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REV. NICHOLAS BAKER

(1610-1678)

AND HIS DESCENDANTS

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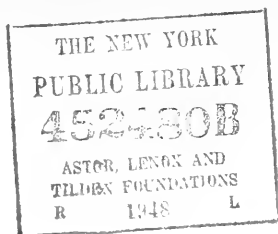
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## SOCIAL HEREDITY.

*Man is no mushroom growth of yesterday.  
His roots strike deep into the hallow'd mold  
Of the dead centuries; ordinances old  
Govern us, whether gladly we obey  
Or vainly struggle to resist their sway:  
Our thoughts by ancient thinkers are controlled,  
And many a word in which our thoughts are told  
Was coined long since in regions far away.  
The strong-souled nations, destined to be great,  
Honor their sires and reverence the Past;  
They cherish and improve their heritage.  
The weak, in blind self trust or headlong rage,  
The olden times' transmitted treasure cast  
Behind them, and bemoan their loss too late.*

JOHN KELLS INGRAM.



## PREFACE.

Pride of ancestry has little to commend it; but knowledge of one's ancestors is desirable, to enable us to emulate and retain their virtues, and to discard their defects and imperfections. Hereditary influences are ever operating; environment may modify them, for better or worse, but can not wholly eradicate them from our human natures. Some men and women are natural born criminals, others love justice and law and order and transmit these qualities to their progeny.

With these views I have searched the genealogical records of the family of Bakers to which I belong, and have endeavored to ascertain when and where and how my ancestors lived, and what kind of people they were. Was gratified to learn that they were industrious and self-supporting, and kept out of poor houses, jails and prisons, and were law abiding and patriotic citizens. I was further pleased to learn that my first American ancestor, Nicholas Baker, was one of the flock of Rev. Peter Hobert, which settled in Hingham, Mass., in 1635; removed to Hull; and thence in 1660 to Scituate, where he was ordained as pastor, serving in that capacity until his death in 1678. His son, Samuel Baker, married Fear Robinson, a daughter of Isaac Robinson, the son of Rev. John Robinson, the pastor of the Pilgrims. The start of the family in America was thus made by Nicholas Baker, a graduate of Cambridge and by a granddaughter of John Robinson, who was also a Cambridge graduate.

The maternal lines for four generations were Pilgrims. John Baker, a son of Samuel, married Ann Annable, the daughter of Samuel Annable, son of An-

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thony Annable, a Pilgrim. His son, Samuel Baker, married Prudence Jenkins, a daughter of Joseph Jenkins, a son of John Jenkins, a Pilgrim. Samuel Baker, Jr., married first, Lydia Smith, daughter of Josiah Smith, and second, Chloe Silsby, daughter of John Silsby. Both of these were probably of Pilgrim ancestry. It was a short voyage from the south shore of Cape Cod to the mouths of the Thames and Connecticut rivers, and much more convenient than any route by land. Many Cape Cod families came to New London and Norwich and passed on into Windham County. The Bakers were such a family, as were the Robinsons, and many others. It was not until Ephriam and Adonijah Baker, married Phoebe and Betsey, daughters of Col. Samuel Abbot, who was from Watertown, near Boston, that the Puritan male line was reunited with a Puritan line. Another Puritan line came in when Francis Baker married Abigail, daughter of James Goodrich, a descendant of William Goodrich, of Wethersfield, Conn. His mother was Catherine Fisher, a Mohawk Dutch woman, of German descent. James Goodrich married Emily Alvord, whose ancestry was of the Alvord and Ball families of Vermont, a pure Puritan strain of blood. Abigail Goodrich and Francis Baker were the mother and father of the writer.

New England was the home of my ancestors; they were Pilgrims and Puritans with a single German strain; and they belonged to that class of plain common people, of the New England type, who have spread all over the northern and western states, and made their influence felt everywhere.

No one need be ashamed of such an inheritance. After Rev. Nicholas Baker, and Rev. John Robinson,

none of my ancestors were college graduates, but they had the respect and confidence of the communities in which they lived, and the love and regard of their neighbors and intimate acquaintances, those who knew them best.

May the generations to come preserve these excellent characteristics and prove themselves worthy of their inheritance.

Charles B. Stevens, husband of my daughter, Isabelle, was born in the village of Centerville, on the south shore of Cape Cod, nearly opposite the village of Barnstable. At a Centerville banquet in Boston, he read an address, a copy of which will follow this preface.

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## LOYALTY TO THE OLD HOME.

By Charles B. Stevens.

Loyalty is a splendid attribute, inherent in some natures and nearly (or quite) absent from others. Loyalty rests on love and not on law—on sacrifice, not on restraint. Loyalty is a quality of mind and heart, and is largely fostered by memories; memories glad and sad; memories of childhood; memories of youth; memories of localities, dear to our earliest recollections, and, strongest and best of all, memories of loved ones—living and dead.

“How dear to this heart are the scenes of my childhood  
When fond recollection presents them to view;  
The orchard, the meadow, the deep-tangled wildwood  
And every loved spot which my infancy knew.”

The Old Oaken Bucket lives on, and will ever live, because it appeals to the hearts of men, and carries them back to the days of their childhood.

Written in this same singing meter are the beautiful verses of the Rev. Frederic A. Hinckley, (whom many of you know), which I have taken the liberty to paraphrase slightly, and apply them to our own village.

With your permission, I will read two verses:

How dear to my heart is old Centerville village,  
With its kinships and friendships, so many and true,  
The church near the sea, where my forefathers wor-  
shipped,  
The streets and the lanes which my ancestors knew;

The cool-shaded woods, and the roads that wind  
through them,

The Oaks and the Pines with the sun shining through,  
The Hills with their outlook, the flowers with their  
beauty,

The Ponds in the landscape, with waters of blue.  
Old Centerville village—Dear, charming, old village,  
How oft in my thoughts I turn fondly to you.

I'll ne'er cease to love thee and all thy good people,

Wherever, throughout the wide world, I may stray;  
Each year adds a tie to the many that bind me,

And deepens the tenderness, pointing thy way.  
Smiles and tears mingle, as the door of affection

Swings open anew to the loved that were mine;  
How many the feelings that cluster about thee,

To make life a blessing, and keep it Divine!  
Old Centerville village—Dear, charming, old village  
With a halo of love in my heart I enshrine.

Such lines as these were inspired by a feeling of deepest love and loyalty to the beautiful village of Barnstable, and apply with equal force and propriety to our *more* beautiful village of Centerville, and I am sure they touch the heart-strings of loyal sons and daughters of that dear village, and cause them to vibrate in perfect sympathy and accord.

For the adopted sons and daughters of Cape Cod, and their sons and daughters, the following lines, written by a summer resident of that delectable country, will find an echo in their own thought :

1. I am dreaming, I am dreaming of the brightest  
summer land,

Where long years ago in quiet lived Chequaquet's  
Indian Band;

I am longing for the pine wood and the beaches that  
they trod,

For the pine wood and the beaches—For a glimpse  
of old Cape Cod.

2. I am pining, I am pining for the fragrance of its  
breeze,

That is wafted back and forwards, and that  
breathes of distant seas;

I am longing for its ocean, for its breakers and its  
roar,

And its harbor's gentle music, as it whispers to the  
shore.

3. I am thinking, I am thinking of its whip-poor-will's  
low call,

(With the punishment it threatens that it never  
gives at all;)

I am longing for the stories which its people know  
so well,

Its arbutus and pink yarrow and its scarlet pim-  
pernel.

4. I am sighing, I am sighing for a sight of cliffs  
and lights

That gleam so white in daytime and are beacons,  
stormy nights,

I am longing for its meadows and its beach-grass-  
covered sod,

For the summer land of resting—For a glimpse of  
old Cape Cod.

These sentiments are the involuntary tribute of a summer visitor, and we believe (we who know the sweetness of the pines and the fragrance of the breezes) that the tribute is well deserved.

And have we not the right to be glad, yes, Proud! that we were born and grew up in a section of our great country of which such beautiful things can be said?

But if we should be loyal to the Old Home because of "every loved spot which our infancy knew," how much greater reason have we to be proud of, and loyal to, the precious memories of our sainted ancestors, the good and simple families (good because they were simple in the best sense) from which we have sprung; families, who, with their ancestors, made the village—settled it—loved it—lived their serene lives there, and died and are buried there. "Ay, call it Holy Ground, the soil where first they trod."

It has often been said that the people of New England in general, and of Cape Cod in particular, were a type, *sui generis*, (of their own kind), and I believe it.

Not without reason did the Lieut. Governor of Massachusetts boast to Gen. Washington that the best crop of the Old Colony was her men. Not without reason did Thoreau compare Cape Cod to a bended arm, for there are muscle and sinew, not only in the geography, but in the people of Cape Cod. When the might of the Narragansetts was crushed they were Cape Cod men who followed John Gorham to the stockade.

When came the first American victory over foreign foes, at Louisburg, it was a Cape Cod regiment that followed another Gorham to the attack. When the colonists sought to voice their wrongs against England, they found a Flame of Fire in James Otis, of West Barnstable.



Cape Cod soldiers walked from their homes to Boston to fight at Bunker Hill.

Cape Cod sailors manned the infant navy, and died like sheep in the infamous Jersey prison ship.

It was a Cape Cod vessel that first carried the Stars and Stripes into the East Indies, and they were Cape Cod gunners who raked the decks of the "Guerriere," and sent the Stars and Stripes to the halliards above the "Meteor flag" of England, at the glorious victory of Lake Erie.

Other sections of Our Country may have done *less* than their duty in the War of the Rebellion, but Cape Cod furnished 10% *more* men than she was asked to furnish, in defense of the American Union.

These are simple statements of historical fact, which probably led Daniel Webster to say, in a letter to Dr. Gooch, of West Dennis, in 1851, "All the region about James Otis's and the Thomas's and the other true-hearted patriots of those times, is to me a sort of Classic Ground, Remote, scattered along an extensive coast, there was yet, I think, in no part of the country, a more fervent devotion to the patriotic cause than was manifested by your ancestors."

Cape Cod began, not primarily as a sea-faring, but as an agricultural community, but she has since seen her fisheries, her seamen, her whalers and her salt-makers, one after another, driven out of employment, and yet, it is now, in a material sense, more prosperous than, in the old days, it was ever dreamed it could be.

Look at our own village \* \* \* what good, old man of our boyhood days would predict such an improvement? In the building-over of some of the old houses, and in the construction of new ones? Which reminds me of an evening long ago, I sat on one of the

old benches in the back part of Mr. Kelly's store, and heard three, good old gentlemen (they seemed old to me then), Mr. Kelly, Clark Lincoln and Capt. Eli, discussing village affairs, and wondering what would become of the place when they were gone. They could see nothing worth while in the future of Centerville, and I remember I (who had sat with open mouth, wide eyes and quick ears), went home to my mother, feeling very badly about it.

Loyalty to the Old Home was the sentiment which conceived and organized this Centerville Club of Boston, and Loyalty to the Old Home is the sentiment which will maintain it as long as a majority of its present members live, and perhaps longer.

Let us not fail in Loyalty to the Old Home. We cannot all go there to live; many, perhaps, would not wish to, but we can all cherish in our heart of hearts the memories that cluster around our earliest recollections, and more than all else, the memories of loved ones who have passed on.

If these memories are often sad, let us remember these words of Jean Ingelow:

“Tears are the showers that fertilize this world, and memory of things precious keepeth warm the heart that once did hold them.

They are poor who have lost nothing.

They are poorer far, who, losing, have forgotten.

They most poor of all, who having lost, would wish they might forget.”

## REV. NICHOLAS BAKER

(1610-1678)

And His Descendants.

Nicholas Baker and his brother Nathaniel came from England to America in the spring or early summer of 1635. Savage in his "Genealogical Dictionary of New England" correcting a statement of Cotton Mather that Nicholas had but a private education says that he found at St. John's College, Cambridge, that he had his A. B. 1631-2 and his A. M. 1635. This indicates that he received his A. M. after March 25, 1635. He must have sailed from England soon after, because Sept. 18, 1635, Nicholas and Nathaniel drew house lots of five acres each, in Hingham, on Town (North near Beal) Street, in the locality of the slightly eminence known to this day as Baker's Hill; which is 141 feet high and is the second highest hill in the town of Hingham.

Hingham was first known as "Bare Cove;" but when the Rev. Peter Hobart came there from Hingham, in Norfolk, Eng., in 1635, the name of the town was changed to Hingham by authority of the General Court. Mr. Hobart brought with him a small band of colonists, and thirty persons drew for house-lots, and received grants of pasture and tillage lands.

Nathaniel Baker resided in Hingham until his death June 3, 1682. He married Sarah, a daughter of William Lane, of Dorchester. She was born in England, and

died at the house of her son-in-law, John Loring, of Hull, Aug. 19, 1695. Nathaniel Baker was a farmer and large land owner; constable, 1668; selectman, 1661, 1676. Was in active service in King Phillip's war. His residence was on East street on land subsequently owned by the Hingham Agricultural and Horticultural Society. The church in Hingham which is still in use, was built in 1681, and because of the heavy timbers supporting the roof in the attic is called the "Old Ship."

The meeting house cost the town £430, and the old house. There were 143 rate payers, and Nathaniel Baker contributed £8.7s 11d. Samuel Lincoln, Sr., and Mordecai Lincoln, the ancestors of President Lincoln, were among the rate payers.

Nathaniel Baker was assigned a seate "In the fore-seate in the body of the meeting house for the men," and his wife was given the foreseate, "In the seats for the women in the body of the meeting house."

No stoves were placed in this meeting house until 1832.

The only child of Nathaniel Baker was his daughter Mary, who was baptised in Aug., 1639; married John Loring, of Hull, Dec. 16, 1657; and died July 13, 1679.

Nathaniel Baker's will in which he bequeaths 10s each to the six children of his deceased brother, Nicholas, is printed in the appendix to this volume.

John Loring and Mary Baker, his wife, raised a large family, and were the progenitors of four or five branches of the Loring family of eastern Massachusetts. John Loring had other children by his second wife, and his son John, married Jane Baker, a daughter of Nicholas, a son of the Rev. Nicholas Baker; and Elizabeth, another daughter, married Caleb Loring.

Nicholas Baker moved from Hingham to Hull, and was a land owner there and in Hingham and Cohasset. Hull is the town north of Hingham, and includes the peninsula on which the summer resort known as Nantasket Beach is located.

Nicholas Baker's holdings are shown by his will a copy of which will be found in the appendix hereto.

The source of the title to the lands of Nicholas Baker in Hull is shown by the following:

Naudhawton, an Indian, of Puncepaug lying in Dorchester bounds, April 10, 1656, conveyed to Thomas Lorine, John Stonn, Nicholas Baker, and Benj. Bosworth and the rest of the inhabitants "of my neck of land commonly called by the name of Nantascut which neck of land is now called the town of Hull, containing by estimation five miles in length," etc.

This deed was acknowledged July 12, 1683. (Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 12, p. 393.)

The will of Nicholas Baker shows that he devised a part of his real estate in Hull and Hingham to his wife Grace, for her natural life, with remainder to his son Samuel, and other parts to his son Samuel in fee.

He gave his wife a life estate in lands in Hingham with remainder to his son Nicholas, and in case Nicholas died without issue, then to his four daughters as coparceners. He also gave his daughters the land given to him by town vote in Scituate.

The disposition Samuel Baker made of his lands in Hull is shown by the following deeds:

Samuel Baker, "late of Hull but now of Barnstable in New Plymouth in his Majestie's territory of New England, husbandman," "with the full consent of Fear his wife," conveyed to Thomas Joans of Hull, "their home lot in the town of Hull bounded northeast with the

Town street, with Jno. Stones lot now in the hand of Robert Sold on the northwest, by Broad bay on the southwest, and Thomas Joans, his lot, on the south; and half a lot of meadow on the Strait river lying east and west, with the meadow of Thomas Joans on the south; and half a lot at Pedax island lying on the further hill, bounded with Thomas Joans his lot on the northeast and John Loring on the southwest; the Broad bay on the northwest and southeast; and half a single share upon Brewsters' islands; and one lot on Slut island lying on the south side of the island; and half a lot commonage and one wood lot next to Straights point." Acknowledged Oct. 26, 1686. (Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 14, p. 54.)

On the same day other lands in Hull were deeded by them to John Lorin and Benjamin Lorin. (Id. p. 60).

On the same day an one and one-half acre parcel was deeded by them to Nathaniel Bosworth and others. This deed is dated Mar. 7, 1680/81 but it was not acknowledged until Oct. 26, 1686. (Id. p. 68.)

Henry Dunster who was educated at Cambridge, England, was the first president of Harvard College. The authorities of the college took exception to his public proclamation in the Cambridge, Mass., church of which he was pastor, of certain doubts which had arisen in his mind as to the validity of infant baptism, and he was indicted for the same offense by the grand jury. In October, 1644, he was induced to resign. After his resignation he removed to Scituate where he was employed in the ministry as pastor of the first church until his death in 1659. Charles Chauncey, another Cambridge graduate preceded Henry Dunster as pastor at Scituate, and succeeded him as president of Harvard.

Nicholas Baker was invited to take President Dun-

ster's place as pastor of the Scituate church, and he was ordained in Scituate in 1660, where he remained as pastor until his death, Aug. 22, 1678, in his 68th year. During his service as pastor he was especially instrumental in bringing to pass a reconciliation of the two churches at Scituate which had held no communion with each other for thirty-five years. By consent of the first church he signed an instrument of reconciliation with the second church April 1, 1675.

Cotton Mather in his *Magnalia Christi Americana*, makes the following mention of Nicholas Baker.

“And into this catalogue I am content that there should be received (for the saints of this catalogue already departed have received him) honest Mr. Nicholas Baker of Scituate; who, though he had but a private education, yet, being a pious and zealous man; or, as Dr. Arrowsmith expressed it, so good a logician, that he could offer up to God a reasonable service; so good an arithmetician that he could wisely number his days; and so good an orator that he persuaded himself to be a good christian; and being also of good natural parts, especially of a strong memory, was chosen pastor of the church there; and in the pastoral charge of that church he continued about eighteen years, until that horror of mankind and reproach of medicine the stone (under which he preached patience by a very memorable example of it; never letting fall any word worse than this, which was an usual word with him, “A mercy of God it is no worse) put an end to his days.”

Nicholas Baker married his first wife, probably in England. She was the mother of his children and according to the journal of the Rev. Peter Hobart, died at Scituate in 1661. He married his second wife,

Grace, in 1662. She is favorably mentioned in his will, and she and his son Samuel were his executors. Her maiden surname is not known, but she had first married a man named Dipple, and had a daughter, Grace, who married Joseph Webb, April 16, 1666, and their daughter Mary is mentioned in Nicholas Baker's will as her grand child.

Nicholas Baker was the first deputy from Hingham in the general court of the colony, attending the sixth court held in May, 1636, and again at the May court in 1638.

Lincoln's History of Hingham credits Nicholas Baker with eight children and a possible ninth; but in his will dated June 15, 1678, he only mentions six, Samuel, Nicholas, Mary, Elizabeth, Sarah and Deborah. The will of his brother Nathaniel, dated May 11, 1682, says: "And unto the six children of my brother Nicholas Baker ten shillings a piece."

This indicates that his sons John and Thomas, were already dead. Nathaniel the ninth child listed by Lincoln (with an interrogation mark), was probably a grand son, as Samuel's second son, born in 1679, was named Nathaniel, and did not die until 1750. However, Hinckley's Manuscript in the N. E. Historical and Genealogical Library contains a record of a son of Nicholas Baker who died Dec. 7, 1748.

Nicholas Baker and both his wives were buried in the old cemetery in Meeting House Lane on the eminence in Scituate overlooking the harbor, and near which the first church at Scituate stood.

The earlier tombstones have crumbled away; but a granite block has been set up with the following inscription in its slightly inclined and polished top.



TO THE MEMORY OF THE FIRST MINISTERS  
OF SCITUATE.

Giles Saxton	Nathaniel Pitcher
John Lothrop	Shearyashub Bowen
Charles Chauncey	Ebenezer Grosvenor
Henry Dunster	Ebenezer Dawes
Nicholas Baker	Nehemiah Thomas
Jeremiah Cushing	Edmund Q. Sewall

The Daughters of the American Revolution have placed a bronze tablet on the front side of the monument which reads:

FIRST MEETING HOUSE

Erected on this lott, Aug. ye 2d & 3rd Dayes, 1636.

This tablet was placed by the Chief Justice Cushing Chapter, D. A. R. of Scituate, 1912.

(Seal of D. A. R.)

Nicholas Baker was a genuine Puritan. This is shown by his will in which he gives to his wife Grace, "all of Mr. Shepard's, Mr. Thomas Goodwin's, and Mr. Randall's works which I have."

Thomas Goodwin graduated from Christ's College, Cambridge, receiving his A. B. in 1616, and his A. M. 1620. He became a puritan minister, but the activity of Laud caused him to cross to Holland where he became pastor of the English church at Arnheim. At the beginning of the Long parliament he returned to England. In 1649 he was appointed chaplain of the Council of State with £200 a year and lodgings in

Whitehall, and often delivered sermons before the House of Commons.

In 1650 he was appointed President of Magdalen College, Oxford, an office he held until 1660 when he was deprived of it by the Convention Parliament.

Goodwin began to publish sermons in 1636 and brought out a collection of them in 1645.

John Randall was a puritan divine who died in 1622 and left "Three and Twenty Sermons," for publication. They were published by his executor in 1630.

Thomas Shepard was a graduate of Emmanuel College, Cambridge, and became a distinguished puritan minister and author. He came to New England to escape persecution, landing in Boston, Oct. 3, 1635; was ordained pastor of a congregation at Newtown, afterwards called Cambridge, and took an active part in founding Harvard College; its location at Cambridge was due to him.

Shepard published a number of religious works, some of which were translated into the Indian tongue

The sermons and writings of these Puritan ministers evidently furnished Nicholas Baker the inspiration with which he expounded the word of God in the meeting house on the hill in Scituate.

The broad prospect of ocean there visible would of itself impel a dull minister to preach a good sermon, and devoutly worship the Creator.

The religious works above mentioned are in the Library of Harvard, and the Public Library of Boston.

#### No. 1.

Nicholas Baker, born in England in 1610, and died in Scituate, Mass., Aug. 22, 1678.

Graduated St. Johns' College, Cambridge, Eng.,

1631-2; received his A. M. in 1635; drew a house lot in Hingham, Mass., Sept. 18, 1635; removed to Hull and from thence in 1660 to Scituate, where he was ordained as minister, and served the Puritan church there until his death.

May have married his first wife in England. Her name and date of birth not known. She died in Scituate, 1661. He married Grace, his second wife, in 1663. She died in Barnstable Jan. 22, 1696-7.

#### CHILDREN.

- No. 2. Samuel Baker, born Oct. 2, 1638.  
 Mary, born December, 1640; married Feb. 22, 1661-2, Stephen Vinal of Scituate.  
 John, born Nov. 20, 1642; died April 19, 1678.  
 Elizabeth, born Nov. 10, 1644; married Feb. 2, 1664, John Vinal of Scituate.
- No. 3. Nicholas, born —————; married Experience Collier.  
 Thomas, born —————; married Nov. 6, 1674, Christian, daughter of Nathaniel Beal.  
 Sarah, born —————; married Feb. 22, 1671, Josiah Litchfield of Scituate.  
 Deborah, baptized June 6, 1652; married April 25, 1678, Israel Chittenden of Scituate.

#### SAMUEL BAKER.

Samuel Baker, born Oct. 2, 1638, son of Rev. Nicholas Baker; was 22 years old when his father moved from Hull to Scituate. He may have stayed in Hull, as he was admitted a freeman there in 1677, the year before his father died. His father's will devised property in

Hull to him. He moved from Hull to Barnstable before 1687, where he was still residing in 1704. He had married Fear, a daughter of Isaac Robinson, the son of Rev. John Robinson, the Leyden pastor, who was the Apostle of the Pilgrims. They were admitted to the church at Barnstable on letter dismissory from the church in Hull.

Swift, in his addition to "Genealogical Notes of Barnstable Families" by Amos Otis, says that Fear, the daughter of Isaac Robinson, was baptized Jan. 26, 1645, and she "married Rev. S. Baker of Barnstable." Her mother, the first wife of Isaac Robinson, was Margaret Hanford, a daughter of Rev. Thomas Hanford, the first minister of Norwalk, Conn., and his wife, Eglin Hatherly, a sister of Timothy Hatherly, the London merchant who was the founder of Scituate. They were married June 27, 1636. She died June 13, 1649.

Isaac Robinson frequently changed his residence. He first settled (1633) at Scituate; removed to Barnstable in 1639; to Succononeset, now Falmouth (where he built the first house in the town on the south side of Fresh Pond), in 1660; to Tisbury, now West Tisbury, Martha's Vineyard, in 1671, where he remained until 1701. By deeds dated July 30, 1686, April 11, 1699, and Aug. 30, 1700, he conveyed property at Tisbury to his sons, Peter, Isaac and Jacob, and by a deed dated Nov. 1, 1701, he conveyed his Falmouth homestead to his son, Isaac Robinson, Jr. He then went to spend his last days at Barnstable with his daughter Fear and her husband, Samuel Baker. Isaac Robinson died in 1704, aged 94 years.

A noteworthy event in the life of Isaac Robinson in America was his disfranchisement for thirteen years because he befriended the Quakers when they were

persecuted during the administration of Thomas Prence as Governor of Plymouth colony.

Robinson's contention that the Quakers were entitled to worship God according to the dictates of their own consciences was in accord with the teachings of his distinguished father, who, in a memorable sermon on the occasion of the departure of the Pilgrims for America, said to them:

“Brethren, we are now quickly to part from one another, and whether I may ever live to see your faces on earth any more, the God of heaven only knows; but whether the Lord hath appointed that or not, I charge you before God and His blessed angels, that you follow me no farther than you have seen me follow the Lord Jesus Christ.

“If God reveal anything to you, by any other instrument of His, be as ready to receive it, as ever you were to receive any truth by my ministry; for I am verily persuaded—I am very confident that the Lord has more truth yet to break forth out of His Holy Word.”

“The Leyden church is the parent of Independency alike in England and America.” And writing of the work of that church, Fairbairn in *Ency. Brit.* says:

“There the fine qualities of Robinson found a congenial soil, and developed as they could not of done in the less generous air of England.” \* \* \*

“The church at Leyden lost the narrow and ungenerous spirit of separatism, pleaded for the duty of communion with the godly in the Church of England and the other reformed churches. On this point Robinson wrote with eloquence and acted with courage, his spirit growing the larger the longer he lived. While professing “a separation from the English national,

provincial, diocesan and parochial church, and churches, in the former state and order thereof, he yet confessed and declared that he had still 'the same faith, hope, spirit, baptism and Lord' as the Church of England, and he enjoyed fellowship with her 'many thousands' of godly sons, and that occasional 'hearing the Word of God as there preached,' was both lawful and necessary for him as a Christian man."

According to the records preserved in the family of Col. Rufus L. Baker of Windham, Conn., John, the oldest son of Samuel Baker and Fear Robinson, was born on Martha's Vineyard October, 1672. They evidently were there only temporarily, as I find no evidence that they had any permanent residence on the island.

I have not been able to discover where or when either Samuel Baker or his wife Fear died. John Robinson, the brother of Fear, went to Windham County, Connecticut, in 1714, and settled in what became Scotland parish, now township. Peter Robinson, her half-brother, went from Tisbury to Connecticut before or in 1710, as is shown by a deed by Peter Robinson, of Norwich, Conn., to Isaac Baker of Tisbury, dated Nov. 13, 1710. He subsequently became a resident of Scotland parish. Peter Robinson conveyed land in Scotland parish to his son, Peter Robinson, Jr., by a deed dated Dec. 7, 1725, and Joseph and Isaac, sons of Peter Robinson, conveyed lands April 13, 1730, to Andrew Dodge and added to the description the words "which is part of a larger tract of land which our honored father, Peter Robinson, bought of Jonathan Ginnings."

There are numerous other Robinson conveyances of

record in the town clerk's office for the town of Windham, at Willimantic.

Thomas Robinson conveyed lands to Andrew Dodge, Feb. 12, 1728. He may have been the brother of Peter Robinson, born in Falmouth 1666-7, and by some authorities stated to have removed to Guilford, Conn.

Scotland parish seems to have been a sort of rendezvous for the Robinson family; and Fear Robinson and her husband, Samuel Baker, went there when Peter Robinson did, or not long afterwards.

The parentage of Rev. John Robinson and his wife, Bridget White, has recently been discovered. An article in "The Colonial," a magazine published by the American Society of Colonial Families, Vol. 1, pp. 46-47, will be found in the appendix to this volume. (See New England Historical and Genealogical Register, October, 1915, p. 381.)

My father, Francis Baker, knew that his family of Bakers was related to the family of Jonathan Trumbull, the great Governor of Connecticut during the Revolutionary War, and the original "Brother Jonathan;" but he had forgotten what the relationship was. Stuart's "Life of Jonathan Trumbull" shows that the relationship consisted of the fact that Jonathan Trumbull himself married, Dec. 9, 1735, Faith Robinson, a daughter of Rev. John Robinson, who was a son of Isaac Robinson and a brother of Fear Robinson, who married Samuel Baker, son of Rev. Nicholas Baker. Faith Robinson was born in Scotland parish, in Windham town, Dec. 17, 1718, O. S., and died May 29, 1780, five years before her husband, at their home in Lebanon, Conn.

Stuart says that Faith Robinson at the time of her marriage "was a blooming girl of 17, of fine intelligence

and manners, of benevolent heart, of discreet and virtuous conduct, and promised richly to become what she afterwards was, an amicable and exemplary pattern for the forty-five years she lived with her husband, of conjugal, maternal and every social affection."

Lebanon town adjoined Windham town and Scotland parish, on the southwest, enabling Jonathan Trumbull to woo and win Faith Robinson.

Windham Green, of "Frog Fright" notoriety, was midway between the center of Scotland parish and the center of Lebanon town, and it was the headquarters of both communities for years. Scotland parish was created in 1732, but it was not until 1857 that it was made a township.

Peter Robinson, a half brother of John and Fear Robinson, was the first of the descendants of Isaac Robinson to remove to Connecticut. He may have been at Norwich for some time before 1710; he subsequently removed to Windham county and settled in that part of Windham town, which became the parish of Scotland. In the census of 1790 there were eighteen heads of families named Robinson in the town of Windham, nearly all in Scotland parish. The townships were a part of Hartford County for judicial purposes. It was not until 1726 that they were organized into the County of Windham. A court of probate was established in October, 1719, for the towns of Lebanon, Windham, Mansfield, Plainfield, Canterbury, Killingly, Pomfret, Coventry and Ashford; but these towns remained a part of Hartford County until Windham County was created in 1726.

Manwaring, in his "Connecticut Probate Records," vol. 11, p. 152, gives the following entry:



“Baker, Samuel, Windham, Court Record, page 256, 7 June, 1715.”

“This Court grant letters of adms. on estate of Samuel Baker, late of Windham, decd, unto Abigail Baker, widow and John Huntington, son-in-law.”

Mr. Frank M. Mather, Clerk of the Probate Court at Hartford, recently examined the original record, and in a letter to me, dated Feb. 18, 1917, says it shows that Samuel Baker was of Windsor and not Windham.

Whichever of these towns was his residence probate proceedings on his estate could only be had in the Probate Court at Hartford. The John Huntington mentioned as a son-in-law was a stepson and in that way the son-in-law of Samuel Baker. His mother was Abigail Lathrop, who married John Huntington Dec, 9, 1686. This couple had five children:

1. Abigail, born Feb. 19, 1687; married Sheba Hall.
2. John, born April 20, 1688; died Dec. 11, 1690.
3. John, born July 1, 1691; stepson of Samuel Baker.
4. Hannah, born March 25, 1694; married Joseph Rockwell.
5. Martha, born Dec. 9, 1696; married Noah Grant June 12, 1717.

A deed recorded in Norwich Oct. 6, 1715, is dated March 24, 1714-5, is from Abigail, Hannah and Martha, and the husband of the first two, to their “loving brother, John Huntington, of ye town of Windsor, in the County of Hartford,” and it conveys all their right, estate, interest or claim in or to the lands of their “honored Father, John Huntington, deceased.” The grantors are described as “children and heirs female unto John Huntington, late of ye town of Norwich, in the County of New London.”

John Huntington, the deceased father, died between 1696 and 1703, for in 1703 the court at New Haven remitted to the widow, Abigail Huntington, "what is due from her estate to the colonie by seizure of the inspector at Norwich provided what is left out of the list be now added."

There was ample time between 1703 and 1715 in which the widow, Abigail (Lathrop) Huntington could marry Samuel Baker and again become a widow. Samuel Baker was dead by June 7, 1715, when administration of his estate was granted to "Abigail Baker, widow, and John Huntington, son-in-law," and a partition agreement showing the same relationship is of record in Norwich on p. 405 of vol. 3, B. in the town clerk's office. The grantors are described as "Christopher Huntington of Norwich, Thomas Huntington of Mansfield, and Abigail Baker and John Huntington both of Windsor." This instrument is dated October 4, 1718; it was acknowledged the next day before Joshua Ripley, Justice of the Peace, by Capt. Thomas Huntington, Abigail Baker and John Huntington, and on Dec. 19, 1718, at Norwich, before Richard Bushell, Justice of the Peace, by Deacon Christopher Huntington.

Simon Huntington was one of the ancestors of the Huntington family, and he was one of the legatees in 1681 of the Joshua tract of 48,000 acres north of Norwich, but he made his share of the tract over to a son and nephew, and their names, Joseph Huntington and Thomas Huntington, appear in the petition to the General Court at Hartford, under which the town of Windham was created May 12, 1692. Their names also appear in the list of admitted and approved inhabitants of the town, May 30, 1693, and they were among the

original members of the church organized at Windham Green, Dec. 10, 1700.

Thomas Huntington removed to Mansfield in 1707, and became known as Capt. Thomas Huntington, as early as 1718.

Joseph Huntington was survived by three sons, Nathaniel, Jonathan and Joseph. Nathaniel occupied a farm on Merricks brook, in Windham town, and near the center of the territory which in 1732 became the parish of Scotland. Jonathan was Windham's first regular physician. Joseph married Elizabeth, daughter of Joshua Ripley, and in 1721 was elected a deacon of the first Windham church at Windham Green.

Joshua Ripley was one of the first justices of the peace in Connecticut; having been appointed in May, 1698, when that office was created, and at the first town meeting at Windham Green, May 30, 1693, he was elected town clerk. He remained an active and prominent citizen of Windham until his death in 1739.

It was not a long journey from Windham Green through Mansfield and Coventry to Hartford and thence up the river to Windsor. It was quite a natural thing for Samuel Baker and his wife, Abigail, to move from Windham to Windsor and to take young John Huntington with them, as he was the son of the one and the stepson of the other.

#### No. 2.

Samuel Baker, son of Rev. Nicholas Baker (No. 1), was born in Hingham, Mass., Oct. 2, 1638; married Fear Robinson, daughter of Isaac Robinson, son of Rev. John Robinson, the Leyden pastor. She was baptized Jan. 26, 1645. They lived in Hull but before 1687 moved to Barnstable, and were there in 1704, the

year that Isaac Robinson died. They went with Peter Robinson, her half brother, to Norwich, Conn. thence to Windham town, and thence to Windsor, Conn. Fear died in Norwich or Windham, and Samuel Baker for his second wife married Abigail (Lathrop) Huntington.

Samuel Baker died about 1714.

Children of Samuel Baker and Fear Robinson:

No. 4. John, born on Martha's Vinyard, Oct. . . .  
1672.

No. 5. Nathaniel, born in 1679.

Mary; married Adam Jones, Oct. 28, 1699.

Grace; married Israel Luce, Dec. 16, 1701.

Mercy; given ten pounds by Nicholas  
Baker's will.

No. 3.

Nicholas Baker, born about 1650, son of Rev. Nicholas Baker (No. 1), married Experience Collier, daughter of Thomas and Jane (Jones) Collier. She died Jan. 24, 1695, and he not long afterwards.

Children:

Jane Baker, born in 1686; died Dec. 1, 1724; married John Loring, of Hull, Dec. 3, 1703.

Elizabeth Baker, born 1691; died Sept. 9, 1715; married Caleb Loring, June 24, 1714.

Jane Collier, of Hull, was appointed, Oct. 8, 1695, administratrix of the estate of her son-in-law, Nicholas Baker, late of Boston, mariner. She filed an inventory showing a personal estate of £47.1s. consisting in part of wearing clothes, etc., belonging to his wife, also deceased, and appraised at £15.4s.

Her account as administratrix was filed and allowed May 14, 1696, as follows:

“Paid for letters of administration and registering inventory .....	£ 10s
For 5 years boarding and keeping of Jane and Elizabeth since their father going away, one of said children be- ing about 3 years old and the other born since at 10£ p. ann. for both....	£50
Paid sickness and funeral charges of Experience Baker, widow of de- ceased .....	£1 10s
For drawing, allowing and registering this acct. ....	6s
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	£52. 6s”

#### DEA. JOHN BAKER.

John Baker came from West Barnstable to Scotland parish, Windham County, Conn., in 1743, and it was the home and headquarters of the family for over a century.

He married Oct. 14, 1698, Anna Annable, a daughter of Samuel Annable. She was born Mar. 4, 1675-6.

Samuel Annable was a son of Anthony Annable who came to Plymouth colony in the Ann in 1623. He moved from Plymouth to Scituate in 1634, and from there to Barnstable in 1639, and settled at West Barnstable. He married for his second wife Ann Clark, who gave birth to Samuel Annable, Jan. 22, 1645-6.

Samuel Annable married Mehitable Allyn, a daughter of Thomas Allyn who settled at West Barnstable and

inherited a large portion of the estate of his father, Thomas Allyn, who is said to have been the most wealthy of the first settlers of the town of Barnstable.

Ann Annable, the wife of Dea. John Baker, died Mar. 21, 1732-3, and was buried at West Barnstable, in the old cemetery near the present railroad station at West Barnstable.

Dea John Baker remained at West Barnstable or at Barnstable until 1743, when he and his sons, Samuel and John, removed to Scotland parish, Windham County, Conn.

Joseph Lassell, of Windham, Mar. 24, 1743, conveyed to "John Baker, of Barnstable, in the county of Barnstable and Province of Massachusetts Bay in New England," 260 acres of land.

An adjoining tract of ten acres was conveyed by James Lassell, June 10, 1746, to Samuel Baker and John Baker, Jr.

Samuel Baker, April 5, 1749, conveyed his share of the ten acres to John Baker, Jr.

April 25, 1748, John Baker conveyed a portion of his lands, in consideration of love and affection to each of his sons, Samuel and John, Jr. As he was then 76 years old, it is evident he was dividing his lands between his sons. As a matter of fact he lived 15 years afterwards, as he did not die until Jan. 27, 1763.

His tombstone in the old buying ground in Scotland, Conn., bears this inscription:

In memory of Dn.  
John Baker, who  
having served God &  
his generation faithfully  
fell on sleep Jan.

27th, 1763, in ye 91st  
 year of his age. He was for  
 many years Deacon of ye  
 West Church in Barnstable;  
 blessed with distinguished  
 natural and acquired endowments  
 & both adorned with an exemplary  
 christian temper & walk.  
 Ye memory of ye just is precious.

## No. 4.

Dea. John Baker, born on Martha's Vineyard Oct. 15, 1672, was son of Samuel Baker (No. 2), and Fear Robinson; he married Anna Annable, daughter of Samuel Annable, Oct. 14, 1696. She was born Mar. 4, 1675-6, and she died at West Barnstable, Mar. 21, 1732-3.

He removed to Scotland parish, now Scotland township, Windham County, Conn., in 1743, purchasing lands there Mar. 24, 1642-3. He died there Jan. 27, 1763, in his 91st year.

## Children:

Anna, born Sept. 8. 1697; married Oct. 17, 1717,  
 Capt. Samuel Lombard. She died May 19,  
 1747.

Mary, born Aug. 18, 1699; married April 20,  
 1720, Benjamin Lothrop, and afterwards re-  
 moved to Connecticut.

John, born June 14, 1801; died young.

Rebecca, born Sept. 8, 1704.

No. 6. Samuel, born Sept. 7, 1706.

Mary, born Mar. 25, 1710; married Lemuel  
 Hedge, of Yarmouth, 1733.

Mehitable, born May 7, 1712; married Ebenezer Crosby, Yarmouth, Jan. 10, 1743.

Abigail, born Feb. 1, 1713-4; married Icabod Lothrop, of Tolland, Conn., Nov. 9, 1732.

No. 7. John, born Dec. 1, 1716.

Hannah, born Mar. 24, 1718.

No. 5.

Nathaniel Baker, born in 1679, son of Samuel Baker, (No. 2) and Fear Robinson, resided until his death (May 27, 1750), in Barnstable, and his house in Baker's lane, was said to be still standing when Amos Otis wrote his genealogical notes, the introduction to which is dated Nov. 15, 1861.

This Nathaniel Baker's tombstone, is still standing in 1916, on the east side of the church, which is opposite the Custom House in Barnstable. The name of his first wife, mother of all his children, is not on the records.

Children:

Benney, born Aug. 15, 1705; died June, 1706.

Mercy, born Feb. 4, 1706; married Nov. 7, 1728, Sylvanus Cobb, and had eight children.

Sarah, born Oct. 4, 1708; died Nov. 19, 1708.

No. 8. Nathaniel, born Dec. 15, 1709.

No. 9. Nicholas, born Nov. 6, 1711.

Sarah, born Nov. 2, 1713; married Oct. 26, 1732, Jona. Sturgis.

Thankful, born Mar. 28, 1716; married Jan. 1, 1734, Jesse Cobb.

No. 10. Bennie, born Sept. 28, 1716.

Elizabeth, born Mar. 9, 1718; married Sept. 28, 1728, Benjamin Nye, Jr., of Falmouth.



All of the children of Nathaniel Baker except the first, Benney, are mentioned in his will dated April 30, 1750, a copy of which will be found in the appendix.

No. 6.

Dea. Samuel Baker, born Sept. 7, 1706, was a son of Dea. John Baker, (No. 4); married Prudence Jenkins, May 30, 1732. He moved in 1743, when his father did or soon afterwards to Scotland Parish, Windham County, Conn.

Prudence Jenkins was born in 1710, and was a daughter of Joseph Jenkins, a son of John Jenkins, who came from England to Plymouth Colony in the Defence in 1635.

Joseph Jenkins resided at West Barnstable and in his will gave Prudence Baker 10s.

Samuel Baker died Dec. 9, 1791, and his wife, July 26, 1793. They were buried beside each other in the old burying ground in Scotland.

Their tombstones are still standing in 1916.

A copy of Samuel Baker's will, and the amicable distribution of his estate among his heirs, will be found in the appendix.

All his children are mentioned in his will, except the first, Anna, and Mercy, who were dead.

Children:

Martha, born Jan. 24, 1732; married Nathaniel Bingham, of Windham, Conn.

Anna, born May 12, 1735; she died before the second Anna was born.

Bethia, born June 12, 1737; married John Perkins, of Lisbon, Conn.

No. 11. Samuel, Jr., born Sept. 30, 1740.

Mercy, born May 30, 1743; died Mar. 17, 1766.

Anna, born May 30, 1746; died June 22, 1819.

She owned 15 acres of land in Scotland Parish, and her will dated May 18, 1819, says: "I give and bequeath to my brother Benjamin and sister Prudence, and my nephews Erastus Baker, Adonijah Baker and Levi Baker, all my estate both real and personal to be divided equally between them, except the note I hold against Septimus Baker, that I give to him."

Sept. 17, 1824, Adonijah Baker deeded his one-fifth part to Erastus Bingham, for \$12.

No. 12. Joseph, born Dec. 17, 1748.

No. 13. Benjamin, born June 15, 1751.

Prudence, born Jan. 4, 1755; married Abner Webb, Nov. 2, 1780.

#### No. 7.

John Baker, Jr., born Dec. 1, 1716, son of Dea. John Baker (No. 4), came with his father from Barnstable to Scotland Parish in 1743, and married Mercy Carey, (daughter of John Carey), Dec. 17, 1744. She died Mar. 23, 1814, in her 89th year and he died Feb. 16, 1815, in his 99th year. Their tombstones are still standing in 1916, but the inscriptions are nearly obliterated. I copied them in 1883.

Children:

Susanna, born Feb. 17, 1746; married Elisha Kingsley Nov. 4, 1767; had family and died Dec. 16, 1846, aged 100 years, 9 mos. and 29 days.

- No. 14. John, 2d. Jr., born Sept. 27, 1747.  
 Mary, born Sept. 15, 1749; married Cyrus Manning, Dec. 12, 1771.  
 George and William, twins, born April 7, 1751;  
 George died April 29, 1751
- No. 15. Walter, born Sept. 28, 1752.  
 Enoch and Elijah, twins, born June 30, 1754;  
 Elijah died June 25, 1755.
- No. 16. Elijah, born Oct. 9, 1755.  
 Phebe, born June 21, 1759; married James Burnet.  
 Elizabeth, born Jan. 9, 1766; died Sept. 27, 1827.  
 Hannah, born July 4, 1783; died Jan. 12, 1830.

## No. 8.

Nathaniel Baker, born Dec. 15, 1709, son of Nathaniel Baker (No. 5), married Ann Lumbard, of Newtown (Cambridge), May 21, 1732. They lived in Barnstable. She died Aug. 27, 1768, and he died March 20, 1791.

Their tombstones stand on the west side of the church opposite the Customs House in Barnstable.

## Children:

- No. 17. Isaac, born April 2, 1734.  
 Mercy, born May 6, 1738.  
 Binne, born Oct. 2, 1751.  
 Anna, born Jan. 18, 1754.  
 Samuel, born —————

## No. 9.

Nicholas Baker, born Nov. 6, 1711, son of Nathaniel Baker (No. 5), married Dorcas Backus, of Sandwich, Oct. 22, 1733. He died Jan. 31, 1739-40.

Children:

Nathaniel, who died young.

Ebenezer.

David.

## No. 10.

Benne Baker, born Sept. 28, 1716, son of Nathaniel Baker (No. 5), married Patience Lumbard, Nov. 19, 1741. He died Dec. 29, 1747; she died Dec. 28, 1748.

Children:

John, born Jan. 3, 1743.

Thankful, born June 29, 1745.

## No. 11.

Dea. Samuel Baker, Jr., born Sept. 7, 1740, son of Samuel Baker (No. 6); he married his first wife Lydia Smith, daughter of Josiah Smith, Dec. 8, 1763; she died Sept. 24, 1771, aged 28 years; he then married Sept. 27, 1774, Chloe Silsby, daughter of John Silsby; she died Sept. 29, 1788, aged 40 years; he then married, Dec. 29, 1794, Sarah Farnham.

He was one of those residing in the eastern part of the township of Windham, who withdrew from the church of which Rev. Ebenezer Devotion was pastor and established a separatist church called the "Brunswick Church" in Scotland. He served as deacon of that church until his death, May 12, 1812, aged 71 years.

Children—By his first wife:

Erastus, born Dec. 9, 1764.

No. 18. Ephriam, born Dec. 3, 1766.

Ethelbert, born Nov. 4, 1768.

A son, born Sept. 12, 1771; died Sept. 13, 1771.

By his second wife:

Samuel, born July 17, 1775; died Oct. 8, 1802.

No. 19. Adonijah, born April 29, 1777.

No. 20. Septimus, born Dec. 28, 1778.

Lydia, born Mar. 17, 1781; died Jan. 30, 1814.

Levi, born Oct. 3, 1783.

Chloe, born Mar. 31, 1786; married John P. Gager, Sept. 28, 1802; died June 27, 1834.

#### No. 12.

Joseph Baker, born Dec. 17, 1748, son of Samuel Baker, (No. 6); married Lucy, a daughter of Rev. Ebenezer Devotion, pastor of church in Scotland, Feb., 1779. He was a physician and settled in the town of Brooklyn, Windham County, Conn., and died there May 16, 1804. His wife died April 13, 1842, aged 88.

Children:

Elizabeth, born Feb. 19, 1780; married P. P. Tyler, of Brooklyn; she died Oct. 9, 1862.

Deborah, born Sept. 23, 1781; married Thaddeus Clark, of Lebanon. Their daughter Sarah Jane, was the well known writer "Grace Greenwood," the wife of Leander K. Lippincott, of Philadelphia. In 1862 she was the editress of the "Little Pilgrim."

Ebenezer, born July 22, 1783; married Elizabeth Williams; succeeded his father as physician in Brooklyn; and died Dec. 11, 1820.

Martha, born June 17, 1786; married Solomon W. Williams, of Lebanon.

James, born Sept. 11, 1788; Lieutenant in U. S. A., 1813; died at Savannah, Ga.

No. 21. Rufus Lathrop, born Dec. 6, 1790.

Lucy Maria, born Dec. 6, 1790; married Rev. William Preston, of Savannah, Ga.

Mary, born July 17, 1796; married Jonathan A. Welch, of Brooklyn, where she died.

### No. 13.

Benjamin Baker, born June 15, 1751, son of Samuel Baker, Sr. (No. 6), received from his father, Jan. 23, 1790, a deed of a parcel of land, and by his father's will dated April 2, 1789, and admitted to probate Dec. 20, 1791, he was given two other parcels of 8 acres and 32 acres. Benjamin, Dec. 23, 1796, deeded to his brother Samuel Baker, Jr., all the lands given to him by his father by deed or will.

He married Lucy Bottom, Nov. 25, 1773. They lived for a time in Norwich, Conn., and it is said removed to Ashford.

#### Children:

Lucy, born 1785; died Feb. 9, 1792.

Ralph, baptized, April 3, 1791.

Millie, baptized, Aug. 19, 1793.

David, baptized, Feb. 7, 1796.

### No. 14.

Capt. John Baker, 2d. Jr., born Sept. 27, 1747, son of John Baker, Jr. (No. 7), married Elizabeth, a daughter of Hezekiah Manning, Dec. 14, 1775. He died Feb. 13, 1828; she died Dec. 5, 1828, aged 73. He was an

officer in the revolutionary war. Their tombstones are in the old burying ground in Scotland.

Children:

Charles, born Oct. 25, 1776.

Oliver, born Aug. 1, 1778; died Sept. 11, 1847; at the age of 20 received an injury to his spine which made him decrepid all his life.

Andrew, born June 28, 1780; married Dianthia, daughter of Ezekial Cary; lived at Willimantic, and died Nov. 3, 1826, without issue.

Hezekiah, born June 14, 1784; died June 5, 1790.

Eunice, born June 17, 1782; married Luther Kingsley, and in 1862 was living in Mansfield a widow.

Elisha, born Aug. 3, 1786.

Fanny, born Dec. 14, 1788; died July 29, 1791.

Sally, born Mar. 23, 1709; in 1862 lived in Mansfield, and died June 26, 1873.

No. 42. Hezekiah Manning, born July 1, 1793.

Fanny, born Aug. 31, 1798; married Benjamin Hovey, and in 1883 was living as a widow, with a daughter, Mrs. D. P. Walden. Fred A. Baker called on her in 1883, and a letter from Mrs. Walden to him dated Sept. 10, 1883, says "Mother celebrated her 85th birthday week ago last Friday; there were twelve of the children and grandchildren present which made it very pleasant for her." Her son, Fred Hovey, and daughter (brother and sister), were residing in 1916 near the forks of the road a short distance south of the old and new burying ground in Scotland.

## No. 15.

Walter Baker, born Sept. 28, 1752, son of John Baker, Jr. (No. 7), married Rebeckah Carey, daughter of Dea. John Carey.

## Children:

Esther, born July 21, 1777.

Mary, born Dec. 27, 1778.

Harriet, born Dec. 20, 1780.

Phebe, born May 8, 1783.

Sophia, born May 18, 1785.

James, born May 5, 1787.

Rebeckah, born Sept. 28, 1789.

## No. 16.

Elijah Baker, born Oct. 9, 1755, son of John Baker, Jr. (No. 7), married Olive Kasson, Nov. 4, 1779.

## Children:

Elijah, Jr., born Sept. 24, 1780.

Kasson, born June 1, 1783.

Olive, born April 9, 1785.

Lucinda, born Oct. 9, 1786.

Lucy, born Aug. 27, 1793.

Mary, born June 30, 1796.

John, born Feb. 12, 1790.

## No. 17.

Isaac Baker, born April 2, 1734, son of Nathaniel Baker, Jr. (No. 8), married Rebecca Lewis, Oct. 6, 1754. They lived in Barnstable, but removed to Pelham, Mass., where he died in 1821. His will, probated in



April, 1821, mentions his wife Rebecca and his seven sons, and appointed John, executor.

Children:

Rebecca.

James.

No. 22. Lewis, born Dec. 28, 1761.

Ezekial.

Nathaniel.

John, who settled in Brewster, Barnstable Co.,  
Mass.

Isaac, died in Barnstable, unmarried, about  
1840.

Benjamin.

No. 18.

Ephriam Baker, born Dec. 3, 1766, son of Dea. Samuel Baker, Jr. (No. 11), married Phebe Edgerton Abbott, daughter of Col. Samuel Abbott, of Norwich, Conn., in 1788, and his second wife was Mary Kelsey. He moved first from Windham County to Salisbury, Conn., and then to Catskill, N. Y.

Children—By first wife:

Henry, removed to North Carolina, before the  
Civil War.

No. 23. Charles, born 1790.

No. 34. Samuel A., born Feb. 22, 1793.

By second wife:

Elizabeth, born Sept. 2, 1809; died Dec. 17,  
1871.

Edward, born.

Ephriam Baker, was in Greene County, New York, as early as 1809.

Ephriam Baker and Henry Baker executed a mort-

gage to Benjamin Haxton, Jan. 8, 1810. (See Greene County Mortgages. Lib. B. p. 321.)

August Tredwell and wife, Nov. 19, 1811, deeded to Ephriam and Henry Baker and three others, 61 $\frac{3}{4}$  acres of land in the township of Cairo, near the Village of Shinglekill, and June 16, 1812, Ephriam Baker and Mary, his wife, executed a deed of the same lands to James Heard and others. The witnesses to this deed were Charles Baker and Henry Baker. (See Greene County Deeds, Lib. D. p. 252, and Lib. G. p. 352.)

#### ABBOTT GENEALOGY.

George Abbott and his brother Thomas Abbott, came from England in 1638, as members of the company led by Rev. Ezekial Rogers, or they came soon afterwards and joined the company, which located in 1639 in the town of Rowley, Essex County, Mass.

Ezekial Rogers received his A. M. at Christ College, Cambridge, in 1608. He was pastor of a church at Rowley, Yorkshire, Eng., for seventeen years, when he was suspended, and forced with many of his hearers, to seek refuge in New England. "Mr. Rogers was a man of great note in England for his piety and ability while the members of the company he brought with him to Rowley were called by Gov. Winthrop, 'Godly men and most of them of good estate.' "

George Abbott died in 1647, leaving three surviving sons, Thomas, George and Nehemiah.

George Abbott, Jr., was born in England in 1631. and, came to America with his father. He married Sarah Farnum April 26, 1658; moved from Rowley to Andover, where he died Mar. 22, 1688-9, some ten

children surviving him, among them John Abbott, who was born in Andover, Essex County, Mass., Aug. 26, 1662. He removed to Sudbury in 1696, and in 1710 to Watertown, where he bought of Jonathan Belcher, a merchant of Boston, a corn mill and a fulling mill on the Charles River in Watertown, with two houses near the mill, and two acres of land on which the buildings stood, and twelve acres of upland near the mills, bounded northerly by the country road leading to Sudbury. He died in Watertown Mar. 24, 1718, and his estate inventoried £997. 1s., a very good property for that day. His only son John Abbott, Jr., born Oct. 3, 1701, married Oct. 18, 1721, Elizabeth, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Phipps, of Lexington. They lived in Stow, Mass., and then in Windham, Conn., and Franklin, near Norwich, Conn. His sons were John Abbott, 2d Jr., born in Stow, April 2, 1724, and Samuel Abbott, born in Windham, Sept. 18, 1726, and both were colonels in the Revolutionary war.

Col. Samuel Abbott, born Sept. 18, 1726, married Oct. 4, 1749, Phebe Edgerton, born Feb. 8, 1731-2, daughter of John and Phebe Edgerton, of Norwich, Conn., where they lived and died. Among their children were Phebe, born Mar. 28, 1764, and married Ephriam Baker, in 1788, and Betsey, born Sept. 1, 1775, and married Adonijah Baker, June 2, 1799.

Col. Samuel Abbott was a Lieut. in the Colonial service, 1758; Lt. Col. 20th Regt., Ct. Inf., composed of companies from Norwich, in Rev. War; and was Col. of same May, 1777 to 1780. In 1776, and at various other times, he was commissioned by the government to buy arms for the troops; and 1782 he was one of 68 "prominent men" in Norwich who formed themselves into an association against "Illicit Trade." He held a number of local offices, and died suddenly, 1788-9.

Daniel Abbott, a son of Col. Samuel Abbott, sold to Ephriam Baker, for £100, about 20 rods of land with a house thereon, on the south side of Town Street, Norwich, near the "meeting-house rocks;" and Phipps Abbott, another son, while in Canaan, Ct., sold to Ephriam Baker, of Norwich, for \$2,000 various pieces of land differently located in Norwich, set off to him in the division of his father's estate.

The descendants of the original George Abbott, of Rowley, are numbered by thousands who bear the name of Abbott and among them are many of great worth and some of considerable eminence, such as John S. C. Abbott, the historian, and Dr. Lyman Abbott, the divine.

#### No. 19.

Adonijah Baker, born April 29, 1777, son of Dea. Samuel Baker, Jr. (No. 11), married Betsy Abbott, daughter of Col. Samuel Abbott, of Norwich, Conn., June 2, 1799. She was born Sept. 1, 1775. They lived in Salisbury, Conn., at Great Barrington, Mass., and at Sheffield, in Mass., then at Catskill, N. Y., and at Durham back of Catskill, and at Cairo, between Durham and Catskill. In 1824 were at Cairo, where they remained until June, 1838, when they came by way of the Erie Canal and a boat to Detroit, Mich.

Adonijah Baker and Betsy, his wife, then of Great Barrington, Mass., Dec. 2, 1799, conveyed to Josiah Carew the  $6\frac{3}{4}$  acres of land in Norwich which has been set off to her in the division of the lands of her father, Col. Samuel Abbott. Ephriam Baker was one of the witnesses to the deed.

In November, 1839, Adonijah Baker and family re-

moved to the township of Holly, Oakland County, Mich., and located on lands on sections 35 and 36. She died Oct. 9, 1848, and he died Feb. 29, 1852. They were buried on the farm, but their remains were removed by their son Francis, to the Lakeside Cemetery, in the Village of Holly.

Children:

No. 25. Horace, born Sept. 15, 1802.

No. 26. Francis, born Oct. 9, 1804.

Phebe E., born Oct. 24, 1805; died Nov., 1809.

Augusta, born Aug. 20, 1808; married Gamaliel Truesdale, June 22, 1852; they first lived on a farm on Seymour Lake in the township of Brandon, Oakland County, Mich., and then in the Village of Clarkston in that county. She died July 21, 1855, and was buried in the cemetery of the Presbyterian church, on Sashabaw plains, east of Clarkston.

No. 27. William, born Sept. 15, 1810.

No. 28. John Abbott, born Nov. 10, 1812.

No. 29. Daniel Edgerton, born Feb. 6, 1815.

Eliza, born Dec. 23, 1817; died May 24, 1838.

Adonijah Baker was a blacksmith, and an expert in making wrought iron plows. He and his half-brother, Ephriam Baker, had a blacksmith shop on a mountain road somewhere in northwestern Connecticut, but a road was built around the mountain, and they abandoned their stand. They worked in the shops near the iron mines at Salisbury, Conn., but moved to Great Barrington and then to Sheffield, Mass., where Francis Baker was born in 1804. From there they went over to Catskill, or its vicinity. Ephriam Baker lived there until his death, and Adonijah was resident in Greene County until he removed to Michigan in 1838.

Adonijah Baker apprenticed his sons William and Daniel for seven years, to a first-class carpenter in Albany, and his son John to a harness maker in Hudson. When the family came to Michigan, William and Daniel brought with them a big chest of the best of carpenter tools. They rented a shop of Joseph Campau located on the site of the Campau Building, Detroit. They built a front and made other improvements on the residence of Gen. Cass, and they built the large pillars that adorned the Railroad Hotel, which stood on the site of the present Opera House in Detroit.

Among other things they erected a barn on Grand River Avenue for a man named Kennedy, and received as pay the lands in the township of Holly, Oakland County, on which the family settled in Nov., 1839. They first lived in a log house on the south side of the Shiawassee road on Sec. 26, in Holly. Their first winter was devoted to building an eight rail fence around their premises and making a clearing on the southeast corner of the northwest quarter of Sec. 35. The winter of 1840 and 41, they built a frame house, hauling the lumber with an ox team from Lapeer County; and moved into it March 4, 1841, the same day that Gen. William H. Harrison moved into the White House in Washington. Not long afterwards they built a frame barn, which is still standing as plumb and true as ever in 1912. The house was used for many years, but finally became dilapidated and was destroyed.

The land was heavy clay land and it was covered with white oak and hickory trees, with some ironwood suitable for wedges and beetles.

The work of felling the trees, logging and burning them was tremendous. Breaking in land, plowing between the stumps with a plow with a heavy wooden

beam, and two yoke of oxen, was another herculean task; but they were not afraid of hard work, and succeeded in making a home for themselves in the then back woods of Oakland County. They were not without good neighbors.

Jonathan Allen from New Jersey, had already located on the south west quarter of Sec. 35, and had built a log house on the hill overlooking the marsh and lake to the south; and in 1841 James Goodrich, from Kendall, Orleans County, N. Y., located on the southwest quarter of Sec. 25.

In 1845 Francis Baker married Abigail Goodrich, and William Baker married Paulina Allen.

Such was pioneer life in Michigan; it had its hardships, but it was not without glory. It is some satisfaction to know that one's immediate ancestors were made of that kind of stuff. They were industrious, resolute, cheerful and happy.

Deer were plenty in the forties in the township of Holly and adjoining townships; there were some bear; and Allen lake and the two lakes to south of it were alive with fish. Here there was a drawback. Sunday commenced at sunset Saturday evening and there could be no hunting or fishing until after sunset Sunday evening. Sunday night, if there was no wind, the favorite sport was to spear fish with the aid of a Jack-Light stuck up in the bow of a boat. Two persons would sit on the rear seat armed with paddles. One person would stand in the bow armed with a long handled spear, and the fourth person, the "kid" of the party would sit amidships, on a pile of light tamarack stovewood, which he was required to pass up to the man with the spear, to keep the fire in the Jack burning and blazing. It was a primitive outfit, but the fish

could be seen as the boat moved slowly along, a little off shore, and the sport was great, especially when a big pickerel failed to escape.

### OLD NICK.

James Goodrich had a large black dog called Old Nick, who proved to be a great bear dog.

He was quicker and could run faster than any bear, and would worry a bear, until the bear went up a tree. On one occasion he got after an old she bear and two cubs. The cubs went up a tree, one after the other and the dog held them there until the men came up and shot them. While this was going on, James Goodrich would with an axe follow the trail of the old bear, and coming up to her, she turned on him, being infuriated by the disappearance of her cubs, but just as she and her assailant were about to come to blows, Old Nick came like a whirlwind down through the woods, giving tongue and attacking the bear, she turned her attention to him. Pursuing his usual tactics, the dog ran with the bear after him. Goodrich always said that was the prettiest race he ever saw. When the beast, still missing her cubs, would stop, old Nick would renew his attacks, and it was not long before she, too, went up a tree. The dog held her there, until the men came up and brought her down with a well directed rifle shot.

Old Nick was also death to rattlesnakes, killing every one he came onto. If the snake succeeded in striking him on the nose or lips, he would immerse himself, in the ooze of the brook that ran through the Goodrich farm, and stay there until the mud drew the poison out of him.



A wise old dog was he.

Old Nick lived to be a very old dog and blind, but James Goodrich refused to kill him. Finally, some one unknown to his master, sent him to the happy hunting grounds of dogs and Indians in the Milky Way.

The writer remembers the old dog well, and recollects seeing him in the ooze of the brook, with only his head sticking out.

Letters to John A. Baker, from Augusta Baker, his sister and Betsy Baker, his mother.

Buffalo Line, June 19, 1838.

Dear Brother:

Is it true we are really on our way to the far West, yes, we have commenced our long journey and I am not homesick yet, but will not boast of it, as I fear what may yet come. We left Cairo on Saturday last about noon. When the people there learned that we were going to leave in so short a time it produced a great stir and such parting scenes as I never witnessed before. We have lived through them but it was very trying. Mr. Van Dyke preached on the occasion the sabbath before we left, and the evening before there was a meeting held in our house in that large school room; it was crowded. But the greatest trial of all was to leave Eliza's grave and without tombstones, but I have the hope that you will see that they are put up this summer. The lines Ma wishes to have on, you will find in the hymn book the title of which is the Christian Psalmist or Watt's Psalms, and Hymns, page 382, hymn 240. Go watch and pray. We had thought of the first six lines but if it will be too much expense, do as you think best. I hope to be able to help you pay for them. I am sure there is nothing I would do with more pleasure. I am sorry I could not finish that hose for you, but we had a great deal to do and but little time.

We were disappointed about going to Albany with Horace and F. but they called to see us on Sunday, staid but a short time, said but little. While in Catskill we staid at Betsey Baker's and Mr. Dubois. We left about 12 o'clock, on Monday for the steamboat, a

multitude attended us to the point to take the final farewell. We arrived at Albany at 6 o'clock and went directly on the canal boat, it is not as commodious as some, but we have it all to ourselves; it is all new to Ma but she appears to be well and courage very good, and I find much that is new and interesting, but Oh, how we do miss our dear Eliza. They have just called me to see the steam cars pass, twelve in number, how grand the sight, what a mind has man, and how strange they should forget to whom they are indebted for such noble facultys. We are just passing a lock, and they jar me so I can't write straight, we are now about 50 miles from Utica; thus far weather very pleasant, find the boats more cool and comfortable than we anticipated. It is not a trifle to have the care of so many children as we have, but we hope for the best. We send much love to you and Mrs. Baker. Hope you are well and doing well.

Your most affectionate sister,  
16 of us, all well at present.

My dear Son:—

We are at a great distance from each other now and should we never meet again in this world may we be spared to meet in the world to come; that is of the most importance & I hope you will feel it to be so; seek first the Kingdom of Heaven and its righteousness, and all that we need will be added unto us. We have a pleasant time so far but we must not think of getting along in this world without trouble. We saw all our children before we came away but you. We left Eliza's grave in Cairo but she is not there. The hymn A. mentions is the one they sung at her funeral. I hope we will hear from each other. It is a great curiosity to me to be on the canal, what I never expected. I hope you will be able to visit us with your wife, give my love to her, and may you be a blessing to each other & to the cause of Christ. I hope likewise you will be able to visit us with your wife.

Adieu, from your mother, B. Baker,  
John A. Baker.

The foregoing letters were written on a single sheet of foolscap, which was folded and sealed and addressed

in the handwriting of Adonijah Baker, to John A. Baker, No. 22 Watt St., New York. The postmark is "Speaker's Basin, June 21, 1838."

New England farmers who were not able to give their sons a collegiate education were in the habit of requiring them to learn a trade, such as blacksmiths, carpenters, harnessmakers and others. As a sample of these contracts of apprenticeship there is here inserted the indenture under which John A. Baker served his apprenticeship as a harnessmaker and saddler. The original was preserved by him and is now in the possession of his son, Eugene A. Baker, 74 Chestnut street, East Orange, N. J.

*Articles of Apprenticeship of John A. Baker.*

This indenture made the sixth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven,

Witness, that John A. Baker, son of Adonijah Baker of Green County, aged fourteen years, four months, twenty five days by and with the consent of the said Adonijah Baker of Green County hath of our free and voluntary will placed and bound himself apprentice to Conklin Terry of Hudson, to learn the trade or occupation of the saddler and harness maker, which the said Conklin Terry now useth, and with him as an apprentice to dwell, to continue and serve from the day of the date hereof until the full end and term of six years seven months and twenty five days from next ensuing, and fully to be complete and ended, during all which term of six years seven months and twenty five days the said apprentice, said master well and faithfully shall serve, his secrets keep, his lawful commands gladly do and obey, hurt to his master shall *not*

do, or wilfully suffer to be done by others, but of the same to utmost of his power shall forthwith give notice to his said master; the goods of his said master shall not embezzle, nor waste or lend without his consent to any; at cards, dice or any other unlawful games he shall not play; tavern or ale houses he shall not frequent; fornication he shall not commit; matrimony he shall not contract; from the service of his master shall not at any time depart or absent himself without his master's leave; but in all things as a good and faithful apprentice shall and will demean and behave himself towards his said master and all his, during the said term; and the said Conklin Terry in consideration of the sum of twenty five cents money of account of the United States to him in hand paid, by his said apprentice the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, in the said trade mystery or occupation of saddler and harness maker which he now useth with all things thereunto belonging shall and will teach and instruct or cause to be well and sufficiently taught and instructed, after way and manner he can and shall and will; also find and allow unto his said apprentice meat, drink, washing, lodging, and apparel, both linen and woolen, and all other necessaries fit and convenient for such an apprentice during the term aforesaid, and also two suits of clothes, one Sunday and one every day, also one quarter of day schooling.

In witness whereof, the parties of these presents have interchangeably set their hands and seals the day and year above written.

John A. Baker,	(Seal)
Conklin Terry,	(Seal)
Adonijah Baker.	(Seal)

John Blin.

## ENDORSEMENT.

This is to certify that John A. Baker, served out his time as a faithful, as a sober, honest and industrious boy to my full and entire satisfaction.

Hudson, Nov. 10, 1833.

Conklin Terry.

## No. 20.

Septimus Baker, born Dec. 28, 1778, son of Dea. Samuel Baker, Jr. (No. 11), married Mary Baldwin, Mar. 30, 1810. He was one of the executors of his father's will, and remained in the parish of Scotland until Mar. 2, 1819, when he deeded his lands there to Erastus Bingham.

Juliet, born Jan. 24, 1811.

Samuel, born Sept. 17, 1812.

Lydia Ann., born Aug. 19, 1814.

Caroline, born June 10, 1816; died Jan. 22, 1817.

Mary, born Dec. 18, 1817.

My information is that Septimus Baker removed to the western reserve in the state of Ohio, but I have not been able to locate either him or his family in Ohio or elsewhere.

## No. 21.

Lt. Col. Rufus Lathrop Baker, born Dec. 6, 1790, son of Joseph Baker (No. 12), married Eliza, daughter of Charles Taintor, of Windham, Conn. He was appointed Ensign in U. S. A. in 1812; Lieutenant, 1813; Captain, 1817; Brevet Major, 1827; Major, 1832; Brevet Lieut.

Colonel, 1848; Lieut. Colonel, 1852; resigned Jan., 1855; resided in Windham, and died June 5, 1868.

Children:

No. 30. Charles Taintor, born April 13, 1821.

William Rufus, born May 5, 1830; graduated at Union College, Schenectady, N. Y., and resided in Paris, France. He died in Paris, but left a son who resides there.

No. 22.

Lewis Baker, born at Barnstable, Mass., Dec. 28, 1761, son of Isaac Baker (No. 17), married Lois Walker, of Hardwick, Mass., Feb. 8, 1787. She was born Oct. 18, 1766, and died at Paris, Wis., Aug. 12, 1853. He died at Marcellus, N. Y., Feb. 18, 1834.

Children:

Anna, born Dec. 5, 1787; married Cephas Weed; died Sept. 21, 1826.

No. 31. Abel, born June 17, 1789.

James Lewis, born Aug. 5, 1891; died Aug. 9, 1802.

Read, born April 26, 1794; died 1877.

Lois, born Aug. 10, 1796; married Cephas Weed in 1828.

William, born Mar. 15, 1799.

Erastus, born Feb. 1, 1802; died Sept. 18, 1803.

Huldah, born July 22, 1804; married Nathaniel Clark in 1823; married 2d Stephen Story.

Thomas W., born July 26, 1808; married Mary Ellis; died 1877.

Elisha, born June 8, 1811; married Adeline Berry.

Lewis Baker moved with his parents to Pelham,

Mass., from there to Orange and 1808 to Marcellus, N. Y. His wife, Lois Baker, lived at Handwick, only a few miles from Pelham.

## No. 23.

Capt. Charles Baker, born ..... 1790, son of Ephriam Baker, (No. 18); married Eleanor Abeel, daughter of Garret Abeel, at Catskill, N. Y.; was a Captain in the war of 1812 and saw service at Sacketts Harbor; came to Michigan in 1838, and located in township of Columbus, in St. Clair County, where he died in 1853.

## Children:

No. 32. Moses Cantine, born.....

No. 33. Garret Abeel, born.....

No. 34. Henry Augustus, born.....

No. 35. Charles Nelson, born May 30, 1832.

Ann, born .....; married Jedediah Granger, and resided at Tiffany Creek, Dunn County, Wis.

Christina, born .....; married ..... Tappen, and resided at Oregon, Ogle County, Ills.

Phebe E., born.....

Georgiana, born .....

Mary, born .....

The will of Garret Abeel, is recited in an executor's deed Dec. 30, 1830, and in it he mentions his six children, among them "Eleanor, the wife of Charles Baker;" and a deed dated Oct. 30, 1835, after her death, gives the names of her children and heirs, the same as above set forth. (Greene County Deeds, Lib. Q. p. 183; Lib. V. p. 417.)

Charles Baker and Eleanor, his wife, Dec. 4, 1833, executed to Samuel A. Baker, a release of Lot 13, of Garret Abeel's estate.

#### ABEEL GENEALOGY.

Garret Abeel was a descendant of Christopher Janse Abeel, who was born in Amsterdam, Holland, in 1631; he came to America and settled at Beaverwick, now Albany, N. Y., where he became a prominent citizen.

David Abeel, the father of Garret, was a Patriot in the Revolution. He settled in Catskill as early as 1754; in 1771 he obtained a patent for one thousand acres of land "on the west side of and adjoining the brook called the Caterskill at a place called Bak-oven." This estate was within the bounds of the Catskill patent and had been formerly owned by Abeel's father-in-law, Garret Van Bergen.

Garret Abeel was born in Catskill Mar. 27, 1757; died Oct. 23, 1829. He married Elizabeth Cantine. Moses J. Cantine was head of family in Catskill in 1810.

The original Moses Cantine was a Huguenot refugee from Bordeaux, France, who came to America shortly after the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes, in 1685. He settled at the Huguenot village of New Paltz opposite Poughkeepsie, New York.

John Abeel, a grandson of Christopher Janse Abeel, became enamored of an Indian princess named Aliquipiso, of the Furth Clan of the Seneca Tribe and married her. Their son, born about 1742, became the famous "Corn Plant" or "Corn Planter," (Ki-on-two-ky).



## No. 24.

Samuel A. Baker, born Feb. 22, 1793, son of Ephriam Baker (No. 18), married Julia Ann Chandler, Feb. 18, 1815, and resided at Catskill, N. Y., until his death Feb. 27, 1855.

## Children:

Ephriam, born April 19, 1816; not married; lived at Schoharie, N. Y.; died Jan. 1, 1879.

No. 36. Henry, born Mar. 30, 1820.

Elizabeth, born Jan. 19, 1823; married Geo. S. Chamberlain, May 25, 1843, and lived in Wilkesbarre, Penn.

## No. 25.

Horace Baker, born Sept. 15, 1802, son of Adonijah Baker (No. 19), married Julia Nash, who was the mother of his two boys, Horace, Jr., and Robert Stroud. He and his wife separated for some reason, and the boys were taken into the family of Adonijah Baker, and brought up under the immediate care of his sister, Augusta Baker. They came to Michigan in 1838 and remained with the family at the homestead in Holly, Mich., until 1853 or 1854, when they went to reside at Port Huron, Mich.

Horace Baker, the father, became a resident of Buffalo, N. Y., as early as 1851, and was a dealer in lumber and located on Ohio Street, above Chicago Street. In 1851 he boarded at Bennett's Temperance Hotel; in 1852 and 1853 he resided at 59 East Seneca Street, and in 1854 and 1855 at 82 North Division.

April 1, 1852, a conveyance was executed to Horace Baker and Edward H. Tucker, of 53.65 acres of land in Lancaster township, Erie County, part of Holland

Land Company's land described as part of Lot 7 and bounded on the south by Buffalo Creek. On the same date they executed a mortgage on the property for \$3,000.

In 1853 or 1854 Horace Baker married Helena Tucker, a widow, and came to Michigan with her on a visit to his sister and brothers and his boys. The writer then only 6 or 7 years old remembers him and her; remembers that Uncle Horace gave him a black oil cloth or glazed cap, which was worn with great pride, until it was worn out.

Horace Baker and Helena his wife joined with John A. Baker and Jane Margaret, his wife, in a deed, April 20, 1854, to Augusta (Baker) Truesdell, of the E.  $\frac{1}{2}$  of S. E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of N. E.  $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 35, in Holly Township, Oakland Co., Mich.

I do not know whether any issue was the result of the second marriage of Horace Baker. Theodore Tucker who claimed to be a step-son, came to Port Huron and then to Detroit, Mich., in the seventies, but soon removed to some other place.

Horace Baker, I think was a hatter by trade; was a resident at Orange, N. J., when his oldest son was born, and at Stroudsburg, Pa., when his younger son was born.

Children of Horace Baker—by his first wife:

No. 37. Horace Baker, Jr., born Feb. 8, 1829.

Robert Stroud, born Aug. 3, 1835. He was recorder of the City of Port Huron in 1858; a captain in the 27th Mich. Infantry in the war of the rebellion; after the war removed to Chicago, and then to Detroit. He married but left no issue. He died in Detroit, Nov. 16, 1895, and was buried at Ypsilanti, Mich., where his widow erected a handsome monument in his honor.

## No. 26.

Francis Baker, born Oct. 9, 1804, son of Adonijah Baker (No. 19), married Abigail Goodrich, in 1845. She was a daughter of James Goodrich, and his wife Emily (Alvord) Goodrich; Abigail was born in the township of Kendall, Orleans County, N. Y., July 10, 1826, came to Michigan in the fall of 1837, with her parents and her paternal grandmother, Catherine (Fisher) Goodrich, and maternal grandparents, Isaac Alvord, and Abigail (Ball) Alvord, and settled in township of Holly, Oakland County, in 1841.

Abigail Goodrich Baker died Nov. 12, 1854. Francis Baker was killed by a freight train that was backing up on the Flint and Pere Marquette tracks in front of the passenger depot in the village of Holly, Dec. 6, 1887.

Children:

No. 38. Fred Abbott, born June 14, 1846.

Emily, born Jan. 25, 1849; married James B. Rice in April, 1870, and died Jan. 8, 1871.

Marriett, born Oct. 18, 1850; died June 12, 1851.

Francis Baker came with his parents from Cairo, N. Y., to Detroit, Mich., in June 1838, and removed with them to the township of Holly, Oakland County, Mich., in November, 1839. Francis Baker lived with his father until he was married in 1845. He then built a small frame house on the west forty of the farm, conveyed to him by his parents, and he acquired an adjoining "forty" from Jonathan T. Allen, in 1847. Here he lived until his wife died in Nov. 12, 1854, and in the spring of 1855 removed to Flint, where he went into business, in the old Dewey Block on the north side of

the river, with his brother William. In 1856 he married for his second wife, Mehitable (Whitehouse) Winegar. She was a daughter of James Whitehouse, a farmer of the township of Kendall, Orleans County, N. Y. William Baker's place in the firm was taken by Ethan Allen, a brother of Pauline Allen, the wife of William Baker. In the spring of 1859 the firm of Baker and Allen, removed from Flint, to the village of Holly. They built a store building, still in use, on the southwest corner of Saginaw and Maple streets. Mr. Allen withdrew from the business, and it was continued by Francis Baker, until he sold the property and went out of business.

Francis Baker was elected one of the representatives of Oakland County in the Michigan legislature of 1848. He was elected one of the Justices of the peace of the township of Holly in 1852 or 1853 but vacated the office when he removed to Flint, and on his return to Holly was elected town clerk in 1860. In 1862 he was elected Justice of the peace; again in 1866, in 1871, in 1873; in 1877 he was defeated for the first and only time; but was again elected in 1878, in 1882, and 1886.

With the exception of two short periods he served his township as its leading Justice of the Peace from July 1, 1862, until his death, Dec. 6, 1887. During the same period he was three times elected town clerk, and repeatedly served as deputy clerk. He was for years one of the school officers of his school district, and he also served as one of the county superintendents of the poor.

During and after the war there were a number of war widows in the village, with families of children, and the supervisor always had "Uncle Frank" look after them, and take charge of the disbursements from the relief fund.

## GOODRICH GENEALOGY.

## I.

William Goodrich, of Hegessett, near Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk County, England, came to New England and settled at Wethersfield, Conn., where he married Sarah Marvin, in 1648. This union was blessed with a large family of children, the youngest of whom was a son named David.

## II.

David Goodrich (son of William Goodrich), born in Wethersfield, May 4, 1667; died June 23rd, 1733; for his second wife he married Prudence Churchill, Dec. 1, 1698. Here was another large family of children, among them Zebulon.

## III.

Zebulon Goodrich (son of David Goodrich), born in Wethersfield, Nov. 22, 1713; died July 9, 1788; married Anna Francis, Jan. 8, 1735. Another large family, among them, Zebulon.

## IV.

Zebulon Goodrich (son of Zebulon Goodrich), born June 11, 1744, in Wethersfield; died in 1792; moved early in life to Hancock, Mass.; married Honor Waples, Oct. 5, 1769; was a volunteer soldier in the Revolutionary War, and was in the battle of Bennington, un-

der General Stark; was a member of the Hancock family of Shakers, and was buried on his own farm about two miles west of Shaker Village. Five sons and two daughters are named as the children of this union, but no William or Zebulon is among them. He may have had another son named William, not of record in Hancock. Be that as it may, I am of the opinion that the William Goodrich who was the head of a family in the census of 1790 in Wallen Papack Township, in the then County of Northampton, Pa., and the only head of a family named Goodrich in all Pennsylvania, was a descendant of William Goodrich, the emigrant and closely related to the Zebulon Goodrich, of Hancock, Mass.

## V.

William Goodrich, son of . . . . . Goodrich, was head of a family in Wallen Papack County in Northampton County in Pa., in 1790. I believe that he was the father of the Zebulon Goodrich who, according to United States census, returns was born between 1775 and 1780, and died between 1830 and 1840, when over 50 years of age. This would place the date of his birth in 1780, or earlier, which accords with the theory that he was a son of William Goodrich, of Wallen Papack.

## VI.

Zebulon Goodrich (probably son of William Goodrich), married Catherine Fisher, a Mohawk German woman.

Between 1708 and 1709 over 30,000 Germans crossed the Channel and were soon afterwards brought in English ships to New York and the Carolinas, but above

all to Pennsylvania. A large colony came to New York and settled in the Mohawk Valley, to the west of the Dutch settlement, which at that time did not extend much beyond Schenectady. The difference between these German settlers and the Dutch settlers was that the one spoke High German and the other Low German; but they have been indiscriminately called Mohawk Dutch. General Nicholas Herkimer (Hercheimer), the brave hero of the battle of Oriskany, in the Revolutionary War, was the son of a native of the Rhine Palatinate, who was one of patentees of the tract called Burnett's field in what is now Herkimer County, N. Y.

Lucinda Goodrich, daughter of Catherine Fisher, informed the writer that the Fishers were of German descent. She said her father's name was Christopher Fisher, whose father was born in Germany.

Children of Zebulon Goodrich and Catherine Fisher:

1. John Goodrich, lived in Clarkston, Monroe County, N. Y.; lost his wife; married again and went to California; a son returned to Clarkston.

2. James Goodrich, born in 1805, in Pennsylvania; removed with his father to Geneva, N. Y., and then to the township of Murray, and settled in that part, which became the Township of Kendall in 1837, of Orleans County, N. Y.; he married Emily Alvord, daughter of Isaac Alvord and Abigail Ball; removed with his family, and his mother, with her second husband, Obed Westgate, to Michigan in the fall of 1839, and settled in the township of Holly, Oakland County, Michigan, in 1840 or 1841.

3. Jared or Jedediah Goodrich; he and his family also came to Holly, and he died in the Union Army during the Civil War.

4. Flanders Goodrich; he came to Michigan, but removed to Indiana.

5. Philander Goodrich; he remarried in New York, and is said to have removed to Tioga County, Pa.

6. Nelson Goodrich; born in Kendall, married Hannah, a cousin, and a daughter named Phoebe, was born. Hannah died and he then married Rebecca, another daughter of Isaac Alvord and Abigail Ball. They settled on a forty acre farm a part of the land acquired by Adonijah Baker in Holly; they resided there for years, and had a large family; John, Isaac, Jason, Jannette, George and Finis; they were my playmates and schoolmates for the first eight years of my existence; the buoyancy of youth made that period very pleasant, with frequent visits to "Aunt Becky" and her family, which included Phoebe and the venerable Isaac Alvord.

John Goodrich, enlisted in company "F" of the second Michigan infantry and was wounded in a charge that regiment made at the battle of Fair Oaks in May, 1862. He came home and died of tuberculosis a few years afterwards.

Isaac Goodrich enlisted in the Sixteenth Michigan Infantry, and served with that regiment, but died in a hospital in Nashville, from that scourge of soldiers' chronic dysentery.

7. Lucinda Goodrich, born in 1827, married John Barrett in Kendall in 1848, and they removed to the township of Rose in Oakland County, Mich.

I called on John Barrett at the home of his son, Charles Barrett, on Maple Street, in the village of Holly, May 30, 1914. He said he was born in 1821 and would be 93 years old in October; that he married Lucinda Goodrich in 1848, when he was 27 years old and she was 21 years old.

8. Mary Goodrich married Gideon Burbanks, who became a wealthy man in Rochester, N. Y.



## VII.

James Goodrich, son of Zebulon Goodrich and Catharine Fisher; born in 1805; died in 1863, in the village of Holly, Mich. He came from Kendall, with his mother and her second husband, Obed Westgate, and settled on a farm on Section 25 in the Township of Holly, Oakland County, Michigan, but in the early fifties, sold his farm and moved into the village of Holly. His children by his wife, Emily Alvord, were:

1. Abigail Goodrich, born July 10, 1826.
2. William Goodrich, born Nov. 22, 1828.
3. Nelson L. Goodrich, born .....
4. Henry Goodrich, born.....
5. Julia Goodrich, born .....

Henry and Julia died without issue. William has two sons living, William G., of Clio, Mich., and Newton, who resides in Ohio. Nelson L. is survived by Lavina, who married Seaman Cornell and lives on the corner of 3rd and Selden streets in the City of Detroit. Nelson L. is also survived by Burton Goodrich, who resides in Fenton, Mich., and by Earl G. Goodrich, a grandson, who resides in Lansing, Mich.

William Goodrich died Mar. 2, 1914, in Clio.

Abigail Goodrich died Nov. 12, 1854, in Holly.

## ALVORD GENEALOGY.

## I.

Alexander Alvord is thought to have been the person by that name, who was baptized at Bridport, Dorset County, England, Oct. 15, 1627. He came to America and first lived at Windsor, Conn., where he married

Mary Vore, daughter of Richard and Ann Vore, Oct. 29, 1646. They removed to Northampton, Mass. She died prior to 1686, and he died Oct. 3, 1689. His will probated Dec. 26, 1689, mentions his sons, John, Jonathan and Ebenezer, and his daughter Abigail.

## II.

Ebenezer Alvord, born Northampton, Mass., Dec. 23, 1665, son of Alexander; married 1691, Ruth Baker, born May 6, 1668, daughter of Joseph and Ruth Holton Baker.

Ebenezer Alvord, died Nov. 29, 1738; Ruth, died Mar. 6, 1706.

## III.

Joseph Alvord, born Northampton, Mass., March, 1697; son of Ebenezer Alvord; married, July 30, 1730, Clemence Wright, daughter of Dea. Ebenezer and Hannah Hunt Wright.

Clemence died Mar. 25, 1777, and Joseph Alvord died Jan. 9, 1786.

## IV.

Stephen Alvord, born Northampton, Mass., Aug. 18, 1735; son of Joseph Alvord; married Abigail Davis, daughter of Simon and Mary Powers Davis. This family removed to Charlestown, N. H., and then to Windsor, Vt., and then to Woodstock, Vt.

Abigail died at Windsor, Vt., June 3, 1820, and Stephen died in Canada in 1812.

## V.

Isaac Alvord, born May 11, 1779, and baptized in Charleston, N. H., July 3, 1779; son of Stephen Alvord.

He married Abigail Ball, who was born Dec. 19, 1780. According to the United Census they were in 1810 at Fair Haven, Vt., with one boy and one girl under ten years, and one boy between ten and sixteen, and in 1820, at Murray or Kendall, Orleans County, N. Y., and in 1830 they were still there. About 1840 they removed to the township of Holly, Oakland County, Mich., and lived in a log house on S. E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of S. W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 25. The log house was on the hill overlooking their own land, and the farm of James Goodrich, whose log house was on the other side of the brook, running at the foot of the hill, from little lake in the marsh further to the east.

Isaac Alvord and his wife conveyed their land to James Goodrich, Jan. 4, 1841.

After the death of his wife Isaac Alvord lived with his daughter Rebecca Alvord Goodrich, and the writer remembers him well. He did not die until 1861 or 2.

Their children were:

1. Roxey L., born April 19, 1805. She married Wanton Bennett in Kendall, and then Isaac Requa; children by each are still living. Mr. and Mrs. Requa moved to Holly and then to Vernon, Mich.

2. Mary, born July .., 1807. She married Henry Holmes and they had Isaac Alvord Holmes, and Oscar Holmes. Oscar died in Holly in 1908, and Isaac Alvord in Flint in 1912.

3. Emily, born Oct. 6, 1809. She married James Goodrich, in Kendall, and they moved to Holly about 1840. They had William, Abigail (who married Francis

Baker, in Holly and was the mother of Fred A. Baker and Emily Baker), Julia, Gideon, Nelson L. and Henry.

4. Rebecca, born Dec. 6, 1811. She married Nelson Goodrich, brother of James Goodrich. They had a large family of children, John, Isaac, Jason, Jannette, George and Finis. George is alive and resides in Saginaw, Mich.

5. Caroline, born Mar. 8, 1814. She married Hiram Hadstate, and their daughter Elmira married Capt. Ruby, now deceased. She lives in Mt. Clemens, Mich.

6. Julia, born June 1, 1816. She married Moses Norris, (brother of Meshack Norris, of Holly.)

#### BALL GENEALOGY.

##### I.

Francis Ball, born in England, settled in the Connecticut river valley in 1640.

In 1644 he married Abigail Burt, daughter of Henry Burt, of Roxbury.

He was drowned in the Connecticut river in 1648. She was still living in 1690; had married as her second husband a Mr. Stebbins, and Feb. 9, 1690, made an affidavit as Abigail Stevens, of the possession by her first husband, Francis Ball, of a house lot bought of John Woodcock, and on the same day Jonathan Burt made an affidavit that Francis Ball, died suddenly intestate, leaving two minor sons, Jonathan Ball and Samuel Ball, as his true heirs at law.

In 1684 an agreement concerning the estate of Francis Ball was signed by his two sons Jonathan Ball and Samuel Ball and by their mother Abigail (Ball) Stebbins.

This agreement is recorded in the early probate records in Northampton, Mass., and the affidavits mentioned are recorded in the early records of deeds in Springfield, Mass.

Children:

Jonathan Ball, born .....1645.  
 Samuel Ball, born .....1647.

## II.

Jonathan Ball, born 1645, son of Francis Ball (No. 1), made Mar. 22, 1740, an affidavit of record, in which he stated that he was 94 years old. He died May 21, 1741, in his 96th year.

Children:

Thomas Ball, born .....1676.  
 Samuel Ball, born .....1680.  
 Jonathan Ball, born .....1683.  
 Francis Ball, born .....1687.  
 Benjamin Ball, born.....1689.  
 Joseph Ball, born .....1695.  
 Margaret Ball, born.....  
 Sarah Ball, born.....  
 Abigail Ball, born.....

Jonathan Ball, executed a deed to his son Samuel, Mar. 16, 1719-20; a deed to his son Benjamin, April 23, 1728; and a deed to each of his sons, Francis, Samuel and Joseph, Mar. 13, 1729. Benjamin Ball is a witness to one of these three deeds and Jonathan Ball, Jr., to the other two. (See Hampden County Records, at Springfield, Mass., Lib. m. pp. 334-5-6-7.)

## III.

Samuel Ball, born 1647, son of Francis Ball (No. 1), married Mary Graves, and they resided in Northampton, Mass., where he died in 1689. An inventory of his estate was recorded Oct. 29, 1689. After his death, his widow married a Mr. Stebbins.

## Children:

Francis Ball, born.....  
 Mary Ball, born.....  
 Elizabeth Ball, born.....  
 Abigail Ball, born.....

## IV.

Samuel Ball, born 1680, son of Jonathan Ball (No. 2), died in 1752; his will was probated Aug. 11, 1752, and in it he mentions his wife Ruth, and his daughter, wife of Jonathan Smith, and appoints his brother, Francis Ball, executor.

## V.

Francis Ball, born 1687, son of Jonathan Ball (No. 2), died in 1757. His will dated April 9, 1757, was probated Dec. 13, 1757. In it he mentions his wife Sarah Ball, his father Jonathan Ball, deceased, his daughter Sarah, and his brothers Benjamin Ball, Jonathan Ball, and Joseph Ball.

## VI.

Francis Ball, born..... son of Samuel Ball (No. 3), died in 1700. His will was probated April 9, 1700, and in it he mentions Martha, his wife, Mary Stebbins, his mother, and his sisters, Mary Hitchcock, Elizabeth Sikes, and Abigail Ball.

Agreements signed by the wife and the mother, and by the husbands of the two married sisters, and by Abigail Ball, the third sister, are of record in Northampton.

## VII.

Benjamin Ball, born 1689, son of Jonathan Ball (No. 2), died in 1745. Benjamin Ball, of Springfield, a son, was appointed administrator of his estate April 17, 1745.

Children:

Benjamin Ball, born.....  
 Charles Ball, born.....  
 Noah Ball, born.....

## VIII.

Charles Ball, born.....son of Benjamin Ball (No. 7), lived in West Springfield, Mass.; his will was probated Jan. 5, 1747, and in it he mentions three children, Ruth, Charles, and Heman, and names Charles as executor.

Children:

Ruth, born .....  
 Charles, born .....  
 Herman, born .....

## IX.

Samuel Ball, born ..... son of .....  
 ....., lived in Warwick, Mass.; he died in  
 1799; and his will was probated Sept. 10, 1799; in it he  
 mentions his wife and his children.

Sarah, wife.

John, born .....

Samuel, born .....

Stephen, born .....

David, born .....

Sally, born .....

Lucy, born .....

Eunice, born .....

## X.

Thomas Ball, born ....., son of .....;  
 he lived in Hadley, Mass.; his brother James Ball,  
 filed a petition May 10, 1748, for the appointment of  
 a guardian for him, and Sept. 4, 1749, was appointed  
 such guardian.

## XI.

Stephen Ball, born ....., son of Jonathan  
 Ball, died in 1755. His father Jonathan Ball was  
 named as administrator of his estate Sept. 24, 1755.

## XII.

Dr. Silas Ball, born ....., son of .....  
 died in 1807. Administration of his estate was granted  
 to Abraham Ball, Aug. 4, 1807.



## XIII.

Benjamin Ball, born . . . . ., son of . . . . .  
 He lived in Leveritt, Mass. He died in 1782, and Mar.  
 5, 1782, administration of his estate was granted to  
 Jerusha Ball, his widow. The record shows that at  
 that time Silas Ball was town clerk of Leverett, and  
 that Thomas Ball was a creditor of the estate of this  
 Benjamin Ball.

## XIV.

James Ball, born . . . . ., son of . . . . .,  
 lived in Warwick, Mass., and died in 1797. His will  
 was probated Aug. 1, 1797, and a guardian appointed  
 for Absolom Ball, a minor child and heir.

In his will James Ball mentions his wife Lydia, and  
 his children and appoints his son James executor.

Children:

- James Ball, born . . . . .
- John Clark Ball, born . . . . .
- Nathan Ball, born . . . . .
- Absolom Ball, born . . . . .
- Taphath (Ball) Weeks, born . . . . .

## XV.

Reuben Ball, born . . . . ., son of . . . . .  
 He was a soldier in Col. Seth Warner's regiment of  
 "Green Mountain Boys" in the Revolutionary war, and  
 was credited to Townshend, in Cumberland, now Wind-  
 ham County, Vermont. He enlisted Jan. 2, 1777, to  
 serve during the war.

Feb. 17, 1784, Ebenezer Merrick was appointed administrator of his estate, and June 17, 1785, there was paid to the administrator, £43, 12s., 10d., 3 far., awarded to him to make good the depreciated money in which he had been paid during the war.

One of the most interesting chapters of American history is that concerning the controversy between New Hampshire and New York over the "New Hampshire Grants," which resulted in the independent State of Vermont as the fourteenth state in the federal union.

Branches of the English families which had settled in the Connecticut river valley, in Connecticut and Massachusetts drifted northwards into Vermont and New Hampshire, and carried with them the New England system of township governments.

Among those sturdy pioneers were members of the Alvord and Ball families as our records show.

The Vermont rolls of soldiers in the Revolutionary war contain the names of Edward Ball, James Ball, Joseph Ball and Reuben Ball, and Asher Alvord and Benjamin Alvord.

The United States census of 1790 for Vermont contains the following names as heads of families:

#### Windham County.

Wilmington town had six Ball families, viz.: David Ball, David Ball, jr., James Ball, Lemuel Ball, B. Gideon Ball and Noah Ball.

Dummerston (near Brattleboro) town had Moses Ball and Nathan Ball.

Marlborough town had Samuel Ball.

#### Windsor County.

Norwich town had four Ball families, viz.: Humphrey Ball, Jonathan Ball, Joseph Ball and Roswell Ball.

Springfield town had Daniel Ball.  
Hartford town had John Ball.

Bennington County.  
Stamford town had Zembebel Ball.

Addison County.  
Kingston town had Israel Ball.

Chittenden County.  
North Hero town had Jacob Ball.

The United States census of 1790 shows the following Alvord heads of families.

Windham County.  
Dummerston town, Benjamin Alvord.  
Wilmington town, Gad Alvord.  
Gineford town, Seth Alvord.

Windsor County.  
Woodstock town, Stephen Alvord and Stephen W. Alvord.

Addison County.  
New Haven town, John Alvord.

It is not likely that all of these Vermont Balls were descendants of the original Francis Ball of Springfield, Mass.; but that many of them were is beyond question. Some of them may have been descendants of Alling Ball, who settled in Connecticut as early as 1644. I have not been able at this writing (Sept. 18, 1913) to ascertain to which family of these Vermont Balls, Abigail Ball born Dec. 19, 1780, belongs. That she married

Isaac Alvord, a son of Stephen Alvord of Windsor, Vt., is certain. His and her family record was preserved by their daughter Roxey L. and is now in possession of her son, Burton Requa of Flint, Mich.

Abigail Ball may have been a daughter of Reuben Ball, of Townshend, Vt. Her daughter Rebecca (Alvord) Goodrich, named her first born son John Reuben, and as her mother, Abigail Ball, was alive or only recently deceased at that time, she may have suggested the name Reuben. Abigail Ball was only four years old when Reuben Ball died, and she may have passed into the care and control of some one of the Ball families living in Windham and Windsor counties, and thereby came to be acquainted with Isaac Alvord, the son of Stephen Alvord of Windsor county.

There does not appear to be any evidence that Francis Ball, or any other New England Ball, was a brother or other relative of William Ball of Virginia, the grandfather or great-grandfather of Mary Ball, the mother of George Washington, but I quote the following from Hayden's, *Virginia Genealogies*, p. 49:

"The fascination of the name Mary (Ball) Washington, as the mother of the illustrious Pater Patriae, has led many other families of Balls in the United States to claim relationship to Col. William Ball. These will be noted at the end of this pedigree with one exception. That exception deserves a place here. There are four lines of Ball descent, deriving from four brothers who settled in New England, 1640-50, in each of which the claim has been brought down since Washington's day of relationship to the Virginia line of "Millenbeck."

"This has found public expression in Col. Wm. L. Stone's *History of Saratoga*, p. 399, where he gives the statement of Rev. Eliphalet Ball, a distinguished gradu-

ate of Yale College, and the founder of Balston, N. Y., that he was a third cousin of General Washington. This claim is supported by the statement that when Washington visited Balston in 1783, he was the guest of Rev. Mr. Ball and recognized the relationship. Washington's ignorance of his own family history, as expressed in his letter to Sir Isaac Heard (Spark's Washington, p. 504), would of itself cast doubt on the claim of Rev. Mr. Ball if there did not exist in the Balston family a coat of arms identical with those of Col. Wm. Ball of Virginia, the only difference being in the crest and the motto. These arms have been preserved in Rev. Mr. Ball's line from the son of his immediate ancestor. A descendant of the same family, and like others ready to recognize any real connection with the family of Mary Ball, I have positively rejected all the traditions of these New England Balls until the book plate with the arms of Col. John Ball, son of Alling, was placed in my hands.

“The arms of Col. Wm. Ball are described thus:

“Argent, a lion passant sable, on a chief of the second three mullets of the first.”

Crest—“Out of the clouds proper, a demi-lion rampant sable, powdered with estoiles argent holding a globe or.”

Motto—“Collumque tueri.”

The arms of the New England Balls are these:

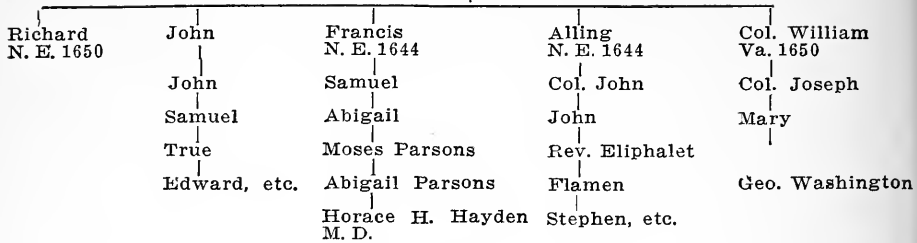
“Argent, a lion passant sable, on a chief of the second three mullets of the first.”

Crest—“A stag trippant proper.”

Motto—“Semper Caveto.”

In order to make Washington and Dr. Ball third cousins it must appear that their American ancestors were brothers thus:

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Footnote, p. 26

“A personal examination has been made of most of the English works of Genealogy in the great libraries of our large cities to discover some clue to the English ancestry of these lines, but without success.

“Hayden, in the Errata and Appendix to his work, at p. 737, gives an abstract of the will of Richard Ball, a citizen and cloth worker of London, dated July 1, 1613, and probated by Anne Ball, relict, July 3, 1617, from which it appears that his eldest son's name was John; and two other sons are mentioned, named Richard and William. Possibly he had two other sons, Francis and Alling.”

Address of Author,

Rev. Horace Edwin Hayden, Wilkes Barre, Pa.

Stephen Alvord, the father of Isaac Alvord, was head of a family in Woodstock town, in the census of 1790. The record of deeds in the town clerk's office shows that May 5, 1800, John Rogers deeded land to Peter Ball, and June 21, 1800, Peter Ball made a conveyance to Bursella Thomas. Dec. 15, 1815, Peter Ball conveyed land to Joseph Ball. April 7, 1817, Joseph Ball conveyed land to Peter Ball, and on the same day Peter Ball conveyed land to Joseph Ball.

October 24, 1816, Joseph Ball conveyed lands to

Jacob Royce, and May 20, 1819, Peter Ball conveyed lands to D. Hathaway.

The circumstantial evidence leads to the conclusion that Abigail Ball, born Dec. 19, 1780, was a daughter of Peter Ball or Joseph Ball.

Peter Ball and Peter Ball, Jr., were heads of families in Portsmouth in 1790, and Peter Ball appears in the census of 1800, with nothing to indicate whether he was the senior or junior.

#### No. 27.

William Baker, born Sept. 15, 1810, son of Adonijah Baker (No. 19), married Paulina, daughter of Jonathan T. Allen, Dec. 2, 1845. They resided in Holly, then in Flint, Mich., and back to Holly again in 1864 or '65. He died Nov. 21, 1870. She died May 28, 1912.

#### Children:

Ann Augusta, born Dec. 23, 1846; died Dec. 6, 1872.

Frances Harriet, born Oct. 18, 1852; married William Jones of Holly May 6, 1875.

She died May 6, 1910.

He died Jan. 27, 1911.

#### Their Children:

Anna Grace Jones, born Jan. 8, 1877.

Robert Varnum Jones, born Feb. 26, 1886.

#### Hill Family.

Anna Grace Jones married.....Hill  
Sept. 20, 1899.

#### Their Children:

Robert Allen Hill, born June 24, 1901.

Harry Nash Hill, born Aug. 22, 1907.

## No. 28.

John Abbott Baker, born Nov. 10, 1912, son of Adonijah Baker (No. 19), married Laura Clannon and resided in New York City. She was born April 17, 1835, and was a daughter of Simon Clannon, and his wife Sarah Maria Olmstead. She was still living in 1912 at 74 Chestnut street, East Orange, N. J., with her son, Eugene A. Baker, but has since died. John A. Baker was a lieutenant and ordnance officer of the New York Seventh Regiment, and died of heart failure June 12, 1862, while the regiment was at Baltimore on its second term of service in the war of the rebellion. He was buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn, N. Y.

## Children:

No. 39. Eugene Abbott, born April 20, 1861.

John A. Baker became a resident of New York City in 1838. His home was 22 Watts street until 1855, when he moved to 234 West 15th street; in 1858 to 202 West 15th, and in 1861 to 353 West 15th. His occupation was that of a harnessmaker and saddler until 1851, when he engaged in the military goods and equipment business at 141 Fulton street; in 1853 at 162 Fulton street and in 1859 at 63 Walker street.

The New York Seventh Regiment was a well organized and drilled regiment long before the civil war, and was only called upon to serve the United States for three short periods in 1861, in 1862, and in 1863. Fort Sumter was fired on April 12, 1861; President Lincoln issued his call for 75,000 militia April 15; and April 19, 1861, the Seventh started from New York on its memorable trip to Washington. Col. Marshall Lefferts notified Gov. Morgan and Major Sanford on the 16th that the Seventh was ready to march forthwith, and on the 17th gave Lieutenant General Scott, in Washington,



the same information, and in addition, that the regiment had a full set of camp equipage and could go into camp in the vicinity of Washington. The Quartermaster-General was unable to furnish transportation until 5 p. m. of the 19th, so the departure of the regiment was delayed until then.

When the regiment arrived at Philadelphia it was found that the railroad bridges between Havre de Grace and Baltimore had been destroyed, and some other route was necessary. Col. Lefferts promptly chartered the steamboat Boston, took his regiment on board, and at 4:20 on the 20th left Philadelphia. On the morning of the 22nd the Boston dropped anchor in the harbor of Annapolis. The Eighth Massachusetts, under Gen. Butler, went by rail to Havre de Grace, where there was a ferry boat, the Maryland, and when the Boston appeared in the harbor of Annapolis it found the Maryland there, hard aground and unable to make a landing, with the Eighth Massachusetts aboard. Col. Lefferts first made persistent effort with the Boston to pull the Maryland out of the mud, but was not able to do so. In the meantime he and a few of his officers went ashore to consult with the officers of the Naval Academy. He found that the Mayor and people of Annapolis were hostile and opposed to the landing of troops. Col. Lefferts informed the Mayor that the regiment had been ordered to Washington and would go peaceably if they could, forcibly if they must. At 5 o'clock in the afternoon the Boston touched the wharf and the regiment landed and went into camp on the green slope stretching down from the front of the Academy to the Severn. Col. Lefferts sent the Boston back to the Maryland, and before dawn the Massachusetts men were all landed.

The railroad from Annapolis to Annapolis Junction had been torn up, and Col. Lefferts first proposed to march his regiment to Washington, but a messenger from headquarters informed him that Washington was thus far safe, and while he should push through as rapidly as possible, yet it would also be desirable if he marched to reopen railroad communication with the north.

“Two companies of the Eighth Massachusetts had already occupied the depot and had begun the work of mending the track. The story of their exploits is immortal. Finding an old locomotive, damaged and useless, in a locked-up storehouse, they set to work to repair it. Charles Homans, of Company E, found the engine an old acquaintance—“our shop made her”—and he and his associates soon had it in running order.

Before nightfall the machine was ready, and the track for about three miles repaired.”

The tops of two old cattle cars were sawed off; on the first was mounted a howitzer loaded with grape; on the second car was placed the ammunition for the howitzer; then came the wheezy locomotive, and after that two small cars, containing two companies. With this equipment the regiment worked its way towards Washington repairing the railroad and rebuilding a bridge ahead of the train as they went along. On arriving at Annapolis Junction it was found that the railroad from there to Washington had been kept open, and a train came there to meet the regiment; leaving the Junction at 10 o'clock of April 25, it arrived at noon in the city of Washington, to the great relief of President Lincoln and the friends of the Union, not only in Washington, but throughout the North.

The New York Seventh, supported by the Massachu-

setts Eighth, had opened railroad communication with Washington.

The regiment had been ordered out and was mustered in for thirty days from April 19, 1861, but it served in and around Washington, until May 30, when Col. Lefferts received orders to proceed with his regiment to New York City to be there mustered out of the service of the United States.

The regiment was again mustered into the service of the United States, May 25, 1862, this time for three months, and was stationed at Fort Federal Hill, Baltimore. Lieutenant Baker was not present when the regiment was mustered in, but joined it soon after, and as stated above died June 12, 1862.

The Baltimore Clipper gave the following account of his death:

“Sudden death of an officer. Lieut. J. A. Baker, ordinance officer of the Seventh New York Infantry, stationed at Fort Federal Hill, died quite suddenly yesterday morning about two o'clock. The deceased was a popular officer with the command and on Thursday evening was present at dress parade. Afterwards he made several visits in the city in company with Sergt. Major Winans Arthur, returned to the Fort and whilst riding in a carriage, he breathed his last. The remains were conveyed yesterday afternoon to the depot of the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad en route to New York, the escort consisting of Company Two, Capt. Clarke commanding. Col. Marshall Lefferts and Lieut. Col. Price accompanied the remains to the depot.” (Baltimore Clipper, Saturday, June 14, 1862.)

## No. 29.

Daniel Edgerton Baker, born Feb. 6, 1815, son of Adonijah Baker (No. 19), married Laura A. Bissell Sept. 21, 1842, who died May 7, 1847, at Holly, Mich. His second wife was Mary North of Groveland, Mich. They were married Oct. 13, 1847; moved to Illinois and located at Polo, in Ogle County, and resided there the balance of their lives. She died Mar. 28, 1888, and he died Jan. 22, 1900.

## Children:

## By first wife.

Eliza, born Detroit, Mich., Jan. 13, 1844; died June 24, 1911; married Burt D. Kriedler, at Polo, Ill., Dec. 26, 1867. He was born at Plymouth, Pa., Nov. 18, 1843; died at Polo Aug. 18, 1905. Their son, Fred Baker Kriedler, born Aug. 31, 1868, married Lora Bradford June 28, 1899; he died Aug. 31, 1909. The widow with her three sons, Burton D., born June 7, 1902, Myron B., born July 15, 1904, and Lyell C., born April 25, 1908, resides in Tacoma, Wash., at 3711 N. 27th Street.

## By second wife.

Laura, born Aug. 27, 1851; died Jan. 15, 1896.

Laura A. Bissell was a sister of Edward Bissell, the father of Mary Josephine Bissell, who married Fred A. Baker, and was the mother of his children, making them and the children of Fred Baker Kriedler doubly related.

## No. 30.

Charles Taintor Baker, born April 13, 1821, son of Rufus Lathrop Baker (No. 21), married Anna Bartlett Dwight of Springfield, Mass., Dec. 3, 1851.

He was appointed cadet at large in the year 1837 and entered the Military Academy in September at the age of 16. Whilst a cadet his good humor and ready wit made him a favorite with his class. After graduating Mr. Baker was promoted July 1, 1842, to Brevet Second Lieut., and attached to the Third Infantry. Served in the Florida War 1842; in garrison at Fort Stansbury, Florida, 1842-43, and Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, 1843-44; on frontier duty at Fort Jessup, La., 1844; appointed Second Lieut., Sixth Infantry, March 30, 1844, and on frontier duty at Fort Towson, Indian Territory, 1844-5. He was then appointed Assistant Instructor of Infantry Tactics at West Point, where he served from 19 June, 1845, to 15 August, 1851. He was in the meantime appointed to the First Lieutenancy, April 5, 1851, \* \* \* January 1852 he resigned from the Army." (12th, "Annual Reunion of the Association of the Graduates of West Point," of June 9, 1881.)

He died Feb. 28, 1881, at Windham, where his widow and daughter Ella were living in 1883.

## Children:

Ella, born Sept. 7, 1852.

Cora, born April 18, 1858.

Married Henry S. F. Davis of New York, April 11, 1882; he died and she then married John Aloy Rutherford, and they reside at Redbook, N. J.

Anna Dwight, born May 18, 1862.

Married Julian Alden Weir, April 24, 1883.

## Children:

Caroline Alden Weir, born March 24, 1884.

Dorothy, born April 18, 1888.

Cora, born Feb. 24, 1889.

After the death of Anna Dwight, her sister Ella married Julian Alden Weir, and they live with the three children of Anna Dwight, at 471 Park avenue, New York city. Julian Alden Weir is an artist and is president of the National Academy of Design of New York.

## No. 31.

Abel Baker, born at Pelham, Mass., June 17, 1789, son of Lewis Baker (No. 22); married Aurora Price, April 23, 1818; she was born July 5, 1795, and died June 11th, 1827. His second wife was Laura Bailey, who died Oct. 17, 1836. His third wife was Udolphia Osborn, who died Nov. 25, 1842.

## Children:

By first wife:

No. 40. Elijah Price, born June 12, 1819.

No. 44. Abel Walker, born May 12, 1821.

Erasmus Darwin, born June 17, 1823.

Néver married; died Oct. 6, 1877, at Montgomery, Ala.

## No. 32.

Moses Cantine Baker, born Jan. 20, 1823, at Catskill, N. Y., son of Charles Baker (No. 23); married Clarisa Thurston, daughter of Enoch Thurston. He came from Catskill, to the township of Columbus, St. Clair County, Mich., and resided there until he removed to Oceana County, Mich., where he died Dec. 30, 1894. She died

May 7, 1902. They were buried in the cemetery at Mears, Mich.

Children:

No. 45. Ashley Cantine, born April 9, 1849.

No. 46. Frank E., born Sept. 7, 1851.

Georgiana, born May 7, 1853.

Married George Hitchcock in 1872 and died in 1899; children, Merle and George.

Ida Jane, born May, 1856.

Married Herbert M. Everton in 1880 and died in 1900; no children.

Jenny, born Feb. 13, 1862.

Married Clark Bradford Genung Nov. 9, 1878.

Their children:

1. Albert Earl, born Jan. 13, 1881; died Feb. 13, 1881.
2. Glen C., born May 2, 1884; married July 1, 1908, Rose Hickey of Clare, Mich.; children, Neobra, born Jan. 15, 1910; Wendell J., born Dec. 31, 1912. (Glen C. Genung is agent of P. M. R. R. at Lake, Clare County, Mich.)
3. Hazel J., born Sept. 4, 1887; married June 20, 1906, Edward W. Weideman, machinist, residing at 1406 Sheridan ave., Detroit, Mich. One son, Royce Millard Weideman, born Aug. 31, 1907.
4. Clare E., born June 7, 1896; is in employ of Ford Auto Works, Detroit, Mich., and his address is 23 Fairview Ave., Highland Park, Mich.
5. Olga G., born June 7, 1896; twin of Clare E.

## No. 33.

Garrett A. Baker, born ..... son of  
Charles Baker (No. 23), married.....  
and in 1883 lived near Marshville, Oceana County, Mich.

## Children:

Everett, born .....  
Albert, born .....  
Grace, born .....  
William, born .....  
Moses Cantine, born .....

## No. 34.

Henry Augustus Baker, born ..... son  
of Charles Baker (No. 23); married.....  
He died in 1873 at Port Huron, Mich.

## Children:

Helen, born .....  
Hattie, born .....

## No. 35.

Maj. Charles Nelson Baker, born May 20, 1832, son  
of Charles Baker (No. 23); married Mary E. Kenyon,  
May 8, 1864. She was a daughter of Sidney Kenyon,  
who was born in Glen Falls, N. Y., and Alzina (Tap-  
pan) Kenyon, who was a daughter of Asher Tappan  
and Polly (Simpson) Tappan. Polly Simpson was a  
sister of Hannah Simpson, the mother of Gen. Ulysses  
S. Grant.

Charles Nelson was born in Green County, N. Y., at  
or near Catskill and came with his parents to the town-  
ship of Columbus, St. Clair County, Michigan, in 1838.



When he grew to manhood he became a carpenter and worked at his trade in St. Clair County, until his enlistment in company K, of the 2d regiment of Michigan Volunteer Cavalry. He was enrolled as a private Sept. 2, 1861, and went to the front with his regiment and served until it was mustered out and paid off Aug. 26, 1865. He became 1st sergeant of his company, and Nov. 21, 1862, was appointed 2d lieutenant; March 28, 1863 he was commissioned as Captain to rank from Oct. 16, 1862, and Feb. 27, 1865, he was commissioned as Major, to rank from Dec. 31, 1864. He married Miss Kenyon at Sarnia, Ont., where her parents resided, when the re-enlisted men of the regiment were home on a furlough. He served as Provost Martial of Franklin, and his wife spent six weeks with him there, but before the battle of Franklin, Nov. 30, 1864, he was ordered to his regiment and she returned home. The battle of Franklin was fought on the south side of Harpeth river, and when the Confederate forces were repulsed, the Federal forces crossed the river on their way to Nashville. Capt. Baker's horse got away from him, and he was towed across the river hanging to the tail of the horse of Capt. M. P. Thatcher.

After coming home from the war he resided on a small farm of 15 acres overlooking the St. Clair river, at China, in St. Clair County. He suffered with rheumatism and neuralgia for ten years, and died Aug. 25, 1875.

#### Children:

No. 48. Burton Sidney, born March 3, 1865.

Nellie A., born Jan. 30, 1868; died June 23, 1907.

No. 49. Fred Abbott, born Sept. 3, 1870.

Ada Louise, born Aug. 18, 1872; married Edwin H. Wood, Jan. 10, 1900.

Their children are :

Carleton E., born Dec. 30, 1900.

Angela M., born Oct. 8, 1902.

John C., born Nov. 3, 1907.

Frederick B., born Dec. 5, 1909; died April 18, 1912.

This family lived in Ecorse, Wayne County, Mich.

### No. 36.

Henry Baker, born March 30, 1820, son of Samuel A. Baker (No. 24); married Harriet Elizabeth Adams, May 25, 1848; lived at Catskill, N. Y., and was a printer by trade; died there February 8th, 1896. Mrs. Baker was born at Catskill, February 19th, 1832, and was still living in 1914.

Children:

Julia E. Baker, born Feb. 14th, 1849; died at Saratoga, N. Y., August 16th, 1888.

Ella F. Baker, born Sept. 5th, 1850.

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Emma J. Baker, born Sept. 29th, 1852; died at Catskill, N. Y., June 22nd, 1885.

Frank Baker, born June 1st, 1854; died December 11th, 1857.

Samuel A. Baker, born Jan. 13th, 1860.

He lives in Hoboken, N. J.

Harriet A. Baker, born April 25th, 1863; married at Catskill, N. Y., to Herbert J. Dederick, of Palenville, N. Y., June 19th, 1890.

Their children:

Beulah D. Dederick, daughter, born at Catskill, N. Y., Dec. 1st, 1891.

Geo. Van Keuren Dederick, son, born at Catskill, N. Y., Jan. 9th, 1893.

## No. 37.

Horace Baker, Jr., born at Orange, N. J., Feb. 8, 1829, son of Horace Baker (No. 25); married Mary A. Minnie, a daughter of Joseph Minnie of Port Huron, Mich., Oct. 24, 1855. She was born March 4, 1833, and died March 8, 1904. He died May 10, 1906. Both were buried in Lakeside Cemetery, Port Huron, Mich. Horace Baker, Jr., was city treasurer of the City of Port Huron three terms of one year each, 1863-1865. He was county clerk of St. Clair County three terms of two years each, 1879-1884. He was city clerk of Port Huron from April, 1885, to April, 1886.

The Common Council of the City April 12, 1886, passed the following resolution:

“Resolved, That the thanks of this Council are due and are hereby tendered to Horace Baker, our retiring City Clerk, for the courteous, gentlemanly and intelligent manner in which he has discharged the duties pertaining to his office during the past year. And the Common Council assures him that he carries to his new field of duty our best wishes for his future success and prosperity.

Children:

1. Minnie A. Baker, born Oct. 16, 1856; married Charles M. Rowley, Nov. 21, 1876, at Port Huron, Mich.

Their children are:

Bruce L. Rowley, born Aug. 25, 1877, at Yale, Mich.

Maude Rowley, born Feb. 9, 1880, at Port Huron, Mich.

Isabel Rowley, born July 25, 1881, at Port Huron, Mich.

Charles B. Rowley, born Dec. 9, 1892, at Port Huron, Mich.

2. Lillian Baker, born Feb. 22, 1858; married William N. McKenna at Brockway Center, St. Clair County, Mich., April 12, 1876. Second marriage to Robert R. Briggs at Detroit, Mich., July 19, 1898. They lived at Phoenix, Arizona, but he died and she is now in Detroit.

Children by first marriage are:

Harry Alvah McKenna, born April 8, 1877, at Yale, Mich.

Lura Baker McKenna, born Sept. 16, 1878, at Yale, Mich.

Horace Richard McKenna, born Jan. 26, 1881, at Yale, Mich.

3. Hattie Adelaide Baker, born Sept. 19, 1859; married Jesse F. Holden, of Brockway Centre, July 8, 1879, at Port Huron, Mich.; died Dec. 4, 1901, at Brown City, Mich., and buried there.

Their children are:

Floyd Emerson Holden, born Feb. 25, 1881, at Brockway Centre, Mich.

Lila Baker Holden, born July 23, 1883, at Brockway Centre, Mich.

Mollie Holden, born May 13, 1885, at Port Huron, Mich.

Moxie Holden, born Oct. 26, 1887, at Brown City, Mich.

4. Fred Alvah Baker, born July 2, 1861, at Port Huron, Mich.; married Jeanette A. Currie, Oct. 12, 1904, at Port Huron, Mich., where they now reside.

5. Ada Josephine Baker, born Jan. 19, 1864, at Port Huron, Mich.; married Jan. 19, 1886, to Frederick Fowler at Port Huron, Mich.

Their children are:

- Anna B. Fowler, born Sept. 20, 1886, Port Huron, Mich.
  - Robert S. Fowler, born Mar. 28, 1888, Port Huron, Mich.
6. Henrietta Belle Baker, born Jan. 8, 1867; died Feb. 26, 1867, at Port Huron, Mich., and buried there.
  7. Horace Edgar Baker, born April 15, 1873, at Yale, Mich.; married Maud Cramer Beniteau, June 22, 1907, at Detroit, Mich. Maud Cramer Baker died Jan. 16, 1909, at Port Huron, Mich., and buried in Lakeside Cemetery, Port Huron, Mich.

#### No. 38.

Fred Abbott Baker, born June 14, 1846, son of Francis Baker (No. 26); married Josephine Mary Bissell, daughter of Edward Bissell, and his wife, Lucy (Bourgeat, dit Provençal) Bissell, at Holly, Mich., Aug. 8, 1867. They removed to Detroit, Mich., and after some years took up their residence at Black Meadow Farm, near the suburban village of Royal Oak. She died there Sept. 21, 1908, and was buried in the Catholic Cemetery, in Royal Oak, a substantial granite monument marking her grave.

Children:

- Isabella Provençal, born Sept. 13, 1869; married Charles Burgess Stevens, Dec. 21, 1892. They reside at 17 Paul street, Riverton, Watertown, suburb of Boston, Mass.

Francis Edward, born July 23, 1871; died March 28, 1872.

Harry George, born Feb. 13, 1873; died Dec. 24, 1875.

No. 43. George John, born Aug. 27, 1875.

Francis Edward, born June 5, 1877.

May Josephine, born July 22, 1881.

#### BISSELL GENEALOGY.

John Bissell came from England to Windsor, Connecticut, about 1635 or 1640; received monopoly of the Scantic ferry; was the first settler on the east side of the Connecticut river and the founder of a numerous, energetic and honorable family even to this day.

Thomas Bissell (son of John Bissell), was born in England; married Abigail Moore, daughter of Dr. John Moore, October 11, 1665; settled on the east side of the river in Windsor and died July 31, 1689. His will dated August 24, 1688, and probated November 11, 1689, mentions his children, Thomas, Benjamin, Ephraim, *Isaac*, Abigail, Elizabeth and Sarah.

Lieut. Isaac Bissell (son of Thomas Bissell), was born September 22, 1682; married Elizabeth Osborne, May 2, 1706; moved from Windsor to Litchfield, and founded the Litchfield branch of the family. He died November 6, 1744; his wife died June 15, 1761.

George Bissell (son of Lieut. Isaac Bissell) was born March 7, 1720, in Litchfield, Connecticut; married Lydia Gay. This family moved to Salisbury, Connecticut, where their descendants now reside. Their son, Jehiel, was born there February 18, 1740, and *David*, January 17, 1742.

David Bissell (son of George Bissell), was born January 17, 1742. He and other members of the family moved to Augusta, Upper Canada. David died there July 29, 1826.

Elisha Bissell (son of David), was born September 8, 1769, and did not go to Canada. He married Catherine Sornborger, born September 5, 1772. She died June 8, 1821; he died January 11, 1856. They had children, Hannah, born June 18, 1792; *David*, July 10, 1794; Sarah, March 14, 1797; Fanny, July 13, 1799; Minerva, February 27, 1802; Ira, November 15, 1804; Emeline, December 24, 1807; Milo, September 1, 1810; George Sornborger, December 11, 1812; Elisha, February 1, 1819.

David Bissell (son of Elisha Bissell), born July 10, 1794; married Polly Holmes, daughter of Capt. Asa Holmes. He moved to Canada, and from there to Detroit, Michigan, and died in Elmira, New York, in 1854.

Edward Bissell (son of David), was born in North East Township, Dutchess County, New York, July 17, 1817; married Lucy Bourgeat dit Provençal in Detroit, June 3, 1841. She died August 11, 1895, and he died in 1897.

#### No. 39.

Eugene A. Baker, born April 20, 1861, son of John Abbott Baker (No. 28); married Minnie Burras Dunlap Sept. 30, 1889. She was born July 15, 1865, and is a daughter of Robert Dunlap and his wife Amelia N. (Burras) Dunlap. They reside at 74 Chestnut Street, East Orange, N. J. Robert Dunlap founded the hat manufacturing business of Dunlap & Co., and left it to his children. Mrs. Baker is the oldest child, and her

husband was manager of the store, 178 and 180 Fifth Avenue, New York, but has recently retired from business.

Children:

Marion Dunlap, born Mar. 29, 1892.

George Carlyle, born Mar. 31, 1896.

Gordon Abbott, born July 26, 1903.

No. 40.

Elijah Price Baker, born June 12, 1819, son of Abel Baker (No. 31); married, (1st), Elizabeth Austin, Sept. 27, 1842, who died Nov. 6, 1858; (2d), Elizabeth Springler, Dec. 15, 1859, who died Oct. 8, 1862; (3rd), Palmyra Cole, who died Dec. 4, 1889. He died June 4, 1893, at Aurora, N. Y.

Children—by first wife:

Ellen Aurora, born Sept. 29, 1843; married

Charles V. Hoskins, Oct. 2, 1861.

Henry Price, born Nov. 25, 1849; died June 6, 1899.

By second wife:

No. 41. Frederick Kessler, born Jan. 5, 1861.

No. 41.

Fred Kessler Baker, born Jan. 5, 1861, at Fleming, N. Y., son of Elijah Price Baker (No. 40); married Lynne Edir, Grand Rapids, Mich., Nov. 10, 1886. She was born June 27, 1864, at Lowell, Mich., and was a daughter of James Orton Edir and his wife (Gaskell) Edir. Mr. and Mrs. Baker resided in Menominee, Mich., and in 1899-1901, was a member of the Michigan State Senate. Removed to Washington State, and in 1911 was residing at Bellingham.



## Children:

- Laura Elizabeth, born Jan. 7, 1888.  
 Mabel Catherine, born Nov. 18, 1889.  
 Dorothy Abel, born Jan 1, 1895.

## No. 42.

Hezekiah Manning Baker, born July 1, 1793, son of Capt. John Baker, 2d Jr. (No. 14); married Anna Smith, Mar. 30, 1830.

## Children:

- Mary Elizabeth, born Nov. 1, 1831.  
 John, born Sept. 28, 1833.  
 Eunice and Eliza, twins, born Sept. 30, 1835.

## No. 43.

George John Baker, born Aug. 27, 1875, son of Fred Abbott Baker (No. 38); married Matilda Braun, daughter of Julius Braun, of Royal Oak, Mich., Dec. 31st, 1902. She died April 22, 1908, and was buried in her father's lot in the Catholic Cemetery in Royal Oak.

## Children:

- Matilda Dorothy, born April 22, 1908; died May 26, 1908.

## No. 44.

Abel Walker Baker, born May 12, 1821, son of Abel Baker (No. 31); married Charity Brinkerhoff. He died Aug. 25, 1883.

## Children:

- James Lewis, born.....  
 Udalphia Osborn, born.....  
 Frank H., born.....

## No. 45.

Ashley Cantine Baker, born April 9, 1849, at Columbus, St. Clair County, Mich., son of Moses Cantine Baker (No. 32); married Beatrice Woodard, daughter of Seth and Mary Woodard Nov. 6, 1879. They reside on a farm near Mears, Mich.

## Children:

Harry, born Sept. 22, 1880; died April 11, 1886.

Frank Guy, born July 21, 1882; died 1903.

No. 47. Henry Woodard, born Sept. 7, 1887.

Floyd Miller, born Jan. 21, 1897.

## No. 46.

Frank E. Baker, born Sept. 7, 1851, son of Moses Cantine Baker (No. 32); married Emma Hall in 1878. He died in 1907 at Anacortes, Wash.

## Children:

Clyde Harvey, born Feb. 26, 1882. Not married and lives in Anacortes.

## No. 47.

Henry Woodard Baker born Sept. 7, 1887, at Mears, Mich., son of Ashley Cantine Baker (No. 45); married Elsie Phipps, of Lansing, Mich., Dec. 24, 1910. They live in Hanover, Mich., where he is Professor in the High School.

## Children:

Mildred Beatrice, born Mar. 2, 1912.

## No. 48.

Capt. Burton Sidney Baker, born Mar. 3, 1865, at China, St. Clair County, Mich., son of Charles Nelson Baker (No. 35); married Maude McNeill, daughter of Malcolm McNeill and Margaret (Marshall) McNeill, of Merlin, Kent County, Ontario, June 4, 1888. They reside at 327 Van Dyke Avenue, Detroit, Mich., and for twelve or thirteen years he has been the captain of the steamer Tashmoo, one of the largest and fastest excursion boats sailing from Detroit.

## Children:

Mabel Eleanor, born April 31, 1889; married Harry Went, June 9, 1911.

Edith Louise, born Aug. 8, 1890; died Mar. 1, 1913.

Gladys Helen, born July 5, 1895.

## No. 49.

Fred Abbott Baker, born Sept. 3, 1870, at China, St. Clair County, Mich., son of Charles Nelson Baker (No. 35); married Ada Clara Lester, daughter of Philander Lester and Parmelia (Williams) Lester, of Marine City, Jan. 3, 1896. They reside at 347 Van Dyke Avenue, Detroit, Mich., and he is a decorator in the employ of the building firm of Vinton & Co., of Detroit.

## Children:

Leonard Lester, born Aug. 29, 1898.

The foregoing pages contain all the records in my possession or within my knowledge of the descendants of Rev. Nicholas Baker. There must be hundreds of other Baker families in the United States, who may be able to trace their genealogy back to Nicholas Baker. If any of these can do so, would be glad to hear from them. Do not intend to print a second edition, but fifteen or twenty years from now some one may do so, and any memoranda I may gather will be left in possession of my children. Address

FRED A. BAKER,  
50 Taylor Avenue,  
Detroit, Mich.

## APPENDIX.

## Will of Nicholas Baker (1610-1678.)

The Last Will and Testament of Mr. Nicholas Baker, Pastor of a Church of Christ at Scituate, late deceased, exhibited to the Court held at Plymouth, the 30th of October, 1678, on the oaths of Major James Cudworth and Thomas Clapp, and is as followeth:

I, Nicholas Baker, of Scituate, in the Colony of New Plymouth, in New England, being at this time weak of body but of perfect memory and of disposing mind, having through the Infinite Grace of God obtained comfortable hope of eternal life, through Jesus Christ, my onely Lord and Savior, do make this my last Will and Testament concerning the disposal of my worldly estate after my decease, as followeth:

First, I give unto Grace, my beloved wife, in the consideration of her singular and extraordinary love and faithfulness in the discharge of her duty unto me and my children during the whole time of her conversation with me in that relation, all that which was her own before marriage with me, whether in plate, clothing, bedding, books, or other household stuff or estate, which is yet remaining. To her and her heirs forever, excepting only the great cypress chest, which I give to her during her natural life only; also of all other household goods as my overseers hereinafter mentioned shall in their discretion judge meet and necessary for her comfortable subsistance during her natural life onely, which my wife shall have power to dispose of unto any of my natural children or grandchildren at her death; also I give unto my wife two cows and six ewes, which

she shall choose out of my stock, as her own forever. Together with all the provision for food which shall be in my house at my decease; as also all Mr. Shepards, Mr. Thomas Goodwins, and Mr. Randall's works, which I have; also I give unto her my beloved wife, the one-half of that my dwelling house which is in Hull, in the County of Suffolk, in New England, aforesaid, that is the southeast part of it, with all the privileges of it, together with the full half of the orchard adjoining on the southeast side, together with the little garden adjoining on the same side, and so much out housing as may be sufficient to the forementioned cows and sheep; together with all my houselot in Hull aforesaid which lies upon the hill southwestward next adjoining to Thomas Jones his lot; together with that lot of Salt Meadow which lies in Whitehead meadows, and so much of the swamp at Allerton hill as is or may be mowable, together with one lot upon Strawberry Hill, one lot upon Sagamore Hill; one lot upon Whitehead, one lot upon Pedock's Island and the one-half of all my land upon any island belonging to Hull on which I have any land, together with one-half of all common rights whether for pasture or wood, which I have or ought to have in the township of Hull: To be to her, my wife's proper use and behoof during her natural life only. Also I give unto her my beloved wife, all my estate of upland and meadow land lying and being in Hingham in the County of Suffolk, aforesaid; together with all the common rights, privileges and liberties thereunto belonging. To be to her proper use and behoof during her natural life only; provided that my son Samuel or any other of my children living at Hull, shall have liberty to cut what wood or timber they shall have need of for their own building or burning thereof from my

second division of Conahasset lands in Hingham, and that my wife shall not have power to sell away the wood or timber off any of my lands in Hingham excepting that upon my first division of Conahasset lands, which she hath power to sell; also it is my will that my son Samuel shall pay unto my wife forty shillings in money per annum during her natural life in consideration of such lands as I shall put into his hands immediately after my decease, by this my last will.

To my eldest son Samuel I give the other part of my dwelling house, outhousing, yards, orchards, and all my other lands, meadows, both upon the main and upon the islands not before mentioned as given unto my wife during her natural life. I say I give all this together with all the common rights both for wood and pasture belonging to one lot, and all other privileges likewise and appurtenances to it belonging to him, my son Samuel, and his heirs forever. Also I give unto my son Samuel after my wife, her decease, the other part of my said dwelling house, out housing, orchard and garden before given unto my wife during her natural life; together with the other part of my land at Allerton Hill, and half all upland and meadow whether upon the main or upon the island, and half the common right both for wood and pasture in the township of Hull aforesaid, with the privileges thereof which is before granted and given to my wife during her natural life; together also with my first division of Conahasset lands in Hingham, this also I give unto him, my son Samuel, after my wife's decease. The half of my house lot next to Thomas Jones, his lot excepted from this gift. Also to my son Samuel I give my home lot entirely, which lieth next to Thomas Jones, his lot, before given unto my wife during her natural life, together with the other half of all the land or meadow either on the islands or

the main, with the other half also of the common rights both of pasture and wood, with the privileges and liberties thereto belonging which I have above given unto my wife during her natural life. I say I give this after my wife, her decease to him, my son Samuel, to be to him and his heirs forever; provided this to be understood of my lands in Hull aforesaid only; also provided that my son Samuel pay or cause to be paid unto my daughter Mary and my daughter Elizabeth ten pounds to each of them in silver money within one year after my wife's decease, or his entrance upon the above given estate.

To my son Nicholas I give all my estate in land and meadows, common right and whole estate in Hingham aforesaid, before giving unto my wife during her natural life. I say I give this immediately after my wife's decease unto my son Nicholas, and his heirs forever, excepting only the first division of Conihasset land before given unto my son Samuel, provided my son Nicholas shall pay or cause to be paid unto my daughter Sarah ten pounds in silver money, and to my daughter Deborah ten pounds in silver money, all which to be paid or cause to be paid, within one year after my wife's decease, or his entrance upon the above given estate; but in case my son Nicholas should not live to come again, then my mind and will is that all my estate in Hingham settled upon Nicholas as aforesaid, do vest and settle upon my four daughters as co-parceners: Mary, Elizabeth, Sarah and Deborah; and I do give, bequeath the same to them and their heirs and assigns forever; and in case it should so come to pass, then my mind and will is, that my son Samuel is discharged and shall be free from paying the legacies to my two daughters, Mary and Elizabeth, before mentioned in my



will; also the land given me by a town vote in Scituate I give and bequeath unto my four daughters, Mary, Elizabeth, Sarah and Deborah, to be equally divided betwixt them.

I give unto my wife's grandchild, Mary Web, after my wife's decease, the Cypress Chest and the brass andiron and the rest of my books not before disposed of. I give unto my children, sons and daughters, by an equal division, the rest of my movables not before given, nor to be disposed of by my overseers according unto this, my will, unto my wife for her comfortable subsistence. I give unto my four daughters above named by an equal division, and my will is that out of the movables my wife hath at her death, she should give unto my grandchild, Mercy Baker, ten pounds. I appoint my beloved wife Grace, Executrix, and my eldest son Samuel Baker, as joint executor with her, of this, my last will and testament, and do entreat my beloved brother, Nathaniel Baker, and my loving kinsman, John Loring, to be the overseers of this, my last Will. To see it performed according to the true intent and meaning of it; and I revoke all former Wills, and do declare this to be my last Will and testament.

In witness whereof I have here unto set my hand and seal this fifteenth day of June, in the year of our Lord God one thousand six hundred seventy and eight.

Nicholas Baker

and A. (Seale)

This instrument was signed, sealed and delivered by Mr. Nicholas Baker to be his last Will and testament in the presence of us

Thomas Clapp

James Cudworth.

I, Thomas Nichols, aged about forty years, testifieth

and saith, that a little before Mr. Nicholas Baker, of Scituate, died, I was at his house and watched with him, and he called his son Samuel and his wife, and said that it was his mind that his sons Samuel and Nicholas should have his wearing clothes, all linen and woolen, for he said that he had forgot to set it down in his will, but he said it was my real mind.

Taken upon oath the 29th of October, 1678,  
before me,

James Cudworth, Assistant.

Mistress Grace Baker gave her oath to the truth hereof before the Court holden at Plymouth the 29th of October, 1678, as attesteth.

Nathaniel Morton,

Secretary.

The lands and tenements Mr. Nicholas Baker, hath, lying in Hingham, as they are imprised by us whose hands are underwritten, I say appraised by us, the seventh day of October, 1678, that is all the lands and privileges of the late deceased, Mr. Nicholas Baker, in Hingham we appraised at one hundred and forty pounds.

Appraised by us.

Nathaniel Baker

George Lane

An Inventory of the goods and chattels of Mr. Nicholas Baker taken the 28th of August, 1678, taken and appraised by Mr. John Allen and exhibited to the Court held at Plymouth the 30th of October, 1678, on the oaths of Mistress Grace Baker and Samuel Baker as followeth:

The goods in the Parlor which were his wife's before he married her.

Imp. One cypress chest .....05—00—00

In the parlor chamber

Item 2 carpets, three cushions, 1 chair.....00—08—00

Item	one bed, bedstead, curtains, vallence	
	1 rug .....	08—00—00
Item	curtains and vallence, eight pillows.	03—10—00
Item	sheets, pillow beers and table linen.	07—07—00
Item	looking glasses and brushes.	00—10—00
Item	the plate .....	16—00—00
Item	the pewter .....	06—04—00
Item	1 pair brass and irons and tongs.	02—10—00
Item	butter and cheese.	02—15—00
Item	1 trunk and chest and locks and small hinges .....	02—05—00
Item	1 copper kettle, 1 still, 1 pot, and other small things .....	03—00—00
Item	for other small things.	00—06—00
Now followeth the estate of Mr. Nicholas Baker which was his proper goods before he married her.		
Imp.	2 red cows .....	04—15—00
Item	2 other sparked coves.	04—10—00
Item	a heifer and a horse.	02—10—00
Item	3 hogs .....	02—16—00
Item	3 sows .....	01—19—00
Item	4 pigs .....	00—18—00
Item	his purse and wearing clothes.	15—14—00
Item	2 yards of carsey.	00—08—00
Item	Eight pair of sheets, 4 pair of pillow beares, towells, napkins, table cloths .....	07—17—00
Item	books .....	08—18—00
Item	curtains, vallence and blankets and cotton wool and yarn and other small things .....	02—16—00
Item	corn of several grain.	06—13—06
Item	other things in the further chamber bed & bedstead .....	03—05—00

Item	a bed and bolster bedstead and rug in the kitchen chamber.....	02—15—00
Item	goods in the 2 further lower rooms..	01—12—00
Item	goods in the kitchen, 3 brass kettles and some other things.....	02—05—00
Item	pewter .....	01—04—00
Item	1 iron pott, kettle and some other small things .....	03—00—00
Item	a bedstead, table joyne hooks.....	01—10—00
Item	a paddle .....	00—10—00
Item	an axe and wedges and beetle.....	00—10—00
	barrel, tubs and boards.....	00—14—00
	In debts from several men.....	07—11—00
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	Sum.....	84—10—06

John Allen.

October the 8th, 1678.

An inventory of the estate of Mr. Nicholas Baker, of Scituate, in Plymouth Colony, deceased, the 22d of August, 1678, lying in Hull, in the County of Suffolk, in New England, Thomas Colyer and Robert Gould, being desired by Samuel Baker, heir and executor to his father's last Will and Testament, appraise it as followeth:

We, the aforesaid Thomas Colyer and Robert Gould, according to our best understanding, do value the home lot lying on the northeast hill in the town of Hull, with all the privileges and appurtenances belonging thereunto at one hundred and fifteen pounds; and the home lot lying on the southwest hill, in the town of Hull, with all the privileges and appurtenances belonging thereunto, at Eighty and five pounds; and seven sheep at two pounds 9 shillings and four lambs at sixteen shil-

lings and six pence, and twenty-five pounds of sheep's wool at 12s. and six pence.

By us.

Thomas Colyar

Robert Gould.

Plymouth, ss. August 7th, 1882.

The foregoing is a true copy from Plymouth Colony Record of Wills Vol. III, pages 133-4-5-6 and 7.

Attest: Wm. S. Danforth, Reg.

of Deeds for Plymouth County.

### WILL OF NATHANIEL BAKER (1611-1682).

In the name of God Amen, this eleventh day of May, one thousand six hundred eighty and two, I Nathaniel Baker of Hingham, in the County of Suffolke in the Massachusetts—being weake of body but of sound and perfect memory and knowing the uncertainty of this life on earth, being desirous to settle things in order to make this my last will and Testament in manner and forme following (that is to say) First I commit my Soule into the hand of God, hoping to bee saved by the merits of Christ, and my body to the Earth from whence it was taken to bee buried in such decent manner as to my Executors hereafter named shall seeme most meete. And as touching my outward Estate which God of his grace hath lent me my will is as followeth Imp. I give unto my beloved wife Sarah Baker all my Household goods of brass-pewter and iron and wood, clothing and bedding, woollen and linnen and whatsoever in the house named or not named and also my Indians,—man and woman Servants—for their apprenticeships—all to bee at the whole and sole dispose of Sarah my s<sup>d</sup> wife. Item: I give unto my beloved wife Sarah for and during the term of her

naturall life my whole Estate not already disposed of both houseing Lands—Cattle and movables—for her maintenance, and at her decease my will is—that Joseph Loring my Grandchilde shall have all my Houses—Orchards—and Home land adjoyning hereunto and a peice of Salt Meadow adjoyning to s<sup>d</sup> Land which s<sup>d</sup> Meadow was sometimes—Noltons—, as—also one peice of Salt Meadow in the home meadow sometimes—Strongs—, also my Salt Meadow at Porter's-Cove from the head of said Cove towards—bass-point; also that my Lott of Land at a place called the worlds-end, also one Lott next the Ware River in the Neck so called, also a grant of Salt Meadow I had of Henry Chamberlin at Cohasset. Also ten Shares—of my Common Rites—or previledges—in the Town of Hingham and also two thirds—of my Land both Meadow and upland that that lyeth between the highway that leadeth into the Neck and the Fresh River so called, also two thirds of my great lott over s<sup>d</sup> River on the left hand of the way to Turkey Hill also two thirds—of my third division lott so called also my lott in the fourth division next Waymouth line, also my Cattle and movables—not already disposed to my said wife. The above s<sup>d</sup> Estate of Houseing Lands—Cattle and goods I give unto my s<sup>d</sup> Grandchilde Joseph Loring to him and his heirs—for ever if hee live to have any childe, otherwise to bee equally divided amongst his Brothers after the s<sup>d</sup> Joseph's decease saving one third of s<sup>d</sup> Estate to his—widdow if hee leave any during her naturall life, Provided also the s<sup>d</sup> Joseph Loring doth relinquish or give up his right to or interest in certain parcels of land given by me Nathanael Baker to his F'ather John Loring to bee divided amongst his sons—I say that hee the s<sup>d</sup> Joseph resigne his—part to the rest of the Brothers—in the said gift mentioned as also that the s<sup>d</sup> Joseph

pay or cause to bee paid One Hundred pounds—in money or other things—at money price to his Brother Jacob Loring and his—Sisters—Marah and Rachel Loring (that is—to say) to Jacob Loring Fifty pounds, and to Marah and Rachel twenty five pounds—apiece to bee paid to s<sup>d</sup> Jacob when at the age of twenty one yeares—or one yeare after the death of their Grandmother Baker, and to Marah and Rachel when at the age of Eighteen years—or one yeare after the death of their s<sup>d</sup> Grandmother; but if either the s<sup>d</sup> Jacob, Marah or Rachel dye before they come to enjoy their legacy, then my will is—that the Survivors—of them shall have it equally divided betwixt them. Item: I give unto my Grandchilde Nathanael Loring all that my lott of land in the second division of Cohasset upland and a peice of Salt Meadow on the South side of the great Neck at Cohasset of about four or five acres—, to him the s<sup>d</sup> Nathanael and his heirs forever.

Item: I give unto my Grand Sons—Thomas Loring, Isaac Loring—Nathan Loring and Jacob Loring all that my part Share or interest in a parcel of land lying in the Narraganset Country in partnership with Cap<sup>n</sup> Hobart, Leif<sup>t</sup> Smith and Deacon John Leavit to bee equally divided betwixt my s<sup>d</sup> Grand Sons—or the Survivors of them when they come to age.

Item: I give to my Grandchilde Daniel Loring a great Lott lying on the great plain which was formerly the Lott of William Carsley; and unto the six children of my brother Nicholas Baker dece<sup>ct</sup> Ten Shilling apiece.

Item: I give unto my Son in law John Loring my right in a Lott of Land with the Deed for the same that I had of Humphrey Johnson in the Second division of Cohasset upland all the s<sup>d</sup> grant to them and their heires.

Item: My will is—that Sarah my beloved wife and Joseph Loring my Grandson shalbee executrix and Executor to this my last will and Testament. Lastly I do hereby request and betrust Deacon John Leavit Cap<sup>n</sup> John Thaxter, Cornet Mather Cushing and John Jacob to bee Over Seers—to see this my will performed with whome my will is—my Executors consult especially in matters of weight. And to confirm this—my last will and Testam I have hereunto Set my hand and Seale the day and yeare above written.

Nathanael Baker & a Seale.

In presence of us witnesses:

John Leavit, John Thaxter,  
Matthew Cushing, John Jacob.

John Leavit and John Jacob made oath in court 25 July, 1682: that they were present and did see Nathanael Baker Signe and Seale and heard him publish the same to bee his last will & Testam<sup>n</sup> and that hee was—then of disposing minde to their understanding.

Is<sup>a</sup> Addington Cter.

WILL OF NATHANIEL BAKER (1679-1750).

From Barnstable Co. (Mass.) Probate Records, Bk. 8, page 395.

In the Name of God Amen this 30th day of April, 1750, I, Nathanel Baker of the town of Barnstable in the County of Barnstable in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England yeoman, being under Decays of Body but of a sound mind and memory thanks be to God therefor and considering the Uncertainty of Life not knowing how soon I may be called



hence by Death do make and Ordain this my last will & Testament in manner and form as follows, and first I commit my soul to the hands of God who gave it me and my body to the Earth to be buried in Christian Decent burial at the Discretion of my Executors hereafter named, and as Touching such worldly Estate as it hath Pleased God to bless me with I do give and Dispose of as follows:

Imprimis, my will is that my Just Debts and funeral charges be paid by my Executor out of my Personal Estate.

Item I Give and bequeath to my well beloved wife Mercy Baker the use and Improvement of all my In-doors household stuff and also the use of one half of all my other personal estate before my Debts or Leaguices are paid and also the use and Improvement of one half of my Real Estate with the Gifts above which are all Given During her Natural Life and also all the Provisions in my house at my Decease.

Item. I Give and bequeath to my well beloved Daughter Sarah Sturgis my bed tow pare of sheets, tow Coverleads and one Rug and bedstead and cord and also ye one half of all the other houseal Goods after the Decease of my wife to hir and hir heirs forever and one Cow I Give her forever and my son is to keep hir winter and summer on his cost after the Decease of my wife so long as she Remains a widdow and also I Give my said Daughter Sarah the free use and Improvement of my southard chamber and the bedroom adjoining and the use of half my buttre and Liberty in my Leantow and Seller and Oven and Well as she may have occasion and one quarter of the fruit of my orchard, also Liberty to cut and cart away eight cord of wood in my Upper Lott half Oak and half Pine

yearly to hir and hir assigns so long as she remains a widdow after the Decease of my wife.

Item. I Give to my well beloved Daughter Mercy Cobb one quarter of my Household Goods after the Decease of my wife always Reserving to Sarah ye bed and furniture to hir and hir heirs.

Item. I Give and bequeath to my well beloved Daughter Elizabeth my one Quarter part of my Indoors household stuf after the Decease of my wife Reserving to Sarah the bed and furniture and to hir heirs.

Item. I Give to my Grandson Ebenezer Baker son to my son Nicholus Baker deceased the sum of Ten pounds Lawfull money to be paid him when he comes of age.

Item. I Give & bequeath to my Grandson David Baker son to my son Nicholus Dec'd ten pounds Lawfull money when he comes of age, and one Quarter part of my wearing apparell and my silver shoe buckells and one Gun markt D. B.

Item. I Give and bequeath to each of my Grandchildren Children of my Daughter Thankful Cob Deceased thirty shillings apeace in Lawfull money to be paid to them as they come of age.

Item. I Give and bequeath to mercy Lombert Dagt to Jonathan Lombart my Looking Glass.

Item. I Give and bequeath to my Grandson John Baker son of my son Binne Baker Deceased Sixty pounds Lawfull money to be paid to him when he comes of age and also I Give to my said Grandson John Baker one Cow one Gun markt E B and one small chest that was his Fathers my best hat and case and one Quarter part of my wearing appearell.

Item. I Give to my Grandaughter Thankfull Baker Daughter of my son Binne Deceased all the Houseall Goods that was hir Father's one bed 3 coverleads Beadstead and all ye other furniture belonging thereto one Great Iron kittle one small kittle one skillet one pair Tongs pair andirons one box iron one frypan six chairs Great Chairs two Tables one Chest and all the Things in both the Chests that was her Fathers and also I give to my said Grandaughter ten Shillings Lawfull money to be paid her when she is eighteen years old & further my will is that if my Grandson John dye before he comes of age then I give to my said Grandaughter ten pounds Lawfull money to be paid to her when she comes of age. And further my will is that if my wife dye before my Grandson John comes to be fourteen years of age that then my son Nathanill provide for the support of my said Grandchildren John & Thankfull twelve bushels of corn three bushells of Rye two bushells of wheat fifty pounds pork thirty pound beaf yearly till John bee fourteen years old.

Item. I Give and bequeath to my well beloved son Nathanall Baker all my Real Estate in Barnstable or Elsewhere to him and his heirs and assigns forever and also I Give to my said son Nathanell all the Remaining part of my Personal Estate not Disposed of before to him and his heirs and assigns forever always Reserving to my wife as above & my will is that my said son pay all my Leagacies and Debts and fullfill all my will. And finally I do by these Presents Constitute and appoint and Ordain my Loving Son Nathanell Baker and Deacon Robart Davis to be Executors to this my last will and Testament and do hereby Revoke and Dissannull all other will or wills heretofore made by me and do confirm this and no other to be my last will and Testament in witness whereof I the said

Nath'll Baker have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Nathanell Baker (Seal)

Sign'd Seal'd Publihed and Declared to be his last will & Testament in presence of us

Thomas Childs

James Davis

Jane Davis.

WILL OF NATHANIEL BAKER (1709—1791).

In the name of God amen this third day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & seventy five. I Nathaniel Baker of Barnstable in the County of Barnstable yeoman calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make & Ordain this my last will and testament: First of all I commit my soul into the hands of God that gave it and my body I commit to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my executors hereafter named and as to the worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give and dispose of it as followeth:

Imprimis, I give and bequeath to my son Isaac Baker one half of my wearing apparel I also give to my said son Isaac forty shillings lawful money to be paid equally by my two sons Samuel Baker & Binney Baker within twelve months after my decease.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Benjamin Baker the other half of my wearing apparel. I also give to my said son Benjamin four pounds lawful money to be paid equally by my two sons Samuel Baker & Binney Baker within twelve months after my decease.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Mercy Berry six shillings lawful to be paid equally by my two sons Samuel Baker & Binney Baker within twelve months after my decease which with what I gave her at and since marriage is in full for what I intended for her.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Hannah Carsely six shillings lawful money to be paid by my said two sons equally within twelve months after my decease which with what I gave her at and since marriage is in full for what I intended her.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Ann Baker three pounds lawful money to be paid equally by my two sons Samuel Baker & Binney Baker within twelve months after my decease.

Item. I give and bequeath to my two sons Samuel Baker and Binney Baker and to their heirs and assigns forever to be equally divided between them all my Real Estate that I shall die seized & possessed of consisting of Housing Lands Woodlands & Meadows. I also give to my said two sons Samuel Baker and Binney Baker all the remainder of my personal estate not before given away they paying all my just debts, funeral charge and charge of settling my estate and the legacies above given away.

And I do hereby constitute and appoint my two sons Samuel Baker and Binney Baker my Executors to this my last will & testament and I hereby revoke and disannul all other wills by me heretofore made ratifying and confirming this and this only to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day & year above written.

Nathaniel Baker (L. S.)

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced and declared

by the said Nathaniel Baker to be his last will and testament.

Daniel Davis  
Ebenezer Lothrop  
Sarah Sturgis.

WILL OF SAMUEL BAKER (1706—1791).

Know all men by these presents, that I, Samuel Baker of Windham in the State of Connecticut, in New England, being aged and weak of body, yet God in his goodness affording to me my right understanding and memory, I make and ordain this my last will and testament.

1st. I commit my spirit unto the hands of God that gave it and my body to the dust from whence it was taken to be decently burried at the discretion of my Executor hereafter named after my just debts and funeral charges are duly paid.

Item. I give to my beloved wife Prudence one third part of my dwelling house during her natural life and the whole of my furniture to be at her disposal. I also order my executors to pay yearly to my beloved wife, 12 bushels of Indian corn, 4 bushels of wheat and 4 of rye 5 leave of pork 4 leave of beef and sauce sufficient for her support and 2 gallons of molasses and 6 pounds of sugar and 15 pounds of flax and 6 pounds of wool and her wood cut up at the door and the use of a cow and a horse to ride.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Samuel his heirs and assigns forever in addition to what I have already given him by deed one acre of land abutting northerly and westerly on the highway taking in two

thirds of my dwelling house at the west end excepting a bed room at the northwest corner also including one half of my barn and cow yeard.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Joseph, his heirs and assigns forever 10 acres of land for quantity and quality or 40 ls. in money to be paid by my executors after my decease.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Benjamin his heirs and assigns forever 8 acres of land beginning at the southeast corner of my garden on the highway, thence abutting on the highway till it comes to Cap. Bingham's land, thence adjoining on Sd. Bingham's land until it comes to land I gave my son Samuel by deed. Also 32 acres of land lying at the west end of my farm. Also a bed room lying at the northwest corner of my house and one half of my barn and cow yard.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Martha, her heirs and assigns forever 20 Ls. lawful money to be paid within six months after my decease by my executors in addition to what I have already given her.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Bethia, her heirs and assigns forever 20 Ls. lawful money to be paid within six months after my decease in addition to what I have already given her.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Anna, her heirs and assigns forever, one third of my dwelling house and the garden and 60 Ls. in money to be paid by my executors after my decease.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Prudence, her heirs and assigns forever 20 Ls. to be paid by my executors in addition to what I have already given her.

Item. My will is that my wearing apparel shall be equally divided between my sons Samuel and Benjamin.

Item. I give and bequeath to my sons Samuel and Benjamin, their heirs and assigns forever, all the remaining lands after the above mentioned have received their part, Samuel to have two thirds and Benjamin one. My will is that they should pay to their mother yearly according to the estate that I have given them.

Item. I will and appoint my sons Samuel and Benjamin to be my lawful executors to this my will and testament and I do hereby make void all former wills by me made and for the conformation of this my last will and testament, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this second day of April D. 1789, in presence of Jedediah Bingham

Elizabeth Bingham

Samuel Baker (L. S.)

Roswell Bingham

Windham SS. Windham, December 16th, 1791.

Personally appeared Jedediah Bingham and Roswell Bingham, two of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will, and made oath that they saw Samuel Baker the testator to the foregoing will, sign seal and deliver the foregoing will and heard him publish and pronounce the same to be his last will and testament, and that they, together with Elizabeth Bingham, set their hands as witnesses in the presence of the testator and of each other at which time they judged the testator to be of sound disposing mind and memory.

Sworn before Hezekiah Manning,

Justice of the Peace.

At a Court of Probate held at Windham for the District of Windham 20 dec. 1791.

Present,

Wm. Williams, Esq., Judge.

The foregoing last will and testament of Dea. Samuel Baker was exhibited to this Court for approbation by



Sam'l and Benj. Baker, the executors therein named. The same being duly proved by this Court, allowed, approved and ordered to be recorded and kept on file and the executors accepted the trust of executing the same, took the oath and gave bond according to law.

Test, Thomas Williams, Reg'r.

An Inventory of the estate of Samuel Baker, late of Windham, deceased, taken by the subscribers.

1 large bible at 10, 1 book of Stoddards works	0	11	—
one book Favels work 6, one do. Russels 6 psam book 6	0	1	6
one hat at 3 one great coat 4 street ditto 16	1	3	0
1 black vest at 4, blue ditto at 2 linnen do 2	0	8	0
one pr breeches at 2, 1 pr deep blue stockings 1	0	3	0
1 pr light mixed stockings 2/6 1 do blue and white 2/6	0	5	0
2 pr. ditto stockings 2 pr shoes 1, 2 new shirts at 7	0	10	0
3 old do. 6, one bed, bolster, pillows, bedstead and cord, 70	3	13	6
1 do at 25, 2 flowered coverlids 14, 1 do blue and white, 12	3	11	0
3 old do. 6 3 linen and wool blankets 12	0	18	0
3 pr. cotton linen sheets, 15/9 pr linen do. 67/6	4	2	6
6 pr. cases 8, 5 tablecloths 12/9, towels 4/6	1	4	6
1 high case drawers at 12, 1 low do. 6, table 6, chest, 2,	1	6	0
2 barrels 3, 1 great chair 2, 1 kitchen chair 1	0	14	0
10 lb. pewter 10, 16 lb. at 12, 1 large iron kettle 6	1	8	0
1 small do 3, 1 iron basin 2/6, two trammets 2,	0	9	6
1 candlestand 2/3, knives and forks 1/6, warming pan 7	0	9	6

1 pr hand irons 8, one shovel and tongs 3/6			
2 candle sticks 1/6		0 12	0
1 frying pan 3/6, 1 butter tub 1, 1 do fat tub 1, 0		5	0
1 earthen pot 1, 2 long glass, 2, 1 ————51	—	8	0
3 trays 2, 1 bowl 1, 2 dishes 6, 1 old mare 24	1	9	3
1 house 300, 1 acre land fronting the road 120	46	0	0
3 acres of mowing land at 175 per acre	26	5	0
28 acres of plowing and pasture land at 60			
per acre		84	6 0
the barn and yard at 120 the garden at 30		7	10 0
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Windham 8th. of February A. D. 1792.

We the subscribers being under oath have appraised all the above articles at their true value, according to the best of our judgment.

John Baker, Jr.)Appraisers

Jon'th. Rudd. )under oath.

Recorded January 13, 1793.

Thomas Williams, Reg.

Know all men by these presents that we the subscribers, legal heirs and legatees to the estate of Samuel Baker, late of Windham, deceased, being all of lawful age, having mutually agreed to distribute said estate agreeable to the last will and testament of said deceased.

We have accordingly set out to Prudence Baker, widow and relict of said deceased the use of one third part of the dwelling house late the property of said deceased (viz) the east square room and the n-east bedroom below and one half of the chamber over the east room with a privilege to bake in the kitchen and to pass and repass to the well for water & also a privilege in the cellar to put her meat sauce &C, and

we have set out to the said widow all the household furniture and the executors named in said will have given good and sufficient security to the said widow for the true and faithful payment of the provisions and other articles as mentioned in said will to be paid said widow.

We have set out to Samuel Baker the other two thirds of said dwelling house excepting a bed room at the N-west corner of said house and the westerly half of the barn and barnyard with 12 rods of land abutting northerly and westerly on the highway and adjoining said house and barn with 48 rods of land adjoining southwesterly on the barn yard, which two tracts contain one acre together with 67 rods of land adjoining just westerly on the last mentioned tract which two tracts of 48 and 67 rods are bounded as follows, beginning by the highway leading by the above said barn to Zacheas Waldo, at the southwest corner of the barn yard, then running southerly by said highway 12 rods to stake and stones thence S.  $54^{\circ}$  East about 17 rods to land set out to Benjamin Baker, thence northerly by said Benjamin's land to the barnyard wall to a stake thence by said barnyard wall to the first mentioned bound, together with one other tract of land on the westerly side of said highway beginning at the N-east corner at a pair of bars by land belonging to John Baker thence southerly by said highway 40 rods and 21 links to a stake and stones, thence N  $28\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  west 35 rods to a stake and stones in said John Baker's line, thence by said John's land to the first mentioned bound, containing 4 acres and 46 rods which last tract, together with the 67 rods is lands remaining after the other heirs having received their parts.

Agreeable to said will we have set out to Joseph Baker ten acres of land in two tracts for quantity & quality 1 tract containing 15 rods bounded as follows, beginning on the easterly side of the aforesaid highway at a stake and stones by land set out to Samuel Baker, thence southerly by said highway about 8 rods to stake and stones, thence S  $51^{\circ}$  E. about 17 rods to land set out to Benjamin Baker to stake and stones thence by said Benjamin's land to the land set out to Samuel, thence by Samuel's land to the first mentioned bound. The other tract containing 9 acres and three rods beginning on the westerly side of said highway at the westerly corner of land set out to Samuel at a stake and stones, thence southerly by said highway 36 rods to a stake and stones, thence N  $28\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  W.  $46\frac{1}{2}$  rods to land belonging to John Baker, thence by said John's land 36 rods to a stake & stones at the west corner of land set out to Samuel, thence southerly by Samuel's land to the first mentioned bound.

Agreeable to said will we have set out to Benjamin Baker two tracts of land, 1 tract contains 2 acres & 23 rods bound as follows, beginning at the aforesaid highway at the S-easterly corner of said Benjamin's land, thence northeasterly by said highway 5 rods and 15 links to a stake and stones, thence N  $39\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  W. 59 rods to land belonging to John Baker, thence by said John's land to the N-easterly corner of Benjamin's land, thence by said Benjamin's land to the first mentioned bound. The other tract contains 33 rods abutting northerly on the barnyard wall thence southerly abutting easterly on said Benjamin's land 33 rods in length the said two tracts being the remainder of the lands after the other heirs having received their parts agreeably to said will.

We have set out to Annie Baker one third part of said dwelling house and the garden together with two tracts of land one tract contains one acre & 82 rods bounded as follows, beginning on the easterly side of the aforesaid highway at the S-westerly corner of land set out to Joseph Baker at a stake and stones, thence southerly by said highway to land belonging to Samuel Baker, thence easterly by said Samuel's land until it strikes the land set out to Benjamin, thence northerly by Benjamin's land to land set out to Joseph, thence by said Joseph's land to the first mentioned bound. The other tract contains 13 acres & 5 rods bounded as follows, beginning on the westerly side of the aforesaid highway at a stake and stones at the southeasterly corner of land set out to Joseph, thence southerly by said highway to land set out to Benjamin, thence N.  $39\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  W. 59 rods by said Benjamin's land to John Baker's, thence by said John's land 48 rods & 6 links to the westerly corner of land set out to Joseph Baker to a stake & stones, thence S-easterly by said Joseph's land to the first mentioned bound. Which said two tracts of lands the said Anne has agreed to receive in consideration of the sixty pounds mentioned in said will.

And the other heirs or legatees (viz) Martha Bingham, Bethia Perkins & Prudence Webb Having all received their legacies of Ll, 0, 0 each agreeable to the said will.

We do furthermore bind ourselved & our heirs that wee will abide by the aforesaid distribution & we do hereby discharge forever each other from any further dues or demands, legacies or doweries against said estate or the executors to said last will and testament respecting said estate.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 9th. day of February, A. D. 1792.

Signed, sealed and declared in

presence of

Amasa Morgan,	her	
Lucy Kingsly,	Prudence X Baker	(L. S.)
Alisander Bingham,	mark	
Heezek Manning,	Samuel Baker	(L. S.)
Adonijah Baker,	Benjamin Baker	(L. S.)
Napthrati Webb.	Joseph Baker,	(L. S.)
	Anne Baker,	(L. S.)
	Nath'l Bingham	(L. S.)
	Martha Bingham,	(L. S.)
	John Perkins,	(L. S.)
	Bethia Perkins,	(L. S.)
	Abner Webb,	(L. S.)
	Prudence Webb,	(L. S.)

Windham, SS. Brooklyn March 29th. 1792.

Then personally appeared Joseph Baker, Esq., and acknowledged the within to be his free act and deed, before me,

Joseph Scarborough, Justice of the Peace.

Windham, SS. Windham, Nov. 22, 1792.

Personally appeared Prudence Baker, Sam'l Baker Benj. Baker, Anne Baker, Nath. Bingham, Martha Bingham, his wife, John Perkins Esq., and Bethia Perkins, his wife, Abner Webb, and Prudence Webb, his wife, and acknowledged the within written instrument to be their free act and deed,

Coram, Hezek Manning, Justice of the Peace.

Recorded 4 dec. 1792.

Thos. Williams, Reg.

## WILL OF SAMUEL BAKER, (1740-1812).

## Order admitting will to Probate.

At a Court of Probate holden at Windham, within and for the District of Windham on the 30th. day of May, A. D. 1812.

Present, Henry A. Ripley, Judge.

Sarah Baker and Septimus Baker, appointed Executors of the Estate of Samuel Baker, late of Windham, deceased, appeared and exhibited the Will of said deceased, which being proved, is accepted and approved by this Court. And the Executors accepted the trust of executing the same and gave bond with John Baker, Jr., to make a true and perfect inventory of all the estate of said deceased and to exhibit the same unto the registry of this Court within two months from this date, and to faithfully discharge the duties of Executors of the said will, to duly execute the same, and settle said estate according to the terms of the will, the orders of this Court and the rules of law, and settle all the accounts thereof with this Court within twelve months.

At the same time this Court limits and appoints six months from the first publication of this notice and order for the creditors of said estate to exhibit their several claims against the same to the Executors thereon under penalty of the law and the Executors are hereby required to give notice of this order by publishing the same three weeks successively in the Windham Herald and otherwise according to law.

By order of the Court,

Attest Samuel Gray, Clerk.

## LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT.

In the Name of God, Amen. This 6th day of April A. D. 1812 I, Samuel Baker, of Windham, in the County of Windham, in the State of Connecticut, being under great bodily infirmity but of perfect mind and memory and calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do therefore make and ordain this my last will and testament, and first of all I commit my soul unto the hand of God who gave it and my body to the earth to be duly buried at the directions of my Executors to be hereinafter named. And of the Estate which it has pleased God to give me, I give and dispose of the same in the following manner.

After my just debts and funeral expenses are first paid out of my estate I give and bequeath to my wife, Sarah, one third of my real and personal estate with one third of the house and one half of the furniture so long as she remains my widow, and to my son Erastus Baker two dollars and to my son Ephraim Baker two dollars, and to my son Ethelbert Baker two dollars and to my son Adonijah Baker two dollars and to my son Septimus Baker three shares of the remainder of my estate (except what is hereinafter mentioned) and to my son Levi Baker two shares of the remainder of my estate (except what is hereinafter mentioned) and to my daughter Lydia Baker two hundred dollars, together with one sixth part of the dwelling house. The remaining half of the household furniture to be equally divided between Septimus, Levi, Lydia and Chloe. And further it is my will that my sons Septimus and Levi have the third part that is willed to my wife Sarah after her decease or marriage



to be equally divided as above and further it is my will that my two sons Septimus and Levi pay all the above legacies in proportion to what I have willed to them to be paid in two years after my decease and it is my will that the whole of my wearing apparel be equally divided between my two sons Septimus and Levi.

I will and appoint my wife Sarah Baker and my son Septimus Baker to be my lawful executors of this my last will and testament and I do hereby make void all former wills by me made and for the confirmation of this my last will and testament I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 6th. day of April A. D. 1812.

Samuel Baker (seal)

John Baker, Jr.,      Windham, County of Windham,  
William Rudd.      May 23rd, A. D. 1812.

Elijah Farnum.

Personally appeared John Baker, Jr., William Rudd, and Elijah Farnum witnesses to the within will and made oath that they and each of them saw Samuel Baker sign the within and declare the same to be his last will and testament and that they and each of them signed in the presence of the Testator.

Frederick Tracy, Justice of the Peace.

#### ORDER APPOINTING DISTRIBUTORS.

At a Court of Probate holden at Windham, within and for the District of Windham on the 13th day of March A. D. 1813.

Present Henry A. Ripley, Judge.

Mrs. Sarah Baker the widow and relict of Deacon Samuel Baker late of Windham in said District de-

ceased in Court moves to have her third or dower in the real estate of said deceased set out to her according to law, which motion is allowed.

Thereupon this Court doth appoint Captain William Rudd, Captain John Baker and Mr. John Burnet, all lawful freeholders of Windham, who being sworn as the law directs, shall divide, distribute and set out to Sarah Baker the widow aforesaid, her third or dower of all the real estate of Deacon Samuel Baker, deceased, the deeds to be issued and perfected in her own right, both in land and buildings, in quantity and quality to be discried by proper methods and bounds, to be and remain to the said widow for her use and improvement during her natural life.

And said Distributors shall make return of their doings to this Court.

By order of the Court,  
Samuel Gray, Clerk.

#### RETURN OF DISTRIBUTION.

We the Subscribers having been appointed Distributors on the estate of Samuel Baker late of Windham, deceased, for the purpose of setting out to the widow of said deceased her third or dower, have in pursuance with the law set out to said widow of said deceased her third or dower of the real estate of said deceased as follows:—

One tract of land of the eastate of said deceased containing eight and three quarter acres, with all the buildings thereon standing.

One other tract of land containing 13 acres 49 rods.

One tract of land on the Shetucket river containing 12 and 3/4 acres.

William Rudd  
John Baker  
John Burnett.

The above return of the Distribution of the widow Sarah Baker's Dower was exhibited Sept. 6th. 1813 and truly recorded.

PROBATE CERTIFICATE.

State of Connecticut )  
                                  )ss. Probate District of Windham.  
County of Windham )

I, Eugene P. Cryne, Clerk of the Court of Probate within and for the District of Windham in said County of Windham, and keeper of the records and seal thereof, hereby certify that I have examined the within and foregoing copy of the record of the Estate of Deacon Samuel Baker of Windham, and have compared all of the foregoing with the original record thereof now remaining in this office and have found the same to be a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of said original record.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said court this 22nd day of September, A. D. 1909.

Eugene P. Cryne, Clerk.

State of Connecticut )  
County of Windham )ss. Probate District of Windham

I, James A. Shea, sole and presiding judge of the Court of Probate within and for the District of Windham in the County of Windham, hereby certify that

Eugene P. Cryne, whose name is above written and subscribed, is, and was at the date thereof Clerk of the Court of Probate within and for the District of Windham in said County of Windham and keeper of the records and seal thereof, duly commissioned and sworn that I am well acquainted with his signature and know the same to be his and that the above certificate by him made is in due form to authenticate the records, files and proceedings of said court.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said court this 22nd day of September, A. D. 1909.

James A. Shea, Judge.

State of Connecticut }  
 County of Windham } ss.: Probate District of Windham

I, Eugene P. Cryne, clerk of the Court of Probate within and for the District of Windham in said County of Windham hereby certify that James A. Shea, whose name is above written and subscribed is, and was at the date thereof the sole and presiding judge of the Court of Probate within and for the District of Windham in said County of Windham duly commissioned and sworn. That I am well acquainted with his signature and know the above to be his.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said court this 22nd day of September, A. D. 1909.

Eugene P. Cryne, Clerk.

## INVENTORY.

Estate of Dea. Samuel Baker late of Windham in said  
District, deceased.

1 hat 1.50, 1 great coat 8.50, 1 do. .75, 1 coat 6.00, 1 do. 3.50, 1 do. 1.50, 1 do. .50, 1 vest .50.	\$ 22.59
1 vest .34, 1 do. .25, 1 do. light colored .25, pr. black breeches .50, black woolen do. 1.75, pr. pantaloons 2.00, cotton shirts 2.....	7.09
pr. cotton shirts .67, woolen stockings .45, 1 pr. do. .40, 1 pr. do. 34, 1 pr. do. 25, 1 do. 25, 1 do. 25, cotton stockings 34, pr. do. 17.....	2.87
linen stockings .30, pr. boots 1.00, pr. shoes 3.00, Bible, other books and sword 2.35, 5 bed pil- lows and covers 1.27.....	5.75
10 cover lids 15.25, 6 bed quilts 4.17, 2 dutch blankets 2.34, 1 white do. 2.50, sheets 2.75, cotton-wool sheets 3.50, pr. do. 2.23.....	32.74
28 linen sheets 41.57, 18 pr. pillow cases .67, 7 table cloths .34, 11 towels 2.71, looking glass 3.34, 1 do. .50.....	65.13
1 high case of drawers 5.00, 1 low do. 5.50, 1 chest 1.50, 1 do. .50, 1 do. .50, hall table 2.00, small round do. .75, stand .45.....	16.20
2 small square tables .50, 2 great chairs .50, rocking do. .83, 3 grand do, 2.25, 3 fiddle back do. 1.50, 10 kitchen do. 1.50, 16 pitchers 7.25..	14.53
10 cups and saucers .62, cream pot and 3 bowls .25, 6 green edged plates .50, 3 blue edged do. .25, 5 cream colored do. 30.....	2.00
six small do. 25, 2 dishes .34, 1 decanter .42, large beaker glass .12, 3 tumblers .25, 4 wine glasses .17, servers .34.....	1.89
1 pr. flat irons .50, 2 candle sticks .75, large iron kettle .75, dish kettle .25, 1 do. .25, iron	

pot .25, spider .12, tea kettle .50, andirons 1.08 .....	4.45
2 pr. small do. .45, tongs .60, 2 pr, tongs .56, 3 fire shovels .90, brass kettle 6.00, warming pan 1.50, cider tub .40, churn .75.....	11.16
hatchet 1.50, pr. stilyards .75, corn basket .50, side saddle 3.50, man's saddle and bridle 2.00, ox cart 7.50, old wagon and harness and other team supplies 10.00.....	25.75
2 old axes .75, wedges .75, 2 chains 1.50, ox yoke 1.00, iron bar .90, 3 old hoes .45, plow irons 1.20 .....	6.55
Grindstone 2.00, yoke oxen 53.50, white heifer 14.00, 4 cows 64.00, 2 steers 20.00, 3 calves 7.20, 2 horses 24.00 .....	184.70
4 hogs 18.00, 16 sheep and lambs 14.00.....	32.00
Home farm 25.00 per acre 2205.00, wood lots 8.00 per acre 288.00.....	\$2,493.00
 TOTAL INVENTORY	 \$3,011.40

To the Honorable Judge of Probate for the District  
of Windham.

The above is a true inventory of the Estate of Dea.  
Samuel Baker, late of Windham, deceased, as estimated  
by us the subscribers, under oath.

John Baker, Jr.  
William Rudd.

The above is a true inventory of the Estate of Dea.  
Samuel Baker late of Windham, deceased, as exhibited  
May 30th, A. D. 1812, accepted and recorded.

Attest, Samuel Gray  
Clerk of Probate.

## WILL OF TIMOTHY HATHERLY.

Old Colony Records, Vol. 2, page 34.

The Last Will and Testament of Mr. Timothy Hatherly of Scittuate deceased, exhibited to the Court held att Plymouth the 30th day of October Ann<sup>o</sup> dom 1666 on the oathes of Mr. Nicholas Baker and Isache Chet-tendene, and ordered heer to bee Recorded as followeth. I Timothy Hatherley of Scittuate being weake and sicke in body but of sound and p<sup>r</sup>fect memory blessed be god doe make this as my last Will and Testament in manor and forme as followeth. Imprimis I bequeath my<sup>r</sup> soule to god that gave it and my body to the earth from whenc it came and for my worldly estate the Lord hath blest mee I doe dispose of the same as followeth: Item I give unto my wife Lydia Hatherley my house I now dwell in with the rest of the housing thereto belonging with all the land I die posed of during her naturall life; alsoe I give to her my silver plate with all my pewter and brasse that I doe not otherwise dispose of by will; alsoe what movables stover are in my Parlour and Parlour Chamber whether beding or otherwise: alsoe all my linnine; furthermore I give unto my wife my gray mare two cows and two oxen and my cart with all my wearing clothes. Item I give to Edward Jenkins his wife and children twelve pounds to be payed within one yeare after my decease; in Currant New England pay. Item I give to Nicholas Wade his wife and children twelve pounds to be payed within one yeare after my decease in Currant New England pay, as alsoe one great brasse kettle. Item I give to Susanna the wife of William Brookes and her children twelve pounds and acquitt her of her first husbands

debt to mee; as alsoe one copper kettle with three eares to be payed within one yeare after my decease. Item I give to Timothy ffoster five pounds and to Elizabeth ffoster three pounds in Currant New England pay within one yeare after my decease. Item I give to Mr. Thomas hanford ten pounds to be payed within one yeare after my decease in Currant New England pay. Item I give to ffear *Robinson now the wife of Samuell Baker forty shillings and to the other three children of Isacke Robinson, John, Isacke and Mercye forty shillings apeece to be payed within one yeare after my decease in Currant New England pay.* Item I give to Lydia Garrett my wifes daughter three acres of Land p<sup>r</sup>te of which her house stands on, into her and her heires forever and five pounds in currant pay of New England within one yeare after my decease, and likewise acquitt all former accounts and reconings between shee and I from the begining of the world to this day. Item I give to the foure children of the said Lydia Garrett forty shillings apeece to be payed them by my exequitors when they come to the age of twenty-one yeares in Currant pay of New England. Item I give to Gorge Sutton his wife and children five pounds to be payed in Currant New England pay, within one yeare after my decease. Item I give to the wife of William Bassett my wifes daughter five pounds to be payed in Currant New England pay within one yeare after my decease. Item I give to the widdow Preble my wifes daughter fifty shillings to be payed in currant New England pay within one yeare after my decease. Item I give to Lydia Lapham one heiffer worth fifty shillings or fifty shillings in good goods to be payed within one yeare after my decease. Item I give to Thomas Lapham thirty shillings to be payed in Currant New England pay within one yeare after my de-



cease. Item I give to Stephen Tilden five pounds to be payed within one yeare after my decease in Currant New England pay. Item *I give unto Nicholas Baker eight pounds to be payed within six months after my decease in Currant New England pay.* I give to my man Thomas Savery fifty shillings to be payed when his service is expired in current pay of New England. Item I give to Lydia hatch the daughter of William hatch eight pounds to be payed by my exequitors when shee comes to the age of twenty one yeares in Currant New England pay or when shee marries. All the rest of my goods and lands not given and bequeathed my debts and legacies being payed and funerall charges discharged I give and bequeath unto my trusty and wellbeloved frind Joseph Tilden whom I doe constitute and appoint to bee the whole and alone exequitor of this my last will and Testament. In Witnes whereof I the said Timothy hatherly have heerunto sett my hand and seale this twelfth day of December Ann<sup>o</sup> dom 1664.

p<sup>r</sup>me Timothy hatherley  
and a Seale

Signed and sealed in sight  
and p<sup>r</sup>sence of us  
Nicholas Baker  
Isacke Chettenden

Extract from will of Miles Standish, dated Oct. 7, 1655; died Oct. 3, 1656.

“Further my will is that Mareye Robinson whom I tenderly love for her grand father’s sake shall have three pounds in something to go forward for two years after my decease which my will is my overseeress shall see performed.”

PARENTAGE OF THE REV. JOHN ROBINSON,  
OF LEYDEN

By the Historiographer.

In all publications relating to this eminent man he is regarded as a native of Lincolnshire, England. Fortunately the Robynson Society have procured from the "District Probate Registry at York attached to His Majesty's High Court of Justice" (county of York, England) certified copies of Wills, abstracts from which are here given, that prove beyond a shadow of doubt the parentage of the Rev. John Robynson of Leyden, and that of his wife Bridget White.

First in order is the Will of John Robynson, Yeoman of Sturton, now known as Sturton-le-Steeple—"In the Name of God amen the fourteenth daye of March in the yeare of or Lorde God one thousand sixe hundred and thirteene I John Robynson of Sturton in the Countie of Notte Yeoman beinge weeke of bodie but of good and perfect memorie praise bee given to God therefore doe make and ordaine this my last Will and Testament in manner and forme followinge That is to say First I bequeathe my soule to Almightye God my Creator and to Jesus Christ my Redeemer by whose precious blood sheading I have an assured hope of salvation and my body to the earth from whence it came Itm I give to the poore of Sturton and Fenton sixe pounce thirteen shillings four pence to be payed with in one yeare after by decease Itm I give and bequeathe unto John Robynson my eldest sonne five marks and his wife xxs and to John thaire sonne fourtie shilling and to everie of thaire other children xxs apiece Itm I give and bequeath unto William Robynson my Younger Sonne one

hundred and five pounds and to the wife of the said William xxs to everie of their said children xxs. Itm I give to my sonne in lawe Roger Lauson xxii w th he owed me upon condicon that he performe a will and a guifte wch he made to William Pearle Itm I give and bequeath to Richard Barke and his wife xs Itm I give and bequeth to John Wytton my servant tenne shillinge and to Joane Greene ijs vjd Itm I give to my Cosen William Fenton xs and to his Daughter my God daughter ijs vjd Itm I ordaine and make my lovinge Wyfe Anne Robinson my whole and sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament to whome I doe give and bequeath all the residue of my Goods and Cattells not before by me given and bequeathed she to see my debts and legacies satisfied and my funeral expenses discharged And lastly I desyre my lovinge Cozen William Fenton my lovinge sonne William Pearl to be overseers of this my last Will and Testament in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand the daye and yeare above written. Red signed and acknowledged in the p'nce of William Fenton Robert Bishopp

On the 19th day of August 1614 the Will of John Robinson late of Sturton in the County of Nottingham Yeoman deceased was proved by the oath of anne Robinson Widow the Relict and sole Executrix"

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Following the full text of the Will of John Robinson, given above, in this abstract from the Will of Ann Robinson, his widow, "beinge aged and weake in body but whole and sound in mind and of good and p'fect remembrance"—under date of the 16th of October, 1616, and proved on the 16th of January, 1616 (O. S.):—"Item I give and bequeathe to the poore people of Sturton and Fenton Fortye Shillings of lawful money of England . . . . . " "Itm I give unto my

sonne and heir apparent the some of fortye shillings of like lawful money of England Itm I give and bequeath unto Bridgett Robinson Wife of my sonne John one paire of lynninge sheets and one silver spoon Itm I give and bequeath to John Robinson sonne of my said sonne John the sume of forty shillinge and to every one of my said John his children the sume of xxs Itm I give and bequeath unto Ellen my sonne William his Wife one paire of lynninge sheets and a silver spoon and to everye one of his children Twentie shillings. Itm I give unto four of the children of my sonne in lawe William Pearle that is to say to William Thomas Grig-inall and John Pearle every one of them the some of Twentie Shillings Itm I give and bequeath unto Mr. Charles White of Sturton ten shillings And I appoint and make him as I trust he will be to be Supervr and Overseer of this my said last Will and Testament”  
 ..... “Itm I give and bequeathe unto my said sonne William Robinson my debts legacies and funerall expenses p’d and discharged all and singular the metye and halfe pte of all goods cattells and chattels quicke and dead——movable and unmovable of what kynde——quantitye or qualitie soevr they be and unbequeathed” .....

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Abstract from the Will of Alexander White, the father of Bridget White wife of the Rev. John Robins-son of Leyden, and father of Charles White supervisor and overseer of Ann Robins-son’s Will; also the father of Roger White who wrote to Governor Bradford of Massachusetts from Ledyen, April 28, 1625, of the death of his “dear and reverend brother Mr. John Robins-son.” Alexander White was a resident of Stur-ton. His Will is dated March 15, 1594, and proved on the 6th of May, 1596. He gives to the poor of Sturton.

xx shillings. To his "brothers John White and William White foure pounds yearely of the comoditie of my lease at Wragby equally to be divided amongst them dureinge the continuance of the said lease" "Item I give unto my sonn Charles White all my feelinge stufte timber stone throughes grass pale and Rale about my house Item I give to every one of my Daughters Kath-erin Bridget Jane Frances one hundred marks of law-ful English money to be paid them when they shall ac-complish the age of xxItee years . . . . . I give to every one of my yongr Sonnes Thomas Roger and Edward White Two yeares profit of my lease at Musktron and Carleton. . . . ."

The "residue" of his property in "Sturton and Littlebrough and also of all my Goods and chattells moveable and unmovable I give and bequeath unto Ellenor my lovinge Wife whom I make sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament . . . . ."

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Abstract from the Will of John White of Newton, county of Nottingham, who may have been the brother of Alexander White.

Will dated March 16, 1595 and proved January 17, 1605:—"Item I give to my daughter Agnes one ewe and a lambe Item I give to my necee Bridget White one ewe and a lambe"

Referring to the above mentioned Wills that of John Robinson of Sturton commands attention. Why did he cut off his oldest son John with the paltry sum of five marks, giving to the younger son William one hundred and five pounds? May we not reasonably suppose that John had received a portion of his patrimony in defraying the expenses of a collegiate education at Cambridge and in the migration of himself and family to Holland? We do know that the Rev. John Robinson of

Leyden had a son John from a census of the inhabitants of Leyden in 1622, where is recorded himself, his wife Bridget, son John, Isaac, Jacob, daughters Bridget, Mercy, and Favor.

The marriage of the Rev. John and Bridget White was consummated at Greasley in the County of Nottingham, on the 16th of February, 1603/4, in the church of St. Mary, and the only ones in a long list of marriages designated as Mr. and Mistress. The church is a fine structure close by the Manor House, later known as Greasley Castle, which, by special license of King Edward III, was fortified by Nicholas de Cantelupe. Charles White, Bridget's brother, at one time was connected in a business way with the church and resided in Greasley.

Roger White, Bridget's brother, went as a religious refugee to Holland and was a prosperous grocer in Leyden. Jane White, Bridget's sister married Randall Thickers, a looking-glass maker of London, in the month of April, 1611. It was he who joined his brother-in-law Rev. John, in the purchase of the house in which they resided in Leyden. Catherine White, the sister of Bridget, married for her first husband George Legatt, after his death she became the wife of John Carver, the first governor of Plymouth Colony.

Unfortunately the parish registers of baptisms, burials and weddings at Sturton do not commence until 1638. The earlier books, if any, are missing. Further research is necessary to disclose the place of the Rev. John's birth. Sturton (Sturton-le-Steeple) is only a short distance from the border of Lincolnshire county, where young Robinson may have attended school of a higher grade than any in his home town. This may explain the record of his entry as a student in Corpus Christie College as from Lincolnshire.

## JOHN ROBINSON OF DONINGTON, ENGLAND

OUR COMMON ANCESTOR

BY

THE HISTORIOGRAPHER.

Since the last biennial meeting of this Society at Portland, Me., a gratifying discovery has been made in locating what I have every reason to believe to be the common ancestor of the Robinson Clan, in a John Robinson from the Isle of Ely, residing at Donington, some twelve miles or more from Boston, England, in the year 1208, thus antedating this gathering of his descendants seven hundred years. Might not this assembling of the Clan on this 12th day of August, 1908, be well regarded as in his memory?

The Isle of Ely is about twenty-five miles due south of Boston, and some seven miles northeast of Peterborough, in Lincolnshire. It is but some over twenty miles from King's Lynn, Norfolk, where we learn from English "Notes and Queries" that Daniel Defoe evidently obtained the name of the hero to his world-renowned story of "Robinson Crusoe," where "the name had been borne by father and son from time immemorial."

In a Harleian publication of the English Society, Vol. 4, p. 270-271, I find a record of the visitation of the Herald, King of Arms, Robert Cooke, alias Chester, Deputy and Marshal to W. Henry Clarencieux, in 1562-4, into Lincolnshire County, who granted the right of the descendants to John Robinson of Donington to the coat of arms they bore, the same as is depicted in the

first publication of this Society, "The Robinsons and Their Kinfolk," facing page 61.

I. John Robinson married a daughter of Thomas Paule. They had three sons of record, Anthony, Richard and John.

In the publication of the Harleian Society there is no further reference to the sons Richard and John, but—

II. Anthony, the eldest, married a daughter of Thomas Gamble or Gamlyn. Their only child mentioned was:

III. John Robinson, who married a daughter of Roger Morely. To them were born, as recorded, three sons, Anthony, Robert and James. Of Robert and James no further mention is made, but of—

IV. Anthony, the eldest, it is stated that he married a daughter of Thomas Lambert, who was standard bearer to Richard II, who was King of England 1377 to 1399.

IV. Anthony Robinson, the eldest son mentioned, had a son:—

V. James, the first and only child there on record, who married a daughter of George Patridge, Esq. They had five children born to them, Thomas, Robert, James, Isabel and Marie (Mary). No record is here given of any of the children other than that of—

VI. Thomas, the first mentioned, who married for his first wife a daughter of Sir Francis Hide, who was created a knight by order of the King.

By his first wife,

VI. Thomas Robinson had four sons, Francis, Thomas, Robert and James. By his second wife, a daughter of Sir Francis Hastings, also a knight, by whom he had a son, William, who was Sheriff of Hull. There is no further mention of any of the children except that of—



VII. Francis Robinson the eldest, who married Mary Ludington, a daughter of Thomas Ludington, and had three sons, Thomas, John and James. The only mention of these children is that of—

VIII. Thomas, the first named, of Donington, who married Jane, a daughter of John Wasling. They had two sons, John and Nicholas Robinson, both of Boston, England.

IX. John Robinson married, but the name of the wife is not given. Only one son is mentioned:—

X. Anthony Robinson, of Boston, whose wife is not mentioned, but two children are recorded to him, Thomas and Anthony Robinson. There is no further mention of the son, Anthony, but—

XI. Thomas Robinson is mentioned as “Merchant of the Staple in 1520,” and his wife as Florence Garforth, with two sons, Nicholas and Bryan Robinson. Of Bryan there is no further mention. Of the son:—

XII. Nicholas Robinson, it is stated that he married a daughter of Charles Knyvett, Esq., and had a daughter, Elizabeth co-heir to the estate, who married Henry, the third son of Sir Henry Gates, Esq.

In a later publication of the Society, that of 1904, in Vol. 3, p. 825, of Harleian MSS. 810-1436-1450, I find a more complete account of this Robinson line. It is there stated that—

XII. Nicholas Robinson, the son of—

XI. Thomas Robinson of Donington, who married Jane Wasling, was of Algarkick, Fosdyke, and Boston, a merchant of the Staple of Calais, and died in Boston March 26th, 1498; that his first wife was Agnes or Alice Leeke, who was buried at Boston, September 12th, 1488; that his second wife was Isabella ———; that he had four children, Richard, Nicholas, Thomas and William.

XIII. Richard Robinson was Vicar of Pinchbeck in 1516.

XIII. Nicholas Robinson was a merchant of the Staple and Mayor of Boston in 1544 and died at Boston, September 2nd, 1560. His estate was administered on November 14th, 1560. He married Anne, a daughter of Charles Knyvett, sister of Richard Knyvett of Princethrop Co. of Warwick. The marriage settlement was made July 10th, 1555. They were married at Semphringham, August 10, 1555. After her husband's death she remarried twice, first to Leonard Irby, M. P. for Boston, and second to Robert Carre of Sleaford.

The only record I find of the children of this

XIII. Nicholas Robinson is that of Elizabeth, who was aged three years and five months in 1560, at the time of her father's death, "daughter and heir of Nicholas Robinson of Boston," that she married Sir Henry Gates, knight, as previously stated.

XIV. Thomas, the third son of Nicholas Robinson, who married Jane Wasling, is styled of Algarkick, merchant of the Staple. He died May 27th, 1531, and was then of Boston. His first wife was Isabella, a daughter of Richard Gooding. She died April 25th, 1495. His second wife was Mary Saxby, who died July 2nd, 1520.

XIV. Thomas Robinson had two sons, Anthony and Thomas.

XV. Anthony Robinson is styled of Riceaprice, in Fishtoft. He married first, Alice, a daughter of Geoffrey Paynell of Fishtoft, and second, Alice, a daughter of John Leeke and the widow of John Vandernott of London, a merchant. She died August 10th, 1564. The children of

XV. Anthony Robinson were: Francis (who married Margaret, the daughter of John Vandernott), Robert

Thomas, Anthony, Nicholas, Elizabeth, Florence and Mary.

Thomas Robinson, the second son of Anthony and Alice, I find no further mention of.

XVI. Francis Robinson, who married Margaret Vandernott, had a son:—

XVII. Nicholas, who in 1604 was styled “Nicholas Robinson of Riceaprice.” His will bears the date of January 24th, 1612-13. It was proved March 20th, 1613-14, in which he leaves lands in Scremby and Grebby to his wife Margaret, a daughter of Edmund Lyle of Great Wilbraham, in the County of Cambridge. They had three children—

XVIII. Francis of Riceaprice in 1624, who was made the executor of his father’s will of 1613-14, but refused the executorship, and the administration of the estate was given to the widow. The second child, Lyle Robinson, is recorded as a single person. Margaret Robinson, the third child, is supposed to have married Daniel Holyland of Boston. She died and was buried there August 16th, 1636.

The foregoing records have the approval of Sir. William Dugdale, Norry king of arms in 1668, also of all the other kings of arms from the earliest to the latest of their visitations into all of the counties of the English domains. There have been authorized changes made in certain features of the armorial bearings to conform to the requests of certain descendants of the family. Right Hon. Morris Robinson, Baron Rokeby of Armagh in Ireland, and Baronet in England, had granted to him a “change in the supporters heretofore borne by his predecessors, Baron Rokeby,” also in the arms of “Sir John Robinson of the city of London, Alderman, Knight and Baronet, and Lieutenant to his Majesty’s Tower.” The differences in the various

coats of arms are described by plats in the paper on Heraldry, in the first Brochure of this Society, published in 1902. Attention is also called to the excellent paper on "Coat Armor in the American Colonies," by Henry Stoddard Ruggles, Esq., of Wakefield, Mass., doubtless the best expert in America on armorial bearings. His paper, and his reason for offering it to the Society, will be found in the second Brochure, published by this Society in 1904. Pages 21 to 23.

During the past two years I have devoted much time in investigating such genealogical works as are to be found in the libraries of the larger cities, including the London publications with which the Astor Library in New York is well supplied, but I fail to trace the Robinsons of England, Scotland and Ireland to any source other than that of John Robinson of Donington, 1208. That his line might, by personal investigation, be carried still further back, I am confident.

I have given in this article 18 generations in the English lines, and could carry the branches many generations further, even down to the Robinsons of England of to-day.

There is one fact made most aparent in these records, and it strikes with peculiar force the Robinsons in America. In the Christian names of all the children, and descendants of John Robinson from the year 1208 to that of 1620, with one solitary exception, that of Lyle Robinson, in 1613, their counterpart is found in the Christian names of all the Robinsons of the early emigrants to America, without a single exception.

That the members of the Robinson Genealogical Society by a contribution to a general fund of no more than two dollars from each member could connect themselves with the English branches of Robinsons, carrying their lineage for at least seven hundred years, I

have not a doubt. The honor that would accrue to this Society by the discovery of the family line of the Rev. John Robinson of Leyden would be world-renowned.

In a recently published register of Nottingham Parish, London, the marriage of the Rev. John Robinson of Leyden and Bridget White is brought to light. It occurred on the 15th of February, 1603, in Gresley, in the Wapentake of Broxtowe. This marriage is found in Vol. 8, page 99, among a long list of similar entries, but is distinguished from all the others by the prefixes "Mr." and "Mistress," thus reading, "Mr. John Robinson and Mistress Bridget White." This indicates that the parties were individuals of note.

Gresley lies about thirty-five or forty miles south of the church at Serooby.

To this communication I attach a couple of letters received from Mr. George P. Tilton of the Towle Manufacturing Co., Newburyport, Mass., of which our worthy member, Lucien D. Cole, is the manager.

As indicated in his first letter, Mr. Tilton was planning to go abroad for the summer and to visit all points associated with the Pilgrim Fathers, to gather information and obtain views for the illustration of a Historical Catalogue for the Towle Manufacturing Co. On the 23rd of June, I met the gentleman at the office of our venerable and highly respected member, Charles Larned, Esq., in Boston, and suggested to him places in England and Holland that he might visit and views that might be taken of interest, especially to the Robinson fraternity. On my return to New York, I furnished him an abridged statement of the discovery of the records regarding John Robinson of Donnington, and the great desire of the Robinson Society to make connection with the English Robinson branches, and also to discover the parentage of the Rev. John Robinson of

Leyden. On the eve of his departure for Europe, he sent me the following letter:

TOWLE MANUFACTURING COMPANY,  
NEWBURYPORT,

July 18, 1908.

Mr. Charles E. Robinson,  
150 Nassau Street,  
New York City.

My Dear Mr. Robinson:

I received your information concerning the Robinson family some days since and shall do my best to add to it.

I thank you for your interest in my trip.

Sincerely yours,

G. P. TILTON,  
Per Lewis.

TOWLE MANUFACTURING COMPANY,  
NEWBURYPORT,

May 25, 1908.

Mr. Charles E. Robinson,  
150 Nassau Street,  
New York City.

My Dear Sir:

I have your very kind note in answer to my letter to Miss Adelaide Robinson, which it seems she transmitted to you.

I am planning to go broad this summer and one of the objects of my trip is to visit all points associated with the Pilgrim Fathers and to gather all possible material bearing on their life in England and sojourn in Holland. Of course I hardly expect to add to the sum of existing knowledge on a topic that has been so thoroughly investigated as this, but I do hope to give a personal and direct attention to some of the points

of their experiences and to get original illustrations for such an article.

This would be in the interest of the Towle Mfg. Company who, as you may possibly be aware, has specialized somewhat in historical backgrounds for their product.

Mr. Cole is, of course, deeply interested in the Robinson family, and as the Rev. John Robinson was a leader in this movement it seemed quite possible that some hints which you could give me, derived from your investigations, would enable me to make the best use of my opportunities, also it may be that you would desire to have a copy or a photograph of some stone or inscription which I could procure for you on the spot. Therefore, I would like to see you before I sail, which I expect will be on the 11th of July, and if I am in New York before the 8th of June, which I hardly think likely, I will certainly look you up. Otherwise I hope to arrange to see you when you are in Boston, as I can plan to come there at almost any time.

Very sincerely yours,

GEO. P. TILTON.

D.S.













