobbs, Oct. 1, 1811. (She was born July 6, 1792;) settled near the road corners, in the "Brackett Neighborhood"—where his son George now lives—and reared eleven children. Mr. Brackett died Feb. 7, 1865, aged 76 years; his wife died July 31, 1856, aged 64 years. Children as follows:
- i. DANIEL H., b. June 3, 1813; m. Hannah Bennett, of Cumberland, and lives at Freeport.
  - ii. MARY, b. July 3, 1814; m. James Fogg, and resides in Gorham, Me.
  - iii. SYBEL S., b. July 23, 1816; m. George Pearsons, and died several years ago.
  - iv. GEORGE W., b. May 5, 1818; m. Rebecca Bailey, of Bridgton, May 17, 1842; (she was b. Oct. 21, 1818) and settled on the homestead. Mr. Brackett has been a Selectman. His children are as follows:

1. CHRISTIAN L., b. Jan. 3, 1844; d. Oct. 26, 1858.
  2. SARAH A., b. June 6, 1849.
  3. PAMELIA A., b. Aug. 24, 1851; m. George A. Hall, June 27, 1872.
  4. EMIL S., b. June 25, 1854.
  5. GEORGE E., b. June 16, 1857.
  6. LIZZIE E., b. Aug. 30, 1859.
  7. MARTHA E., b. Aug. 26, 1864.
  - v. LOUIS P., b. Nov. 26, 1819; m. William Perley, of Harrison.
  - vi. JONATHAN H., b. Feb. 19, 1821; m. Elizabeth Bennett of Cumberland.
  - vii. SARAH, b. April 14, 1824; m. Artemus Mason, of Bethel.
  - viii. ANN M., b. Sept. 26, 1825; m. Woodsum Mason, of Bethel.
  - ix. LUCRETIA, b. April 7, 1826; m. Moses Cobb, of Westbrook.
  - x. ELLEN, b. Feb. 20, 1830; m. Leander Barker, of Bethel.
  - xi. EMELINE, b. Dec. 22, 1833; m. — Dunn, of Bethel.
3. ENOCH BRACKETT, born in Westbrook, Me.; married Arminta Caswell, of Harrison, Sept. 21, 1818, and settled near "Brackett's Corners," in this town. He was somewhat eccentric, but acquired a good property—had issue as follows:
- i. ELIZA, b. —; m. Amos Small.
  - ii. EDNAH, b. —; m. David Sawyer.
  - iii. JOSEPH, b. —; m. — Lowell.
  - iv. FANNIE, b. —; m. Daniel B. Sawyer.
4. JOHN BRACKETT, born in Westbrook, Me.; married Martha Ann, daughter of Edward Lowell, Sr., of Harrison, and settled on the "Bolster's Mills" road, not far from "Caswell's Corner," where he now lives. Mr. Brackett married, 2ndly, Sanborn, 3rdly, Stevens. Issue as follows, viz: *Amos, Horace, Merrill, Llewellyn, and Emma.*

5. CHATMAN BRACKETT, born in Westbrook, Me.; married Amanda Wight, and settled in Casco. Children—*Joel, Elizabeth Jane, Ann and Charles.*
6. ELIZA BRACKETT, born in Westbrook, Me.; married John P. Lowell, of Harrison, Jan. 27, 1824.

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### CHAPLIN FAMILY.

The ancestry of this numerous and distinguished family is traced back to Bradford, Yorkshire, England. The New England stock are descended from a Puritan who was driven to Leyden, in Holland, and came thence to Massachusetts, with the Rev. Ezekiel Rodgers, May 29, 1639. The first Bridgton and Harrison families came from Rowley, Mass., about 1788. They are noted for great size, many having weighed 300 lbs.

1. JACOB CHAPLIN, son of John, was born in Rowley, Mass., April 13, 1782; married Miriam Jackson, in 1807, and settled in that part of Harrison that has since been taken off to make the town of Naples. Mr. Chaplin separated from his first wife, and married 2ndly, Dec. 18, 1835, Susan Kimball, by whom, as also by first wife, he had issue. It is evident that Mr. Chaplin was of Mormon proclivities, from the fact that he lived with two women at once, each bearing children at nearly the same date. His children were as follows:
  - i. MONTGOMERY, b. in April, 1808—d. young.
  - ii. CHARLOTTE, b. in 1813; m. Sept. 23, 1827, to Reuben Doughty, of Naples.
  - iii. LOUISA.
  - iv. BENJAMIN, b. Aug. 4; lives in Harrison, on the farm formerly owned by the Foster brothers, and has several children.
  - v. JACOB, JR., b. in 1816.
  - vi. WILLIAM, b. in Sept., 1818.
  - vii. RICHARD J., b. April 4, 1820; m. Laurietta Mayhew, (her mother was a daughter of Edmond Nason, of Standish,) and settled in Naples.

Mr. Chaplin has a fine farm, and deals extensively in lumber and stock. No issue.

- viii. GEORGE W., b. Sept. 4, 1823.
- ix. HENRY J., b. Dec. 5, 1827.
- x. MONTGOMERY, b. June 8, 1828.
- xi. DAVID, b. Nov. 23, 1830.
- xii. PHILENA, b. May 11, 1832.
- xiii. THOMAS J., b. Oct. 16, 1833.
- xiv. ELIZABETH, b. June 13, 1842.

A part of the last seven reside in Naples, but I have no records or particulars.

Jacob Chaplin had brothers who once lived in the south end of Harrison; one of them, the father of Hon. Caleb Chaplin, of Harrison village; but there are no records on the town books. As that part of the town was early taken off to form Naples, these families more properly belong to the history of that town, consequently I leave details to future genealogists.

### CHADBOURNE FAMILY.

All the Chadbornes in New England are supposed to be descended from Humphrey Chadbourne, who, according to Dr. Farmer, came to this country "on the invitation of Sir Ferdinando Gorges and Capt. John Mason." Hubbard refers to him as the "chief of the artificers," and says he "built the Great House at Strawberry Bank." He afterwards removed to South Berwick, Maine, then a part of Kittery, where, in 1643, he purchased of *Rowles*, sachem of the Wichawanoeks, a large tract of land. He represented Kittery in the Mass. Gen. Court, in 1657 and 1659, and in 1662 he was appointed an Associate Judge for the County of York. He died in Berwick in 1666, after a residence in this country of about thirty-five years. Descended from him through Humphrey, William, Humphrey, was

1. JAMES HOBBS CHADBOURNE, ESQ., who was born in 1766; married Dorcas Whitmore, and came to

Harrison as early 'as 1811. He had several brothers, among whom was Capt. Silas, of Gorham; Rev. Levi, a Baptist minister; Rev. William, a Baptist preacher, and several sisters. Mr. Chadbourne located on the old Howard place, since known as the "Stanley place," situated on the road that leads from Newell Trafton's, to Bolster's Mills village. He was a tailor by trade—learned his trade with his eldest brother, Silas—was a Deacon of the Congregationalist Church, of Harrison; many years a Justice of the Peace; several years Town Clerk, and served in many other positions of trust. He was a man of candor, practical sense, executive ability and firmness; a real gentleman of the old school, and was highly esteemed by his towns-people. He died in Harrison, Sept. 12, 1846, aged 75 years and 7 months. His wife died Nov. 8, 1846, aged 75 years and 9 months. Their descendants, as far as known, are as follows:—Children—

i. SAMUEL WHITEMORE, b. in 1790; m. and was cast away upon Campo Bello Island. His memorial-stone, in the F. W. Baptist cemetery, bears the following inscription: "Samuel W. Chadbourne, who was cast away on Campo Bello Island, and perished on the night of Feb. 14th, 1817, aged 27 years. He was an amiable man, esteemed and lamented by all who knew him; he had been happily united in marriage five months when it pleased God to separate them, but not forever, having given them a lively hope that through the sufferings and righteousness of Christ, they should meet to part no more." His remains were removed from their original resting-place, on the Island, to make way for a road, and were buried in the yard before named. The curious free-stone monument that had been erected at his grave, was brought into town with his body and re-erected where it now stands.

ii. PHEBE, b. June 12, 1791; m. to Aaron Kimball, of Bridgton, and is now living in Boston.

iii. CHARLOTTE, b. Sept. 4, 1793; m. to Lyman Nutting, of Otisfield.

iv. COL. JAMES, b. June 23, 1796; m. Mercy A.,

- daughter of Samuel Scribner, of Harrison; settled in Waterford, and had issue—*Whitmore, Scribner, Charles, William* and others, whose names do not appear.
- v. RUFUS, b. June 20, 1798; m. Mahala, a daughter of Jonathan Moors, of Otisfield; settled in Waterford; subsequently emigrated to Wisconsin, where he died. His children were *Granville, Albion, Marcena, Mahala, Julia, Horace, Frederick* and *Fernando*; the latter were twins.
- vi. GARDNER, b. Oct. 24, 1800; d. when an infant.
- vii. GARDNER, b. July 17, 1802; m. Betsey A., daughter of Isaac Hall, of Gorham, and resided for several years in his native town; he subsequently moved to Lincoln, Me., m. a second wife, and had a family of children, of whom *Martha* and *Mary* survived; several d. young, whose names do not appear.
- viii. WILLIAM, b. May 26, 1805; m., 1st, Sarah, a daughter of Abraham Burnham, of Harrison; 2ndly, Sarah Moors, (sister of the wife of his brother Rufus,) and 3rd, Martha Stevens of Sweden. He settled near the homestead of his father; is a farmer by occupation; has long been a member of the Congregationalist church; is a candid, honest man, and lives highly respected. His children are *William Burnham, Sarah Jane* and *Elizabeth*.
- ix. CHARLES, b. June 10, 1808; d. young.
- x. SIMEON C., b. June 11, 1809; m. Miriam, daughter of Dea. Edward Bray, of Harrison, and settled in Waterford; subsequently he emigrated to the West. Children as follows:
1. CHARLES H., b. Aug. 14, 1834.
  2. SUSAN, b. March 8, 1836.
  3. GEORGE, b. Sept. 15, 1838.
  4. JOSEPH, b. Nov. 22, 1840.
  5. EDWARD, b. ———.



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6. PHEBE, b. ———.
- xi. HUMPHREY, b. Nov. 1, 1811; m., 1st, Jane Wight, of Otisfield, and 2ndly, ——— Libbey (?). He lived for some years in Harrison, but ultimately went to Molunkus. Children as follows:
1. JANE W., b. Dec. 20, 1841.
  2. DANVILLE S., b. Nov. 6, 1843.
  3. HARRIET L., b. July 28, 1844.
  4. HENRY W., b. April 19, 1846.
  5. JOSEPHENE R., b. Jan. 9, 1848.
  6. HUMPHREY J., b. Oct. 30, 1849.
  7. ADELLIA, S., b. Aug. 3, 1851.
  8. IRENE H., b. Oct. 13, 1854.
  9. SAMUEL W., b. Feb. 10, 1857.
- xii. JANE H., b. March 7, 1860.
- xii. DORCAS, b. April 13, 1817; m. to Nathan Nutting, of Otisfield, brother of Lyman.
- xiii. SAMUEL W., b. March 17, 1817; m. a daughter of Solomon Bray, of Harrison, and for many years resided in town. He emigrated West a few years ago. Mr. Chadbourne was a great horse-breaker and driver; had a son *Cyrus*, now in the West.

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### ANOTHER FAMILY.

BENJAMIN H. CHADBOURNE, son of James, of Sanford, was descended from Humphrey, the first ancestor, through John, who was sometime of Kittery, but who settled in Sanford. This Benjamin had brothers, *Levi*, *George* and *Nathaniel*. He married Polly Powers, sister of Nathan Powers, and daughter of the Mr. Powers who married the widow of Samuel Harmon, of Sanford. He came to Harrison as early as 1807, and settled on the north-west side of the "Hobbs Hill," on land now owned by Stephen Whitney. The house was on the road that leads from the head of Anonymous Pond to the Baptist Meeting House, and the cellar may still be seen. Mr. Chadbourne was a

mason by trade; a man of gigantic powers, and has been known to carry *two bushels* of grain on his shoulders several miles. He made a journey from Sanford to Harrison on foot, when old, took a violent cold, and died Sept. 5, 1844. His children, eleven in number, were as follows:

- i. **LOWELL P.**, b. Aug. 14, 1807; m. Darliska, daughter of Samuel Willard, of Harrison, (see Willard family) and died in 1844-48. His widow married to Daniel Scribner in 1848. Had one son.
- ii. **JAMES M.**, b. July 5, 1809; m. Ruth, daughter of Nicholas Bray, and went to Whitefield, N. H. He afterwards returned to Harrison, and thence to Amesbury, Mass., where his descendants reside. No records of children.
- iii. **HANNAH H.**, b. Nov. 18, 1811; m. to Jeremiah Moulton, of Sanford, and lived there.
- iv. **BENJAMIN H.**, b. Oct. 4, 1813; m. Jane Chase, of Edgecomb, and settled at Lancaster, N. H., where he kept a store, and filled the office of Deputy Sheriff. He afterwards went to Illinois, and during the war of the Rebellion sympathized with the South.
- v. **THOMAS W.**, b. Nov. 23, 1816; m. Emma D. Arnold, March 10, 1858, and resided in Rockland or Boothbay. He was Policeman and High Sheriff in 1858; afterwards m. a second wife and removed to Boston, where he was engaged in business with John Holman, his brother-in-law.
- vi. **NATHAN P.**, b. June 27, 1819; no other information.
- vii. **MARY W.**, b. Sept. 28, 1821; died unmarried.
- viii. **DEBORAH H.**, b. April 13, 1825; m. John Holman.
- ix. **SARAH P.**, b. May 5, 1827; d. in the East.
- x. **ALFRED H.**, b. April 7, 1830; went to St. Johnsbury, Vermont, and learned the moulders' trade, in the employ of the "Fairbanks' Scale

Company," and afterwards served as clerk for a Steam-mill Company, there. He subsequently went South, and espoused the Rebel cause, served in the Southern Army, and returning, went into business with his brother-in-law, John Holman.

- xi. DORATHY S., b. Aug. 8, 1862; no particulars.

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### CARSLEY FAMILY.

This family is descended from an old French stock, who spelled their names "*Chastelai*" before coming to America. They are not connected with the *Casleys*, of England, as proved by recent investigation, although the ancestors of the New England family, no doubt, had for several generations resided in England. Three brothers, Edward, John and William, moved from the town of Scituate to Barnstable, Cape Cod, in 1639; and from the first of these descended John and Ebenezer Carsley, who came to Gorham, Me., about 1760; their families were among the so-called "New Lights" in that town; a people that were very zealous, religiously, and are said to have departed from the "Standing Order," to evade payment of the parish tax. JOHN CARSLEY, born in Barnstable, Mass., about 1740, married Mercy Freeman, April 5, 1764, and settled in Gorham, where he reared a large family, as follows:

1. MARY CARSLEY, b. in Gorham, Feb. 23, 1765; m. James Watson, (see Watson family) of said town, and with her husband came to Harrison, among the first settlers—probably the second white woman in town.
2. JOHN CARSLEY, JR., son of John, was b. in Gorham, Aug. 19, 1766; m. Martha Crockett, of said town, April 16, 1790, and was *the first settler in Harrison*. His "clearing" was on the "Ridge," near his brother Nathan's, on the opposite side of the road from the residence of our townsman, Mr. George Cummings. Mr.

Carsley died in 1823, and was buried in the F. W. Baptist cemetery, where his grave-stone bears the inscription, "the first settler in Harrison." He had issue, and some of his descendants are supposed to be living in Eastern Maine.

3. NATHAN CARSLY, son of John, b. April 9, 1767; m. Susie, daughter of William and Elizabeth Cotton, of Gorham, (she was born April 17, 1766) in 1791, and settled on Lot No. 136, of Range 1, in Harrison. He built a camp and worked with his brother John in clearing land, in the autumn of 1792, but returned to Gorham and remained until March, of 1793, when, with his wife, drawn on a hand-sled on the crust of snow, he made his way from his native town, through the wilderness, to this town. Here they remained and made their maple sugar, and in their rude camp their first child William—the first child born in Harrison proper—was born; its mother being the first white woman in town. It was then a custom to give the first male child, born in a township, a lot of land consisting of 100 acres; and it is said Mr. Carsley's object in bringing his wife into town so early, and under such circumstances, was to secure the "gift lot" for his child. They returned to Gorham, and remained there until after the birth of their second child, when they came back and settled permanently in a rude log-house, near where Mr. Carsley afterwards erected his frame house, which is thought to have been the *first* built in town. I have taken great pains to get at facts relative to this matter, and conclude that James Watson, brother-in-law of Mr. Carsley, built his framed house *first*. The tradition prevailed in town that the boards with which the Carsley house was covered, were carried on men's shoulders from the bank of Long Pond, but this is incorrect. Deacon Seth Carsley, a brother of Nathan, drew the boards from Waterford with a four-ox team, down the pond on the ice, as also the brick for the chimney. Mr. Carsley endured deprivations and severe hardships, during the first years of his residence here. The bears and coons destroyed his growing

corn, and much of his subsistence had to be taken by hunting. He frequently carried a bushel of corn on his back to "Ray's Mill," crossing Crooked River on a log. He was once setting a bear trap, in company with his son, and several times warned the lad to be careful and not get into the trap; but when he had nearly completed his work and was about to start homeward he caught his foot under a bush and fell back into the trap himself, and the long teeth penetrated his leg so deeply that he was ever after a cripple. Mr. Carsley was a Deputy Sheriff, Selectman, and served in many positions of responsibility in his day. He was a man of firmness, prudence and uprightness; an extensive farmer for his day, and died April 27, 1855, his wife having predeceased him, Sept. 20, 1853. They had issue as follows:

- i. WILLIAM, b. April 14, 1793; m. Esther, daughter of David Fogg, of Gorham, (she was b. Nov. 4, 1794) July 2, 1823, and settled in Harrison, not very far from his father's. Mr. Carsley was born in a "sugar camp," *the best accommodations* the town afforded at the time. The expectation of his parents was, that he would be the legal claimant of the "gift lot," in town, but he was born in Otisfield, before Harrison became a town, and others saw the light, in the former town, previously; hence William did not succeed. He lived where his son David now lives, and carried on a large farm. Mr. Carsley d. Sept. 20, 1866, leaving a widow (now—1876—living) and five children as follows:
  1. NATHAN, son of William, b. Jan. 6, 1825; m. Mary E. Newcomb, (see Newcomb family) Aug. 4, 1852, and settled near his wife's father's, at the center of the town. Mr. Carsley is a carpenter and builder, and owns a small mill; he also carries on a farm. One child named *Lizzie*.
  2. BERTHIA D., daughter of William, b. Feb. 15, 1826; m. Oct. 21, 1861, to Andrew Chase, of Lynn, Mass.

3. WILLIAM V., son of William, b. Sept. 12, 1827; m. Augusta, daughter of Samuel Smith, of Bridgton, and settled as carpenter and builder at the village—now in feeble health.
4. DAVID F., son of William, b. Oct. 26, 1829; m. Annie, daughter of Jonas Cummings, of Harrison, (see Cummings family) and settled on the homestead farm. He has three children, as follows:
  - i. WILLIE E. b. Feb. 28, 1867.
  - ii. ANNIE L., b. June 13, 1868.
  - iii. GEORGE P., b. Sept. 23, 1869.
5. MARY J., daughter of William, b. March 15, 1831; m. Peter Hodgdon, of Gorham, in 1869, and went to that town to reside. They are now living at Harrison village.
  - ii. SETH, 2ND, son of Nathan, b. in Gorham, March 12, 1796; m. Asenath, sister of Jonas Cummings, of Harrison, (she was b. in Topsfield, Mass., March 23, 1804. See Cummings family.) Oct. 15, 1822, and settled on the "Pond Road," where Lowell Foster now resides. He sometime lived in the village, where Samuel Hardy now lives. Mr. Carsley m. 2ndly, Polly Pitts, of Harrison, (see Pitts family). He carried on mills at the village, and was a celebrated plow maker, when wooden plows were in use; he also invented a machine to manufacture shoe-lasts and hat-blocks, and made a journey to Washington, D. C., in a gig, to secure his patent, (the document, bearing date April, 2 1830, is now in possession of his daughter, Mrs. Whitney, of whom hereafter) and returned with his papers, bearing the autographs of Andrew Jackson and Martin Van Buren. Mr. Carsley emigrated to Deerfield, Warren Co., Pa., in 1838, where he erected mills, and engaged largely in lumbering business; this undertaking proving unsuccessful, he engaged in mill-building for others. He erected his house on the banks of the Alleghany River, and there being no bridges near, he invented a self-propelling ferry-boat, supposed to be the first one known; the boats were carried

across the stream by the current which ran against them obliquely. This proved a "paying investment." Mr. Carsley died in May, 1852, and was buried at Tidioute, Pa. He had children as follows :

1. BETSEY, b. Jan. 5, 1825; m. James Whitney, of Harrison, and has issue—(see Whitney family.)
2. SYBILLAN, b. Aug. 25, 1828.
3. INFANT daughter, b. Jan. 29, 1830.
4. DAVID C., b. March 20, 1832.
5. SILAS R., b. Feb. 20, 1836.
6. SAMUEL H., b. Aug. 3, 1837.

By second wife, *Clark, Silas and Horace.*

- iii. BETSEY, daughter of Nathan, I, b. Nov. 7, 1797; m. April 25, 1824, Morrill Hobbs, Jr., of this town, and afterwards to Almon Packard; she lived to a good old age.
  - iv. BERTHIA, daughter of Nathan, I., b. Oct. 25, 1802; m. May 31, 1827, John Dawes, of this town, and is still living near the village—(see Dawes family.)
4. BENJAMIN CARSLEY, son of John, born in Gorham, Sept. 23, 1769; married and settled in this town, on the "Pond Road," where Capt. James Ross now lives. He was a carpenter and builder—a powerful man, who could drink "full bumpers of the ardent" without apparent effect. He subsequently moved to Pownal, where he lived to an old age. He married two wives, whose names do not appear, and had issue, eight children, as follows :
- i. HARRIET, b. in Gorham, Dec. 28, 1800; now an inmate of the "Old Ladies' Home," in Portland.
  - ii. GEORGE, b. Nov. 8, 1802; a mute.
  - iii. FREEMAN, b. March 18, 1805; m. Aug. 31, 1834, Martha H. Phinney, of Gorham, and had issue.
  - iv. MARK, b. Aug. 7, 1807.
  - v. CHARLES, b. Sept. 19, 1810.
  - vi. MARY, b. Oct. 11, 1812.
  - vii. LORENZO, b. Feb. 5, 1814; m. Betsey Bishop, and had issue as follows: 1. *Abbie M.*, b. Sept.

- 1, 1843; 2. *Henrietta*, b. Nov. 20, 1844, (m. Freeman Bean.) 3. *Eunice M.*, b. Sept. 26, 1859; died young.
- viii. MERCY, b. Aug. 7, 1816; m. in Portland.
- ix. AL, b. in 1818.
- x. REUBEN, b. in 1820.
5. BERTHIA CARSLY, daughter of John, was born in Gorham, Feb. 6, 1772; died the same year.
6. ISAAC CARSLY, son of John, was born in Gorham, Feb. 17, 1773; m. Jan. 18, 1797, Jennie Moshure, a lady of French descent, and resided for a short time in this town. He was a carpenter and builder; in old age moved eastward—probably to Wilton—where he died, having had a family, named as follows:
- i. JAMES, b. in Gorham, Jan. 28, 1798; m. May 8, 1822, Eliza Lincoln, and had issue, four children, (all born in Gorham) as follows: 1. *Abigail P.*, b. Jan. 11, 1823; 2. *William L.*, b. March 4, 1825; 3. *Royal L.*, b. Jan. 6, 1828; 4. *Eliza*, b. Aug. 8, 1831.
  - ii. LOUISA, b. in Gorham, May 13, 1801; m. Mr. Charles Davis, of Farmington, Me.
  - iii. JANE, b. in Gorham, 1803; m. Sylvanus Davis, of Farmington, Me.
  - iv. ISAAC, JR., b. in Gorham, in 1805; m. in Wilton, Maine—name of wife not known.
7. JOSIAH CARSLY, son of John, born in Gorham, Oct. 7, 1774, of whom no other information.
8. DORCAS CARSLY, daughter of John, born in Gorham, Jan. 26, 1781; married.
9. DEA. SETH CARSLY, son of John, born in Gorham, Me., July 18, 1782; married Jan. 22, 1809, Susanna, daughter of Moses Whitney, of Gorham, and settled in Harrison. He purchased of Thomas Perley, of Boxford, Mass., in 1805, Lot No. 20, 1st Range, 2nd Division, then a part of Bridgton; this land was conveyed to "Seth Carsley of Gorham, laborer," for \$400. The deed was witnessed by John and Israel Perley. Mr.



Carsley built his *first* house in Bridgton—or on that side of the road which *was* a part of Bridgton—but subsequently bought land on the Otisfield side, and built the *present* house. He early united with the F. W. Baptist church, (one of its original members) was chosen a deacon, and served in that office faithfully during the remainder of his life. He was a man of honesty and integrity, and was widely known and highly esteemed for his straightforward deportment, and sincere piety. His acquaintance with his denomination was extensive; he had listened to the preaching of Benjamin Randall, Joseph White, David Marks and many other early ministers. He retained his faculties in old age, and at the time of his death, which occurred March 27, 1874, he was the oldest man in his town; his wife predeceased him, Dec. 16, 1873; their children, seven in number, were as follows:

- i. MARIA, b. Feb. 2, 1810; d. July 29, 1839—unmarried.
- ii. SUSANNA, b. Dec. 18, 1811; m. June 13, 1833, to Stephen Blake, and died Oct. 9, 1848.
- iii. EDWARD P., b. March 25, 1815; lived at home with his parents, and has never married.
- iv. NATHAN, b. April 20, 1817; m. Elizabeth Whitney, his cousin, in 1842, and settled in this town. He worked as carpenter and farmer, and had issue as follows: *Emily A.*, b. July 16, 1843—dead; *George F.*, b. Nov. 20, 1845, and *John E.*, b. Oct. 18, 1848—dead.
- v. JOHN, b. July 16, 1820; m. Adaline, daughter of Timothy Blake, of Gorham, in 1842, and d. at his father's house, July 19, 1847, leaving one child, *Charles B.*, b. Oct. 1845; d. Jan. 23, 1846.
- vi. MARY A., b. Feb. 21, 1823; m. Stephen Blake, (who had m. her sister) and d. in Harrison, March 19, 1867.
- vii. RICHARD P., b. April 13, 1826; m. Oct 7, 1851, to Caroline M. Hayes, and resides at Newton, Mass. He is a carpenter by trade; has had

issue, two children, viz: *Edmond*, who d. young, and *Harriet*.

10. EUNICE CARSLY, daughter of John, born in Gorham, April 30, 1784; married.

### CASWELL FAMILY.

CASWELL, is said to be a French surname. Savage calls it "*Caswell* or *Cassell*." They are distinct from a family from Scotland who spell their name *Carswell*. The first known ancestor of this family was THOMAS CASWELL, of Taunton, Mass., one of the early settlers of that town; from him have descended numerous branches, now represented in several states. ALEXIS CASWELL, President of Brown University, was descended from the same ancestry at Taunton. A son of the THOMAS before mentioned, STEPHEN by name, was father of SIMEON CASWELL, who came from Taunton, to Minot, Maine, thence removed to Harrison, in 1797, and was ancestor direct of the families of that name, in that town and Bridgton. Mr. Caswell was born in Taunton, Mass., March, 1763; married Miss Rachel Staples, and died Oct. 21, 1844. He probably came into town with the Bray family, and cleared a farm at the north-east part of the town since known as "Caswell's Corner." He was rather short but heavy built, with dark complexion. He was a Revolutionary soldier. Mr. Caswell had issue, eleven children, as follows:

1. PHILIP CASWELL, born in Taunton, 1786; married Phila Bray, (probably of Minot)—she was born Jan. 28, 1789—in 1811, and settled at "Caswell's Corners," in Harrison. He was a good farmer, and served in several town offices. Mr. Caswell died Feb. 4, 1874, aged 88 years; his wife predeceased him, Sept. 30, 1868. Children as follows:
  - i. MARY A., b. May 4, 1812; m. to Enoch Haskell, of Harrison, June 29, 1833.

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- ii. MARQUES D. P., b. Aug. 29, 1814; m. Lucinda Cilley, of Gorham, Jan. 4, 1843; settled on his father's homestead as farmer and blacksmith; is the *shortest* man in town, save one, and has had issue, as follows:
1. DAVID E., b. June 7, 1844; m. Hattie, daughter of Daniel Haskell, of Harrison, in Oct., 1875, and lives at "Caswell's Corner."
  2. MARQUES E., b. May 17, 1846; d. July 14, 1849.
  3. CYNTHIA H., b. Dec. 14, 1847.
  4. MILLARD M., b. May 12, 1850; m. Hattie, daughter of Isaiah Webb, of Bridgton, in which town he works as a machinist.
  5. ALBERT B., b. Feb. 13, 1855; unmarried.
  6. CORNELIA F., b. Feb. 26, 1857; unmarried.
  7. CLARA M., b. May 12, 1859; unmarried.
- iii. EBENEZER S., b. March 15, 1815; m. Emily Lee Barron, of Albany, in 1846, and resided for several years in this town. He now lives at Bridgton, where he works as painter and carpenter. Children as follows:
1. MELISSA J., b. Nov. 3, 1847; m. to Ansel Harmon of Bridgton, July 28, 1867, and d. May 8, 1873.
  2. ELLEN M., b. Dec., 1849; m. Albert C. Bangs, July 29, 1869.
  3. JAMES F., b. July 7, 1852.
  4. EDGAR M., b. Aug. 9, 1854; m. Emma Hayden, (?) Sept. 7, 1875.
  5. ATTLEY M., b. April 1, 1857; unmarried.
  6. IDA E., b. Jan. 22, 1859; unmarried.
  7. LILLIAN, b. Aug. 21, 1862; unmarried.
- iv. ARMINA, b. Feb. 9, 1818; m. James Edwards, of Otisfield, (?) in June, 1848.
- v. FIETTA, b. July 10, 1819; m. to Thomas Haskell, of Harrison, in Jan., 1844.
- vi. ROSILLA, b. June 7, 1825; m. Henry Haskell, of Harrison, in Jan., 1850.
- vii. ABEL A., b. Jan. 18, 1822; d. July 14, 1824.

viii. ALFRED, b. Jan. 18, 1828; d. Aug. 1, 1831.  
Philip Caswell had *thirty-two* grand-children.

2. FANNY CASWELL, b. Dec. 2, 1788; m. Robert Lamb, of Otisfield, and is now living in this town.

3. SIMEON CASWELL, b. Feb. 1, 1790; m. Lydia Whitney, and settled on the Sweden road, about one mile above North Bridgton village. He and his wife were buried near their home; they had issue, two daughters and a son, as follows:

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| i. RACHEL,   | } I have no particulars. |
| ii. ABIGAIL, |                          |
| iii. SIMEON. |                          |

4. MARQUES D. CASWELL, born in Minot, Oct. 30, 1791; married Sally Nutting, of Otisfield, in 1818, and settled at "Caswell's Corner," in Harrison, where he now lives a very active, well preserved man for one so old. His children, six in number, are as follows:

i. NEWELL N., b. May 13, 1819; m. Elizabeth Gethercole, (of English parentage) Dec. 30, 1847, and resides at Harrison village. Mr. Caswell owns lumber and grain mills, is a good mechanic, and a very quiet and highly respected citizen. His children are as follows:

1. EMILY E. b. March 24, 1849.

2. HOLLIS, b. May 22, 1861.

ii. FRANCIS B., b. March 28, 1821; m. Eunice Russell, and settled in Bridgton, where he kept a fancy goods and jewelry store, in company with his brother. He, Mr. Caswell, carried on carriage manufacturing, and has been Selectman. He m. 2ndly, Abbie Scribner; has son, *Franklin*.

iii. LYMAN, b. Sept. 29, 1824; m. Mary Hancock, and carried on carriage building, at Harrison village, till his death.

iv. ARVILLA, b. Aug. 9, 1827; m. Edward K. Whitney, of Harrison, Oct. 29, 1848.

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- v. FIDELIA, b. July 8, 1830; m. Samuel Gray, of Harrison—now a widow at the village.
  - vi. John H., b. May 6, 1833; m. Elizabeth Whitney, of Harrison, and settled at Bridgton, where he keeps a jewelry store.
  5. BETSEY CASWELL, b. June 24, 1795; m. to Josiah Whitney, in the year 1826.
  6. LIBEUS CASWELL, b. March 16, 1797; m. Polly, daughter of John Woodsum, of Harrison, Oct. 24, 1820, and settled where Mr. Farnham now lives, in 1836, having sold his farm previously at "Caswell's Corner." He died in 1856. Children as follows:
    - i. MARY A., b. April 26, 1821; m. to Silas Stiles, of Bridgton, and went to Aroostook County.
    - ii. JOHN W., b. Oct. 31, 1822; m. Mary E. Purington, Feb. 23, 1851, and settled at Harrison village, where he manufactures wire. Mr. Caswell owns a fine residence. Children as follows: *Isabella, Elizabeth, Mary, Affie B., Wallace, Charles A., Frederick, and Franklin.* All unmarried.
    - iii. JANE, b. Jan. 3, 1825; m. John Coffin; 2nd, William Smith; 3rd, David Yarrington—now in the West.
    - iv. LIBEUS A., b. Aug. 30, 1826; d. June 12, 1827.
    - v. ADALINE, b. May 27, 1828; m. to Irish Fogg, and lives in this town.
    - vi. LIBEUS A., b. March 15, 1830; m. Louisa Loomis, and now lives in Iowa.
    - vii. DAVID J., b. March 9, 1832; m. Isabella Frost, went to Iowa and thence to Nebraska.
    - viii. EMMA C., b. May 31, 1835; m. two brothers, viz: Mark and William Morton. In New Haven, Conn.
    - ix. ABBY F., b. March 17, 1838; m. to Simon Libbey.
    - x. ZILPAH A., b. July 28, 1840; m. Wentworth Stuart; 2ndly, John Gardner, and lives in Boston.

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7. ZEBINA CASWELL, born Feb. 13, 1800; married Dorcas A. Haskell, Sept. 22, 1822, and settled near "Caswell's Corner," next house below his brother Libeus'. Mr. Caswell was a man of information, erudite, urbane in manners, and highly respected. He died in Waterford, in 1875, and was buried at "Caswell's Corner," in this town. Children as follows:
- i. ALMON, b. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ii. JULIA A., b. \_\_\_\_\_; m. to Cyrus Baker.
  - iii. CATHERINE, b. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - iv. ALBERT, b. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - v. STEPHEN, b. \_\_\_\_\_; m. and lives at South Waterford. He is a merchant.
8. ARMINTA CASWELL, born Feb. 16, 1802; m. to Enoch Brackett, Sept. 22, 1822. Lives in town.
9. ALANSON CASWELL, b. May 13, 1804; no particulars.
10. THOMAS J. CASWELL, b. in April, 1806; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Buntin, in British Provinces, and now resides at Calais, Milltown. He has one son and six daughters. I have no records.
11. HADASSAH CASWELL, b. Dec. 6, 1808; never married.
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### CUMMINGS FAMILY.

THOMAS CUMMINGS, b. May 11, 1768; came from Topsfield, Mass., about 1810, and settled on the hill where the town farm is now situated. Mr. Cummings was descended from an ancient family in Topsfield, in England, and lived a neighbor to the Kneeland family before coming with them to Harrison. He had a large family. Children:

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NOTE.—There are several other large families of Caswells in Maine, supposed to be descended from brothers of Simeon, the first ancestor of this family. I have the names of several that were married in Turner, Maine.

1. JONAS, born June 9, 1798; married Nancy Piper, July 2, 1829, and lived in Harrison, where his son George now lives. Mr. Cummings died about 1870. Children :
  - i. DORCAS A., b. May 10, 1830.
  - ii. ZIBEAH B., b. Jan. 27, 1832; d. March 22, 1850.
  - iii. ALBERT F., b. April 20, 1835; now living on the Bolster's Mills road.
  - iv. GEORGE H., b. Aug. 27, 1838; m. Sarah Ferguson, and lives on the homestead place. Mr. Cummings is a progressive, public spirited man; has served in the town offices.
2. FOSTER, born Aug. 23, 1800; married Lucy, daughter of Samuel Scribner, of Harrison, and lived in town. Mr. Cummings eventually went West where he was killed. He had four children, viz: *Nathaniel, Albion, Caroline*, and one daughter that married Samuel Miller.
3. ASENATH, born March 23, 1803; married Oct. 15, 1822, Seth Carsley, 2nd, and died many years ago.
4. NABBY, b. April, 1808; m. Peabody Kneeland.
5. LOUISA, b. June 27, 1809; never married.
6. ELIZABETH, b. Dec. 21, 1811; married Sept. 27, 1832, to Samuel Gray of Harrison, and died Aug. 15, 1867.

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### DAWES FAMILY.

The family are presumed to be of English descent. Several families were early in Massachusetts. The Harrison family came from Duxbury, Mass. JOSEPH DAWES and wife, Mary Cushing, settled in the town of Minot, about 1790, and probably went there with the families of *Sampson, Packard* and *Howard*, as those came from Massachusetts, to this town, through Minot. Mr. Dawes came to this town about 1802, and with his son, cleared the farm where his grandson and great-grandson now live. Mr. Dawes had one son born in Duxbury, Mass. His

first wife died July 22, 1789, and he married 2ndly, —, by whom he had two children. He died in this town, March 27, 1833. Children as follows:

1. CUSHING DAWES, son of Joseph, born in Duxbury, Mass., Aug. 2, 1775; married Mary Packard, (she was born in Duxbury, Mass., Feb. 11, 1780) in Minot, Me., Nov. 27, 1800, and soon after came to this town. He settled with his father on the farm where the family have ever since lived. Mr. Dawes died Sept. 13, 1853, aged 77 years. His widow died May 24, 1874, aged 94 years. Their children were as follows:

- i. NANCY, b. in Minot, Dec. 8, 1801; m. Bucknell Scribner, of Harrison, Oct. 11, 1821, and died Oct. 3, 1823, aged 21 years.
- ii. JOHN, b. in Harrison, April 21, 1803; m. Berthia, daughter of Nathan Carsley, (she was born Oct. 25, 1802) May 31, 1827, and settled on his father's old farm, where he now lives. Mr.

Dawes has always been a public-spirited man, and has filled many positions of trust in his town; has been Selectman and Representative; is Justice of the Peace, and Deacon of the F. W. Baptist Church. Mr. Dawes has issue as follows:

1. SAMUEL H., b. Sept. 18, 1828; m. Lucy A. Adams, of this town, Jan. 19, 1851, and now lives on the "Old Dawes Farm." He is an active business man, and has acquired competency. Mr.

Dawes has built a magnificent residence on the hill, overlooking the village, and has done much to beautify the grounds about his house, making it a very attractive place. Children—*Annie* and *Cora*.

2. NANCY, b. Nov. 8, 1831; m. Galen J. Deguio, of Portland, Jan. 19, 1854.
  3. SILAS C., b. Sept. 15, 1840; m. Addie Frye, of Lewiston, Me., Nov. 24, 1863, and now lives in Toledo, Ohio. He is General Agent for the "Union Life Insurance Company," of Cincinnati, Ohio. He has two sons.
2. BELA DAWES, born in Harrison, Jan. 6, 1793; mar-



ried Eunice Walker, (see Walker family) Oct. 21, 1819, settled in Harrison, and had issue, of whom hereafter. Mr. Dawes died in 1870, aged 77 years. His children were as follows :

- i. ELIZA, b. March 12, 1820 ; m. Benjamin Wheeler, May 1, 1849—lives in this town.
- ii. SOPHIA, b. July 7, 1822 ; m. John Simpson, of Saco ; 2ndly, Frederick Le Barron.
- iii. CALVIN, b. Feb. 5, 1826 ; m. Susanna Newcomb, of Harrison, Jan. 4, 1853.
- iv. ORIN, b. Jan. 18, 1828 ; d. Sept. 1, 1831.
- v. LEVI, b. May 24, 1830 ; m. Angeline ———.
- vi. ALANSON, b. June 23, 1833 ; m. Melissa Wheeler, (sister of Benjamin, before named) and settled in this town. He has had a small farm, and worked in the wire factory—now living at the village. Has children as follows: *Leman, John, Nellie, Lillie and Addie.*
- vii. LOIS, b. July 28, 1836 ; d. March 19, 1844.

### EMERSON FAMILY.

MICHAEL EMERSON came from England, early in the 17th century and settled in Mass., where he reared a family from whom descended WILLIAM EMERSON and THEODORE, brothers, who came from Methuen, Mass., the former in 1772, the latter in 1779, and settled in Bridgton, Maine, and became the ancestors of the Emersons in that town and Harrison. WILLIAM EMERSON was born in 1748, married Elizabeth Myrick, a Welsh lady, and died in 1827. "He was by nature," says Marshall Cram, "singularly fitted to aid in the settlement of a new country ; he had a strong constitution, great powers of endurance, cheerful spirits and a kind heart." He had issue, six sons and seven daughters, of whom one settled here, viz :

•NOTE.—This Dawes family is descended from the same ancestry as Congressman Dawes, of Massachusetts.

1. MAJ. JACOB EMERSON, b. in Bridgton, in 1776; married Mary, daughter of George Thoms, of Gorham; (see Thoms family) purchased of Enoch Perley, Lot No. 12, in Range 1, of the 20th Division of lots, then (1797) in Bridgton. He bought, 2ndly, in 1807, Lot No. 12, in Range 3, of the 2nd Division, of Thomas Perley. The deed was witnessed by Sarah Wood and Mary Perley, and acknowledged by Moody Spofford, Justice. Mr. Emerson purchased, 3rdly, of Thomas Perley, of Boxford, Mass., Lot No. 13, in Range 3—the deed of conveyance witnessed by Sally Wood and Sally Warren, and acknowledged by Stephen Peabody. Mr. Emerson erected a house on the first mentioned lot, and lived there while clearing land, some three years prior to his marriage. He sold this to Israel Harmon, who sold to George Hanscomb, who sold to Solomon Newbegin, who sold to Thomas Lakin, present owner.

Maj. Emerson was collector in 1806; Selectman for about ten years, and Representative for 1823–25–27 and 1829. He was Ensign in the old militia, but on account of political views, was superseded by Benjamin Foster, who was promoted to Captain. But in the following autumn Emerson was appointed Quartermaster, and afterwards commissioned Major of the 2nd Regiment, of the 1st Brigade, 12th Division, Maine Infantry; this commission he resigned in 1816, when E. Mattoon was Adjutant General. He joined the "Oriental Lodge" of Freemasons at North Bridgton, in 1806, and received the degree of Master Mason. He was Justice of the Peace for many years, and served in many positions of trust, always sustaining the confidence reposed in him, and proving himself an able man of his school. He was naturally grave, and of few words, but kind hearted and honest. He was detached for service in the war of 1812, but excused because of sickness in his family. Major Foster, of Bridgton, killed a moose on the day of Mr. Emerson's birth, and he (Emerson) used to say "I remember well that mother had moose-meat for dinner the day I was born." He lived respected and died deservedly lamented, Aug.

7, 1865; he was buried on the hill a little way north of his residence. His issue was as follows:

- i. MARY, b. May 1, 1806; m. Sewall Berry, of Sweden, and is now a widow in Saco.
- ii. GEORGE, b. Sept. 17, 1807; resides on the homestead with a maiden sister. Never married.
- iii. AMOS, b. May 5, 1809; was drowned in a brook in Carmel, Me., 1835, while in a fit.
- iv. LYDIA, b. Dec. 21, 1810; d. June 1, 1826.
- v. ROBERT, b. Nov. 5, 1812; d. Oct. 18, 1813.
- vi. ROBERT, b. May 26, 1814; went to sea and was never afterwards heard from.
- vii. NANCY, b. Oct. 16, 1816; resided at home with her brother George. Never married. Died in 1870.
- viii. WILLIAM, b. Feb. 17, 1819; was a blacksmith, and died in Portland, Oct. 8, 1844.
- ix. SILAS, b. April 24, 1821; went to California in 1841.
- x. CARLOS, b. Nov. 10, 1823; m. Orissa Bryant, of "Howe's Hill," Paris; removed to Illinois, thence to California, where he now lives.
- xi. LOVINA K., b. May 4, 1825; m. Elias Hanscomb, of Lyman, now resident of Biddeford.

## FOSTER FAMILY.

The FOSTERS are of English derivation and came to Massachusetts about 1640. They were intermarried with the *Peabodys* and *Perleys* previous to the coming of those families to America, and while residents in Massachusetts; as well as since their settlement in Maine.

ASAEL FOSTER came from Danvers, in the year 1772,

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NOTE.—I have complete records of the older generations of the Emerson family and collateral branches, which belong more properly to the history of Bridgton, and will be kept in anticipation of the published records of that town; a work which I sincerely hope some competent hand will soon undertake, and avert their destruction by fire, as were the Proprietors' Records of that township. AUTHOR.

and first settled at a place in Bridgton, since known as "Heusborough"—Lot No. 4, Range 19. He built the first frame house in Bridgton, and his wife was the first married woman that settled in that town. Mr. Foster died in Feb., 1820, "from the kick of a horse," aged 71 years, having had issue, *eleven* children, named as follows: *Joseph, Asael, Benjamin, Francis, Moody, Lucy, Mary, Sarah, Joanna, Rebecca, and Mehitable.*

1. BENJAMIN FOSTER purchased land of Thomas Perley, then in Bridgton, now in Harrison, bordering on Crooked River, and near the land of Maj. Emerson. Here he had a rude camp and worked clearing land several years previous to his marriage; he afterwards erected a frame house, and married Nancy Veasey, of Denmark. He planted twelve acres of corn on burnt land, the first year of his residence in Harrison. Some years after his marriage, and when the population of his town had increased, Mr. Foster built a small grocery and "grogerly," which was continued many years. The store was the place where many curious scenes were enacted. Being near the course of the river, the drivers resorted thither, where they could *wet* the *inside* to correspond with the *outside*.

At one time one of the lumber-drivers feigned sick, and one "Old Doctor Black" was called to Mr. Foster's to prescribe for him. While there the Doctor was invited to take some of the "ardent," which to refuse in those days, would have been considered a transgression of the rules of propriety; consequently he shared in the "flow of the bowl," and was soon as merry as the merriest. Now the Doctor had a white-faced horse, and Capt. Foster had a white-faced steer; and when the Doctor had become so intoxicated as not to discriminate, the drivers changed the saddle and bridle from the horse to the steer, and placed the Doctor upon his back. The poor frightened creature was not acquainted with such a harness, and raising his tail high in the air, bellowed, and dashed down the yard, precipitating the "medicine man" headlong into the mud.

Capt. Foster was once camping in Bridgton, when an old horse, belonging to a neighbor, kept eating from his hay-stack. The owner was requested to take care of the horse, again and again, but took no heed. Coming in from the woods one evening the old horse was found eating from the Captain's hay. Without any delay, Foster commanded one of the men to hold the horse, when, going into the camp for a brand of fire, he made it fast to the horse's tail, and giving him a smart cut with a stick-sent him dashing down the road. The running of the horse through the wind, caused the fire to burn more brightly, frightening him more and more, and he never ceased his running until he reached his owner's barn, and stood trembling before the door. It may be unnecessary to say that the horse never returned to trouble Captain Foster's hay.

I have now to relate the most curious and sad affair (perhaps) in the experience of Mr. Foster, and one which occurred in his early years.\* He had been on an evening visit to his "intended," and was returning, when he stumbled upon a huge bear. The bear made for him at once, and to escape, Foster made haste to climb a small tree—one which he supposed too small for the bear to hug. But he soon saw her bearship coming up after him. He climbed as high as he dared to, lest his weight should break the tree. The bear took his heel in her teeth, tearing away the slipper and flesh, and losing her hold fell to the ground. Foster then supposed his danger past, but he was again disappointed. She had no sooner recovered her feet than she climbed the tree again, this time tearing the flesh away from his heels, clean to the bones, and both man and bear fell to the ground, the tree breaking. Mr. Foster was "top of the heap" when they struck the ground, and ran with all his might toward his home—the bear did not follow—and was so wild with fear that he did not feel the pain of his feet until going through

\*This adventure did not occur after his removal to the east side of Long Pond. Mr. Foster was reared near the line, between Bridgton and Denmark, consequently had not far to go. I give the tradition as related by his own family.

a field of rye stubble, which, pricking the mangled flesh, caused him severe distress. He was made a cripple for life, and probably considered his bride a costly prize. Capt. Foster died in Harrison, at the advanced age of 84 years, having issue, *eight* children, as follows :

i. AMOS P., b. Oct 11, 1804; m. Annie Knight, of Otisfield, and settled in Harrison. He was a farmer by occupation, living where Samuel Pitts now lives, on the "Pond road." Mr. Foster removed to Otisfield, some years since, where his wife died in 1869. They had issue as follows :

1. BENJAMIN, son of Amos, and grandson of Benjamin, m. Susan E. Clark, settled on his father's homestead, and has two children—*Rose* and *Clara*.
2. ABIGAIL, daughter of Benjamin—died young.
3. ANN, daughter of Benjamin, now living with her father—unmarried.
4. KATE, daughter of Benjamin, m. to Dexter Andrews, of Otisfield—now living in Norway.

ii. BENJAMIN S., b. June 25, 1806; m. Esther Cushman, Jan. 15, 1832, settled in Harrison, on the homestead place of his father, and d. April 14, 1867, having had issue, *three* children, as follows :

1. CYRUS K., b. Jan. 12, 1832; m. Mary E. Mellow, Nov. 12, 1860; settled in Harrison, on land of his father's, and had issue—*Cora E.*, b. July 17, 1861; *George F.*, b. Jan. 14, 1864; *Nellie W.*, b. Aug. 28, 1865, and one infant—all dead.
2. EZRA T., b. May 11, 1834; m. Marilla Mellow, 1861; settled in Harrison, in same house with his brother Cyrus—no issue.
3. CHARLES W., b. Feb. 3, 1836; m. Frances A. Libbey, Feb. 8, 1859; settled on the homestead place of his father; removed to Bridgton, and is now preaching the gospel, and working as carpenter. He has issue, *three* children, as follows :

*Susie S.*, b. June 25, 1865; *Charlie*, b. Oct. 10, 1866, and *Nellie L.*, b. July 20, 1868.

- iii. ABIGAIL L., b. May 25, 1808—no other information.
- iv. THOMAS V., b. Dec. 17, 1810; m. Mary Ann Phinney, June 8, 1828, and 2ndly, Alwilda G. Foster, (his cousin) Nov. 29, 1850. Mr. Foster settled in Stoneham after a short residence in Harrison, and has speculated in land and horses—has had issue, five children, as follows :
  1. STEPHEN, who m. Emma Robinson—now dead.
  2. EMELINE, m. ——— Purington, of Lynn, Mass., —now dead.
  3. ABIGAIL, m. to Eben Leach, of Portland—living.
  4. ADALINE, m. to Augustus Barker.
  5. MARTHA, m. to Frank Rowell, of Harrison.
- v. NANCY, b. Aug 25, 1813; no more information.
- vi. VALENTINE LOWELL, b. Aug. 7, 1815; m. 1st, Julia Scribner, 2nd, Ellen Blake, and 3rd, Susan Newcomb. He resides in Harrison; is a farmer by occupation, and has issue, six children, as follows :
  1. JOSEPH, b. March 1, 1843; m. Hannah Edson, of Harrison, and resides in that town.
  2. ALBERT, b. July 9, 1845; d. Jan. 11, 1847.
  3. MARY, b. Dec. 12, 1847; m. ——— Hamblin.
  4. FRANK.
  5. ELLEN, and one other.
- vii. GEORGE, b. in 1817; m. Ann Osgood, of Bridgton, now a land speculator, resides in Portland, Me., and has issue, four children, as follows : *Clinton, Arthur, Rose and Emma.*
- viii. JOSEPH, son of Benjamin, and brother of George, as above, d. when a young man, at home.

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NOTE.—The Fosters of South Bridgton, and in Eastern Maine, (Vassalboro') are descended from the same stock, through *Asael, Francis* and *Moody*, who, as before mentioned, were brothers of Capt. Benjamin, of Harrison. The celebrated "trapper and hunter," whose name is frequently seen in Maine papers, connected with daring adventures in the backwoods, is a relative.

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### GAMMON FAMILY.

I have not ascertained where this family originated. They were in town very early, and it is thought the Naples families are connected. I shall give the names and dates as found in the records.

JOHN GAMMON, and Mary, his wife, were probably here as early as 1800; they had children as follows:

1. NATHANIEL H., b. Sept. 18, 1799.
2. BETSEY, b. Dec. 24, 1800.
3. SALLY, b. May 1, 1802.
4. HASTY, b. May 19, 1804.
5. WEMAN, b. Sept. 21, 1805.
6. JAMISON, b. Oct. 5, 1807.
7. HANNAH, b. March 22, 1809.
8. NEWELL, b. May 22, 1811.
9. ABIGAIL, b. Nov. 19, 1812.
10. MARY ANN, b. May 2, 1814.
11. OLIVE, b. June 9, 1816.
12. JOANNA, b. Feb. 19, 1819.

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### GILSON FAMILY.

They came from Groton, Mass. The surname is Scotch. Burk regards the family as very ancient. SIMEON GILSON, of Groton, had a large family, and several of his children settled in this town.

1. LEVI GILSON, son of Simeon, was born about 1770; married Sybell Lakin (cousin of that Joseph who settled in Sebago, and became ancestor of the Lakins in this town) and came to Harrison in March, 1803. His first dwelling was in the north of the town, where Isaac Hall now lives. Mr. Gilson married for his second wife, Philena, daughter of John Bucknell, and by her, as also his first wife, he had children. He and his brother Peter, and John and William Gammon, were set off in a

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NOTE.—*John and William Gammon lived on the road that leads to Bolster's Mills.*



school district by themselves in 1812. Mr. Gilson died in 1830, and was laid by the side of his wife on "Scribner's Hill." Children :

- i. LEVI GILSON, eldest son of Levi, 1, born in Groton, Mass., Jan. 14, 1795; came to Harrison with his parents when eight years old, and married Sally Carter, sister of Otis Carter, and settled on "Gilson's Hill," where Major Stewart now lives. He was a farmer, and had *two* children, as follows :
  1. CHARLES, who m. Adaline Fogg; went South and committed suicide.
  2. GEORGE, who m. and went South.
- ii. SYBELL GILSON, second child of Levi, 1, was b. in Groton, Mass., Dec. 29, 1796; m. Zenas Pool, of Greenwood, Me.
- iii. JACOB GILSON, third child of Levi, 1, was b. in Groton, Mass., Feb. 25, 1799; m. Sally, daughter of "Colonel Wood," of Groton, and settled in this town. Mr. Gilson has been blind more than fifty years, and endured great suffering. He cannot distinguish between light and darkness, and yet he can find his way in any part of the town unassisted; he has also cultivated a small farm, and finds his fields and woods, guided by wires stretched upon stakes from his door. In early life he embraced religion, and has ever sustained a devoted christian deportment. His wife d. in 1876, leaving him with one child, *Sybell*, on the town-farm.
- iv. ROXANNA GILSON, fourth child of Levi, 1, was b. in Groton, Mass., Oct. 28, 1800; m. William Pool, brother of Zenas, before mentioned, of Greenwood.
- v. ABEL GILSON, fifth child of Levi, 1, was b. in this town, Sept. 2, 1803; m. "down east," and after a few years started for New Hampshire, and stopped a night with his sister, in Greenwood, and was never afterwards heard from. It is thought his wife knew his whereabouts as she left a few years

subsequently, as suddenly as he had done—probably to join him.

- vi. MARY GILSON, sixth child of Levi, 1, was b. in town, Sept. 17, 1804; m. March 18, 1827, to Jeremiah Cummings, of Poland.
  - vii. JONATHAN GILSON, seventh child of Levi, 1, was b. Feb. 16, 1806, and m. Almira Harris, of Minot.
  - viii. LUCY GILSON, eighth child of Levi, 1, was b. Sept. 25, 1807; d. young—unmarried.
  - ix. SANDERS GILSON, ninth child of Levi, 1, was b. Aug. 14, 1809. No other information.
  - x. SUSANNA GILSON, tenth child of Levi, 1, was b. Aug. 30, 1812. No other information.
  - xi. SCRIBNER GILSON, eleventh child of Levi, 1, was b. Aug. 14, 1814.
  - xii. SARAH ANN GILSON, twelfth child of Levi, 1, was born Sept. 17, 1816.
  - xiii. PARKER GILSON, b. June 21, 1818.
  - xiv. LUCY GILSON, b. Aug. 1, 1820.
2. TIMOTHY GILSON, whose wife's name was *Sally*, was a brother of Levi, 1. He settled in this town, and remained here from 1803 to 1812—possibly longer—but returned to Massachusetts and died there. His children, born here, were as follows:
- i. CELESTIA, b. March 10, 1805.
  - ii. ALPHEUS, b. Feb. 7, 1807.
  - iii. EDWARD, b. Sept. 6, 1809.
  - iv. SALLY, b. June 3, 1812; m. Clement Randall, March 5, 1840.
3. PETER GILSON, a son of Simeon and brother of *Levi* and *Timothy*, before mentioned, settled in town contemporary with his brothers, and built a saw-mill and grist-mill on Crooked River, below where Bolster's Mills were afterward built. He was a man of enterprise and public spirit and served in several town offices. He returned to Massachusetts, and became a wealthy man. His children, born in this town, were as

follows: *Jane, Rachel, John, Robert, Samuel, Eunice* and *Pattie*.

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| 4. SIMEON,<br>5. LUCY,<br>6. BETSEY, | } | These three children of Simeon remained<br>in Groton, Mass. |
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### GRAY FAMILY.

GRAY is an ancient Scottish surname, and ancestors of the line figured extensively in the 16th and 17th centuries in Great Britain; they may be properly called an eminent historical family, and have everywhere been distinguished by great firmness of character. JAMES GRAY, a shoe-maker by trade, came from Beverly, Mass., and settled on land in Bridgton, between the Center and "Hio." He moved thence to Bridgton village, near Benj. Walker's, and carried on his business of shoe-making. He subsequently came to this town and located on the "Pond Road," below James Watson's, where he cleared a farm, and worked at his trade; his house was nearly opposite the brick house built by his son, now owned by Henry Kneeland. Mr. Gray married twice; 1st, Mary Stickney, and 2ndly, Polly Lewis—had issue by the first wife. He died in town. Children:

1. JAMES, married Hannah Thorn, and settled in Sebago, as a farmer, and is now a resident of that town—has issue.
2. NATHANIEL, lives in Danvers, Mass.
3. MARY, married Freeman Whitney, of Harrison. (See Whitney family.)
4. JOSIAH, married Eunice Fuller, and lived at Danvers, Mass.,—now dead.
5. EBEN, never married. Died in Harrison, May 3, 1875.
6. WILLIAM, married Mary Newcomb, Sept. 19, 1830, and settled in this town near the "Newcomb Brook"—the farm now owned by Gideon Records. Mr. Gray emigrated to the State of Illinois, in the year 1870, and is now living there. He had issue, *two* sons.

7. IRENE, married Ebenezer Ingalls, of Bridgton, and is living at Edward Gibbs'.
8. HANNAH, married John Merrow, of Eaton, N. H., and is now living in Harrison.
9. SAMUEL, b. in Bridgton, March 9, 1807; married Elizabeth Cummings, of Harrison, (sister of *Jonas*) Sept. 27, 1832, (she was born Dec. 21, 1811, and died Aug. 15, 1867,) 2ndly, Fidelia Caswell, May 12, 1868, (see Caswell family) and by her had *Lizzie P.*, b. Oct. 4, 1869. Mr. Gray followed farming for many years, and built the brick house on the Pond Road, where Henry Kneeland now lives; he subsequently engaged largely in timber and lumber business, and moved to the village. He died Feb. 21, 1872, leaving a widow and only child.

### HALL FAMILY.

Hall is an English surname, and those who bear it are very numerous in New England.

ISAAC HALL, son of Ebenezer Hall, who was an early settler of Gorham, and who left that town in 1746, on account of the Indian war, was born in said town, May 23, 1770; married Anna Whitney, of said town, May 19, 1791, and removed from Gorham to Harrison in Feb., 1812. He settled on the farm where Isaac Hall, Jr., now lives; his family, at the time of settlement in this town, consisted of a wife and *seven* children. Mr. Hall died Feb. 8, 1831. His children were as follows:

1. MEHITABLE HALL, born Nov. 6, 1793; married Benjamin Jordan, of Norway, in May, 1814, and died Aug. 2, 1851.
2. MERCY HALL, born Jan. 31, 1796; married Capt. Wentworth Stewart, or *Stuart*, settled in this town, and died Oct. 29, 1843. See Stuart Family.

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NOTE.—Albert Gray, Esq., now a prominent citizen of Harrison, belongs to another family.

3. **MARY HALL**, born Oct. 16, 1798; married Solomon Stuart, and is now living in town.
4. **JOSEPH W. HALL**, born June 29, 1801; married Sarah Jordan, of Norway, and settled in this town; he subsequently moved to Lee, Me., thence to Lewiston, thence to St. Paul, Minn., where he now resides. Children: *Albert*; *Emeline*, married Nathaniel Getchell, of Monmouth; *Merrit J.*; *Esther A.*, married Joseph Crockett, of Lewiston; *Harriet E.*, married Rev. Otis Andrews, of New Sharon; *Charles* and *Isaac*, live with their parents—unmarried.
5. **BETSEY HALL**, born March 18, 1803; married Gardner Chadbourne, (see Chadbourne family) and settled in this town; afterwards moved to Lincoln, Me., where she died, some twenty three years ago.
6. **ISAAC HALL, Jr.**, born Oct. 5, 1805; married, 1st, to Betsey Cobb, and 2ndly, Dorcas Titcomb, Oct. 9, 1838. He settled in this town, on the homestead of his father, where he has since resided, an honest, respected townsman. Mr. Hall had issue as follows:
  - i. **ADOLPHUS C.**, b. June 24, 1832; m. Fannie E. Grimshaw, of Galeua, Ills.,—resides at Centralia, Ills.
  - ii. **ROSE A.**, b. Feb. 16, 1835; unmarried.
  - iii. **MOSES E.**, b. July 21, 1842; unmarried—at home.
7. **HARRIET HALL**, born May 4, 1808; died Jan. 17, 1809.
8. **NANCY HALL**, born June 4, 1810; married Jonathan Bucknell, of Harrison, and died July 9, 1855.
9. **HANNAH D. HALL**, born in Harrison, Feb. 21, 1813; married Samuel Stuart, April 14, 1831; settled in Harrison, and died Dec. 23, 1868.
10. **SILAS E. HALL**, born in Harrison, Oct. 2, 1816; married Esther A. Pike, of Norway, in May, 1844; settled in this town, and afterwards moved to Norway, where she now resides.

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### HOWARD FAMILY.

The Howards, of this town, were from Bridgewater, Mass., and are descended from an English branch, of an ancient and distinguished Scottish ancestry. Some doubt exists whether the Harrison Howards are descended from the Howards or Haywards, as there were families of those names in Bridgewater, and both were pronounced alike for many generations. The Howards spelled their names "*Haward.*" The christian names *Barzilla* and *Chloe* are of frequent occurrence in the Hayward family, while I have failed to find them in the early family of Haward. JOSHUA HOWARD,\* married Susan Alger, and had a son JOSHUA HOWARD, who was born in Bridgewater, Mass., in May, 1773, married Chloe, daughter of Samuel Edson, of said town, and settled in Minot, Me., subsequent to 1798. After a few years he came to Harrison, and settled on the farm afterwards owned by Dea. James Chadbourne, now the home of Franklin *Stanley*. He subsequently moved into a log-house, on what was long known as the "Howard Farm," now owned by Jonathan Whitney. At the time Mr. Howard settled on the latter place, the house was without floors, and in the entry was a large *pine stump*, which his wife and her sister demolished with their axes. Mr Howard was a stone-mason, and erected some of our county buildings. He died Sept. 19, 1844, and his widow, Sept. 21, 1857. They had *seven* children, as follows :

1. JOSHUA HOWARD, eldest son of Joshua, was born in Bridgewater Mass., ———; married Eliza Walker, sister of Dea. Charles Walker, Feb. 22, 1821, and settled in Harrison. He served in the war of 1812. He worked as stone-mason and farmer, and died about 1830, leaving a widow (who subsequently, Sept. 9, 1832, married David Woodsum) and *two* children, viz :
  - i. ELIZA, b. Oct. 29, 1821; m. Samuel Abbott, (see Abbott family) and died in 1875.

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\*His widow moved to Harrison and married a Packard.

- ii. JOSHUA, b. April 1, 1826; m. Charlotte, daughter of Ephraim Cook, of Harrison, and settled in his native town as a farmer. He taught school in town eighteen winters. Mr. Howard has been a leading townsman, holding for many years the office of Selectman, and has sat one term in the Legislature. He is a practical agriculturalist and looks toward improvement in all things. Has issue, *five* children, as follows:
1. HENRY, b. Dec. 1, 1846; m. Delia Smith, of Lovell, a widow, and settled as farmer on "Burnham's Hill." He has had *two* children, viz: *Birdie* and *Lottie*.
  2. ETTA, b. June 27, 1848; m. to Dr. Luther Kimball, of Bridgton, and has issue.
  3. ANDREW, b. Aug. 6, 1850; m. Nellie S. Morton, and has issue, one son—*Fred A.*
  4. FREDERICK, b. Aug 27, 1854; m. Ada, daughter of Levi Harmon. (See Harmon's.)
  5. FLORA, b. July 28, 1857—unmarried.
2. ALMON, born in 1793; married Nabby Brown, settled in Waterford, and was drowned at Bridgton, in Feb., 1840, aged 42 years and 5 months. He was in the war of 1812. Children as follows:
- i. JULIA ANN, b. Feb. 24, 1827; m. ——— Gibson.
  - ii. SUSAN M., b. April 3, 1829; m. Charles Goodwin.
  - iii. WILLIAM, b. July 23, 1831; d. young.
  - iv. EDWIN, b. —; d. young—unmarried.
  - v. LEWIS, b. —; d. young—unmarried.
  - vi. ALMON, b. —; d.—unmarried.
3. BARZILLA, married Lucy True, of Livermore, and lives in Bridgton, where he is a stone-mason and marble-worker. He has lost one leg. Issue as follows: *Martha, Page, Sarah, Ellen* and another daughter.
4. SUSAN, b. in 1805; d. Jan. 26, 1831, aged 26.
  5. ELIAS, b. in 1808; m. Ednah Walker, (see Walker family) Oct. 15, 1832; drowned Oct. 20, 1834, aged 26.

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6. EDWIN, b. in 1811; d. Jan. 24, 1833, aged 22.
  7. CHLOE, b. March 13, 1812; m. to John Woodsum, Jan. 1, 1834, settled in Harrison, and has issue.  
(See Woodsum Family.)
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### HOBBS FAMILY.

A family of English descent. Early settlers of Berwick and Waterborough, where the name prevails at the present day. Have been prominent citizens wherever they resided. MORRILL HOBBS came from Waterborough early, and settled where his grandson, REUBEN HOBBS, now lives, on the "Hobbs Hill," and cleared a large farm. He married Miriam Brackett, and had issue, *ten* children, of whom hereafter. Mr. Hobbs died Oct. 20, 1826, aged 70 years. His widow died April 18, 1836, aged 78 years. They were buried in the F. W. Baptist Cemetery. Children:

1. REUBEN HOBBS, born in Waterboro'; married in the East, and died somewhere in the British Provinces. No other information.
2. ABIGAIL HOBBS, born in Waterboro'; married Benjamin Sanborn.
3. HENRY HOBBS, b. in Waterboro'; came to Harrison with his parents; married Jerusha, daughter of Joseph Lakin, (she was born in 1716) of Sebago, and settled on the farm now owned by Mr. Ingalls, a little way above the village, on the Anonymous Pond road. He subsequently moved to the south part of the town, and located where Benjamin Strout now lives, and resided there till his death, which occurred Feb. 18, 1864, at the age of 81 years, 6 months and 21 days; his wife died Aug. 25, 1850, aged 64 years. Mr. Hobbs was a carpenter and builder. His children were as follows:
  - i. CYNTHIA, b. May 6, 1806; m. — Knapp, and lived at South Bridgton.



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- ii. HENRY LEWIS, b. April 30, 1808; went away when young and is supposed to be dead.
  - iii. JERUSA LAKIN, b. Nov. 29, 1810; m. Timothy Barker, son of Jonathan, of Bridgton, Nov. 10, 1831.
  - iv. HULDAH, b. Jan. 5, 1813; m. Calvin Russell, of Harrison—living with her daughter at the village.
  - v. CHRISTIANA, b. Nov. 7, 1815; m. Samuel N. Wilkins, and lived in Newburyport, Mass.
  - vi. MARY, b. June 15, 1819; d. unmarried, Feb. 6, 1869.
  - vii. IRA CROCKER, b. Jan. 15, 1822; d. unmarried, Jan. 28, 1848, aged 26 years.
  - viii. BENJAMIN, b. Aug. 2, 1825; m. Melissa Ann Gould, and died Oct. 17, 1855, leaving *two* children, viz: *Ella F.* and *Annie M.*
  - ix. MIRIAM B., b. March 8, 1829; m. John Woodwell, of Newburyport, Mass.
  - x. MORRILL, b. in 1831; m. Melissa Ann (Gould) Hobbs—his brother Benjamin's widow—went to Chicago, Ills., where he now lives, and has *two* children.
4. MIRIAM B. HOBBS, born (probably) in Harrison, and married Robert Sanborn.
  5. POLLY HOBBS, married Samuel Dike.
  5. SUSAN HOBBS, married Edward Bray, afterwards "Deacon Bray," of this town, and died March 28, 1866, aged 76 years. (See Brays.)
  7. MORRILL HOBBS, JR., b. Feb. 8, 1794; married Betsey, daughter of Nathan Carsley, of this town, July 4, 1820, and settled on the homestead of his father, where he continued till his death, which took place July 31, 1829. Mr. Hobbs was an honest, upright man, and lived respected; he embraced religion a few months before he died and passed away triumphantly. His widow died Dec. 13, 1872, and was buried by the side of her husband in the F. W. Baptist Cemetery; their children were as follows:

i. REUBEN, b. Aug. 50, 1821; m. Mary D., daughter of Buckniell Scribner, (she was b. Aug. 25, 1822) March 8, 1842, and settled on the homestead of his father, on the "Hobbs Hill," and has continued to reside there. Mr. Hobbs is a public spirited man, and has served as Selectman and Deputy Sheriff—the latter for many years. He is an excellent singer, and has been a choir-leader for many years. His children were as follows: *Morrill B.*, b. June 5, 1843, d. Oct. 15, 1867, and *Nancy D.*, b. June 20, 1846—now living at home.

ii. WILLIAM, b. Jan. 26, 1823; m. Eliza Ann Skillings, of this town, and for some years resided at Bolster's Mills, where (having learned the trade of tanner and shoe-maker, with Worthy C. Barrows) he carried on shoe-making. His house was nearly opposite that of Isaac Stewart. Mr. Hobbs, subsequently emigrated to Ripon, Wis., and afterwards to Russell, Kansas, where he now resides, and has a daughter *Elizabeth*, who married and lives at Oskosh, Kansas.

iii. BENJAMIN, b. Aug. 21, 1824; d. Aug. 31, 1825.

iv. BETSEY C., b. July 15, 1829; d. May 18, 1848.

8. CHARLOTTE HOBBS, born in Harrison or Waterboro'; married Benjamin MacAllister, Dec. 20, 1820.

9. JOHN HOBBS, married Joan Whitemore, and settled in this town, nearly opposite of the Charles Thoms place; he afterwards went to the town of Shirley, near Moose-head Lake, and lived there until his death. His children were, *Morrill*, who married and lived in Shirley, and *Colby*, who died unmarried. Mr. Hobbs was a farmer.

10. SALLY HOBBS, married Shepherd Sawyer.

### HASKELL FAMILY.

The Haskells were originally resident in Freeport. ENOCH HASKELL married Mehitable Sweat, of Gorham, and settled near Little Falls, in Windham. They came

to Harrison about 1812, and settled near Bolster's Mills; the old house has been torn down. Mr. Haskell was 94 years old when he died. His wife died in 1849. William Haskell, who once lived where Mr. Seth Keen subsequently lived, was a relative. Enoch Haskell had issue, as follows :

1. DANIEL HASKELL, born Feb. 17, 1805; married Phebe Hicks, and settled in the north part of the town. He had issue :
  - i. LOVINA H., b. Nov. 9, 1838; d.
  - ii. WILLIAM M., b. May 28, 1841; d.
  - iii. GEORGE A., b. Dec. 1, 1844; m. and lives at home.
  - iv. HATTIE E., b. July 4, 1847; m. Erastus, son of Marques D. Caswell, of Harrison.
  - v. EDWIN L., b. Aug. 26, 1849; m.
2. WILLIAM HASKELL, married Hannah Lamb, of Harrison, May 29, 1836, settled in the north part of the town, as a farmer, and had issue, as follows :
  - i. APPLETON, b. Nov. 4, 1837.
  - ii. ALMEDA E., b. June 6, 1843.
3. ENOCH HASKELL, married Mary Caswell, June 29, 1833, settled in Harrison as a farmer, and had issue.
4. SIMEON HASKELL, married Polly Harmon, Dec. 22, 1820, settled in Harrison, and had issue, *Otis, Lydia and Henry.*
5. THOMAS HASKELL, married Armintha Caswell, settled in the north part of the town, as a farmer and painter. He has been a lover of the chase, and for many winters followed hunting and trapping. No children.
6. DORCAS ANN HASKELL, daughter of Enoch, 1st, married Zebina Caswell, of Harrison, Sept. 22, 1822.
7. PATIENCE HASKELL, sister to the preceding, married Moses Moody, Nov. 20, 1825, and 2ndly, Columbus Soule.

8. MARGARET HASKELL, sister to the preceding, married to Ora Hicks, Oct. 29, 1834. Lived and died in Harrison.

### HARMON FAMILY.

The Harmon's were from Sanford, York County, and were among the first settlers in this town; there were three families in town, but one was in no way connected with the other two, as will be seen hereafter. NEPHTALI HARMON, son of Samuel, came into town between 1797 and 1799, purchased a large tract of land of one *Moffatt*, and settled at what has since been known as "Harmon's Corner." Mr. Harmon was active in all matters pertaining to town polity, and was looked upon as one of the "fathers of the town." He was commissioned, by Governor Caleb Strong, to a Lieutenantcy in the 5th Massachusetts regiment, Sept. 26, 1803, and confirmed as Captain in the same department, August 13, 1805. His first dwelling-house was built on the south-west side of the road, just at the road-corners; here he had a black-smith's shop, and carried on business simultaneously, with his extensive farming and lumbering operations. Mr. Harmon married Mehitable, daughter of Rufus Harmon, of Wells—his cousin—about the year 1788. He was born September 15, 1764, and his wife Oct. 8, 1768. Capt. Harmon died Feb. 20, 1844, and his body rests by the side of his wife, in the "Old Willard burying-ground," near where N. Harmon Burnham now lives. They had children as follows:

1. LENDER HARMON, son of Nephtali, was born in Sanford, May 27, 1790; married Lydia, daughter of Daniel Witham, (see Witham family) and settled on what has since been known as "Harmon's Ridge," in Harrison. He was an extensive land owner and farmer, and, like his brothers, an excellent singer. Mr. Harmon married, 2ndly, Nov. 16, 1859, Avesta Dear-

born. Mr. Harmon's children, all by his first wife, were as follows :

- i. MEHITABLE, m. to Tasker Seavy, and had issue.
- ii. SALLY, m. — Hill, of Harrison, and had issue.
- iii. NATHANIEL, m. and lived on the farm adjoining Dea. Seth Carsley's, since owned by Haskell Kneeland. He afterwards lived on his father's homestead until his death. Mr. Harmon had issue, as follows :
  1. HENRY, b. Dec. 4, 1841 ; m. Nellie Richardson, of Naples, and for some years lived on the old homestead, but subsequently sold to his brother and removed to a large farm in Raymond, where he now lives. He has issue—*Harry L., Louisa, Belle, and Bertram.*
  2. CHARLES, b. May 13, 1845 ; m. Hattie E. Wentworth, daughter of Benjamin Wentworth, of Naples ; lives on the homestead, and has issue, *Caddie May.*
  3. EDWARD B. b. — ; unmarried.
  4. EMERY D., b. Dec. 26, 1860 ; unmarried.
2. WILLIAM POWERS HARMON, second son of Nephtali, was born in Sanford, April 9, 1794 ; married Sally, daughter of Samuel Scribner, (see Scribner family) and settled in Harrison. He early embraced religion, united with the Calvinist Baptist church, of which he was clerk from 1827 to 1855, and deacon from 1829 until his death. Deacon Harmon was highly respected for his honesty, uprightness and sincere piety ; was one of the best of neighbors, and one whose word and judgment could be relied upon. He spent *thirty winters* in the logging-swamp, and was considered an excellent teamster. Like all of his family, he was a sweet singer, and for many years was a member of the Baptist choir, in his town. Mr. Harmon married Mrs. Julia Whitmore for his second wife, and died Feb. 23, 1873, leaving her a widow with one child, namely, *Alma C.*, who was born Feb. 9, 1858 ; married Augustus Kneeland, of Harrison, in 1876, and has issue.

3. HARRISON GRAY OTIS HARMON, third son of Nephtali, was born in Harrison, May 2, 1799; married Susan, daughter of Solomon Bray, of Harrison, (see Bray family) and settled in Monson, Me., as a farmer. Mr. Harmon died Nov. 23, 1872, leaving issue, *two* children, viz:
  - i. SUMNER B., b. in Monson; m. to Hannah Scribner, and lives in Monson—no issue.
  - ii. MARY D., who married Andrew Cushman.
4. WALTER POWERS HARMON, fourth son of Nephtali, was born in Harrison, Oct. 20, 1807; married Hannah, daughter of Solomon Bray, (she was born April 16, 1809) April 4, 1830, and settled in his native town. He removed east and remained out of town for several years, but subsequently returned and settled near his father's homestead, where he carried on a farm until the death of his wife, since when, having sold his farm, he has lived with his son at the village. Mr. Harmon has long been identified with the Baptist church, in town, and is a genial, social man. Had issue, as follows:
  - i. LEVI B., b. Dec. 10, 1834; m. Lydia, daughter of Simeon Haskell, resides at the village, is a wire-worker by occupation, and has issue, as follows:
    1. ADA P., b. Jan. 11, 1858; m. to Frederick Howard. (See Howard family.)
    2. JENNIE A., b. Sept. 3, 1862.
    3. EMILY A., b. Jan. 4, 1864.
    4. SARAH F., b. Feb. 19, 1870.
  - ii. SUMNER, b. in Harrison, Nov. 17, 1836; m. Emma J. Huff, of New York, and has issue, one child, namely: *Fleta*, b. Oct. 7, 1867.
  - iii. SARAH S., b. in Harrison, Aug. 15, 1846; m. to Lincoln Walker, and d. in 1876.
5. NANCY HARMON, eldest daughter of Nephtali, was born in Sanford, June 16, 1792; married to William Hayford, of Hartford, and d. June 18, 1851.

6. SARAH POWERS HARMON, second daughter of Nephtali, was born in Harrison, Nov. 3, 1801; m. Samuel Scribner, of Waterborough, and d. April 18, 1846.
7. DEBORAH CHADBOURNE HARMON, third daughter of Nephtali, was born in Harrison, Jan. 6, 1805; married Levi Burnham, (see Burnham family) June 8, 1824, and died May 30, 1868, leaving issue.

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### HARMON FAMILY, No. 2.

Another family of Harmons came into town soon after the preceding one, namely: NEPHTALI HARMON, son of RUFUS HARMON, of Sanford, and who was a brother to CAPT. NEPHTALI HARMON'S wife; and to distinguish the two townsmen of the same name (they were cousins) one was called Captain (and by some "big Nep",) and the other "little Nep." On the family papers the latter was designated "Junior." Nephtali Harmon, 2nd, married Polly Nason, of Sanford, (sister to the father of the two ministers in the Christian connection) and settled where Jonas Cummings subsequently lived, the farm now owned by George Cummings, about two miles south from "Harmon's Corners," and adjoining the *first clearing* made in town, namely, John Carsley's. Mr. Harmon and wife have been dead many years. They had *fourteen* children, as follows:

1. SAMUEL HARMON, eldest son of Nephtali, 2nd, was born in Sanford, Sept. 12, 1791; married Eunice, a sister of John and Zebulon Johnson, and settled in Harrison; he resided in various places in town. He was a most singularly constituted man, sarcastic to an extreme, and possessed of remarkable descriptive powers. His stories—unreasonable as they were—had all the vividness of romance, and will not soon be forgotten by those who knew him. He once came home intoxicated, and so

rich that he thought they *must* have a new set of cooking utensils, and taking the kettles to the door, threw them over the house by the bails. He was once away from home with another man, and lost his neck-comforter. He supposed his companion had stolen it, so secured the services of a sheriff and made ready for legal proceedings, but the next morning found the lost article in his boot-leg, where it lodged after passing down his pantaloons. Mr. Harmon died on the town-farm, in 1876. His wife predeceased him. They had issue, *five* children, as follows :

- i. DAVID, eldest son, went to California, and has not been heard from since.
  - ii. IRA C., second son, settled in Springfield, Me.
  - iii. SAMUEL F., twin to Ira, settled in Springfield, Me.
  - iv. JOHN, m. — Robinson, and lives at Great Falls, N. H.
  - v. HARRIET J., m. — Holt, and lives in Boston, Mass.
2. JOHN HARMON, second son of Nephtali, 2nd, was born in Sanford, in 1793; married Mary Turner, and settled in Harrison, and had several places of abode; usually worked on the land, and died at the house of Mr. Otis Haskell, in 1868. His wife predeceased him. They had *six* children, as follows :
- i. SIMON F., eldest son of John, was born Sept. 18, 1818; m. Abby, daughter of Joseph Edson, and settled in Harrison as a farmer. He has children, as follows: *Austin, Ella* and *Alvin*.
  - ii. SUSAN W., eldest daughter of John, was b. Nov. 16, 1822.
  - iii. JOHN ALLEN, second son of John, was b. Jan. 10, 1824; married Joanna Cobb, and had *two* children, viz: *Etta*, who m. Almon Thompson, and *Emma*, now living in the family of Thoms Ingalls. Mrs. Harmon has long been insane.
  - iv. ELIZA P., second daughter of John, was b. Nov. 16, 1827.



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- v. **ABBY F.**, third daughter of John, was b. Nov. 8, 1830.
- vi. **MARY ANN**, fourth daughter of John, was b. in 1836.
3. **GEE HARMON**, third son of Nephtali, 2nd, was born in Sanford, in 1795, and settled in Harrison, on the "Pond Road," where he now lives, and from where he may frequently be seen driving his "old trotter," fishing on the lines as he jogs along, his tall hat pulled well down over his eyes. He claims to be a *Universaller* and will probably die in the faith. No children.
4. **RUFUS HARMON**, fourth son of Nephtali, 2nd, was b. in Harrison, in 1800, and died young.
5. **ALLEN HARMON**, fifth son of Nephtali, 2nd, went to Minnesota many years ago.
6. **WILLIAM HARMON**, sixth son of Nephtali, 2nd, died when young—unmarried.
7. **NEPHTALI HARMON, JR.**, seventh son of Nephtali, 2nd, was killed by a horse in New Hampshire.
8. **BETSEY HARMON**, eldest daughter of Nephtali, 2nd, married — Stiles, and died in Harrison.
9. **SUSAN HARMON**, second daughter of Nephtali, 2nd, married Daniel Whitney, of Harrison, in 1815—dead.
10. **LUCY HARMON**, daughter of Nephtali, 2nd, married Almon Lewis, May 4, 1828.
11. **HARRIET HARMON**, daughter of Nephtali, 2nd, married — Getchell, and lived in Aroostook county.
12. **JOANNA HARMON**, daughter of Nephtali, 2nd, married — Hall, and lived in Waterborough.
13. **POLLY HARMON**, daughter of Nephtali, 2nd, married Simeon Haskell, Dec. 20, 1820, in Harrison.
14. **PELENA HARMON**, daughter of Nephtali, 2nd, is thought to have died unmarried.
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NOTE.—Israel Harmon was in Harrison early. William Harmon, the Musician; Asa, the Shoe-maker; Israel, late of Windham; Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. Dodge, were of another descent.

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**INGALLS FAMILY.**

They were descended from an old family in Andover, Mass., and were early settlers in the town of Bridgton. ISAIAH INGALLS came to Bridgton in 1779, and by two wives had a large family. STEPHEN INGALLS, eldest son of the preceding, was born in Andover, Feb. 28, 1778, married a Kilbourn, (sister to Capt. William Kilbourn, sometime of Harrison) and settled on the Pond Road, near the homestead of Col. Amos Thoms. I am not provided with full particulars relating to this family.

1. EZRA THOMS INGALLS, settled on the old homestead, and is now living. Mr. Ingalls has been Selectman of his town, is a prominent member of the Methodist church and Justice of the Peace, a highly respected and worthy citizen, and prosperous farmer. His children, so far as known, were as follows :
  - i. HON. MELVILLE E., who is a Rail Road official, residing in Cincinnati, Ohio, also a lawyer.
  - ii. RICHARD M., a physician, in East Boston, Mass.
  - iii. PASCAL, a physician, in Boston, Mass.,—dead.

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**ANOTHER FAMILY.**

2. SPOFFORD INGALLS, son of Asa and Patience Ingalls, was born in Bridgton, July 7, 1776 ; married Lydia, —, (who died March 20, 1847) and had children as follows : He afterwards came to Harrison, married Sophronia Witham, June 25, 1848, and located near where the old Witham house now stands, in the east part of the town.
  - i. DAVIS L., b. Nov. 13, 1823.
  - ii. SARAH J., b. April 12, 1825.
  - iii. THEODORE, b. Aug. 26, 1827, now living on the stage-road, about one-half mile from Harrison village—a farmer.
  - iv. AARON H., b. Feb. 24, 1829 ; lives at So. Bridgton.

v. LUCY M., b. May 28, 1833; d. Aug. 14, 1834.

vi. CHARLES H., b. May 7, 1836.

vii. ROBERT M., b. Sept. 24, 1838.

Mr. Ingalls had a daughter *Sophronia* by his second wife. He married, 3rdly, Tamson Witham, a sister of his second wife. He lived to be old. (See Witham family.)

## JOHNSON FAMILY.

The Harrison Johnsons are descended from John Johnson, who lived near "Fort Hill" in Gorham; he married Eleanor Trickey, then of Westbrook, and had issue, *seven* children, viz:—*David, Zebulon, John, Susan, Rebecca, Eunice* and *Mary*, of whom more hereafter.

- 1- DAVID JOHNSON, married Harriet Gilky, (sister of Joseph Gilky who married his sister Mary) and settled in Harrison, with another brother, on the Zebulon Johnson place (so \*called) but afterwards moved to other parts.
2. JOHN JOHNSON, better known as *Jack*, was born in Gorham, Me., Feb. 8th, 1792; married Mehitable, daughter of George and Lydia Thoms, of Gorham, (she was born Dec. 7, 1792) and sister of the late Col. Thoms, of Harrison, April 16, 1823, and settled on the hill, near the pine grove, above Major Emerson's. He purchased of Daniel Moody, in 1823, fifty acres of land that said Moody purchased of John Davis (or Lewis—the name on the old deed is indistinct) being the easterly part of Lot No. 10, Range 2; also fifteen acres that Moody had of "Emerson and Kilbourn," being the westerly end of Lot 9, in Range 1. There were buildings on this land when Johnson purchased—an old "double house"—situated a few rods back of the present

NOTE.—In the winters of 1806 and 7 there were twenty-seven scholars attending school in district No. 1, Bridgton, bearing the name of Ingalls—all of one generation—brothers, sisters and cousins. *See Cram's Address.*

house, and near the old orchard. There was also a house (perhaps a log-house) in what is now John Johnson's pasture, the foundation of which is quite distinct; who lived there I know not—some say Sanborn, who subsequently lived on land now in Mr. Thoms' pasture. Mr. Johnson was a good farmer, and like most corpulent men, very eccentric and merry. He delighted in sports, and will not be soon forgotten by the younger generations, to whom he related his curious anecdotes. In his latter years his mind became somewhat impaired. He died in his own house, when under the care of his eldest son who succeeded to the estate, having had issue, *five* children, as follows :

- i. SUSAN, daughter of John, 2nd, was b. in Harrison, Sept. 23rd, 1823—dead.
- ii. BERTHIA J., daughter of John, 2nd, was b. in Harrison, Nov. 6, 1825—dead.
- iii. JOHN, JR., was b. in Harrison, Dec. 23, 1827; m. Lovica, daughter of Lewis Rogers, of Casco, Feb. 24th, 1856, and resides upon the homestead place of his father. Mr. Johnson carries on a large and productive farm, and is much interested in raising improved stock. He preserves as family relics a silver brooch and two pairs of silver sleeve buttons, (they are very antique and curiously engraved) that were formerly the property of his grandfather, also, nine very small silver spoons, six of which are marked G. T. L., (George and Lydia Thoms) and three marked L. T., (Lydia Thoms) all of which once belonged to his grandparents on the maternal side. He has been several years deacon of the "Christian Church" in his town—has had issue, *two* children, as follows :

1. NELLIE M., daughter of John, 3rd, was b. in Harrison, July 31, 1858—unmarried.
2. G. IRVING, son of John, 3rd, was b. in Harrison, July 21, 1865.
- iv. DAVID, son of John 2nd, was b. in Harrison, Oct. 29, 1829; some twenty-two years ago .....

went to California, where he owns an extensive ranche.

- v. SUSAN J., daughter of John, 2nd, was b. in Harrison, April 10, 1832; m. to Joseph B. Hathaway, and is resident in California.
3. ZEBULON JOHNSON, a son of John, was born in Gorham about July 1, 1787; married Nancy, daughter of George and Lydia Thoms, of Gorham, (a sister of his brother John's wife) Sept. 5, 1822, and settled upon land bordering on Long Pond, and where he now lives, (the oldest man in town—I think) under the care of his children. He was quite an extensive, hard working farmer, a man of "iron" constitution and indomitable energy. He once "treed" a bear-cub near his home and while a neighbor kept the old one away with a hand-spike, he climbed the tree and knocked the cub on the head; he said that the cub would cry "marm" as plain as a child, when he struck him with the club. Mr. Johnson (whose wife died Sept. 15th, 1873, aged 74 years,) had issue, *eight* children, as follows:
- i. MARY, daughter of Zebulon, 3rd, was b. in Harrison, June 28, 1822—dead.
  - ii. ROBERT, son of Zebulon, 3rd, was b. in Harrison, July 17, 1823; m. Martha Farnham and has long been in Boston, Mass.; he is a superintendent of the South Boston horse rail-road. He has exerted a strong political influence in his district, and was chosen State Senator, by a large majority, a few years since. He married 2ndly, Amanda Simonds. He has had issue, *three* children, viz: *Martha F.*, *Cora B.* and *Jennie M.*
  - iii. LYDIA E., daughter of Zebulon, 3rd, was b. in Harrison, Sept. 25, 1825—living at home.
  - iv. CYRUS C., son of Zebulon, 3rd, was b. in Harrison, March 13, 1828; married Almira Sylvester, of Bridgton; settled in his native town, near his birthplace, is a farmer and market-man, and engaged quite extensively in trading stock—has no issue.

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- v. FRANCIS M., son of Zebulon, 3rd, was b. in Harrison, Feb. 15, 1830; married Helen Clark and settled in Eastern Maine.
  - vi. MARY E., daughter of Zebulon, 3rd, was b. in Harrison, July 24, 1832; d. Aug. 18, 1832.
  - vii. WILLIAM R., son of Zebulon, 3rd, was b. in Harrison, June 24, 1834; m. Frances Edwards, settled on the homestead of his father, and has been largely engaged in trading horses, and marketing, until within a few years, when his health has been precarious. He has no children.
  - viii. JOHN M. B., youngest son of Zebulon, 3rd, was b. in Harrison, May 21, 1837; he early left home and has been in business in Boston several years—is unmarried.
- 4. SUSAN JOHNSON, was born in Gorham, married to Timothy Ayer, of Naples, Oct. 14, 1830. Mr. Ayer's first wife was a Merrill, of Buxton, York Co., and sister to Pattie Merrill, who married to Thomas Ridlon, Sr., of Hollis, in said county; also sister of the mother of Rev. William W. Bryant, late of Kennebunkport, and also sister of the mother of Robert Wentworth, Esq., late of Buxton.
  - 5. MARY JOHNSON, was born in Gorham, Maine; married to Joseph Gilky, of Harrison, and had issue.
  - 6. REBECCA JOHNSON, was born in Gorham; married to Lewis Hanscomb, of Harrison.
  - 7. EUNICE JOHNSON, was born in Gorham; married to Samuel Harmon, of Harrison—yes, she was twice married to him—and had issue.
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### KNEELAND FAMILY.

KNEELAND is an Irish surname, and the family are numerously represented in Great Britain at the present day. The ancestors of the New England families, PHILIP

and EDWARD, came from Topsfield, Essex Co., Mass., (the latter town was named for the one in England) where many of the name were afterwards born. The brothers came here for religious liberty. AARON KNEELAND, son of Philip, was born in Topsfield, in the year 1749, married Hannah Ramsdell—of Scottish descent—and settled in Harrison, Cumberland Co., Me., in 1808. He was brother of DAVID KNEELAND who settled in Bridgton, and who subsequently moved to Otisfield, where his sons, *Asa* and *Ephraim* also lived. Mr. Kneeland located on the farm now owned by James Whitney, near that formerly owned by Thomas Cummings, who had been an old neighbor of Kneeland's. He died Oct. 4, 1833, aged 84; his widow died June 10, 1844, aged 88; their children, all born in Mass., were as follows:

1. DANIEL KNEELAND, born Oct. 23, 1774, lived in Ipswich, Mass., had a daughter married Joseph Andrews, of Harrison. Died May 23, 1861.
2. AARON KNEELAND, born June 27, 1776; married Lucy Hobbs, of Topsfield, Mass., and lived there. Died Dec. 6, 1854.
3. MARY KNEELAND, born March 24, 1778; married George Hobbs, brother to Lucy, before mentioned. Died July 1, 1860.
4. JOHN KNEELAND, born Nov. 28, 1780; married Rhoda Hobbs, of Topsfield—resided there, and died June 23, 1855.
5. MOSES KNEELAND, born Nov. 16, 1782; married Priscilla Peabody (relative of the London banker) and settled in the field back of the present farmhouse of Mr. Needham. He died March 17, 1838, aged 56 years. Mr. Kneeland had a large family, and many of his descendants are now living in Harrison and adjoining towns, but I have no records.
6. EZRA KNEELAND, born Oct. 6, 1784; married Polly — and settled in this town. He subsequently went to the eastward, thence to Albany, where he died May 30, 1868, aged 83 years. Some of his

children and descendants are now living in the adjoining towns, but I have no records.

7. NEHEMIAH KNEELAND, born Feb. 24, 1787; died in infancy.
8. NEHEMIAH KNEELAND, born May 5, 1789; married Polly Goodhue, and lived ten years in this town. He went to Lincoln and lived there eight years; thence with his family and all his effects, drawn by an ox-team, he went into the woods where Topsfield now is, and commenced a farm. With his sons he built lumber-mills, and secured an incorporation, named for his birth-place in Mass., and of his ancestors in England. He lived to see his children—five sons and two daughters—married and settled about him, and his town a populous and flourishing community. He died June 28, 1867, aged 79 years.
9. ASA KNEELAND, born Jan. 20, 1791; married Sally Kneeland, (a second cousin) and lived several years in Harrison. He afterwards moved East and died there. No further information.
10. SIMEON KNEELAND, born Feb. 25, 1793; married Hannah, daughter of Elijah Richardson, of Waterford, and settled in this town, where Perry Russell now lives. He lived in several places; died Jan. 1, 1873; his widow died Sept. 23, 1876; their children, as follows:
  - i. DANIEL, b. July 27, 1820; m. Mary E., daughter of John Kneeland, (his uncle) and had *Mary, Osgood, Esther, Osborn, Harriet, Emily, Amanda, Charles H.,* and *Freeman*.
  - ii. CHARLOTTE, b. Oct. 21, 1821; m. Charles Angier, and 2ndly, George H. Hamblin, of Waterford, where she lives.
  - iii. ESTHER R., b. Jan. 29, 1823; m. Otis Bean, and lives in Worcester, Mass.
  - iv. OLIVER P., b. Sept., 1824; dead.
  - v. OLIVER P., b. Aug. 11, 1825; m. Francis Barker, of Stoneham, settled in Waterford, and



- has issue, *Zenas, Ella*—and by 2nd wife, Caroline Richardson, of Denmark, *Sidney O., Cora* and *Lillian*.
- vi. ELIZABETH E., b. Sept. 23, 1829; m. J. Wales BROWN, of Worcester, Mass.
- vii. THOMAS F., b. Feb. 1, 1831; m. Jane S. Hamblin, daughter of Joshua, of Lovell, and had issue, *Herbert O., Albert S.* and *Delano B.*
- viii. HASKELL P., b. Oct. 14, 1832; m. Marietta Seavy, of Harrison, and lived several years in his native town—now in Bridgton, and has one daughter, *Mertie*.
- ix. GEORGE H., b. July 16, 1835; m. Jane Brown, Aug. 20, 1863; lived with the parents, and now in this town. Issue, *George E.*
- x. GREENFIELD B., b. July 30, 1838; m. Mary Whitney, of Worcester—has *Harry* and *Fredrick G.*
- xi. CHARLES W., b. Aug. 20, 1841; m. Eliza Griswell, of Conn., in 1871, and lives at Bridgton. Issue, *Lillie J.* and *Florence L.*
11. DAVID P. KNEELAND, b. May 24, 1798; m. Mercy, daughter of James Watson, of Harrison, Jan. 21, 1817, and settled in town. Mr. Kneeland has lived on several farms here, and is now living with his son-in-law, Asa Whitney, on the Pond Road, and is the only surviving child of his father. Children as follows:
- i. ALMON, b. June 23, 1817; m. Dorcas Sands, (her mother was Sarah Ridlon, of Limerick) and lives at the village—keeps the “Elm House.” Children as follows: *Amelia M.*, b. June 10, 1842, m. Sherburn Ricker; *David P.*, b. Aug. 21, 1846, m. —, and has issue—*Orlando A.*, b. Feb. 8, 1849, and *Evans*, b. Jan. 9, 1851.
- ii. SETH, b. Jan. 24, 1820; m. Mary Jane, daughter of Simeon Whitney, March 28, 1853, settled near where his grandfather settled, and has issue, *Silas* and *Walter*.

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**KILBOURN FAMILY.**

CAPT. WILLIAM KILBOURN, supposed to be a son of John, one of the early settlers of Bridgton, was settled at the south part of the town quite early—lived between Henry Buck's and where Thomas Lakin now lives; the house has long since been demolished, but there are some apple-trees near, and the cellar remains. Capt. Kilbourn subsequently moved to Bridgton, and lived to a good old age. He married twice; the first wife was Elizabeth Senter, and the second Hannah Martin, of Bridgton; she died in 1875. Capt. Kilbourn's children, born in this town, were as follows:

1. HELENA, born April 8, 1805; died unmarried.
2. ENOS L., born Jan. 30, 1808; married Rhoda Shaw, of Standish, and afterwards committed suicide.
3. THOMAS D., born June 18, 1810; married a Richardson, and is now living in Sweden.
4. JACOB V., born Aug. 4, 1812; married Esther H., daughter of Rev. Joseph Phinney, of Harrison, Nov. 13, 1845.
5. WILLIAM T., born Dec. 20, 1814; died Nov. 22, 1818.
6. JESSE G., born May 8, 1817.
7. WILLIAM T., born May 17, 1819; married a daughter of Benjamin Walker, of Bridgton, and is in business in Portland, Me.
8. SAMUEL F., born June 3, 1821; married Mary, daughter of Rev. Nathaniel Strout, of Casco, settled in Bridgton, and has issue, *three* children.
9. ELIZA A., born Feb. 25, 1824; married Theophilus Towne, and resided in Lawrence, Mass.
10. DEBORAH S., born April 21, 1826; died March 25, 1829.
11. BENJAMIN F. born April 20, 1828; died Aug. 15, 1828.
12. DEBORAH S., born July 25, 1829; died Aug. 20, 1829.

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NOTE.—This family is said to be related to the Farnsworth family of Bridgton. A genealogy of the family may be found in the rooms of the Historic Genealogical Society, Boston, Mass.

## LAKIN FAMILY.

JOSEPH LAKIN came from Groton, Mass., and settled in Sebago. Several of his family settled in this town and their descendants are numerous represented here at the present time. Mr. Lakin married twice—his first wife was Polly Simonds, the second a widow Cole, whose husband had been frozen to death. His children were as follows:

1. JONATHAN LAKIN, born in Massachusetts, married Jane Loring, settled in Harrison and became an independent farmer. Mr. Lakin served in several town offices, lived respected, and reached the age of 92 years, dying in 1872. He had issue as follows:
  - i. JOHN, b. July 15, 1806; m. Charlotte, daughter of Daniel Witham, (see Witham family) settled in the south part of the town as a farmer, and had issue as follows:
    1. AMBROSE, b. in 1839; m. —, now at Harrison village.
    2. RANDALL, b. Sept. 2, 1841.
    3. GEORGE A., b. July 27, 1846.
    4. ANNIE M., b. Sept. 30, 1847.
    5. EMILY, b. —.
  - ii. LORING, b. Jan. 24, 1808; m. Sophia H. Adams, of Sebago, July 10, 1843, and settled near his birth-place, his father's homestead, as a farmer. Mr. Lakin lived with Judge Fitch, in Portland, when young. No children.
  - iii. THOMAS P., b. April 12, 1814; m. Isabel M. Ridlon, daughter of William Ridlon, of Sebago; settled in the south part of the town as a farmer, and has issue, as follows:
    1. ALMEDA, b. April 4, 1848; m. John Wentworth, black-smith, and has issue.
    2. EZEKIEL, b. Feb. 10, 1850; unmarried.
    3. JOSIAH S., b. Aug. 28, 1852; unmarried.

4. JAMES, b. Dec. 28, 1855 ; unmarried.
5. CLARA, b, May 11, 1858 ; unmarried.
6. ANNIE, b. Aug. 18, 1861 ; unmarried.
7. GEORGE, b. June 26, 1867.
8. BRADFORD, b. in 1873.
- iv. GEORGE W., b. March 29, 1816 ; m. Statira Clark, settled in the West, and became quite distinguished. He had issue, as follows : *Fannie, Mildred* and *Charles*.
- v. EZEKIEL, b. April 27, 1820 ; d. unmarried, 1846.
- vi. CHARLES H., b. Dec. 16, 1824 ; m. Virene Merrow, of Harrison, and settled on the homestead place ; he subsequently, however, moved to a farm some distance south, near the "Willoughby Scribner Place," but is now living two miles from the village. No children.
- vii. JANE, b. Feb. 3, 1810 ; m. Capt. James Ross, of Harrison, and had issue. (See Ross family.)
- viii. JERUSHA, b. March 25, 1812—a maiden lady.
- ix. ELIZABETH A., b. April 18, 1818 ; married.
- x. SUSAN, b. — ; a maiden lady.
2. PARKER LAKIN, born in Sebago ; married a daughter of Dean Irish, of Bridgton, and had issue, as follows : *Louisa, Mary, George, Frederick* and *Edward*.
3. GEORGE, born in Sebago ; married Philena —, and settled on the Brackett Woodsum place, at the head of Anonymous Pond, as mason, carpenter and farmer. He has a son, *Willie*, and two children whose names do not appear.
4. FREDERICK, born in Sebago ; married Emily H. Burnham, (see Burnham family) and emigrated West. He has prospered in his farming operations. No issue.
5. JERUSHA, daughter of Joseph Lakin, of Sebago, married Henry Hobbs, of Harrison. (See Hobbs family.)

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**LAMB FAMILY.**

**ROBERT LAMB**, married a daughter of Simeon Caswell (see Caswell Family) and settled in Harrison. I am not informed relative to the ancestry of this family; have requested records but they do not appear. The widow of Mr. Lamb is now living with her son, **PORTER-FIELD LAMB**, who has represented his town in the Legislature of the State, and is a very worthy townsman. He has several children living in town. Mr. Lamb is cousin to the Lamb brothers who lived in the south part of the town.

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**LEWIS FAMILY.**

This family is descended from an old Welsh stock. The name in Wales is spelt *Llewis*. Many branches have scattered through Scotland, England and the Isle of Man, as well as through the United States and British Provinces. The Lewis family of this town was directly descended from **WILLIAM LEWIS**, who came from Wales, to Boston, Mass., in 1636, through *Isaac*, whose son *Isaac* had a son *Abijah*, who settled in Buxton, York County, Maine. The latter had a large family, among whom were *Thomas*, who lived sometime near Bonny Eagle Village, in Hollis, and afterwards settled in Clinton, Me., where he died leaving a numerous descent; *Ebenezer*, who (as also Thomas) was a preacher, and lived in Clinton, where his descendants now live; *Samuel*, a preacher who sometime lived in Harrison, on the Pond Road, nearly opposite of Asa Whitney's present house, where he cultivated a farm, and *Abijah*, who married Betsey Eldridge, of Buxton, Feb. 24, 1785, and settled at the south part of the town. Mr. Lewis had a large family, some of whom lived in this town.

1. **ABIJAH LEWIS**, son of Abijah last named, married a Boston, of Hiram—descended from an ancient family in York, Me.—and settled at the south part of the town, in what was afterwards known as

the "Lewis Neighborhood." Mr. Lewis was a good singer, and long a member of the F. W. B. church. He was a quiet, honest man, and good townsman. He and wife have not been long dead; his children were as follows:

- i. EDWARD, who died after serving in the late war.
  - ii. GEORGE, who is now living in Biddeford—has issue.
  - iii. HENRY, who m. Elizabeth Jordan, and is now living in Biddeford—has children.
  - iv. ROYAL, who has a family; lives in Bridgton.
  - v. CLARA, who married in Bridgton or Harrison.
  - vi. MARIA, who m. to Thomas H. Jordan, and lives in Lewiston.
  - vii. HARRIET, a maiden lady, living with Marshall Cram, in Brunswick.
  - viii. MARY, who m. — Littlefield, in Bridgton.
  - ix. JENNIE, now with Harriet at Mr. Cram's.
2. EDWARD LEWIS, son of Abijah, 2nd, and brother of Abijah, 3rd, married a Boston (sister to wife of Abijah) of Hiram, and settled in the "Lewis Neighborhood," as a farmer. He and wife have long been dead; they had several children, viz:
- i. EDWARD, JR., m. a daughter of Amasa Sylvester, of Bridgton, and lived in the "Lewis Neighborhood." Several children.
  - ii. HOSEA, m. Julia B. Jordon, daughter of — Thomas, of Naples, April 6, 1851. He lived in Harrison some years, and moved thence to Biddeford, where he now lives. His wife died in 1870. Several children.

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SAMUEL LEWIS, who lived on the "Pond Road," married Phebe, daughter of Gen. Irish, of Gorham, and moved from Harrison to Springfield. He had a son Almon, who married Lucy Harmon, May 4, 1828, and William T., who married Abigail Newcomb, Nov. 15, 1824.

MARRIAGES IN HARRISON :—William Cox and Mary Lewis, June 17, 1817. Levi Watson and Hannah Lewis, April 21, 1825. Abial Scribner and Polly Lewis, Dec. 22, 1828. Abraham Gray and Mary Lewis, June 27, 1841. Perez Bryant and Nancy Lewis, Aug. 16, 1846. Maria, wife of Charles Lewis, died here March 24, 1847.

### LOWELL FAMILY.

The Lowells of Harrison are descended from JOHN LOWELL, who married Mary Chatman, and lived in Westbrook, Me. The name was originally "*Lowle*." John, as above, lived awhile in Harrison, but died in the family of his son James, in Windham.

1. EDWARD LOWELL, eldest son of John, came to this town very early, and his name is found associated with the *first* settlers, in town business. Mr. Lowell married Martha Lamb, of Otisfield, (sister to Porterfield Lamb's father) and located near "Caswell's Corner," in the north-east part of the town. He was in town at its incorporation, and probably several years previously—was in several positions of responsibility. He died in 18—, and was buried near his home. His children were as follows :

- i. JOHN, b. in Harrison, in 1801; m. Eliza Brackett, of Harrison, Jan. 27, 1824, settled in Mason, and had issue—*Abby, Ira, Greenfield, Charles, Elihu* and others, *seven* in all. Mr. Lowell is dead.
- ii. EDWARD, b. in Harrison, in 18—; m. Sally Edes, of Otisfield, Jan. 27, 1829; lived in the latter town, and had *four* children.
- iii. SIMON, b. in Harrison, in 18—; m. Ann Robinson; lived near "Caswell's Corner;" was a farmer; weighed over 200 lbs., and fell dead with heart-disease, while watering his horse, in 1871; his widow now living. Their children were as follows :

1. NELSON, b. Jan. 24, 1827.
2. EMERY E., b. Feb. 4, 1829.
3. MARY M., b. Oct. 15, 1831.
4. ROSANNA, b. April 16, 1837.
5. FRANCES E., b. Oct. 30, 1839.
6. ELIZABETH D., b. July 20, 1842.
- iv. GEORGE, b. in 18—; m. Lucinda Inman, went eastward, and reared a family—now dead.
- v. MARTHA ANN, m. John Brackett, of Harrison, Jan. 13, 1828—now living.
- vi. JAMES, m. Eliza Lambert, of Otisfield, settled near "Caswell's Corner," and carried on a farm. He married, 2ndly, Elizabeth (Lowell) McKenney, his own cousin, and falling dead with heart-disease, in 1870, left her a widow. Mr. Lowell was a very large, corpulent man, weighing about 250 lbs. His children, all by his first wife, were:
  1. LUCINDA, m. Albert Caswell.
  2. HERMON, m. Rebecca Elden, and lives on the homestead.
  3. HANNAH.
  4. WILLIE.
- vii. MARSHALL, lived in Kennebunk.
- viii. HANNAH, m. Joseph Brackett, of Harrison.
- ix. CATHARINE, never married.
2. SIMON LOWELL, son of John, married Sarah Mead, of Bridgton, and lived in that town two years; thence moved to Harrison, where he resided three years; thence moved to Brunswick, where he lived 21 years; thence to Springfield, where he resided six years, and died at the age of 62 years. Mrs. Lowell died at the age of 57; they had nine children, namely:
  - i. CHARLES, m. Susan Lewis, of Springfield, and had issue, *Lovina, Simon, Sarah, Charles, George, William, Elizabeth, Susan, Samuel and Augusta.*



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- ii. THOMAS M., m. Judith Harmon, of Springfield ; settled in Carroll, was a miller and farmer, and had issue, *Jane, Simon, Elizabeth* and *Thomas*.
  - iii. SOPHIA, died when an infant.
  - iv. JAMES, died when an infant.
  - v. SUSAN, m. William Douglas, of Lee.
  - vi. SIMON, died young.
  - vii. JANE, m. William Lothrop, of Carroll, Me.
  - viii. JOHN M., m. Mary Jackson, of Lee ; is a farmer, and has issue, *Ellen, John, Mary, Clara, Jane, Edward H., Elizabeth*, and others.
  - ix. ELIZABETH, m. Cyrus McKenney, and 2ndly, James Lowell, of Harrison, her cousin.
- 3. JAMES LOWELL, son of John, 1st, married Mercy Hawkes, lives in Windham, and has three children.
  - 4. ALEXANDER LOWELL, son of John, 1st, a roving character, died in Springfield, Me.
  - 5. WILLIAM LOWELL, son of John, 1st ; married.
  - 6. JANE LOWELL, daughter of John, 1st ; married Ebenezer Small.
  - 7. MARY LOWELL, daughter of John, 1st ; never married.
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### NEWCOMB FAMILY.

The ancestors of this family were early settled in Buxton and Gorham. JOHN NEWCOMB was the ancestor direct of the Harrison families. The name is frequently spelt *Newcomen* on old records. They were not in town early. As a complete Genealogical History has been published of this numerous people, I shall not give particulars.

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### NEAL FAMILY.

The NEALS are all of Irish extraction. Where the family came from that settled in this town I do not know ;

they were here very early, and their names are among the first on the records of births.

JOHN NEAL lived on the top of the "Dawes Hill," above the village; the buildings were on the north side of the road, in the small field now owned by Marshall Thoms, but nearly every indication of a residence has disappeared. The barn was purchased by Philip Caswell and moved to where Edward K. Whitney now resides. Mrs. Neal was called "Elizabeth Neal, Jr.," on the records. No descendant of the family is living in town, and but few statistics can be given. Mr. Neal was noted for his "Irish wit," and many singular stories relating to his eccentricities are still told. He had children as follows:

1. JAMES, JR., b. in Harrison, Dec. 26, 1803.
2. EUNICE CARSLY, b. in Harrison, April 30, 1806.
3. MARY, b. in Harrison, March 15, 1808.

### PACKARD FAMILIES.

The Packards were originally from Bridgewater, Mass., but many families settled early in Maine. The records are so meagre, and nearly all connected having moved away, I have failed to bring together any connected pedigree of the several families that lived in this town, or to prove the relationship between them. I give what I have found.

1. JONATHAN PACKARD, born in Bridgewater, Mass.; probably settled in Minot. He married Susan (Algier) Howard, and subsequently moved into this town, where he died Aug. 30, 1825, aged 76 years; his wife predeceased him July 18, 1824. Mr. Packard is said to have lived in a log-house, between Dea. Charles Walker's and the old Howard place.
2. MARY PACKARD, supposed to be of another family, was the wife of Cushing Dawes; she was a sister of the father of Henry Packard, the only one of the name now living in town. Some say the father of Mrs. Dawes once lived in town.

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3. ALMON PACKARD, married Betsey, widow of Morrill Hobbs, of this town, Feb. 26, 1832; they had a son, *George W.*, born Jan. 8, 1833.
  4. ELIZABETH PACKARD, daughter of Jonathan, (?) married Isaac Watson, Oct. 7, 1822.
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## PITTS FAMILY.

JOHN PITTS came from Waterboro' and settled on the north-west side of the "Hobbs Hill." He was probably connected with the Hobbs family before coming into town, as both came about the same time and from the same neighborhood, in their old town. Mr. Pitts was born in 1736, and died in town in the year 1827, aged 91 years. His wife was thought to be a witch. Their children, as far as known, were as follows :

1. SAMUEL PITTS, who married Lydia —, lived for some time on the hill near where Stephen Whitney now lives. He had *five* children, born in town, named as follows :
    - i. POLLY, b. Jan. 15, 1801; m. to Seth Carsley, 2nd, and went West with the family. (See Carsley family.)
    - ii. JOSEPH, b. March 10, 1804.
    - iii. DANIEL, b. July 4, 1809; m. Rachel Whitney, and now lives in Naples.
    - iv. LYDIA, b. Dec. 5, 1811; m. Stilman Leavitt, Feb. 13, 1832.
    - v. SAMUEL, b. Feb. 17, 1818; m. Corlista Stuart, Nov. 9, 1847, and lives in town. Mr. Pitts has *four* children, viz: *George, Silas, Bert and Lizzie.*
  2. MOSES PITTS, a son of John, sometime lived on the "Hobbs Hill," near his brother's. He subsequent-
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NOTE.—There were evidently *two old men* named Packard in this town at an early day. Walter Harmon remembers one as old, when he was a boy. Some members of the same stock, in this State, are distinguished scholars.

ly moved back to Waterboro'; was a Calvinist preacher, and had several children, named as follows:

- i. SIMEON, who m. Alice Pinkham, and lived in Waterboro', Hollis, Scarborough and Naples. He had issue, *Hittie, Francis, Alice* and *Ida*.
- ii. LUKE, who d. when a young man.
- iii. BENJAMIN, who was a policeman in Portland.
- iv. NATHANIEL, who settled on a farm in Waterboro'.

### PHINNEY FAMILY.

They were puritans from Plymouth Colony. CAPT. JOHN PHINNEY was the first settler in Gorham, Me., and the father of COL. EDMUND PHINNEY, of Revolutionary fame. EDMUND PHINNEY, son of Col. Edmund, married in Gorham, and afterwards moved into Harrison; his house was some distance back from the road, on the lot adjoining Deacon Carsley's, since owned by Haskell Kneeland. The Phinney house is demolished. Mr. Phinney died Jan. 18, 1828, aged 67; his widow, Sarah, Feb. 15, 1833, aged 72 years—were buried in the F. W. B. ground. His sons that lived here were as follows:

- I. REV. CLEMENT PHINNEY, who married Joanna Wallace, was a noted Evangelist of the F. W. Baptist denomination—the first preacher of that order in town. He built the house now owned by Henry Buck, near the Methodist meeting-house, and reared a large family; he died at his daughter's in Portland, when quite advanced in years. Children:
  - i. STEPHEN, m. and lived in Raymond, Me.
  - ii. DECKER, have no particulars.
  - iii. MARY A., m. Thomas Foster, of Harrison, June 8, 1828—long since deceased.
  - iv. ELIZA, m. Rice Rowell,

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NOTE.—There were families in Otisfield bearing the name of Pitts, supposed to have been distantly connected; also in Fairfield, Somerset Co., Maine. They were originally from Mass.

- v. **MARTHA**, m. — Plummer, of Raymond.
- vi. **HANNAH**, m. — MacAllister, of Portland, merchant.
- vii. **ALMIRA**, m. — Sims.
- viii. **SARAH**, m. — Leach, of Casco.
- ix. **ABIGAIL**, no account.
2. **REV. JOSEPH PHINNEY**, was born in Gorham; married Sally Whitney, of his native town, and settled in this town. He preached several years; was very unlike his brother—eccentric, rough and loud-spoken—who was gentle, and a great singer. He became somewhat deranged in latter years, and died about 1870. I think his widow is still living; their children were as follows:
- i. **ESTHER**, b. July 16, 1813; m. Jacob Kilbourn, of Waterford, Nov. 13, 1845, and had issue.
  - ii. **JANE B.**, b. Dec. 9, 1816; m. Amos Libby, (the carpenter) and had issue. Died Nov. 10, 1872.
  - iii. **NANCY G.**, b. March 24, 1819; m. Oliver P. Haskell, of Windham, May 25, 1841.
  - iv. **SARAH H.**, b. Oct. 16, 1821; d. unmarried—probably.
  - v. **ANDREW R.**, b. June 22, 1824; d. unmarried in 1848.
3. **THOMAS PHINNEY**, born in Gorham, Me., May 5, 1799; married Sally Woodward, of Gorham, Me., and settled in this town, near "Hall's Corner," on the road that leads to "Stuart's Corner." He was a prominent and influential citizen, a man of eminent piety and honesty of character; served as Selectman, and in several responsible capacities in his town. He had issue as follows:
- i. **WINSLOW H.**, b. May 7, 1824; d. July 31, 1848.
  - ii. **EMLY C.**, b. Jan. 7, 1825; d. Jan. 31, 1828.
  - iii. **EMLY C.**, b. July 6, 1828; d. Jan. 18, 1836.
  - iv. **SAMUEL W.**, b. Dec. 15, 1831; m. Mary — and settled on the homestead of his father, but has lived in Bridgton several years. He has issue, several children.

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- v. MARY H., b. March 14, 1837; m. Perry Russell, and lived in town—d. in 1875.
4. EDMUND PHINNEY, JR., brother of Elders Clement and Joseph, married Eliza Woodward, of Gorham, Me., and was once a resident in town, near the John Stanley place, but I can learn no particulars concerning him or his family.
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### PLAISTED FAMILY.

JOSEPH PLAISTED was probably descended from the old family that settled in York, York County, some of whom figured in the Indian troubles. He married Eunice, daughter of George Thoms, of Gorham, (sister of Col. Amos Thoms, late of this town,) and settled on the hill, in the south part of the town, since known as the "Plaisted Hill." Children as follows:

1. HARRIET C., b. Oct. 12, 1823; m. Jonathan Fogg, son of Moses, of Harrison, Dec. 8, 1844.
  2. ELIZA, b. Oct. 22, 1825; m. Edward Hall, of Naples, son of Joseph, and lives at Edes' Falls.
  3. SUMNER S., b. March 10, 1831; now in Boston, Mass.
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### PEIRCE FAMILY.

They are descended from an old family from Groton, and Watertown, Mass. GEORGE PEIRCE, ESQ., was the Proprietors' Agent for Otisfield, and settled at "Peirce's Falls," now known as "Edes' Falls, as early as 1768. (?) He was a man of business parts and a good penman. His son, OLIVER PEIRCE, settled in Harrison, where Albert Gray now lives, and was for many years a prominent man in town. He was born in 1762, came to Otisfield when a small boy, married Sukey Haskell, of Gorham, and settled on one of the "twin lots," where Albert

Gray now lives. Mr. Peirce acquired a large fund of information by intercourse with learned men, and became a practical and useful man. He was a Land Surveyor, Justice of the Peace, Representative when the Legislature convened in Boston, and acted a prominent part in all matters of polity. He represented his town in the State Legislature when it sat at Portland, and afterwards at Augusta. He was a Master Mason and Knight Templar. Mr. Peirce died Jan. 5, 1849, aged 81 years. His wife died Aug. 26, 1849, aged 74 years. Mr. Peirce had a brother *Levi*, who was drowned at Edes' Falls; a sister *Molly* who married Willoughby Scribner, of Harrison; and a sister who married Benjamin Patch. Mr. Peirce had issue, as follows:

1. **MARY**, born Sept. 16, 1797; married Shepherd Hawkes, of Minot; settled in Harrison, where Newell Trafton now lives, and is now a widow in Oshkosh, Wis.
2. **GEORGE, ESQ.**, born July 2, 1799; married Caroline, a daughter of "Old Doctor Farnsworth," of Bridgton, and settled in this town. He was Adjutant and Brigade Quartermaster in the old Militia; Justice of the Peace over forty years, Coroner five years, Governor's Councilman in 1827-8, Representative in 1861 and Senator in 1865-6. He was Land Surveyor, and was employed as agent for the firm of "Haven & Treadwell," of Portsmouth, N. H., as lumberman on the Kennebec, and Penobscot rivers for thirty-six years, and during that time had charge of all matters pertaining to the township of Dummer, in N. H. He was engaged in lumbering operations on Crooked River, in Waterford, transporting his manufactures to Portland, by canal-boats; he also carried on lumbering business in Gorham, Me., in 1828-9. Mr. Peirce is now a resident of Harrison village, living in a fine house, erected by him in 1834—a man widely known, highly respected as a gentleman, christian and citizen. No children.
3. **DEBORAH**, born Aug. 8, 1801; married Henry Robie, of Harrison, and died many years ago.

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4. HASKELL, born Sept. 28, 1803; married Beula, daughter of Dr. Burnell, and lived in town. He was Colonel in the Militia, Representative in 1837-8, and subsequently became insane. He died leaving two children:—*Maria*, who died young, and *Cyrus H.*, now a jeweler in Boston, Mass.
  5. OLIVER, born May 2, 1810 — died young.
  6. BENJAMIN F. born May 10, 1813; married Abby, daughter of Nathaniel Burnham (see Burnham family) and had issue, *Frederick R.*, born April 1, 1841; *Hester A.*, born Jan. 11, 1843, married — Greeley, in California; and *Robert O.*, born Jan. 5, 1845.
  7. THOMAS T., born Sept. 5, 1817; married Lydia Jane Pratt, of Portland, and for many years lived in town. He emigrated to Lynd, Lion Co., Minn., many years ago, and perished by cold when following a line of traps, during the winter of 1875. His children as follows: *Henry L.*, born Nov. 4, 1842; *Parker I.*, born Nov. 17, 1844, and *George*, born Feb. 5, 1846.

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### PERLEY FAMILY.

SAMUEL PERLEY, came from Groton, Mass., and settled in Harrison, at an early day — settled on the east side of the "Scribner Hill," as a farmer. He was a cousin of ENOCH PERLEY, of Bridgton, and descended from a distinguished old English family, some of whom came very early to New England. Mr. Perley married Abigail Lewis, and had a large family, of whom hereafter; he died Sept. 10, 1828, aged 61 years; his wife died in 1848, aged 74 years; they were buried near his residence. Children:

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NOTE.—John Peirce, the ancestor of this family, a weaver, came from Norfolk, Norfolk Co., England, to Watertown, Mass., in 1637. His son, *Anthony*, had *Joseph*, who had *Joseph*, who had *George*, who was father of *George*, who heads the Otisfield and Harrison families. There are numerous descendants living in New England. This family have spelled the name Peirce—the e before the i—instead of *Pierce*. They have been eminently represented and well allied in marriage in each generation.



1. SAMUEL PERLEY, JR., born in 1799; died unmarried, Sept. 22, 1823, aged 24 years.
2. DAVID L. PERLEY, born Oct. 24, 1807; married Sephronia, daughter of Enoch Spurr, of Otisfield, in 1835; settled on the homstead farm, and had children as follows:— *William S.*, born Oct. 30, 1836; *Kattie F.*, born Aug. 21, 1838, married Luther Blake, of Harrison; *Osborn*, born in 1842; died young; and *Ellen A.*, born May 16, 1848, and died young.
3. ISAAC PERLEY, born March 1, 1810; married Catherine Fowler — daughter of David, and sister of John, the well-known stage-driver — settled on the east side of “Scribner Hill,” near his brother’s, as a farmer, and had *Maranda*, born July 9, 1841, and died young; and *David F.*, born July 1, 1844; married Annie, daughter of David Scribner, and lives at home.
4. LUTHER L. PERLEY, born June 28, 1813; married Sarah A. Potter, of Ipswich, Mass., in 1851, and lived on the opposite side of the road near his brother Isaac. He married 2ndly, Maria C. Vining, in 1856; children: *Osborn P.*, born July 15, 1852, now in Mass.; and *Emma M.*, born in 1857, who married Asa F. Howe, of Rowley, Mass. Mr. Perley died in 1859, aged 45 years.
5. WILLIAM PERLEY, born June 6, 1816; married Lois, daughter of William Brackett, of Harrison, Dec. 22, 1842, and lived on the stage-road, near “Brackett’s Corner”; subsequently sold to Lemuel Davis, and moved to Bridgton Centre; his children were:— *George P.*, born Sept. 7, 1844, and *Charles O.*, born Nov. 4, 1848; these sons are now in the hardware trade at Bridgton Centre village.
6. ABIGAIL PERLEY, daughter of Samuel, born Oct. 26, 1796; married 1st, Elijah Potter, (brother of Dea. and Capt. Potter) of Bridgton; and 2ndly, Marques D. Caswell, of Harrison.

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7. RHODA PERLEY, daughter of Samuel, born in 1805; married Fuller A. Smith, of Bridgton, July 22, 1847.

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### RUSSELL FAMILY.

RUSSELLE is a French surname, early brought into England, where the family has long been distinguished; many very eminent cadets, as parliamentarians, authors and soldiers, having cast a halo over the whole family. There were several representatives of the family-name who came early to New England. I am not acquainted with the ancestry of JOHN RUSSELL, who, with wife Hannah, were early residents of this town. Names of their children, as found on the town records, as follows:

1. NANCY, born Nov. 30, 1810.
2. ALPHONSO, born Dec. 29, 1812; married a sister of Rev. Mr. Eaton, (descended from an old family in Salisbury, Mass.) who once preached in town, and settled here as a farmer. He now lives in Otisfield. Several children, among whom are, *Sarah* and *Emma*.
3. CALVIN, born Feb. 25, 1815; married Huldah, daughter of Henry Hobbs, of Harrison, and settled in the south part of the town, on the farm now owned by Mr. Strout. His widow is now living in the village with her daughter *Emma*. Mr. Russell died some years ago.
4. SALLY, born Sept. 9, 1818.

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### ROSS FAMILY.

ROSS is a french surname, (i. e., was first adopted in France,) but was known in Roxburghshire, Scotland, as

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NOTE.—There were other daughters of Samuel Perley that died young, and unmarried.

early as A. D. 1100; since then they have been widely scattered through Scotland and England. I trace this family only to Shapleigh. JONATHAN ROSS, son of Jonathan, came from the latter town and settled in this town very early — on the Edes' Falls road, where the "old Ross house" now stands. Mr. Ross married Polly Goodwin; he and his wife died at the age of 84, and were buried in the F. W. B. burying ground. Children:

1. JOANNA, married Benjamin Holden, of Sweden.
2. JONATHAN, died unmarried.
3. CAPT. JAMES, born Oct., 1806, married Jane, daughter of Jonathan Lakin, of Harrison, and 2ndly, Mary A. Smith. Mr. Ross lives on the Pond Road, near the old Johnson homestead. Children:
  - i. ADELIA, married Thomas Baker, of Waterford.
  - ii. FRANCIS M., married to Henry Packard, of Harrison.
  - iii. ORIN, died when a boy.
  - iv. ETTA, married to Alphonso Morton, of Harrison.
4. BETSEY, married Jonathan Shaw, of Standish; and 2ndly, Henry Pendexter, of Bridgton.
5. SAMUEL G., married Phebe Clemmons, and died on the homestead.
6. JOSEPH P., married Elvira Snow, of Cornish, or Hiram, and had issue: *Orin* and *Abby*. Lives in Harrison.
7. SALLY P., married Joel Mason, of Standish, April 18, 1843, and lives in Raymond.

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### SCRIBNER FAMILY.

Several persons bearing the name were in New England as early as 1640. The surname is from the Latin word *scribere*, to write, and was originally spelled *Scrivenor* in its Anglicised orthography. The Otisfield and Harrison Scribners were all of one line, and came from Waterborough, Me., as early (some of them) as 1797. EDWARD SCRIBNER, 1st, came from the latter town and

settled in Otisfield, where he lived to be 105 years old. He was father of several sons that settled in Otisfield, and of one who settled in Harrison.

1. SAMUEL SCRIBNER, who settled on what has since been called "Scribner's Hill," was a nephew of the first Edward, of Otisfield. He married Hannah —, and had *eight* children, as follows:
  - i. SALLY, b. Feb. 7, 1798; m. William Harmon, of Harrison, July 5, 1818. (See Willard family.)
  - ii. BUCKNELL, b. April 11, 1799; m. Nancy Dawes, of Harrison, (see Dawes family) Oct. 11, 1826. He moved to Lewiston and reared a family—a daughter, *Sarah B.*; d. in Harrison, April 25, 1844.
  - iii. MARY, b. Nov. 25, 1800; m. James Chadbourne, of Harrison, (see Chadbourne family) March 26, 1818; lived in Waterford, and had issue.
  - iv. LUCY B., b., Nov. 23, 1802; m. Foster Cummings, of Harrison.
  - v. EDWARD, b. Feb. 14, 1806; d. March 1, 1806.
  - vi. SAMUEL, b. Feb. 14, 1806; twin to Edward; m. Betsey Spurr, of Otisfield, Sept. 22, 1830; settled in Lewiston, and had a family, as follows:
    1. CYRUS EDWARD, b. Jan. 24, 1831.
    2. ANN LONGLEY, b. April 3, 1833; d. April 19, 1844.
    3. MARGARET, d. Dec. 27, 1847, aged 3 years.
  - vii. MARIA B., b. Jan. 8, 1810; m. John Caldwell, of Paris, June 3, 1829.
  - viii. DAVID, born Jan. 18, 1820; died in Harrison.
2. COL. EBENEZER H. SCRIBNER, was born in Waterboro' about the year 1775; came to Harrison, then Otisfield, and settled on the west side of "Scribner's Hill," subsequently so-called, about 1797-8. He married Phebe Kimball, daughter of the old land surveyor of Bridgton. He moved to Waterford, thence to Raymond, thence to Portland, and finally emigrated to the West, where he died. He had a son:

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- i. BENJAMIN KIMBALL, born in Harrison, June 3, 1811.

NOTE.—I find that *Edward Scribner, Sr.*, who settled in Otisfield, had sons, *Edward, Jr., Joseph, John, Willoughby* and *Simon*. *Daniel Scribner*, a supposed relative, married Sarah Goodale, and came to Otisfield in 1799. *Edward, Jr.*, married Sarah Moody. *Joseph* married ——— Dockum. *Simon* married Abigail Gerrish. The late *Deacon Elijah Scribner*, was a son of *Daniel*, and married Dorathy Piper; *Cyrus*, their son, was born Aug. 12, 1824; married Hannah Prince, Aug. 12, 1866. *Edward, Jr.*, before mentioned, had sons *Clement, Daniel* and *Joseph*; the two first are now living in town. *Capt. Daniel Scribner*, of another family, was in Otisfield as early as 1802; he had three sons, viz: *Joseph*, who lived in Otisfield and Gilead; *Daniel*, married Hannah Sampson and went eastward; *Nathaniel* married Mary Smith, of Otisfield; his daughters are, 1st, the wife of Elder Joseph Wight, of Harrison; 2nd, widow Susan Cobb, of Otisfield. *Reuben*, son of *Nathaniel*, is a single man, living in Otisfield.

JOHN SCRIBNER, son of *Edward, Sr.*, settled with his cousin Samuel on the "Scribner Hill," but afterwards went west of Crooked River. The late *Deacon Elijah Scribner* was born in Waterboro', Jan. 11, 1800; came to Otisfield when only five years old, and died Oct. 13, 1876.

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### ANOTHER FAMILY.

WILLOUGHBY SCRIBNER, son of *Edward, Sr.*; married Molly, a daughter of George Peirce, Esq., of Otisfield, and settled on the farm since called the "Lamb Place." He died Feb. 27, 1824, aged 51 years; his widow died May 20, 1838, aged 67 years; they were buried near Major Emmerson's, on the "hill." Children:

1. CAPT. PEIRCE, born Sept. 11, 1797; married Mary Springer, daughter of Jonathan, of Harrison, Feb.

- 10, 1824, and died Oct. 8, 1831. His widow died April 29, 1870, aged 70 years. *Deborah*, daughter of Peirce Scribner, died in Harrison, June 10, 1850.
2. ALVAH, born in 1805; married Jane Phinney of Harrison, June 10, 1827, and died Dec. 19, 1862; his wife predeceased him Oct. 13, 1844, aged 41 years.
  3. DEBORAH, born in 1809; died March 12, 1826.

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### ANOTHER FAMILY.

EDWARD SCRIBNER, of Waterborough, Me., married Molly, a daughter of Joseph and Deborah (Wentworth) Ricker, and died in March, 1804, having issue as follows:

1. DAVID, born 1795; married, in 1822, Althea Haviland; she died in Feb. 1843, and he married, 2ndly, a widow Whitmore. Children as follows.
  - i. CHARLES, b. in 1823.
  - ii. MARY, b. in 1825.
  - iii. ALBERT, b. in 1827.
  - iv. SARAH, b. in 1829.
  - v. FRANCIS, b. in 1831.
  - vi. JAMES, b. in 1833.
  - vii. OCTAVA, b. in 1835.
  - viii. DAVID, b. in 1837. And two daughters by a second wife.
2. REBECCA, born in 1796; died unmarried.
3. DEBORAH, born in 1799; married Newell Nutting, of Otisfield.
4. SARAH, born in 1801; married Benjamin Sanborn, of Webster.
5. MARY, born in 1804.

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### STRICKLAND FAMILY.

Few families can boast of an ancestry more distinguished than the Stricklands', an ancient house now represented in England by Walter Strickland, Esq., of

*Syzergh Hall*, which has been the family-seat for several centuries. I have not been able to find where the Harrison family came from. JOHN STRICKLAND, and his wife, Rachel, were among the first settlers in town; they lived near the present residence of Heber Kimball, and had family as follows :

1. OTIS STRICKLAND, born in Harrison, Aug. 17, 1799.
2. SALOME, born Jan. 10, 1802; died Sept. 3, 1804.
3. BENJAMIN, born July 1, 1803; died Sept. 21, 1804.
4. DANIEL DUDLEY, born Feb. 16, 1806.
5. MARTIN, born Nov. 4, 1808.
6. HANNAH, born June 20, 1811.

Mr. Strickland sold his house to Jonathan Springer. He made brick at the village—had second wife, *Hannah*. This family left town when the children were young, as there are no records of a marriage of any member.

## STEWART FAMILY.

The Stewarts are descended from an ancient and distinguished historical Scottish family, through an ancestry that had settled in Ulster, Ireland; and the early Maine families were among the Scotch-Irish immigrants that came over in 1718–20. Our Harrison families are immediately descended from Capt. Wentworth Stewart, who with his wife Susanna (Lombard) came from Truro, Mass., to Gorham. He was Representative to the General Court of Mass. in 1773–4; was an officer in the Revolution, and died of small-pox, April 17, 1776, at Sewall's Point, near Boston. His children were ten in number.

1. WENTWORTH STEWART, came from Gorham to this town, and married Mercy Hall, April 25, 1814. He settled in the north-east part of the town, as a farmer; was a man of considerable force of character; served as Justice of the Peace, and in other town-offices. He had a family as follows :
  - i. MOSES, born Nov. 13, 1816; died in 1840, unmarried.

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- ii. BENJAMIN S., b. Oct. 28, 1818; died Sept. 20, 1820.
  - iii. CHARLES E., b. Oct. 9, 1821; m. Lydia, daughter of William Twombly, of Harrison, and lives in town. Mr. Stewart is an auctioneer and pedler; has a daughter named *Lelia M.*
  - iv. MARIA, b. June 5, 1824; m. Francis Chute of Otisfield.
  - v. CHARLOTTE, b. April 11, 1828; m. Thomas Grace, of Casco.
  - vi. LAURA J., b. July 16, 1835; m. Henry Kilgore, of Waterford.
2. JOSEPH STEWART, was born in Gorham; married Nancy Lombard, of that town; settled near his brother Solomon's in Harrison; was a farmer and wheel-wright, and had issue as follows:
- i. FANNIE, who m. Merrill Skillings, Dec. 2, 1824.
  - ii. SAMUEL, who m. Hannah Hall, of Harrison, April 17, 1832, and had issue as follows:
    - 1. ALBERT H., b. Jan. 4, 1833.
    - 2. ANGELINE, b. March 16, 1835; m. Cyrus Chaplin of Naples.
    - 3. WENTWORTH, b. March 31, 1837; m. Zilphia Caswell, of Harrison, and 2ndly, Kate Haskell, of Harrison.
    - 4. SAMUEL P., b. Aug. 14, 1842; m. Mehitable Waterhouse, of Harrison.
  - iii. JOSHUA, b. March 14, 1811; m. Caroline, daughter of Asa Hicks; 2ndly, Lydia Bullen. He had issue as follows:
    - 1. FRANCIS E., b. May 9, 1836.
    - 2. ABBY M., b. Nov. 27, 1837.
    - 3. TALLOT G., b. June 9, 1840.
    - 4. MENTHIA C., b. Aug. 18, 1842.
    - 5. GREENFIELD, } twins, b. Dec. 30, 1845.
    - 6. WHITEFIELD, }
  - iv. ABIGAIL, b. May 3, 1813; died unmarried.
  - v. GEORGE E., m. Mary Ann Sargent, of Otisfield.
  - vi. ESTHER, m. Isaac Bonny, of Otisfield, March 18, 1838.



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- vii. ACHSA, m. John D. Burbank, of Gorham, N.H.,  
March 15, 1852.
- viii. EMILY, m. William Chute, Nov. 21, 1844.
- ix. FRANCIS, m. Abby Bullen, of Norway, Me.
- x. CORLISTA, m. Samuel Pitts, of Naples, Nov. 9,  
1847.
- xi. AMOS, m. 1st, — Mason, 2ndly, — Larabee,  
and has issue (?)
- xii. LYDIA G., m. William Brigham, Oct. 15, 1849.
- xiii. JOANNA, m. Washington Chaplin, of Naples.
3. SOLOMON STEWART, b. in Gorham; m. Mercy Hall,  
June 19, 1817; settled in the "Stewart Neighbor-  
hood," on land adjoining that of his brother Joseph's  
as farmer, and had issue, *seven* children, of whom  
hereafter. When Mr. Stewart was building his house, in  
this town, he brought some glass from Gorham, tied up in  
a handkerchief—making his journey on foot—and when  
within six feet of the door of the house in which the  
glass was to have been set, he stumbled, fell, and broke  
every pane of glass. One may imagine his feelings at  
such a misfortune—a loss not easily repaired. Children:
- i. MARY ANN, m. John Lombard, of Gorham, or  
Otisfield.
  - ii. MAJOR P., m. Octava, daughter of James Wes-  
ton, of Harrison, settled in town, and has issue,  
*Rebecca, James W., and Dana.*
  - iii. ISAAC H., m. Elizabeth Hall, of Chelsea, Mass.,  
and had issue, *Robert and Ella.*
  - iv. HANNAH, m. Sumner Hancock, of Otisfield;  
2ndly, Nathan Decker, of Casco.
  - v. JOSEPH PHINNEY, died young.
  - vi. JOSEPH, 2d., died young.
  - vii. WYATT, T., m. Lucy Andrews, of Harrison, and  
has issue, two children, namely, *Solomon and  
Edith.* Mr. Stewart lives on the homestead of  
his father.
4. JOSIAH STEWART, born in Gorham; married Miriam  
Rich, of Harrison, (a Gorham family) April 24,  
1825, and settled on the farm formerly owned and

occupied by Capt. Wentworth Stewart, his brother, near "Hall's Corner," in this town. He died in 1870, having had issue as follows :

- i. AMANDA M., b. April 20, 1826.
  - ii. BENJAMIN, b. Nov. 27, 1827 ; m. Ellen, daughter of William Haskell, of Harrison, and resides on the homestead of his father.
  - iii. CLEMENTINE, b. Nov. 22, 1829 ; m. 1st, Hayes ; 2ndly, Samuel Edgerly, and lives in town.
  - iv. JOHN W., b. July 7, 1831 ; d. in the army—unmarried.
  - v. JOSIAH A., b. March 23, 1833.
  - vi. MOSES, unmarried—went West.
  - vii. CHARLES, m. Katie Brackett, daughter of Joseph Brackett, of Harrison.
  - viii. CLARA, m. Payson Stanley.
  - ix. EVELINE, m. — Libby, of Paris.
  - x. LUCRETIA, m. — Dunn, of Poland.
  - xi. MELVINA, m. —, of Buxton.
5. HANNAH STEWART, born in Gorham ; sister of the four brothers before mentioned, married Jonathan Saunders, of Norway, Feb, 20, 1828.
  6. SUSIE STEWART, born in Gorham ; sister of the preceding, married Francis Mayberry, of Casco.
  7. ACHSA STEWART, born in Gorham ; sister of the preceding, married Richard Fogg, of this town.

### SAMPSON FAMILY.

The Sampsons are of English descent, and the New England ancestor came in the "Mayflower" with the Pilgrims.

JAMES SAMPSON came from Duxbridge, Mass., to Leeds, Me., and afterwards removed to Harrison, about the year 1800, coming into town on horse-back. He married Jemima Stetson, in Turner, Jan. 12, 1786 ; purchased land and erected a log-house where the village now is—the *first* house erected there—near where

Samuel Hardin's house now stands. Mr. Sampson built mills on the stream that now drives the wire-factory, and carried on blacksmithing at the same time. He was a genuine pioneer, and did much to encourage settlement in town; he died at the age of 89 years; his wife at the age of 72; they were buried in Otisfield. Mr. Sampson had issue *nine* children, as follows:

1. JAMES SAMPSON, married 1st, Ruth Stiles, and 2ndly, Betsey Prince, and settled in Parkman, Me., where he carried on farming, and eventually went Representative to the State Legislature. He had several children, two of whom were *J-nathan* and *Aaron*.
2. REUBEN SAMPSON, married Mary Smith, of this town, and settled in Worcester, Mass., where he worked as a wheel-wright and farmer. He died several years ago, leaving *seven* children, viz: *Isaac, Aaron, Eunice, Deborah, Julia, Harriet, and Mary*.
3. DEBORAH SAMPSON, married Isaac Watson, of Waterford, Me., and had issue.
4. HANNAH SAMPSON, married Daniel Scribner, of Otisfield, Me., and had issue.
5. JEMIMA SAMPSON, married Aaron Huntress, of Lincoln, Me., and had issue.
6. OLIVE SAMPSON, married Thomas Mains, of Otisfield, Me., and had issue.
7. ALICE SAMPSON, married William Twombly, of Harrison, (Bolster's Mills) and had issue.
8. ASENATH SAMPSON, died when young.
9. AHIRA SAMPSON, born March 4, 1793; married Polly Stiles, of Bridgton, and settled where Walker & Monroe's store now stands, at Harrison village. He carried on black-smithing and milling; was a man of great physical powers, and withal, very eccentric. He had a peculiar habit of repeating the last word in every sentence when talking, "he did, he did." and would never ride in a carriage when he could go on foot. He once dragged Samuel Harmon through the fire on his forge, and then threw him into the road. Mr. Sampson fell, while at work in his mill, near Waterford, in 1869.

striking his head upon a ledge; soon after he became unconscious, and died the third day after, at the age of 77 years. His wife predeceased him at the age of 63. They had *seven* children, as follows:

- i. **ASENATH**, b. Oct. 8, 1813,— a wealthy maiden-lady, now living in Worcester, Mass.
- ii. **RUTH**, b. in 1815; d. young.
- iii. **SUSAN**, b. Aug. 25, 1818; never married.
- iv. **CAPT. CHRISTOPHER C. W.**, b. June 22, 1819; m. Mary Ann Brown, of Waterford, and settled in this town, and now resides here. He was captain of the first steamboat—the “Fawn”—that navigated Sebago Lake. He was for many years engaged in canal-boating between Harrison and Portland, and carried on the lumber business with others. He was several years one of the Selectmen of the town, and has always been an active, public-spirited man. Generous-hearted and full of pity, he always held out an open hand to the needy. He had *ten* of family as follows:

1. **SOPHIA A.**, b. Sept. 10, 1841; m. Charles D. Whitmore, of Worcester, Mass., in 1863, and d. in this town Dec. 8, 1869, leaving issue.
2. **MARY A.**, b. Dec. 5, 1842; m. Capt. William H. Valentine, of Worcester, and has issue.
3. **CHARLES L.**, b. Jan. 5, 1845; unmarried.
4. **CHRISTOPHER H.**, b. Feb. 8, 1847; died an infant.
5. **ASENATH E.**, b. Nov. 5, 1849; unmarried.
6. **S. NELLIE**, b. July 19, 1851; died an infant.
7. **GEORGE B.**, b. March 3, 1853; m. Mary J. King, of New Hampshire; lives in Worcester, Mass., and has issue.
8. **ABBIE C.**, b. June 21, 1858.
9. **ALICE J.**, b. June 23, 1860.

NOTE.—Some of the Sampson family think that Micah Sampson, the grandfather of our townsman, Thomas R. Sampson, was a cousin to James, the ancestor of this family. One Michael Sampson married Betsey House, in Turner, June 11, 1791. Query, may not *Micah* and *Michael* have been the same person? It is said that Ahira, of Harrison, used to call John Sampson, of Portland, Micah's son, “cousin lieutenant.”

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10. FRANK H., b. Aug. 12, 1862.
  - v. MARIA, d. unmarried at the age of 40.
  - vi. EMELINE, m. Daniel Welts, of Mercer, Me.
  - vii. CHARLES L., died when young.
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### SPRINGER FAMILY.

JONATHAN SPRINGER, bought the farm where Heber Kimball now lives, of John Strickland—the house was built by James Sampson, Jr.—and died in town, Feb. 16, 1845, aged 77 years. I have not learned particulars relative to this family; the records show that *Betsey*, daughter of Jonathan, died in town when young, and *Mary* married Capt. Peirce Scribner, of this town.

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### STILES FAMILY.

The ancestors of this family were ENOCH STILES and NOAH STILES, who came from Andover, Mass., and settled in Bridgton, in 1771; they were twins. Enoch died in Bridgton, in 1831, aged 87 years; hence the brothers were born in 1745. Noah Stiles sold his farm in Bridgton in 1800, and moved into that part of Otisfield that is now in Harrison; his farm was on No. 12, in Range 8, in the north end of the town. His son *Stephen* settled on lot No. 11, adjoining his father's land. Noah Stiles had five children, three sons and two daughters, in 1794. Records of births will be found in Bridgton. Descendants are now living on the homestead farm, in Harrison, viz:—Millet Stiles, who married a Wentworth, of Hiram. I think he was a son of *Jonathan*, who married Sally Noble, March 1, 1833. See *Cram's Historical Address*, delivered at the dedication of Bridgton Town House.

### THOMS FAMILY.

The Thoms family are descendants of THOMAS THOMS, through his sons *Charles* and *George*. I am not informed where Thomas and his wife Mary (they died in Gorham, Me., Thomas in 1790 and Mary in 1786,) came from, but think they were from old Plymouth Colony, Massachusetts. GEORGE THOMS, born in 1745, married Lydia Brown, and had issue, *nine* children, all born in Gorham previous to 1800. Mr. Thoms died in 1821. Children:

1. BETSEY, born in 1779 (?); married Joseph Brown, of Windham, and settled in that town.
2. EZRA, born in 1782 (?); married and settled in Harrison, where he commenced a farm, and soon after died in Gorham.
3. MARY, born Dec. 20, 1783; married Jacob Emerson, of Harrison, and died Sept. 30, 1859.
4. WILLIAM, born in 1785; married Sally Plaisted, and 2ndly, her sister Hannah; lived on the homestead in Gorham.
5. AMOS, born Aug. 11, 1789; married Abigail F. Higgins, of Gorham, and settled in this town. He was commissioned a Colonel of the Militia; served as Town Clerk, Selectman, and went to the Legislature as Representative. He was one of the most independent farmers in town, cultivating extensive lands, and keeping a large stock of cattle, and employing several men. He died March 21, 1870, aged 81 years. His widow survives as one of the most aged inhabitants of the town. Mr. Thoms had issue, *five* children, as follows:
  - i. EZRA, b. May 16, 1810; d. Sept. 9, 1833.
  - ii. MARSHALL, b. Feb. 16, 1813; married Rachel B., Daughter of Daniel Haskell, and settled on the homestead. His wife died June 1, 1840; and he married 2ndly, Dorcas, daughter of Myrick Paine, of Standish. Mr. Thoms carried on extensive farming operations in company with his brother, until 1874, when he sold and moved to the village, where he now lives, and cultivates a small field.

He has two daughters, viz: *Abbie Frances*, born Sept. 11, 1849; married Henry H. Pulsifer, and lives in Wayne, Me.; and *Caroline*, born —; unmarried, and at home.

- iii. LYDIA, b. July 9, 1816; d. Dec. 13, 1846; unmarried.
- iv. ALANSON M., b. Jan. 16, 1821, and emigrated West, where he now lives — unmarried.
- v. SAMUEL, b. Feb. 20, 1822; married Rosilla, daughter of William Cook, of Casco, and lives on the homestead farm. Mr. Thoms has ever manifested a public spirit, and has served as Selectman in his town. He bought his brother's part of the farm a few years ago, and is now the most extensive farmer and stock-raiser in town; he has also engaged largely in the lumbering business for several winters, and has always been an honest, active citizen. No issue.
- vi. ELMIRA, H., b. Dec. 1, 1828; d. April 4, 1840.
6. MEHITABLE THOMS, born in Gorham, Me., Dec. 7, 1792; married John Johnson, of Harrison, April 11, 1823.
7. EUNICE THOMS, born in Gorham, Me., in 1794; (?) married Joseph Plaisted, of Gorham, and lived in town.
8. LYDIA THOMS, born in Gorham, Me., in 1796; (?) married —, of Gorham; lived in Harrison.
9. NANCY THOMS, born in Gorham, Me., in 1798; (?) married Zebulon Johnson, of Harrison, Sept. 5, 1822, (see Johnson family) and died only a short time ago.

### ANOTHER FAMILY.

JAMES THOMS, son of Charles and Anna Gray, of Gorham, and a cousin of Col. Amos Thoms, before mentioned, moved into this town as early as 1800, and located a little below the F. W. Baptist meeting-house, where his grand-son now lives. Mr. Thoms married Abigail Libby, of Gorham, and had issue, *three* children. Mr. Thoms

died several years ago ; his widow is now living in town, aged 84. Issue as follows :

1. CHARLES THOMS, born in Gorham ; married Fannie Brown, of Raymond, settled on his father's homestead, and carried on farming and butchering ; he lost one leg and died at the age of 47 years, leaving issue as follows, viz : *Abbie F.*, born Sept. 11, 1849 ; married Henry Robbins ; *James*, born Feb. 22, 1855, and *Lucy*, born May 18, 1860.
2. SARAH THOMS, born in Harrison ; married ——— MacDonald, and lives in Windham.
3. ELLISON THOMS, born in Harrison ; married Melvina, daughter of William Bucknell, and lives on a farm near William Chadbourne's on the Bolster's Mills road. He is a very hard-worker and a good farmer. Has one child, viz : *Mary H.*, born Nov., 1869.

### TRAFTON FAMILY.

JOSHUA TRAFTON, of English descent, born in 1785, came from York, Me., where the name still prevails, and settled on the farm since owned by William Wentworth, the blacksmith ; his house stood a little way below the present house of George Newcomb, but on the same side of the road. After living some years at the latter place, he sold and moved to the "Pond Road," where the old house now stands, and remained there till his death, which occurred in 1869. His first wife, (she was Joanna Ross) died in 1851, aged 61 years, and he married, 2ndly, Berlinda Packard, who now survives. His children were as follows :

1. OTIS TRAFTON, born Dec. 20, 1807 ; married Eliza ——— of Waterford ; settled near his father as farmer and live-stock dealer ; acquired wealth, and has issue as follows :
  - i. HENRY O., b. Dec. 17, 1835.
  - ii. JOHN E., b. March 28, 1838.



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- iii. ELIZABETH M., b. Sept. 16, 1840; died Sept. 16, 1845.
  - iv. ALGENON H., b. May 17, 1842; died Sept. 30, 1845.
  - v. ABBY M., b. July 3, 1844; married to George Newcomb, and lives in Harrison.
  - vi. FRANCES M., b. Dec. 22, 1847.
  - vii. JAMES, married a daughter of Smith Chaplin, of Naples.
2. POLLY TRAFTON, married John Patch, Aug. 13, 1815.
  3. RUTH TRAFTON, married Charles Kimball, July 4, 1838.
  4. ABBY B. TRAFTON, married Lemuel Libby, Oct. 27, 1847.
  5. JOSEPH TRAFTON, lived in town and acquired considerable property by trading in live stock. He lived where his son now lives, on the Shepherd Hawkes place. He died several years ago, leaving two sons, viz: NEWELL, who married a daughter of Dr. Dunnell's, and lives on the home-place, and a younger brother, who, I believe is now a practicing physician in some other place.

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### WALKER FAMILY.

A Scottish surname. The family have scattered into nearly every land. They are inter-married with the *Andrews* and *Onebys* families, and quarter their arms with them in England. The Harrison family are descended from CHARLES WALKER, who was born Aug. 15, 1759, probably in Berwick or Kittery, and settled in Westbrook or Falmouth. He married Eunice Berry, (she was born Sept. 25, 1761) Dec. 26, 1782, and had a family of six children, some of them born in Westbrook. Mr. Walker came to Harrison about 1815, and settled on the "Walker Hill" between the village and "Harmon's Corner." He died (his wife predeceased him July 29, 1833) June 20, 1843, and was buried in this town. Issue:

1. SAMUEL WALKER, born Oct. 8, 1783; married Hannah Hicks, of Westbrook, in 1808, and had issue, of whom hereafter. He settled on a farm near "Pride's Bridge," subsequently owned by "Zac Brackett," and selling, came to this town about 1815-17, and purchased land of H. Gray Otis, where C. Lincoln Walker now lives; here he established a permanent home. He died Sept. 27, 1867; his wife, in 1850.

i. CHARLES, eldest son of Samuel, 1st, born Aug. 4, 1809; married Mary H. Hanson, of Harrison, Nov. 21, 1833, and settled on the homestead of his father; he had issue, *four* children, and died Feb. 16, 1860. Children:

1. CHARLES LINCOLN, b. Aug. 3, 1835; married, 1st, Lydia, daughter of — Sawyer, of Madison, Me., and 2ndly, Sarah, daughter of Walter P. Harmon, of Harrison, who died in 1876, leaving *three* children, viz: *Sidney P.*, *Frank W.* and *Walter W.*—the two last twins.

2. EMILY H., b. Sept. 3, 1837; m. Horace Adams, and lives in Lynn, Mass.

3. ALBERT W., b. Oct. 14, 1840; m. Addie Adams, of New York, and resides at Worcester, Mass. —*two* children, *Alice* and *Albert*.

4. CAROLINE P., b. Oct. 14, 1843; and m. Freeman Dnnn, of Harrison.

ii. WILLIAM, son of Samuel, 1st, born in Falmouth, July 25, 1811; m. Berlinda Edson, of Harrison, Aug. 13, 1835; settled in Harrison, and had issue, *four* children, as follows:

1. LUCY E., m. Isaiah Spiller, of Casco, or Raymond.

2. ADELINE, m. Jason Kimball, of Gilead, Me.

3. FRANKLIN, lives in Waterville—unmarried.

4. WILLIAM, m. Eunice, daughter of Benjamin Wheeler, of Harrison—resides here.

iii. GEORGE, son of Samuel, 1st, b. in Falmouth, Sept. 7, 1813; m. Lydia Ann Libby, Oct. 25, 1840; settled in Harrison, and has worked

much on the canal between this town and Portland. He had issue, *six* children, as follows:

1. GEORGE W., b. March 12, 1842 — dead.
  2. JULIA A., m. Virgil Keniston, of Harrison; now dead.
  3. ALBERT, b. March 25, 1846; married Ellen Woodbury, of Bridgton, and has issue.
  4. SAMUEL, b. April 9, 1848; married Ellen Kneeland, of Harrison; lives here.
  5. ELLIOT L., b. March 22, 1850; m. — Brown, of Hiram, and has issue.
  6. ZIBAH, unmarried.
- iv. SAMUEL, son of Samuel, 1st, b. in Westbrook, June 10, 1815; married Charlotte Twitchell, of Bethel, and settled in Harrison. Mr. Walker served as Town Treasurer, and in other offices. He lost one of his legs — was a shoe-maker by trade; had issue *eight* children, and died in 1867; he was buried at the village. Children:
1. ALGENON S. b. April 12, 1841; died unmarried.
  2. OSGOOD B., b. Dec. 14, 1842; married Addie Lamb.
  3. EMELINE S., b. Sept. 12, 1844; now in Portland.
  4. FRANCES C., b. Dec. 29, 1846.
  5. JOHN D., b. March 31, 1849; d. Jan. 6, 1851.
  6. CLARA, living in Amesbury, Mass.; unmarried.
  7. JOHN E., is married and living in Portland.
  8. EMMA J., married Thomas Mason, of Bridgton.
- v. FRANKLIN, son of Samuel, 1st, b. in Harrison, Nov. 20, 1817; married Frances Bailey, (she was b. Sept. 20, 1825) daughter of James; settled in town, and carries on the wire business with Tolman and Caswell. Mr. Walker is a good singer, and an honest, kind-hearted man — a highly respected citizen, and neighbor. He has a fine residence and garden in the village. Children as follows:
1. F. GENE, b. June, 1848; unmarried.

2. HORACE, b. Oct. 14, 1851; married Jennie Scribner, of Otisfield, and lives in the village, where he keeps a store.
- vi. MARY, daughter of Samuel, 1st, b. in Harrison, July 19, 1821; married Simon Seavy, and lives in the village, a widow.
- vii. ZEBAH, daughter of Samuel, 1st, b. in Harrison, May 16, 1825 — a maiden lady in Waterville.
2. MIRIAM WALKER, born in Westbrook, Oct., 7, 1785; died young.
3. CHARLES WALKER, (Deacon) born in Westbrook, Oct. 1, 1787; married Sally Barbour, of Westbrook, (she was descended from a Scotch-Irish family that settled in York, Me., and intermarried with the family of Bean, one of whom, having escaped from Indian captivity, acted as interpreter at Falmouth Fort) and had issue, *six* children, of whom hereafter. He settled in Westbrook, but subsequently came to this town and settled were Granville Fernald now lives. Mr. Walker was one of the deacons of the F. W. Baptist church, and magnified that office, associated with Deacons Carsley and Bray. He was commissioned Captain of the Militia; served as Town Clerk; chairman of Selectmen and Justice of the Peace, for many years; always sustaining fully the confidence reposed in him. Deacon Walker was one of the "sweet singers of Israel," and the sacred songs that he sung in the house of God—usually standing in the congregation—will not be forgotten by those who heard him; he *could* "sing with the *spirit* and the *understanding* also." He lived highly respected, and died Aug. 19, 1859, deservedly lamented. Mrs. Walker survives, and lives with Mr. Fernald, on the Deacon Walker farm. The children, as follows:
- i. EDNAH, b. Nov. 9, 1810; m. Elias Howard, of Harrison, Oct. 15, 1832, and he having died, (drowned at North Bridgton) Oct. 20, 1834, she m. 2ndly, to Jonathan Whitney, May 8, 1839, and is living on her first husband's family-homestead—the "Howard farm."

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- ii. LOUIS, b. Aug. 18, 1812; d. March 7, 1830.
  - iii. HENRY, b. Sept. 5, 1814; m. Oliva Kropp, (of German descent) and lives in the West. No children.
  - iv. SUSAN, b. Feb. 17, 1816; m. to John Burnham, of Harrison, and settled in New York State, where she now lives.
  - v. CHARLES BARBOUR, b. June 17, 1820; m. Abby J. Mayberry, of Casco, Nov. 29, 1841, and had issue, *three* children. Mr. Walker emigrated to the West many years ago, and died there, Jan. 2, 1872. He was a great singer and teacher of music.
  - vi. ELIZABETH, b. April 11, 1828; m. Granville Fernald, and lives on the home farm.
  - 4. JOHN WALKER, b. in Westbrook, Sept. 3, 1791; d. Nov. 24, 1791.
  - 5. EUNICE WALKER, b. in Westbrook, May 4, 1793; m. Bela Dawes, Oct. 21, 1819, and lived in this town.
  - 6. ELIZA WALKER, born in Westbrook, June 28, 1798; married Joshua Howard, of this town, (see Howard family) in 1821, and 2dly, David Woodsum, of Harrison, Sept. 9, 1832; she is now living at Joshua Howard's.

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### WATSON FAMILY.

A family of Scotch origin. ELIPHALET WATSON came from Plymouth Colony, Mass., and settled very early in Gorham; married Elizabeth, daughter of Capt. John Phinney, and had *ten* children born to him. For history of the early generations, see "History of Gorham."

- 1. JAMES WATSON, son of Eliphalet, was born in Gorham Fort, Aug. 3, 1761; married Mary Davis; 2dly, Sarah, daughter of John Carsley, of Gorham; and 3dly, Molly, sister of the second wife. Mr. Watson was a Revolutionary soldier, and one of the first settlers in Harrison. His homestead was on the

Pond road, about one mile below the village, where Frank Kneeland now (1877) lives; the house was probably the first framed building in town. Mr. Watson had issue as follows :

- i. MERCY, daughter of James, b. in Gorham; m. David P. Kneeland, Jan. 21, 1817; resides at Harrison.
- ii. MARY F., b. in Harrison, July 11, 1794; married Gee Hammon.
- iii. ISAAC, b. June 27, 1796; m. Betsey, daughter of Jonathan and Susanna Packard, Oct. 7, 1823, and settled in Harrison, as a stone-mason, living at the village. He had issue *seven* children, and died Sept. 10, 1862, aged 66 years; his wife was born Sept. 17, 1799. Children :
  1. INFANT, b. July 5, 1823.
  2. CATHERINE, b. June 28, 1824.
  3. SUSAN P., b. March 28, 1825; m. Heber Kimball, Sept. 14, 1845. Lives in Harrison.
  4. CHARLES H., b. Oct. 1, 1827; m. Ann Reed, of Lowell, Mass., resides in Cape Elizabeth, and has four children.
  5. ALPHEUS P., b. Sept. 27, 1829; d. July 2, 1832.
  6. ALBERT N., b. June 10, 1833; m. Ann Goodwin, of Somersworth; lives in Portland, and has three children.
  7. MARY L., b. April 11, 1836; m. Charles Hutchinson, and lives in Wells, Me.
- iv. LEVI, son of James, b. in Harrison, Nov. 1, 1801; m. Hannah, daughter of Elder Samuel Lewis, April 21, 1825, and moved to the East, where he died many years ago. He had children.
- v. SALLY, daughter of James, b. in Harrison, July 6, 1803; m. Ebenezer Cookson.
- vi. ROBERT, son of James, b. in Harrison, July 6, 1806, and died in town—unmarried.

COLMAN WATSON, was many years a resident in the village, in this town, and worked at the coopers' trade. He was a nephew of James Watson. He was twice married; the second wife was Paulina Tuttle, married June 13, 1847. Mr. Watson died April 2, 1849; he had a daughter who married a Billings, of Gorham.

### WOODSUM FAMILY.

The Woodsums are of English descent; they came early to Berwick, and scattered thence into several towns in York county, and into Eastern Maine. JOHN WOODSUM, born in Berwick, came to Harrison between 1797 and 1800, and settled where Charles Hardin now lives. He was a builder, and framed some of the first houses in town; was chosen the *first* Surveyor of lumber in town. Mr. Woodsum was married to Rebecca Kimball before coming here; had issue, *ten* children, and died in 1820, aged 49 years; his widow lived to be aged. Children:

1. POLLY WOODSUM, born in Berwick, in 1797; married Libeus Caswell, of Harrison, Oct. 24, 1820.
2. DAVID WOODSUM, born in Harrison, Oct. 14, 1801; married Eliza (Walker) Howard (see Howard family) of Harrison, and settled where he now lives, at the head of Anonymous Pond, in the "Woodsum Neighborhood." Mr. Woodsum has been a good farmer, and is capable of doing almost any kind of mechanical work. No children.
3. JOHN WOODSUM, born in Harrison, Sept. 3, 1805; married Chloe Howard, (daughter of Joshua) June 1, 1834, and settled in the valley near where he was born; his land adjoins that of his brothers', before and after-mentioned. Mr. Woodsum has a good

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NOTE.—There were several families of Watsons in Waterford, relatives to the Harrison stock; also a family early in Buxton, Me., of the same descent, namely: *Colman Watson*, (supposed to be an uncle of the above, and a brother of James) and his descendants. The name *Colman* came through the Phinneys, from the Colmans of Mass.

farm, and builds his own buildings and implements. Children as follows :

- i. SUSAN, b. May 11, 1834 ; m. Sigmond Beckman, a German, and 2ndly, Warren Dudley, of Waterford. She is now a widow.
  - ii. JOHN E., b. June 28, 1836 ; m. Fannie E. Foy, of Portland, and carries on carriage-making and ironing, near his father's house.
  - iii. SILAS B., b. Jan. 22, 1839 ; d. Aug. 22, 1863, at New Haven, Conn. He was Corporal in Co. G, 12th Maine Reg., late war.
  - iv. ELIAS H., b. July 14, 1841 ; m. Mary, daughter of Parker Lakin, of Harrison, and lives in Norway. He is a mill-wright and iron-machinist — has issue, one child, ARTHUR F.
  - v. CORA J., b. July 7, 1844 ; d. Nov. 23, 1862.
  - vi. DANIEL, b. March 12, 1847 ; m. Fannie, daughter of Stephen Whitney, (see Whitney family) and lives at the village. He is an iron-machinist — one son, SILAS M.
  - vii. FRANK M., b. Sept. 10, 1849 ; unmarried.
  - viii. MARIETTA, b. Feb. 2, 1852 ; died an infant.
  - ix. CLARENCE S., b. June 9, 1856 ; m. Alice, daughter of Saunders Kimball, of Waterford, and has a son.
4. ARTEMUS WOODSUM, born in Harrison, Jan. 13, 1807 ; married Nancy Baker, and settled in the south end of the town, as farmer. Mr. Woodsum reared a large family, of whom hereafter. His wife died in 1871, and he is now living with a maiden daughter. Children.
- i. DAVID, b. in 1830 ; d. Nov. 22, 1854. He had married Argasine, daughter of Phineas Thompson, and had a son, *David, Jr.*
  - ii. REBECCA, b. in 18— ; never m.—now keeping her father's house. She is a finely educated and accomplished lady.
  - iii. MARY L., born in 1833 ; d. Jan. 10, 1849.



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- iv. NANCY, b. in 18—; m. ——— Emery, and had issue.
  - vi. SARAH J., b. in 1839; d. Dec. 21, 1864.
  - vii. ELLEN, b. in 18—; m. Mark Wetzler.
  - viii. ABEL, b. in 1846; d. Jan. 14, 1849.
  - 5. ABIGAIL WOODSUM, born in Harrison; married Luther Willoughby.
  - 6. REBECCA WOODSUM, born in Harrison; married Edward Scribner, of Gilead, Me.
  - 7. BENJAMIN F. WOODSUM, born in Harrison, May 10, 1813; married Abigail Lennell, of Otisfield; settled in the "Woodsum Neighborhood," as a farmer, and lives there at the present time. Like his brothers, Mr. Woodsum is a good farmer, something of a mechanic, and a very good citizen. Children as follows:
    - i. JOHN L., b. April 8, 1840; m. in 1872, and lives in Oxford, Me.
    - ii. EVALENA, b. Oct. 14, 1841; m. Joseph Wilbur, of Freeport, and died in 1875.
    - iii. BENJAMIN F., b. Aug. 29, 1843. } Dead.
    - iv. WILLIAM F., b. Feb. 7, 1848. }
  - 8. BRACKETT WOODSUM, b. in Harrison, in Jan., 1815; married Lucinda Lombard, of Otisfield; settled in his native town, in the "Woodsum Neighborhood," and subsequently emigrated to the West, where he now resides: his children, born in this town, were:
    - i. SUMNER B., b. July 2, 1848.
    - ii. EMELINE, b. June 4, 1850.
  - 9. DORCAS A. WOODSUM, b. in Harrison; m. Dana Towne.
  - 10. SARAH WOODSUM, born in Harrison; married Albert Hamblin, of Waterford, and is now a widow in that town.

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NOTE.—JOSEPH WOODSUM, tailor, of Berwick, was ancestor of all families of the name in Maine, so far as I can learn. He was probably born in England. Two

sous of his were early settlers in Biddeford and Buxton, in this state, viz: *Michael Woodsum*, who married *Elizabeth Dyer*, Aug. 24, 1749, and had sons *Joseph*, *John*, *Abner* and *Samuel*, who were in the Revolution; and *Abigail*, born in 1755; married *Joseph Woodman*, of Buxton, in March, 1773; she was a beautiful and accomplished lady. *Abiatha Woodsum*, supposed to be a son of *Joseph*, the tailor, was also early in Buxton. He married, 1st, *Mary*, daughter of *Humphrey Atkinson*; 2dly, *Susanna*, daughter of *Job Roberts*, July 8, 1784; all of Buxton. *Deacon Samuel Woodsum*, of Saco, (subsequently of Buxton) married *Eunice Atkinson*. *Dorcas Woodsum* married *Samuel Merrill*. *Lucretia Woodsum* married *John Cole*, Oct. 18, 1781. *Elizabeth Woodsum* married *John Lane, Jr.*, Feb. 4, 1786. *Mary Woodsum* married *Josiah King*, of *Pepperillboro'*, (Saco) Feb. 18, 1790. *Elizabeth Woodsum* married *John Beard*, June 6, 1802; these were children of the *Michael* and *Abiatha* before mentioned. *John Woodsum*, who came to Harrison was probably a cousin to *Michael*; he may have been a younger brother; he was a tax-payer in *Berwick*, in 1772.

### WHITEMORE FAMILY.

This family were from Gorham, Me. CAPT. SAMUEL WHITEMORE was a prominent citizen in that town during Revolutionary times; he married *Mary Whitney* and had a family of twelve children, one of whom, *Dorcas*, was the wife of *Dea. James Chadbourne*, of this town. JOEL WHITEMORE, moved into this town as early as 1810 and settled at the village where he opened and kept a small store. He was a brother of *Mr. Chadbourne's* wife, and also of *Col. Samuel Whitmore*, a brilliant young lawyer—a graduate of *Dartmouth College*—of Gorham. He was born about 1782, married *Miss Hannah* —, and had children born in this town. HARRIET PUTMAN, daughter of the above, was born Jan. 23, 1821.

## WITHAM FAMILY.

WITHAM is a Scottish surname. Thomas Witham settled at Cape Ann, Mass., very early, he died there in 1653. The families of this name that have lived in this town, are descended from Thomas, before mentioned, through several families that came from Cape Ann, to New Gloucester, in this state, where the name prevails at the present day. The first known to have lived here was,

1. JEREMIAH WITHAM, a son of Jeremiah, who located where Samuel York now lives, about 1799. He married Polly Bennett, and after living here a few years, sold to his brother and moved to Poland; he had issue—*Isaac, Jacob, Ira, Ebenezer, Jeremiah, Sarah, Mary*, and some that died in infancy.
2. DANIEL WITHAM, a brother of Jeremiah, No. 1, married Elizabeth Knight, bought his brother's farm, and settled in this town. He was a large, corpulent man. Had issue as follows:
  - i. TAMSON, b. Dec. 31, 1810; m. Spofford Ingalls for his second wife. She was a woman of excellent character—a devoted christian. She died sometime since 1870.
  - ii. SOPHRONIA, b. Dec., 1812; m. Spofford Ingalls, for his first wife, 1848; long since deceased.
  - iii. CHARLOTTE, b. July 5, 1814; m. John Lakin, of this town, and is still living.
  - iv. NANCY, b. Dec. 20, 1815; m. Porter Baker, of Bridgton, Me.
  - v. ELIZABETH, b. April 7, 1817.
  - vi. DANIEL, JR., b. Oct. 23, 1818—died young.
  - vii. ABNER K., b. March 23, 1820.
  - viii. SUSAN, b. Sept. 13, 1822.
  - ix. CLARINDA, b. Feb. 10, 1824.
  - x. MARY, b. Dec. 15, 1825.
  - xi. CHARLES W., b. July 18, 1827.

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NOTE.—I am told that Daniel, 2d, had three wives, and several children besides the above, among them, *Emily, Deborah and Gardner*.

3. ISAAC WITHAM, a brother of Daniel, 2d, married Sally Tracy, and sometime lived on the place where Haskell P. Kneeland once lived — the yellow house near Dea. Seth Carsley's.
4. JACOB WITHAM, a brother of Isaac, 3d, married Hannah Harmon, and once lived in this town.
5. SALLY WITHAM, a sister to preceding, died young.
6. LUCY WITHAM, " " " " "
7. LYDIA WITHAM, " " " married Leander Harmon, of this town (see Harmon family.)
8. PATTIE WITHAM, never married.
9. IRA WITHAM, died young.
10. EBENEZER WITHAM, died young.
11. JEREMIAH WITHAM — no other account.
12. MARY WITHAM, died young.

BENJAMIN WITHAM, a son of Jeremiah, 1st., married Dolly Wheeler, and once lived where Lincoln Walker now lives. No other information.

SAMUEL WITHAM, brother of Benjamin, married 1st, Mary Estes (sister of Simeon) and had issue — *Hannah, Mary* and *Stephen*; he married 2ndly, Mary Hilborn, by whom no issue. Mr. Witham weighed over 300 pounds, and was erect and handsome.

MOSES WITHAM, a resident of this town at the present time, is a son of William, of New Gloucester, married Charlotte, daughter of Daniel Witham, of Harrison, and settled on a part of his father-in-law's farm; he has issue as follows, viz: *Laura E., George M., Joseph W., Byron C., John F., Florence, Annie M., Elizabeth, Wilbur C., Wesley E., George W.*, and two sons that died. This family are related to the other Harrison families, as proved by a pedigree of the New Gloucester family in my possession. I have a pedigree dating from 1630 down to present date.

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NOTE. — I think Jeremiah Witham, who was father of Jeremiah, No. 1, had three wives, the second of which was Betsey (Perry) Neal, a widow, by whom he had *Isaac, Urianna* and *Elias*; the 3d wife was Ann Maria Knight, of Portland — a widow — by whom, children, *Daniel* and *Mary Ann*.

## WILLARD FAMILY.

The Willards are probably of Welsh descent. There were two families, from Sanford, came into this town at an early day, but what the relationship was between them, I have not been able to learn. The fathers were probably cousins.

1. SAMUEL WILLARD, settled on the farm now owned by the widow Davis—the “Everett place”—as a farmer. He was a leading man in town, and filled several positions of trust, was Justice of the Peace, Town Clerk and Selectman. Died March 11, 1849. He married Sarah — and had issue as follows:
  - i. CYNTHIA, b. July 14, 1804; m. Alonzo Robbins, of Waterford, June 11, 1829; d. June 19, 1830.
  - ii. IDA, b. May 2, 1806.
  - iii. DARLISKA, born June 14, 1808.
  - iv. SARAH, b. March 12, 1811.
  - v. SAMUEL S., b. July 10, 1813—lives in Westbrook.
  - vi. ELIZABETH, b. July 2, 1816.
  - vii. REBECCA, b. March 12, 1819; m. to Daniel Mayberry, April 19, 1840—now a widow.
  - viii. GEORGE, b. April 24, 1823; d. Oct. 25, 1832.

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1. BENJAMIN WILLARD, probably a cousin to Samuel, Esquire, came to this town early, and settled on the farm since owned by Levi Burnham. His children, born of wife Sarah (they were married June 16, 1805) as recorded on the town records are as follows:
    - i. OTHO, b. March 7, 1806.
    - ii. EUNICE, b. June 6, 1809.
    - iii. SARAH, b. April 28, 1813; d. Oct. 6, 1815.
    - iv. NANCY, b. Dec. 21, 1818; d. Feb. 28, 1823.
    - v. NANCY, b. May 14, 1823; d. Sept. 10, 1825.

There was a Hiram Willard who married Sally Scribner, June 5, 1818.

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The widow of Benjamin Willard died in 1876, aged nearly 100 years, and was buried in this town.

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### WESTON FAMILY.

The Westons came from Gorham, and settled in Otisfield quite early. JAMES WESTON is now living in the east part of the town, an old man; he is father to DR. LOTON WESTON, also WENDELL WESTON, who lives on the homestead, and has been Selectman. This family are noted for their remarkable *firmness*.

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### WHITNEY FAMILY.

This family is of English descent, and is represented in every State in the Union. Few families have been more prolific. The family in Gorham and Harrison (as well as families in Buxton, Standish, Windham and Raymond) are descended from an ancient stock, that was early planted in York, York County, Maine. A very full genealogy of the early generations, may be found in the *Genealogical Register*, at the rooms of the "Genealogical Historical Society," 18 Somerset Street, Boston, Mass. This family is remarkable for the firmness and force of character of its members; indeed they are a people of singular stability and persistency of purpose. They have been possessed of strong physical organizations, and frequently live to be very old. Public spirited, and progressive, they have been foremost in defending the rights of their countrymen, and in all matters designed for the elevation and well-being of society.

NATHANIEL WHITNEY, of York, Me., (supposed) married Molly Day, (she was born in York — had a brother Nathaniel) and had a family of children, of whom *Moses* became ancestor of the Harrison family. Nathaniel, before mentioned, had brothers, *Nathan*, *Amos*, *Nephtali*, *Isaac* and *David*; these settled near each other in and near Gorham, Maine.

MOSES WHITNEY, son of Nathaniel, was born in Gorham, in 1739, and moved into Harrison about the year 1815, and settled with his son-in-law, Rev. Joseph Phinney, on the farm since known as the "Allison Libby Farm," now (1877) occupied by George Whitney. Mr. Whitney was twice married; his 1st. wife was Molly Page, who was born in England, and whose father settled in Cape Elizabeth, when he came to New England; she had issue, and died in Gorham. The 2d. wife of Mr. Whitney was Abigail —, by whom he had a daughter; she died (Abigail) in Harrison, Oct. 8, 1844. He died April 12, 1820, aged 81. Mr. Whitney was one of eleven of the name who were in the war of the Revolution, from Gorham and vicinity; he was a pensioner. Many traditions still current in the family, show that Moses Whitney was a man of remarkable physical strength and courage; he was a sturdy, unyielding, self-reliant character, but had much real kindness of heart—in short, he was the ideal pioneer of our early history. His children were as follows:

1. ENOCH WHITNEY, born in Gorham; 1773; married three times, viz: 1st, Miss Newcomb, of Buxton; 2nd, Mrs. Kendall, mother of the celebrated bugle player, "Ned Kendall," and 3rd, a Mrs. Dennett, of Brownfield. He lived in Limington, Standish, and Buxton, and subsequently, in 1810, came to Harrison, and settled on the Joseph Phinney farm. He had *ten* children by his first wife. He died in Brownfield, May, 1857, aged 84 years. Children:

- i. DANIEL, b. in Limington, Jan. 22, 1793; m. Jan. 19, 1815, to Susan, daughter of Nephtali Harmon, 2nd, of Harrison, and died March 24, 1873, aged 80 years. He was a farmer, in town; had one daughter, *Sally*, b. March 1, 1816.
- ii. MARY, m. William Decker, of Casco.
- iii. FREEMAN, b. in Standish, March 9, 1800; m. Feb. 18, 1821, Mary S. Gray, (see Gray family)

of this town. A farmer. Died March 24, 1873, and was buried on the same day, and at the same funeral with his brother Daniel, before mentioned. Children, *eight* in number, as follows:

- I. STEPHEN T., born May 15, 1821; married May 4, 1845, Catherine Brown of Waterford, and settled in town as farmer and veterinary surgeon. His children, *nine* in number as follows:
  - i. MARY, b. April 10, 1846, died an infant.
  - ii. IRENE I., b. June 10, 1847; died June 23, 1865.
  - iii. ANN E., b. July 11, 1849; unmarried.
  - iv. FRANCES D., b. Feb. 19, 1851; married to Daniel Woodsum.
  - v. CHARLES S., b. May 6, 1853; unmarried.
  - vi. WILLIAM H., b. May 12, 1853; unmarried.
  - vii. STEPHEN H., b. Aug. 24 1857; unmarried.
  - viii. FRED A., b. Nov. 20, 1859; unmarried.
  - ix. KATE E., b. Oct. 20, 1861; unmarried.
2. JAMES G., b. Dec. 20, 1822; married Jan. 3, 1846, Betsey H., daughter of Seth Carsley 2d, (see Carsley family (and settled in town as farmer. Children *three* in number, as follows:
  - i. CHARLES F., b. Oct. 13, 1846; married.
  - ii. HORACE R., b. Oct. 3, 1847; unmarried.
  - iii. ELEAZER P., b. Feb. 15, 1852; unmarried.
3. EDWARD K., b. Sep. 9, 1824; married Oct. 29, 1848, to Arvilla Caswell, (see Caswell family) and settled in town as farmer. Mr. Whitney is one of our most successful and progressive agriculturalists. He has engaged largely in stock-raising and fruit growing, and takes an active position in all agricultural, educational, political and religious movements; he is well informed on general topics, and is an honorable and highly respected citizen. Children, *four* in number, as follows:
  - i. EDWARD, b. Aug. 19, 1851; unmarried.
  - ii. HARRISON, b. Oct. 15, 1858; unmarried.
  - iii. FAIRFIELD, b. Feb. 20, 1862; unmarried.



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- iv. MARY F., b. April 28, 1866 ; unmarried.
  - 4. GEORGE F., b. June 12, 1826 ; m. Nov. 16, 1848, to Mary A. Bailey, of Harrison, and is now living on the farm where his great-grand-father first settled, in this town. Children, *three* in number, as follows :
    - i. GEORGE F., b. Sept. 24, 1850 ; m. and resides in town.
    - ii. FRANK H., b. May 30, 1852 ; m. and resides in town.
    - iii. MARY E., b. Aug. 15, 1855.
  - 5. ELEAZER K., born May 13, 1828 ; married Jan. 6, 1867, Mrs. Olive Green (daughter of Stephen Tibbetts, of Harrison) and worked at the village as shoe-maker. He now lives on the Pond Road. Only child, *Earnest F.*, born July 17, 1867.
  - 6. WILLIAM L., born June 12, 1832 ; married July 3, 1854, to Maria Simpson, of Cambridgeport, Mass., where he now resides. Children as follows ; *Lizzie E.*, born Aug. 2, 1866, and one that died in infancy.
  - 7. MARY E., born Jan. 25, 1836 ; married Oct. 10, 1866, John H. Caswell, of Bridgton.
  - 8. IRENE I., b. in Springfield, July 29, 1838 ; died May 6, 1846.
  - iv. EUNICE, daughter of Enoch, b. in Gorham, May 30, 1807, married March 4, 1824, Simon Newcomb, of Buxton, and had issue. Died Aug. 29, 1856.
  - v. ELEAZER, b. in Gorham, about 1809, died at sea in 1829 ; unmarried.
  - vi. WILLIAM, b. in Harrison (date unknown) ; married Agnes Smith, of Lee, where he lived till his death. He had *three* sons and *one* daughter.
  - vii. JOHN, son of Enoch, b. in Harrison, and died young.

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- viii. ELI, son of Enoch, was living only a few years ago, in this state, but I have no data.
2. MOSES WHITNEY, was a son of Moses, of Harrison.
  3. RICHARD WHITNEY, was a son of Moses, of Harrison.
  4. SAMUEL WHITNEY, was a son of Moses, of Harrison.
  5. MOLLY WHITNEY, daughter of Moses, of Harrison ; married to Lemuel Rounds, and emigrated to Ohio, about 1800.
  6. BETSEY WHITNEY, daughter of Moses, of Harrison, married to Jonas Cates, and emigrated to New York State.
  7. LUCY WHITNEY, daughter of Moses, of Harrison, married John Greenlaw, of Brownfield.
  8. SUSANNA WHITNEY, daughter of Moses, of Harrison, married Seth Carsley, 1st, (see Carsley family) of this town.
  9. SALLY WHITNEY, daughter of Moses, married Rev. Joseph Phinney, (see Phinney family) of Harrison.







