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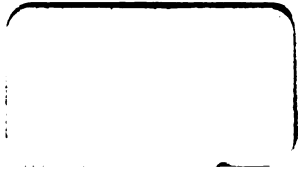
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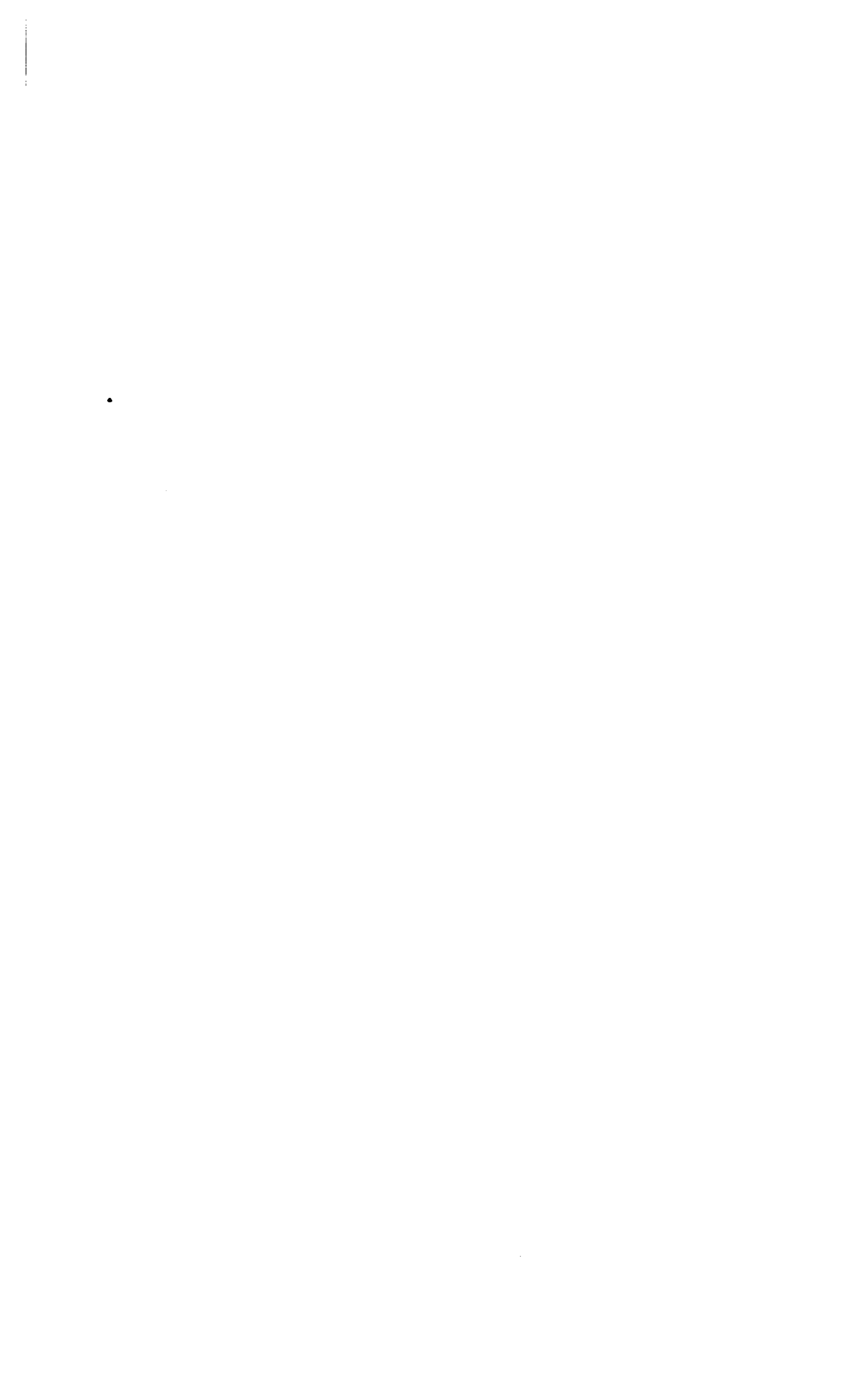
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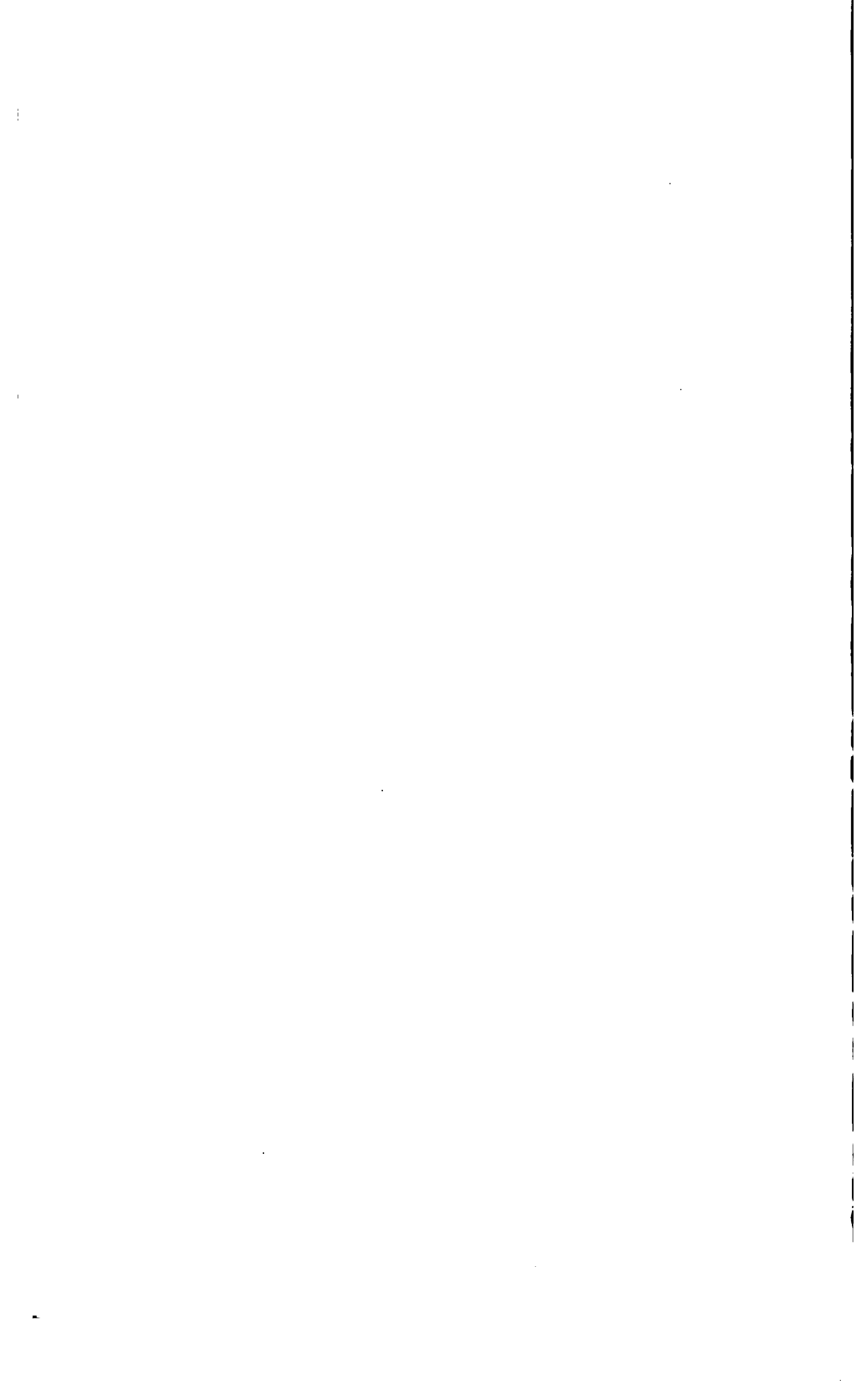
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GENEALOGY

—OF THE—

CHESMAN FAMILY,

IN THE UNITED STATES.

FROM 1713 TO 1893.

WITH APPENDIX AND REMINISCENCE OF

HIS FATHER'S FAMILY.

COLLECTED BY

SAMUEL CHESSMAN,

(NO. 44.)

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PREFACE.

Since I commenced writing the following genealogical record, there have many things come to view that could not be seen at the commencement in 1874. There were then only some family bible records and these cannot be fully verified. I have not had the opportunity of examining the old records myself, but other interested parties have been making the search and the result of their united findings, as reported to me, I have recorded on the following pages.

At this writing, December, 1893, we have not found any record to support what I have heretofore written in regard to John Chessman and Ruth Penniman and their family of six sons. All of the authentic records show that George Chesman who came from Great Britain, and Jane Duran of Braintree, Mass. as recorded on page one were the first ancestors of the family in the United States.

What I wrote about John and Ruth is applicable to George and Jane, except the date of his coming to this country, and that of their marriage and the dates of the birth of their six sons. The date of George coming to America is not known nor the date of the marriage to Jane Duran. The birth of their first child, John Chesman is recorded on the Braintree records May 31st, 1713. I take my dates from this and let all the old numbers stand that I had made for the six sons of John and Ruth.

There has been some discussion among the different branches of the family in regard to the spelling of the name. It appears by the records at Braintree that our first ancestor, George, is recorded as Chesman, which spelling is retained by some of his descendants. Those of George and Martha Russell spell Chessman. Those of Samuel Chesman and Mary Tower generally use the double s. A few spell Chesman. The descendants of Clifford Chessman and Lydia Orcutt spell Chessman. The descendants of Edward Chessman and Margaret Dyer spell Cheesman, Cheeseman. Mathias Cheesman and Miriam Shaw's descendants generally spell Chessman. The four different ways of spelling the name are found on the public records of Braintree and Boston, where most of the early family records have been found.

Dr. Hobart Cheesman, of New York City, writes to me that the spelling Chesman prevails in the Braintree records up to and including the birth of Edward Chesman, (No. 32) born April 9th, 1826. Thereafter the prevailing spelling is Cheesman, comprising a great majority of all the entries of the names in the published copy of Braintree records.

It is not claimed for this record that it contains all the names of the descendants of George and Jane Chesman, but all those dates of birth or marriage that I have secured. I will say here that it is not definitely known from what part of Great Britain George Chesman, our ancestor, came. One tradition says Glasgow, Scotland. One says Wales. One says England. He was undoubtedly an English subject and most likely an Englishman born, although the name is found in Wales as far back as the beginning of the sixteenth century. I have incidentally collected so many traditions and pub-

lic records that I think it my duty to put it in a shape that it may not be lost. I am aware that it is not a perfect record, but is given as I found it, and contains things pointing to facts which will materially assist any one who may wish to correct and extend it. The descendants of George Chessman and Martha Russell are not fully satisfied with my version of Daniel Chessman's (No. 24) record. But I have not been able to verify that part of his record which relates to a period prior to 1812. I have given Daniel's record as full and fair an investigation as I was able to do under the circumstances, not having the opportunity to personally examine the public records of Boston and Braintree. My researches lead me to think that Daniel was not aware of the existence of George Chesman (No. 27) when he wrote his record, the only George Chessman of which he had any knowledge was the one on his record as No. 7. This difference of opinion will only affect the record of sixty one persons who are numbered on this record. As the rest on the record are undoubtedly descended from George Chesman and Jane Duran. It seems very probable that Daniel's George (No. 7) is the same as George (No. 28) of my record, thereby making all noted on this record descendants from George, (No. 1.)

There has been some difference of opinion about the maiden name of George Chesman's wife, Jane. Rev. Samuel Niles has on his Church record in 1711, widow Durin and on the Suffolk County record is found a conveyance of land to George Chesman by widow Sarah Durell. This is supposed to be the mother of George Chesman's wife Jane, written in this record Jane Duran.

I have found many interesting traditional incidents that did not properly belong to the main record, I have therefore thought best to add an appendix, which contains some items of a historical nature, and anecdotes relating to our early ancestors, some verses which have a historical bearing in relation to our pilgrim fathers; also my grandfather's will, which shows the early spelling of the name. My grandfather was a grandson of George the first, and always retained the original spelling of the name, his children and grand children spelled their names Chesman, up to about the year 1838, when I added another s making it Chessman. The other members of my father's family adopted the same spelling. The other branches of my grandfather's family continue to spell the name Chesman.

It will be seen by this record that the first American generation born to George and Jane Chesman consisted of eight children, two daughters which I have been unable to trace, and six sons, the eldest son John left no record of any male descendants. The other five have a well defined record which I have been able to follow clearly to the sixth and seventh generation, each branch from the five sons can be traced by their numbers back to George the first and his wife Jane Duran. I find the descendants scattered from Massachusetts, (the original home of the family) to California, Oregon, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York. The post office address of many can be found on pages 64 and 65 of this record.

With these few words of explanation I leave this little book to the present and future generations, hoping it will prove a pleasure to them to learn something of the early history of their ancestors, and prove an incentive to future research into the history of the family.

SAMUEL CHESSMAN (No. 44.)

GENEALOGICAL TABLE OF THE CHESMAN FAMILY.

IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

COMPILED BY SAMUEL CHESSMAN (No. 44.)

This compilation was commenced February, 1874 from copies taken from records in the town of Braintree, Norfolk County, State of Massachusetts, and from other records and traditions. George Chesman the original ancestor of the Chesman, Chessman, Cheesman or Cheeseman Family in the United States of America is supposed to have been born in England and to have come to this country in the early part of the last Century and to have settled in Braintree, Mass. He married Jane Duran at what date is unknown. The following is found on the Braintree records :

Children born to them.

- No. 27, John Chesman, born May 31st, 1713.
- No. 27 $\frac{1}{2}$, Sarah Chesman, born June 12th, 1715.
- No. 28, George Chesman, born Sept 3d, 1717.
- No. 29, Jane Chesman, born July 5th, 1720.
- No. 30, Samuel Chesman, born March 15th, 1722.
- No. 31, Clifford Chessman, born April 25th, 1724.
- No. 32, Edward Chesman, born April 9th, 1726.
- No. 33, Mathias Cheesman, born March 15th, 1730.

There is a traditional record of John Chessman coming from Wales to this country in 1690 and marrying Ruth Penniman in 1692 and settling in Braintree, to whom were born six sons, viz.

- No. 2, John Chessman, born July 4th, 1693.
- No. 3, Samuel Chessman, born March 7, 1697.
- No. 4, Edmund Chessman, born Nov. 14th, 1700.
- No. 5, Mathias Chessman, born Oct. 7th 1705.
- No. 6, Cleopard Chessman, born January 19th, 1707.
- No. 7 George Chessman, born January 6th, 1709.

The above record of JOHN CHESSMAN and RUTH PENNIMAN and their six sons was copied from a record made by Daniel Chessman, (No. 24) of Boston, Mass. He says John lived in Braintree all his life and died at the age of 103 years. This is probably a mistake as the Braintree records do not contain any record of the Chessman family prior to 1712, when Mrs. Durell deeded land to George Chessman. This could not have been George the son of John and Ruth as he was born in 1709. I have been led to the conclusion that Daniel Chessman when looking for family records inadvertently got a traditional record of John (No. 27) born in 1713, substituted for the John who is said to have married Ruth Penniman in 1692.

The records say that John (No. 27) lived and died in Braintree and was buried there in the cemetery, aged over one hundred years. We have not been able to find any trace of either of the six sons of John (No. 1) on any of the old records at Braintree, Roxbury or Boston. The only thing that points to any probability of the truth of that record is the mention in "Drake's New England Legends and Old Folks Lore," of Edward Chessman taking part in the capture of a noted pirate in 1724. This may have been Edmund third son of John and Ruth, but would require the name to be changed from Edmund to Edward.

Daniel Chessman's record says that George Chessman the youngest son of John and Ruth married Martha Russell of Boston July 16th 1741, at the age of 32 years. Upon searching the records we have come to the conclusion that this must be an error, that it was the son of George Chesman and Jane Duran, born in 1717. They were married in Boston July 16th, 1741, by the Rev. Ellis Gray. George Chesman to Martha Russell.

I shall change the reading of Daniel's record to agree with the above, leaving the numbers to stand as they were first started by Daniel.

GEORGE CHESMAN, (No. 28) was married to MARTHA RUSSELL of Boston, July 16th, 1741, by the Rev. Ellis Gray, to them were born four sons and four daughters, two of whom died young, whose names were given to two others born subsequently :

- No. 8, George Chessman, born Sept. 9th, 1742, (died young.)
- No. 9, Martha Chessman, born Oct. 29th, 1744.
- No. 10, Mary Chessman, born Oct. 31st, 1746, (died young.)
- No. 11, John Chessman, born June 8th, 1748.
- No. 12, Sarah Chessman, born July 4th, 1751.
- No. 13, Samuel Chessman, born June 19th, 1754.
- No. 14, Mary Chessman, born Nov. 5th, 1756.
- No. 15, George Chessman, born July 8th, 1759.

JOHN CHESSMAN (No. 11) was married Oct 3d, 1771 to Elizabeth Dolbear, both of Boston, Mass. They had eleven children, viz.

- No. 16, John Chessman, born May 19th, 1772.
- No. 17, Eliza Chessman, b. Jan. 31st, 1774.
- No. 18, Elsie Chessman, b. July 5th, 1775 (died young.)
- No. 19, Samuel Chessman, b. Feb. 23d, 1777.
- No. 20, Elsie Chessman, b. April 16th, 1779.
- No. 21, William Chessman, b. June 21st, 1781.
- No. 22, Sarah Chessman, b. June 26th, 1783.
- No. 23, Edmund Chessman, b. June 11th, 1785.
- No. 24, Daniel Chessman, b. July 15th, 1787.
- No. 25, Nathaniel Chessman, b. May 9th, 1789.
- No. 26, Abigail Chessman, b. Oct. 31, 1791.

SAMUEL CHESSMAN, (No. 30) married Mary Tower, July 23d, 1746, to whom were born eight children.

- No. 34, Mary Chesman, b. Feb. 24th, 1747.
- No. 35, Ruth Chesman, b. July 5th, 1750, (died young.)
- No. 36, Samuel Chesman, b. May 6th, 1752.
- No. 37, Ruth Chesman, b. Nov. 2d, 1754.
- No. 38, Noah Chesman, b. April 28th, 1757.
- No. 39, Hannah Chesman, b. Feb. 8th, 1760.
- No. 39 $\frac{1}{2}$, Eunice Chessman, b. Dec. 7th, 1763.
- No. 39 $\frac{3}{4}$, Naomi Chessman, b. Sept. 9th, 1766.

SAMUEL CHESMAN (No. 36) married Martha French of Stoughton, Mass., daughter of Dependance and Mary Linfield French in 1777, to whom six children were born.

- No. 40, Noah Chesman the oldest, but no date.
- No. 41, Samuel Chesman, b. June 7th 1784.
 - Olive Chesman, married Thomas Thompson, (no date.)
 - Betsey Chesman, married Brazilla King, (no date.)
 - Polly Chesman, married Asa Battles, (no date.)
 - Naomi Chesman, married Josiah Orcott, (no date.)



MEHITABLE LEACH CHESMAN.

SAMUEL CHESMAN (No. 41) married Mehitable Leach of Raynham, Mass., Oct. 8th, 1806. They removed from North Bridgewater in 1816 to Merrimack, Hillsborough Co., N. H. They had four children viz.

- No. 42, Elvira Chesman, b. Sept. 9th, 1807.
- No. 43, Julia Ann Chesman, b. Oct. 16th, 1809.
- No. 44, Samuel Chesman, b. June 16th, 1812.
- No. 45, Robert McGaw Chesman, born Jan. 19th, 1820.

NOAH CHESMAN (No. 40) married Lucinda Howard, to them were born four children, viz.

- No. 46, Zachariah Chesman, b. Jan. 20th, 1801.
- No. 47, Noah Chesman, b. Feb. 19th, 1810.
- No. 48, Olive Chesman, b. March 8th, 1803.
- No. 49, Lucinda Chessman, b. Jan. 28th, 1814.

DANIEL CHESMAN (No. 24) married March 24th, 1818, Christina Hallett of Oysterville, Barnstable Co., Mass., to them were born five children, viz.

- No. 50, Benjamin Hallett Chessman, b. Jan. 4th, 1819.
- No. 51, Samuel Hallett Chessman, b. Jan. 7th, 1820.
- No. 52, Daniel Franklin Chessman, b. Sept. 10th, 1821.
- No. 53, William Henry Chessman, b. July 30th, 1823.
- No. 54, Mary Elizabeth Chessman, b. Feb. 9th, 1826.

Benjamin and Samuel died young.



No. 42.



No. 43.



No. 44.



No. 45.



No. 47.



No. 53.



No. 44



AND WIFE JANE.

SAMUEL CHESSMAN, (No. 44) married Jane Gordon, daughter of John and Jane McClintock Gordon, (farmers) of Plumb Township, Allegheny County, Pa., March 27th, 1834, at Bayardstown, (now fifth Ward.) Pittsburgh, Pa. To them were born six children, viz :

No. 55, Henry Warren Chessman, b. March 13th, 1835, d. June 6th, 1868.

No. 56, Elvira Jane Chessman, b. July 16th, 1839.

No. 57, Mary Ann Chessman, b. Oct. 1st, 1842.

No. 58, Martha Chessman, b. May 3d, 1847.

No. 59, Lewis Gordon Chessman, b. April 28th, 1850, d. Oct. 15th, 1852.

No. 60, George Gordon Chessman, b. July 22d, 1853.

Henry Warren Chessman, (No. 55) married Lavina Sharp, of Salem, Ohio, March 8th, 1860. She died March 18th, 1862, childless.



No. 55.



No. 56.



No. 57.



No. 58.



No. 60.



No. 45



AND

WIFE MARY.

ROBERT MCGAW CHESSMAN, (No. 45) married Maria Stewart, daughter of David and Barbara Miller Stewart of Allegheny Co., Pa., to whom were born nine children, six of whom died young.

No. 61, Harriet Ann Chessman, b. Nov. 10th, 1839.

No. 62, Samuel Melvin Chessman, b. Dec. 23d, 1848.

No. 63, Orin Austin Chessman, b. August 16th, 1853.

Maria the first wife of Robert McGaw Chessman died and he married Mary Ross Morton, daughter of John and Nancy Morton, of Pittsburgh, to whom were born three sons, viz :

No. 64, Ewart Morton Chessman, b. June 16th, 1859.

No. 65, George Haney Chessman, b. March 28th, 1861.

No. 66, Otis Stewart Chessman, b. Oct. 21st, 1864.



No. 61.



No. 62.



No. 63.



No. 64.



No. 65.



No. 66.



No. 42.



HUSBAND OF 42.

ELVIRA CHESSMAN (No. 42) married Jonathan M. Jackman, Aug. 22d. 1829, to whom were born nine children viz :

- No. 67, Samuel Stilman Jackman, b. Dec. 30th, 1830
- No. 68, John Henry Jackman, b. Dec. 19th, 1832.
- No. 69, Richard Pattee Jackman, b. Dec. 16th, 1834.
- No. 70, Charles Bradley Jackman, b. May 30th, 1837.
- No. 71, George Little Jackman, b. Dec. 26th, 1839.
- No. 72, Sarah Betsey Jackman, b. Oct. 14th, 1841.
- No. 73, Lemuel Noyes Jackman, b. Feb. 21st, 1843.
- No. 74, Frank Edward Jackman, b. March 6th, 1845.
- No. 75, Abby Francena Jackman, b. Dec. 27th, 1848.



No. 70.



No. 71.



No. 43.

JULIA ANN CHESSMAN (No. 43) married Elva F. Bradley of Woodstock, Vermont, they had five daughters of whom three died young.

No. 76, Emeline Elvira Bradley, b. Sept. 22d, 1830.

No. 77, Frances Bradley, b. Jan. 20th, 1832.

Bradley died in April, 1837 and Julia married John Otterson of Allegheny Co., Pa., in January, 1838, to whom were born four children viz :

No. 78, Julia Ann Otterson, b. March 2d, 1840.

No. 79, John Otterson, b. Jan. 19th, 1842.

No. 80, Robert Otterson, b. Jan. 19h, 1844.

No. 81, Samuel Otterson, b. Nov. 1846, (died young.)



No. 76.



No. 77.



No. 78.



No. 79.

Robert Otterson, of Co. F. 62d
Reg., Penn'a Volunteers.

He was present at the battles of
Yorktown, Hanover Court House,
Seven Days Before Richmond,
Second Battle of Bull Run, Antie-
tum, Frederickburg, Chancellors-
ville and at Gettysburgh, where he
was instantly killed July 3d, 1863.



No. 80.



No. 56.



HUSBAND OF 56.

ELVIRA JANE CHESSMAN (No. 56) married Johathan R. Oliphant, Feb. 26th, 1863, to whom were born four children, two of whom died young.

No. 82, Harry Grant Oliphant, b. Oct. 2d, 1865.

No. 83, Lavina Elizabeth Oliphant, b. Oct. 10th, 1867.



No. 58.



HUSBAND OF 58.

MARTHA CHESSMAN, (No. 58) married Augustus H. Harris, of Salem, Ohio, Oct. 13th, 1868, to whom were born two children.

No. 84, Warren Henry Harris, b. June 20th, 1871.

No. 85, Helen Harris, b. Sept. 16th, 1885.



No. 82.



No. 83.



No. 84.



No. 85.



No. 57 AND HUSBAND OF 57.

MARY ANN CHESSMAN, (No. 57) married Hiram Taylor, of Mahoning County, Ohio, April 14th, 1881.



No. 60.



No. 86.

GEORGE GORDON CHESSMAN, (No. 60) married Jennie L. Wharton, Feb. 25th, 1875, to them were born two children, one of whom died young. No. 86, Linnie Chessman, b. Sep. 1st, 1882.

Jennie L. Chessman, the wife of George Gordon Chessman, (No. 60) died July 31st, 1888. He married for his second wife, Mattie Morris, of Mahoning County, Ohio, Feb. 21st, 1892.



No. 82



WIFE.

AND

Harry Grant Oliphant (No. 82) married Agnes Mary Button of Bridgeport, Conn., daughter of Edward W. and Margaret Demster Button, Oct. 20th, 1892, to them were born:

No. 499, Margaret Sayer Oliphant, born Aug. 18th, 1893.



No. 61

AND

HUSBAND.

HARRIET ANN CHESSMAN (No. 61) married Alexander Smith, to them were born ten children, four of whom died young.

No. 87, Robert Chessman Smith, born Jan. 14th, 1859.

No. 88, Charles Alexander Smith, b. Oct. 15th, 1865.

No. 89, Mary Ella Smith, b. Feb. 1st, 1868.

No. 90, Anna Luella Smith, b. March 23d, 1870.

No. 91, Olie Wendal Smith, b. Dec. 31st, 1874.

No. 92, George William Smith, b. July 2d, 1878.



No. 87.



No. 88.



No. 89.



No. 90.



No. 91.



No. 92.



No. 62

AND

WIFE.

SAMUEL MELVIN CHESSMAN, (No. 62) married June 9th, 1870, to Matilda Brawdy, to whom were born ten children, six of whom died young.

No. 93, Ora Xenia Chessman, b. April 22d, 1871.

No. 94, Robert Brawdy Chessman, b. May 16th, 1875.

No. 95, Nannie Suella Chessman, b. Aug 23d, 1877.

No. 96, Eva Frances Chessman, b. June 2d, 1886.

Ora Xenia Chessman, (No. 93) married June 29th, 1893, Albert J. Deshler, by the Rev. T. M. Thompson, of Sharpsburgh, Pa.



No. 93.



No. 94.



No. 95.



No. 96.



No. 63

AND



WIFE.

ORIN AUSTIN CHESSMAN, (No. 63) married Sept. 19th, 1872. Jennie E. Maxwell, to them were born five children, two died young.

No. 97, Samuel Covert Chessman, b. Aug. 14th, 1879.

No. 98, Emma May Chessman, b. Dec. 14th, 1875.

No. 99, Harriet Elmira Chessman, b. Nov. 10th, 1880.



No. 64

AND



WIFE.

EWART MORTON CHESSMAN, (No. 64) married Jan. 2d, 1883. Ida M. Authers, to whom were born one child :

No. 100. Rachel Chessman, b. Nov. 1883.



No. 97.



No. 98.



No. 99.



No. 100.



No. 65

AND

WIFE.

George Haney Chessman, (No. 65 married Lillie G. Hodgins, Feby. 26th, 1883, to whom were born one child viz :
No. 101, George Wilbert Chessman, b. Feb. 22d, 1885.



No. 66.

AND

WIFE.

Otis Stewart Chessman, (No. 66) married Sara Annette Nichols, of Boston, Mass., June 25th, 1889, to whom were born
No. 498, Ethel Nichols Chessman, b. Jan. 5th, 1893



No. 101.



No. 498.

Noah Chessman, (No. 38) married Mary Holbrook, who was born Sept. 24th, 1757, to whom were born three children :

No. 102, Naomi Chessman, b. Feb. 8th, 1781.

No. 103, Samuel Chessman, b. May 18th, 1787.

No. 104, Ruth Chessman, b. July 2d. 1790.

Naomi Chessman (No. 102) married John Chapin, no other record.

Ruth Chessman (No. 104) married Jason Holbrook, they had children of whom there is no record.

Edward Chesman, (No. 32) married Margaret Dyer April 25th, 1752, to them were born six children :

No. 105, Anson Cheesman, b. July 14th, 1752.

No. 106, Benjamin Cheesman, b. Sept. 20th, 1756.

No. 107, Abel Cheesman, b. Feby 22d, 1758.

No. 108, Rhoda Cheesman, b. March 15th, 1760.

No. 109, Calvin Cheesman, b. Nov 12th, 1764.

No. 109 $\frac{1}{2}$, Ruth Cheesman, baptised in 1781 by Rev. Weld.

No. 109 $\frac{3}{4}$, Edward Cheesman,* b. about 1774.

Stephen Chessman (No. 317) married Lucy Noyes of Braintree. He was the son of Matthias Chessman and Miriam Shaw, they had four children:

No. 110, Sarah Chessman b. June 11th, 1784.

No. 111, Lucy Chessman b. March 14th, 1790.

No. 112, Mary Chessman b. Sept. 14th, 1791.

No. 113, Stephen Chessman b. June 7th, 1793.

Clifford Chessman (No. 31) married Lydia Orcutt, Jan. 30th, 1750, both of Weymouth, Mass., to them were born four children :

No. 114, Hosea Chessman, b. Jan. 13th, 1751.

No. 115, Lydia Chessman, b. Dec 16th, 1755.

No. 115 $\frac{1}{2}$, Matthew Chessman, b. Aug. 23d, 1758.

No. 115 $\frac{3}{4}$, Hannah Chessman, b. Sept. 1st, 1760.

Hosea Chessman, (No. 114) married Olive Shaw, Feby. 26th, 1776, they had eight children :

No. 116, Josiah Chessman, b. Oct. 13th 1778.

No. 117, John Chessman, b. July 28th, 1780.

No. 118, Sally Chessman, b. Feb. 8th, 1783.

No. 119, Susannah Chessman, b. Jan. 24th, 1787.

No. 120, Ziba Chessman, b. July 14th, 1789.

No. 121, Olive Chessman, b. July 4th, 1791.

No. 122, Myrtin Chessman, b. Dec. 16th, 1797.

No. 123, Lydia Chessman, b. June 24th, 1799.

* This name was received after the Appendix was printed.

Ziba Chessman, (No. 120) married Rachel Steadly, Dec. 3d, 1818, to whom were born five children :

No. 124, Mary N. Chessman, b. Sept. 11th, 1821.

No. 125, Elizabeth Chessman, b. July 28th, 1824.

No. 126, John W. Chessman, b. July 3d, 1831.

No. 127, William Chessman, no date.

No. 128, Henry C. Chessman, b. April 2d, 1845.

Samuel Chessman, (No. 103) married Susannah Dyer, daughter of Isaac Dyer, Oct. 2d, 1811, they had children, viz:

No. 129, Mary Chessman, b. Jan. 31st, 1812.

No. 130, Samuel Chessman, b. April 2d, 1814, died young.

No. 131, Noah Chessman, b. March 24th, 1816.

No. 132, Samuel Chessman, b. Jan. 17th, 1819.

No. 133, Martha Chessman, b. Oct. 26th, 1823.

No. 134, Edwin Chessman, b. April 15th, 1826.

No. 135, Susan Chessman, b. June 1st, 1828.

No. 136, Lydia Chessman, b. March 16th, 1831.

Silas Chessman, (No. 319) married Hannah Thayer, May 18th, 1790 and removed to New Hampshire.

Henry C. Chessman, (No. 128) married Henrietta Ware, April 3d, 1867, she died.

Sally Chessman, (No. 118) married Seth Curtis, Dec. 23d, 1803.

Noah Chessman, (No. 131) married Jane Tribow, July 3d, 1842, they had children viz:

No. 137, Lydia Fidelia Chessman, b. Jan. 26th, 1848. (died).

No. 138, Sarah Jane Chessman, b. June 18th, 1843.

No. 139, Hannah Agnes Chessman, b. Nov. 9th, 1844.

No. 140, Noah Augustus Chessman, b. March 2d, 1850.

No. 141, Samuel Alphonso Chessman, b. March 22d, 1852.

No. 142, Emma Chessman, b. March 5th, 1858.

Ruth Chessman, (No. 37) married Atkins Clark in 1772, they had children viz:

No. 143, Amasa Clark, no date.

No. 144, Otis Clark, no date.

No. 145, Atkins Clark, no date.

No. 146, Nathaniel Clark, no date.

No. 147, Nancy Clark, no date.

No. 148, Jonathan Clark, no date.

No. 149, Hannah Clark, no date.

No. 150, Eunice Clark, no date.

No. 151, Ruth Clark, no date.

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No. 128.

Samuel Chessman, (No. 132) married Rose Ann Lincoln, Dec. 30th, 1842, they had children viz :

No. 152, Samuel Lincoln Chessman, b. Aug. 29th, 1843.

No. 153, Amasa Niles Chessman, b. March 18th, 1846.

Martha Chessman, (No. 133) married Caleb H. Dyer, they had children, three of whom died young :

No. 154, Martha Susannah Dyer, b. March 27th, 1843.

No. 155, Caleb Eugene Dyer, b. Feb. 2d, 1850.

No. 156, Lydia Maria Dyer, b. April 15th, 1852.

No. 157, Auther Monroe Dyer, b. March 27th 1856.

No. 158, Willie Dyer, b. Dec 7th, 1859.

Susan Chessman (No. 135) married Francis Tribow, to whom were born two children, one died young :

No. 159, Francis Walter Tribow, b. Oct. 1st, 1846.

Lydia Chessman (No. 136) married July 5th, 1847, Amasa Niles, to whom were b. five children, three of whom died young:

No. 160, Chester Niles, b. Nov. 8th, 1867.

No. 161, Benjamin Herbert Niles, b. March 28th, 1869.

Mary Chessman (No. 34) married William Porter, of Abington, they had one child that died young.

Samuel Lincoln Chessman, (No. 152) married Elvira E. Mann, of Foxborough, Jan. 10th, 1878, they have children, viz :

No. 162, Annie Elizabeth Chessman, b. Jan. 8th, 1881.

No. 163, Minnie Frances Chessman, b. March 28th, 1882, died young.

John Chessman (No. 16) married Abigail Spear, 1793, to whom were born nine children, viz:

No. 164, Eliza Chessman, b. April 4th, 1794.

No. 165, Abigail Chessman, b. Dec. 10, 1796.

No. 166, John Chessman, died young.

No. 167, Mary Chessman, died young.

No. 168, Caroline Chessman, b. May 17th, 1802.

No. 169, John Chessman, b. Nov. 22d, 1805.

No. 170, Nathaniel Chessman, b. Oct. 14th, 1808.

No. 171, Prudence Spear Chessman, b. Nov 23d, 1811.

No. 172, William Chessman, died young.



No. 152 AND FAMILY.

Nathaniel Chessman, (No. 170) married Anna Perry, May 18th, 1831, they had three children, viz :

No. 173, Charles Francis Chessman, b. May 8th, 1832.

No. 174, Adaline Elizabeth Chessman, b. Dec. 30th, 1833.

No. 175, Maria Ann Chessman, b. Jan. 11th, 1836, (died young.)

Charles Francis Chessman, (No. 173) married Julia Goodman Cosett. March 6th, 1854, their children are :

No. 177, Nathaniel Walter Chessman, b. Sept. 10th, 1856, died.

No. 178, Mary Chessman, b. July 7th, 1859, (died young.)

No. 179, Charles Francis Chessman, b. July 20th, 1861.

No. 180, George Chessman, b. and d. in 1864.

No. 181, Fannie Chessman, b. Feb. 19th, 1869.

Josiah Chessman (No. 116) married Susannah Kingsman, Oct. 13th, 1800, their children were :

No. 182, Lillia Chessman, b. June 26th, 1801.

No. 183, Sally Chessman, b. April 6th, 1804.

No. 184, John Chessman, b. Oct. 14th, 1805.

No. 185, Addison Chessman, b. March 4th, 1808.

No. 186, Susan Chessman, (no date) married W. Chelsey 1835.

John Chessman, (No. 184) married Lucinda Wild, they had children, viz :

No. 187, John Frederick Chessman, b. Dec. 19th, 1828.

No. 188, William Allen Chessman, b. Aug. 19th, 1830.

No. 189, Sarah Chessman, b. Sept. 19th, 1833.

For his second wife John (No. 184) married Hannah Ford, born in New Hampshire.

Addison Chessman, (No. 185) married Sally Clapp, Aug. 5th, 1829. She died Oct. 8th, 1830. They had one child :

No. 190, Charles Addison Chessman, b. Sept. 18th, 1830.

Addison (No. 185) married for his second wife, Dorcas Bowdich, of Braintree, they had one child :

No. 191, Mary Frances Chessman, b. March, 1837.

Charles Addison Chessman, (No. 190) married Pamela J. Holbrook, their children all died young. He married for his second wife, Lydia Mercella Farmington, Jan. 28th, 1868, their children were :

No. 192, Amy Mercella Chessman, b. March 16th, d. Nov. 1870.

No. 193, Lydia May Chessman, b. July 30th, 1879.

John W. Chessman, (No. 126) married Lizzie B. Siminton, May 6th, 1857, they had one child :

No. 194, John Albert Chessman, b. in 1862.

Capt. Ziba Chessman, (No. 207) son of Ziba and Mehitable Belchor Chessman, born about 1754, married Mary Thayer. Dec. 1802, their children were :

- No. 195, Ziba Chessman, b. 1804.
- No. 196, Esther Chessman, b. 1805.

Capt. Ziba Chessman, married for his second wife, Deborah White Blanchard, April 10th 1818, they had children viz :

- No. 197, Mary Thayer Chessman, b. Jan. 20th, 1823.
 - No. 198, Esther Hollis Chessman, b. June 11th, 1825.
 - No. 199, Harriet N. Chessman, b. Sept. 8th, 1826.
 - No. 200, Edward Blanchard Chessman, b. Feb. 12th, 1829.
 - No. 201, Susan Augusta Chessman, b. May 22d, 1832.
 - No. 202, Jonathan Holbrook Chessman, b. April 22d, 1833.
- One child b. Sept. 2d, 1839, died young.

Edward Blanchard Chessman (No. 200) married Emily W. Orcutt in 1851, they had children :

- No. 203, Edward E. Chessman, b. Oct. 2d, 1852.
- No. 204, Harriet M. Chessman, b. March 10th, 1855.
- No. 205, Mary K. Chessman, b. Sept. 14th, 1856.
- No. 206, Imly Louis Chessman, b. Jan. 26th, 1860.
- No. 207, Ziba Chessman, b. Oct. 26th 1861.
- No. 208, Reuben Blanchard Chessman, b. Oct. 8th, 1863.

Ziba Chessman (No. 195) married Esther Blanchard, March 9th, 1825, they had children : (one died)

- No. 209, Samuel Blanchard Chessman, b. Jan. 21st, 1829.
- No. 210, Oliver Thayer Chessman, b. June 10th 1840.
- No. 211, Sarah L. Chessman, b. Oct. 17th, 1843.
- No. 212, George B. Chessman, b. 1847.

Ziba Chessman married for second wife Lydia Bosworth.

Mehitable Chessman, daughter of Ziba and Mehitable Belchor Chessman, married Jos. Nash, Oct. 1806, they had one child :

- No. 213, Edward Nash, b. March 1808.
- Nash died, she married Samuel White, March 19th, 1818.

Edward Nash (No. 213) married Sally ———, they had one child :

- No. 214, Sarah Ann Nash, b. May 11th, 1834.

Sally Chessman (No. 183) married James Little, Jan. 2d, 1822.

Sarah Chessman (No. 189) married Charles Stetson, Nov. 7th, 1851.

George B. Chessman (No. 212) married Abbie F. Johnston.

John Albert Chessman married Lizzie Thompson, Oct. 20th, 1885, she was born in 1863.

Anson Cheesman, (No. 105) married Elizabeth Carey, born March 10, 1755, they had children, viz :

- No. 215, Ruth Cheesman, b. Feb. 28th, 1777.
- No. 216, Anson Cheesman, b. June 21st, 1781.
- No. 217, Hannah Cheesman, b. July 22d, 1773.
- No. 218, Phebe Cheesman, b. Aug. 10th, 1778.
- No. 219, Abner Cheesman, b. July 3d, 1788.
- No. 220, Jeremiah Cheesman, b. May 28th, 1791.
- No. 221, Euphemia Cheesman, b. Nov. 24th, 1794.
- No. 222, Clifford Cheesman, b. June 19th, 1798.
- No. 223, Elizabeth Cheesman, b. Dec. 20th, 1774.
- No. 224, Rhoda Cheesman, b. April 1st, 1786.
- No. 225, Betsey Cheesman, (no date.)

Anson Cheesman, (No. 216) married Tammy Curtis, born Dec. 12th, 1783, their children were :

- No. 226, William Cheesman, b. May 31st, 1802.
- No. 227, Clifford Cheesman, b. Nov. 11th, 1804.
- No. 228, Jeremiah Cheesman, b. Dec. 2d, 1806.
- No. 229, Alanson Cheesman, b. Feb. 9th, 1809.
- No. 230, Lorenzo Cheesman, b. Nov. 12th, 1812.
- No. 231, Benjamin Palmer Cheesman, b. March 19th, 1815.
- No. 232, Lydia Cheesman, b. May 2d, 1817.
- No. 233, Tammy Cheesman, b. Nov. 5th, 1819.
- No. 234, Lorena Cheesman, b. Aug. 15th 1825.

Benjamin Palmer Cheesman, (No. 231) married Lois Almeda Parmenter, b. Jan. 9th, 1817, to whom were born eight children, viz:

- No. 235, Mary Ann Cheesman, b. Feb. 25th, 1841.
- No. 236, Almira Cheesman, b. Oct. 17th, 1842.
- No. 237, Hobart Cheesman, b. Aug. 13th, 1844.
- No. 238, Ellen Cordelia Cheesman, b. Dec. 17th, 1845.
- No. 239, George Benjamin Cheesman, b. May 28, 1848.
- No. 240, Henry Palmer Cheesman, b. Feb. 1852.
- No. 241, Clara Amelia Cheesman, b. March 10th, 1855.
- No. 242, Frederick Cheesman, b. March 10th, 1863.

William Cheesman, (No. 226) married Loretta Eggleston, they had children, viz :

- No. 243, Lucinda Cheesman, no date.
- No. 244, Harriet Cheesman, no date.
- No. 245, Sarah Cheesman, no date.

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No. 237.

Clifford Chessman, (No. 227) married Ann Brooks, they had children, viz :

- No. 246, James Cheesman, no date.
- No. 247, Anson Cheesman, b. April 27th, 1835.
- No. 248, Amos Cheesman, no date.
- No. 249, Byron Cheesman, no date.
- No. 250, William Cheesman, no date.
- No. 250½, Elliot Cheesman, no date.

Jeremiah Cheesman, (No. 228) married Margaret Cook, they had children, viz :

- No. 251, Melvin V. Cheesman, b. April 16th, 1833.
- No. 252, Edwin S. Cheesman, b. July 11th, 1835.
- No. 253, Merrius T. Cheesman, b. Oct. 4th, 1840.

Alanson Cheesman (No. 229) married Lucy Stearns, they had children viz :

- No. 254, Harvey Cheesman, b. Nov. 12th, 1831.
- No. 255, Julia Cheesman, b. June 8th, 1834.
- No. 256, Edward Cheesman, b. Sept 12th, 1836.
- No. 257, Lorinda Cheesman, b. Aug. 20th, 1838.

Lorenzo Cheesman, (No. 230) married Climenia Ellis, they had children, viz :

- No. 258, William Cheesman, no date.
- No. 259, Fordman Cheesman, no date.
- No. 260, Cyrus Cheesman, no date.

Tammy Cheesman, (No. 233) married Alanson Cook, they had children, viz :

- No. 261, Joseph L. Cook, b. March 17th, 1852.
- No. 262, George Nelson Cook, b. April 29th, 1849.
- No. 263, William V. Cook, b. June 22d, 1845.
- No. 264, Anson V. Cook, b. March 4th, 1847.
- No. 265, Clarissa R. Cook, b. August 22d, 1840.
- No. 266, Mary A. Cook, b. Oct. 4th, 1861.
- No. 267, Lodena Cook, b. March 5th, 1842.

Lorena Cheesman (No. 234) married Darius Kelsey, they had children, viz :

- No. 268, Lydia Kelsey, b. March 28th, 1848.
- No. 269, Mary Kelsey, b. June 28th, 1850.
- No. 270 William Kelsey, b. July 1852.
- No. 271, Phebe Kelsey, b. Oct. 3d, 1856.
- No. 272, Herbert Kelsey, b. Oct. 19th, 1859.

Ruth Cheesman, (No. 215) married Abiah Curtis, born Sept. 18th, 1777, they had children, viz:

- No. 273, Polly Curtis, b. Aug. 30th, 1800.
- No. 274, Betsey Curtis, b. July 1st, 1802.
- No. 275, Lydia Palmer Curtis, b. Nov. 2d, 1804.
- No. 276, Fabian Curtis, b. Feb. 1808.
- No. 277, Abiah Cheesman Curtis, b. Nov. 26th, 1810.
- No. 278, Anson Henry Curtis, b. Jan. 14th, 1820.

Jeremiah Cheesman, (No. 220) married Sallie Truvilla, they had children, viz:

- No. 279, Alonzo Cheesman, no date.
- No. 280, Francis Cheesman, no date.
- No. 281, Parmelia Cheesman, no date.
- No. 282, Elizabeth Cheesman, no date.
- No. 283, Mary Cheesman, no date.

Abner Cheesman, (No. 219) married Nancy Ball, they had children viz :

- No. 284, Phama Cheesman, no date.
- No. 285, Hiram Cheesman, no date.
- No. 286, Ruphus Cheesman, no date.
- No. 287, Elmila Cheesman, no date.
- No. 288, Elvira Cheesman, no date.

Hannah Cheesman, (No. 217) married Adam Blair, they had children viz :

- No. 289, Phama Blair, no date.
- No. 290, Lorenta Blair, no date.
- No. 291, Abner Blair, no date.
- No. 292, Himsel Blair, no date.
- No. 293, Leroy Blair, no date.
- No. 294, Adam Blair, no date.

Rhoda Cheesman, (No. 224) married * Eggleston, they had children, viz :

- No. 295, Lorenta Eggleston, no date.
- No. 296, Abner Eggleston, no date.
- No. 297, Morgan Eggleston, no date.
- No. 298, Clarissa Eggleston, no date.

Betsey Cheesman, (No. 225) married Elias Keeler, they had children:

- No. 299, Elias Keeler, no date.
- No. 300, Horace Keeler, no date.
- No. 301, Oren Keeler, no date.
- No. 302, Eliza Keeler, no date.

John Chessman (No. 27) married Abigail Thayer, Feb. 3d, 1755, they had children, viz :

- No. 303. Abigail Chessman, b. Jan. 6th, 1756.
 No. 304. Phebe Chessman, b. April 15th, 1762.

Daniel Franklin Chessman, (No. 52) married Henrietta E. Brett, of Boston, April 17th, 1862. No children.

Mary Elizabeth Chessman (No. 54) married William Thatcher of Boston, Dec. 5th, 1850, they had children, viz :

- No. 305. Isabell Thatcher, b. Oct. 6th, 1852.
 No. 306. Mary Thatcher, b. Oct. 6th, 1855.
 No. 307. Ellen H. Thatcher, b. March 14th, 1858.
 No. 308. Louisa Thatcher, b. May 5th, 1860.

Louisa Thatcher (No. 308) married William Kittredge, they had one child :

- No. 309. Henry Kittredge, no date.

Noah Augustus Chessman, (No. 140) married Sarah E. Price, of Sax-
 onville, Oct. 9th, 1873, they had one child :

- No. 310. Charles Francis Chessman, b. Sept. 16th, 1876.

Samuel Alphonso Chessman, (No. 141) married Etta E. Wilbour, Nov. 25th, 1877, they had children, viz :

- No. 311. Carlton A. Chessman, b. April 15th, 1881.
 No. 312. Ruth Gertrude Chessman, b. Sept. 15th, 1891.

Emma Chessman, (No. 142) married George A. Payne, Nov. 22d, 1877, they had children viz :

- No. 313. Ernest Payne, b. Feb. 4th, 1884.
 No. 314. One name not known.

Matthias Chesman, (No. 33) married Mariam Shaw, of Abington, Mass, they had children, viz:

- No. 315. Elizabeth Chesman, no date.
 No. 316. Ziba Chesman, b. in 1757 or 1758.
 No. 317. Stephen Chesman, b. 1760.
 No. 318. Sylvanus Chesman, b. Oct. 27th, 1771.
 No. 319. Silas Chesman, no date.
 No. 320. Lydia Chesman, no date.

Stephen Chessman, (No. 113) married Johanna Belchor, Sept. 3d, 1816, they had children viz :

- No. 321. Isaac Newton Chessman, b. Sept. 4th, 1819.
 No. 322. Joanna Chessman, no date.

Isaac Newton Chessman, (No. 321) married Phebe White, daughter of Mehitable Chessman and Samuel White, who was born Jan. 9th, 1823, they married June 23d, 1842, they had children, viz :

No. 323, John William Chessman, b. Sept. 12th, 1849.

No. 324, Sarah Chessman, b. Feb. 13th, 1854.

John William Chessman, (No. 323) married Elva Maria Thompson, April 25th, 1872, they had children, viz :

No. 325, William Stephen Chessman, b. 1875.

No. 326, Everett Nelson Chessman, b. 1886.

Sarah Chessman, (No. 324) married Joseph L. Dunn May 11th, 1876, they had one child :

No. 327, Hettie E. Dunn, b. Aug. 16th, 1886, d. in 1887.

Sarah Jane Chessman, (No. 138) married Henry Shedd, Aug. 13th, 1862, they had children, viz :

No. 328, Jennie Shedd, b. May 14th, 1863.

No. 329, Auther H. Shedd, b. April 17th, 1867.

No. 330, Edith Annie Shedd, b. Aug. 13th, 1880.

Hannah Agnes Chessman, (No. 139) married Solon Davids, of South Braintree, July 3d, 1868, they had children, viz :

No. 331, Mabel Agnes Davids, b. Sept. 8th, 1870.

No. 332, Auther C. Davids, b. June 23d, 1880.

Elizabeth Chessman, (No. 315) married Alexander Miller, Dec. 28th, 1771 and went to Comington, Mass. to live, they had children, names not known.

Sarah Chessman (No. 110) married Atherton Wales, of Randolph, Mass.

Lucy Chessman, (No. 111) married Joshua French, March 20th, 1807.

Martin Chessman, (No. 122) married Sallie A. Hall, Oct. 6th, 1818, both died without children.

Edmund Chessman and Elizabeth Gould intended marriage Dec. 28th, 1819.

Martha Chessman was married to Samuel Sloper, Sept. 15th, 1770, by the Rev Samuel Stillman.

Edmund Chessman married Louisa Williams, Dec. 17th, 1811.

Frances Bradley (No. 77) married Otis Young in 1852, they had one child :

No. 333, Laura Bradley Young, b. Jan. 31st, 1854.

Julia Ann Otterson, (No. 78) married John Cook Dyson, June 1st, 1858, they had children, viz :

No. 334, Clara Julia Dyson, b. Oct. 14th, 1861, died Sept. 1874.

No. 335, Frank Jackman Dyson, b. Feb. 21st, 1867.

No. 336, Samuel Chessman Dyson, b. Feb. 15th, 1869.

No. 337, John Charles Dyson, b. Jan 25th, 1871.

No. 338, Otis Young Dyson, b. Dec. 20th, 1872.

No. 339, Robert Otterson Dyson, b. Nov. 16th, 1874.

Emeline Elvira Bradley, (No. 76) married William Garberick, of Harrisburgh, Pa. in 1857, they had two children, who died young.

Zachariah H. Chesman, (No. 46) married Mary Field, their children were :

No. 340, Harriet Chesman, b. June 9th, 1826.

No. 341, Angarnette Chesman, no date.

Harriet Chesman, (No. 340) married George Sergeant, of Boston, Mass.

Argarnette Chesman, (No. 341) married Horace Burrell.

Olive Chesman, (No. 48) married Reuben Drake in 1812, their children were :

No. 342, Sylvia H. Drake, b. May 1st, 1821.

No. 343, Jonathan W. Drake, b. May 21st, 1824.

No. 344, Reuben Drake, b. June 6th, 1826.

Reuben Drake, (No. 344) married Jarusha Ann Edwards Thayer, of Braintree, they had one child who died young.

Johnathan W. Drake, (No. 343) married Betsey Thayer, of Randolph, Mass.

Lucinda Chesman, (No. 49) married Gilman Morton, of Leeds, Maine, their children were : (no date)

Ellen, Lucinda and Amanda.



No. 47.

Noah Chesman (No. 47) married Nancy Hunt, Dec. 3d, 1836, their children were:

No. 345, Emeline F. Chesman, b. July 1st, 1839.

No. 346, Alice M. Chesman, b. July 22d, 1844.

Emeline F. Chesman, (No. 345) married Frances A. Thayer.

Alice M. Chesman, (No. 346) married Walter D. Packard, Sept. 9th, 1866.

Samuel Stillman Jackman, (No. 67) married Nov. 10th, 1850, Lydia Ann Balcom to whom were born one child :

No. 347, Ella Frances Jackman, b. Oct. 21st, 1851.

John Henry Jackman, (No. 68) married Eliza F. Riddle, Oct. 11th, 1860, to whom were born one child :

No. 348, James H. Jackman, b. Aug. 31st 1861.

Richard Pattie Jackman, (No. 69) married Samantha Clark, May 23d, 1857, to them were born two children :

No. 349, George Little Jackman, b. Nov. 28th, 1860.

No. 350, Isabel Etta Jackman, b. May 10th, 1867.

Charles Bradley Jackman, (No. 70, see page 11.) married Eliza Humphrey, Aug. 15, 1861, to whom two children were born, viz :

No. 351, Charles Humphrey Jackman, b. July 16th. 1862.

No. 352, Clara Francena Jackman, b. Feb. 1st, 1869.

George Little Jackman, (No. 71, see page 11.) married Lucinda Averil Thompson, Nov. 25d, 1862, they had two children, viz :

No. 353, Alice Lucinda Jackman, b. Aug. 18th, 1863.

No. 354, Flora Elvira Jackman, b. Feb. 6th, 1872.

Sarah Betsey Jackman, (No. 72) married John Moulton Adams, June 27th, 1863, no children.

Lemuel Noyes Jackman, (No. 73) married Georgie H. Parks, they had two children, both died young, she died May 30th 1869. He married for his second wite, Louise A. Otis, Dec. 20th, 1871, they had one child :
No. 355, Ida Louisa Jackman, b. May 28th, 1874.

Frank Edward Jackman, (No. 74) married Sarah S. Hall, Oct 9th 1870, to whom four children were born :

No. 356, Nellie Elvira Jackman, b. Nov. 10th, 1871, died young.

No. 357, Tena May Jackman, b. June 8th, 1874.

No. 358, Eugene Layton Jackman, b. Nov. 24th, 1875.

No. 359, Lizzie Gareldine Jackman, b. Dec. 28th, 1888.

Abbie Francena Jackman (No. 75) married George Messer, July 12th, 1871, they had one child, who died young, she married for second husband Daniel W. Hancock, May 13th, 1882.

Ella Frances Jackman (No. 347) married Frank O. Ray, March 24th, 1875.

Charles Humphrey Jackman, (No. 351) married Myrtie Wilson, Sept. 13th, 1885.

James H. Jackman, (No. 348) married Serlla F. Mason, Jan. 3d, 1882

Isabel Etta Jackman (No. 350) married Robert W. Joslyn, Aug. 8th, 1888, to whom children were born, viz :

No. 360, George Robert Josylyn, b. Oct. 7th, 1890.

No. 361. Homer L. Joslyn, b. Aug. 25th, 1892.

John Chessman, (No. 169) of Boston, Mass., married Clarissa Morrill, born Dec. 17th, 1813, in Maine, their children, are :

No. 362, Angelina Aurelia Chessman, b. Jan. 9th, 1831, in Cincinnati, O.

No. 363, John Leander Chessman, b. Dec. 21st, 1832, Cincinnati, O.

No. 364, Mary Ellen Chessman, b. March 2d, 1836, Cincinnati, Ohio.

No. 365, Amos Morrill Chessman, b. Feb. 10th, 1839, Madison Co., Ind.

No. 366, Charles Albert Chessman, b. Aug 8th, 1841, Madison Co. Ind.

No. 367, Elzina Jane Chessman, b. Dec. 31st, 1843, died young.

No. 368, Caroline Eliza Chessman, b. April 23d, 1847.

No. 369, Lucy Jane Chessman, b. Aug. 21st, 1850, Wayne Co., Ind.

No. 370, Clarissa Lauretta Chessman, b. Feb. 3d, 1854, Wayne Co., Ind.

No. 371, William Wesley Chessman, b. Aug. 8th, 1856, Randolph Co., Ind.



No. 371.

William Wesley Chessman, (No. 371) married Mary A. Rowland, b. June 15th, 1882, in Athena, Oregon, their children were :

No. 372, Valla Glen Chessman, b. May 7th, 1883, at Athena, Oregon.

No. 373, Bernice Etta Chessman, b. Jan. 8th, 1885, at Alsea, Oregon.

No. 374, Morrill Rowland Chessman, b. Sept. 6th, 1886, at Alsea, Oregon.

No. 375, Park Allene Chessman, b. Feb. 22d, 1890, at Peoria, Oregon.

No. 376, Dale Chessman, b. Dec. 25th, 1891, at Springfield, Oregon.



No. 237.

Dr. Hobart Cheesman, (No. 237) of New York City, married Georgiana Teal Peterson, of Union Springs, Cayuga Co., New York, daughter of the late Dr. P. H. Peterson, to whom were born children, viz :

No. 377, Teresa Cheesman, b. Sept. 25th, 1876.

No. 378, Florence Palmer Cheesman, b. Sept. 19th, 1880.

No. 379, Myra Parmenter Cheesman, b. Dec. 5th, 1885.

No. 380, Dorothy Howland Cheesman, b. Aug. 10th, 1891.

Sylvanus Chesman, (318) married Betsey Blodget, she came from Holland, April 16th 1774, their children were :

- No. 381, Sylvanus Chesman, b. Dec. 29th, 1797.
- No. 382, Roswell Chesman, b. April 25th, 1799.
- No. 383, Randolph Chesman, b. Sept 15th, 1801.
- No. 384, Eliza Chesman, b. Nov. 27th, 1803.
- No. 385, Joseph Chesman, b. March 23d, 1806.
- No. 386, Lucy Chesman, b. July 9th, 1808.
- No. 387, Mary Chesman, b. Dec. 9th, 1810.
- No. 388, Fanny Chesman, b. Aug. 1st, 1814.
- No. 389, Horace Chesman, b. Dec. 14th, 1816.
- No. 390, John Chesman, b. April 18th, 1818.

Roswell Chesman, (No. 382) b. at Lancaster, N. H., married Nov. 14th, 1823, Adaline Fuller, who was born at Littleton, N. H., Marth 30th, 1807, their children were :

- No. 391, Eliza Jane Chesman, b. Feb. 2d, 1830.
- No. 392, Louisa A. Chesman, b. Feb. 22d, 1831.
- No. 393, Laura S. Chesman, b. Nov. 6th, 1832.
- No. 394, Mary E. Chesman, b. March 11th, 1834.
- No. 395, Charles W. Chesman, b. Dec. 17th, 1835.
- No. 396, Jerusha W. Chesman, b. March 17th, 1837.
- No. 397, Roswell C. Chesman, b. Sept. 12th, 1838.
- No. 398, William H. Chesman, b. Sept. 30th, 1840.
- No. 399, Sylvanus R. Chesman, b. June 30th, 1842.
- No. 400, Edward M. Chesman, b. Feb. 24th, 1844.
- No. 401, Richard H. Chesman, b. April 5th, 1846.
- No. 402, Kate Chesman, b. June 28th, 1850.

Eliza Chesman, (No. 384) married May 25th, 1824, Ezra Brooks, (she died in 1891,) their children were :

- No. 403, Fanny Brooks, b. May 2d, 1825.
- No. 404, Harriet Brooks, b. Oct. 6th, 1826.
- No. 405, Mary Brooks, b. June 11th, 1830.
- No. 406, Chapin Chauncy Brooks, b. July 7th, 1832.
- No. 407, Ezra Hubbard Brooks, b. July 17th, 1834.
- No. 408, James R. Brooks, b. April 26th, 1836.
- No. 409, Anna Brooks, no date.
- No. 410, Jonah Brooks, no date.
- No. 411, Lyman Brooks, no date.

Joseph Chesman, (No. 385) born at Lancaster, N. H., married June 20th 1827, Sarah Ann White, who was born June 9th, 1806, their children were :

- No. 412, Lucy Ann Chesman, b. June 1st, 1828.
- No. 413, Roswell Warren Chesman, b. May 30th, 1830.
- No. 414, Joseph Martin Chesman, b. July 21st, 1834.
- No. 415, Nelson Chesman, b. Oct. 28th, 1841.
- No. 416, Sarah Ellen Chesman, b. July 12th, 1849. *

Lucy Chesman, (No. 386) married Sept. 22d, 1825, John W. Hodgdon, their children were :

- No. 417, Lucy Ann M. Hodgdon, b. July 12th, 1826.
- No. 418, Charles S. Hodgdon, b. April 14th, 1828.
- No. 419, George D. Hodgdon, b. Aug. 20th, 1831.
- No. 420, Phineas R. Hodgdon, b. Jan. 3d, 1836.
- No. 421, Horatio Gates Hodgdon, b. April 28th, 1838.
- No. 422, James Henry Hodgdon, b. May 3d, 1843.

Mary Chesman (No. 387) married in 1832, Harvey Adams, they had one child :

- No. 423, Charles Harvey Adams, b. Jan. 21st, 1833.

John Chesman (No. 390) born at Lancaster N. H., married May 31st, 1840, Mary C. Chandler, who was born Sept. 12th, 1810, their children were :

- No. 424, Lucy Ellen Chesman, b. March 5th, 1841.
- No. 425, Mary K. Chesman, b. Feb. 7th, 1844.
- No. 426, Emma C. Chesman, b. July 6th, 1848.
- No. 427, John Frank Chesman, b. Oct. 27th, 1850.

Eliza Jane Chesman, (No. 391) married John Brown, they had one child :

- No. 428, Frank Brown, no date.

Louisa A. Chesman, (No. 392) married April 26th, 1856, Charles Connor, they had children, viz :

- No. 429, John S. Connor, b. Feb. 19th, 1857.
- No. 430, James Connor, b. March 28th, 1858.

Laura S. Chesman, (No. 393) married Nicholas B. Wilson, their children were :

- No. 431, W. B. Wilson, b. Jan. 25th, 1854.
- No. 432, Ezra J. Wilson, b. Sept. 20th, 1856.
- No. 433, Ella A. Wilson, b. Oct. 12th, 1858.
- No. 434, Fred C. Wilson, b. March 12th, 1867.
- No. 435, Addie J. Wilson, b. April 13th, 1869.
- No. 436, Walter S. Wilson, b. Aug. 28th, 1872.

Sylvanus R. Chesman, (No. 399) married Mary Woods, they had no children.

Ezra Hubbard Brooks, (No. 407) married and moved to California, no other data.

Mary E. Chesman, (No. 394) married Aug. 2, 1854, Charles H. Rich, their children were :

No. 437, Dewey Rich, no date.

No. 438, Jennie Rich, no date.

No. 439, Nellie Rich, no date.

Charles W. Chesman, (No. 395) married Martha Bray, she died, and he married again, wife's maiden name not known, their children were :

No. 440, Edith Chesman, no date.

No. 441, Charles Chesman, no date.

Jerusha W. Chesman, (No. 396) married in 1864, John H. Sargent, their children were :

No. 442, Walter Sargent, no date.

No. 443, Herbert Sargent, no date.

No. 444, Alice Sargent, no date.

Roswell C. Chesman, (No. 397) married Sept. 15th, 1868, Sarah A. Stebbins, they had one child, viz :

No. 445, Martha Adaline Stebbins, b. in 1875.

Richard H. Chesman, No. 401, married May 31st, 1893, A. O. Lord,

Harriet Brooks, (No. 404) married William Fisk, they had one child, viz ; (Harriet died Nov. 1863.)

No. 446, Annie Fisk, no date.

Mary Brooks, (No. 405) married Oct. 9th, 1849, Levi D. Munsey, their children were :

No. 447, Henry E. Munsey, b. July 6th, 1850.

No. 448, Sarah E. Munsey, b. Sept. 12th, 1851.

No. 449, Isadora E. Munsey, b. July 23d, 1856.

No. 450, Augusta L. Munsey, b. Dec. 11th, 1860.

No. 451, Mary A. Munsey, b. Oct. 30th, 1863.

Lucy Ann Chesman, (No. 412) married Nov. 3d, 1867, Enoch F. Connor, she died Feb. 20th, 1888, they had one child, viz :

No. 452, Sadie Connor, b. Jan. 28th, 1869.

Roswell Warren Chesman, (No. 413) married Oct. 12th, 1852, Malancy Frances Pearson, their children were :

No. 453, George Warren Chesman, b. July 7th, 1855.

No. 454, William Edward Chesman, b. Sept. 22d, 1857.

No. 455, Flora A. Chesman, b. Oct. 29th, 1860.

No. 456, Clara M. Chesman, b. Feb. 22d, 1863.

No. 457, Mary E. Chesman, b. Oct 15th, 1866.

No. 458, Joseph Nelson Chesman, b. Jan. 25th, 1872.

Joseph Martin Chesman, (No. 414) married Oct. 1855, Louisa Closson, their children were :

No. 459, Charles F. Chesman, b. April 14th, 1857.

No. 460, Hiram Chesman, b. Dec. 25th, 1862.



No. 415



AND WIFE.

Nelson Chesman, (No. 415) married April 30th, 1876, Adele Libbie Keith, who was born Dec. 25th, 1851. They had no children.

Sarah Ellen Chesman, (No. 416) married Oct. 6th, 1881, Wheelock Haskill Little, who was born Aug. 24th, 1848, they had one child, viz: No. 461, Clarissa L. Little, b. June 16th, 1882.

Lucy Ann M. Hodgdon, (No. 417) married Nov. 11th, 1852, John Parker Boyce, their children were:

No. 462, Irving Albert Boyce, b. Aug 31st, 1853.

No. 463, John Hodgdon Boyce, b. Sept. 27th, 1856.

No. 464, Lillie May Boyce, b. June 9th, 1868.

Charles S. Hodgdon, (No. 418) married July 4th, 1850, Eliza Jane Connor, their children were:

No. 465, Andrew J. Hodgdon, b. April 13th, 1853.

No. 466, Emily Ann Hodgdon, b. Jan. 27th, 1857.

George D. Hodgdon, (No. 419) married Nov. 30th, 1854, Mary Ann Connor, their children were:

No. 467, John W. Hodgdon, b. Aug. 20th, 1858.

No. 468, Lettie J. Hodgdon, b. May 24th, 1860.

No. 469, George W. C. Hodgdon, b. Jan. 11th, 1865.

Phineas R. Hodgdon, (No. 420) married Mary Cloutman, Jan. 10th, 1866, their children were:

No. 470, Nellie A. Hodgdon, b. July 15th, 1867.

No. 471, Fred B. Hodgdon, b. Feb. 7th, 1870.

No. 472, Henry H. Hodgdon, b. June 22d, 1873.

No. 473, Charles S. Hodgdon, b. Aug. 30th, 1876.

Horatio Gates Hodgdon, (No. 421) married May 16th, 1863, Lois M. Hinds. (Lois M. died Sept. 28th, 1869,) by her he had one child, viz :
No. 474, Jennie L. Hodgdon, b. July 30th, 1865.

He married Clara Hodgdon, who bore him three children, names not given. Clara died May 21st 1893.

James Henry Hodgdon, (No. 422) married Kate E. Rowell, they had one child :
No. 475, Willie E. Hodgdon, b. June 1st, 1866.

Charles Harvey Adams, (No. 423) married Jan. 4th, 1855, Maria H. Taylor, their children were :

No. 476, Victoria Chesman Adams, b. Aug. 20th, 1858.

No. 477, Edward Dwight Adams, b. Nov. 11th, 1860.

No. 478, Ella Frances Adams, b. Nov. 11th, 1864.

No. 479, Frank Adams, b. 1866.

No. 480, Harriet Emily Adams, b. Aug. 3d, 1871.

Emma C. Chesman (No. 426) married Sept. 29th, 1877, Auther S. Buswell, they had one child :

No. 481, Fred L. Buswell, b. March 6th, 1884.

John Frank Chesman (No. 427) married Dec. 20th, 1876, Charity A. Masure, their children were :

No. 482, Berthie E. Chesman, b. Nov. 25th, 1877.

No. 483, Frank C. Chesman, b. June 4th, 1883.

W. B. Wilson, (No. 431) married May 18th, 1876, Addie E. Plaisted, they had one child :

No. 484, Eva J. Wilson, b. June 17th, 1877.

Fred C. Wilson, (No. 434) married Nov. 9th, 1889, Alice Peabody, and had one child :

No. 485, Hershale R. Wilson, b. Nov. 9th, 1890.

Dewey Rich, (No. 437) married, no date, their children are :

No. 486, Glen C. Rich, no date.

No. 487, Roscoe B. Rich, no date.

Jennie Rich, (No. 438) married C. H. Hatch, no date.

Henry E. Munsey, (No. 447) married Nov. 22d, 1877, Ann Bartol, and had one child :

No. 488, Willie Munsey, no date.

Mary A. Munsey, (No. 451) married Jan. 13th, 1884, Burt Smith and had one child, viz :

No. 489, Lawrence Smith, no date.

Sadie Connor, (No. 452) married March 1st, 1893, George M. Clough.

George Warren Chesman, (No. 453) married Jan. 17th, 1882, Etta Spaulding, their children are :

No. 490, Mildred Chesman, b. Nov. 18th, 1884.

No. 491, Gladys Chesman, b. July 14th, 1888.

Clara M. Chesman, (No. 456) married Oct. 30th, 1888, John G. Hicks, and had one child :

No. 492, Marion Hicks, b. Jan. 3d, 1890.

Victoria Chesman Adams, (No. 476) married Nov. 16th, 1880, John Orson Barber, their children are :

No. 493, Florence Chesman Barber, b. Nov. 22d, 1881.

No. 494, Earl Smith Barber, b. Sept 17th, 1889.

Edward Dwight Adams, (No. 477) married June 27th, 1883, Julia E. Root, they had no children.

Ella Frances Adams, (No. 478) married in 1886, William A. L. Zeno, their children are :

No. 495, Alma Ovidio Zeno, b. in 1887.

No. 496, Lorette Frances Zeno, b. in 1888.

No. 497, William Adams Zeno, b. in 1889.

No. 498, Ethel Nicholas Chessman, daughter of Otis Stewart Chessman, was born Jan. 5th, 1893. (See page 27.)

No. 499, Margaret Sayer Oliphant, daughter of Harry Grant Oliphant, was born Aug. 18th, 1893. (See page 17.)

Ellen C. Cheesman, (No. 238) married Niles G. Townsend, Nov. 17, 1867, their children were :

No. 500, William Palmer Townsend, b. May 1st, 1872.

No. 501, Nellie Lois Townsend, b. Aug. 28th, 1876.

No. 502, Niles Hobart Townsend, b. Nov. 19th, 1879.

George Benjamin Cheesman, (No. 239) married Kate Graves, b. Dec. 6th, 1851, their children were :

No. 503, Louis Cheesman, no date, died young.

No. 504, Hubert Cheesman, b. May 10th, 1877.

Henry Palmer Cheesman, (No. 240) married Sarah A. Avery, their children are :

No. 505, Mary Edna Cheesman, b. Aug. 9th, 1880.

No. 506, Stanley Avery Cheesman, b. Aug. 28th, 1890.

Clara A. Cheesman, (No. 241) married Jeremiah Roscoe Sturtevant, M. D., (b. July 1st, 1847,) Jan. 27th, 1875, their children are :

No. 507, Howard R. Sturtevant, b. July 24th, 1877.

No. 508, Rupert Palmer Sturtevant, b. Aug. 30th, 1882.

No. 509, Laura A. Sturtevant, b. Aug. 26, 1887.

No. 510, Marian Lois Sturtevant, b. Jan. 28th, 1891.

Anson Cheeseman, (No. 247) married Mary G. Stowell, (b. Aug. 16th, 1839) Aug. 7th, 1857, their children are :

No. 511, Minnie J. Cheeseman, b. Dec. 25th, 1865.

No. 512, Clara J. Cheeseman, b. March 23d, 1875.

No. 513, Charles A. Cheeseman, b. Sept. 11th, 1876.

Minnie J. Cheeseman, (No. 511) married De Alton V. Seeber, Sept. 25th, 1889.

Calvin Cheseman's (No. 109) family history was not known to me until this record was nearly ready for the printers, except a brief mention in the appendix.

John Briggs, (No. 534) of Cuba, N. Y., wrote me the following reminiscence of Calvin Cheeseman :

Calvin Cheeseman removed from the town of Princetown, Schenectady County, N. Y., to New Hudson, Alleghany County, N. Y., in 1822, where he had been engaged in keeping hotel, also an ashery, lanking and other employments. He was injured financially by the failure of the bank about the year 1821.

Mr. Briggs gave me a record of Calvin's family from memory.

Calvin Cheeseman (No. 109) married Amy Day, daughter of Dr. Day, to whom were born ten children, viz :

No. 514, Calvin Cheeseman, Jr., no date.

No. 515, Amy Cheeseman, no date.

No. 516, Betsey or Elizabeth Cheeseman, no date.

No. 517, Lewis Cheeseman, no date.

No. 518, Elias Cheeseman, no date.

No. 519, Harvey Cheeseman, no date.

No. 520, Eliza Cheeseman, no date.

No. 521, Maria Whitney Cheeseman, no date.

No. 522, Lucinda Cheeseman, no date.

No. 523, John C. Cheeseman, no date.

Calvin Cheeseman, Jr., (No. 514) married Sarah Sturges, to whom were born five children, viz :

No. 524, Sarah Cheeseman, no date.

No. 525, Calvin Cheeseman, no date.

No. 526, Eliza Cheeseman, no date.

No. 527, Lewis Cheeseman, no date.

No. 528, Mary Cheeseman, no date.

Amy Cheeseman, (No. 515) married Mr. Whitney, their children were:

No. 529, Elizabeth Whitney, no date.

No. 530, Harriet Whitney, no date.

No. 531, Diadamer Whitney, no date.

Betsy or Elizabeth Cheeseman, (No. 516) married Ephraim Briggs, their children were :

- No. 532, Elias Day Briggs, no date.
- No. 533, Ephraim Briggs, no date.
- No. 534, Lucinda Briggs, no date.
- No. 535, Calvin Briggs, no date.
- No. 536, Maria Briggs, no date.
- No. 537, John Briggs, no date.
- No. 538, Elizabeth Briggs, no date.
- No. 539, James Harvey Briggs, no date.
- No. 540, Lewis Cheeseman Briggs, no date.

Lewis Cheeseman, (No. 517) married Mariam McPherson, to whom were born four children :

- No. 541, Andrew Cheeseman, no date.
- No. 542, Jane Hellen Cheeseman, no date.
- No. 543, Sarah P. Cheeseman, no date.
- No. 544, Kate E. Cheeseman, no date.

Maria Whitney Cheeseman, (No. 521) born about 1807, at Princetown, N. Y., (died at Cuba, Alleghany Co., N. Y., Feb. 4th, 1871) married Samuel S. Haight, April 7th, 1839, at New Hudson, Alleghany Co., N. Y., their children were :

- No. 545, George W. Haight, b. Dec. 19th, 1842, in Cuba, N. Y.
- No. 546, Julia Anna Haight, b. Oct. 17th, 1846.

Ellias Cheeseman, (No. 518) married Orphama Baldwin, to them were born two children :

- No. 547, Elias Cheeseman, Jr., no date.
- No. 548, Katharine Cheesman, no date.

Dr. John C. Cheeseman, (No. 523) born in Princetown, Schenectady Co., N. Y., married Oct. 4th, 1836, Jane Sexton Sherwood, at Shelby, Orleans Co., N. Y., to whom were born seven children :

- No. 549, Austin Spencer Foot Cheeseman, b. Oct. 30th, 1839.
- No. 550, Eugene Cheeseman, b. March 11th, 1841.
- No. 551, Caroline Orphama Cheeseman, b. March 11th, 1841.
- No. 552, Elisha Sherwood Cheeseman, b. Feb. 2d, 1843.
- No. 553, Mary Jane Cheeseman, b. Aug. 28th, 1848.
- No. 554, Willis Orloff Cheeseman, b. Nov. 24th, 1850.
- No. 555, Seymore E. Cheeseman, b. Oct. 17th, 1854.

Elias Day Briggs, (No. 532) married Roxanna Hurd, daughter of the Rev. Reuben Hurd, of Black Creek, Pa., their children were :

- No. 556, Elias Briggs, Jr., died young.
- No. 557, Emily Briggs, no date.
- No. 558, Nathan Briggs, no date.

No. 559, Sarah Briggs, no date.

No. 560, Orpha Briggs, no date.

No. 561, Ellen Briggs, no date.

No. 562, Bell Briggs, no date.

Ephraim Briggs, (No. 533) married Polly Morton, their children were:

No. 563, Otis Briggs, died at 21 years of age.

No. 564, Ormon Briggs, died at 22 years of age.

No. 565, Judson Briggs, no date.

No. 566, ~~David~~ Briggs, no date.

John Briggs, (No. 534) married Melvina Lord, no children.

Elizabeth Briggs (No. 538) married Leonard Jewell, no children.

Lewis Cheeseman Briggs, (No. 540) married Elizabeth Ingalls, their children were :

No. 567, Wallace Briggs, no date.

No. 568, Author Briggs, no date.

No. 569, Alice Briggs, no date.

No. 570, Addis Briggs, no date.

Jane Hellen Cheeseman, (No. 542) married Dr. James R. Leaming, of New York City in 1858, she died, leaving one son :

No. 571, James R. Leaming, no date.

Caroline Orphama Cheeseman (No. 551) married Dr. Henry A. Page, at St. Joseph, Mo., by the Rev. Elisha Sherwood, to them were born one daughter :

No. 572, Sara Una Page, b. Jan. 16th, 1876.

Elizabeth Whitney, (No. 529) married a Mr. Gould, they had two sons names not given.

Harriet Whitney, (No. 530) married W. Herrick, no children.

Diadamer Whitney, (No. 531) married Charles A. Waldo, no children.

Emily Briggs, (No. 557) married Dec. 16th, 1862, William Prentiss, of Prentiss Vale, Pa., to them were born seven children :

No. 573, William Horatio Prentiss, b. Jan. 1st, 1864.

No. 574, George Mellen Prentiss, b. July 6th, 1866.

No. 575, Samuel Sargent Prentiss, b. Oct. 23d, 1868.

No. 576, Ellen Lucinda Prentiss, b. July 26th, 1870.

No. 577, Author Addison Prentiss, b. May 30th, 1877.

No. 578, Elias Briggs Prentiss, b. Feb. 17th, 1879.

No. 579, Reuben Hurd Prentiss, b. Aug. 7th, 1881.

William Horatio Prentiss, (No. 573) married Jan. 1st, 1885, Frances Alma Littlefield, daughter of Enoch Littlefield, of Eldred, McKean Co., Pa., to them were born one child :

No. 580, Roberta Emily Prentiss, b. Feb. 19th, 1890.

George Mellen Prentiss, (No. 574) married Feb. 19th, 1891, Mary Lorenze of Rixford, Pa.

Ellen Lucinda Prentiss, (No. 576) married Elmer G. Fairchild, of Eldred, Pa. To them one child was born :

No. 581, Marion Irene Fairchild, b. April 28th, 1891.

Eugene Cheeseman, (No. 550) married Eliza Holt of Webster, N. Y., to them were born one daughter :

No. 582, Bell Cheeseman, no date.

George W. Haight, (No. 545) born Dec. 19th, 1842, in Cuba, N. Y., baptised in the same place Dec. 14th, 1843, by a Presbyterian Clergyman, married Mary Ellen Setchel, Sept. 27th, 1881, at Batavia, N. Y., to them were born one child :

No. 583, Samuel Cheeseman Haight, b. July 12th, 1882, at San Francisco.

Julia Anna Haight, (No. 546) (born at Cuba, N. Y., Oct. 17th, 1846) married Lemuel K. Bradley in 1866.

Austin Spencer Foot Cheeseman, (No. 549) married Emily L. Edwards, Oct. 26th, 1864, to them were born :

No. 584, Frank E. Cheeseman, b. April 19th, 1867.

No. 585, Mamie Cheeseman, b. Sept. 8th, 1873.

Willis Orloff Cheeseman, (No. 554) married Adeline Stevens, Sept. 7th, 1882, to them were born :

No. 586, Frederick Clifford Cheeseman, b. Nov. 8th, 1884, died July 27, 1888.

Elisha Sherwood Cheeseman, (No. 552) married Belle Wylie, June 22, 1871, no children.

I copy from a letter written by a descendant of Edward Cheeseman, (No. 32) dated at Farmersville, Nov. 9th, 1847.

The eldest sister of the Earl of Clifford married a Cheeseman. The Earl of Clifford adopted Samuel Cheeseman and made him his heir. This Samuel Cheeseman was the eldest son of the eldest sister of Lord Clifford, The Earl of Clifford died a bachelor. Tradition says he was a Catholic, and during the religious persecution in England, while he and his adopted son Samuel Cheeseman were trying to make their escape from their pursuers that Lord Clifford was shot, Cheeseman making his escape to America,—(see Appendix page 73).

During the war of 1812-15, a British officer boarded with Aunt Simmons, at Pittsfield, Mass., he said there was an estate in England belonging to the Cheeseman heirs in America.

The genealogy of the Cheeseman (Tribe) Family as given by a granddaughter of Edward Clifford Cheeseman, (No. 109 $\frac{3}{4}$), after giving the above tradition of the Earl of Clifford, names the following as the children of Samuel Cheeseman the adopted son of Lord Clifford :

Anson, Ruth, Abel, Rhoda, Benjamin, Thankful, Thyla and Edward Clifford Cheeseman. I shall have to differ from this statement about the

parentage of the above named family as I have the names and dates of birth of all but Thankful and Thyla, as being children of Edward and Margaret Dyer Cheesman, and Edward is a son of George and Jane Duran Chesman born in 1726 in the town of Braintree, Mass., and recorded on the public record of that town.

Anson Cheeseman, (No. 216) born June 21st, 1781, at Middlefield, Hampshire Co., Mass., is a son of Anson, (No. 105) born July 14th, 1752.

Edward Clifford Cheeseman, (No. 109 $\frac{3}{4}$) married in Warren, now Richfield, N. Y., Irene Loomis, Oct. 14th, 1802, to them were born three children, viz :

No. 587, Mary Cheeseman, b. in Otsego Co., N. Y., June 9th, 1804.

No. 588, Lydia Ann Cheeseman, b. in Warren, Nov. 16th, 1810.

No. 589, Edward Cheeseman, b. in Warren, Jan. 17th, 1814.

Lydia Ann Cheeseman, (No. 588) married at Richfield Springs, Aug. 1st, 1844, Warren Green, to them were born four children :

No. 590, Annie R. Green, b. at Richfield Springs, July 1st, 1848.

No. 591, Warren Nelson Green, b. at Brooklyn, N. Y., Feb. 1850.

No. 592, Edward B. Green, b. at Brooklyn, N. Y., March, 1852.

No. 593, Samuel B. Green, b. at Brooklyn, N. Y., Dec. 1853.

Annie R. Green, (No. 590) married at Brooklyn, N. Y., Oct. 11th, 1870, Simon P. Carmichael, to them were born three children :

No. 594, Jennet Irene Carmichael, b. N. Y. City, Aug. 1872.

No. 595, Anna Bell Carmichael, b. Sept. 1874.

No. 596, Margaret Carmichael, b. March, 1880.

Warren Nelson Green, (No. 591) married at Brooklyn, N. Y., June 1872, Kate C. Eells, they had three children :

No. 597, Irene Green, b. Oct. 1875, died Oct. 1882.

No. 598, Kate C. Green, no date.

No. 599, Warren N. Green, no date.

Edward B. Green, (No. 592) married in Brooklyn, N. Y., Nov. 1875, Annie Pardessus.

Edward Cheeseman (No. 589) married Melissa Angel, to whom were born three children :

No. 600, Jennie Cheeseman, b. May 1848.

No. 601, Clifford Cheeseman, d. young.

No. 602, Clifford Cheeseman, 2d, no date.

Jennie Cheeseman, (No. 600) married Jesse Buskirk, they had ten children, they lived near Clayton, N. Y.

Nathan Briggs, (No. 558) married Berlinda Boone, they had one child:

No. 603, Charles Richmond B no date.

Judson Briggs, (No. 565) married Anna Strickland, to whom were born:
No. 604, Effie Briggs, no date.

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The following record of the descendants of James Cheesman, of St. John, Canada, I copy from James H. Cheesman, of Ft. Edward, N. Y. Although I cannot at this time find any positive connecting link, there are some things that lead me to think they are from the same original English ancestors. That this record may not be lost, I add it to the record with the above explanation.—S. C.

Samuel Cheesman, the brother of James, who went to Canada with James, has no record.

- A, James Cheesman, born Sept. 27th, 1783, was married Sept. 27th, 1804, to Mary Heath, who resided in Canada, to them were born five children:
 B, William Cheesman, b. Sept. 17th, 1805.
 C, James Cheesman, b. Oct. 18th, 1807.
 D, Henry Cheesman, b. July 19th, 1809, (died young.)
 E, George Cheesman, b. Oct. 12th, 1811.
 F, Caroline Cheesman, b. June 24th, 1820.

William Cheesman (B) married and had children.

G, William Cheesman, no date.

H, Modest Cheesman, no date.

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William Cheesman (G) married and had one child, a daughter who lived in Sandusky, Ohio.

Modest Cheesman, (H) came to the States, enlisted in the Army, the last heard from him was at the battle of the Wilderness. Supposed to have been killed in that battle.

Adeline: Cheesman, (I) married Dr. Noel, of Canada.

James Cheesman, (C) married Olive Ives in 1838, they had six children: (four died young.)

J, James H. Cheesman, b. April 8th, 1837.

K, Charles E. Cheesman, b. Feb. 21st, 1849.

James H. Cheesman, (J) married May 22d, 1860, Sarah Wright, of Jackson, Washington Co., N. Y., they had children, viz:

L, Carrie E. Cheesman, b. March 1st, 1861.

M, *James* Earl Cheesman, b. Feb. 25th, 1862.

James: Earl Cheesman, (M) married Dec. 3d, 1891, Helen King, of Fort Edward, N. Y., residence Cleveland, Ohio.

Caroline Cheesman, (F) married Charles Wheeler, Aug. 14th, 1843. no record of children.

Charles E. Cheesman, (K) married,—no other record.



No. 415.

From Matthias Chesman, (No. 33) and Mariam Shaw, the Fourth American Generation, b. in 1841.



No. 237.

From Edward Chesman, (No. 32) and Margaret Dyer, the Fifth American Generation, b. in 1844.



No. 128.

From Clifford Chesman, (No. 31) and Lydia Orcutt, Fourth American Generation, born in 1845.



No. 62.

From Samuel (No. 30) and Mary Tower, the Fifth American Generation, b. in 1848.



No. 371.

From George Chesman (No. 28) and Martha Russell, Fifth American Generation, born in 1854.

On this and the preceding page can be seen a portrait of a descendant of each of the five sons born to George Chesman (No. 1) and Jane Duran.

No. 371, is from George (No. 28) and Martha Russell.

No. 62, is from Samuel, (No. 30) and Mary Tower.

No. 128, is from Clifford, (No. 31) and Lydia Orcutt.

No. 237, is from Edward, (No. 32) and Margaret Dyer.

No. 415, is from Matthias, (No. 33) and Mariam Shaw.



POST OFFICE ADDRESS.

NAME.	NO.	ADDRESS.
Samuel L. Chessman, - - -	152	Randolph, Norfolk Co., Mass.
Amasa N. Chessman, - - -	153	Randolph, Norfolk Co., Mass.
Samuel M. Chessman, - - -	62	Etna, Allegheny Co., Pa.
Orin A. Chessman, - - -	63	Etna, Allegheny Co., Pa.
Otis S. Chessman, - - -	66	Etna, Allegheny Co., Pa.
Samuel C. Chessman, - - -	97	Etna, Allegheny Co., Pa.
Robert P. Chessman, - - -	94	Etna, Allegheny Co., Pa.
George H. Chessman, - - -	65	Denver, Colorado.
Ewart M. Chessman, - - -	64	Pittsburgh, Pa.
Samuel Chessman, - - -	44	Salem, Columbiana Co., Ohio.
George G. Chessman, - - -	60	Salem, Columbiana Co., Ohio.
W. H. Chessman, - - -	53	9 Central St., Boston, Mass.
Nathaniel Chessman, - - -	170	1076 Polk St., Chicago, Ill.
Nelson Chesman, - - -	415	Home Ins. Building, Chicago, Ill.
Benjamin P. Cheesman, - - -	231	Theresa, Jefferson Co., N. Y.
Dr. Hobart Cheesman, - - -	237	328 W. 57th St., N. Y.
Wm. Wesley Chessman, - - -	371	Springfield, Oregon.
Henry C. Chessman, - - -	128	Richmond, Ind.
Samuel S. Jackman, - - -	67	Nashua, N. H.
Richard P. Jackman, - - -	69	Elgin, Ill.
Charles B. Jackman, - - -	70	Nashua, N. H.
George L. Jackman, - - -	71	Wilmington, Del.
Lemuel N. Jackman, - - -	73	Elgin, Ill.
Harry G. Oliphant, - - -	82	Edgeworth, Allegheny Co., Pa.
Robert C. Smith, - - -	87	Etna, Allegheny Co., Pa.
Noah Augustus Chessman, - - -	40	Cochitute, Mass.
Mrs. Julia A. Otterson, - - -	43	5146 Butler St., Pittsburgh, Pa.
Mrs. Harriet A. Smith, - - -	61	Etna, Allegheny Co., Pa.
Mrs. Matilda Chessman, - - -	—	Etna, Allegheny Co., Pa.
Mrs. Mary R. Chessman, - - -	—	Etna, Allegheny Co., Pa.
Mrs. Annette Chessman, - - -	—	Etna, Allegheny Co., Pa.
Mrs. Ida M. Chessman, - - -	—	Pittsburgh, Pa.
Mrs. Lillie Chessman, - - -	—	Denver, Colorado.
Mrs. Julia A. Dyson, - - -	78	5146 Butler St., Pittsburgh, Pa.
Mrs. Frances Young, - - -	77	Lorain, Lorain Co., Ohio.
Mrs. Samantha Jackman, - - -	—	Elgin, Ill.
Mrs. Elvira J. Oliphant, - - -	56	Salem, Columbiana Co., Ohio.
Mrs. Mary A Taylor, - - -	57	Salem, Columbiana Co., Ohio.
Mrs. Martha Harris, - - -	58	Salem, Columbiana Co., Ohio.
Mrs. Agnes Oliphant, - - -	—	Edgeworth, Allegheny Co., Pa.
Miss Lavina E. Oliphant, - - -	83	Salem, Columbiana Co., Ohio.

NAME.	NO.	ADDRESS.
John Frank Chessman, - -	424	Guildhall, Vt.
Charles Harvey Adams, - -	223	1318 Wellington Ave., Chicago.
Mrs. John O. Barber, - -	476	1318 Wellington Ave., Chicago.
Mrs. Wm. A. I. Zeno, - -	—	—
Charles S. Hodgdon, - -	473	Lancaster, N. H.
Phineas R. Hodgdon, - -	420	Lancaster, N. H.
Horatio G. Hodgdon, - -	421	Lancaster, N. H.
Mrs. John Parker Boyce, - -	417	Fishersville, N. Y.
John C. Hicks, - -	456	Lancaster, N. H.
George Warren Chesman, - -	453	Lancaster, N. H.
Wm. Edward Chesman, - -	454	Lancaster, N. H.
Mary E. Chesman, - -	457	Lancaster, N. H.
Joseph N. Chesman, - -	458	Lancaster, N. H.
Mrs Levi D. Munsey, - -	405	Lancaster, N. H.
Henry F. Munsey, - -	447	Lancaster, N. H.
Mrs. Burt Smith, - -	451	Lancaster, N. H.
Mrs. N. B. Wilson, - -	393	Lancaster, N. H.
Charles W. Chesman, - -	395	Lancaster, N. H.
Mrs. Louisa A. Connor, - -	392	Lancaster, N. H.
Roswell C. Chesman, - -	397	Groveton, N. H.
Sylvanus R. Chesman, - -	399	Lancaster, N. H.
Richard H. Chesman, - -	401	Lancaster, N. H.
Walter Sargent, - -	442	Bristol, N. H.
Herbert C. Sargent, - -	443	Lancaster, N. H.
John S. Conners, - -	429	Lancaster, N. H.
James Conners - -	430	Lancaster, N. H.
Dewer Rich, - -	437	Groveton, N. H.
Mrs. C. H. Hatch, - -	438	Groveton, N. H.
W. B. Wilson, - -	431	Lancaster, N. H.
Fred C. Wilson, - -	434	Lancaster, N. H.
Mrs. Emma Howe, - -	—	Carroll, N. H.
Ellen C. Cheesman Townsend, - -	—	Pulaski, Tennessee.
Henry Palmer Cheesman, - -	240	Theresa, N. Y.
Clara A. Cheesman Sturtevant, - -	241	Theresa, N. Y.
George Benjamin Cheesman, - -	239	Orange, N. Y. [N. Y.
Rev. Anson Cheesman, - -	247	Chaplain Clinton prison, Dunamora,
John Briggs, - -	534	Cuba, Alleghany Co., N. Y.
Austin S. F. Cheeseman, - -	549	Joliet, Ill.
Mrs. C. O. Page, - -	551	244 Spahr St., E.E. Pittsburgh, Pa.
W. O. Cheeseman, - -	554	163 State St., Chicago, room 55-56
Elwood L. Cheeseman, - -	555	1209 2d Ave., Kansas City, Mo.
Dr. Elisha S. Cheeseman, - -	552	1209 2d Ave., Kansas City, Mo.
William A. Prentiss, (h. of 557) - -	—	Prentiss Vale, Pa.
George W. Haight, - -	545	207 Samsome St., San Francisco, Cal.

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OBITUARY RECORD

NAME.	NO.	DIED.	AGE.
George Chesman,	1,	June 1760.	—
John Chesman,	16,	October 9th, 1858. . . .	89
Samuel Chesman,	30,	in 1811.	89
Jane Chesman,	29,	March 14th, 1814. . . .	94
Elvira Chesman,	42,	April 11th, 1886. . . .	79
Robert McGaw Chessman, . .	45,	February 12th, 1889. . .	69
Noah Chesman,	47,	March 7th, 1891. . . .	81
Henry Warren Chessman, . .	55,	June 6th, 1868.	33
Noah Chessman,	38,	December 22d, 1831. . .	74
Samuel Chesman,	36,	February 28th, 1846. . .	94
Samuel Chesman,	41,	September 9th, 1826. . .	42
Lewis Gordon Chessman, . .	59,	October 1st, 1852. . . .	2
Frank Edwards Jackman, . .	74,	March, 1891.	46
Naomi Chesman,	102,	—	85
Samuel Chessman,	103,	October 9th, 1876. . . .	89

NAME.	NO.	DIED.	AGE.
Ruth Chessman, - - -	104,	August 12th, 1885.	95
Hosea Chessman, - - -	114,	— 1852.	101
Myrtin Chessman, - - -	122,	May 31st, 1866.	68
Mary Chessman, - - -	129,	November 5th, 1887.	75
Samuel Chessman, - - -	132,	June 11th, 1886.	66
Susan Chessman, - - -	135,	May — 1849.	21
Edwin Chessman, - - -	134,	June 28th, 1885.	59
Minnie Frances Chessman, -	163,	Died young.	—
Abigail Chessman, - - -	165,	— 1878.	82
Charles F. Chessman, - - -	173,	November 19th, 1883.	61
Jane Gordon Chessman, - - -	—	(wife of 44,) August 30th, 1890.	76
Maria Ann Chessman, - - -	175.	Died young.	—
Nathaniel Walter Chessman, -	177.	August 27th, 1858.	2
Mary Chessman, - - -	178.	Died young.	—
Lillie Chessman, - - -	182.	November 27, 1869.	77
Amy Mercella Chessman, - -	192.	Died young.	—
Ziba Chessman, - - -	195.	November 1st, 1881.	77
Esther Chessman, - - -	196.	November 6th, 1813.	8
Samuel Blanchard, - - -	209.	December 17th, 1852.	23
Sarah Ann Nash, - - -	214.	1869.	75
Edward Nash, - - -	213.	February 4th, 1880.	72
Anson Chessman, - - -	229.	December 25th, 1885.	76
Stephen Chessman, - - -	317.	January 9th, 1819.	59
Hettie E. Dunn, - - -	327.	— 1878.	11
Clara Cook Dyson, - - -	334.	September 4th, 1874.	13
Noah Chesman, - - -	40.	April 4th, 1825.	47
Jonathan M. Jackman, - - -	—.	September 15th, 1887.	83
John Henry Jackman, - - -	68.	February 13th, 1881.	49
Ziba Chessman, - - -	120.	— - - -	64
John Chessman, - - -	169.	— - - -	80
Naomi Chesman. - - -	39 ³ / ₄	— 1780.	14
Sylvanus Chesman, - - -	318.	July 9th, 1824.	53
Sylvanus Chesman, - - -	381.	June 1st, 1816.	37
Roswell Chesman, - - -	382.	August —, 1877.	78
Randolph Chesman, - - -	383.	June 8th, 1816.	15
Joseph Chesman, - - -	385.	January 9th, 1852.	45
Lucy Chesman, - - -	386.	October 27th, 1864.	56
Mary Chesman, - - -	387.	January 26th, 1833.	23
Fanny Chesman, - - -	388.	October 1st, 1820.	06
Horace Chesman, - - -	389.	December 14th, 1818.	02
Mary E. Chesman, - - -	394.	April — 1879.	45
Jerusha W. Chesman, - - -	396.	May —, 1879.	42
William H. Chesman, - - -	398.	— 1842.	02
Edward M. Chesman, - - -	400.	— 1848.	04
Fanny Brooks, - - -	403.	August 22d, 1832.	07
Harriet Brooks, - - -	404.	November, 1862.	36
Fred Ann Chesman, - - -	412.	February 20th, 1888.	60
Roswell Warren Chessman, -	413.	November, 1880.	56
Joseph Warren Chessman, -	414.	August 12, 1807.	33
George D. Hodgdon, - - -	410.	Nov. 7th, 1874	43

James Henry Hodgdon,	-	422.	March 22d, 1867.	-	-	24
Lucy Ellen Chesman,	-	424.	Oct. 11th, 1864.	-	-	23
Mary K. Chesman,	-	425.	Oct. 2d, 1864.	-	-	20
Ezra J. Wilson,	-	432.	May 1st, 1869.	-	-	03
Ella A. Wilson,	-	433.	Oct. 30th, 1881.	-	-	23
Addie J. Wilson,	-	435.	Feb. 22d, 1882.	-	-	13
Sarah E. Munsey,	-	448.	July 29th, 1864.	-	-	13
Isadore E. Munsey,	-	449.	Aug. 15th, 1864.	-	-	08
Augusta L. Munsey,	-	450.	July 24th, 1864.	-	-	04
Flora A. Chesman,	-	455.	May 24th, 1863.	-	-	03
Charles F. Chesman,	-	459.	Oct. 24th, 1875.	-	-	18
Hiram Chesman,	-	460.	March — 1865.	-	-	02
Irving Albert Boyce,	-	462.	March 14th, 1872.	-	-	—
John Hodgson Boyce.	-	463.	August 2d, 1888.	-	-	—
Andrew J. Hodgson,	-	465.	March 10, 1883.	-	-	—
Emily Ann Hodgson,	-	466.	June 8th, 1859.	-	-	02
John W. Hodgson,	-	467.	Sept. 20th, 1890.	-	-	32
Lottie J. Hodgson,	-	468.	June 1st, 1876.	-	-	16
George W. C. Hodgson,	-	469.	Oct. 9th, 1891.	-	-	26
Willie E. Hodgson,	-	475.	April 29th, 1867.	-	-	01
Frank Adams,	-	479.	— 1876.	-	-	—
Harriet Emily Adams,	-	480.	Dec. 30th, 1876.	-	-	06
Sarah Ann White Chesman,	-	—	(Wife of No. 385) Feb 12th, '55.	-	-	49
Louisa M. Hind Chesman,	-	—	(Wife of No. 421) Sept. 28th, '69.	-	-	—
Betsey Blodget Chesman,	-	—	(Wife of No. 318) Aug. 9th, 1854.	-	-	—
Mary Holbrook Chessman,	-	—	(Wife of No. 38) Dec. 22d, 1831.	-	-	74
Naomi Chessman,	-	102.	—	-	-	85
Susannah Dyer Chessman,	-	—	(Wife of No. 103) Sept. 1869.	-	-	—
Capt. Ziba Chessman,	-	—	(Son M. B. C.) Feb. 9th, 1858.	-	-	74
Mehitable C. N. White,	-	—	— 1856.	-	-	77
Flora E. Jackman,	-	304.	Dec. 16th, 1891.	-	-	20
Lizzie Gareldine Jackman,	-	359.	Aug. 20th 1893.	-	-	05
Anson Cheesman,	-	105.	— 1813.	-	-	61
Anson Cheesman,	-	216.	— 1859.	-	-	78
John Chesman,	-	390.	July 25th, 1893.	-	-	75
Eugene Cheeseman,	-	550.	July 22d, 1886.	-	-	45
John C. Cheeseman,	-	523.	July 23d, 1892.	-	-	78
Josiah Chessman,	-	116.	— 1830.	-	-	52
Nathaniel Chessman,	-	170.	Nov. 10th, 1893.	-	-	85
Lewis Cheeseman,	-	519.	Dec. 21st, 1861.	-	-	—

OBITUARY



RECORD.

APPENDIX.

WHILE collecting the genealogical record of the Chessman family in the United States, I find many interesting items that cannot properly be put in that record. I shall therefore put them in an Appendix that they may not be lost to future generations.

Much of this is tradition, some copied from old record of Braintree, Mass. and Boston, some from old bibles. The first tradition we have, was collected from old people, and says that George Chessman was attending school or college in the city of Glasgow, Scotland, when about nineteen years of age, he was captured by a press gang from an English ship of war and kept in prison a few days near the coast and then put on board the vessel, as his captors were afraid that his influential friends would liberate him. After serving a year or two, he made his escape in the following manner : The ship of war being in Boston harbor lying in Nantasket Roads, at anchor, a boat having been carelessly left at the stern, he dropped into it cutting the rope and floating with the tide 'till he dared to use the oars, he found his way up Manatiquat river, landing at what is now East Braintree, he taking to the woods, following a path that run toward what is now, A. D. 1893, Holbrook, the path having been laid out as a street called Liberty street. He went on until he came to a large pine woods and was in hiding some time, subsisting on roots and berries, he saw a young girl (Jane Duran) driving a cow with a tinkling bell on her neck, he made himself known to her and she supplied him with provisions until he saw the ship of war leave harbor which he could see from his elevated position in a hut constructed of pine limbs in a tree top. He then came down and was cared for by her family, he afterward married her. The date of the marriage of George Chessman and Jane Duran, our first ancestors, is not known.

Their first child was born May 31st, 1713, and in regular order following the birth of seven other children up to 1730.

Traditions say that there have been many other sailors made their escape from the same place and hiding in the woods to evade being captured by those who wanted to capture them for the reward of \$2.50 paid for their capture. There is a traditional story, similar to the above about John Chessman, and Ruth Penniman; it was believed for many years that John and Ruth were our original ancestors in America; on making diligent search

at Braintree, Boston and Roxbury, no such record can be found. As further proof to sustain George, we find on record in Braintree that Mrs. Duran transferred land to George Chesman in 1712. George Chesman was chosen constable in 1735 and refused to serve and was fined five pounds sterling, which he paid as the law required.

CHURCH HISTORY, BRAINTREE, MASS.

Christ's Church of Braintree, was supposed to have been organized about 1704, up to 1725 no church had been built. The land on which the first meeting house was built was granted to them as a free gift by William and Benjamin Vassie, August 26th, 1726, for building a Church of England and no other purpose. This meeting house was completed in 1728. Dr. Miller was the first Rector. The first meeting was held on Easter Monday, 1728. Early in the year 1728, Henry Turner, Peter Margrand, John Vassie, George Chesman, Benjamin Vassie and Samuel Pain made an agreement with Mr. Miller by which he was to receive one hundred pounds sterling to pay his expenses while absent in England preparing for the Ministry. This sum to be repaid to the above persons with interest within one year, if before that time he should be appointed Rector of the Episcopal Church in Braintree by the honorable society for the promotion of the Gospel in foreign parts. Dr. Ebenzer Miller was the son of Samuel Miller of Milton Hill, born 1703. Christ's Church of Braintree has a very long and historic record. Among its communicants have been the influential citizens of the town, especially was this the case of the old families, now nearly extinct in the Parish, viz., Apthropes, Barlands, Cleverleys, Millers, Winslows, Vassalls, Stedmans, Cheesmans, Vassies, Margrands, Pains and Governor Shirley, some of whose children are buried in the cemetery. George Chesman's wife Jane, died June 12th, 1760. George Chesman was warden of Christ's Church in 1730, 1731, 1732, 1743, 1746 and 1755. George Chesman was given leave to build a pew in 1733, in Christ's Church, it seems he did not build it as in the following year he was again given leave to build a pew three feet wide, eleven and one-half feet long, four feet high, fourth pew in number in broad aisle, a board for a seat. Those that were able were granted leave to build by the Church.

It is recorded in Boston records that John Cheesman, supposed to be John No. 27, was published to Abigail Hampton, January 19th, 1737, that he married Abigail Kempton, March 1st, 1737, by the Rev. Wm. Cooper, (probably a mistake by the recording clerk in the Hampton and Kempton name.) On February 3d, 1755, John Chessman, No. 27, married for second wife Abigail Thayer. (See record of John's family.) This is the John that lived part of his time in Roxbury, Mass. and died and was buried at Brain-

tree aged over one hundred years. John Cheesman, No. 27, was not considered a true Continental, but loyal to the King; he was a resident of Quincy in 1792, it being the year that Quincy was set off from Braintree. There was a Joseph Cheesman who served as a minute man in 1776, he served fifteen days. He is supposed to be a son of John No. 27, and Abigail Thayer.

Hannah Chessman, No. 39, married A. Joy, he died. She married Abraham Jones, who first married her sister Eunice.

Ruth Chessman, No. 104, married Jason Holbrook, they had seven children, names not known.

Noah Cheesman, 131, has a family bible with records back to 1740.

Samuel Cheesman, Sr., had one enlistment as minute man, he was Corporal in Captain Seth Turner's Company, April 19th, 1773.

Samuel Cheesman, Jr., had five enlistments as minute man and was Corporal in Captain Sawain's Company; Samuel Jr. and Liba Cheesman were in Captain Huton's Company. Liba has five enlistments.

The family of Anson Cheesman, No. 105, son of Edward No. 32, are recorded on the Braintree record, page 827, in the order entered on our record as returned to the Clerk of Braintree in 1766 by Edward Chessman and Margaret, his wife. The clerk at time being Elisha Niles, Esq. The descendants of Anson No. 105, have a tradition, that Anson, No. 105, had a brother Edward, there has been no record found of his birth. Edward may have removed to some other town, after Calvin was born in 1764.

Edward is recorded as living in Braintree in 1751, having written the verses on the death of Mrs. Thayer at that date, also having children baptised in 1764. Calvin Chessman, No. 109, had a contract to furnish provisions to the garrison at Pittsfield, Mass. in the war of 1812-15, he had his nephew Edward and Anson No. 216, helping him; Betsy No. 225, married Elias Keeler at that place. B. P. C. No. 221, says that Betsy visited him some time in 1860, he enquired after Calvin's children, she told him Calvin had three sons, their names not remembered, one was in Cattaraugus Co., New York, the other two in Philadelphia, Pa., one was a Presbyterian preacher, the other two physicians.

There is no record of Edward No. 32, family in Braintree after the close of the war of the Revolution. Benjamin Cheesman, of Roxbury, married Sarah Howe in 1778 by the Rev. William Gordon, this is probably Benjamin No. 106. Benjamin served in the Continental Army from 1775 to 1777.

The descendants of Edward No. 32, say the family went to Roxbury, Mass. Benjamin P. Cheesman No. 231, says he often heard his father say the Cheesman's name that came from England was Samuel, that he was the adopted heir of Lord Clifford, came over in the days of religious persecution. In making his escape from his persuers he had to secrete himself in a hollow log; he came to this country and purchased land in Roxbury, Mass. After

the trouble was over he returned to England and secured all desired papers, on his return was captured by the Turks and imprisoned five years, lost all his papers, but returned to this country and died in Mass. B. P. C. further says he had occasion to look over some old account books, he found the names of Calvin Cheesman's children, viz.; Calvin Cheesman, Jr., Elias Cheesman, John K. Cheesman, Lewis Cheesman, Harvy Cheesman and two daughters, names not down. The records state that they moved from Albany, N. Y. to Cattaraugus Co., N. Y., town of Perry. Mr. B. P. C. also states that when visiting the Centennial at Philadelphia, he saw life size oil painting of Dr. C. Cheesman, in the art gallery, he thought it resembled his uncle Jeremiah.

The Cheesman family are generally short and stout with broad shoulders strong limbs and great endurance, traditions of the family say they came from England four generations back, counting from Anson, No 216, as the fourth, and settled in Roxbury, Mass. The old people were all Presbyterians. No. 231 says his old grandmother had what was called a coat of arms.

Matthias Cheesman, No. 33, according to Braintree records was chosen to a town office March 5th, 1754, also March 10th, 1755. A road one and one-half rods wide was laid out through his land, in May, 1763, he was chosen as Warden under an act relating to the observance of the Lord's day. He was chosen to a town office in March, 1770, on March 2d, 1772, he was chosen surveyer of highways, on June 9th, 1777, at an adjourned town meeting, he was chosen one of seven persons under an act for persons to prosecute breaches of the morality act. He was known at that time as Lieut. Matthias Cheesman. At a town meeting, Dec. 22, 1777, a committee of nine persons were chosen to hire men for the Continental Army, Lieutenant Matthias Cheesman, was one of them.

In looking up Sylvanus Chesman, No. 318, record, I find some things in connection with the settlement of his family in Lancaster, N. H. that I think worthy of mention. I can remember when I was a small boy of hearing my father tell about my Uncle Noah Chesman and Uncle Barzilla King and others being engaged in building a furnace in Franconia, N. H., the enterprise failed and the parties lost their investment and it became a by-word of going to Franconia, to get rich. This must have been in the last part of the last Century or the beginning of this. There is no doubt but what the going of Sylvanus and Silas to Lancaster was the first knowledge of there being iron ore in that region among the Chesman family, and is an evidence that the Massachusetts and the New Hampshire families are connected. Matthias youngest son of George No. 1, served in Capt. Sam'l Thaxton's Co. in the Crown Point expedition from Feb. 16th to Nov. 10th, 1756, he being 26 years old. Silas Chesman, No. 319, who married Hannah Thayer, May 18th, 1790, went to New Hampshire. Charles S. Hodgson says was a cousin

of Sylvanus, No. 318. This does not agree with our records, we think he was a brother.

In the Military records of Braintree, following is found : Matthias Chessman was in Captain Wall's Company in Hingham in 1756. They organized to take part in the reduction of Canada. He was in Captain Hodge's Co. in the Crown Point expedition in 1775. He enlisted in Capt. Sawin's Co. April 19th, time of service eight days. June 13th, 1776, he was in Capt. Nat Belcher's Co. who went to Nantasket. He was chosen Ensign in Capt. Sawin's Co. The explanation of so many enlistments is that all persons between the age of 16 and 65 were liable to do Military duty and when ordered home were discharged.

Stephen Cheesman, No. 317, had several enlistments among which was one for six months in the Continental Army from 1780, he was discharged two hundred and sixty miles from home. He was in Captain Elisha Adam's Co. April 19th, 1775, also in Capt. Joseph Tower's Co., Col. Gill's Reg., from Aug. 16th to Dec. 12th, 1777.

Noah Cheesman and Edward Cheesman have two enlistments each, Edward's son, Abel had six; Benjamin's other son, five. Isaac Newton Chessman, No. 321, has in his possession an inventory of Matthias Chesman, made March, 1787. After his death, which shows he was in good financial condition for those days, being over three thousand dollars. He says there was born in 1796, Susannah Chessman, who is grandmother to John Wales, of Randolph, and Charles Thompson of Gloucester, Judge of the Supreme Court. There was a Chessman married a Lane that was overseer of Peter C. Brook's farm near Boston. A Mrs. Knox lives in Waltham who was a Chessman. Another is the wife of a doctor in Plymouth. Alexander Miller married Elizabeth Chessman, Dec. 28th, 1771, both of Braintree. (This is probably the oldest daughter of Matthias and Mariam Shaw). George Chessman, of Boston, says that some man came to his mother when he was a small boy and got money to go to England to look after a fortune that was said to be coming to the Chesman family, he was gone about three months, came back, said it was no use and gave back the money to his mother.

There was a grandson of Alexander Miller and Elizabeth Chessman, No. 315, taught school in Randolph two years, from 1850 to 1852.

The following named Chessmans paid taxes in Braintree :

Adam Cheesman from 1792 to 1795.

Mahitable Cheesman from 1803 to 1824.

Noah Cheesman from 1793 to 1796.

Samuel Cheesman from 1793 to 1811.

Stephen Cheesman from 1792 to 1816.

Stephen Cheesman from 1814 to 1818.

Liba Cheesman from 1792 to 1796.

Liba Cheesman from 1802 to 1818.

Names found on the Boston Business Directory from 1802 to 1892.

1805, Chessman John, blacksmith, Richmond street.

1805, Chessman John Jr., Sears Wharf.

1805, Cheesman Samuel, retailer, Greek Square.

1809, Cheesman Edward, cabinet maker, 58 Black street.

1813, Cheesman Mary and Sarah, school, Warren street.

1825, Cheesman John, type founder, 20 Charter street.

1826, Cheesman Samuel, dealer in W. I. Goods, 140 Ann street.

1828-9, Cheesman Elizabeth, widow of John, 10 Lynn street.

1826, Cheesman John, blacksmith, 50 Lynn street.

1842, Cheesman John, Jr., blacksmith, 50 Lynn street.

1842, Cheesman Samuel, 133 Hanover street.

There is a place on Hanover street, Boston, called the Chessman place.

In 1846, Christina Chessman, widow, living 56 South street.

Elizabeth Cheesman, 47 Cambridge street.

Nancy W. Chessman, at 133 Hanover street, she is the widow of Samuel who married in 1830.

The following names were found on the Boston records, Chessman Adeline, Chessman Clifford, Cord J. Chessman, Elizabeth Chessman, Adda G. Chessman, Joseph Chessman, Mary R. Chessman, Susan Chessman. There are Chessmans living in Jamaica Plains, Roxbury, Mass.

The following marriages and notice of marriage are found on the Boston records: George Chessman, of Boston, to Elizabeth Phillips, of Lynn, Oct. 3, 1765. (This is probably George's No. 28, second wife.) Sarah Chessman, No. 12, married William Dolbear, January, 10th, 1771.

Sally Cheesman and John Bray of Boston, married Oct. 20th, 1785.

Ephriam Cook and Esther Cheesman, of Boston, married July 12th, 1783.

Joseph Chessman, Mary Chessman, (nothing but names.)

Sarah Chessman, No. 22, married Joseph Dorr, December 19th, 1802, by the Rev. Samuel Stillman, they had six daughters.

Samuel Chessman, No. 19, left two daughters.

Edmund Chessman, No. 23, left one daughter.

Emeline, one son George.

Sarah Chessman, married John Cushing, February 16th, 1815, by the Rev. E. D. Griffith.

Abigail Chessman, No. 26, married Noah Childs, Aug. 15, 1813, by the Rev. John Lothrop.

Abigail Chessman, No. 165, married Thomas Manley in 1820. Thos. Manley and brother came from New York in 1818 and started the first type foundry in the New England States, in Charleston, Mass., so says Nathaniel Chessman, No. 170.

Marriage intentions of John Chessman and Cecelie Harding, Nov. 22, 1826.

Samuel Chessman and Nancy Wild, Nov. 10th, 1830.

Joanna Chessman, No. 322, married Oct. 28th, 1841, Randel Brisbee (record not sure.)

Mr. J. C. Cheeseman, of Grove City, Pa., writes to me that his grandfather Joseph Cheesman and his brother John and one sister were born in New Jersey and came to Pennsylvania in their younger days. John settled in Washington County, raised a large family and died, aged ninety years. His grandfather Joseph, was a sailor in his younger days, located in Butler County about 1817, where J. C's father was born. His grandfather was taken prisoner in the war of 1812-15, he thinks the family is of English origin.

Otis S. Chessman writes that one of the largest optical houses in England is the Chessman Optical Company, of Sheffield.

The following is found in the "Kingdom," a Missionary Journal: The Hon. Joseph James Cheeseman, president of Liberia, is a Christian, and Pastor of a Baptist Church. He is probably from England.

An act was passed March 5th, 1793, for the incorporating the South Precinct of the town of Braintree, in the County of Suffolk, (now Norfolk) Mass. into a separate town by the name of Randolph. All persons having the privilege to remain in the town by giving notice to the proper authorities and paying all taxes assessed against them. This was approved and signed March 6th, 1793, Samuel Phillips, President, and by the Governor, March 6th, 1793, signed John Hancock. On June 3d, 1793, an article was signed requesting the right to belong to said town of Braintree by Samuel Chesman, Levi Thayer, Noah Chesman, Abraham Jones.

Samuel Chessman, No. 13, married Elizabeth Rainsford, Nov. 29th, 1780. They had three children, one son who died abroad, two daughters, one married a Marshall, the second daughter Elizabeth, assisted her mother in a candy store on Broadway, New York, and after her death carried on the business. We find this Elizabeth Chessman's will on record in New York City in 1869. The father of Elizabeth, Samuel Chessman, No. 13, was a sea captain, sailing from New York and was accidentally killed on his own ship. W. H. Chessman of Boston writes that he had his Masonic diploma about 1860.

On another page I have mentioned Edward Cheesman, son of Edward, No. 32. Dr. Hobart Cheesman of New York City has written to me some further information which will help to confirm his existence and his relation to Edward, No. 32. He says the following is copied from a book published by C. S. Burns & Co., New York in 1874. "Richfield Springs and Vicinity." Edward Cheeseman was among the earliest settlers in this region. At an early day he kept a store at Federal Corners, near this place, and subsequently removed to this village where he discovered and

manufactured the popular patent medicine, "Chesseman's Arabian Balsam."* He died August 18th, 1840, aged 65 years, leaving one son and two daughters, his wife died in ——. Their monument can be seen in the old cemetery. This is without doubt the youngest son of Edward, No. 32, born in 1775, but no record was found of his birth or marriage.

We find in Drake's History of Boston the following: On May 3d, 1724, the town of Boston was thrown into much excitement by the arrival of an unknown vessel in the harbor. It was soon found that it had been captured from pirates. A few young men, who having been forced into the service of the dreaded sea rover, Captain John Phillips, seized an opportunity, killed him and his principal men, somewhere about the banks of Newfoundland and sailing hence succeeded in reaching Boston in safety with their prize and six of the pirates as prisoners. The names of these courageous men who had thus ridden the seas of one of the worst scourges, were: Captain Andrew Harrison, of Boston, Edward Chessman, ship carpenter, John Fillmore, of Ipswich, a Spanish Indian, taken with Harrington and two others not mentioned by name; these men were chiefly taken out of fishing vessels. They found great difficulty to make the arrangement to effect their liberty. But after a captivity of near nine months, they succeeded as already indicated. There appears to have been but three men principal actors in the tragedy on the part of the liberators, namely, Chessman, Fillmore and the Indian, Harrington was so overcome with fear that nothing was allotted to him to perform. At twelve of the clock, at noon, the attempt was to be made, as then the officers were usually upon the deck. The signal was to be given by Chessman, which was to seize the master named Nutt and throw him into the sea, which he did at the time or minute, Fillmore split out the brains of Phillips with an axe and the Indian seized Tirrell the Boatswain, around his arms and so held him; his head was cleft with an axe, all was the work of a minute. The rest were secured, six in number, all of whom were afterwards tried, condemned and executed. This John Fillmore so conspicuous in this capture was the great grandfather of Millard Fillmore. It is not known to the present generation, what Edward Chessman it was that took part in the capture of the pirates as above related, unless it was the son of John, born Nov. 14, 1700, he would then have been twenty-four years of age. It could not have been any of the descendants of George, No. 1, they not being born until later. This sketch in Drake's History is the only thing that has been found pointing to the existence of John Chessman, No. 1, and Ruth Penniman and their families of six sons as recorded in the family record, page one, or he may have been a descendant of the Long Island Chesman's recorded in 1698.

*When I was in the drug business, from 1845 to 1862, Chesseman's Arabian Balsam was a very popular medicine, often persons would ask for a bottle of your Balsam.—S. C.—41.

In looking for historical items of my grandfather, I incidentally came into possession of a biographical sketch, (written by Samuel A. Bates, of Braintree, Mass.) of Moses French, a relative of my grandmother, Martha French, who married my grandfather in 1777. Mr. Bates says Moses French was the son of Moses and Esther Thayer French, born Sep. 16th, 1731, in Braintree, Mass. and received his education in the public school, under the tuition of the Rev. Atherton Wales and Elisha Niles, both graduates of Harvard College. Moses French, married Aug. 12th, 1756, Elizabeth Hobart, daughter of Caleb and Elizabeth Hollis Hobart, born on May 1st, 1739, having by her eight sons and one daughter, who have left numerous descendants. Moses was honored with many offices both civil and military. He was appointed Deputy Sheriff of the county of Suffolk, serving in 1786 and 1787. He was noted for his bravery, and during one occasion it became necessary to make an arrest of a powerful man who had committed some desperate deed, who had taken refuge in his cellar, the only entrance being a door which he had barricaded, armed with a heavy broad axe awaited the approach of the officers whom he threatened to kill if they obtained entrance. After two or three day's trial to arrest him, all means failing they sent for Sheriff French. Upon arriving at the house he saw that some means must be attempted to take him at disadvantage; looking around the premises he saw the only possible place to enter was by a sewer to the cellar, which he thought he could crawl through, being a small man in size. His ruse was successful, and taken by surprise, disarmed and secured the desperado. But in the position of teacher of our public schools, he occupied the most important position of his life.

I copy my grandfather's will made in A. D. 1840. He was born in 1752 and was eighty-eight years old when the will was made. He was of the second generation born in America. I copy it to show the location of the old homestead, where No. 40, 41 and 44 were born. Also to show the early spelling of the name, being the grandson of George Chesman and Jane Duran, our original American Ancestors, and spelled his name with a single s, some of his descendants have added another s, making it Chessman.

COPY OF WILL.

Be it remembered that I, Samuel Chesman, of North Bridgewater, in the County of Plymouth, do on this 8th day of July, 1840, make, establish my last will and testament in manner and form following, viz.:

I give to my wife all household furniture and one of my cows, which she may choose. I order and direct that my wife shall have the use of so much of my house as may be needful and convenient for her during her life and that for the same term of time she be well supported out of my estate as herein after directed. I give to my daughter, Olive Thompson, her heirs and assigns one half of my dwelling house where I now live, the southerly half,

and one-half of the other buildings standing on the land which herein I give her. I give to Olive, her heirs and assigns, the lot of land on which I live containing twenty acres, more or less, including the land which I own on the east side of the turnpike in front of my house. Said lot of twenty acres more or less being bounded, south partly by an old road and partly by a lot herein given to my daughter Betsy, wife of Barzilla King, and extending from said old road northerly by the west side of the turnpike to Eliph't Monk's land. Thence westerly by a wall in Monk's line to his corner, thence a straight line to the northeast corner of a barley field, west of the meadow: thence continuing westerly in the line of widow Monk's land to the middle of an old road: thence southerly by the middle of said road to the Colony line: thence easterly by the south line of my farm and by the lot herein given to Mrs. King, to the corner at the turnpike aforesaid, I also give to said Olive one of my cows. I give to my grandson Thomas Thompson, his heirs and assigns, the northerly half of my dwelling house and one-half part of all other building standing on the lot of land before given to his mother, with the right and privilege of passing to and from all his portion of the buildings over and across the lot herein given to his mother, so long as he or his heirs or assigns may choose to have said parts of buildings remain where they now stand. I also give to said Thomas, his heirs and assigns a lot of land containing twenty acres, more or less, lying in Stoughton and bounded south by the lot herein-before given to his mother and on all other sides by lands of Eliph't Monk and the widow of Elijah Monk. These aforesaid legacies to my daughter Olive and to my grandson, Thomas Thompson, I give to them on condition that they furnish my wife a good and comfortable support in health and in sickness, during her life and that they keep at their joint expense the cow given to my wife, which shall be for her use and disposal, and furthermore that the said Thomas shall pay to my granddaughter Naomi, daughter of Josiah Orcutt, one hundred dollars. I give to my daughter Betsey, wife of Barzilla King, her heirs and assigns my old house, together with the lot on which it stands, containing about one acre and one half, being enclosed by a stone wall situated on the northerly side of the old road leading from my house to Reuben Drakes. I also give said Betsey King, her heirs and assigns, a lot of land containing ten acres, more or less, lying west of the old cart-way or road leading from the French place to the old Bartlett place: bounded easterly by the middle of said old road and by the lot given to my daughter Olive: Northerly by widow Monk's land, westerly by Wm. Carr's land and southerly by a wall in or near the Colony line. I give to my grandson Josiah O. Battles, son of my daughter Polly, the lot of one acre, more or less, with the buildings thereon standing, situated on Salisbury Plain, in North Bridgewater and now occupied by Asa Battles and his family. I also give to Josiah O. Battles, a lot of meadow land, two acres, more or less, adjoining the one acre lot herein-before given to my

daughter King and bounded northerly by Mrs. King's lot and southerly by a wall; westerly by Wm. Carr's land and easterly by Sylvanus French's land; to have and to hold to him the said Josiah to and for the following use, to wit: for the sole use, improvement and benefit of my daughter Polly, wife of Asa Battles, during her life and after her decease, I give the two lots last above described with the building thereon to the children of my daughter Polly, in equal shares to them and their assigns forever. To my grandsons Zachariah and Noah Chesman, sons of my son Noah, deceased, I give my Gurney lot in North Bridgewater, containing fifteen acres more or less, to them and their heirs and assigns forever, on condition that they pay twentyfive dollars to my granddaughter Lucinda Morton. I give to my granddaughter Olive, wife of Reuben Drake, her heirs and assigns a lot of three acres of land more or less, lying south of the lot before given to Josiah O. Battles; and bounded south by Reuben Drake's land and west by Wm. Carr's land; and I require said Olive to pay her sister Lucinda Morton, ten dollars. I give to the children of my son Samuel, deceased, their heirs and assigns, my lot of fifteen acres, more or less, called the Elias Monk place, situated in Stoughton. It in the opinion of my grandson, Josiah O. Battles, aforesaid it should become necessary or expedient so to do, I hereby authorize and empower him to sell and pass deeds to convey the lot of meadow; herein before given him for the support of his mother or for the purpose of repairing the building given him; and the remainder of the legacy only shall go to the children of my daughter Polly Battles. All the rest, residue and remainder of my estate not herein before disposed of, both real and personal, I give to Olive Thompson and Thomas Thompson, aforesaid to them and their heirs and assigns forever, hereby requiring them to pay all my just debts and charges, and I hereby appoint Thomas Thompson sole executer of this will. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

[SEAL.]

SAMUEL CHESMAN.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Samuel Chesman, to be his last will and testament, in presence of us, who in his presence and in the presence of each other, subscribe our names as witnesses.

JESSE PERKINS.

ISAAC P. MONK.

GEO. W. HUNT.

Dr. Hobart Cheesman, No. 237, born in Theresa, Jefferson County, N. Y., August 13th, 1844; prepared for College, at Gouverneur Seminary, St. Lawrence County, N. Y. Received degree of A. B. at Amherst College, Mass. in 1871 and the degree A. M. in 1878, and at the University Medical College, of New York City, the degree of M. D., in 1878; and graduate of St. Luke's Hospital, of New York City, in 1879; after two

year's service as resident physician and surgeon, Fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine, Medical Director of the Commercial Alliance Life Insurance Company. of New York City.

In an Obituary Notice, published in the "Medical Record," of New York, December 10th 1892, of James R. Leaming, M. D., it says his first wife was Jane Helen Cheesman, married in 1858, leaving him one son, Dr. James Leaming. She was the daughter of the Rév. Lewis Cheesman of Philadelphia, Pa., who was the son of Calvin Cheesman, No. 109, born in 1864.

CHESÉMAN COAT OF ARMS.

Description copied from Burke's Heraldry, Astor Library, New York, by H. C.

Cheesment-Severn of Penybont Hall, County-Radnor, (a border County in Wales.)

John Cheesment-Severn, Esq., of Penybont Hall and Davanner Park, late M. P. for Fowey, Barrister at Law, Esq., of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, &c., &c., son of the late Capt. John Cheesment by Sarah his wife, daughter of Thomas Grace, Esq., of Castledermot, lineally derived from Edward Cheseman, Cofferer to Henry VII, who was lord of the manor of Norwood and East Greenwich and died in 1510. Mr. Cheesment-Severn assumed his additional surname by Royal License. He bears an escutcheon of pretense for his wife, Mary Anne, the only child of John Price, Esq. of Devanner Park.

ARMS.—Per chev. arg. and erm., three mullets countercharged, in the chief point an escallop, all within a bordure engr. gu., charged with eight plates. An escutcheon of pretence, sa. a chev. between three spear's heads, arg., the points embraced gu.

CREST.—A demi horse salient, pierced in the breast by an arrow.

MOTTO.—"VIRTUS SECURA SEQUETUR."

Verses on the death of Mrs. Sarah Thayer, written in the year A. D.
1751, by Edward Chesman, of Braintree, Mass.

I pray
Good people all attend
To what I've got to say
Concerning one that's dead and gone;
Death sumon'd her away.

An ancient handmaid of the Lord,
The wife of Ephriam Thayer,
Who lately from you has deceased,
Her praise I will declare.

This person now of whom I write,
Is worthy of all praise,
With God she walked, in Christ she died;
She sprang from a goodly race.

Her grandfather, he was a man,
Who did the truth reveal,
And to defend Christ's Kingdom great,
He burned with Holy zeal.

Like Holy Abraham of old,
Left land and kindred all;
And wandering up and down he went
Wherever God did call.

From old England, he did come over
Where heathen did possess
For to enjoy religion pure,
And God this man did bless.

And made him once a ruler here
Lest not forget his fame,
He lived above the age of man,
John Alden, was his name.

Her old grandfather an elder was
In Braintree's Church of old
He lived an Holy, honest life
To his praise let it be told.

Also her father was a man
 Who lived to good estate ;
 He lived an honest. holy life
 And died a hopeful saint.

She wedded was in youthful days
 To Mr. Ephriam Thayer,
 He lived a good, religious life,
 This truth I can declare.

They lovingly together lived
 And never did provoke,
 But like two lambs they did agree,
 And both pulled in one yoke.

The time she lived a married life
 Was fifty-nine years or more,
 The whole time of her pilgrimage
 Lacked some months of four score.

And she was a fruitful vine,
 The truth I may relate,
 Fourteen was of her body born
 And lived to man's estate.

From those did spring a numerous race
 One hundred and thirty-two,
 Sixty and six each sex alike
 As I declare to you.

And many of them went to war
 The enemy to suppress
 And all returned safe home again,
 The Lord this race did bless.

And one thing more remarkable
 Which here I shall record,
 She had fourteen children with her
 At the table of the Lord.

Now the time comes that she must die,
 God calls his handmaid home,
 She obeys his voice most cheerfully
 Saying blessed Lord I come.

Then sending for her children all
 And council'd them aright
 For to obey Jehovah's call
 And serve the Lord of might.

And having ended thus her work
 Her breath she did resign,
 Into Thy hands I do commend
 This Spirit Lord of mine.

The weeping friends around her bed
 Closed up her eyes of clay,
 Then for her funeral did prepare
 In dust they did her lay.

Could you have seen the numerous race
 That did for her lament,
 The number more than Jacob had
 When down to Egypt went.

Good people all both far and near
 Count it a heavy frown
 When God sends his messenger death
 To cut the righteous down.

The nineteenth of August she did die
 Seventeen hundred and fifty-one,
 Her body here in dust doth lie
 Her soul to rest hath gone.

Good people all attend the call
 In her decease of late,
 And walk with God as she hath done
 And he will bless your state.

O strive to live religious lives
 And not like Balaam vile ;
 Desire to die a righteous death,
 But live a life defiled.

So fare you well her numerous race
 These few lines I do pen,
 That you may seek Jehovah's face
 And serve the Lord, AMEN.

These Lines are perpetuated in Pattee's History of Old Braintree on account of the historical facts therein contained, more than for the style in which they are composed.



Homestead at Merrimack, Hillsborough County, N. H., where Samuel Chessman (No. 41) lived from 1816 to 1828, near Reed's Ferry, ten miles below the city of Manchester, on the Merrimack river.

REMINISCENCE

OF SAMUEL CHESSMAN, No. 44.

Samuel Chessman, the subject of this narrative, was born on the 16th day of June, A. D. 1812, in the town of North Bridgewater, Plymouth Co. State of Massachusetts. My parents were natives of that part of the State. My paternal ancestors date back to 1713, as citizens of Braintree, Mass. My maternal ancestors, as far back as I have any knowledge of them, resided in Raynham, Plymouth Co., Mass. My mother's maiden name was Mehitable Leach. She had six sisters and three brothers lived to the age of man and womanhood. My mother was born April 24th, 1785. My father was born June 7th, 1784. They married Oct. 6th, 1806. They lived in North Bridgewater and vicinity so far as I know until the year 1816. I was then four years of age. They moved to Merrimack, Hillsborough Co., N. H., where my father carried on the blacksmith business. He died Sept. 9th, 1826. I was then fourteen years of age. While my father was living our family had plenty to live in easy circumstances, being in possession of two small farms and the income from his trade enabled the family, consisting of father, mother, two sisters older than myself, one brother younger, to live very comfortably. After his death the farms had to be sold to pay debts, as the farms had never been fully paid for and I think some other debts had to be paid. The family have never received one cent from the estate of my father except a few hundred dollars allowed by the Court for the maintenance of my mother. I was a stout boy of my age, and had commenced to learn the blacksmith trade of my father. His death ended the blacksmithing with me. I will here relate a circumstance connected with my childhood; I think I was about eleven years old when my father undertook to dig a well, as water was scarce about the house; he also needed more for his cattle; he commenced to dig in a field near the house and knowing he would have to drill and blast through rock, he dug the hole extra large to have room to blast through the rock; when they got to the rock, about twelve feet in depth, they found it of the hardest variety and felt discouraged, and concluded to fill the hole and abandon the well. The field in which the hole was dug, abounded in quantities of small stone which were an injury to the land but valuable for filling the hole. My father set

me and the farm hands with horse and cart to pick and haul the stone to the hole and tip them in. At the hole we laid a timber to back the cart against. The mare we had in the cart had a fashion when commencing to back to keep on until she had to stop. I was sitting on the front of the cart as she swung around to back up to the hole the mare commenced backing too soon and one wheel missed the timber, went into the hole and turned the cart bottom side up. Cart, stone, boy and all went to the bottom of the hole with the mare sticking up in the shafts of the cart with her head just up to the top of the ground. The men working in the field ran to the hole expecting to find a dead boy at the bottom; when they got there they found the boy between the cart wheel and the body of the cart and stone. It was a very close fit, not one inch to spare; the boy was not injured in the least, not a bruise on his body or limbs, it was a close call not one inch between him and death. That inch was enough, all was safe but the mare. There was a yoke of oxen near, the men got a rope and put around the mare's neck, hitched the oxen to the rope and pulled the mare out by the neck without serious injury. I worked on our farm the remainder of the season my father died (1826). I threshed about three hundred bushels of oats by hand, husked the corn, cut and split the firewood for the long cold winter. (My recollection is that there were about four feet of snow that winter.) I was employed for a short time by some brick-makers to help load two flat boats with brick to be transported down the Merrimack river to the city of Lowell, Mass., which city was then in its infancy (distant 25 miles.) I went with the boats to Lowell, to help unload the brick and assist in getting the boats back to Merrimack. In that way I contributed something toward building in 1826 the now famous city of Lowell, Mass. In the winter I went to school as long as our school lasted and then went to live with Dr. Peter Manning to take care of his horses for my boarding and go to school as long as their school lasted. After that I went to live with Capt. Joseph Calla to work on his farm. After my father died, (Capt. Joseph Calla was appointed my guardian). I lived the fore part of the summer with him and then went to live with Capt. Adin Packard the remainder of that season, to work on his farm for three dollars per month. When I left Packard's I went home to mother and in the winter went to school. In the early spring of 1828, I went to live with my Uncle Lewis Bartlett, in Wareham, Plymouth Co., Mass., until I was eighteen years of age, to learn the trade of cutting nails, he to board and clothe me. (When I went to Wareham to live I wore a suit of clothes including overcoat, that had been spun and wove by my mother of wool from our own sheep. When woven it was sent to the Fulling Mill, colored and dressed. Although a home-made suit it was both good looking and warm and a suit any boy might be proud of at the present day.) Lewis Bartlett was my uncle by marriage; he married two of my mother's sis-

ters. The first wife, my Aunt Kissiah, died ; he married my Aunt Laura Richman, she had been married before and had two daughters, Laura and Lucy Richman. Uncle Lewis had three children by his first wife, viz : Hiram, Cordelia and Henry Watson Bartlett. There were some children by his second wife, but I have forgotten their names and how many of them, they being quite young when I lived in the family, the sons of three other sisters making in all the children of five sisters living in the family when I lived with them learning the trade. It was a large family of cousins, all between fourteen and twenty years of age. The boys were all learning to make nails. Uncle Bartlett being one of the leading men in the works, employed quite a large number of men and boys. He boarded all his nephews in his own family. One of his nephews, Seth Crossman, was brought up from childhood by uncle Bartlett. He supposed Seth was a better instructed boy than the rest of us, my uncle was a great temperance man as temperance was then understood, a man was temperate if he did not drink enough to make him stagger. Uncle always talked temperance to his nephews but kept rum in the house. He drank very little of it himself. It was customary in those days to set out the decanter of rum to the company. One day the works had to stop for repairs, the boys in the factory about 40 or 50 of them, between the ages of 15 and 20, sent off and got (no liquor sold in the place) two gallons of rum (whiskey not used in New England) and went to an old field to play ball and have a good time. Among them were my two cousins and myself. We played ball and drank rum until the middle of the afternoon, when Seth Crossman became so drunk we had to carry him home; he was so dead drunk that we had to pry open his mouth to get any thing down his throat. Uncle was helping to bring him to his senses, he stood some time looking at Seth and then says to me, I am surprised at Seth to get so drunk, if it had been you I should think nothing of it, but a boy that has been brought up as Seth has, ought to know better, you who have been accustomed to see every one drink all they wanted, I should not be surprised to see you drunk. This drunken spree as you may call it, made a deep impression on my mind, so deep in fact that I have not drank much liquor from that time to the present.

I thought if rum caused people to get in the condition I saw my cousin in, I wanted nothing to do with it. I have not drank in sixty years one gallon of alcoholic liquor. In my young days everybody drank liquor both male and female, old and young. When company called the bottle was set before them as a general rule, this was the way the young men of that day were brought up. About this time, 1830, that temperance began to be talked about ; there was no talk then of total abstinence. In those days you may drink, but not too much, was the meaning of temperance. I have no means of knowing, but it seems to me there was not as large a percentage of people drunkards at that time as there is in this age, in which total ab

stinence is taught. After this temperance story I will go back to my former subject.

I learned my trade and commenced to work as a journeyman nailer in June, 1830. Some time during the year 1830, I commenced to run a nail machine on my own responsibility, that is I received the full price paid to boss nailers. I went from the Tihornet Factory where I learned the trade to the old Pratt Factory near the village of Wareham, Mass., which is situated near the head of tide water on the Wareham river, about 10 miles from Buzzard's Bay. Before the war of 1812-15 with England there was a cotton factory at the head of tide water on Wareham river that was propelled by water from that stream. Some time in June 1814, by order of Admiral Cochrane, the British vessels of war entered Buzzard's Bay and sent barges with armed men up the river as near the cotton factory as they could get with their barges. They sent a fire rocket into the factory which struck a post in the lower story of the building, and was there when I lived in Wareham fifteen years after. The rocket was an iron frame with a sharp point which penetrated the post and held the frame to the post, the frame when it was thrown in the building was filled with burning combustible material. The people about the factory succeeded in putting out the fire and saved the building, although it was in the carpenter shop and the room contained much combustible material. The room in my day was still black with smoke and the outside of the post was charred to a coal. The barge after firing the factory dropped down the stream to where there was building a new vessel, the owner living near and kept a store and sold liquor; a squad of men left the barge and went to the store; the owner of the new vessel gave them all the liquor they wanted and told them he was a friend to the English. After the men got all the drink they wanted, the Commanding Officer told him that a man that was not a friend to his own country was a friend to none, and took a brand from his fire and set the new vessel on fire and burned it up, they went back to their ship to repeat their destruction of vessels at other places. The object of the English Government was to destroy all American commerce by sea and all cotton manufacturing in the United States. A policy they tried to sustain during the war of the Rebellion.

After giving this short local history of the things that happened during the war of 1812-1815 with England, which is probably not mentioned in any history of the United States, I again return to the history of my own doings at the old Pratt Factory. I worked in that factory about one year. That year I had more accidents happen to me than all the rest of my life. I cut off one finger, (it grew on again) mashed one thumb and had bad health most of the time. While at the old Pratt Factory I boarded with Charles Hays, a family from Maine; it was a very good boarding house and a very pleasant family to live with. I went back to Tihornet and staid

here until the 6th day of June, 1832. The Tihornet works was an extensive nail factory built in the woods ; the location was chosen on account of the water power. The Co. owned and controlled the entire community. No store, no tavern or public house. The Company employed between two and three hundred men and boys. There were only a few families in the place, most of the men boarding at the Company's boarding house. On the sixth day of June 1832, David Spaulding of Wareham, and myself left in a schooner bound down the Wareham river to Buzzard's Bay, thence via Long Island Sound to New York City, where we arrived in due time without accident. We spent but a short time in New York, Mr. Spaulding getting the address of a firm in Bellefonte, Center County, Pa., who wished to employ some nail cutters.

We went from New York through New Jersey to Philadelphia, Pa., traveled partly by stage coach and partly by steamboat. We arrived at Philadelphia in the evening and stopped at the Red Lion Hotel on Market street. Booked ourselves for the next morning by stage coach via Harrisburgh for Bellefonte, Centre Co., Pa. That day's ride between Philadelphia and Harrisburgh was one of great enjoyment, it being one of those beautiful days in June when nature puts on her most becoming dress of living green. To add to the enjoyment it was my birthday, June 16th 1832, I was that day twenty years of age. We arrived in Bellefonte, having been about forty hours on the road between Bellefonte and Philadelphia. In the morning we called on Mr. Curtin the man to whom Mr. Spaulding had a letter of recommendation. He made arrangements to go to work for him. I found a party who wished to employ a nail cutter and found employment without loss of time in Bellefonte, and would have been well pleased to remain at work there for the time as the price paid for making nails we considered quite satisfactory, much more than we had received in Wareham. After working a few days Mr. Spaulding came to the place where I was at work and said he would not stay there any longer, as his boarding was not good and his fellow workmen were of the very roughest type of mankind, not proper company for a decent man to associate with and he would not stay. Although I could not find the same objections as Mr. Spaulding, for I had a fairly good boarding house, and my fellow workmen seemed as good as the average of their class, I was content to stay. As Mr. Spaulding and myself had started out together, I thought best to leave with him. This was I think on the 20th day of June 1832; on the morning of June 21st we again booked ourselves at the stage office for a place called Water Street, there to intersect with the through stage coach for Pittsburgh. We had a very rough ride from Bellefonte to Water Street, some of the way the road ran in the dry bed of a stream and all the way through a very rough and broken country. On the arrival of the Pittsburgh coach we took our seats for one of the most fatiguing journeys it has been my lot to travel. Our route

was over what was then known as the Northern Pike, a road made with broken stone, broken to about the size of a man's fist and many larger. Any one who has traveled over such roads can appreciate a continuous ride of thirty-six hours. We arrived in Pittsburgh about the middle of the night completely worn out. We stopped at the Exchange Hotel, the best hotel then in Pittsburgh; it was on the corner of Penn and Sixth streets, (now 1893, Hotel Anderson.) We were now completely thrown on our own resources, we were among entire strangers and obliged to go about the city to hunt work as our supply of money was not large; our first effort was to find cheaper boarding, hotel prices not suiting our financial condition. We soon found a place on Penn street at which we secured boarding at two dollars per week (washing not included). We then started on a tour to hunt work, in which we were not successful. The manufacturers having all the workmen they wanted at that time. We visited H. S. Spang & Son's works at Etna, about five miles from Pittsburgh, we found a man there, Mr. Jabez Williams, who we formerly knew in Wareham. He told us that H. S. Spang & Sons were building a new nail machine, he did not know whether the man who was building the machine would run it when built or not, he would find out and let us know. In a day or two after, as Spaulding and I were standing on the street watching a Masonic parade in Pittsburgh, we saw Mr. Williams from Etna, he told us that one of us could get the machine at H. S. Spang & Sons, and could go to work at once. Then came the question which should have the position. Mr. Williams proposed that we turn up a cent who should have the chance. We did as he advised and I won the chance. That simple thing of head or tail of a cent happened to be one of the most important events in our lives, the cent this time came down right side up for both of us. Mr. Spaulding in a few weeks received an offer of a situation which proved to be the situation he wanted and was competent to fill. I was satisfied with the situation I had. We both prospered in the different situations assigned to us by the turn of the cent on the streets of Pittsburgh on that pleasant June day, 1832. I have often thought that our lives and subsequent career were very materially influenced by the decision made by us on that day in the month of June. I commenced to work for H. S. Spang & Sons at Etna. I have the record of a credit of having made 1640 lbs. of 6d nails before June 30th 1832. I must have commenced about the 25th of June 1832 to make nails at Etna, Allegheny Co., Pa. Mr. Williams had secured boarding for me at a farm house near the works. The family where we boarded consisted of an old Revolutionary soldier, Benjamin Power and wife, one son and one daughter. The son and daughter taking entire charge of the house. They had one little girl, their brother's daughter living with them together with four boarders constituted their family at the time I commenced to board with them. I remained with them nearly two years, until I was married in March 1834. I experienced some

new methods of living and conducting business, especially in regard to cooking and food. The changes from the eastern to the western methods of cooking were decidedly striking to a New England boy. We always had good wholesome food and plenty of it. I soon got used to the change in the methods of cooking. The family where I boarded were very kind and obliging people which made it a very pleasant place to live. They were often visited by their numerous friends and relatives to whom I was introduced, this enabled me to form many valuable acquaintances, which proved quite an advantage in after years. I mentioned above that I commenced work at Spang's in the last week of June. I had worked only a few weeks when on the 11th of August the works stopped for repairs; I bought a gun, powder and shot and went hunting every pleasant day and brought home many squirrels and pheasants. I have thought many times since that gun was a very fortunate thing for me as I was young and was liable to be led astray while idling my time in the city; keeping to the woods hunting, I kept myself out of temptation which is much easier done than to resist temptation when it is presented to us in a smooth, plausible shape as it is in most cases. After resuming work the last of August we had tolerable steady work with an exception of now and then a day for repairs until the last of February 1833. There was a very sad accident occurred by the breaking of a large fly wheel of the engine. The broken fragments of the wheel went through the roof of the building and descended through the roof of the building in which the nail machinery was situated, one large piece of iron about one ton in weight fell within ten feet of where I was at work, it brought down in its fall much of the roof, one piece of timber from the falling roof striking John Francis on the head killed him instantly, some others were wounded. This happened early in the morning before all the men had got to work, I was sent by the manager to Pittsburgh for a doctor, the late Dr. Spear, of Pittsburgh, who died in 1891, was the doctor that went to attend the wounded at Etna on that occasion.

The accident delayed our work about four weeks and curtailed my year's earnings. At the end of my year June 24th, 1833, there was due me from the Company over two hundred dollars, with some cash on hand, which I usually kept more or less of; this was net earnings.

On the 31st day of August, 1833, I purchased a quit claim deed of Isaac Addis and wife to three acres of land in the village of Stewartstown, (now Etna) Allegheny Co., Pa. for which I paid one hundred and fifty dollars. On the 27th day of June, 1835, I paid David Anderson and wife, one hundred and fifty dollars for a deed in fee simple for the above mentioned three acres of land. The first purchased only the right of perpetual lease or quit claim. This was my first ownership of real estate.

I must go back to 1834, on the 27th day of March A. D. 1834, I was married to Jane Gordon, daughter of John and Jane McClintock Gordon,

farmers in Plumb Township, Allegheny Co., Pa., born August 16th 1814; her father died when she was young, her mother married John Grove, his occupation being a wagoner on the roads between Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and Baltimore. Jane had three sisters, Katy, Margaret, Martha and one brother James. Jane left home when about fifteen years of age, went to Pittsburgh to learn to make clothing for the merchant tailors, of Mrs. Petree. While there she formed the acquaintance of Miss Sarah Kidd, who became the wife of George Power of the Power family where I boarded. Jane Gordon visiting her friend Mrs. Sarah Power after her marriage, I made her acquaintance, I being far from my friends and relatives and wanted a home. My earnings warranted a support to a wife, Jane Gordon being much in the same situation and taking a liking to each other we were not many months in coming to the conclusion to travel life's journey together. And it proved to be one of more than usual length, (fifty-six years and five months) not only lengthy but a fairly prosperous and happy one. She was then living in the borough of Bayardstown, (now fifth ward, Pittsburgh, Pa.) The marriage ceremony was performed at the house of David Pritchard, by the Rev. Hiram Gilmore of the M. E. Church, in presence of David Pritchard and wife, David Spaulding, Miss Jane Scott, and Miss Margaret Gordon. After our marriage we boarded with George Power, he having married since. I went to board with them in 1832, we were only with them a short time until we could get our house furnished or rather our rooms. We rented three rooms in what was then known as the blue house belonging to David Anderson in Stewartstown, (now Etna.) The rooms were in the second story of the house. We lived in these rooms for more than one year or until we had built and got ready a house on our own land. Our first child Henry Warren was born while we occupied the rooms in the blue house, he was born March 13th 1835. I made a contract with Lewis Dingler of Sharpsburgh, (carpenter) to furnish material and build a dwelling house on our three acre lot, said contract was made on the first day of November 1834, house to be completed in fifteen months or as much sooner as it could be done. It was completed inside of one year, as soon as finished we moved to it and for the first time experienced the happiness of living in our own house. This was in the Summer of 1835. This state of things did not last long. I had a disagreement with Spang & Sons and went to Pittsburgh to work for Milltenberger & Brown at the foot of Wayne Street. We soon found it inconvenient to live in one place and work in another. The first of the year 1836 found us living in Bayardstown near where the Union depot now stands. I continued to work in the same place. In the winter of 1835-6 my mother, sister Julia and husband (Elva E. Bradley,) with brother Robert arrived in Pittsburgh from Lebanon, N. H. My brother-in-law, E. E. Bradley, wanted to go into business. Upon looking over other towns and not finding a place that pleased him as well as Etna, I contracted with

him to build a store room on my lot at Etna and lease to him my house and lot. I immediately commenced the erection of the building, in the Spring of 1836 his family moved into the house. He opened a grocery in the new building and built up quite a trade during the year. We remained in Pittsburgh to work at nail making when there was work. In the last part of the year 1836 and beginning of 1837 our work became very scarce. They stopped work for an indefinite time. In the winter of 1836, Mr. Bradley was taken sick. I went to Etna to help my sister in the store. My brother-in-law continued sick and thought he would not get well. He wanted me to buy the grocery stock from him and relieve my sister from the trouble of settlement after his death. We made the arrangement. I bought the grocery stock, including the horse and wagon, total value about three hundred dollars. This, together with three hundred dollars in cash which I had earned at my trade after paying for the building of the store room, comprised our entire capital, or rather the three hundred dollars was the amount of our assets; the grocery stock from Bradley was bought on time. We had free from debt three acres of land with dwelling and store house. This was our financial standing May 1st, 1837. This was the beginning of my mercantile business life that continued for a period of about fifty years, with a few years of intermission. In the year 1837 after we purchased the grocery as above stated we moved our household goods from the city to Etna to our own house, our trade improved to our entire satisfaction, our stock was small. I went to Pittsburgh with my one horse and wagon as often as goods were wanted, which was from two to four times each week, wife tending the store when I was away. We did all our own work the first year, the result was satisfactory in a financial view. In the spring of 1838, David Spaulding* who had been keeping a grocery in Pittsburgh, joined his stock and capital to mine. We entered into partnership under the firm name of Chessman & Spaulding. That partnership continued to 1845. As our capital was larger our business increased. We did a profitable and thriving business up to 1843 when the iron business became dull, we thought it best to find some other place to do business. In accordance with that view I started on a journey to Salem, Columbiana County, Ohio, in company with Samuel Power who wished to buy a farm. On our arrival at Salem we met Mr. Isaac Wilson of that place who was a large owner of real estate in Salem and vicinity. Mr. Wilson gave us much valuable information about the surrounding country. We visited several other towns in our journey.

* As David Spaulding of Wareham, Mass., who came with me to Pittsburgh in 1832, and has again joined his fortune to mine by entering into a business partnership which lasted for a period of seven years, I think it proper to say something more in regard to the later transactions of his life. After the dissolution of the partnership of Chessman & Spaulding in 1845, he was engaged in different industries about Pittsburgh until 1852, when he went to Wheeling, W. Va. as a member of the Labelle Iron and Nail Company. A few years later a number of the Labelle Company having purchased the Jefferson Iron Works at Steubenville, Ohio, Mr. Spaulding was chosen President of the Company, which office he held up to 1884, when he sold his interest, and built the Iron Works at Brilliant, Ohio, which proved a financial failure and very much reduced Mr. Spaulding's financial resources. He held at one time large land interests in Birmingham, Alabama. Mr. Spaulding was a man possessing sound business principles and strict integrity in his dealings.

Of all the towns visited Salem made the best impression on our minds for a good location for business. It being situated in a good farming country, the people composed of a large proportion of Quakers, who are an industrious and thriving people. On making our report at home it made the same impression on Spaulding and our families. As our prospects with Spang & Sons had not improved, Spaulding and I started to give Salem further investigation with the view of opening a branch store. Every thing seemed to be favorable and we desired to try our new venture. We rented a store room from Isaac Wilson, a frame building on the south side of Main street, where the Greiner-Brainard hotel now stands, for one year from the first day of November 1843, for \$75 yearly rent, and made other provisions for me to come to Salem to live. This arrangement was made in Sept. 1843. Now comes one of the hardest movements we had yet encountered in our young lives, to leave our own house and home and all our relatives, friends and acquaintances and with three young children go to live among entire strangers is quite a trying ordeal to go through, especially for a woman. The family arrived in Salem on the first day of November 1843. (I came the day before), it was a very pleasant day. Wet, gloomy weather set in soon, we had one of the most disagreeable winters it has been our lot to experience. All things come to an end, so did that winter with the gloomy weather. Spring with its bright sunshine put a different face on things. Business was fairly good, the neighbors began to call on the family, (which they had neglected to do in the winter) which made the family feel more like being at home. In Sept. 1844 Spaulding sold his interest in the Salem store to Zacariah Bertolett. I then formed a partnership with him under the firm name of Chessman & Co. to do a general merchandising business. This partnership continued to some time in the winter 1844-5. I then sold my interest in the firm to Bertolett & Greiner. I was out of business for the first time since I commenced in 1837. About this time I sold my property at Etna, Pa. and bought lots No. 4 and No. 35 in Samuel Davis' addition to Salem. I soon formed a partnership with Alfred Wright to do a business in retailing hardware and drugs in the town of Salem, Ohio, commencing April 1845. We opened our store in what was then called Walton's Row. We moved to my own property on the corner of Main & Chestnut Streets, some time in the fall of the year 1845. In 1846, I built a frame dwelling in the rear of the old frame store on lot No. 4 of Davis' addition. When finished we occupied it, once more living in our own home.

This was the end of our living in a rented home. Our hardware and drug business proving quite prosperous, (it was the first business of the kind started in the place,) in 1851 I built a three story brick store house, on the corner of Main and Chestnut street where the old frame stood. Besides the hardware and drug business I was engaged in getting up and starting (in company with some of the prominent men of Salem, viz. J. J. Brooks,

Zadock Street, Simeon Jennings) the first bank in Salem. The Farmer's Bank, branch of the State Bank of Ohio, (Red Backs) of which I was one of the first board of Directors. In 1847 the question of a Rail Road began to be agitated. I took an active part in that. The first project was for a road from Wellsville so Cleveland via. Salem. I subscribed stock for that enterprise, was elected Director in the Cleveland and Pittsburgh Rail Road Company. The Company decided to build the road through Salineville and Alliance. I then resigned my office as Director. The people of Salem and vicinity had by this time become convinced of the importance of having a Rail Road. On going around among our business men it took but a short time to raise one thousand dollars to do the preliminary work of surveying and selecting route, getting charter and other work necessary to starting an enterprise of this kind. This was the first money spent for building the Ohio and Pennsylvania Rail Road, (now Pittsburgh, Ft. Wayne and Chicago). This was before the general law granting charters was passed, (Salem, Ohio, is the birth place of the Pittsburgh, Ft. Wayne and Chicago system.) We had to obtain a charter from the legislature of Ohio and that required petitions from the people; we obtained quite a lengthy petition. I was requested to put it in the hands of our State Senator. One severe, cold day in the month December 1847, I rode on horse back to New Lisbon to put the petitions in the hands of Fisher A. Blockson, our chosen State Senator. I was actively engaged with Zadock Street, Joseph J. Brooks and others in getting subscribers to the Capital Stock for a company to build a Rail Road from Pittsburgh, Pa. to some point in the west. We obtained a charter under the name of the Ohio and Pennsylvania Rail Road Co. The state of Pennsylvania granted a Supplementary Charter to connect the two states. Our stock subscription in Columbiana and Mahoning Counties amounted to about one hundred thousand dollars. The company was organized, a board of Directors elected; Gen. Wm. Robinson, Jr., elected Pres., Zadock Street, of Salem, one of the Directors. I was appointed one of the assistant Treasurers, my duties were to collect all subscriptions of stock when ordered by the board of Directors and disburse all money for construction of the road bed in Columbiana County. The Rail Road Company commenced running their cars in the winter of 1850-1 between Pittsburgh and Alliance and soon extended to Massillon and Wooster and later to Crestline; on the opening of the road for business I was appointed station agent at Salem, also agent for Adams Express Company. In addition to the regular duties of station agent, I had to sign all tickets for the different stations on the road between Pittsburgh and Crestline. The tickets were made of cardboard and taken up by the conductors and used until they were worn out or disfigured. The tickets were sent to me in blank form from Pittsburgh, signed and returned by me to the Pittsburgh office, every station having a different colored ticket.

The situation of agent was held by me for a number of years. In the winter of 1852-3 my wife met with a very bad accident by the cars leaving the track and falling over the bank at the west end of New Brighton bridge. She received an injury to her spine, cheek bone broken and other injuries. She recovered and became an average healthy woman. She lived 38 years after the accident. The last office I held in the Company was paymaster from Pittsburgh to Crestline. The method of payment was not the same as now. I had to take my cash and pay roll in a grip sack in my hand and find the men and pay them the best way I could. I traveled by hand-car from one section boss to another, rode on freight trains, walked or rode as best I could to get over the road. I found this method of payment was attended with too much risk for the wages paid, \$1,000 per year. I resigned after holding the office eleven months. This was before the consolidation of the three, Ohio and Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroad Companies under the name of the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Rail Road Co. I then turned my attention to merchandising. I built a brick building (now 1893 occupied by Joseph Koll), and started business under the firm name of Chessman, Wright & Co., my son H. W. Chessman being the Co., to do a commission business and sell agricultural implements, iron, nails, etc. I sold this property and business to Robert Campbell & Sons and bought a farm from Archibald Woods in the fall of 1857. We moved on the farm in the spring of 1858 and commenced farming, retaining my original interest in the firm of Chessman & Wright until March 1862; we then divided our stock of goods, Mr. Wright taking the drug part of the stock and I the hardware. The partnership of seventeen years between Samuel Chessman and Alfred Wright was then dissolved. I took my son Henry Warren in as equal partner in the hardware business, which partnership continued to March 1868, although Warren was absent three years in the army. We sold our interest in the business to Baird & Triem in March 1868. In the spring of 1863, we moved the family from the farm to town. Elvira our oldest daughter having married Jonathan R. Oliphant in February of that year, they rented the farm. In 1864 I sold all my land and buildings on the south west of the Franklin road to George Trimble. I commenced to build a frame house on the north east side of the road in the fall of the year. In 1865 I built a barn. In the spring 1866 the family moved from town to the farm. We commenced to build a brick addition to the frame this spring and had it completed by the spring of 1867.

Being entirely out of the mercantile business I gave my time entirely to farming until the spring of 1870. My son Henry Warren died June 6th 1868 and having sold my property on the corner of Main and Chestnut streets, I made an investment in the Salem Coal and Iron Co., in whose service I spent some of my time during that year in sinking a shaft to mine

coal. There being so much water to contend with the enterprise did not prove a financial success. In January 1870 the Salem Manufacturing Co. was organized, in which I invested five thousand dollars. Several months after it was organized I was elected secretary; the duties of the office requiring all my time. The former managers had not managed the affairs very satisfactorily, we made the attempt to get them on a sounder basis, but did not succeed and were forced to make an assignment in March, 1873. I was appointed assignee by the court. The settling of this assignment kept me busy four or five years. In the end it left me some thousands of dollars short of what I would have, had I never taken stock in the company. My creditors treated me very kindly and gave me a chance to make the most of my property. Their liberality made it possible for me to save the homestead. Having nothing but that to live on we had to sell or trade the homestead for property of less value. We traded with Hamilton Howell for property on the corner of Penn and Dry streets, he paying the difference. Previous to the trading of the property, I engaged in hauling goods to and from the station for the merchants and others. I commenced that business in February 1880 and continued until the summer of 1883. It was a good profitable business but the labor was too hard for me to perform. In 1884 I formed a partnership with J. R. Oliphant to sell groceries.

I will here mention the celebration of our golden wedding on the 27th day of March 1884, when our children and friends assembled at the house of our son and daughter Martha and Augustus H. Harris. We were very kindly remembered by many of our old friends in very substantial tokens of regard in the shape of quite a number of valuable presents which were valued by us more for the kindly feeling which prompted the giving than for their intrinsic value, which was quite a handsome sum. That little company of friends then assembled will be kindly remembered by us as long as memory lasts. I continued in business with Oliphant until some time in 1885. I sold my interest to him and retired from business for a time. In 1887 I again engaged in the grocery business for about one year. Selling out my entire stock I retired from active business altogether. Not being able to perform any hard manual labor I am compelled to confine myself to the house most of the time since I quit business in 1888. Having nothing to do I thought it would occupy my time and perhaps might interest my children and friends to read about some of the early transactions of one whose years number fourscore, sixty five years of which have been spent in active employment. The years of my youth did not number as many as the average of men, it being necessary for me to assume many of the duties and often the labor and responsibility of a man at the age of fourteen. My wife died August 30th 1890, since then I have found a home among my children.

In connection with the foregoing reminiscence I think it proper to make mention of the rest of my father's family. My sister Elvira, (No. 42) as recorded in the family record, married Jonathan M. Jackman, son of Samuel Stillman Jackman of the state of New Hampshire. After trying various places in New Hampshire and Massachusetts they located in Nashua, N. H. where they resided for many years; she died in 1884 aged 79 years, he died in 1885 aged 87 years. Their family of nine children, seven of which are now living (Sept 1892) are located as follows: Two sons in Nashua, N. H., one son in Wilmington, Delaware, two sons in Elgin, Ill., one daughter in Boston, and daughter in Fitchburgh, Mass. They are all married and occupy prominent positions in society.

Julia Ann, (No. 43) married Elva E. Bradley, of Woodstock, Vt. in 1829. They resided in Lebanon, N. H. up to 1835, when they came to Pittsburgh, Pa., where I had been living for about three years, bringing with them two daughters Emeline and Francis Bradley, my mother and brother Robert, (then about 16 years old.) Mother lived with her sons and daughter until her death in 1857, she died at the age of 73 years. Bradley died in 1837 and in 1838 Julia (No. 43) married John Otterson of Allegheny Co., Pa., to whom were born three sons; one died young, one died in the army, one (Robert) was killed at the battle of Gettysburgh, (his mother draws a pension from the Government). One daughter Julia, (No. 78) married John Dyson to whom were born six children, five sons living (1892) viz. Frank Jackman Dyson, Samuel Chessman Dyson, John Clark Dyson, Otis Young Dyson, Robert Otterson Dyson. Frances Bradley (No. 77) married Otis Young and now resides in Lorain, Ohio. She has one daughter, Laura Young.

Robert McGaw Chessman, (No. 45) was born in New Hampshire Jan. 19th, 1820. When our father died in 1826 he was then about six years of age. When he was about two years old he was playing with a ball in our kitchen which had a large old fashioned fire place, and at that time contained a large quantity of hot coals; the ball with which he was playing having rolled into those hot coals, he stooped to pick up the ball, fell forward and plunged both hands into the burning coals, he took hold with his right hand of the hot dog-iron standing in the fire place, his right hand was so badly burned that he was never able to open it and it was a serious annoyance to him all his life. When he was between seven and eight years of age he went to live with John Underwood of Litchfield, N. H. (farmer) but on account of the ill usage to which he was subjected sister Julia and her husband succeeded in getting him out of the hands of Underwood and giving him some chance for a common school education.

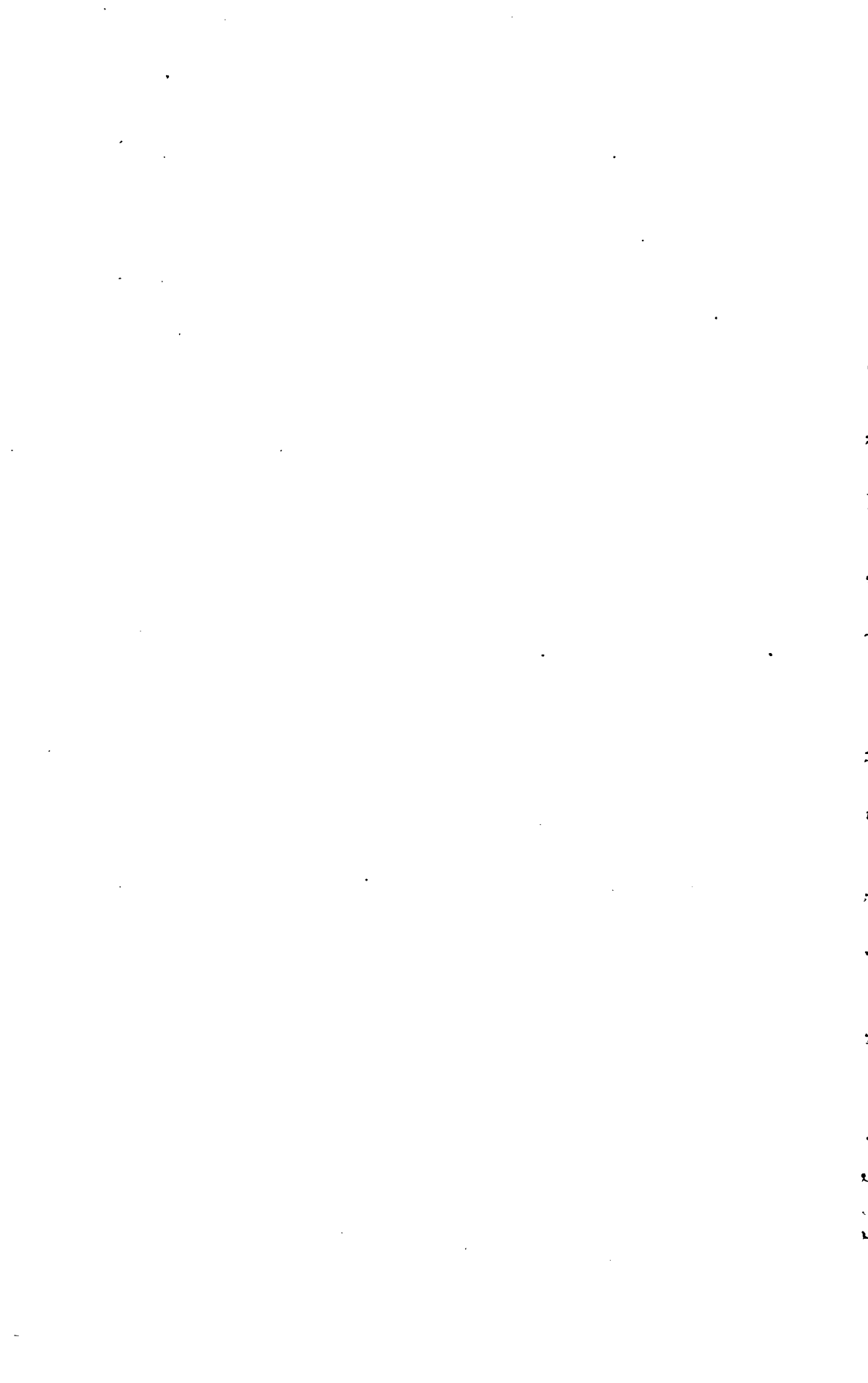
When mother and the Bradley family came to Pittsburgh in 1835, Robert came with them. He commenced to learn to cut nails with me at the Wayne Iron Works on 10th street, Pittsburgh, but on the stopping of the

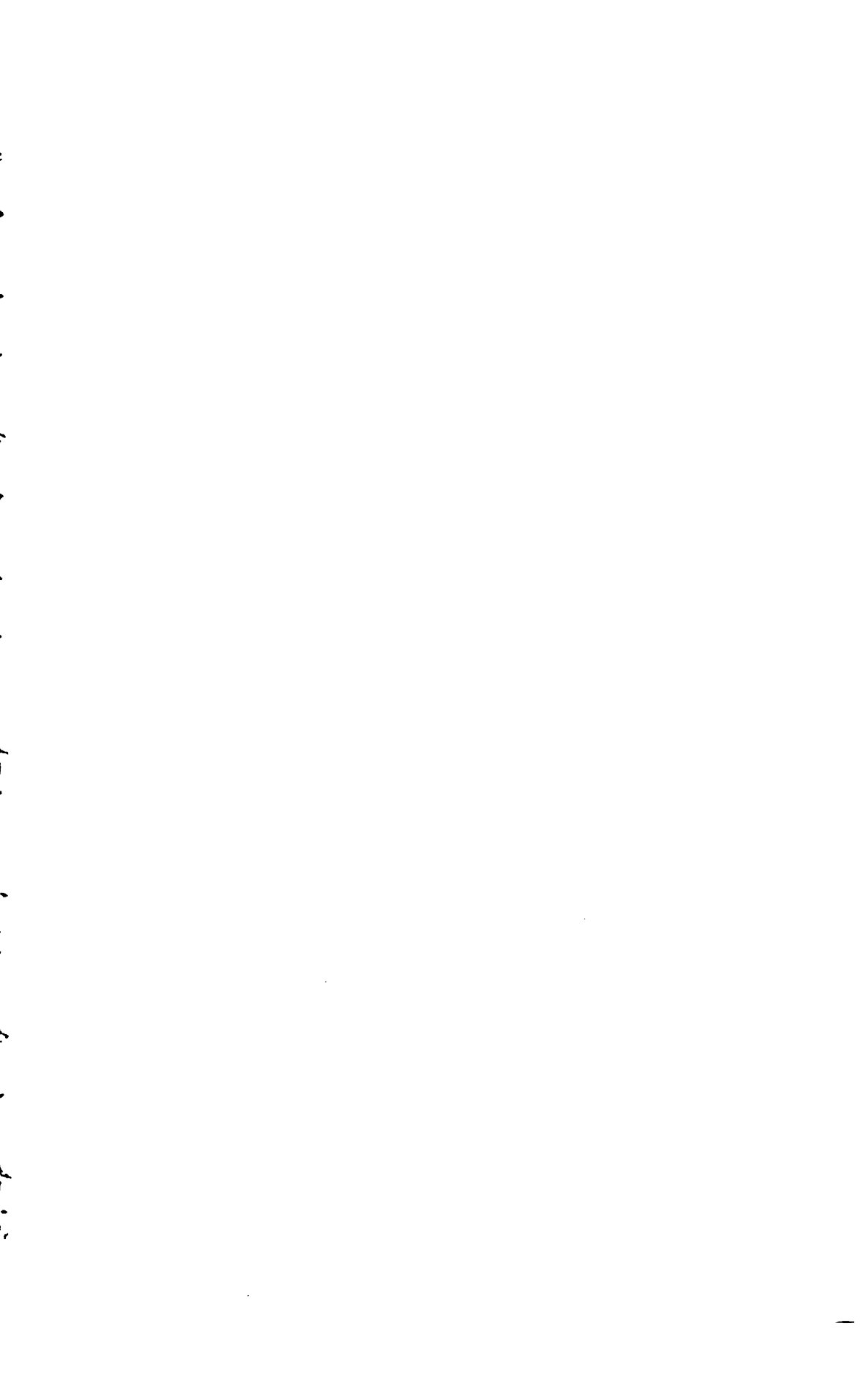
nail mills about Pittsburgh in 1837, he went to the vicinity of Harrisburgh, Pa. and worked in that locality for about one year, on his return he got employment in H. S. Spang & Son's Iron Works at Etna. In 1838 he married Maria Stewart daughter of David and Barbara Miller Stewart, of Stewartstown (now Etna, Pa.) and soon after went to Fairview, Indiana Township, Allegheny Co., Pa., and opened a store in that place for a short time. Selling out he returned to Etna and engaged in the real estate business. Some time between 1845 and 1847 he began running an omnibus from Etna to Pittsburgh. In his real estate deal he had become the owner of what was at that time known as the Blue House property, it being a large frame dwelling house built by General Wilkins as early as 1820, (still standing in good condition, 1893) and sold by the Wilkins heirs to David Anderson some years previous to 1832. The blue house was situated at the forks of the old Butler pike and the Sharpsburgh road with several acres of land.

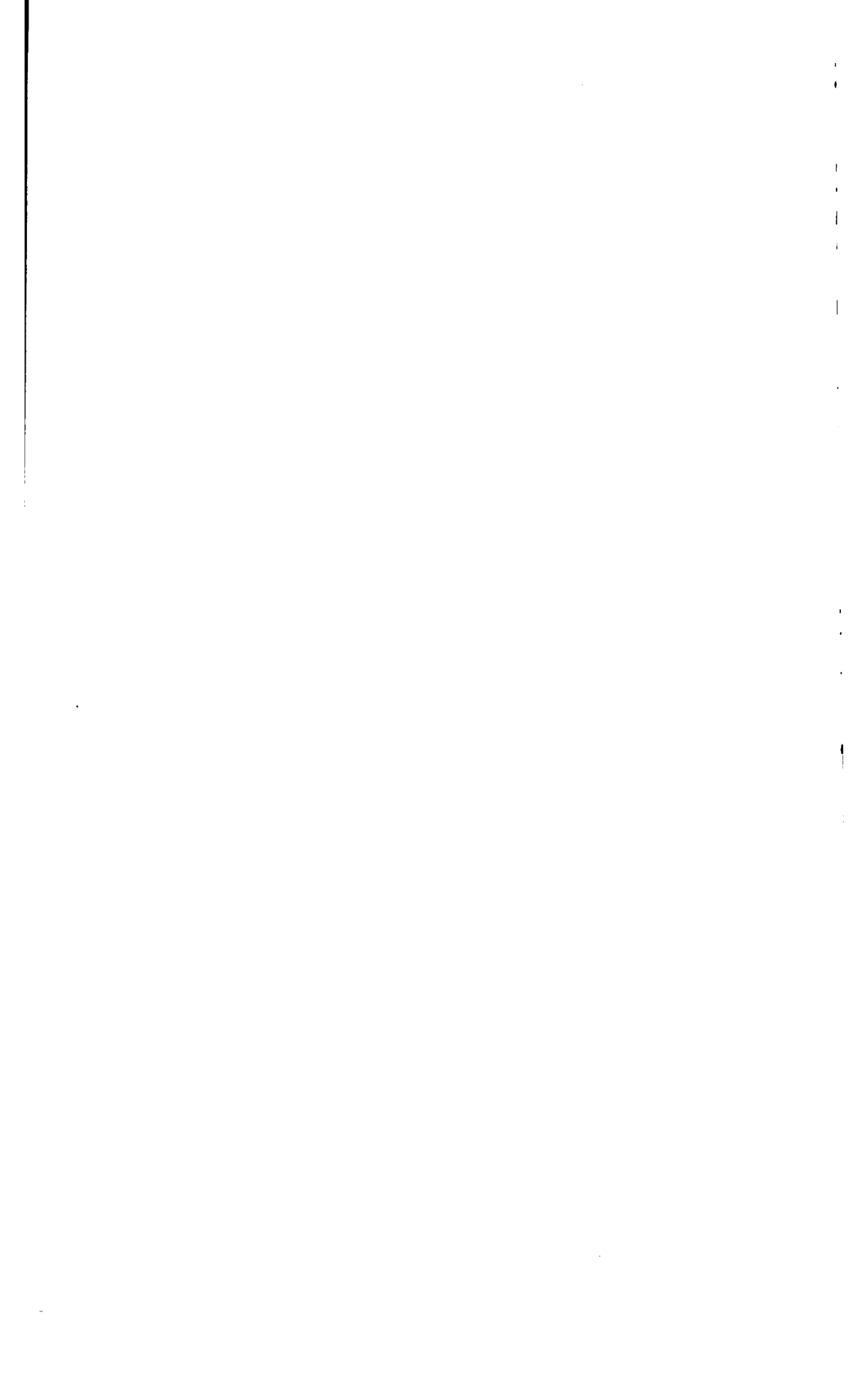
Robert Chessman sold part of this for building lots and traded the remainder for a farm near Tallacava in 1848. He moved to this farm in 1854. He sold his omnibus business in 1857. His wife Maria died that year, he rented his farm and returned to Etna. In 1858 he married Mary Ross Morton, daughter of John and Nancy Morton, of Pittsburgh, Pa. He had previous to this time built a brick cottage dwelling on Bridge street, Etna, in which he resided for some years and finally built the fine brick residence in which he died 1889.

In 1855 he began to manufacture brick in a drying kiln and some times contracted to put up buildings for others; among the buildings erected by him is the fine Public School building on Locust street, Etna, Pa. In 1863 he was employed as Superintendent of Manchester Passenger Street Railway Company, which position he held for about three years. In 1866, he opened a store for the retailing of general merchandise on Bridge St., Etna.

During his life he built quite a number of dwellings in Etna and Sharpsburgh. Robert Chessman was a man possessed of sound business principles and strict integrity. At the time of his death he had accumulated quite a handsome fortune, amounting in the aggregate to hundreds of thousands of dollars, leaving his widow in very easy financial circumstances, and five sons to perpetuate his name, who are among the prominent men of high standing in the community in which they live, also one daughter whose social position is among those of prominent standing in the community.







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