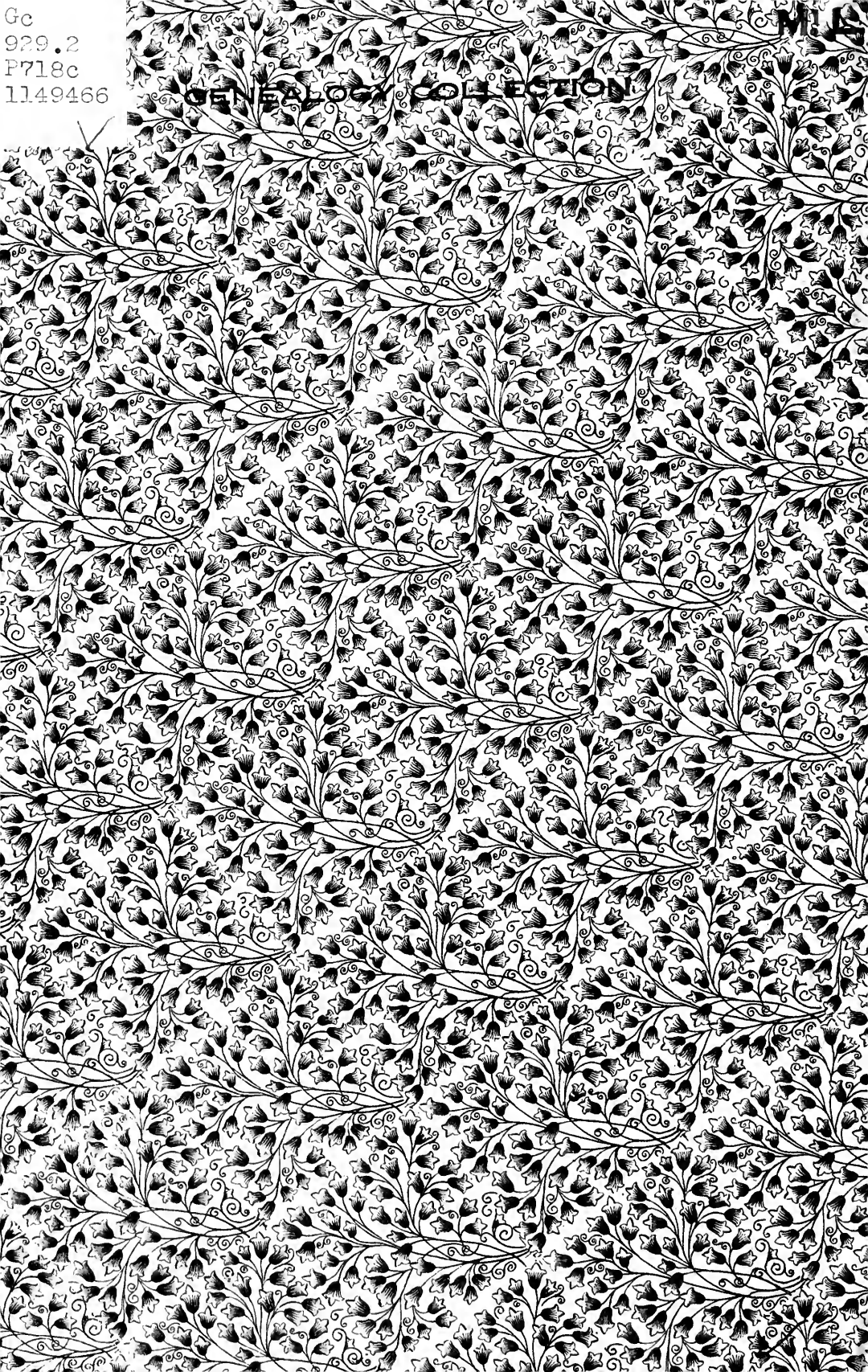

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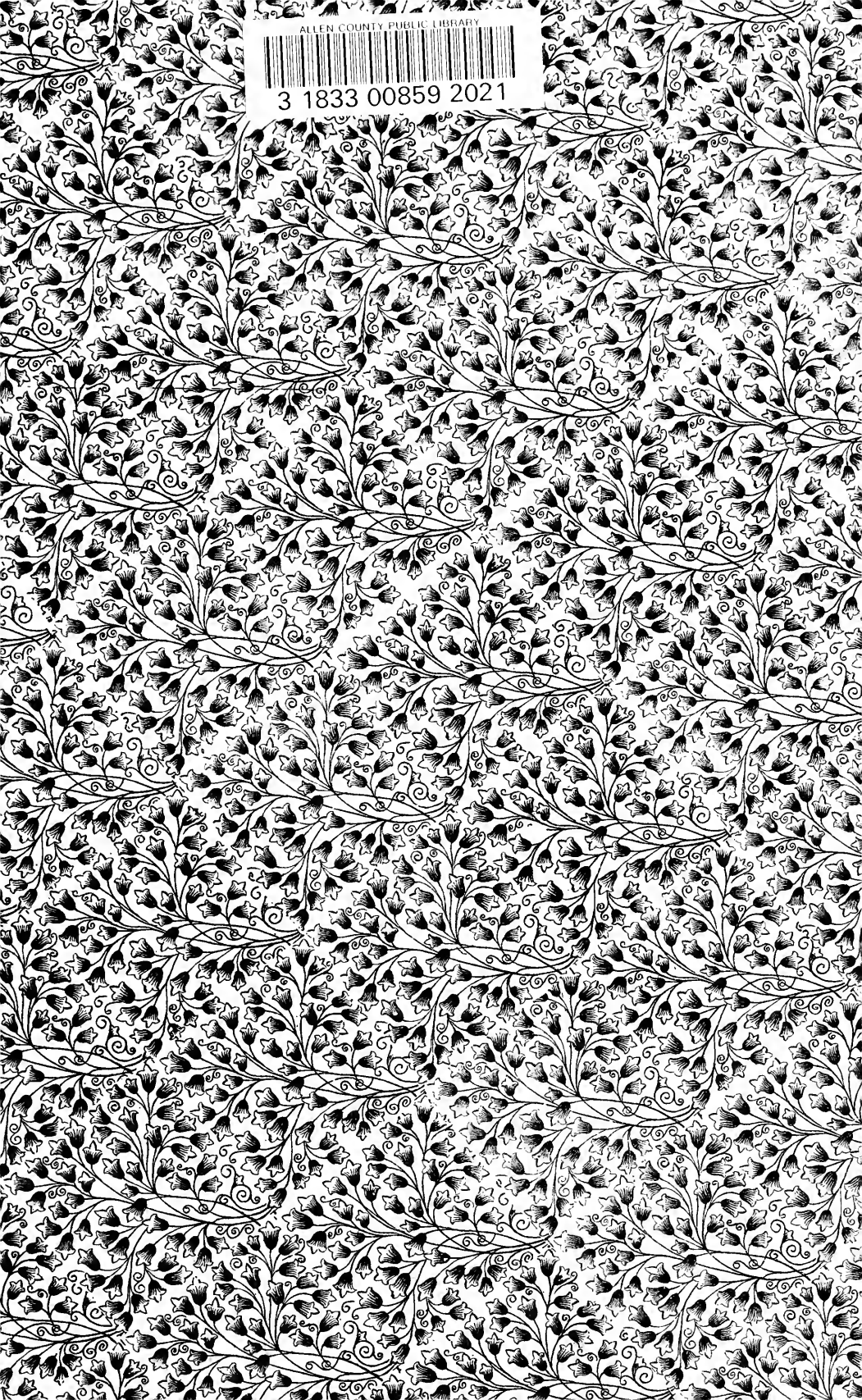
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A GENEALOGY
AND
HISTORICAL NOTICES
OF THE FAMILY OF
PLIMPTON OR PLYMPTON
IN AMERICA,
AND OF
PLUMPTON
IN ENGLAND.

BY LEVI B. CHASE.



To

The Descendants of

John and Thomas Plympton,



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PREFACE.

A desire expressed by my wife, to know more of her ancestry led first, to a perusal of old papers at that time in the house, then to a correspondence, and has finally resulted in the compilation of this volume; and in the work I have everywhere met with kindness and encouragement. These circumstances and the intense interest engendered in its progress, has made it, in the fullest sense, a labor of love.

I have tried to be careful and accurate in copying records, yet undoubtedly errors will be found. Of the literary construction I will only say, in the language of the school-boy,—

“ Don't view me with a critic's eye
But pass all imperfections by.”

Among those unconnected with the family who have rendered important aid, I desire here to express my gratitude to,—Prof. H. P. Wright of Yale College, Mr. Barton, Librarian of the American Antiquarian Society at Worcester, Mass., Mr. W. S. Tilden, author of a history of Medfield yet in manuscript, and specially to Mr. George Sheldon of Deerfield, one of the most able now living in the department of the early history of New England, who has freely and unstintedly given his criticisms and assistance.

The interest and coöperation of the Plympton descendants has been nearly universal.

For pecuniary aid I wish to thank Mr. Jas. A. Dupee, Mr. Albert Plimpton, and Mr. L. B. Plimpton. To the last named we are indebted for the fine appearance of this book.

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EXPLANATION.

The generations are separate : the families taking their relative position as in a chart.

The families only, are numbered consecutively.

The figures are placed against the name of the parent.

Figures in brackets [] after the name of a father or mother of a family, refer to that number in the preceding generation, where an account of that person may be found.

Figures in parenthesis () after a name, refer to a family in the next generation where the children of this individual are found.

Abbreviations are,—b., born ; d., died ; m , married ; unmm., unmarried ; dau., daughter, and the usual abbreviations of months, states, etc.

When no state is given in connection with the name of a town, Massachusetts may be understood.

L. B. C.

STURBRIDGE, *September*, 1884.

ORIGIN
OF THE
FAMILY OF PLYMPTON OR PLIMPTON.

In the first stage of the search we direct our attention to the town of Plympton, Devonshire, England: orthographic similarity leading to the inference that the starting point was there.

From "Magna Britanica et Hibernica Antiqua et Nova," we get the following:—Vol. 1, page 467. "*Plimouth*—ancient name Sutton, *i. e.*, South Town from its situation, and seems to have been divided into two parts, the one called Sutton Prior, and the other Sutton Valtort, because the one belonged to the Priory of Plimpton, and the other was the Lordship of the Valtorts; . . . now known only by the name of Plimouth."

Page 469. "*Plimpton*—a pretty, populous market town."

Page 507. "*Plimpton Monastery*—founded by King Edgar, or by one of the West Saxon Kings,"—were given "divers lands for the maintenance of Canons to it." . . . This house was afterwards changed by William Warlwast, Bishop of Exeter, "into a Priory of Canons Regular of St. Augustine."

Page 520. "*Borough of Plimpton*—granted by the Earl of Devon to the Bergesses of Plimpton in 1241." . . . "The *Priory* of Plimpton erected for black Canons by William Warlwast, Bishop of Exeter, was the glory of the place."

It appears from the foregoing, that a body of Monks or their Prior occupied the position of "Lord of the Manor,"—that the usual conditions for the establishment of a family deriving their surname from the name of the town, did not in this instance, exist. No evidence has been found in heraldry, or in the local histories of Devonshire, that such a family has ever resided there. Having carried the investigation in that direction to the extent here stated, it is the purpose of the writer to rest the question of

the existence of a family deriving their surname from the town of Plympton, Devonshire, England.

The family of Plumpton of Plumpton, in Yorkshire, England, is now brought forward as the probable source of all families bearing the name of Plympton or Plimpton.

The late Mr. H. N. Somerby, an eminent authority, gave the Plumpton coat of arms as Plympton, to the late Mr. Henry Plympton of Boston, previous to 1852.

Mr. W. P. W. Phillimore, a genealogist of London, writes:—“I do not think the name of Plympton is really so very rare [in England], for I take it to be synonymous with Plumpton.”

Abstracts of twelve or more wills, dated between the years 1575, and 1675, bring to our knowledge the fact that there were a number of families at that time residing in the counties of Somerset, and Devon, who were descended from the Plumptons of York.

A few instances in which the different forms of spelling the family surname were applied to the same individual or place, have been handed down from an early period.

In Rymer's *Fœdera*, Tom. 7, P. 246, A. D., 1377, occurs the names of “Priori de Plumpton,” “Johanne Vicario de Plumpton” and others. Again Tom. 9, P. 285, A. D., 1415, the name of “Johanne Priori de Plympton” and others. The documents quoted from, contain the proof that the persons mentioned were functionaries of the Priory in Devonshire, the name of which in “*Magna Britanica et Hibernica et Nova*,” is spelled Plimpton. The Vicar of 1377, was evidently the same person who was the Prior in 1415.

Rymer's *Fœdera*, Tom. 1, P. 628, A. D., 1257;—a document by Pope Alexander IV., in which he addresses,—“Our reverend brethren (a certain Archbishop and Bishops) and the beloved son Master Nicholas de Plimton, Archdeacon of Norfolk.”

In Bloomfield's *History of the county of Norfolk*, Vol. 3, page 643, Nicholas de Plumpton, Chaplain to the Pope and Rector of Dene in Essex Diocese, is mentioned as Archdeacon of Norfolk in 1260.

In Morant's *Essex*, Vol. 1, page 189, occurs the following: We find in the *Domesday Book* [1086] a parcel of land under Stondon, then called Plumptons, which was held by Ralph Peverell. Gilbert Bacun and Sabrina his wife held it in 1286, of

Dionysius de Monchensy as of her Barony of Anesty, by the name of Plimpton-hope.

More might be said upon the preceding points, but believing sufficient for any purpose desired, has been already advanced, it is proposed to proceed at once to the Historical Notices of the Family of Plumpton drawn mainly from the book called "Plumpton Correspondence," published by the Camden Society, London, 1839. The points of interest will be presented by copious extracts; matter of less value will be condensed or omitted.

The family derived its surname from the vill of Plumpton, situate within the parish of Spofforth, in the upper division of Claro wapentake, west riding of the county of York, three miles distant from the town of Knaresborough. The mesne-tenant in the vill of Plumpton in 1086, appears in Domesday Book (a record of the great survey of England) to have been Eldred de Plumpton, and to have held lands of William de Percy, at the same time when that great survey was taken in the twentieth year of the reign of William the Conqueror. But this Anglo-Saxon occupant can not (says the writer of "Historical Notices of the Family of Plumpton"), from existing evidence, be presumed to have been the ancestor of the family who had afterwards the local surname.

Before the first Sunday in Lent, in the year 1168, William de Percy made a return of the knights enfeoffed of his honour, both of ancient feoffment of the time of Henry I., that is, up to the year of his death, 1135, and of new feoffment since his death, with their nomenclature, in order that those who had not yet done leige homage, and whose names were not written in the roll of the King, might come in and do it before that Sunday.

Of the knights newly enfeoffed, he names, "Nigellus de Pluntona de I. milite."

This Nigell de Plumpton died in the fourteenth year of the reign of King John (1212); married first, Maria; married second, Juliana de Warewic, daughter of Richard de Warewic, surviving, she claimed as her dower, the third part of the vills* of Plumpton, Gersington, Idell, and Ribstaine.

*Vill, equivalent to Tything or town, was succeeded by the term of Manor. The Parish often embraced several of these petty local divisions.—L. B. C.

The earliest deed, among the ancient evidences of the family existing in 1612, was, it may be presumed, the one enrolled in the pedigree of Plumpton, as entered in the book of Richard St. George, Norroy, in his visitation of Yorkshire; it contained a grant of a tenement and two acres of land in Plumpton from Nigellus de Plumpton to Gamel, son of Elewin, his *marshal*, and had a seal attached to it with the impression of a knight on horseback holding a drawn sword, the name being circumscribed. Another deed of this first progenitor, containing a much more extensive grant to his seneschal, Robert, son of Huckman de Plompton, having attached a seal with the same impression was remaining in 1620.

“In the very ancient church of Spofford, is a most curious antique monument having a cumbent figure, placed cross-legged upon it which was most commonly passed (as there is no inscription), for the tomb of a Knight Templar of the Percy Family: because on a large shield which covers the breast of the figure, are most obviously the arms of the Percies, . . . only there is a small difference of an escallop shell inserted in the centre of each of the fusils. . . .

“But notwithstanding the local tradition concerning it, on investigating this matter in the Office of Arms (where this very monument is recorded, and a drawing preserved) it appears that the common account given of it is a mistake: and that the monument actually belongs to one of the *Plumptions*; which family was a very considerable one, and on account of their being dependents upon, and holding lands of the Percies, as mesne lords, bore the Percy arms, with the difference above mentioned in token of their subordination. . . .

“Amidst the various ancestors in the course of this long descent, one was particularly distinguished. Nigell de Plumpton, to whom William Estoteville Lord of Knaresborough, in addition to the lands held of the Percies, granted the whole lordship of Plumpton in the time of Henry II. This Nigell died in the fourteenth year of King John, and from the dress of the cumbent figure, the form of the arms, the legs being crossed, and every other circumstance in the appearance of this ancient tomb, it may fairly be considered to have been his sepulchre.” (Archæologia, Vol. vi. p. 337.)

Gilbert de Plumpton kt., brother of Nigellus, married the

daughter of Roger de Gulewast and his wife Helewis daughter of Roger de Hunton.

“In this reign” [Henry II.] (says Mr. Thomas Stapleton) “the name of Plumpton acquired a melancholy notoriety from an event, which I relate in the words of the earliest contemporary authority.” In the year 1184, while the king was sojourning at Worcester with his army, with intent to make war upon Rhys-ap-Griffin, as is mentioned above, a certain youth was brought there in fetters, *sprung of noble lineage*, and whose name was Gilbert de Plumton, whom Ranulf de Glanvil, the king’s justiciary, had in odium, and sought to put to death; laying to his charge that he had ravished a certain maiden in the king’s gift, the daughter of Roger de Guilevast, and kept her to him as his wife; and that in the night-time he broke through six doors in the abode of the girl’s father, and took from him a hunting horn and a head-stall, etc., along with the said maiden. He added, moreover, that all these things he carried off by theft and robbery; but the said youth in every point denied what was alleged concerning any violence, theft, and robbery; and upon the issue, he offered to abide the law. But Ranulf de Glanvile wishing to make away with him, because he designed to give the same maiden (whom the said Guilbert had already known after their espousals) in marriage to Reiner, Sheriff of Yorkshire, with her father’s inheritance, further exhorted those who were to try Gilbert to adjudge him to death; and so it was done, for they sentenced him to be hung; and whilst he was being led to the gibbit, intelligence was brought of the proceedings in his case to Baldwin, Bishop of the same city of Worcester. The which Bishop, though in great grief for the condemnation of the youth, was, however, exhorted by his attendants to rescue him from death. They said, that he could legally do this, because it was Sunday that same day, and upon it the Feast of Blessed Mary Magdalen. The Bishop (who was a meek and good man) acquiesced in their arguments, and having mounted on horseback, quickly rode after the executioners, who were leading the youth to the gibbit, and had now arrived at the place. Already was the youth with his hands bound behind his back, and with a green band over his eyes, and an iron-chain round his neck; the executioners being on the point of hoisting the youth up, as the Bishop arrived with a multitude of people. Having alighted from his horse, and

running up, he stationed himself by the side of the prisoner, thus exclaiming and saying, "I forbid you, on the part of God and Blessed Mary Magdalen, and under sentence of excommunication, to hang this man on this day, because today is the day of our Lord and the Feast of Blessed Mary Magdalen ; wherefore, it is not lawful for you to contaminate the day." The executioners replied, "Who are you?" and "what madness prompts you, that you have the audacity to impede the execution of the King's justice?" But the Bishop with no less firmness of heart than of speech, rejoins, "Not madness, but the clemency of heavenly pity urges me ; nor do I desire to impede the King's justice, but to warn you against an unwary act, lest by the contamination of a solemn day, you and the King incur the wrath of the eternal God." After some altercation, divine authority at length prevailed ; and at the entreaty of the Bishop he who was bound is unloosed ; nevertheless, he was delivered over to the keeper of the King's castle to safe custody, and in the morning to be led again to execution. But the Lord Almighty, who never deserts those who hope in him, through the merits of the said Bishop, granted a longer span of life to the said Guilbert. For when these matters were reported to King Henry, who, before judgment was pronounced, had withdrawn from the city, from that time forward he cherished the said Bishop with a greater love and reverence. Whereupon, immediately, on the same day, in the greatest haste, he sent his messengers to the keeper of his castle, with orders that the youth should not be hung, but kept in prison until he should learn his further will in his respect. "Be God blessed in everything, who saves those who cry unto him, and delivered Gilbert out of the hands of those who bore him malice, and rescued him from the snare of the wicked."

Gilbert was kept in prison until after the death of King Henry II., in 1189; when in the second year of Richard I. Nigel de Plumpton compounds for his brother's release and restoration to his wife and lands.

We learn that the Guilewast property in the vill, (or town) of Hunton, Richmondshire, came into possession of Gilbert de Plumpton with his wife, and by him five acres and a half of his demesne in the fields of Hunton, were given to the nuns of Marrison. In the course of another descent, (A. D., 1266) Hunton had passed into the hands of Nicholas, son of Robert de Gerdiston,

i. e., Garriston, a neighboring vill. He was called a knight by one writer (Roger de Hoveden) and we have seen in the foregoing that he was "sprung of noble lineage." It appears that Nigell and Gilbert were "native and to the manor born," at Plumpton; which proves the family occupancy at least one generation previous to them. As to descendants of Gilbert de Plumpton, the matter is left in uncertainty.

Hukman seneschal, or steward, for Nigell de Plumpton, and called Hukman de Plumpton.

SECOND GENERATION.

2. Nigell de Plumpton. [1]

Peter, son and heir of Nigell by first wife Maria, was of the party of the barons against King John, and had his lands seized; but, after the death of that monarch, he did fealty and homage to his son, and was restored.

Robert (3) succeeded his brother Peter.

Nicholas de Plumpton, Chaplain to the Pope, and archdeacon of Norfolk. In a letter from the Pope in 1257, his name is spelt Plimton.

Robert, son of Hukman; also seneschal of the Plumpton estate.

THIRD GENERATION.

3. Robert de Plumpton. [2]

Nigell (4) succeeded his father at Plumpton, and died before 1244.

William, son of Robert, son of Huckman.

FOURTH GENERATION.

4. Nigell de Plumpton. [3]

Robert (5); b. 1239, d. 1295; m. Isabella; and was the first of his family to lay aside the quaint device figured on the seals of his immediate predecessors, viz., a man riding on a lion crowned, for the armorial insignia of his lord paramount, "the Sire de Percy," d'azur a la fesse engrele d'or; which he differenced by having each fusil of the engrailed fess charged with an escalop gules.

Cecelia, daughter of William, s. of Robert, s. of Hukman, and heir of the seneschals of Plumpton; m. Sir Henry Byanfiz, who d. 1325.

FIFTH GENERATION.

5. Sir Robert Plumpton. [4]

Robert (6); m. Lucy, daughter of Sir William de Ros; he was called the eldest son, names of others not found.

Marmaduke: descended from a younger son of Hukman the seneschal, and the last one mentioned in that line.

SIXTH GENERATION.

6. Sir Robert Plumpton. [5]

Robert: m. Joan, dau. of Sir John Mauleveres, kt., but died before consummation in his father's lifetime.

William (7): m. first, before Apr. 14, 1322, Alice, dau. and heiress of Sir Henry Byanfiz [4]; m. second, 1338, Christiana, widow of Richard de Emildon. Sir William died in 1362.

Henry de Plumpton: Chaplain, at Ripon, Yorkshire.

SEVENTH GENERATION

7. Sir William Plumpton. [6]

Robert (8); b. 1341, d. 1407; m. Isabella Scrope, dau. of Henry, first Lord Scrope of Masham.

He appears to have repeatedly served in the wars of his time. In 1372 he had gone on board the King's fleet, but falling suddenly and dangerously ill, and being unable to continue his sea voyage, he was compelled to go ashore at the town of Rye: whereupon, the circumstances of his case having first been returned into the Chancery under the seal of Simon Burgh, Constable of Rochester Castle, a writ was sent to the mayor and bailiffs of the town to exonerate him from blame, and instructing them to allow him, with John Heton, his esquire, and his two valets, to return home with all his equipage unmolested. He was Constable of the Castle of Knaresborough, and Lieutenant and Master Forester of the forest of Knaresborough.

EIGHTH GENERATION.

8. Sir Robert Plumpton. [7]

William (9): b. 1362, d. 1405; m. Alice, dau. of John Gisburn, merchant of York.

Sir William Plumpton suffered death upon the scaffold for the part he took in the insurrection stirred up by his uncle Richard, Archbishop of York, whose sister, Isabella Scrope, his father had

married. He is described by a contemporary historian as "a brave and daring knight."

NINTH GENERATION.

9. Sir William Plumpton. [8]

Robert (10); b. 1383; d. Dec. 8, 1421, and was buried in Plumpton Quire, in Spofforth Church; m., Jan. 14, 1392-3, Alice, daughter and heir of Sir Godfrey Foljambe of Hassop, Derbyshire, kt.

Sir Robert Plumpton was a knight before the 15th of January, 1410-11, and as such was chosen to represent the shire of York in the Parliament which met on the 3d of November, 1411. In 1414, he was Seneschal of the Honour of Knaresborough, as also one of the Council of the King of his Duchy of Lancaster. In 1415, he was retained to serve the Duke of Bedford for life, "in peace and in war."

In 1416, 4 Henry V., Sir Robert de Plompton was Steward of the Forest of Knaresborough, as well as Seneschal of the Honour.

He was at the muster of the forces of King Henry V. at Southampton in April, 1419, and departed for the war in France, in the retinue of the Lord Fitzhugh. He was in England the last of August. But the following indenture shows him to have been at Portsmouth, with archers in his retinue, on the 12th October next ensuing, on his route to cross the sea on an expedition into France:

"This indenture, made the yeare of our soveraigne Lord King Henry the Vth after the Conquest the VIIIth, betwixt Robert of Plompton, knight, of the to party; John Fleetham, Tho. Clerke, William Chamberlaine, Robert Barden, Henry of Ripley, Robert Morton, William Cowper, Hugh Coke, of the tother party; beares witnessse that the foresaid John, Tho., Will'm Chamberlaine, Rob't Barden, Henry, Rob't of Morton, be left with the foresaid Robert as archers, for to serve the foresaid Robert for a twelve moneth, and to take for their service for the foresaid twelvemoneth for their fee, ilkane of them, xl^s, and bouch of Court, clething, & horsing; that is for to say, the foresaid Robert shall deliver unto ilkane of them a horse, and the foresaid John, Thomas, Will'm Chamberlaine, Rob't Barden, Henry & Rob't of Morton grants truly to keepe watch and ward

as langes to souldiers for to do ; and they that are att horsing of the foresaid Robert truly to pay unto him halfe the gude that they win by war ; and they that are at their own horsing, truly to pay him the third part at they win by were. And the foresaid Will'm Cowper to take for his fee ii marcs, clething, bouch of court, and a horse, and for to fulfill and pay truly, and kepe watch and ward as it is said before. And the foresaid Hugh to take of the foresaid Robert xx^s, and to serve him for the twelvenoneth like as Will'm beforesaid is beun, and truly to pay and to do all manner of covenands as it is said before. And also the foresaid John, Thomas, Will'm Chamberlaine, Rob't Barden, Henry, Rob't of Morton, William Cowper, and Hugh Coke sall serve him, as it is beforesaid, in what were he goes, to the twelvenoneth fully be ended. In to the witnes of this, the parties beforesaid have setta their sealls. Written att Porchmouth, the xiiith day of October, the yeare of our soveraigne Lord the King beforesaid."

Sir Robert Plumpton died the following year. It was a tradition in the family that he was slain in France, his death occurring abroad at the time of the siege of Meaux.

Richard ; died in the city of York, 1443 ; unm. George ; in the service of the church. Thomas ; died July 14, 1420 ; unm. Bryan ; died before 1423 ; unm. Isabell ; m. Mch. 10, 1424-5, Sir Stephen Thorpe of Gowsel or Goxhill, in the county of Lincoln, kt. Katherine ; m. — Chadderton of Chadderton Hall, Oldham, Lancashire.

The following is a copy of a letter sent by Katherine to her brother :

To Master George Plumpton at Bolton Abbey :

My best brother, I am sory by my troth that I shall nott see you, and cum thus far as to York. God knoweth my intent was not for no great gud that I thought to desire, but I wott well now ye trusted the contrary. But, brother, it is not unknowne that I am right sickly, and my hart wold have bene gretly comforted to have spoken with you ; but I trow, and so doth my daughter, that ye be displeased, denyeing that my writing afore, because she desired a booke of you. And as ever I be saved, she praied me write for either salter or primmer ; and my hosband said, halfe apley, prey my brother to gett somewhat to my new chappell. God wot he ment neither gold nor silver, but some other thing for

said awter. But I had knowne ye wold have bene displeased, I wold not have writt, for as much as I have speuled my best brother. My sister Dame Isabell liveth as heavy a life as any gentlewoman borne, the which cause me I faired never well sence I saw her last month. Hous such, hath nether woman nor maide with her, but herselfe alone. And her hosband cometh all day to my hosband, and seyeth the feyrest langage that ever ye hard. But all is rong, he is ever in trouble, and all the ivy on earth hath she whan my hosband cometh to her; she sweareth there is noe creature she loveth better. Also, brother, I beseech you intirely, if there be any goodly yong woman, that is a good woman of her body and pay, iiii and xx or more, (and I would have one of my owne kin an theare were any), for my selfe and deare brother, and ye or any for you can espie, I beseech you to gitt her for me, as hastily as you may, sounne upon Easter, and it may be. I can no more for great hast of my jorny, but I beseech the blessed Trinitie with all the saints in heaven give me grace to se you, or I die, to Gods pleasure and your bodyly heale. And, brother, I yede to the lord Scroope to have sene my lady; and be my trothe, I stood thear a large houre, and yet I might neither se lord nor ladye; ad the strangest cheare, that ever I had, of my Mistres Darse, and yet I had 5 men in a suit: there is no such 5 men in in his house, I dare say.

Be your sister,

KA: CHADYRTON.

The above letter presents a somewhat curious picture of the social habits of the time. We learn from it that an old, infirm priest had with characteristic selfishness, at a time when founding chantries for the good of souls absorbed the wealth of the dying, refused to give even a psalter or primmer to his niece, or to make any present to his brother-in-law's chapel, and had even quarrelled with his sister for making the request. We hear also of a knight's lady left without a single female attendant, and of an inquiry for a poor kinswoman to be hired, if she be strong and can work for her pay. And lastly, we have a Dame with five servants in her train made to dance attendance for an hour in the ante-chamber of a greater lady, and then dismissed, after receiving but strange cheer from the daughter of the house, though the parties were closely connected by ties of kindred, in fact cousins in the second degree.

TENTH GENERATION.

10. Sir Robert Plumpton. [9]

William (11); b. Oct. 7, 1404, d. Oct. 15, 1480; m. first, Elizabeth, dau. of Sir Bryan Stapilton kt.; m. second, Joan, dau. of Thomas Wintringham of Wintringham Hall, Knaresborough. Shortly after attaining his majority, he set out for the wars in France; from which service he had returned but just before 28 Sept. 9 Hen. VI. 1430, being then a knight.

Sir William Plumpton was Seneschal and Master Forester of the Honour and Forest, and Constable of the Castle, of Knaresborough. The Correspondence of Sir William Plumpton, any more than the facts elicited in the memoir, presents his character in no very favorable light. He added to his vast wealth, and raised himself to some degree of eminence; a strong proof of which may be found in the license he obtained from King Edward IV. to embattle his manor-place at Plumpton, and to enclose a park there, with liberty of warren and chase. The edifice thus built is noticed by the antiquary Leland in his Itinerary, in these words: "From Gnarresborrow over Nid river almost al by wood a mile to Pluntone, where is a park and a fair house of stone with 2 toures longging to the same." At the visitation of St. George Norroy, in 1612, there was remaining in the Hall at Sir Edward Plumpton's, this shield, "quarterly, Plumpton and Foljambe, impaling Stapleton with the mullet," the armorial bearings of this Sir William Plumpton and his first wife Elizabeth Stapleton. In the chapel were the coats, Plumpton impaling Clifford—Darell impaling Plumpton—Hamerton impaling Plumpton—and "Argent, a fess between three wolves heads erased Gules:" perhaps, the arms of office of the Master Forester of Knaresborough Forest.

By deed of the 20th Feb 19, Hen. VI., 1441-2, Henry Earl of Northumberland and Lord of the Honour of Cockermouth, appointed Sir William Plumpton, knight, to be Seneschal of all his manors and lordships in the county of York for the term of his life, with an annual fee of 10^{li}; to which, 1 Nov. 26, Hen. VI., 1447, was added for his good services a second 10^{li} per annum, issuing out of the manor of Lethelay in Co. York. In 1448 he was Sheriff of the county of York, and in 1452 of the counties of Nottingham and Derby. In 1456 Sir William Plumpton rode northward with the forces mustered by the Earl of Northumber-

land, for the purpose of making an incursion upon the Scottish borders ; and upon the breaking out of the wars of the Roses, he, as a matter of course, sided with his suzerain and master, the said Earl of Northumberland, and with him fought in support of the House of Lancaster.

After Edward had assumed the title of King, and during the time he was on his march into the North, to enter into conflict with the partisans of the dethroned monarch, these two mandates addressed by Henry VI. to Sir William Plumpton, kt., followed in rapid succession. The first, "tested at York, 12 March, 39th of our reign," contains an order for Sir Richard Tunstall, kt., Sir Thomas Fresham, kt., and Sir William Plumpton, kt., to summon all leige men of the forest or demesne of Knaresburg, to sit with them to meet the enemy ; the second, "geven under our signet, at our cyty of York, the thirteenth day of March," straitly charges "our trusty and well beloved knight, Sir William Plumpton," to repair to the royal presence with his array in all haste possible. On the 29th of the same month, being Palm Sunday, Sir William Plumpton was present at the decisive battle of Towton, otherwise Saxton field ; where William, his son and heir apparent, it seems, was slain, and he himself either made prisoner by the enemy on that day, or driven by the adverse fortune of his party shortly afterwards to throw himself on the mercy of Edward. Upon giving bonds he obtained protection from Edward IV. ; but when the bond was due he delivered himself up and was imprisoned in the Tower of London. He was afterwards tried before the Great Constable of England on a false charge of treason, and acquitted. He was restored to his offices and employments. The following letter is in illustration of the rural life in those days.

LETTER XIV.

"Unto my Worshipfull Master, Sir William Plumpton, Knight.

"Right Worshipfull Maister, I recommend me unto you, praying you that you will cause the clothe that the wooll was packed in for to come againe with the shipp, for I borrow it wheare that ye saw that I borrow it ; of that of your servants aforetime have borrowed two pack-clothes and other geare, which they had never againe : letting you understand that I have given the shipman of his hier x^s, and he for to have his whole payment, when he deliver the goods which he received, which is xxxiiij^s. iiij^d. Whearfore I

pray you that ye see that he be content of the said some, for I am nott in store att this time of money for to gett your harvest with, withoutyn I might gett it of your tenaunts, or ells for to take of your shepe silver, and that I ware right lothe for to do—letting you witt alsoe that I have bene in the Peake and theare I cannott gett no money of Harry Fulgiam, nor of John of Tor, nor no other one that owes you, but if I shold take of your cattell, and so I think for to do; for I have no oxen to gette your corne with, nor none I cannott gett carryed, for every man is soe busie with their owne: for whether is so latesum in this cuntry, that men can neither well gett corne nor hay—letting you witt that your tenant Nichole Bristow hath not gotten but xii foder of hay, and it is naught good, and the corne-land is overflotin with water—letting you witt that I have gotten the hay in Hēsthornemeen that was left after lannuas day, as ye comanded me for to do—letting you witt that I have a counter-pais wheith of the wheight stone that the wooll was weyed with, and that ye se that the stone be kept that the shipman brings. Also letting you witt that I delivered the shipman viij paire of blanketts, that is not in the bill indented, and a hanging of old linen cloth that the coverletts are trussed in—letting you witt that I was on St. Lawrence day att Melton with iiijx of your shepe to sell, and could sell none of them, but if I wold have selled xx of the best of them for xiiij^d a peece, and therefore I selled none—letting you witt that I sent unto you with William Plompton and with William Marley v^{li}, and also xxv^s which was borrowed of Bryan Smith, which I must pay againe, and therefore I am not perveyed of money for to get your harvest with—also that you gar the malt be windowd, or it be laid in any garners, for ells there will brede wyvolls in it, for I could not gett it windowd before it went to the ship, because that I could not gett no helpe, and therefore I upheaped with a quarter, xxi quarters for xx quarters; and also six of your cheeses hase two marks that I know be the best of them. Noe more I write to you at this time but that the Holy Trinity have you ever in his keeping. Written in hast by your servant Thomas Billop att Kinalton, the Munday afore St. Bartholomew day, 9^o Edw. 4." (21st Aug., 1469.)

Kinalton was a seat of Sir William Plumpton's in the county of Nottingham.

The following is a list of the manors held by Sir William

Plumpton :—Plumpton, Garsington in Craven, Idill, Steton, Kynalton, Chaddesden, Derley, Stainton, Edinsor, Pillesly, Hassop, Wormehill, Chelmerton, Okbrook, and property or estates in Hurdlow, Flagfield, Queston, Cumbes, Martinside Betfield, Tidswall, Castleton, Wardlow, Rowland, Baukewell, Calton Lees, Beley, Broughton, Twyford, Spouden, Newbold, and Lokhaw in the county of Derby, Crakemarsch, and Combrig in the county of Stafford, Mansfield, Woodhouse, Hykling, Owthorp, and Colston in the county of Nottingham, &c.

Godfrey (12); d. 1486; m. Alice, dau. of Thomas Wintringham, sister of Joan; Knaresburg.

Robert; known only by his father's deeds of settlement; it is suggested that perhaps he removed to Somerset county and was the ancestor of some families there. This Robert de Plumpton appears to be the first one found in the line unaccounted for.

Joan; wife of William Slingsby, Esq., of Scriven, Co. York.

Alice; wife of John Grene, gent.

ELEVENTH GENERATION.

11. Sir William Plumpton. [10]

Robert; b. March 8, 1430-1, d. July 20, 1450.

William (13); b. Feb 28, 1435-6, d. March 29, 1461, slain at the battle of Towton; m. 1453 Elizabeth, dau. of Thomas Lord Clifford and of Westmoreland.

Joan, wife of Thomas Middleton, gent.

Elizabeth, wife of Sir William Beckwith, of Clint, Co. York.

Agnes, wife of Sir Richard Aldburg, of Aldburg, Co. York.

Margeret; m. first, Sir Geo. Darell; m. second, John Nevill.

Alice; m. Richard Goldsborough, of Goldsborough, York.

Isabell; m. Sir Stephen Hammerton.

Katherine; m. first, William Lord Zouch and St. Maur; m. second, Sir Gilbert Debenham.

Sir William Plumpton had issue by second wife Joan Wintringham.

Robert (14); b. 1453; d. 1523; m. first, 1477, Agnes, dau. of William Gascoigne, d. 1504; m. second, 1505, Elizabeth, dau. of Ralph Lord Nevill, son and heir apparent of Ralph, Earl of Westmoreland.

Within two years after his father's death, Sir Robert Plumpton, when serving with the Earl of Northumberland, was knighted by

the Duke of Gloucester in Hoton-field beside Berwick, 22 Aug. 22, Edward IV., 1482; and, in company of the same Earl, he rode to meet King Henry VII. in his progress towards York, in the first year of his reign.

He received the thanks of King Henry VII. for his service in suppressing the insurrection of the commons of Yorkshire in 1489.

In May, 1492, Sir Robert Plumpton was present at the battle of Ackworth, and demeaned himself so well as again to merit the special thanks of the Sovereign "for his good and agreeable service in this last commotion."

Immediately after the death of his father, he was confirmed in the offices of Constable of the Castle of Knaresborough and of Master Forester, as well as in the Stewardship of the Lordship of Spofford.

The "notorious Empson" instituted proceeding in law in the title of the heirs-general, which ultimately reduced Sir Robert Plumpton to poverty, and imprisonment for debt. The death of Sir Richard Empson at the hands of the executioner in 1510, opened the doors to a compromise of the protracted suit; a course which had become a matter of necessity to Sir Robert Plumpton, and in the award of referees he was confirmed in the possession of Plumpton, and the ancient residence of that knightly race.

12. Godfrey Plumpton. [10]

Sir Richard, a Priest, and a correspondent of Sir Robert Plumpton. George; not farther known. John; not accounted for in the Plumpton Book. Edward; wife Agnes; Secretary to Lord Strange, son of the Earl of Derby, and general attorney to Sir Robert Plumpton. It is not certainly known that he was a son of Godfrey Plumpton, and he appears to have resided in London or vicinity.

13. William Plumpton, Esq. [11]

Margaret; b. 1459; wife of Sir John Rocliffe. Elizabeth; b. 1460-1; wife of Sir John Sotehill.

TWELFTH GENERATION.

14. Sir Robert Plumpton. [11]

William (15); b. 1485, d. July 11, 1547; m. 1496 Isabelle or Elizabeth, dau. of Robert Babthorpe, gent., Esq., son and heir.

Robert (16); called of Knaresborough. Marmaduke; not farther known. Edmund; died before his father. Nigell (17); resided at Plumpton or vicinity. Joan; m. Sir Richard Mauleverer. Margaret; m. Arther Eyre. Anne; m. Germain Pole. Eleanor; m. Henry Arderne. Dorothy; m. Henry Arthington. Elizabeth; m. Richard York. Clare and Magdalen.

THIRTEENTH GENERATION.

15. William Plumpton, Esq. [14]

Robert (18); b. Jan. 17, 1515-6, d. 1546; m. Sept. 2, 1538, Anne, dau. of John Norton, Esq.; son and heir. Dennis; (19); b. 1519, d. 1596; m. Ursula, dau. of Richard Aldburgh.

16. Robert Plumpton [14]

William, of Adlethorpe. Robert (20); b. 1553, d. 1613; of Harrowgate.

17. Nigell, or Nicholas, Plumpton. [14]

John; b. about 1525, and may have been the one of that name at Wincanton, in Somerset County, who made his will in 1590,—legacies to the church and poor of the parish,—Christian Plumpton, wife, to have the benefit of the property during her life, after which to go to "Nicholas Plumpton son of my brother Robert," &c. Robert (21); was a servant of his uncle William Plumpton, Esq., before the death of the latter in 1547.

FOURTEENTH GENERATION.

18. Robert Plumpton. [15]

William (29); b. Jan. 17, 1543, d. Jan. 7, 1601-2; m. first, Mary, dau. of William Vavasor; m. second, Anne, dau. of Edward Griffin, attorney general to Queen Mary; son and heir.

William Plumpton made his will 7 Jan., 44 Eliz., 1601-2, by which he enjoined his body to be buried in Plumpton Quire in Spofforth church, and gave to Ann his wife, 100^{li} and a third of all his goods. To Peter his son for life, and to his wife, his executors and assigns, for twenty-one years after his decease, all the lands he bought of John Acclome, Esq., in Kirkeby-super-Wharfe, and the Ings there, called Horrington Ings, he paying no rent during life, and they 8^{li} during the term. To Thomas, his son, such part of the said Manor of Kirkeby-super-Wharfe as he bought of William Fairfax, Esq., and Francis his brother, in

like form. To John, his son, all that part of the said Lordship which did descend unto him, in like form, save that the rent for the term was to be but 6^{li}, and if this were controlled, then to have all those lands which he (the testator) bought of Robert Moreton, Esq., and Robert his son, in Waterton in the county of Lincoln. To Richard, his son, one burgage in Knaresborough, called Winttingham Hall, and an annuity of 12^{li} out of Waterton, after the death of his wife. "To my son William one annual rent of 20^{li} out of Waterton, after the death of Anne Plumpton my wife." To his daughter Clare he bequeathed 200 marks; and if she depart not from his son and heir, then to have meat, drink, &c., and 5^{li} for apparel. To his daughters, Elizabeth, Frances and Luce, 8^{li} yearly till they married or accomplished the age of twenty-four years, and then portions of 400^{li} each, or 200^{li} if their marriage was without the consent of their mother. The real estate except the manor of Sacomb in the county of Hertford (afterwards sold to Sir Phillip Boteler of Woodhall, kt., and the lands in Kirkeby-super-Wharfe above named) to remain settled to the uses declared by the deed of 8 Jan., 1576-7, viz.: first to his issue males, and in default, to his issue females, "so as the said issues females pay to Clare Plompton, my daughter, 200^{li}," with remainders as to the manors of Plumpton and Rudfarlington to Richard Plumpton son of Dennis Plumpton, to William Plumpton, late of Adlethorpe, to Robert P., brother of William, to John P., son of Nigel P., and to Robert, brother of John, successively, in strict tail male, and, in default, to the right heirs of Edward Plumpton his son forever. To Anne, his wife, he gave his manor of Usflet for her life; and after her decease, and after the death of Frances, wife of his son Edward Plumpton [whose jointure of the capital messuage of Rudfarlington and 40^{li} per annum was to surcease at the death of Anne] the same manor, together with the reversion of the lands in Kirkeby-super-Wharfe, was to remain to his son Edward and his heirs male, &c. His armour, his best horse, and all his goods and chattels at Plumpton, he gave to his eldest son, and appointed his brother Edward Griffin supervisor, with a legacy of 10^{li}, and a gelding of 10^{li} price. Lastly, he made Anne Plumpton his wife sole executrix, and if she intermarried, or refused probate, then Francis Smith of Ashley Folvile and Francis Smith his grandchild, William Middleton, Esq., of Stockeld, Thomas Ingleby and William Metcalfe of the Inner Temple, to be executors, and to

every of them he gave 5 marks. "Item. 20 nobles to bee dealt to the poore on the day of my funerall." Six days after executing this testament, viz., on the 13th January, William Plumpton died, being the Wednesday next before the Feast of St. Anthony, his birth-day, when he would have completed his fifty-eighth year, and was buried at Spofforth.

Anne; m. Anthony Moreton. Mary; m. Edmund Thirland. Isabel.

19. Dennis Plumpton. [15]

Richard; b. 1548 or 9, no further knowledge of him.

20. Robert Plumpton. [16]

Thomas; b. 1575 or 80. Henry; b. 1580. Edward; b. 1585. Ellen and Dorothy.

21. Robert Plumpton. [17]

Nicholas; probably the legatee mentioned in the will of John of Wincanton, Somerset Co. Chrispean; also legatee of her Uncle John.

22. Thomas Plumpton of London, gentleman, d. 1610; wife, a daughter of William Palfrey of Broadmere, Somerset Co. Mentions in his will, "My brother, John Plumpton (23), of Buttesleigh, Devonshire Co., my sister, Johanna Palenis, Somerset, my cousin, Harrie Plumpton (24), Salter of London, and my cousin, Mary Plumpton.

23. John Plumpton, Clerk, Parson of Buttesleigh, Devonshire, d. 1616-17; wife, Mary; no children; witnesses to his will were John Halicombe, Peter Plumpton and Mary Plumpton.

24. Henry Plumpton (30), Citizen and Salter of London, born at Chard, Somerset Co. The Plumpton coat of arms was granted to the "Honorable Plumpton, Citizen and Salter of London," and recorded in the Herald's Book. In his will, dated 1638, he mentions his "loving friend and cousin, Thomas Plumpton [22], who died in 1610."

25. James Plympton, Jr., of Swanston, Devonshire, yeoman; wife, Alice, daughter of William Moore. His will, dated 25th of January, 1612, mentions "my daughter, Jane Plympton," "my brother, Thomas Plympton," Mary Plympton, Anne Plympton, "my sisters," and his father, James.

26. Robert Plympton of Stowey, Somerset county; will dated 1658, mention of "my first son William and his four children;" sons Robert and Anthony, and grandson Robert Plympton.

27. Thomas Plumpton of Cricket Malherbie, Somerset Co., yeoman; wife, Isett; his son Thomas having died several years previous, his will, dated April 10, 1672, gave his property to "my kinsman John Gregory," and his mother the daughter of my brother John Plumpton, deceased.

28. John Plumpton of Bermundsey, Southwark, Surry, mariner; wife, Grace, three children, John, Elizabeth and Mary, will dated Sept. 4, 1661.

FIFTEENTH GENERATION.

29. William Plumpton, Esq. [18]

Robert, d. young; Ellen; Mary.

Edward (31); b. 1581, d. 1654; m. first, 1599, Frances, daughter of William Arthington of Arthington, d. before 1644; m. second, Frances, daughter of William Chamney, d. 1663; Knight. Sir Edward Plumpton was the transcriber of the family Evidences, from which the Historical Notices of the Family of Plumpton were compiled. Copies of over two hundred and thirty-five letters still remain. He was very much impoverished by the Civil War, in which with zealous loyalty so many Catholic families embarked life and fortune.

Thomas; b. about 1585; m. Mary Buskeld, and had by the will of his father a portion of the manor of Kirkeby-super-Wharfe, "a parish in the liberties of St. Peter, and of Pontefract," county of York.

Peter; d. 1621, at Waterton, and was buried "in the Isle of Axholm" (name of the church). He was married, but is said to have left no children.

John; b. about 1590, and had by the will of his father, "All that part of the said Lordship [Kirkeby-super-Wharfe] which did descend unto him" [the testator], "in like form;" [*i. e.*, to John his son for life, and to his wife, his executors and assigns, for twenty-one years after his decease], "and if this be controlled, then to have all those lands which he (the testator) bought of Robert Morton, Esq., and Robert his son, in Waterton in the county of Lincoln." Waterton was the name of an estate in the

Parish of Luddington, and not far from Gainesborough; the Parish church was called Isle of Axholm.

It may be that this John was the father of the one of the same name who emigrated to New England. All the facts and circumstances in each case, are completely fitted to the other, and there is nothing known to the writer bearing adversely upon such a theory.

William; m. Mary Lovick; of Dranefield, and of North Edge, Co. Derby, gent.

Richard; d. young. Clare; Elizabeth; m. John Ellis of Rowell, York. Frances; Lucy.

30. Henry Plumpton. [24]

Andrew; b. about 1600, d. 1667; wife, Mary; children, Richard, William, Andrew, Margaret, Elizabeth and Mary. Resided at New Windsor, Co. Berks.

Henry; brother of Andrew; wife, Chrispean; was a legatee of his father Henry, Citizen and Salter of London.

SIXTEENTH GENERATION.

31. Sir Edward Plumpton. [29]

William and Francis, d. in infancy; Catherine; Anne; Henry, d. an infant.

John (32); b. 1604-5, d. 1644; m. Anne, daughter of Richard Townley, of Townley, Co. Lane; eldest surviving son and heir. He was a Captain in the Royal Army and was mortally wounded at the battle of Marston Moor, July 4, 1644. Mary; William, b. 1607, d. 1609-10.

Robert; b. 1608, d. 1613. Anthony; b. 1609, d. a prisoner in York Castle in 1659.

Edward (33); b. 1610; m. Anne, daughter of Anthony Morgan. Frances, a nun.

Francis, d. an infant; Charles, b. 1613, d. 1614; William, b. and d. 1611.

SEVENTEENTH GENERATION.

32. Capt. John Plumpton. [31]

Edward, b. at London, 1629, d. at Nocton Abbey in Lincolnshire; no children. John, b. 1630; and Peter, b. 1632, d. in infancy. Robert (34); b. 1643-4; m. 1665, Anne, dau. of William Middleton, Esq.; heir to his grandfather, Sir Edward Plumpton.

Jane, b. 1634; Frances, b. about 1636. Mary, d. 1639; Clare and Agnes, d. in infancy.

33. Edward Plumpton. [31]

Edward, d., no children; William, Anne, George and Barbara were living in 1662. Mary, Frances, Lucy and Francis d. young.

EIGHTEENTH GENERATION.

34. Robert Plumpton, Esq. [32]

John, b. 1668, d. 1676; Robert (35), b. —; m. first, Ann, dau. and heir of Nathaniel West, of the family of the Lords de la Warr, d. 1705; m. second, Julianna, dau. of Thomas Appleby, Esq., of Linton-upon-Ouse, widow of Rowland White, Esq., d. 1708; m. third, Isabell Anderton.

Anne, b. 1667; wife of Thomas Cholmeley.

NINETEENTH GENERATION.

35. Robert Plumpton, Esq. [34]

John (36), b. 1693; m. Elizabeth, dau. of Sir John Gascoigne of Parlington, Bart.

Robert, b. 1693, twin with John; Elizabeth, wife, first, of Marmaduke Anne; second, of William Knight; Ann, b. 1694, d. 1695; Mary, b. 1696, d. 1702-3; Ann, b. 1697, a Benedictine Nun at Cambray.

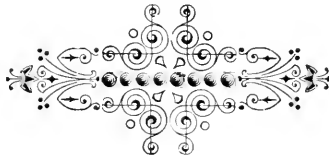
Cicely, b. 1699-1700; Jane, twin with Cicely, d. 1726; Frances, b. 1702, wife of George Palmes.

TWENTIETH GENERATION.

36. John Plumpton, Esq. [35]

Robert; b. 1721, d. 1749; no children; the last of his line, conformed to Protestantism, but returned again to the faith of his ancestors. He died at Cambray, in France, unmarried, 8th Aug., 1749, to which place he had gone to confer with his aunt Anne, a Benedictine Nun, who recovered him to the Catholic Church. After his death, the estate of Plumpton, then reckoned worth about 700^l a year, was sold by Mrs. Anne Plumpton and her coparceners to Daniel Lascelles, Esq., who, designing to make it his seat, pulled down Plumpton Hall (or Plumpton Tower as it was frequently called), and formed about its site extensive pleasure grounds; but, after having begun the erection of a new

building, he desisted and went to live at Goldsborough Hall another of his purchases, on the opposite side of the river Nidd, and which, like Plumpton, had once been the residence of a knightly family. From this gentleman descends Edward Lascelles, Earl of Harewood, Lord Lieutenant of the West Riding of Yorkshire, the present owner of the lordship and domain of Plumpton.



THE FIRST GENERATION IN AMERICA
BEARING THE NAME OF
PLIMPTON, PLYMPTON, OR PLUMPTON.

I. John (5); b. about 1620. His birth-place has not been found. A few facts having a bearing, appear to indicate that he originated within the limits of a section of England, of which the county of Cambridge and of Lincoln is central. He received a good education, and early in life accepted the religious views of the Puritans, and thereby rendered himself exceedingly obnoxious to his family who were zealously Catholic. The treatment which he received from his aristocratic and bigoted relatives, led to a precipitate self-expatriation; and secretly, without registration, he left the cherished shores of his nativity. He landed in New England not only penniless, but also indebted for the expense of his passage.

In cutting himself loose so utterly from all his relatives, he appears to have carefully preserved a link of family names among his children.

At Roxbury, in the Colony of Massachusetts Bay, the 22 (11) 1640, [January 22, 1641], Dr. George Alcocke made his will, in which he gave "To my servant John Plympton his time from after mid-summer, for five pounds." Whatever the contract, it appears the one party had advanced some value, for which an equivalent was due. It may be inferred that John Plympton was one of that class of emigrants who, by indenture, served a certain length of time to pay their passage from Old England to New England.

The several items from the Church Records at Dedham, were transcribed and forwarded by Miss Lucy E. Eaton.

"John Plympton was received into y^r church 20^d, 11^m, 1642." [January 20, 1643]; and according to the rules, at that time, of

admission into the church, it appears he must have resided in Dedham one year or more previous to that date.

May 10, 1643, he was admitted freeman of the Colony at Dedham; the name being printed Plunton.

The same year, 1643, he joined the "Incorporated Artillery Company," at Boston, an organization that has existed until the present day; known as "The Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company." He was the seventeenth on the enlistment of that year, and it is supposed that he trained in that Company for many years.

He was married at Dedham, 1644. The record runs thus:—"1644, John Plympton and Jane Dammin were married the 13 of 1 mo." [March 13, 1644.]

In the spring of 1635, there came over to New England, in the ship Elizabeth & Ann, Abigail, aged 35, formerly wife and widow of one Dammant, and now the wife of John Eaton; with her were her children, "Jane Dammand, aged 9," Marie Eaton, aged 4, and Thomas Eaton, 1. Her husband John Eaton, and her son John Dammant came aboard after the vessel left port, or preceded them in another vessel. They settled in Dedham.

"Jane Damat y^e daughter of our sister Eaton of y^e ~~X~~[church] of Watertowne was received into y^e church y^e same day, y^e 4th of y^e 10th month 1640."

"John Damat received into y^e fellowship of y^e church 9^d, 1^m, 1645."

"Hannah y^e daughter of o^r brother Joh. Plympton & his wife Jane, our sister, was baptised 16^d, 1^m, 1645."

"John y^e sone of o^r brother John Plympton and Jane his wife was baptised 5^d, 2^m, 1646."

"John y^e son of o^r brother John Damat was baptised 5^d, 6^m, 1649."

"John y^e sone of o^r br. John Plympton was baptised y^e 23^d, 4^m, 1650."

"Peter y^e sone of o^r br. John Plympton was baptised y^e same day y^e 7^d, 1^m, 1652."

In this connection, the following abstract of John Eaton's will may be appropriate:

"John Eaton of Dedham, though sicke, yet sound in memory, doe make this my Last Will: I giue unto Abigail my wife, the free use of my parlor in my now dwelling house, & the Leantoe

thereunto adjoining, and all the household stuff at present in them, to her use all the time she shall remain a widdow. . . . I give to John Dammant, of Reading, £5; to John Plympton, of Meadfield, £5; unto Edward Hodsman, my kinsman, 40s. . . . My sone and my two daughters to pay to my wife, their mother, that £6 per annum, as above written. I nominate Abigail, my wife, to be my executrix. 2: 9: 1658."

his
JOHN X EATON.
mark.

The inventory amounted to £392, 10s., exclusive of lands to the value of fifty pounds or more—at that time a large estate.

At the time of the marriage of John Plympton and Jane Dammant, Dedham was a remote plantation of about eight years growth. It was entirely surrounded by vast forests, inhabited not only by wild beasts and savage men, but according to the superstitions of that time filled with hobgoblins, and mysterious monsters. In common with Concord and Sudbury, it was therefore peculiarly exposed to the incursions of the savages. Starting from the western outskirts of the Roxbury plantation, a "cartway" penetrates the forest a few miles and terminates at Dedham. Notwithstanding the road is rough and uneven, the solitary traveler will hurry breathlessly along. With gun in hand he looks anxiously to the right, and to the left, trying to penetrate with his vision far into the thicket. He arrives at a village situated in a clearing of fertile, but only partially subdued, soil. His attention will be likely to be first drawn to the public buildings. The "meeting-house" is an edifice of rude construction, thirty-six feet by twenty, and twelve feet in the stud. The roof is thatched with long grass, with a large ladder resting upon it. In this infant town, "society is harmonious, and religious interest in a thriving condition." Next to religion and social order, learning is the object nearest the hearts of these Puritans. Twenty pounds per annum, and the income of certain lands, have been unanimously appropriated for the support of a free school. The school-house, standing near the meeting-house, has a small watch-tower upon top, built against the ample chimney, which overlooks the village and the surrounding plain. Let us go back in imagination to the close of an autumn day in the year 1645. Mounting the watch-tower, we find John Plympton himself on duty there. In the morning of life, strong, eagle-eyed, he peers

anxiously about for the first token of hostility from the lurking enemy that inhabits the surrounding forest. For the occasion he is dressed in the uniform of the military company of Boston, to which he belongs. A taste of freedom, and the sweets of self-government have their legitimate effect in imparting somewhat of dignity to his bearing, as he reflects that he is one of the aristocratic few whose vote rules this whole colony, and who ordered the building of this house and appropriated means for the support of a *free school*. Looking out, there is the "training field," set off for that purpose last year; and spreading away to the southward, surrounded by a fence of poles, lies the "common tillage field" of two hundred acres on which the year before that, each proprietor's lot had been staked by a committee. The surface is uneven and thickly dotted with stumps. In spots may be seen marks of improvement, and some fair crops have been grown. Along the north side of the street, stand the houses of the settlers. Most of them are thatched with long grass, and a ladder, standing on the ground rests upon the roof of each. The inflammable character of the roofing material, with the wide, open-mouthed chimneys, affording free passage for the sparks, makes frequent ignition inevitable. Indeed, it requires the utmost vigilance to save the entire settlement from being swept away in one conflagration. Hence the ladder arrangement is by order of the town, and it is one of the duties of the watchman in the tower, by day or night, to give instant warning of the appearance of fire. As day draws to a close, our solitary watcher sees the little plantation alive with industry. Mounted herdsmen, shouting boys, and barking dogs are collecting from "the common" the horses, cattle, and sheep to be folded for the night. The quiet cows cropping the herbage along the street willingly turn to their several homes where the strong-handed, industrious wives and daughters quickly fill their foaming pails; and soon from every chimney the increasing smoke hints of the approaching evening meal. Along the "foot-path" from the grist-mill on "Mather Brook" comes the miller heavily laden with the day's "toll." Amid this peaceful scene appear also armed men, "the careful and daily scouts" returning from ranging the woods. Some gather round and follow them to their homes, to listen to their adventures, and learn if they have seen any tokens of the dreaded presence of their lurking foes. Attentive to every sight and

sound, the watchman has not failed also to observe the brisk movements of the busy young wife at his home not far away. When her last chore is done, turning towards the tower she cheerily responds to his waving hand, and retires within the carefully bolted door.

And now night closes in; the variegated colors of the autumn woods grow dusky and dim; and dark, suspicious shadows gather thickly along the borders of the clearing. As John Plympton looks out over that black expanse of forest and thinks of the unknown mysteries and dangers hidden there, he is reminded of the more closely hidden mystery of coming years, and anxious forebodings of the future destiny of himself and family may well oppress his heart. We can imagine that at such a time homesickness might creep over the young Puritan with an intense longing for the "fatherland."

But these silent hours of darkness, these self-denying hardships and responsibilities, these anxious cares, this steady performance of duty in whatever circumstances, are lessons for his life, each helping to form that sturdy character which made him worthy in after life to be called "the brave Old Sergeant."

As indications of thrift while the Plymptons resided in Dedham, we have the following:

Suff. Reg. of Deeds. (Copy—abstract.)

Eleazer Lusher of Dedham, in consideration of fyve [shillings] the acre in hand received—granted John Plympton of Dedham, two acres of Meadow in Fowle formerly purchased of Capt. Atherton, being bounded w^h John Frarie on the south, a small river on the west, Peter Woodward on the north, & a hilly prsel [parsel] of land towards the east, with provision of redemption as in the foregoing bill of purchase is expressed. Sealed & dd in prs^e of Nathan Allen, Joshua Fisher, (date) 20 (9) 1646.

Same date, 20, (9) 1646, Capt. Humphrey Atherton of Dorchester, deeds to Eleazer Lusher, by two deeds (page 120, vol. 1) —64 acres of Meadow land in Dorchester; and Lusher deeds to Robert Fuller 2 acres; Nathan Allen, 4; John Plympton, 2; John Dwight, 10; George Barber, 8; Robert Hinsdale, 6; Edward Kemp, 6; John Frarie, 10; and Peter Woodward, 10 acres.

The witnesses to Nathan Allen's deed are Joshua Fisher and John Plympton.

Suff. Reg. Deeds, Lib. 1, P. 83, 84.

20, (7), 1647, [84.] John Batchel^r for & in consideration of 2 cowes sould to him & John Plimton for 14^{ll} granted unto Tho: Dudley, Dep^t Gov^r, his dwelling house in Dedham wth all the out houses & ground thereto adjoining being 16 acres inclosed, of w^{ch} 4 acres is meddow, uppon this condition that said Batchel^r & Plimton shall pay 35^s in good dry wheate & sound the first of May next, & 35^s in butter the 16th of 7^{her}, 1648; & so the like summes & like pay each 1 (3) & 16, (7) successively after the year 48. The butter to be salted up in a vessell, & the wheate to be valued as it is worth the 16 (1) before the delivery. . . . They may pay half in cheese instead of butter. . . .

Dated, 16 (7^{her}), 1647. Acknowledged, the same day, before the Governor.

With what success they met the obligation of payments of "wheate," butter, and cheese can not now be known. From an unsubdued, and not very productive soil, exposed to constant depredations of wild beasts and vermin, gains must have been small. It is not strange, therefore, that when the people of Dedham (formerly called Contentment) began to feel cramped for room "by other towns and rocky lands," John Plympton is found on the list of those who assembled October 14, 1649. "for the resolving and concluding upon consideration of such things as concern the village to be erected at Bogastow," (afterwards Medfield.) A grant was obtained from the General Court the 22d of the same month.

An Agreement, containing four articles, was signed by those who were to remove to the new village. Certain qualifications of character and disposition were necessary for admission to this select community—the founders of a new town.

Carefully preserved among the archives of the town of Medfield, is the original book of records, and in connection with the Agreement just mentioned, are the autographs of the signers. The plain, firm, clear-cut signature of

John Plympton

indicates no tyro in the art of writing. Though one of the earliest signers he did not remove till 1652, in which year he was taxed there, and was present at a town meeting in December. A log

house, probably a mere hut, was erected for his temporary residence. The following year the town "Granted liberty to John Plympton to fell such trees on the brooke that runs throf the towne as Ser George Barber apoynt Him for to use About His House." Ordinary timber was plentiful, but a choice lot found along the lowlands by the brook some forty rods back of the residences of the early settlers, was reserved by the town, and disposed of by special action. All the boards used in that locality at that time, were sawed by hand at a "saw-pit."

The houses erected by the first settlers, were usually of one story, with a very steep roof covered with thatch, or sometimes with shingles.

The walls were generally built up with hewn logs, which could afterwards be covered with siding, shingles, or left bare.

The residence of "Goodman Plympton" in Medfield doubtless conformed, in the main, to this general description. And here in sunshine and in storm, in gladness or in tears, four generations of Plymptons passed busily in and out, or gathered in the quiet of home, round the bright ingle of its capacious hearth.

The "house-lots" were long and narrow, nearly at right angles with the street which ran north-east and south-west. John Plympton's lot, originally six and a half acres, was soon increased to about thirteen. Subsequent grants of meadow and other outlands, including one hundred and seven acres of the "New-grant-lands" in what is now West Medway, made up an estate of about two hundred acres.

Valuation of John Plympton's Estate at the end of the year 1652:

Item, 2 "Cows,"	- -	12	£	
" 1 Calf,	- - -	1		
" 1 Swine,	- - -	1		Six persons in his family,
" Land,	- - -	6		reckoned at 10 pounds each
" Other Estate,	-	26		in drawing land.
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Total,	- - -	46	£	

Ten years later, the valuation of his estate was 102£, 13s., 3d., with nine persons in his family. The largest estate in the town at this date was 384£, the smallest 48£.

In 1669 the valuation of his estate was 238£. He received from the town 2£, 5s., 2d., "for sweeping the meeting-house" in 1661 and 2.

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In 1667 the town paid John Plympton 10s. for two hundred feet of boards "used about the school-house the last year," also for work one day shingling it.

On the list of Medfield's contribution to Harvard College, we find "John Plympton, Senior," "2 bushells of Indian come," also among the names of those that "sence their subscription to the New College were burned out by the Endians."

His townsmen evidently regarded him as a man of practical ability in town affairs. He was one of two surveyors of high-ways in 1661, and was one of three men chosen to "burn the woods" for the herd walks in 1666. The following year he was one of the two Constables, and was chosen with others to execute the "towns orders restricting swine," in 1670. In 1671 he was one of a committee of three to lay out a road through the swamp to Stop River; since known as Long-Causeway. He was also one of the fence viewers.

The main street of the village, on which his house stood, was the principal country road or highway from Boston to the new settlement at Nipmug or Mendon, then the out-post of civilization in that direction. Twenty rods to the west of his house stood that of John Metcalf, with others a little beyond. Twenty rods east of him lived John Bullard, and beyond were the houses of other settlers including those of Mr Ralph Wheelock, founder of the town, and Mr. Wilson the minister who had commenced his forty years pastorate in December, 1651, the first year of the town's existence. Between the houses last mentioned, ran what is now North Street leading to the neighboring meeting-house, which was in plain view from John Plympton's house, an eighth of a mile distant. Looking eastward from his doorway, a little eminence a mile away bounded the vision; just beyond which lay the road leading to Dedham and the older towns near the seaboard. Southward, across the highway, stretched a level plain half a mile in extent, which formed the home fields of the settlers along Main Street. Beyond this lay the wooded highland known as "planting fields," and across the cedar swamp, and the meadows along the adjacent brook, rose "Noon Hill," the highest point of land in the vicinity, over which the sun seemed to pause at the hour of noon. Westward the eye swept across the expanse of meadows along Charles River, called by the Indians Bagastow, and rested on the range of higher land now Medway; then "Medfield west side."

A school had been established in the town in 1655, and was kept by Mr. Wheelock. In 1666 a school-house was erected. There was a house of public entertainment in town as early as 1658. Saw-mills and grist-mills for the accommodation of the settlers had been built. From the tower of the meeting-house, in 1661, the clear tones of the bell first waked the far off echoes along the untrodden valleys and called the villagers to their Sabbath worship.

Goodman Plympton, a well-to-do, respected citizen, was finely located on one of the pleasantest spots in this

“ Loveliest village of the plain,”

when he decided to remove to the new settlement at Pocomtuck. There is no record in Medfield having any bearing upon the matter of his leaving the town.

The two thousand acres taken at Natick for Mr. Elliot's village of Christian Indians was within the limits of the town of Dedham. As compensation, the General Court, in 1663, granted that town a tract of eight thousand acres, located in 1665 at Pocomtuck. The title was transferred to a company of individual proprietors,—who having laid out the town, began the settlement in 1671.

At a proprietors' meeting, the 4th of December, 1672, it was voted:—

“ John Plympton is allowed to buy land of John Baken, at Pocomtuck, provided the *said Plympton will settle there in his own person.*”

This record is worthy of notice as the expression of practical men, who had known John Plympton a score of years. Realizing that the success of their enterprise depended largely on the thrift and energy of the first settlers, they evidently desired him as an associate, because they knew he would be no drone or drag-weight, but a wise and hardy leader of self-denying intrepidity.

In the spring of 1673, the Plymptons and Sutliefes removed to Pocomtuck. Leaving their beautiful village home, they plunge at once into the interminable forest, seeking the great “ Bay Path,” a traveled way from Boston to the Connecticut River settlements. Through a solitary wilderness they pass near where on the following year a township was granted at Quinsigamon, afterwards called Worcester. Creeping slowly through the lonely valleys, or toiling over the heights, after some days they arrive in

the vicinity of Quabaug, where was a settlement of a few years growth.

Passing over "Foster Hill" in West Brookfield, we may, as it were, see today the very foot-prints of these early pioneers;—we can locate the spot where they halted upon the green in front of the house so heroically defended against the savages a little more than two years later.

After resting there, doubtless one or more nights, they press on, cross the Connecticut River at Hadley, then upon the west side to their place of destination.

The first settlers of Pocomtuck or Deerfield were attracted by its broad and fertile meadows. The annual burning over of these lands kept them free of brush, and made them ready for the scythe; and the native grasses if cut early were palatable to stock and highly nutritious. The higher portion of these meadows was ready for the plow, and produced great crops of wheat, flax and corn. In the midst, with meadows to the north, west and south of it, was a little hill: a plot of ground sufficiently large to build a village on, and high enough to be out of the way of floods. Here, on the site of the present village, was in 1671, a dense forest. A street was laid out north and south, with house-lots on each side; and it is believed many of the bounds remain substantially the same to the present time. The Connecticut River Railroad runs on higher land just outside the eastern tier of lots, and at the Depot one looks down nearly opposite on the ancient house-lot owned and occupied by Sergeant John Plympton; lately owned by Mr. John Catlin. This lot was originally set off to the right of John Baken and numbered twenty-four. John Plympton bought out the interest of John Baken, and thus came in possession of all the lands of the latter. In Memorial Hall, Deerfield, is preserved the record of a "meeting appointed by the committee for the plantation of Pocomtuck, of the inhabitants and proprietors of the lands there;" dated November 7, 1673, signed by twenty-five. The autograph of



occurs as the second name; the first being the *mark* of Richard Weler.

The Plymptons had no sooner located and settled here, than

the clouds of impending war began to lower over all the New England plantations. The frontier towns were required to be put in order of defense. At Deerfield John Plympton was appointed Sergeant for active service, and from all the facts known, he appears to have been the highest military officer resident there.

When Philip's war broke out, those inhabitants of the New England colonies, who were of middle age and under, had no remembrance of actual warfare. But the early training and experience of Sergeant Plympton now came in requisition. At this time the honor of a military office was highly esteemed, and in this instance it was accompanied with great responsibility. The organization, and systematic military discipline of all the able-bodied men, the detailing and oversight of the watchmen and daily scouts, and the building of necessary fortifications, required constant care and much severe labor. His own house was a garrison, surrounded by palisades. Quentin Stockwell's house, where the minister boarded, and another still further north, all on the east side of the street, are supposed to have been fortified in like manner. That this place was thoroughly fortified, and vigilantly guarded, may be inferred from the fact that the Indians, though frequently congregated in large numbers in this vicinity, seem not to have seriously attempted its capture. September 1, 1675, a man was shot while out getting his horse. This gave the alarm, and the people fled to their garrisons. The Indians burned some buildings, and, having done what mischief they could with safety, retired.

Again on Sunday, the 12th, Captain Appleton being there, he with his twenty men, and the inhabitants of the north garrison, abandoned the post, leaving only a sentinel, and went to attend a meeting. While passing over a causeway just north of Stockwell's, they were fired upon from the adjacent swamp. Samuel Harington (5) was wounded, but all escaped. The Indians killed the sentinel, destroyed the north garrison, and, after burning a number of houses and barns, retired with their booty to Pine Hill, an eminence just over the meadow northward. Being unable to spare, from the defense of the other garrisons, a sufficient force to drive off the enemy, the inhabitants had the mortification of seeing their property destroyed. Sergeant Plympton was in no way responsible for this abandoning of the north fort, his superior officer, Captain Appleton, being present and leading the movement

in person. Writers of the time call this a "new and hopeful plantation." A large number of houses and barns had been erected there in the space of four years. The fertile soil yielded bountiful harvests.

When the Indians destroyed the northern part of the village, they left untouched a large amount of wheat in the stack. To harvest this, men had toiled day after day with sickle in hand, and a gun within reach. The Sergeant had the double task of supporting the courage of the laborers, and of guarding against being surprised by the wily foe. It was by the unremitting exertion of every man, woman and child, that this great wheat harvest had been gathered. That their crops were secured at all, in the time of "these tumults," is sufficient evidence of discipline on the one side, and confidence on the other.

Captain Mosely's company arrived at Deerfield the night of the 14th of September, or the following day. Captain Lathrop's came very soon afterwards; the first was for the defence of the place, the latter to convoy the train of wagons that were to carry the wheat to Hadley. The soldiers were billeted, by the Sergeant, upon the inhabitants of the town; and a paper numbered 3184, recorded June 24, 1676 on pages 332-3-4 and 5 of the "Accompt of Government" by Captain John Hull, was doubtless the work of Sergeant Plympton. Among the items are the following:—

		£	s.	d.
Nathaniel Sutlive, Cr.	By "cattel,"	-	-	3, 12, 00
"	"	"	"	"
"	Billeting,	-	-	7, 06
Ephraim Hinsdale, "	By for a cow,	-	-	2, 05, 00
Quentin Stockwell, "	" " sheep,	-	-	00, 7, 01 $\frac{3}{4}$
"	" " " "Billeting for dyet,"	-	-	00, 7, 10 $\frac{1}{4}$
John Plympton, "	" " "cattel for several,"	-	-	09, 15, 00
"	" " " Salt,	-	-	-
				11 $\frac{1}{4}$

It appears from this that he slaughtered four or five of his "cattel" for the sustenance of the soldiers while they were stationed at Deerfield.

While housewives, and ovens, were taxed to the utmost, the remainder of the wheat was hastily thrashed. Hilarity and good cheer prevailed among the hardy and rollicking young soldiers. The "Godly commander" Lathrop, the rough and "dauntless old privateersman" Mosely, and the energetic and venerable Sergeant, were an interesting trio brought together here. Hardy

indeed was that young man who would venture upon the confines of insubordination, or allow his frolicsome nature to carry him beyond bounds, in their presence. Yet these stern commanders themselves, seated around the board loaded with the bountiful products of that fertile soil, amid some sparring, and many "good words," may have enjoyed an occasional joke.

But there was little time for all this. The terrible calamity was approaching relentlessly, speedily. Their unconsciousness and cheerfulness could not postpone it.

The morning of the 18th September, 1675 arrived. "The last bag of wheat was at length filled, the golden corn lay heaped on the great ox-carts, the featherbeds and other treasures of thrifty housewifery carefully disposed on top, and the march to Hadley began." (C. Alice Baker.) The long line of eighteen teams moved briskly along the meadow-path. Guarded by a "choice company of young men, the very flower of the county of Essex," and with Mosely's veteran volunteers scouting in the woods, no foreshadowing of their awful fate seems to have fallen upon any one. The Plymptons saw their youngest boy, joyous and proud to be trusted, go bravely out that morning at break of day. It was with aching hearts that the inhabitants of Deerfield listened to the sound of the dreadful conflict going on all that day.

When the full extent of their loss was known, there was the wail of sorrow in many homes. It was heard in the far away homes of Essex; and in sympathy throughout all the New England plantations. At Deerfield few firesides were left untouched. Of the Hinsdales, the venerable father and three sons were killed. "And vainly did brave Sergeant Plympton strive to hush the wailing of his old wife Jane, for Jonathan, the staff of their declining years, now lost forever." (C. A. Baker.)

A few days after the massacre the settlement at Deerfield was abandoned. Most of the inhabitants moved to Hatfield and were huddled together in two or three houses, poorly protected by palisades, and defended by a handful of soldiers. A portion scattered to other towns.

At Deerfield Sergeant Plympton had been prominently connected with all the enterprise and thrift of that promising young settlement. His interest and attachment seems to have been centered upon that beautiful and fertile valley. This, and the uncomfortable circumstances at Hatfield, doubtless constrained him

to attempt a resettlement in 1677. It is believed this was considered premature by the authorities, and by a majority of those interested there.

Although the war was virtually over, so insecure was the state of things at this time, that the settlers "went about their ordinary business with arms in their hands, and to their solemn assemblies as when one goeth to the battle." The straggling parties of eastern Indians, that crossed the valley in their emigration to the west, kept them in constant fear; while predatory squads returned from their new homes at the north to visit vengeance upon the holders of their old possessions.

Under circumstances of such peril Sergeant Plympton labored in the valley of Poconotuck that season. Corn was raised, and doubtless hay secured; and he built a house eighteen feet long; the only one erected there that year. It was the first house in the second settlement of the town, and stood for many years. Just how many associates he had, or how solitary he was during that summer, is now unknown. Evidently he was the pioneer of the enterprise of resettling the town.

There were present at Deerfield, September 19, 1677, Sergeant Plympton, Quentin Stockwell, John Root, Benoni Stebbins, and the boy, Samuel Russell, about eight years old. Stockwell says that he was preparing to rebuild his house; it is probable that Root and Stebbins were similarly occupied.

It was about sunset, their teams being turned to grass, these men were engaged in little matters pertaining to their several interests, and all enjoying the pleasures of building and preparing a home. No very serious demonstrations had been made by the enemy during the summer, and vigilance was somewhat relaxed. After years of peril and watchfulness, they were inclined to bask in the welcome sunshine of imagined security.

The Sergeant was within his own house once more. Looking out, he could see the ripening corn in the meadow; nearer by, fruit trees planted years before and growing thriftily. These bring up reminiscences of Jonathan who helped plant them. He missed the stout boy on whom he had hoped to lean in his old age. But mainly his thoughts were cheerful, and hopeful of the future, when suddenly the door was darkened by swarthy forms. A brief struggle,—a stunning blow, and he found himself bound and led away. The exulting, menacing demonstrations of

the savages mainly occupied his attention as he was pulled along. He and his companions were taken to the highlands east of the town. Penetrating a heavily wooded ravine, they soon found themselves in the presence of a party of English captives. In the gloomy darkness, it was with difficulty the Sergeant recognized, in blanched and terrified faces, friends and neighbors from Hatfield. There was a hasty interchange of questions and answers.

They were then bound and "led away in the night over the mountains, in dark and hideous ways, about four miles further." Here in "a dismal place of wood, on the east side of the mountain," they were pinioned to the ground for the night. "The Indians dispersed, and as they went, made strange noises, as of wolves, and owls, and other wild beasts." This was to guard against being surprised by the English, and also that they might not lose one another. They kept watch in that way all night.

Sergeant Plympton had little inclination to sleep. Well known to him was the meaning of their exultation over his capture. He was familiar with the nature and customs of his savage masters. He was enveloped in the shadow of a terrible portent. Great heart-throbs sent the blood coursing through his veins, as he imagined various ways by which, under favorable circumstances, he might break away and escape to home and safety; or at least be cut down in the attempt. Or might not friends come to his rescue? He thought of his son John, a hero of so many encounters with the enemy, who had charged through and through savage hords numbering ten to one. Oh, that he might come! A few men with him, a very few would do, and these savages would be taught a lesson. And as his imagination dwelt on this, the Old Sergeant, involuntarily and unconsciously tugged and strained at his bonds. He was lying on his back with arms and legs extended, and each tied fast to a small tree; and a cord about his neck was tied to another, so he "could stir noways." In this manner the captives were pinioned nine nights. While thus revolving schemes for an escape, or imagining scenes of a rescue, a moan proceeding from some one not far off, turned his thoughts from self to the sufferings of others. In the darkness and confusion of the previous evening, he had made out near half a score of small children; and there were Ben Waite's wife, Goodwife Jennings, and others. What was to be the fate of these? What effect would it have on their welfare if he should escape?

He knew that all the disappointment and savage vengeance of their captors would be inflicted upon those that remained.

On the other hand, if he remained in captivity, he had reason to expect that he should sooner or later be put to the torture.

We know naught of this fearful struggle. The form of the question, and the circumstances in which it found the Sergeant we know. The result, one of the most chivalric acts in the history of the race, we know.

The grey headed form pinioned there in the darkness may have turned towards heaven a face ghastly with suffering, before it settled into that calm firm look which indicated that manhood and religion had prevailed.

About the break of day they marched and "got over the great river at Pocomtuck River mouth," and there rested two hours. The captives were given some victuals, which had been brought from the English. And while the Indians were engaged in marking upon trees the number of their captives and slain, as their manner was, the English gathered about the Old Sergeant eager to tell their experiences and learn his views of the situation.

Those gathered here were :—

Obadiah Dickinson, aged twenty-eight, and Obadiah Dickinson, Jr., eight years old ; the wife and two other children remained safely at Hatfield.

Martha Waite, aged twenty-eight, wife of Ben Waite of Hatfield, with her three children: Mary, aged five ; Martha, four, and Sarah, two years old.

Noah, aged six, and Sarah, aged four, children of John Coleman of Hatfield ; their mother and an infant, Bethia, were killed at the time they were captured.

Samuel Kellog, aged eight, son of Samuel and Sarah ; the latter and her youngest child, Joseph, were killed.

Mary Foote, aged twenty-five ; Nathaniel, aged five, and Mary, aged three: wife and children of Samuel Foote, of Hatfield.

Goodwife Jennings and two children.

A child of William Bartholemew, and a child of John Aline.

The foregoing were taken at Hatfield.

At Deerfield were captured :—

Sergeant John Plympton.

Quentin Stockwell, a young man ; his wife, Abigail, and son, John, about a year old, remained safely at Hatfield.

Benoni Stebbins, a young man; his wife and an infant remained at Hatfield.

Samuel Russell, aged eight: son of Philip, younger brother of Rev. John of Hadley. It appears that young Samuel was away from his family, being captured at Deerfield; at Hatfield his mother and youngest brother, Stephen, three years old, were killed.

Obadiah Dickinson told how the Indians came suddenly upon them at Hatfield about eleven o'clock in the forenoon. Most of the men were away at work in the meadows. Himself and several others were at work on the frame of a house outside of the palisades. Sergeant Graves, John Atkinson, and John Cooper being shot upon the frame, he came down and gave himself up to save his life.

Martha Waite told of the dreadful slaughter of the women and children when the Indians broke into the fort; that she surrendered herself and her little ones, as the only course to save their lives. "They brought us away in great haste," said she, "and we were hurried along, skulking from place to place and frequently threatened with death, until we arrived in the vicinity of Deerfield. They were very much frightened lest the men come upon them before they could secrete themselves. And," she added, with heightened colors and sparkling eyes, "I know Ben Waite will come."

Stockwell told the circumstances of his capture, and of the death of John Root, who was with him, and was shot down as they fled towards a swamp; himself slipping and falling before he could gain the cover of the thicket.

When the scenes of the day before had been talked over and fully understood, the Sergeant, with countenance settled into that look of calm resolve which was habitual with him, said: "I wish to speak of some thoughts and considerations in regard to the circumstances in which we now find ourselves. We are now fourteen children, three women, and four men. There may be times when some of us men will meet with opportunities to escape. I, for one, have decided not to make any attempt. The vengeance of our captors would surely fall upon those that remain, and be the worse for them. Let us be as one body, and helpful to each other, and I have hopes that the good Lord will send deliverance to this poor company."

The thought that some of the men might get away, and leave them to the mercy of the savages, caused considerable commotion among the women and children. Whereupon Stockwell and Dickinson, brave men that they were, hastened to assure them that they should no more think of abandoning them than the Sergeant himself.

Looking about for Stebbins, the Sergeant noticed that he was making himself very much at home among the Indians ; and with seeming contentment, adapting himself familiarly to their ways. Just then the boy, Samuel Russell, called his attention to the return of the party of ten Indians, who had that morning been sent back to Deerfield to bring off what they could. They had all the horses belonging to the Deerfield men, and the boy was inclined to rejoice at the sight of the familiar beasts. The horses were loaded with provision, clothing, and corn from the meadow. The whole party was put in motion and proceeded up the river. The number of horses was now made up to eleven, and in addition to packs of plunder were made to carry some of the women and children. During the next few days the river was crossed several times. They finally encamped about sixty miles above Hatfield, on the same side. After building a long wigwam they had a great dance, and concluded to burn three of their captives, and collected bark with which to do it.

On one side was to be seen a yelling, frantic crowd of painted savages brandishing their tomahawks, and close by, these miserable and dejected captives, with eyes cast down, and faces full of anxiety and apprehension, as they sorrowed and conversed together.

Surfeited and elated with success, the pitiless devils now demanded torture by fire, and that the horrible rites should be postponed no longer. But there was a lack of complete unanimity of purpose. Ashpelon, the chief Captain, was against it, and the masters of some of the intended victims were not yet ready to agree to the arrangement.

Night fell ; but in the light of their camp fire the maddening scenes went on. The "scalp-dance" and the "victory-dance" were performed with such intense vigor, such wild and savage screams, such leapings and contortions, that the eyes of the captives were fascinated and held spell-bound by the weirdness of the scene.

At length, wearied by such violent exercise, the Indians all went to sleep.

The next morning the Sergeant, early astir, with pale and haggard face, encountered Stockwell, who in scared and half-whispered tones asked, "Why slept you so soundly last night, Sergeant?"

"I slept not," said the Sergeant.

"The dread of next day's work kept me awake," said Stockwell, "and seeing the Indians sleeping so soundly, and the English all loose, I went out and brought in wood, and mended the fire, and made a noise on purpose, but none awaked. I thought if any of the English would wake, we might kill them all sleeping. I removed out of the way all of the guns and hatchets; but my heart failed me, I put all things where they were again."

"It is well," said the Sergeant. "Had the fate of none other than we four men been involved, I should have made it known to you that I was awake. Aye, to have been cut down in such an attempt, would have been far preferable to the fate that this day will bring to us. But reason tells us, that thus to have obeyed the suggestions of impulse, would only have brought on the slaughter of the whole party, with our own destruction. I could not consent to it."

And the white-haired old Sergeant, erect and stern, walked slowly away.

Obadiah Dickinson came running to the Sergeant, later in the day, with joy in his countenance.

"Oh!" said he, "we are saved; they have had a council, and Ashpelon has prevailed; and to my great surprise, I find it was Ben Waite's wife that was to have been tortured, with you and Stockwell, instead of me."

The Sergeant, who was seated apart from the rest, his back against a tree, was becoming stupid, and even inclined to sleep; so exhausted was he. But this aroused him at once.

"God be praised," said he.

"Well," said Dickinson, "what a time of dread and gloom it has been; only a few hours, it seems an age. Do you not think it is the last of that thing? that it will never come to any of us? I could almost as willingly suffer the torture myself as witness it."

"I really begin to see some ground for hope," said the Ser-

geant, "but from the day that we were captured, I have expected that it was to be my lot to suffer at the stake. It is their custom (and custom with them is law, as fixed, as the saying is, as the laws of the Medes and Persians) to devote the Sachem, officer, or brave of any party of captives, to torture by fire. But as Ashpelon is against it, probably it will be put off until we arrive in Canada; and then it is to be hoped the French authorities will prevent it. Let us hope for the best."

A party was now sent to those Indians who had separated from Ashpelon's company, as they came down Connecticut River, and had gone to Nashaway; Benoni Stebbens going with them.

Constant intercourse for many years had produced a mixed language, by which the English and Indians talked with each other quite readily. It was by this time well understood by the Indians, that these captive Englishmen would not attempt to escape. They were not subjected to any particular cruelty or hardship; only such as circumstances rendered inevitable. They were not bound at night. They were allowed to search the hills and valleys for wild fruit and game, collect wood, and make themselves and fellow captives as comfortable as possible.

Abroad, one day, as usual, their attention was attracted by a great commotion in the camp, accompanied by calls for the Englishmen to come in. As they were hastening to obey they were met outside of the camp by Captain Ashpelon, who told them Stebbens had run away, and the Indians spoke of burning them. He said there would be "a Court, and all would speak their minds, but he would speak last, and would say that the Indians that let Stebbens run away was only in fault, so no hurt should be done them. Fear not."

The English were bound as they came in; the Court was held with the result that Ashpelon had predicted.

About this time another event occurred, which caused no little excitement among the poor captives. Those Indians who had been down the river, returned, saying that they had "been down and fallen upon Hadley; and were taken by the English, agreed with and let go again; and were to meet the English upon such a plain, and there to make further terms." They had promised to return the captives. Ashpelon thought favorably of this arrangement, and desired to carry it out. So when the Nashaway Sachems came, and they had a "great talk," he invited the

Sergeant to speak his mind ; which he did, the Indians respectfully attending to the words of the "White Chief." He wasted few words on the matter of right and wrong, or the duty of doing as they had agreed ; but dwelt largely upon what the men of Hatfield would give them in exchange for their wives and children ; spoke of what he would give for his own ransom. But the very presence of the firm, resolute old man, standing in the midst of them, destroyed the effect of any argument he could bring to their understandings. It had been the glory and delight of their fathers to torture the chiefs and braves of their captured enemies ; to emulate them was the ambition of these savages. This could not be forgotten while their victim stood before them. And as to the other English, how could they make good their boastings of prowess, among their new friends in Canada, without the proof in captives or scalps ?

No ; they would "meet the English indeed, but there fall upon them, and fight them, and take them." Among the more ferocious and impulsive, the endeavor, by leaping and contortions, and brandishing of tomahawks, to incite a general dance, were indications of such serious character, that Ashpelon commanded the Englishmen not to "speak a word more to further that matter, for mischief would come of it."

The division of Ashpelon's men who went to the Nashaway region were related to Wannalancett and his people, whom they found at Noamkeke, near Chelmsford ; about fifty in number, eight men, and the rest women and children. These with other women and children, to the amount of eighty of that class, were brought along to be removed to Canada. When they arrived, they "reported that the English had taken Uncas and all his men and sent them beyond seas." The Indians "were much enraged at this," and asked the captives if it was true ; they said no ; "then was Ashpelon angry, and said, he would no more believe Englishmen." The captives were examined separately, but failing to get proof, that matter was dropped also ; the only result being that they were dealt worse by for a season than before.

This expedition was commanded by a "great and magnanimous Sachem called Ashpelon ;" a Canada Indian. "He was a great comfort to the English," says Stockwell ; and one must have a feeling of sympathy for the noble savage. The conducting of this party to Canada, under all the circumstances, was a

great undertaking. It was a remarkable journey. But it is doubtful if he felt all the responsibility which would have weighed down a modern humanitarian in a similar position.

We now come to contemplate the first passage of white people over the Green Mountains to Canada; "it was the tender and bleeding feet of women and children in wintry frosts and snows that marked the first trail of American travel up through the northern wilderness." What a party, and how illy prepared for this terrible march! How many of those children were snatched from their homes, barefooted, and thinly clad, on that mild September day, now to encounter such inclement weather, fatigue and starvation. The worn and haggard, but still resolute old man who had given up his chances of escape, had determined to go on to almost certain death for the good of others, now strained to the utmost his powers of endurance and energy in assisting the weak and sustaining the courage of the faltering ones.

The imagination can only faintly depict the terrible sufferings of these poor captives. Language seems entirely inadequate to the portrayal of their experiences, or the sublime scene of the Old Sergeant's prayer. It seems in better taste reverently to preserve the account of the passage of the Green Mountains and the Lakes, in the language of one of the party (Stockwell's Narrative).

"Whilst we lingered hereabouts" (at the long encampment) "provision grew scarce, one bear's foot must serve five of us a whole day; we began to eat horseflesh, and eat up seven in all: three were left alive and were not killed. * * * We came at length to a place called Squaw-Maug river; there we hoped for Sammon [Salmon?] but we came too late. This place I account to be above two hundred miles above Deerfield; then we parted into two companies; some went one way and some went another way; and we went over a mighty mountain; we were eight days going over it, and travelled very hard, and every day we had either snow or rain; we noted that on this mountain all the water ran northward. Here also we wanted provisions; but at length met again on the other side of the mountain, viz., on the north side of the mountain, at a river that ran into the lake, and we were then half a day's journey off the lake, we stayed here a great while to make canoes to go over the lake. Here I was frozen, & here again we were like to starve. All the Indians went hunting,

but could get nothing ; divers days they powwowed but got nothing, then they desired the English to pray, and confessed they could do nothing ; they would have us pray and see what the Englishman's God could do. I prayed, so did Sergeant Plympton, in another place. The Indians attended morning and night ; next day they got bears ; then they needs have us desire a blessing, and return thanks at meals : after a while they grew weary of it, and the Sachem did forbid us.

“When I was frozen they were very cruel towards me, because I could not do as at other times. When we came to the lake we were again sadly put to it for provisions ; we were fain to eat touchwood fried in bear's grease ; at last we found a company of raccoons, and then we made a feast ; and the manner was that we must eat all. . . . When they came to the lake they lit on a moose and killed it, and staid there till they had eaten it all up. And entering upon the lake there arose a great storm ; we thought we should all be cast away ; but at last we got to an island, and there they went to powwowing. . . . Upon this island we lay still several days, and then set out again, but a storm took us, so that we lay to and fro upon certain islands about three weeks ; we had no provisions but raccoons, so that the Indians themselves thought they should be starved. They gave me nothing so that I was sundry dayes without any provisions.”

During the next day's march, Stockwell fell out before noon, and became separated from the others. His Narrative goes on and gives a detailed account of his own sufferings. He appears to have known nothing of the other captives until they were ransomed and collected by Ben Waite. The same day that Stockwell fell out, they were met by a party of French, who brought refreshments, and probably rendered some assistance to the feeble ones.

They soon reached Chamblee, then a frontier settlement of ten houses.

“*Sergeant Plympton was actually burnt at the stake when near Chamblee, and one Dickinson of Hatfield was compelled to lead him to the fatal spot.*” (Hoyt's Ant. Res., p. 147.)

Thus closes the story of a noble life—romantic in its beginning and progress,—tragic in its ending. Adventurous, energetic, chivalric, and faithful unto death, the records of true Christian heroism contain few worthier names than that of

SERGEANT JOHN PLYMPTON.

It may be interesting to trace briefly the subsequent experience of the remaining captives.

At Hatfield the distress of those thus bereft of neighbors, companions and children, was naturally intense.

There was trouble between the Mohawks and the Christian Indians; the latter having neglected to pay their customary tribute to their warlike lords, the Mohawks. A party of Mohawks, with a scalp, and two Natick squaws, as captives, having passed through Hatfield, on the very day before the assault on that town, suspicion was at first directed towards that tribe.

Almost distracted, Ben Waite hastened immediately to Albany to demand redress; but returned with the assurance that the New York Indians were innocent of the affair.

By this time Stebbins had escaped. His "relation taken from his mouth" by the Northampton postmaster, October 6, 1677, says "that his captors were 'River Indians,' Norwattucks, save only one Narragansett, twenty-six in all, eighteen fighting men, two squaws, the rest old men and boys; that they came from the French, whither they had fled at the end of the war, and intended to return there again to sell the captives, having been encouraged that they should have eight pounds apiece for them." As to the manner of his escape, he states that (while in the Wachuset region) he was sent out with two squaws, and a mare to pick huckleberries; that he "got upon the mare, and rid till he tired the mare, and then ran on foot and so escaped to Hadley; being two and a half days without victuals."

It appears that it was nearly two weeks before it was known in what direction to look for the party that had carried off so many captives. And then, the fact that they were incited by the French, was alarming. Peace, welcome to so many homes, had been apparently settling down upon this land again. The leading men were anxious that no careless or precipitate action should disturb this tendency. It would do, perhaps, to incite the Mohawks; and on the 12th of October the General Court sent a letter to those Sachems, stating the case, and adding,— "It would be an acceptable service if you can destroy this parcel of Indians; and may you be instrumental for the saving and recovering of any of our captives we shall give you good reward for the same."

October 22d. In a Court's letter to Captain Salisbury, com-

mander at Albany, xxx "desiring you to incite the Macquas [Mohawks] to pursue the enemy, xxx we doubt not of your readiness to afford help as it may fall in your way, and you need not doubt of our care to satisfy what charge you may be at, and shall disburse upon the account."

October 22d. Court's letter to their agent in England, xxx "One of the men escaped and saith the Indians were gone up Connecticut River northward, towards the French, from whence they came, & said they were encouraged & furnished for this attempt by a French Captain. We have it under consideration to send to those & to the French to endeavor the recovery of the poore captives, & the better to understand what we may expect from those quarters."

Court Records, October 22, 1677.

"In answer to the petition of Hatfield, & for the recovery of their captives, the hon^d Govern^r is desired & empou^red to take order & care therein, by granting commission to such meete persons as may be employed in that service, & giving them instructions to mannage that affayre & by them to write to the French govern^r at Canada, as also to those Indians that have the prisoners in possession, and make such overtures to them as may tend to the regaining the prisoners & the settling the peace of the country, & that the chardge thereof be borne by y^e country."

The proper papers were delivered to Benjamin Waite and Stephen Jennings. They had been waiting in Boston with great impatience, and started at once.

On the 24th of October they advanced towards Westfield, and from thence to Albany, where they arrived the "Thursday seven night after." They attempted to pass on towards Canada, but were brought back from Schenectady to Albany by force, and detained prisoners there until they could be sent down to the Governor at New York; Captain Salisbury pretending to have received orders to that effect. When brought to the Governor, it appeared he had little to say to them, and at last by the intercession of Captain Brocklehurst, they were sent back to Albany with a pass. It was now the 19th of November. They waited at Albany until about the 10th of December, in expectation of having the lakes, over which they were to pass, frozen hard enough to bear them. A Frenchman, whom they had hired to pilot them to Canada, was discouraged by Captain Salisbury, the commander there, and

they then engaged a Mohawk to guide them to the first lake. It was about the 16th when they arrived there, and it was still open. Their guide found an old canoe which he fitted up for them, and drew an outline of the lakes over which they were to pass. They were three days passing the first lake, then carrying their canoe two miles over a neck of land, they launched upon the "Great Lake." Here they encountered the storms, and struggled through the half frozen water of this lake, in their frail canoe, for ten days. They landed on New Year's day, having traveled three days without food except some raccoon's flesh. "Hastening forward, and greatly refreshed on the way by some biscuits and a bottle of brandy, found in a deserted wigwam, they arrived at Chamblee on the 6th of January. Before reaching Sorel, they came upon an Indian encampment, where Jennings was overjoyed to find his wife. With sobs and broken speech she told him all she had endured, and how it had fared with the rest; how Samuel Russell, and little Mary Foote had been killed on the way; how Sergeant Plympton had survived the perils of the journey only to be murdered at the end; and how, after all had been continually threatened with burning, this old man was selected as the victim and led to the stake by his friend and neighbor, Obadiah Dickinson, and walked serenely to his dreadful death. Groans burst from the lips of the two men as they listened to the harrowing details, but restraining their indignation they hurried off to bargain for the redemption of their beloved ones. At Sorel they saw five more of the company, two of whom had been pawned by the Indians for rum. Waite's wife, with all the rest of the captives, was found in the Indian lodges in the woods beyond. Stopping only to comfort her with the joyful tidings of speedy release, Waite and Jennings pushed on to Quebec, where they were kindly received by the Governor. Glad of an opportunity to make return for a favor lately done him by the English Government, Frontinac aided them in collecting the captives and procuring their ransom, which was effected by the payment of two hundred pounds.

"On the 19th of April, 1678, the redeemed captives, with their deliverers, escorted by four gentlemen of Frontinac's household, and a guard of French soldiers, began the homeward march. Traveling leisurely, and hunting by the way as occasion required, they arrived at Albany on the 22d of May, whence a messenger

was at once sent post haste with the following letters from Stockwell and Waite to their friends at Hatfield : " *

ALBANY, MAY 24, 1678.

LOVING WIFE,—having now opportunity to remember my kind love to thee and our child, and the rest of our friends, though we met with great afflictions and troubles since I see thee last. Yet now here is opportunity of joy and thanksgiving to God that we are now pretty well, and in an hopeful way to see the face of onanother before we take our final farewell of this present world. Likewise God hath raised up friends among our enemies, and there is but 3 of us dead of all those that were taken away—Sergeant Plympton, Samuel Russell, Samuel Foote's daughter.

So I conclude, being in haste & rest,

Your most affectionate husband

till death makes separation,

QUENTIN STOCKWELL.

The strain upon these heroic men was getting to be well-nigh intolerable, as we can see by the following letter :

ALBANY, May 23, 1678.

To my loving friends and kindred at Hatfield :—

These few lines are to let you understand that we are arrived at Albany now with the captives, and we now stand in need of assistance, for my charge is very great and heavy ; and therefore any that have any love of our condition, let it move them to come and help us in this strait. Three of the captives are murdered—old Goodman Plympton, Samuel Foot's daughter, Samuel Russell. All the rest are alive and well, and now at Albany, namely, Obadiah Dickinson and his child, Mary Foot and her child, Hannah Jennings and three children, Abigail Allis, Abigail Bartholomew, Goodman Coleman's children, Samuel Kellogg, my wife and four children, and Quinten Stockwell. I pray you hasten the matter, for it requireth great haste. Stay not for the Sabbath nor shoeing of horses. We shall endeavor to meet you at Canterhook [Kinderhook], it may be at Housatonock. We must come very softly because of our wives and children. I pray

*From a Historical paper read by C. Alice Baker before the Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association, at Deerfield, March 11, 1872.

you hasten then, stay not night nor day, for the matter requireth haste. Bring provisions with you for us. Your loving kinsman,

BENJAMIN WAITE.

At Albany, written from mine own hand. As I have been affected to yours all that were fatherless, be affected to me now and hasten the matter and stay not, and ease me of my charges. You shall not need to be afraid of any enemies.

That this is a true copy of the original letter presented to the Honored Gov^r is attested

By EDWARD RAWSON, *Secretary*.

Copy of a communication from Mr. Wilson, of Medfield, to the Governor :—

Worshipful S'rs :—

Humbly presenting my humblest service to your worship, meeting with these letters copyed out and newly brought from Hadley by one John Partridge, and not understanding of any that comes to the bay besides. I have written out of these to copyes word for word as I take it and make bold to send it to your worship that you might be informed of the mercy of God in the return of these captives as far as the two letters set down. John Partridge and John Plimpton came this night and none with them but a young mayde: so that I suppose your worships will have the very first view of the news in Boston. Being very crazy and unfit to enlarge and that I might not trouble your worship further, with my humble service presented to your most virtuous lady,

I humbly rest,

Your worship's most humble servant,

JOHN WILSON.

Medfield, May 29, 1678.

[The foregoing letters are found at the State Archives.]

The Governor and Council had previously appointed a day of fasting; but upon receiving these letters, they immediately issued an order recommending that on that day the ministers and congregations manifest their charity (for the captives by a contribution), and that for the quickening of the work, Benjamin Waite's letter be publicly read that day in all the churches.

“After tarrying five days in Albany, the party went on foot twenty-two miles to Kinderhook, where men and horses awaited them. At Westfield many old friends and neighbors from Hatfield met them, and their progress thence was like a triumphal procession, every neighborhood turning out to meet them. Two proud and happy men were Benjamin Waite and Stephen Jennings, as they headed the cavalcade into Hatfield street that May morning, each bearing in his arms his new little daughter, and tears streaming from every eye as, crowding round to welcome home the wanderers, the people passed from one to another the two little babes, born in bondage, and christened in commemoration of the sorrows of their mothers, Canada Waite and Captivity Jennings” (C. Alice Baker).

The letters of the General Court, and the efforts of the two gentlemen, Waite and Jennings, are connected with the history of Sergeant Plympton in so far as, at the time, it was supposed that he was one of the party to be rescued or redeemed; the returning captives were bringing the facts in regard to his fate; and amid the general rejoicing, his family and friends were bowed down with combined horror and grief.

“Inventory of Estate of Jno. Plimpton of Deerfield. Presented to the County Court of Ssfd [Suffield], September 24, 1678.

	£	s.	d.
“To his purse ¹ apparel, hacef, stockings & Shifts, -	5,	00,	00
“ 6 yards and half of Cotton & Cloth of cotton-wool,	1,	06,	00
“ Brass, Peuter, Iron work, - - - - -	4,	05,	00
“ Gun, sword, & belt, - - - - -	1,	10,	00
“ Two pairs of sheets and two towels, - - -	1,	10,	00
“ Fether bed and bedding, - - - - -	5,	00,	00
“ For barrel, wooden ware & other lumber, -	1,	11,	00
“ One mare and a yearling Colt, - - - - -	3,	00,	00
“ Due in debts owing him, - - - - -	5,	05,	00
“ hatchell & 2 pair of Cards, - - - - -	0,	10,	00
“ more in books fourteen shillings, - - - - -	0,	14,	00
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	29,	11,	00

“for memorand.”

“More in land at Deerfield, thirty acres & a house 18 feet

long, wh^{ch} we meddle not wth but leave it to ye consideration of ye General Court.

“THOMAS MEEKINS.

“JOHN COLEMAN.

“Wid. Jane presented this as a full inventory.”

2. Thomas (6); b. 1620-24; wife Abigail, perhaps daughter of Peter Noyes; was the founder of the family by that name at Sudbury, Mass.

SOUTHAMPTON, 24th April, 1638.

The list of the names of the Passengers intended for New England, in the good shipp, the Confidence of London, of 200 tonnes, John Jobson M^r, and thus by vertue of Lord Treasurer's warrant of the 11th April, 1638.

Among the names are the following :—Peter Noyes, aged 47; Residence, Penton, Co. of Southampton; occupation Yeoman.

Thomas Noyes, his son.

Elizabeth Noyes, his daughter, aged 15.

Robert Davis, aged 30,

John Rutter, aged 22,

Marguerite Davis, aged 26,

} Servants.

RESIDENCE.

OCCUPATION.

John Bent, aged 35;

Penton, Co. of

Husbandman.

Martha, his wife.

Southampton.

Robert Bent,

William Bent,

John Bent,

Ann Bent,

} Their children, all under the age of twelve years.

Hist. Gen. Reg. Vol. II., p. 108.

Peter Noyes went back to England, and came again the following year in the ship Jonathan of London. He paid the passage money of the following persons, who came in his family, at five pounds apiece :—Mr. Noyes, John Waterman, Nicholas, Dorothe, and Abigail Noyes, Richard Barnes, William Street, Peter Noyes, Agnes Bent, Elizabeth Plimpton, Agnes Blanchard.

In Middlesex Court files, case of Blanchard vs. Barnes, 5 (8), 1652, the relationship of some of the above-mentioned persons to each other is explained; from which the following fragment of a pedigree is constructed :—

..... Bent=Agnes, d. on the passage to N. E.,
 husband of Agnes, d. in Eng. | 1639. A widow.

A dau., wf. of=... Plympton; and both place of res. can died in only be inferred England. from that of Bent.	John Bent, wf., Martha; N. Eng., 1638, aged 35.	Agnes Bent, m., 1st, Barnes; m., 2d, Blanchard; res. at Weyhill, Co. Hauts, Eng.
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Thomas Plympton= legatee of his grand- mother; admitted freeman in N. Eng., 1645.	Abigail, dau. of Peter Noyes, m. about 1652.	Elizabeth Plympton came to N. E., 1639; afterwards wife of John Rutter.
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Earliest will upon record in the County of Suffolk. Hist. Gen. Reg. 1849, p. 269.

7 (9) 1648. Thomas Blanchard testifieth that Agnes Bent made her will and gave her estate to Richard Barnes and Elizabeth Plimpton, and twenty pounds to Richard Barnes, and gave ten pounds to John Bent, and five pounds to Thomas Plimpton, the rest to be divided between Richard Barnes and Elizabeth Plimpton.

Deposed the first of the 9th month, 1648,

Before me,

INCREASE NOWELL.

The records of the town of Sudbury, Mass., commence August y^e 8th, 1644.

On first page :

"The names of those that tok" [took] "July y ^e 4th, 1645."	One side of the leaf torn off.
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Twenty-five names,—among them "Thomas Plimton" (p omitted).

Below that record is another lot of names, headed,—“Those that took y^e oath of fidelity.”

Thomas Plympton was slain by the Indians on Boon's Plains, April 17, 1676.

Upon Middlesex Probate records, Vol. 5, page 403, is the following :

“SUDBURY, 11th September, 1676.

“An invoice of the Estate of Thomas Plympton of Sudbury, lately murdered by the barbarous Indians, who, since have burnt his dwelling house & barne & carryed away & destroyed much of his other goods ; the remainder was taken upon this invoice by us whose names are subscribed.

“ JOHN RUDDUCK,

“ JOHN HAYNES,

“ PETER NOYES.”

It is believed that the real estate of Thomas Plympton was owned by his descendants.

3. Elizabeth, wife of John Rutter, died May 15, 1689. They were the founders of the family by that name in Sudbury. John Rutter married, second, March 12, 1690, Hannah Bush, he being then seventy-four years of age.

Elizabeth Plympton came to New England in the Jonathan of London, in the spring of 1639. When about fifteen days out, Agnes, her aunt, the wife of Thomas Blanchard, died, leaving the boy, Richard Barnes, a son by her first husband, surviving. Widow Agnes Bent also died when near Nantasket, and made her will in which Elizabeth Plympton was a legatee ; and she was also an executrix of the will.

I, Peter Noyes, testify that I payed five pounds out of the estate of Agnes Bent by her order for the passage of Thomas Blanchard and wife, and also I lent Thomas Blanchard 20 shillings after I arrived at Boston by y^e appointment of Elizabeth Plympton, y^e now wife of John Rutter.

Sworn in Court 5 (8), 1652.

In a petition to the Governor and assistants, signed by Thomas Blanchard, John Bent, and Peter Noyes (Mass. Archives, Vol. IX), Agnes Barnes is mentioned as of Weyhill in Hampshire.

4. Henry.

Boston Probate Office. The book of Inventories. Lib. 2, p. 69.

An Inventory of the estate of Henry Plympton, 8 articles—amount, 34 pounds, 3 shillings, 3 pence. Signed by Richard

Waite, 3d Feb., 1652, as a true Inventory of the estate of Henry Plimpton ; deceased.

This Henry appears to have left no descendants in New England.

SECOND GENERATION.

5. Sergeant John Plympton. [1]

Hannah (7); b. Mch. 1, 1645; bapt. the 16th ; m. first, Jan. 31, 1665, Nathaniel Sutcliffe, who was killed May 19, 1676, at "the Falls Fight" under Captain Turner; m. second, Samuel Harrington, of Deerfield. Medfield records, 1663, state that Nathaniel Sutcliffe and John Bullard sawed 450 feet of lumber to use about the enlargement of the meeting-house. This was done "by hand" at a "saw-pit." The residence of Nathaniel Sutcliffe in Medfield, was about one hundred rods westerly of the Plympton homestead, on the road to the Long Causeway. Upon their removal to Deerfield, with the Plymptons in the Spring of 1673, this place was sold to Joseph Bullard. At the "burning of Medfield," the house was burned by the Indians, and was never rebuilt.

John; b. Mch. 21, 1645; bapt. Apr. 5; d. Apr. 26, 1646. Mary (8); b. Apr. 9, 1648; bapt. the 16th ; d. 1737; m., Nov. 16, 1671, Nathaniel Johnson, b. 1638, d. July 24, 1718; resided in Marlboro.

John (9); b. June 16, 1650; bapt. the 23d of the same month ; d. Jan. 13, 1704-5; m. first, before Mr. Danforth of Cambridge, Jan. 25, 1678-9, Elizabeth, dau. of John Fisher, d. May 13, 1694; m. second, Feb. 28, 1696-7, Sarah Turner, d. about 1740. Division of the estate of "John Plimpton, late of Medfield, husbandman:" To Sarah, widow of the deceased,—her thirds, included in which were three acres of clay-pit, and one fourth part of a grist-mill; "to John, oldest son, his double portion" etc. Administration granted to John, Apr. 5, 1704. This estate remained unsettled for thirty-five years; when, in 1739 (none of the children being at that time living), John, grandson of the deceased, was appointed administrator. At the decease of the widow, Sarah, the dower or real estate is assigned to her grandson, John; he to pay to the other heirs their respective portions.

In 1669, the town granted a small piece of land to John Plimpton, Jr. A deed from "John Plimpton, Tailor," to Margueret Shepard in 1671 (Suff Reg'y) is supposed to refer to this John. The theory that he was a tailor and employed in Boston,

will account for his presence there when the war broke out, also his probable whereabouts during several years previous. When Swanzey and Rehoboth sent to Plymouth and Boston for assistance, and "drums beat up for volunteers" in the latter town, he was one of the one hundred and ten men mustered in the streets in three hours. These were placed under the command of Captain Samuel Mosely, an old privateersman of a "naturally enterprising and undaunted spirit;" "one whose memory will be honorable in New England, for his many eminent services he hath done the public." (Drake.)

As *volunteers*, this company stands out distinctly in the history of that time; impressment being the usual manner of raising troops. Their superiority is evinced by the fact that they were never beaten nor worsted. Victory, and destruction to the enemy, attended them wherever they went, and under whatever circumstances of odds against them. Material for a detailed history, sufficient to do justice to the career of this company has not been found. No attempt is here made to give a history of the war or of battles; but to trace in some measure the steps of an ancestor of a large branch of the Plympton Family.

A company of foot under Captain Henschman, and a troop of horse under Captain Prentice, marched from Boston, June 27th, 1675; and a "brisk company of volunteers under Captain Mosely quickly overtook them." On the 28th, after a forced march of more than twenty-four hours, they arrived in the neighborhood of Swanzey, where Mosely's company and the cavalry assaulted the Indians at a bridge. The Indians who approached in the morning were driven back by Capt. Mosely and five or six of them killed. "They marched towards Mount Hope, the cavalry on each side. At the distance of about a mile and half came to a house newly burned, and one found a bible with the leaves torn and scattered; two or three miles further some heads, the scalps torn off, and hands cutt off of some English and stuck upon poles near the highway." (Hubbard.)

They passed large fields of corn, and arrived at Philip's house to find it had been precipitately abandoned. They spent that night in the open air, and the next morning being rainy, they returned to Swanzey.

It was thought important to take precautions against combinations by Philip with other tribes; and commissioners from Massa-

chusetts and Connecticut, attended by Capt Mosely's company as an escort, were sent to obtain new guaranties of friendship from the Narragansetts. They returned by way of Rehoboth, and Mattapoiset, to Taunton, and joined the main army at Pocasset.

After decamping from Mount Hope, Philip had sheltered his followers at Pocasset, in a bushy swamp which the English could not penetrate. There were occasional skirmishes, in which several lives were lost on both sides. "At length, finding himself too closely pressed, after the return of the troops who had been in the Narragansett country, he on a Sunday left his refuge, crossed Taunton River, and led his companions into the interior of the country." (Palfrey.)

Parties of Philip's men had been towards Plymouth, where they fell upon the settlements of Dartmouth, Taunton, and Middleborough; burning the houses, and butchering the inhabitants. Mosely's company, being now at liberty, moved in that direction. It was near this time that the little company of sixty English met with about three hundred Indians "in a plain place where few trees were, and on both sides preparations were making for a battle; all being ready on both sides to fight, Capt. Mosely plucked off his perriwig and claped it in his breeches, because it should not hinder him from fighting." This so astonished the Indians that they "fell a howling and yelling most hideously;" and he got the reputation of having two heads, as Capt. Cook did among the Sandwich Islanders. "When he came to engage the enemy," says the Rev. Mr. Niles, "he was wont to hang his wig upon a bush, and still to wear his head upon his shoulders, and do great exploits among them." About eighty prisoners were taken near Plymouth, who were secured in a house, and the Capt. went to Boston to learn the pleasure of the authorities. He "returned in a day's time with his order; he should kill none that he took alive, but should secure them in order to transportation."

Having orders to join Capt. Henschman in pursuit of Philip, Capt. Mosely marched into the "Nipnet" country. He met Capt. Henschman, who was returning, and after some debate, they all marched to Mendon, thence to Marlboro, Aug. 9th, and so to Quabaugh, the 10th, where they joined Capt. Lathrop and Capt. Beers.

At that time Capt. Henchman went to Boston. Lathrop and Beers were by order intended for Hadley. Capt. Mosely "not meeting with any of the Infidels about Quabaugh, came downwards, searching the woods twixt Lancaster and Marlboro." Several persons were killed in that vicinity, Aug. 22d, in a barbarous manner, and suspicion was directed towards some Hassanimissett Indians, who were confined in Marlboro, where they had liberty to dwell in a kind of fort. The inhabitants sent the next day to demand their arms, and Capt. Mosely being called upon, marched at once to the fort. He "found much suspicion against some of them, for singing, dancing, and having bullets and slugs and much powder hid in their baskets; insomuch that eleven of them were sent to Boston to be tried for having a hand in killing four at Lancaster, and a shepherd boy at Marlboro."

About this time Capt. Mosely was sent, with his company, up the Merrimack river as far as Pennacook (Concord, N. H.), on account of a report of hostile Indians there. Wannalancet, the chief, and a company of about one hundred Indians, resided there, who retired upon the approach of the English. "When Capt. Mosely was near the fort, the Indians in the neighboring swamps had a good opportunity to shoot many of the English, but were restrained by Wannalancet." The soldiers burned the wigwams and destroyed some provision. (Gookin.) "That coast being clear of the enemy," Capt. Mosely was soon after sent to the Connecticut river. He arrived at Hadley the night of the 14th September, and was immediately ordered to Deerfield.

On that memorable morning, the 18th September, when the "Flower of Essex County," and the eighteen teamsters, started on their march to Hatfield, Capt. Mosely intended to protect them by his scouts, but the wily and cautious savages were silent and unseen. The sound of the conflict, heard four miles away, was the first notice they received of the presence of the foe.

Mosely hastened to the scene with his sixty men, arriving at about eleven o'clock in the forenoon, and immediately gave battle to this "prodigious horde" of "not less than seven hundred Indians." (Palfrey.) "They charged back and too, cutting down all within reach." (Hoyt.) Such unaccountable bravery struck terror to the hearts of the cautious savages, and they fled to a swamp for shelter. Here the English followed; fought and hunted them from the swamp, and still with unabated energy

pressed on, until the enemy were compelled to seek safety in the distant forest. Capt. Treat arrived late in the day, when the fight was nearly ended, and all returned to Deerfield to camp that night. Only three men were lost out of this company that day.

The men who fought in this battle were the first-born of a nation, the first volunteers in the struggle of a great country, contending for the existence of all they held most dear.

The next day, exhausted, sad, and depressed, they assisted in burying the stript and mangled dead in one large grave.

A few days later, the plantation at Deerfield was abandoned, and the volunteers ordered away and stationed at Hatfield.

October 16th, Capt. Mosely writes to the Council: "This day being a very blusterous and very high winds, I have sent out some scouts, and they discover some Indians some three miles off." . . . He also says that he sent four men to Deerfield the night before, who found signs of Indians near that place.

Three days later a large body of Indians made a furious attack on Hatfield. It was in some measure a surprise, they having cut off the scouts. The fight was a desperate one, but numbers on the one side proved no match for superior discipline, arms, and skill on the other. The attack was repulsed at every point; the "veteran Mosely dealing death to the enemy in the centre."

Soon after this the volunteers were disbanded. In December, previous to the Narragansett campaign, John Plimpton drew pay for sixteen weeks' service under Captain Mosely, at the rate of six shillings per week; the amount fixed by law.

Early in November the commissioners decided to raise a large force for service in the Narragansett country. They "commended to the several General Courts or Councils, that effectual care be taken that the soldiers sent on this expedition be men of strength, courage, and activity; their arms well fixed, and fit for service; that their clothing be in all respects strong and warm, suitable for the season; that they have provisions in their knapsacks for a week's march from their rendezvous, and supply in a magazine appointed for a more general service; also, that there be a meet number of able ministers and chirurgeons provided and appointed for the expedition."

A list of Capt. Samuel Mosely's company, taken at Dedham, December 9, 1675, contains the name of John Plimpton. They

marched that day to Woodcock's house in Attleboro ; the following day to Seakonk, the next on towards Smith's house at Wickford. At this inclement season it was with the utmost difficulty the troops were enabled to penetrate the wild and pathless wood.

On an Island, a solid piece of upland of five or six acres in the center of a large swamp, were assembled "not fewer than three thousand five hundred warriors." (Palfrey.) "They were on their guard, and had fortified their hold to the best of their ability." All about this naturally strong position "they had driven rows of palisades, making a barrier of nearly a rod in thickness ; and the only entrance to the enclosure was over a rude bridge, consisting of a felled tree, four or five feet from the ground, the bridge being protected by a block-house." (Same.)

On the night of the 18th, the army of the United Colonies, consisting of a little over a thousand men, were assembled at the place of rendezvous. "The next morning, the English, breaking up their camp while it was yet dark, arrived before the place at one o'clock in the afternoon." "Having passed, without shelter, a very cold night, they had made a march of eighteen miles, in the deep snow, scarcely halting to refresh themselves with food. In this condition they immediately advance to the attack." It is said that Capt. Mosely and Capt. Davenport led the van. And with varying fortunes, which finally resulted in victory for the English, was fought that day "the great battle of Narragansett Fort." Enclosed as they were, there was nothing for either party but to conquer or die. For six hours the fight went on ; closing in the evening by the light of the burning wigwams

The blow, on the success of which "the being of civilized New England was visibly involved," had been struck.

Of Capt. Mosely's company, nine were killed, and ten wounded.

Another cold night was now coming on, and the snow was again falling. "The surgeons pronounced that it was indispensable to remove the wounded at once to a place of repose, before they should become too stiff for treatment." The helpless wounded were so many that every strong man must carry one end of a stretcher, and that, too, without change or relief. Toiling through the deepening snow, moves the long line into the darkness of the interminable forest, while the wind roars dismally through the trees. Plaintive moans and groans of agony are

heard here and there along the line, while occasionally above all rings the sharp voice of command. The Captain, whose "undaunted spirit" is now tried to the utmost, is still vigilant, and threatens any man who sits down, for unremitting exertion is the price of life. Countenances of strong young men became haggard, eyes sunken and staring. Though tenderly cared for, many of the wounded became so rigid, cold and white, that they are left to sink down in the darkness, while the living pass on, and the deepening windswept snow speedily covers their silent forms.

They arrived at Smith's house in Wickford, about two hours after midnight; many of them badly frozen. The Massachusetts companies were not disbanded until about the 5th of February. No record of payment to John Plimpton for this service has been found. He may have been disabled at Narragansett, and the few shillings due him left undrawn.

June 24th, 1676, he drew pay for nine weeks' service under Lieut. Sweate; this has not been traced.

Says Mr. Palfrey: "A recital of battles does not go far towards telling the history of this terrible war. It was a succession of ruthless ravages on a larger or smaller scale. Outlying houses were fired by night while their inmates slept. Husbandman at their work, women at the well, and travellers on the road, were shot down. Only in the large towns could an Englishman leave his door with safety. Every bush near it might hide a watchful marksman. The amount of distress that was endured cannot be set forth by a mere inventory of murders and pillages, of massacres and conflagrations, even if such a list be made complete."

In our distant view of the distress of that time, we can comprehend only in a small degree, the motive that actuated "The Indian Fighter" as he scoured the country late in the fall of 1676, assiduously bent upon eradicating the last vestige of a traitorous and cruel foe. The fact is preserved by the following paper found in the State Archives:

To y^e Hon^{ble} The Governor and Council:

Right Honorable:—These are to offer to yo^r Hon^s humble information that upon encouragem^t given unto us by our Cap^t Georg Barber, and out of a desire to serve y^e country upon our own charge and adventure, wee last weeke went out in search for a pty [party] of y^e enemy, whose tracke was found, and in our search

discovered five psns [persons] of y^e enemy, four of whom were armed, two of wch enemys wee tooke prison^r: and now humbly p^rsent to your Hon^{rs} for Condemnation; and liberty to dispose of and distribute the prize among our fellow soldiers who are and will be always ready to attend to your Hon^{rs} comands as are.

Your most dutiful & Faithful Serv^t,

John Plympton

JONATHAN BOYDEN.

JANUARY 8, 1676-7.

John Plimpton succeeded his father on the original homestead in Medfield. He was proprietor in part, or it may be wholly, of a grist-mill on Charles River; and it is probable that he made brick on his estate.

Peter (10) b. —, bapt. Mch. —, 1652, d. Mch. 27, 1717; m. July 2, 1677, Mary, dau. of Abraham Mundan, of Hatfield. He was at Deerfield with his parents, and afterwards came in possession of all the real estate there that had been his father's. He resided in Hatfield, July 26, 1681, when he that day deeded to James Brown "ten acres of land lying in two parcels or divisions in Deerfield, County of Hampshire." In 1699, Daniel Weld of Deerfield, in his Will, gave to his son Daniel, his home lot bounded north by Peter Plympton; this is known to refer to the Plympton home lot there. The home lot No. 34, drawn by John Baken, was owned and occupied by Sergt. John Plympton. November 20, 1705, Peter and Mary Plympton of Marlboro, deeded to John Wells of Deerfield, the above home lot. Peter Plympton spent the remaining years of his life in Marlboro. In 1711, we find him and his family assigned to the garrison house of Captain Brigham. This was the time when the inhabitants of Marlboro "were compelled to desert their farms, leaving their lands untilled; while old and young, the strong and the feeble, flocked to the frail fortifications, denominated garrisons, as the only means of safety."

Joseph (11) b. Oct. 7, 1653, d. June 22, 1702; m. Nov. 3, 1675, Mary, dau. of Samuel Morse, and first cousin of the Samuel Morse mentioned in "The Burning of Medfield." He was a weaver. Administration of his estate granted to Mary, widow of the deceased. Inventory, £440, 8s., 6d. In the division of the

estate, June 7, 1704, Joseph, the eldest son, has "his double portion," included in which is "the new house and barn, and nineteen acres of land at Chestnut Island." Joseph Plympton received from the town in 1681 a grant of land upon which he built a house on the corner opposite the cemetery in Medfield, probably about 1682-3. In 1690 he bought of the heirs of Gershom Wheelock, an old house on a lot adjoining his own. The new house mentioned in the division of the estate is the one he built. He was a young householder in Medfield at the time of the Indian's attack, February 21st, 1676.

W. S. Tilden, author of a History of Medfield (soon to be published) has furnished the following account of

THE BURNING OF MEDFIELD:

The forces sent for the protection of the town were scattered; having been billeted at the different houses. It is said that Mr. Wilson, on Sunday, the 20th, warned the people to be vigilant against surprise; but the presence of so many soldiers seems to have given them too great a sense of security. A guard was probably kept through the night, and as day-break appeared, supposing danger to be past, it was taken off. But in the darkness of the night, the Indians had crept stealthily among bushes growing near the farms and homesteads, ready to attack every part of the town at once.

Adjoining the improved land everywhere were patches of common land overgrown with brush which escaped the fires that annually burned over the woodlands more remote from the buildings. These little thickets afforded plenty of convenient hiding places for the enemy, who thus eluded the guard while stationing themselves all around the town. They then apparently waited for the guard to turn in at day-break, when a general conflagration was to commence, and men, women, and children were to be massacred or made captives as they attempted to fly from their burning dwellings.

The fire first broke forth at the house of Samuel Morse, who lived about a half mile east of the meeting-house. He had risen very early that Monday morning and gone out to the barn to feed his cattle. In doing this he pierced the leg of an Indian, concealed in the hay, with his fork. He hastily turned his cattle out of the barn, took his family and fled to the garrison. No sooner had he done this than his buildings were on fire.

This seemed to be a signal, and in every direction the flames arose. Nearly all the dwellings and out-buildings in the town, excepting those within a short distance of the meeting-house, were destroyed. Near Samuel Morse's, Benjamin Clark, Thomas Thurston, and Samuel Bullen were burned out. On the north side of the brook, Thomas Wight, Robert Mason, and Nathaniel Whiting. In the south part of the town, Henry Adams, Eleazer Adams, and James Allen, Jr. In the northerly section of the town, Samuel Wight, Joseph Warren, John Fisher, John Partridge, and Thomas Mason. In the westerly part of the town near the river hardly a building escaped. The homesteads of John Bowers, Sen., John Bowers, Jr., Nicholas Rockwood, Alexander Lovell, John Fussell, Edward Adams, Peter Adams, Samuel Shepard, Samuel Barber, and Michael Metcalf were all consumed. On the road leading to the Long Causeway, Gershom Wheelock and Joseph Bullard lost their buildings.

Joseph Bullard's house was that originally owned by Nathaniel Sutcliffe, son-in-law of Sergt. John Plympton, and stood about one hundred rods from the Plympton homestead. The savages came no nearer in that direction. West of Charles River, in what is now East Medway, John Adams, Joseph Daniels, George Fairbanks, William Allen and Jonathan Adams were burned out. Thirty houses besides barns and out-buildings were destroyed. As near as can be ascertained about the same number remained standing. This corroborates Hubbard's statement that "near half the town was burnt."

As soon as the people were aroused to their peril, the "greate gunne" was fired, as a signal for help from Dedham or to warn them of their danger. After the second firing of the cannon a panic seized the Indians, and they retreated to the west side of the river across the bridge, which they set on fire.

Hubbard, in his account of this event, says that where out-houses were burned, the cattle were burned also; two mills were destroyed, and forty or fifty houses and barns; seventeen or eighteen were slain or mortally wounded, and others dangerously hurt.

The following were killed or mortally wounded:

Henry Adams, shot in the door of his own house.

John Fussell, perished in the burning of his house, being nearly a hundred years old.

John Bowers, Sen., killed.

John Bowers, Jr., killed.

Thomas Mason, Sen., killed.

Thomas Mason, Jr., and Zachary Mason, aged fifteen and thirteen, were killed with their father near a spring opposite the house.

Margaret Thurston, aged seven, and Samuel Thurston, a year and a half old, children of Thomas Thurston, were killed.

Elizabeth Smith, killed while fleeing with her child in her arms to the garrison. The child left for dead recovered (afterwards the Dea. Samuel Smith elsewhere mentioned). (58) (81)

Elizabeth Adams, the wife, now the widow, of Henry Adams, killed by the accidental discharge of a gun in the hands of one of our own soldiers at Mr. Wilson's house whither she had gone for safety.

Timothy Dwight and Daniel Clarke were mortally wounded.

Several soldiers from other towns were killed.

Mehitable (12) b. Sept. 15, 1655 ; m. first, Sept. 28, 1676, Ephraim Hinsdale, son of Robert, d. Aug. 20, 1681, at Hatfield ; m. second, 1691, Joseph Cheney, of Medfield ; m. third, Jonathan Adams, of Medway.

Down the hill back of the Plympton homestead, over Vine brook, and up a rise of land to the northward, was the residence of the Hinsdales. The young people went that way frequently ; as it was farther round by the meeting-house. These Medfield neighbors removed and settled near each other at Deerfield ; and both families met a similar melancholy fate. Four of the Hinsdales, Robert, the father, and his sons, Samuel, Barnabus and John, were slain at Bloody Brook.

Jonathan b. Nov. 23, 1657, d. Sept. 18, 1675 ; killed at Bloody Brook.

Captain Lathrop with sixty-six men was sent up from Hadley to Deerfield to convoy the teams that were to bring off the grain. Eighteen wagons were loaded with grain, and some furniture belonging to Deerfield people placed upon top ; and on the morning of the 18th September the whole party now numbering eighty-four men, including teamsters, proceeded on their way. "A few miles of their purposed march was made in safety, and about seven o'clock in the morning they reached a little stream within the township of Deerfield, since called Bloody Brook, in memory

of that disastrous day. The stream was bordered by thick woods. As the wagons slowly forded it, tradition relates that the men imprudently put their arms in them, and scattered to gather the wild grapes which hung ripe upon the vine.*

"A sudden volley from hundreds of muskets on the right side of the path startled them from their fancied security. Several were killed. A crowd of savages sprang from an ambush, and fell upon the rest, before they had time to form, and regain their weapons. Lathrop was 'a Godly and courageous commander,' but valor so beset was unavailing. The assailants were believed to be not fewer than seven hundred. Lathrop was shot dead early in the action. Seven or eight Englishmen at the utmost escaped. One of these had been stripped, and left for dead, after being wounded, first by a musket ball and then by a tomahawk. Another forced his way through with his musket, with which he laid about him with one arm, after the other was broken."

The dead were all buried in one grave, now distinguished by a memorial stone which arrests the traveler's attention on the side of the highway in South Deerfield. Among the names of the slain, on the stone, may be found that of Jonathan Plympton. He was a little less than eighteen years old, and was driving his father's team.

Eleazer b. Feb. 20, 1659-60, d. July 15, 1660. Eleazer b. May 3, 1661, d. in infancy. Leeda (Lydia) b. Feb. 2, 1662-3, d. Feb. 14, 1662-3. Jane b. June 2, 1664, d. June 12, 1664. Henry b. June 9, 1666, d. Jan. 4, 1668-9.

6. Thomas Plympton. [2.]

Abigail b. Sept. 30, 1653, d. before 1697. Jane b. Aug. 18, 1655; m. Jan. 4, 1677-8, Joseph Derby. Mary b. Nov. 20, 1656; m. Matthew Stone. Elizabeth b. Dec. 23, 1658; m. John Locke. Thomas b. May 12, 1661, d. Aug. 6, 1722; unnm. Two days previous to his death he made his will:

"In the name of God, Amen,—the fourth day of August, 1722. I, Thomas Plympton, of Sudbury, being sick and weak of body, but of perfect mind and memory—thanks be given unto God therefor, calling to mind the mortality of my body, & knowing that it is appointed unto all men once to dye, do make this my last Will & Testament. That is to say, Principally and first of all I give my soul into the hands of God that gave it, & my

bodie to be decently buried at the discretion of my executors ; and as to such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless in this life, I give and dispose of in the following manner & form, Impr^t: I give and bequeath unto my beloved sister, Jane Derby, ten pounds out of my estate, to be paid by my Executors within a year and a day after my decease.

“Item.—I give unto Prudence Goodnow (the wife of Edmund Goodnow, Jun.) ten pounds, that is to say, the cow that is in his hands of mine upon hire, and my part of the increase of s^d cow due to me by bargain, to be part of said ten pounds.

“Item.—I give unto Mary Barns (the wife of Thomas Barns) one cow and five pounds.

“Item.—I give unto Abigail Kendall (the wife of Nathaniel Kendall) one cow and five pounds.

“Item.—I give unto Jemima Rutter, five pounds ; also to Sarah Stanhope forty shillings.

“Item.—I give unto my well beloved brother Matthew Stone five pounds.

“Item.—I give unto Anna Clap (the daughter of Noah Clap) forty shillings.

“Item.—I give unto Sarah Wood one Lutestring Scarf.

“Item.—I give unto Thomas Reed, Sen^r, my Devonshire Kersey Coat.

“Item.—I give and bequeath ten pounds worth of good & profitable Books, which I leave to the discretion of my execut^rs to procure & distribute amongst the poor of the town of Sudbury : also I give and bequeath two of Mr. Flavels Books in folio to the town of Sudbury ; one to the west part of the town and one to the east part of the town (which Books I will to be chained up, one in each meeting-house for public benefit).

“Item.—I give and bequeath unto the Rev. Mr. Israel Loring forty pounds—to be paid to him by my executors, ten pounds per year the four next years after my decease : also my cloak.

“Item.—Unto my well beloved and only brother, Peter Plympton, I give & bequeath all my lands, meadows, orchards & pastures. All my buildings, stock & movables : all the estate that I have in the whole known world, after my just debts are faithfully and honestly paid & discharged, which I will to

be done in y^e first place by my executors which I nominate, constitute & appoint to be as follows, namely,—Rev. Mr. Israel Loring, my well beloved brother, Peter Plympton, and my beloved brother Matthew Stone—these three I ordain, make & constitute to be my sole executors of this my last Will & Testament & Do hereby utterly disallow, revoke & disannul all and every former Testaments, Wills, Legacies, bequests & executors by me in anywise before named, willed and bequeathed, ratifying & confirming this & no other to be my last Will Testament.

“In witness whereof, &c.

“Signed Augt. 6, 1722.

THOS. PLYMPTON.”

Dorothy b. Oct. 3, 1664, d. before 1697.

Peter (13) b. Jan. 4, 1666-7, d. Aug. 14, 1743; m. Feb. 2, 1720-21, Abigail Thomson, of Sudbury, b. 1688, d. June, 1772. Administration of the estate of Peter Plympton, late of Sudbury, etc., . . . deceas^d intestate, is committed to his widow Abigail, September 5, 1743. Inventory of estate of &c. . . presented by Abigail Plympton, Administratrix, August 13, 1744.

Peter Plympton was fifty-four years old when he was married, and was residuary legatee in the Will of his brother the year following, receiving all the lands, buildings, etc.

Agreement of the children of Thomas Plimpton, March 29, 1697. . . . “& heirs of our hon^d father & mother y^e children of Thomas and Abigail Plimpton, late of Sudbury, &c., deceased intestate . . . for & in order to a final, full & absolute settlement of y^e estate of our said father & mother deceased as aforesaid, . . . amongst ourselves . . . Joseph *Dabe*, in right of his wife, our sister, Jane Dabe, &c. . . .

[Signed.]

Joseph Derby (or Dabe), wife Jane Derby.

John Lock, wife Elizabeth Lock.

Matthew Stone, wife Mary Stone.

Hannah Plimpton.

Peter Plimpton.

Thomas Plimpton.

Peter Plympton finally came into possession of the original homestead and estate in Sudbury, which was undoubtedly retained in the name some generations later.

Hannah b. abt. 1670; living in 1697.

THIRD GENERATION.

7. Hannah Plympton [5] Sutcliffe.

Hannah b. Dec. 19, 1665. Judith b. 1669. Nathaniel b. 1672 ; in the year 1715, Nathaniel Sutcliffe, of Durham, Conn., sold land in Medfield, said to have been received of Joseph Bul-lard.

8. Mary Plympton [5] Johnson.

Joseph b. 1672, d. July 7, 1727 ; m. Jan. 16, 1704, Sarah Maynard b. 1680, d. Feb. 4, 1757. Samuel b. 1674 ; m. May 25, 1703, Lydia Eager. Mary b. 1675. John b. 1679 ; m. Feb. 25, 1707-8, his cousin, Mary Plympton (10). Joanna b. 1682, d. Jan. 26, 1760. Dorothy b. 1685. Jane b. 1687, d. Jan. 3, 1688. Abigail b. 1691, d. Aug. 20, 1693.

9. John Plimpton. [5]

John (14) b. May 17, 1680, d. 1730 ; m. 1707 Susannah Draper, of Dedham, who m. second, Stephen Sabin, and m. third, 1739, Joseph Plimpton, was his second wife, and d. 1769.

The inventory of his estate taken in 1730 amounted to £879, 3s., 9d. He resided at Medfield, and was the third John in suc-cession on the original homestead. The first house having been occupied about seventy-five years, he built a new one east of the former site, and somewhat nearer the street. It was a "half-house," two stories high, with front door, entry and chimney at the westerly end. It had one square room below with a lean-to in the rear. This with subsequent additions was occupied by his descendants about one hundred and fifty years.

A tract of unoccupied land lying between Brookfield and Woodstock, Brimfield and Oxford, attracted the attention of some of the enterprising inhabitants of Medfield, who petitioned the General Court for a grant. "That it might furnish settlements for your petitioners, many of whom are destitute of settlements for themselves, and not well able to purchase necessary accom-modations in towns already settled. And the other of the petitioners being in want of lands for their descendants."

The grant was obtained September 3d, 1729, and three days later the petitioners gathered at the house of Joshua Morse, in Medfield. Among those present were John, Joseph, and William Plimpton. At this meeting John Plimpton was chosen the first

constable and collector for the proprietors of New Medfield, now Sturbridge. But when the first division of land was made the following spring, and ever after, his share was set off and described to "y^e heires of John Plimpton."

Henry (15) b. Dec. 19, 1684, d. Mch. 24, 1731; m. 1705 Mary, dau. of Samuel and Sarah Smith, b. Nov. 22, 1688, d. June 21, 1774; she m. second, 1732, Lieut. Jabez Pond, of Dedham, and m. third, Apr. 24, 1750, Dea. Joseph Wight. Henry Plimpton founded the old homestead on the Dover road; now the residence of Mr. David Plimpton. This estate has the earliest Plympton title which has remained in that name to the present time.

Sarah b. Dec. 28, 1700, d. 1706. Elizabeth (16) b. Sept. 29, 1702, d. 1725; m. Jonathan Metcalf, who m. second, Hannah (Smith) Plympton (19) and d. 1765.

10. Peter Plympton. [5].

Hannah b. Mch. 28, 1679. Mary (17) b. Mch. 8, 1681, d. July 19, 1720; m. Feb. 25, 1707-8, John Johnson (8); Marlboro.

11. Joseph Plympton. [5]

Joseph (18) b. Mch. 18, 1677, d. Oct. 21, 1739; m. first, 1699, Priscilla Partridge, d. 1738; m. second, Apr. 15, 1739, Susannah Sabin (9); resided at the homestead on the corner opposite the cemetery in Medfield. Administration of estate of Joseph Plimpton, late of Medfield, husbandman, granted Mch. 3, 1740, to Simon, son of the deceased, house-wright. Settlement and division, Aug. 7, 1742; estate taken by William and Nathan, sons, to pay out to brothers and sisters, or their representatives, their respective shares.

He was a prominent man in Medfield; was representative, 1720, and 1731.

He was Lieut. of Militia, commissioned by Gov. Dummer in 1723.

He was one of the proprietors of New Medfield, and was very active in forwarding the settlement, and in ordering the affairs of the town. He was on the several committees—to divide the land; to locate and build the first meeting-house; to locate the first bridge over the Quinebaug; and he was moderator of ten of the proprietors' meetings.

Jonathan (19) b. Apr. 28, 1680, d. 1749; m. 1702 Bethiah, dau. of Benjamin Fiske, d. 1749; settled on her father's farm in the north part of Medfield. He was prominent in town affairs; was selectman eight years, town treasurer two years; and representative three years, 1738-39-40.

Jeremiah (20) b. Nov. 8, 1683; m. 1704 Elizabeth Johnson; lived about fifteen years in Canterbury, Conn.; unable to trace him farther. Mary b. July, 1692; m. 1702 Samuel Adams, Jun.; the birth and baptism of one child, and the reception of Samuel and Mary Adams to occasional communion, is the entire record; Medfield.

12. Mehitable Plympton [5] Hinsdale, Cheney.

John b. Aug. 7, 1677. Experience b. 1679; m. 1704 Nathaniel Clark; Medfield. Mehitable b. 1681; m. Dec. 30, 1706, Nathaniel Wight; Medfield. Hannah (Cheney) b. 1692, d. 1694. Joseph b. 1694, d. 1718. Ephraim b. 1696, d. 1759; progenitor of a numerous family of Cheney's.

13. Peter Plympton. [6]

Abigail b. Oct. 23, 1721. Thomas (21) b. Apr. 17, 1723, d. 1789; m. Ruth — b. 1725, d. Aug. 15, 1760; in his will, dated Apr. 20, 1786, after bequests to his four daughters, gave all the residue to his only son, Ebenezer, who was appointed executor. He was a soldier of the Revolution; Sudbury.

FOURTH GENERATION.

14. John Plimpton. [9]

John (22) b. Sept. 15, 1708, d. 1756; m. 1731 Abigail, dau. of John Fisher; she m. second, 1771, David Clark, of Medfield, d. 1785; estate divided Nov. 23, 1759, "three lots on Stop River, & 62 acres of land in Sturbridge" are included in the appraisal. He resided on the "Original Homestead" in Medfield, being the fourth John in succession on that place. He settled the estate of his grandfather, John Plimpton [8], who died thirty-five years before.

James (23) b. Dec. 4, 1709, d. Aug. 29, 1784; m. 1736 Huldah, dau. of Alexander Lovell, of Medfield, b. 1709, d. Apr. 2, 1783. Will, dated June 28, 1781; approved Oct. 5, 1784; as of James Plimpton, late of Stoughton (now Foxboro), cordwainer.

Inventory amounting to £543, 12s., Real, and £744, 5s., 11d., Personal; sons Asa and Elijah, executors. The "Boston Gazette or Weekly Journal" of the 6th January, 1749, contained the following item: "On the 18th May was burnt at Stoughton, the house of Mr. James Plympton,—himself and family being abroad. It is as yet uncertain by what means it was occasioned."

It is the tradition that the whole family attended a general muster that day, returning at night to find their home in ashes. Quite a beginning had been made, the result of ten or more years of labor; but field, orchard, and clearing, have long since returned to their primitive condition.

They built a new homestead the other side of the meadow, to the eastward; in a more accessible location. It is on the road from South Walpole to Foxboro, and has always been owned by descendants of the original proprietor.

Daniel (24) b. Jan. 9, 1720-1, d. June 10, 1777; m. 1745 Deborah, dau. of Nathaniel and Lydia (Partridge) Smith, b. 1723, d. Feb. 20, 1787; she m. second, Jan. 4, 1779, Aaron Allen b. 1716, d. 1794. Nathaniel Smith was the son of Samuel, the boy found beside his dead mother at the "Burning of Medfield;" was the father of Joseph, the first white man who remained through a winter in Sturbridge; also of Lydia who married John Marsh, the founder of the family of that name in Sturbridge; he d. Jan. 16, 1762, in Sturbridge; wife Lydia (Partridge) d. Jan. 20, 1773.

Daniel Plimpton went from Medfield to Sturbridge, and selected lot No. 53, originally set off to the right of Ichabod Harding. It was bounded on two sides by the Quinebaug. The south line was on the river as it flows easterly at Westville, then followed the same as it turns to the north, until it again begins to bend to the eastward, and to Globe Village. Here the line left the river at an angle, thence west to a corner, then south to the river. The farm contained one hundred and fifteen acres; surface very hilly and uneven, with a general slope more or less inclined towards the river.

The buildings were located on high ground near the south end of the tract, having in prospect beautiful fields, sloping south and east to the river. On the opposite side of the river were the Fosters, Dennisons, Wheelocks and Hardings; and northerly over a fine ridge of land since known as "Fiske Hill," were the Smiths and Fiskes.

Here in the strength of early maturity settled Daniel and Deborah, and by years of industry, cleared away the forests, made the fields arable and productive, and erected comfortable buildings. Deborah planted fruit trees with her own hands, and ere long they had abundance.

On elevated grounds, to the northward, and partly within the limits of his own land, was a large swamp of some fifteen acres. This was flowed to the depth of several feet, by making small dams at the eastern and southern outlets. The water was drawn from the south flume, and conducted nearer the house of the proprietor, and down a precipitous hill, where he erected a saw-mill. As Moses Marcy's mill was just over the line, this was undoubtedly the first saw-mill within the limits of Sturbridge. The foundation of this ancient mill may be seen by the side of the road from Westville to Fiske Hill.

He also had works for making potash on the side-hill between the "Old Factory" and the "Moses Fiske house."

Brick-making was another enterprise; small quantities being made to supply the needs of the community.

The compiler has in his possession Daniel Plimpton's account book of 1774, and 1775; the contents of which prove that he had a store. This book is of special interest, as this is the first store we have any account of in Sturbridge. The index list of customers is as follows: Capt. Ralph Wheelock, John Marsh, David Morse, Nathaniel Smith, Samuel Streeter, Ebenezer Morse, Zeeb Clark, Lieut. Samuel Ellis, Widow Hannah Forsket, John Salmon, Eli Town, Elijah Plimpton, Abner Plimpton, Abel Mason, Ebenezer Bugby, Dea. John Harding, Ebenezer and Jesse Duntton, Thomas Boyden, James Plimpton, Widow Zeeb Sanders, Joseph Mason, Jonathan Mason, John Streeter, Joseph Morse, Jun., Adam Martin, Gershom Plimpton, Jonah Clark, Rufus Robbins, Frederick Plimpton, Peter Belknap, Mr. Gibbs, Fletcher Foster, Samuel Morse, Samuel Rogers, David Smith.

These persons were Dr. for sawing various kinds of lumber, and for Brick, Lime, "Rhum," Molasses, Sugar, Indigo, Allspice, Coffee, Butter, Corn, Rye, Potatoes, Cider, Salt, "Gunnes," Powder, Flints. They were Cr. with Butter, Ashes, and occasionally other farm produce.

In 1757, Daniel Plimpton was chosen Tythingman, Highway Surveyor, Sealer of Leather, and Constable. The office of Sealer

of Leather was continued from year to year during the rest of his life.

In 1770, Ensign Daniel Plimpton was chosen "Wardian," which was at that time, an office in the church, next in authority to the minister.

In 1771 he was on a "committee to see what repairs should be made on the meeting-house."

In 1773 he was one of the selectmen; also member of a "committee in regard to correspondence with a large Boston committee about recent oppressive enactments of Parliament."

In 1775 we find Major Daniel Plimpton in the list of selectmen. The town meeting of January 9, 1775, was not called "in His Majesty's name." January 20, 1775, Dea. Fiske, Major Timothy Newell and Major Plimpton were chosen a committee "to prepare some instructions for Capt. Parker, our Representative;" which instructions, having been twice read, were accepted by a vote of the town.

The following are some of the instructions :

"First.—Respecting civil government (in case the petition or address to his Majesty should be rejected), we think it highly necessary to assume government by and with the advice of our sister colonies, as soon as may be.

"Second.—Respecting the demands of the Grand Congress, we advise that the whole of their expenses be paid; and as to their wages, we think that thirteen shillings and sixpence per day is too much, and we advise our delegates to plead in behalf of the province, that things may be carried on with as little expense as possible in this day of trouble and distress."

Remarking upon this, Mr. Amidown, in his Historical Sketches says :

"The citizens of Sturbridge had already borrowed money to redeem the pledge which they had given to support the common cause. They had made great sacrifices, and were prepared to make still greater. A vote which was passed at a previous town meeting to raise £100, for repair of roads, was promptly reconsidered, because, in their judgment, political oppression was worse than bad roads. They had been contemplating the erection of a new meeting-house, but this, though greatly needed, was cheerfully deferred till they had first secured their liberty and right to a constitutional government. Under such circumstances

they could very justly ask for economy in the management of public affairs, and, if rigid on this point, it was not the result of parsimony, but of patriotism. It was in behalf of the province, and not of themselves, that they pleaded."

At the same meeting (Jan. 20, 1775,) on article 4th, the town voted to choose a committee of inspection, agreeable to the advice of the General Congress,—voted to choose seven men. The fourth one on the list elected was Major Daniel Plimpton.

In 1776 Colonel Daniel Plimpton was one of the selectmen.

At a town meeting on the second Monday in January, Col. Plimpton was chosen with others a committee to estimate the value of the past services of any of the inhabitants of the town in the present war.

"There is great and abundant evidence upon the records of this town, of earnestness and persistence of purpose of its people for the preservation and maintenance of their rights; and also in the framing and establishing a new form of government, it appears on the record of their doings that they were no less watchful. They voted unanimously in favor of the Declaration of Independence, and recorded it entire upon their town book; and when asked for their opinion and consent that the State Legislature should have the right to draft a constitution and ratify the same, without their having the privilege of examining and approving of it, they rejected the proposition with but one vote in its favor, and appointed a committee, consisting of Dea. Daniel Fiske, Dea. Moses Weld, Col. Daniel Plimpton, Mr. John Holbrook, and Lieut. Henry Fiske, to draft their reasons for this vote. The principal reason was the following:" (Amm. Hist. Coll.)

"As the end of government is the happiness and safety of the people, so the sole right and power of forming and establishing a plan thereof is in the people; consequently, we think it unadvisable and irrational to consent that any set of men should form and ratify a constitution of government for us, before we know what it is."

March 3d, 1777, committee of safety and inspection were, Major Timothy Newell, Colonel Daniel Plimpton, William McKinstry, Capt. Abel Mason, Lieut. Benjamin Freeman, Lieut. John Salmon, Mr. Job Hamant.

Col. Plimpton's intense partisan spirit could not fail to make strong personal enemies. Hence the credibility of the tradition

that it was purposely contrived to expose him to the small-pox, of which he died.

May 27th, 1778, at a town meeting, Elijah Plimpton brought in a bill of ten shillings due to his father, deceased, "for numbering the people," which was allowed him.

Elizabeth b. Oct. 17, 1726, d. 1757; unm.

15. Henry Plimpton. [9]

Mary (25) b. Oct. 8, 1707, d. Nov. 15, 1781; m. 1735 John Wight, of Medfield; lived in the north part of the town; place now owned by Noah Allen. David b. Dec. 16, 1708, d. Mch. 21, 1731. Two years after his death, Sarah (62) named her first-born in remembrance of her brother; and the name has been continued in the Wight family six generations. Henry (63) named his only son after his brother, and there has been a David Plympton on the "old homestead" to the present time (1883).

Sarah (26) b. Oct. 23, 1711, d. July 27, 1798; m. 1732 Jonathan Wight, Jun., brother of John (60); lived in the north-east part of Medfield, corner of North and Railroad streets.

Henry (27) b. Aug. 1, 1714, d. Jan. 6, 1805; m. first, 1734, Anne Pond d. Feb. 4, 1750; m. second, Abigail Bacon, of Dedham, d. Mch. 16, 1776; m. third, Mehitable ——— d. Jan. 5, 1796. He resided ten years in Boston, and was called a wharfinger. While there he was a member of Mr. Bourne's church (2d Bap.), and deeded certain property to said church. He returned to Medfield and resided on the homestead of his father. In 1776 he gave sixteen volumes of Gale's commentaries to the Baptist Church in Medfield, of which he appears to have been a member, but becoming disaffected for some reason in 1792, he was re-admitted to communion in the old parish church. A soldier of the Revolution.

Job (28) b. May 11, 1716, d. Mch. 18, 1797; m. Feb. 29, 1743, Esther Pond, dau. of Joseph, b. 1723, d. Feb. 15, 1797; a farmer; resided in Medway.

16. Elizabeth Plympton [9] Metcalf.

Sarah b. 1722, d. 1736. Elizabeth b. 1725, d. 1763; m. 1742 Joseph Plimpton (79).

17. Mary Plimpton [10] Johnson.

Elizabeth b. 1708. Abraham b. 1709; m. Sarah ———.

Abigail b. 1711, d. Feb. 10, 1760. John b. 1715. Mary b. 1716. Nathaniel b. 1718.

18. Joseph Plimpton. [11]

William (29) b. May 26, 1700, d. Apr. 29, 1770; m. 1725 Keziah, dau. of John and Elizabeth Dwight, b. Sept. 8, 1705, d. Nov. 11, 1776.

In 1724 the town of Medfield granted him the privilege of building a dam across the brook, near the meeting-house, for purposes of a Fulling mill. This little pond, now one hundred and fifty years old, is an ornament to the village. The banks are neatly built with stone and overhung by trees. A street runs along the north side. This privilege is on the ancient "vine brook" that ran back of John Plimpton's [1] house, and nearly parallel with Main street. His residence was on Main street, a short distance east of the "Original Plympton homestead," immediately in front of, and south of the mill. Down by the mill, beyond the dam, was the residence of John Dwight, whose daughter he married.

In the year 1753, William Plimpton was baptized in Boston, and united with the Second Church there. He was prominent in the early movements which finally led to the formation of a Baptist church in Medfield, but did not live to see it accomplished. He was one of the proprietors of New Medfield, or Sturbridge; but was not so prominent in the management of affairs as was his father.

Joseph b. Jan. 15, 1702-3, d. 1712. Priscilla (30) b. Oct. 13, 1704, d. 1740; m. 1729 Dea. Ephraim Wheelock, the second of his five wives.

Simon (31) b. Feb. 10, 1706-7, d. 1798; m. May 13, 1735, Ruth Morse b. 1716, d. 1806, dau. of Hon. Joshua Morse, who was representative to the General Court six years, and was the chief mover in obtaining the grant of New Medfield, and the meetings of the proprietors were held at his house for many years. Simon Plimpton was a surveyor of land. In the first settlement of Wrentham west precinct, now Franklin, a disagreement arose in regard to the location of the meeting-house, and "Mr. Plimpton, of Medfield," was employed to survey the town for the purpose of assisting to locate the meeting-house in 1737. He was selectman 1757, 1766, and 1776, and was prominent in the affairs of the

town in Revolutionary times. He succeeded his father on the estate at the corner opposite the cemetery.

Hannah (32) b. Sept. 15, 1708, d. 1766; m. 1730 John Cutler b. 1705, son of Nathaniel, of Reading, b. 1659, m. 1700 Elizabeth Underwood, of Watertown; who was the son of Nathaniel; m. 1655 Mary —; who was the son of John and Mary Cutler, of Hingham. They resided in Medfield, and were prominent in starting the society of Baptists there in 1752. She united with the Second Church, Boston, in 1753, and "was so far as is known, the first Baptist woman in Medfield." (W. S. Tilden.)

Nathan (33) b. Jan. 3, 1710, d. 1781; m. Abigail, dau. of Seth Clarke, of Medfield, d. 1813; a weaver; had his house on North street where I. Fiske's barn now is, opposite the "Town Pump" His dye-house was adjoining, and he had a right to drain the same through a ditch in Mr. Wheelock's land to the brook. He was selectman 1741, and town clerk 1741 to 1744. We learn that in 1747, he, his brother William, John Cutter, and several others had charged the church with breach of covenant, for making which charge they were forbidden to come to the communion, or to take part in the action of the church. . . . It was voted by the parish church, however, that Nathan Plimpton "be requested to tune the psalm as heretofore." (W. S. Tilden.)

The Baptist meetings for twenty years were at private dwellings, often at the house of Nathan Plimpton (who could tune the psalm), he being a wealthy man and owning a large house. He took a leading part in organizing the Baptist Church, in 1776, at Medfield, and at the installation of the Rev. Mr. Gair. The Second Church, Boston, had at this time been brought to the verge of dissolution by deaths and removals, and it was not thought best for Nathan Plimpton and John Cutler to ask a dismission then, as their means and influence could not well be spared. They retained their connection there during the few remaining years of their lives.

Joseph (34) b. Mch. 8, 1712, d. 1773; m. 1742 Elizabeth Metcalf (18). His son, Joseph (34), was appointed administrator on the estate of both parents, Nov. 19, 1773; Nathan Plimpton, weaver, of Medfield, was one of the bondsmen. Oct. 25, 1765, Joseph Plimpton, of Medfield, yeoman, was appointed guardian of his children; they being heirs of Jonathan Metcalf, late of Med-

field. He settled on the west side of what is known as Noon Hill.

Amy (35) b. May 5, 1714, d. 1782; m. 1735 Ebenezer Dorr, of Roxbury, b. Feb. 2, 1712, d. 1782.

19. Jonathan Plympton. [11]

Benjamin b. Sept. 20, 1703; m. 1735 Hannah, dau. of Dea. Samuel Smith [10], of Medfield. Benjamin Plympton resided in Dedham. His widow married Jonathan Metcalf, of Medfield, his second wife.

Martha b. May 25, 1710; m. Timothy Guy. Jonathan b. Apr. 16, 1712, d. 1712. Jonathan b. May 6, 1714, d. 1740. Ezekiel b. Mch. 13, 1715, d. 1740. Silence b. Sept. 16, 1718, d. 1718. Bethiah b. Jan. 24, 1720.

Sylvanus (36) b. Aug. 17, 1722; m. first, Sibyl, dau. of Noah and Sarah Allen, bapt. Dec. 20, 1724, d. —; m. second, before 1756, Hannah Phipps, of Sherborne. He inherited the Plympton-Fiske-Wight homestead; was prominent in town affairs, selectman, 1761, 1779, and 1780. He was called Captain.

20. Jeremiah Plympton. [11]

Sarah b. Oct. 17, 1709. Sibbilah b. Aug. 20, 1712.

21. Thomas Plympton. [13]

Ruth b. Nov. 14, 1745; m. Augustus Moore. Mary b. 1747; m. William Hunt. Hannah b. 1749; m. Levi Holden.

Abigail (37) b. 1753; m. Oct. 12, 1778, Nathan, son of Isaac and Lydia Reed, b. Feb. 5, 1756.

Ebenezer (38) b. July 4, 1756, d. Dec. 9, 1834; m. first, Susanna Ruggles b. Feb. 8, 1764, d. Nov. 3, 1807; m. second, Martha Ewers b. Apr. 28, 1791. Dea. Ebenezer Plympton was a soldier of the Revolution. "As a magistrate he was just; as a father he was kind, as a neighbor, benevolent. He sustained a life, exemplary, worthy of imitation by *all* who value *integrity* more than money, and prefer patriotism and a free government to monarchy."

"Susanna Ruggles, wife of Ebenezer Plympton, Esq., was born in Roxbury, Mass." . . . "As a mother she imparted traits of maternal character, which will be ever held in high and endearing estimation by her children, for whose happiness she labored incessantly." (From inscription on the Family Monument at Sudbury.)

After his death the Plympton homestead in Sudbury passed out of the name.

FIFTH GENERATION.

22. John Plimpton. [14]

John b. Feb. 27, 1732, d. 1754; unm.

Amos (39) b. June 16, 1735, d. 1808; m. first, 1756, Mary Guild, of Walpole, b. 1735, d. 1800; m. second, widow Mary Breck, of Sherborne, d. in Medway. He took the estate at the decease of his mother in 1785; paying out to Abner Plimpton, Unity Boyden and Olive Peters, other children of the deceased, and was the last of the name residing on the original homestead. He was a soldier of the Revolution.

Olive (40) b. Feb. 8, 1737, d. 1768; m. 1758, Adam Peters, of Medfield. He was a tanner, and his homestead is now occupied by Rev. C. C. Sewell, a descendant. Adam Peters was a Captain in the war of the Revolution.

Abner (41) b. May 7, 1743, d. May 5, 1814; m. Nov. 27, 1764, Esther Mann, of Wrentham, b. 1740, d. Oct. 28, 1834. Dec. 22, 1758, Abner Plimpton, son of John Plimpton, late of Medfield, names John Baxter his guardian. June 1, 1764, he bought of his brother Amos two parcels of land in Sturbridge on which he settled. June 10, 1787, he deeded the same to Jonathan Gibbs for two hundred pounds lawful money. It is now the residence of Penuel Plimpton (260). Abner Plimpton and his family removed to Wardsboro, Vt. He was a Revolutionary soldier with the rank of Sergeant.

Unity (42) b. Jan. 6, 1746-7, d. 1828; m. Benjamin Boyden; Medfield. Dec. 22, 1758, her mother Abigail was appointed her guardian.

23 James Plimpton. [14]

James (43) b. 1742, d. Apr. 6, 1808; m. Nov. 30, 1768, Esther Ormsby, of Medfield, b. 1744, d. Sept. 16, 1812. He was a carpenter; moved to Sturbridge when a young man, and his first employment was to build a house for Capt. Ralph Wheelock; a structure which did good service as a dwelling, and as a relic of "y^e olden tyme," until it was over a hundred years old. He bought a tract of land which included a water privilege on the Quinebaug. He built a dam about 1774, and afterwards a saw-

mill and grist-mill, and the place was for many years known as "Plimpton's Mills."

Catherine (44) b. 1746, d. Aug. 24, 1797; m. Jan. 14, 1767, Richard Hartshorne; Walpole.

Asa (45) b. 1748, d. Mch. 22, 1808; m. first, Sarah Dexter b. 1752, d. Sept. 17, 1779; m. second, Mary Smith b. 1750, d. Feb. 22, 1823. He resided in Foxboro at the homestead of his father; was a soldier of the Revolution.

Elijah (46) b. Sept. 12, 1750, d. June 8, 1817; m. 1774 Mary Pond b. Aug. 29, 1755, d. Oct. 17, 1833. She was the daughter of Nathan and Mary (Smith) Pond. Nathan Pond was the son of Ichabod, of Wrentham, and settled in Walpole in 1767. Elijah Plimpton received a portion of his father's estate by deed, dated 1774. Upon this he built a new homestead and developed a large farm. At his decease he left his farm by will to his sons, Elijah, Jun., and Willard. The house was a double one, and was occupied by the two brothers and their families in perfect harmony. At the time of the death of Willard, the last survivor, the house had been occupied by Plimptons over one hundred years; it was then sold out of the family. It is called the "Plimpton House," and is noted for its fine row of elm trees in front. The locality is called the "Plimpton School District." The school-house is within the limits of the original estate. Elijah Plimpton, Sen., was in the Revolutionary service.

Ziba (47) b. 1751, d. 1821; m. Tabitha Hart, of Walpole, b. 1760, d. 1846. He was a cordwainer and farmer, and resided near the western border of Sharon, not far from South Walpole. His farm is now owned by his grandson, Lyman (110), and is noted for its fine cranberry meadows. His house is included in the cottage of the present proprietor. He did service as a soldier for the cause of independence. The family tradition is that he was Corporal, and assisted in building the Old Fort on Roxbury Heights.

24.

Col. Daniel Plimpton. [14]

Elijah (48) b. June 30, 1747, d. Oct. 25, 1817; m. 1769 Mary, dau. of Lieut. Joseph and Abigail Cheney, b. June 30, 1746, d. Sept. 9, 1841. He settled on a farm of wild land in the southwest part of Sturbridge, where he erected large and substantial buildings still owned by descendants, though not of the Plimpton

name. He served in the Revolutionary war, with the rank of Sergeant, and was afterwards Lieut. of Militia. It is a tradition among the descendants that while he was in the army, his wife, besides attending to the ordinary household duties, and the care of four small children, would do a large day's work at spinning, or weaving, and then go out and burn brush upon the "clearing" at night. He was a near neighbor to his cousin Abner.

Elias (49) b. Mch. 2, 1741, d. Oct. 30, 1814; m. first, July 27, 1777, Lydia Blashfield, d. June 10, 1790; m. second, Apr. 28, 1791, Anne, dau. of Aaron Weld, of Sturbridge, b. Feb. 4, 1759, d. Aug. 22, 1844. He was a farmer, and resided on the spot occupied by his father. He served as a soldier of the Revolution; was afterward Captain of Militia, and occasionally served as a town officer.

Daniel b. Feb. 7, 1753, d. Apr. 23, 1777, of small-pox at the "pest-house" on Shumway Hill in Sturbridge, and was buried there. He was a Sergeant in the Patriot Army. His service commencing early in the spring of '76, continued through the greater part of the following winter. He was a month at Cambridge, afterwards doubtless participated in the operation on Long Island, New York, and Washington's retreat across the "Jersey's."

Elizabeth (60) b. Sept. 3, 1755, d. Apr. 22, 1834; m. Apr. 17, 1774, Frederick Plimpton (29). They died and were buried at Heuvelton, St. Lawrence Co., N. Y.

Deborah b. Oct., 1757; m. Dec. 9, 1778, John, son of Dea. Moses and Elizabeth Weld, b. Jan. 4, 1752. They went to Cornish, N. H.

John (50) b. July 18, 1761, d. Aug. 20, 1817; m. Aug. 30, 1786, Molly, dau. of John and Lydia (Smith) Marsh, b. Sept. 17, 1763, d. Sept. 20, 1840. That John was trusty, capable, and inured to hard labor early in life, is indicated by items in his father's account book. For instance, James Plimpton (23) is charged, "To John, oxon, and mare a day an half, 4s., 6d.;" "John and oxon one day plowing," &c. This was in 1774, when he was thirteen years old.

Patriotism was predominant in the family, and John, following the teaching of his father, and the example of his older brothers, enlisted at the age of sixteen. He doubtless performed the duties of a soldier with the same energy and faithfulness displayed in his

character as a business man in after life. The following anecdote is found in a Historical Sketch of Sturbridge by George Davis, Esq. Mr. Davis was well acquainted with Oliver Plimpton and Benjamin Hobbs, and apparently had the story from the latter :

“Benjamin Hobbs, John and Oliver Plimpton, were, at one period, in the same company, and, if we mistake not, that company was commanded by Capt. Mason. An anecdote of one of their feats is still familiar. Their provisions, especially of meat, at one time, had become quite exhausted. Those men were not of the stamp, patiently to submit to starvation, or even very spare diet. They accordingly reconnoitered the vicinity in search of something to meet the demands of the appetite. At last they marked out in a herd of cattle, a handsome, plump animal, about two years old, which they were determined to secure as their victim. They were well aware that their physical energies must be severely tasked to gain a victory. There was no time for shrinking back, or of holding a parley. The onset must be immediate and unyielding. After a short, but severe effort, John Plimpton was able to seize the animal by the horns. The poor creature might then struggle in vain. Hobbs said before he had time to come up to assist Plimpton in the struggle, Plimpton had struck the animal two or three blows with his fist on the head, and then picked up a stone and repeated the blows, but did not succeed in bringing it to the ground. After Hobbs came up, the animal was dispatched and put into condition to be carried to the camp. Oliver Plimpton, during the struggle, was posted as sentinel to give notice, in case of danger. Those three men carried their booty on their shoulders to the camp. The reader has an illustration of their resolution and muscular power. John Plimpton and Elias Plimpton, as we have spoken of others, performed their parts faithfully for their country, and were highly esteemed as neighbors and citizens.”

In a list of the 4th division of six months' men raised to reinforce the Continental Army, he is thus described : John Plimpton, aged 18, height, 5 feet 11 inches, light complexion ; arrived at Springfield, July 30, 1780.

In the year 1800, he was “Lieutenant of a company in a Battalion of Artillery in the first Brigade, seventh Division of the Militia of this Commonwealth.” His commission was signed by Caleb Strong, Governor. He had previously been first Sergeant

of the same company. In the division of their father's estate, John had the eastern and northern half, including the saw-mill; Elias, the rest with the buildings. John built his house in 1787-8; in the style prevailing at that period. It was a square, two storied structure, with massive chimney. The cellar extending under the whole house is deep, walled with large stone, and having stairs made of the same durable material. In the attic, the rafters are supported midway by purlin plates resting on perpendicular king-posts; all heavy timber, and thoroughly braced. This house is still standing, and in its construction can be read the personal characteristics of the builder. As a neighbor he was generous and accommodating; as a business man, enterprising, and fairly successful. He bought lands, and was the owner of a saw-mill, besides the one that was his father's, and half of a grist-mill on the Quinebaug.

In 1812 the "Sturbridge Manufacturing Company" was incorporated. John Plimpton was one of the original members. His grist-mill, and water power on the Quinebaug was turned over to the company. By contract he built a new dam, and erected the factory building; other members of the corporation having the privilege of furnishing labor and material.

The factory was put in operation, but too late for them to reap the expected profit, for the close of the war with Great Britain produced a change in the market disastrous to manufacturers. But this factory has the honor of being the first on the Quinebaug in Sturbridge or Southbridge, and its establishment was largely due to the enterprise and energy of John Plimpton.

25. Mary Plimpton [15] Wight.

John b. 1736; went to Dublin, N. H. Aaron b. 1737, d. 1737. Jabez b. 1738, d. 1740. Asa b. 1740, d. 1742. Abigail b. 1741. Asa b. 1742, d. 1808; Medfield. Molly b. 1747, d. 1748. Mary b. 1752; m. Seth Wight.

26. Sarah Plimpton [15] Wight.

David (51) b. Aug. 16, 1733, d. Sept. 8, 1822; m. June 19, 1760, Catherine Morse, of Medfield, b. Mch. 5, 1737, d. Feb. 18, 1827. During the year 1766 they erected a new house in Medway, and opened it as a house of public entertainment, and continued in that business several years. In 1774 they removed

to Sturbridge, and were the founders of the Wight family there. Jonathan b. 1734, d. 1830; Dea. in a chh.; Medfield. Sara b. 1736, d. 1834; m. David Plimpton (27). Simeon b. 1737, d. 1737. Lois b. 1738, d. 1831; unm. Eunice b. 1740, d. 1817; m. Dr. Enoch Adams; Medfield. Moses b. 1741, d. 1742. Aaron b. 1741, d. 1813; physician at Medway. Silence b. 1743, d. 1817; m. first, Rev. Daniel Adams, Watertown; m. second, John Baxter, of Medfield. Moses b. 1745, d. 1829; Medfield. Thankful b. 1747, d. 1823; m. Joseph Perigo; Wrentham. Simeon b. 1750, d. 1777; was a surgeon in the Navy; was killed in the Revolutionary war, and left a family of children. Henry b. 1752, d. 1837; Pastor of a church in Bristol, R. I. Job b. 1754, d. 1809; Home Missionary in Western N. Y.

27. Henry Plympton. [15]

Anne b. June 6, 1735; m. — Perry. David (52) b. Sept. 28, 1738, d. Apr. 15, 1826; m. Sara Wight (26). He was a farmer on the homestead of his father in Medfield; was a soldier of the Revolution.

28. Job Plympton. [15]

Timothy b. Aug. 19, 1738, d. Nov. 11, 1756. Joses b. Dec. 1, 1744, d. Dec. 3, 1744. Job (53) b. Aug. 12, 1746; m. Jan. 16, 1767, Beriah Hawes; she was a person of uncommon energy and resolution; noted for beauty in her younger days; later in life was called "Mother Job." He was a farmer in good circumstances in Medway; a Sergeant in the Revolution.

Esther b. June 6, 1751, d. Oct. 30, 1756. Mary b. April 18, 1753, d. young. Elizabeth b. July 11, 1755, d. July 21, 1755. Mary b. July 11, 1755, d. July 11, 1755. Silence b. July 11, 1755, d. July 11, 1755. John (54) b. May 3, 1758, d. 1833; m. June 7, 1781, Rhoda, dau. of Capt. Moses Adams, of Medway, b. 1760, d. 1835. He resided in Medway several years, and about 1795 moved to Milo, Yates county, N. Y. For many miles of the last part of their journey the party cut their way through the woods. He settled on a tract of four hundred acres, which he bought cheap; was in the Revolutionary service, and was known as Capt. John Plimpton.

Esther (55) b. Apr. 30, 1760; m. May 21, 1778, Simon Slocumb; Medway. Mary b. Apr. 21, 1762; m. Jan. 22, 1784,

Timothy Adams. Elizabeth (56) b. Apr. 10, 1767; m. Oct. 2, 1788, Nathaniel Cutler.

29. William Plimpton. [18]

Abigail (57) b. July 26, 1726, d. Oct. 27, 1776; m. 1750, Jesse Pratt; Medfield.

Mary (58) b. Oct. 8, 1728; m. 1750 Oliver Ellis; resided in the north part of Medfield, corner of Railroad and Canal streets.

Caroline b. Feb. 24, 1731, d. 1821; m. 1758 Moses Bullen; Medfield. He was one of the most prominent citizens in the revolutionary period; was representative 1774; delegate to the Provincial Congress 1775; often selectman, and generally Moderator of town meetings.

William (59) b. Jan. 20, 1732-3, d. June 15, 1781; m. Nov. 25, 1754, Prudence, dau. of Col. Moses Marcy, of Sturbridge, b. Sept. 9, 1734, d. Sept. 6, 1779, in Boston. When twenty-one years of age, his father, who was one of the proprietors of Sturbridge, deeded to him, "in consideration of the love and good will I bear to my well beloved son, William Plimpton, Jr., of Sturbridge, sixty acres; a portion of lot No. 24" etc. This with adjoining lands which he bought, constituted the homestead upon which he settled. This territory once owned by him now comprises the farms of Ezekiel Cooper and Henry Weld. He settled the estate of his father who died in 1770, and about that time left Sturbridge. He was in Boston in 1773; was that year member of a company of militia commanded by Capt. John Haskins. When appointed to administer the estate of his mother in 1777, he is described as "of Boston, Inn-holder." It is a tradition that during the Revolutionary period, he kept the "Lamb Tavern;" the Tremont House of that day.

Gershom (60) b. Jan. 14, 1734-5, d. Jan. 27, 1808; m. Mch. 2, 1758, Martha, dau. of Col. Moses Marcy, of Sturbridge, b. Aug. 27, 1740, d. Jan. 15, 1825. He came from Medfield to Sturbridge in 1753, traveling on foot with his pack, gun, ammunition, &c. He had great skill in hunting and fishing, and always kept one or more hounds of genuine breed, for foxes and coons.

He bought of his father, for "9 pounds Lawful money," ten acres of land in Sturbridge, bounded south on the Quinebaug, west by land of Jonathan Perry, northerly by the highway, and easterly by land of Reuben Ellis. Deed dated Apr. 21, 1759.

This was the southeast corner of lot No. 21 ; originally set off to John Dwight, one of the proprietors, who in his will gave all his lands in Sturbridge, remaining unsold at his decease, to be equally divided among his daughters. Keziah, the wife of William Plimpton, was one of the five daughters.

At that time the only bridge over the river, in that vicinity, was at Marcy's mills, near where Central street now crosses the Quinbaug. The road from Sturbridge meeting-house left Main street where it now enters Globe Village, and passed by the present residence of Dr. L. W. Curtis, and so on over Dresser Hill to Marcy's bridge.

He built a fulling-mill at what is now Globe Village, this being the first improvement of the water power at that place. Later in life, before 1795, in connection with his son, Gershom, Jr., he established a grist-mill there. He was also a farmer. The large house which he built was finely situated, and, with its surroundings, presented a picturesque appearance at the beginning of the present century. The site is now occupied by Alden's Building, a fine structure of brick and stone.

Ame b. July 23, 1737, d. Apr. 29, 1762 ; m. Jonathan Allen. Keziah (61) b. Mch. 26, 1740, d. 1828 ; m. 1766 Henry Harding ; Medfield. Frederick (62) b. Mch. 10, 1743, d. June 12, 1832 ; m. Apr. 17, 1774, Elizabeth Plimpton (24). He removed from Medfield to Sturbridge in 1770, and resided there about forty years. He was occasionally elected to offices of trust, and represented the town in the State Legislature one year. The large and fertile farm which he developed from its wild state was sold about 1810, to Richard Arnold, whose son, T. E. Arnold, is the present proprietor. He built, in the first place, a two-story, thirty by forty house, which is over a hundred years old. When his son, Dr. Luther Plimpton, was married, twenty feet were added to the length. The house has been so well cared for that it shows no marks of age, except in the style. The whole set of buildings, mainly as left by Mr. Plimpton, presents a fine appearance from the opposite hill.

Frederick Plimpton was much of the time away from home, transacting the business of a drover, buying and driving cattle to market, and his son, Luther, was entrusted with the management of the extensive farm, making contracts for cattle and land. It seems to have been the ambition of both to own a large farm,

and their policy to purchase all the adjoining lands. About five hundred acres were finally held in possession, by virtue of twenty-four deeds. Their desire to extend their possessions of land, it appears, was not always circumscribed by their means of payment; for the great commercial crisis of 1808 found them encumbered with liabilities far beyond their power to meet. During the few preceding years in which almost all the physical power of Europe was engaged in carrying on a war with Bonaparte and his allies, agriculture in that country was necessarily much abridged, and consequently provisions bore a high price in this country for shipment across the Atlantic. Especially was this true of butter and cheese. Flattering themselves that they could take advantage of the circumstances which produced such high prices, they "launched boldly out," as the saying is, and pledged their credit for large sums of money, which was secured by mortgages on their lands. With this money they purchased a large stock of beef cattle and cows, and proceeded to inaugurate an extensive system of dairy manufacturing by putting up costly buildings and filling them with large cheese-presses and conveniences for manufacturing butter. But, ere they had disposed of the first installments of dairy products, the "Embargo Act" was passed; the markets hedged in, and the fruits of all their hopes and labors left to rot at the warehouses. This brought on a crisis in Mr. Plimpton's affairs; mortgage after mortgage was foreclosed, and soon the home farm was reached. He gave up all he possessed of pecuniary value, and on the 4th day of March, 1810, started for the wilderness county of St. Lawrence, N. Y., to make a new home, where, in the following September, Lieut. John Plimpton (24), with his team and canvas-covered wagon, conveyed Mrs. Plimpton and the children to rejoin him. Here he soon found himself and family in the midst of a war on a savage frontier, and only eight miles, through an unbroken wilderness, from the line separating the belligerent nations.

Many were the frights and sleepless nights they endured on account of the threatened incursions from the hostile Indians. The two eldest sons had to spend much of their time in defense of Ogdensburg, leaving Mr. Plimpton with a helpless wife, the youngest son, and a daughter to take care of themselves as they best could. While the inhabitants gathered themselves together in block-houses, they were obliged to remain alone in the woods

because Mrs. Plimpton could not be moved on account of her severe sufferings from an attack of inflammatory rheumatism from which she never recovered so as to have the use of her limbs.

Here they lived after the close of the war many years in the enjoyment of the pleasures of peace, and of seeing the country rapidly improve, and died beloved and respected by a large circle of friends.

Mr. Plimpton was a man of intelligence, rare benevolence, and unswerving integrity.

30. Priscilla Plimpton [18] Wheelock.

Abigail b. 1730; m. Lemuel Kollock, of Wrentham. Joseph b. 1732, d. 1787; m. 1770 Sarah Clark, of Medfield, who m. second, Samuel Sawyer, of Sherborn; a member of the Board of Selectmen in Medfield for 1767 and 1770. Ephraim (63) b. 1733, d. 1826; m. 1767 Mary Clapp, of Walpole; after her death in 1808, he sold his homestead in Medfield, which was on the site of the present Town Hall, and removed to Shrewsbury where he lived till 1824, when he returned to Medfield. He served four years in the French and Indian war. He was Captain at the Siege of Louisburg in 1758. He was in the Continental Army during the Revolution, with the rank of Colonel; was at Ticonderoga and Crown Point. Moses b. 1736, d. 1736. Moses b. 1737, d. 1801; settled in Westboro. Ichabod b. 1740, d. 1740.

31. Simon Plympton. [18]

Tamar (64) b. May 21, 1736; m. July 13, 1757, Timothy Clarke, of Medway. Silas (65) b. July 30, 1738, d. Jan. 14, 1818; m. 1768 Esther, dau. of David Clarke, of Medfield, d. 1797. He settled at what is called "the old saw-mill place" at Noon Hill in Medfield, and lived there until his father died. He then left that place to his son-in-law, Enos Smith, and returned to the old homestead by the cemetery. He was a Revolutionary soldier with the rank of Lieut. Priscilla b. Aug. 12, 1740, d. Dec. 26, 1746. Asahel b. Apr. 13, 1745, d. Feb. 28, 1772. The following is from Probate Records of Suffolk County, Mch. 6, 1772: "Asahel Plympton, late of Boston in the Co. of Suffolk, Store-keeper." "Ezekiel Plympton, of Medfield, Wheelwright, Silas Plympton, of Medfield, Yeoman, and Henry Smith, of Walpole, Sureties."

Ezekiel (66) b. June 7, 1748, d. Jan. 2, 1817; m. Apr. 19, 1779, Esther, dau. of John Boyden, Jr., of Walpole (Plain), b. Feb. 1, 1754, d. Mch. 10, 1824, a woman of fine character and intelligence, described with much feeling and respect in "Reminiscences," by her grandson, F. O. Dorr, Esq., in which he applies the fitting language of the author of the book of Proverbs in depicting the ideal matron of ancient Judea. The following extracts from the above-mentioned Mr. Dorr's reminiscences, which were kindly furnished for this work, are inserted with much pleasure; they comprise such portions as the scope and limits of this work will admit:

"My grandfather, Ezekiel Plimpton, was, as I first remember him, elderly in manner, somewhat grave and usually undemonstrative; of a figure manly and robust; apt to be highly excited when he supposed himself wronged, but ardently affectionate towards those whom he loved. I have been informed by those who knew him much better than I did, that he was remarkably tender towards animals; and doubtless his kindness was reciprocated. . . . If as before intimated the temperament of grandfather was somewhat grave, he was by no means austere. On the contrary, at least when I best knew him, which was before his disease had become fully developed, he was amusable and at times amusing. Although not greatly given to narrating his personal experiences in the army, he could describe quite ludicrous army incidents.

"My grandparents' Medfield home, as it was when I was in the habit of visiting them, seems to be indelibly photographed in my memory. Situated about two miles in a southwesterly direction from the village, it was reached by a somewhat lonely road, which trends ultimately toward Medway on the right and Walpole on the left, some portion of the way over a causeway necessitated by the occasionally swelling waters of the meandering Charles. The woods by which the road was in one part bordered, were sombre, but the meadows and sloughs alongside of the causeway were sometimes variegated by richly hued flowers which, however, the fear of being mired generally kept intact, although coveted. I think there were but two houses between the village and the abode of my grandparents. But on approaching the old mansion, towards which the road gradually descended, the prospect widened and became more cheerful and diversified. The house was roomy

and comfortable, the grounds belonging to it well kept and productive.

“The old-fashioned but commodious red farm house of our ‘Uncle Zachariah Lovell,’ with its convenient out-buildings, thrifty orchards, and well tilled fields, was visable at the distance of about a mile across the river on the edge of Medway.” . . .

“A few years ago, in company with one of my aunts, I revisited the deserted site of the old mansion house of my grandparents. The natural picturesqueness of the scene was undiminished. But excepting a grass grown excavation or two, I could not discover a trace of the hospitable homestead. The woods, the flowery fields, the river, the singing birds seem unchanged. And for a moment the house was ideally reconstructed and filled with the loved inmates of days of yore ; may they have found more blest abodes.”

Captain Ezekiel Plympton was a wheelwright and resided at several places before settling at the homestead described by Mr. Dorr. He also practiced surveying, which he doubtless learned of his father, a noted surveyor of his time.

A monument of his accuracy and even penmanship, is a copy of early proprietors’ records which he made for the town of Medfield, and is preserved among the archives there.

The following is a copy of an original letter in the possession of James A. Dupee, Esq., of Boston, Jan. 1, A. D. 1865.

The superscription of the letter is :

To

LIEUT. EZEKIEL PLYMPTON,

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Pr favor }
of the }
Post. }

MEDFIELD.

STILL WATER, *October 10th, 1777.*

Sir :—As an Oppertunity Now presents itself I Take the Liberty to Write a Few Lines to Inform you of My Health and the affairs here, although I Dont think my self Capable of writing any thing worth any Gentlemans Notice. But as it comes from an old acquaintance & a Friend I take it will be accepted.

I have the pleasure to Inform you of an agreable Piece of in-

telligence. On Tuesday the 7th at 4 o-Clock P. M. the Enemy advanced in Two Colloms to Take possession of a Heith of Ground. Our people Attacted them and after a Heavy Canonading & Musketry of Two Hours and Half we Drove them within their Brestworks.

We Took 3 Field officers, one A. D. C., 6 Capts., 10 Subbs, 500 Rank & File. Also Two Twelve & 6 sixpounders, all Brass. 2 Amunition Waggons Loaded, 400 Tents, 200 Barrels of Flower, one Cart Load of Medicines Besides Considerable of other Baggage. Wensday Considerable Canonading & Scattering Musketry we Took a Number of prisoners, we also Took their Lines on the Left. Thursday Rainy. But the Enemy Left their Lines & retired Back, they Left 300 Sick & wounded in Markees & Housen.

SARATOGUA, *October 12th, 1777.*

Whilst I was a Writing the above we had orders to swing packs and March after the Enemy. We overtook them that Night at Saratoga & took a Number of prissoners. We also Took 1500 Barrels of pork and other Bagage. Saturday we had several Scrimishes and Took above 100 prisoners. Their is a Number of Deserters every Day, some Days 30 & some Times more & sometimes Less. We Took considerable Baggage, some Liquors.

Sunday some Scattering Fire all Day But Not much Done. Our army are in Good Health & in High spirits. We Lie Three Quarters Round them and Hope in a short Time to be able to Give a Good account of these Barbarious Rascals. By the Best accounts we have the Enemy have Burnt the Biggest Part of their Tents & heavy Baggage.

Monday Scattering Fire all Day But not to much purpose. We took a Number of prisoners Nigh Fort Edward this Day. Tuesday our People Took 50 Indians & a Number of Tories Nigh Fort Edward. This day Gen'l Bergoyne sent in a flag for Cessation of arms to Capitulate; Wensday we Did not Get through with the Buisness.

Thursday Gen'l Bergoyne sin'd articles and Friday he marcht out and Left their cannon and arms and marcht By us. You cannot Think how they Looked, they are now on their March to Boston, as to the Particulars I cannot give you an account, as I am in Hast. I must Conclude with subscribing myself your Friend & Humble Servant,

JONA. FELT.

P. S. Sir please to write if it is Not too much Trouble,
Saturday 7 o-Clock A. M., October 18th. 1777.

Oliver b. Oct. 31, 1750, d. Jan. 7, 1753. Priscilla (67) b.
Jan. 21, 1753; m. 1772 Silas Allen b. Nov. 20, 1749, d. 1833; a
farmer, and lived on Farm street, near Dover line, Medfield.
Oliver b. Nov. 1, 1757, d. 1764.

32. Hannah Plimpton [18] Cutler.

Sibil b. 1731, d. 1796; m. 1784 Asa Hamant. Nahum b.
1733, d. 1733. Simeon (68) b. 1734; m. first, Hannah Hamant;
m. second, Catherine ———; settled on his father's homestead,
in the extreme northern part of the town of Medfield. Nathan b.
Nov. 12, 1736; m. 1764 Abigail, dau. of Jonathan Smith, of
Medfield. John b. Aug. 17, 1738; m. 1763 Abigail Richards,
of Medway. Priscilla b. June 17, 1740; m. 1763 Asa Boyden, of
Medfield. Job b. Aug. 29, 1743, d. 1743. Hannah b. Sept. 8,
1744; m. 1767 Joshua Partridge, of Medway. Elisha b. June 29,
1748, d. 1748.

33. Nathan Plimpton. [18]

Priscilla b. Sept. 23, 1748; m. Feb. 23, 1769, Rev. Samuel
West, D. D., of West Needham, afterwards of Hollis Street
Church, Boston. Had a son, Dea. Benjamin West, who married
his cousin, Charity, daughter of Dea. Timothy and Lois (Ham-
mond) West, of Charlestown, N. H.

34. Joseph Plimpton. [18]

Sarah b. May 6, 1742, d. 1810; unm.; May 18, 1759, Sarah
Plimpton chose Nathan Plimpton, of Medfield, guardian. Joseph
b. Jan. 18, 1745, d. 1745. Benjamin b. Jan. 18, 1745, d. 1745.
Joseph (69) b. Aug. 3, 1746, d. 1801; m. widow Jane Bastine,
who was afterward wife and widow of Matthew Partridge, of Med-
field; a soldier of the Revolution with the rank of Lieut.; Med-
field. Priscilla b. 1748, d. before 1765. Hannah (70) b. Apr.
27, 1749, d. 1782; m. 1775 Sabin Mann, of Medfield; Capt. in
the Revolutionary service, afterwards Col. of Militia. Benja-
min (71) b. Apr. 19, 1752, d. July 3, 1820; m. 1784 Millie Bhodes,
d. at Medfield 1837; he removed to Marlboro, N. H., about 1805,
where he died, and the family returned to Medfield. Elizabeth b.
June 1, 1755, d. 1837; unm. Phebe b. Aug. 8, 1760; m. 1784
John Day, of Walpole.

35.

Amy Plimpton [18] Dorr.

Moses b. May 24, 1737, removed to New Hampshire. Ebenezer (72) b. Mch. 20, 1739, d. Sept. 29, 1809; m. Jan. 7, 1762, Abigail Cunningham b. July 13, 1739, d. Apr. 20, 1798. "My grandfather, Ebenezer, above mentioned originally an artisan, moved from Roxbury into Boston, early in his career; and afterwards entered into mercantile business. He was one of the Boston shipping merchants who first traded for furs on the North Western coast. He is reputed to have been in practical affairs, shrewd enterprising, energetic; in domestic life, affectionate and hospitable, with a warm place in his heart for relatives. In faith and life, a devout christian of the elder school. I remember dimly that his form was somewhat robust, his mien dignified, his countenance good humored and intelligent. His pockets were likely to be well stored with candies and sugar plums, intended for grandchildren who he required to receive his gifts in due form; aligning us like miniature soldiers on his front. His residence, in my day, was a substantial but antique house on the Northerly side of Milk Street near Devonshire Street. The front door was double and could be opened inwards and upwards. In the front hall was a rocking horse ridden hard by young Dorrs especially on the days of the old gentleman's wonted weekly family reunions; and behind the house was an old fashioned fruit and flower garden." (F. O. Dorr.)

Priscilla b. Mch. 9, 1740, d. 1742. Joseph b. Feb. 12, 1742, d. 1780. Nathan b. Mch. 29, 1745, d. 1787. Anne b. Feb. 12, 1751, d. 1751. William b. Aug. 13, 1752, d. 1752. Anne b. Sept. 13, 1754, d. 1780. Sarah b. Jan. 31, 1756, d. 1758. William b. July 13, 1757; removed to Maine. Elisha Bowers b. Sept. 12, 1758, d. 1780.

36.

Capt. Sylvanus Plympton. [19]

Sarah b. June 8, 1750; m. 1790 Eleazer Wheelock, of Medfield; lived on corner of Main and North streets. Jonathan (73) b. 1752; m. 1779 Chloe, dau. of Jacob Clarke, of Medfield; removed to Shrewsbury about 1790, and after a few years to Boylston; a farmer. Hannah (74) b. Aug. 15, 1756, d. 1831; m. 1789 Joseph Breck, of Medfield; lived in the south part of the town near "Deaths Bridge." Sylvanus (75) b. Nov. 6, 1757, d. 1837; m. May 12, 1785, Mary, wid. of Luke Richardson and dau.

of Josiah and Margery (Carter) Fowle, of Woburn, b. Oct. 9, 1761; graduated from Harvard College, 1780, settled in the practice of medicine at Woburn; a member of the Mass. Med. Soc. The following is a copy of his memorandum of his College expenses:

“Arrived at Dartmouth College, Sunday evening, Sept. 19, 1776, dined with D. D. Wheelock, President; 23d, examined and accepted by Messieurs Ripley and Smith, Tutors in said College. D. D. Wheelock died April 24, 1779, after which I returned to College and took a dismissal with a recommendation from said Society from Mr. Ripley, May 31, 1779, and find that my expenses since my admittance into that Society, according to the most careful and just calculation, amounted to £277, 11s. 6d. After this I went to Cambridge, and was examined by the President, Professors and Tutors, and approved August 20, 1779. Settled all accounts and took up all obligations at Cambridge June 23, 1780, and find my expenses to have been, since my first admittance at Dartmouth to this time, including books and other incidental charges, one thousand two hundred and seventy-four pounds, or, £1,274, 7s. 1d.”

Augustus b. Oct. 30, 1759, d. Feb. 22, 1850; unm. At his death the old Jonathan Plympton [44] homestead passed out of the name. It is in the north part of the town, in sight of Medfield Junction Depot, and is now owned by Mr. Taber.

Sibil b. June 20, 1762, d. Oct. 27, 1848; unm. Persis b. 1765, d. 1822; unm. Caroline (76) b. Sept. 22, 1767, d. July 21, 1816; m. 1795 John Cheever. Czarina b. 1770, d. 1778. Mary (77) b. Nov. 4, 1771, d. Apr. 28, 1860; m. 1796 Lovett Peters b. June 19, 1767, d. Jan. 14, 1864; Westboro. Lucretia (78) b. 1773; m. 1799 William Phipps; Dedham. John b. Sept. 17, 1775, d. Mch. 6, 1852; m. Nancy Gardner; Southboro; no chil.

37. Abigail Plympton [21] Reed.

Nabby b. July 11, 1779. Ruth b. June 16, 1781. Hannah b. Apr. 21, 1784.

38. Dea. Ebenezer Plympton. [21]

Thomas Ruggles (79) b. Aug. 20, 1782, d. Aug. 17, 1855; m. Oct. 2, 1805, Betsy Holden; a farmer and trader in produce, at Waltham; a town officer many years. Susanna (80); m. Jesse Goodnow, of Sudbury.

Nancy (81) b. July 23, 1785; m. Micah Maynard Rutter b. Mch. 4, 1779, d. May 8, 1837, of East Sudbury, held offices of trust, both civil and military. Joseph (82) b. Feb. 24, 1787, d. June 5, 1860; m. Mch. 15, 1824, Eliza Matilda, dau. of Peter W. and Eliza (Beekman) Livingston, b. Feb. 14, 1801, d. June 20, 1873; she "was considered a belle in her day, and was remarkable for her vivacity, energy and cheerfulness. She was a person of much firmness of character, blended with one of the most gentle and affectionate dispositions."

Joseph Plympton, "after leaving school, intended to become a merchant, and with this in view, he made a voyage to the West Indies as supercargo, that he might familiarize himself with the West India trade; but upon the breaking out of hostilities in 1812 between Great Britain and the United States, he was offered and accepted a commission as second lieutenant in the 4th regiment U. S. Infantry. . . . Lieutenant Plympton at once went into active service on the Canadian frontier, and on the first of July, 1813, he was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant." He was honored by being retained in the service when the army was reduced at the close of the war, and again in 1821. "On the first of June, 1821, he was promoted a captain in the 5th U. S. Infantry." From 1824 to 1834 he remained in the northwest in constant active duty. "This period embraced the Black Hawk war, in which Capt. Plympton was engaged, and in which he was distinguished for his bravery, uniform soldierly bearing, and attention to duty. While engaged in this active service he was, on the first day of June, 1831, brevetted Major 'for ten years' faithful service.'"

In the Florida war "he greatly distinguished himself under Col. William S. Worth. His gallantry and bravery were commended by his commander, Col. Worth, in general orders, and in his reports to Washington to the Secretary of War."

"On the 22d of September, 1840, he was promoted to the rank of Major in the second U. S. Infantry, and ordered to Madison Barracks, Sackett's Harbor, Jefferson County, New York State, where he remained until 1846."

"On the 9th of September, 1846, he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant-colonel in the 7th U. S. Infantry, and ordered to proceed to Mexico in command of that regiment, where he arrived in time to take part in the attack on Vera Cruz,

which resulted in its capture ; and, under General Winfield Scott, the commander of the Army of Occupation, he commanded his regiment in every engagement from Vera Cruz to the City of Mexico and the ending of hostilities. As a mark of distinction and honor he was assigned quarters in the Palace of Mexico upon arriving at that city. At the sanguinary battle of Cerro Gordo, Lieut.-Colonel Plympton led his regiment at the point of the bayonet up the hill and into the main stronghold of the Mexican army, in the face of a pitiless rain of grape and shell from the guns of the enemy, which poured down upon the advancing troops from the heights above, and his regiment was the first over the enemies' walls, and the first to plant the American flag, with their own regimental flag, on the parapet. The writer has been informed by an old soldier of the 7th, who took part in this fight, that Col. Plympton was second to none in reaching the parapet, and he stood there oblivious to his danger from the shots that were aimed at him, and with his sword waved his soldiers to follow. For his "gallant and meritorious conduct" on this occasion he received the brevet of Colonel, to date from the 18th of April, 1847. His regiment, under his command, performed desperate service at the battles of Contreras and Cherubusco, in which actions, particularly the former, the 7th Infantry took a most prominent part. Col. Plympton escaped, however, without a wound, although his clothes were perforated, and the leather chin-strap around his cap was shot away by a musket ball. The climate of Mexico did not agree with the health of Col. Plympton, and the exposure incident to a war campaign afflicted him with inflammatory rheumatism, and developed gravel ; from the effects of the rheumatism his hands and feet were swollen until they seemed like cushions, and they were at times so painful that he could with difficulty sit on his horse. From these diseases Col. Plympton never fully recovered. Notwithstanding these painful ailments, he never went upon the sick list, nor lost a day's duty during the entire campaign."

"On the 9th of February, 1854, Lieut.-Col. Plympton was promoted to full colonelcy in command of the 1st Regiment U. S. Infantry."

"Among the many officers who were under Col. Plympton's command during his long military service were General U. S. Grant, then a lieutenant ; Generals Alfred Sully, Nathaniel Lyon

and Philip Sheriden." . . . "Among the military stations commanded by Col. Plympton were the following, in the order in which they are given ; the dates, not being accessible, are omitted :

New York City ; St. Louis, Mo. ; Fort Snelling, Minn. ; again at St. Louis ; again at New York ; Fort Armstrong, Mississippi river ; Fort Howard (Green Bay, Wis.) ; Fort Winnebago (Winnebago, Wis.) ; again at New York ; Washington, D. C. ; Fort Wood (Bedloe's Island, New York Harbor) ; Fort Dearborn (at Chicago, Ill.) ; again Fort Snelling ; Florida ; Madison Barracks, N. Y. ; Mexican war, under General Scott ; Jefferson Barracks, Mo. ; Florida again ; New York, Superintendent Recruiting Service ; San Antonio and Eagle Pass, Texas ; finally in New York, where he died. . . . "

"His long and active life of incessant hardship, privation and exposure brought on a disease which gradually impaired his robust health and undermined his iron constitution. . . . "

"Upon a bright and beautiful morning, the 5th of June, 1860, at Staten Island, Richmond County, New York, Col. Plympton sitting in his chair by an open window, to which he had been moved that he might be refreshed by the balmy air, and the singing of the birds he loved so dearly, quietly and without a struggle, without a word of anguish, died ; so quietly, indeed, did he pass away that 'we thought him sleeping when he died.' His disease was general dropsy. . . . "

"Col. Joseph Plympton was a strikingly handsome man, of medium height, well filled out, without being particularly stout ; his eyes were a beautiful dark blue, and in early life his head was well covered with perfectly black hair, in fine curls. His complexion was clear and fresh, with much color in his face, his forehead high and wide, nose prominent and mouth large ; his hands and feet were small, and carriage erect and dignified. The expression of his face was eminently pleasant, honest and good, combining sweetness with firmness. The manners of Col. Plympton were those of an old-school gentleman, courteous and dignified to a degree ; and when he spoke, it was invariably with a pleasantly modulated intonation. His bravery, generosity, extreme modesty and unselfishness, were proverbial with those who knew him. . . . "

"Col. Plympton, although not a church member, . . . was a

Christian of the purest type, without cant or outward show ; no profane, obscene or coarse expressions were ever known to escape his lips, and his reverence for sacred customs was sincere on all occasions. To no one, in short, could the motto of the Chevalier Bayard be better fitted than to Col. Plympton, for he truly was '*sans peur et sans reproche.*' "

(From a Memoir of the Life and Services of Colonel Joseph Plympton, by Gilbert M. Plympton.)

Mary (83) b. Mch. 6, 1789, d. July 10, 1819; m. Jan. 10, 1809, Samuel, son of John and Jane (Wyman) Noyes, of East Sudbury, b. Feb. 12, 1785, d. Sept. 16, 1832, a cabinet maker. Rebekah (84) b. Jan. 8, 1791, d. Dec. 3, 1875; m. first, Jan. 1, 1812, Elisha, son of Elisha and Hannah (Seagar) Cutting, b. 1790, d. July, 1821, a farmer of East Sudbury; m. second, May, 1838, Daniel Haynes b. 1780, d. Feb. 1870, a farmer of Lincoln. William (85) b. Jan. 22, 1793, d. Feb. 27, 1837; m. Oct. 27, 1815, Nancy, dau. of James and Sarah Shuttleworth, of English birth; wine merchant, resided at different times in Boston, Philadelphia, Washington and New York, and died in the city last named. Henry (86) b. Sept. 1, 1794, d. June 28, 1862; m. first, Eliza, dau. of Christopher and Lucretia Smith, of Boston, d. May 5, 1848; m. second, June 11, 1850, Olive, dau. of James Stephenson, Esq., of Boston, b. in Hingham, Oct. 3, 1813; resided in Boston, a manufacturer of "Gold Standard" and other Balances and Scales under the patent of Mr. Benjamin Dearborn, whom he succeeded. Retiring with a competency, about 1840, he subsequently became a large ship-owner. He was one of the founders of the "Old Ladies' Home," and a director till his death; also interested in numerous other charitable institutions. He was a friend and co-worker of Deacon Grant in the temperance cause.

Nathaniel (87) b. Aug. 7, 1796, d. Oct. 8, 1849; m. Mch. 24, 1822, Mary Rachel, dau. of Samuel Brooks, of London, England, b. Jan. 3, 1801; he died in California, widow resides in Boston. Ralph (88) b. Mch. 5, 1800, d. Feb. 22, 1863; m. first, 1821 Cynthia Fiske, d. 1826; m. second, Alma Terrel, d. June 12, 1866; for many years a tobacco merchant in Richmond, Va., later, a lumber merchant in Boston. Warren; reported that he died at the "West;" unm. John Bradlee (89) b. May 12, 1816, d. Oct. 3, 1870, at Boston; m. Elizabeth Priscilla Williams, b. May 13, 1819.

Plymptons in the Revolution.

The following records are from the Massachusetts Manuscript Archives, at the State House.

This is not a complete list, for it is known that one, at least, and perhaps others, were in the service whose names are not here found. Neither are these records supposed to give an account of the whole service of every individual on the list.

Those who "turned out at the Lexington alarm :"

Asa (23).	Job (28).
David (27).	John (28).
Ebenezer (38).	Joseph (34).
Elias (24).	Silas (31).
Elijah (23).	Thomas (13).
Ezekiel (31).	John (24).

Other Records.

Ebenezer (38) first, Dec. 10, 1775, to Roxbury, 40 miles, Capt. Asahel Wheeler, Col. Joseph Read ; second, June 30, 1778, to North River, Capt. Caleb Moulton, Col. Thomas Poor.

Amos (22) Sergeant, first, Jan. 29, 1776, to Roxbury, Capt. Aaron Field, Col. Lemuel Robson ; second, Dec. 8, 1776, to Rhode Island, Capt. Sabin Mann (34), Col. "Jeams" Metcalf.

Adam Peters (22) Captain, July 27, 1780.

Abner (22) Corporal, July 26, 1776, Capt. N. Clap, Col. Hawes ; second, Sergeant, Jan. 18, 1777, Capt. Abel Mason, Col. Holman, to Rhode Island ; third, Sergeant, Oct. 22, 1779, Capt. Hamant, Col. Tenney.

Asa (23) Dec. 8, 1776, Captain Oliver Clap, Col. Ephraim Wheelock (30) ; second, Sept 25, 1780, same Capt., Major Benj. Hawes, both times to Rhode Island.

Elijah (23) May 3, 1777, Capt. Sam'l Fisher, Col. Titcomb, to Rhode Island.

Ziba (23) Sept. 25, 1780, Capt. Oliver Clap, Col. Benj. Hawes, to Rhode Island.

Elijah (24) Sergeant, Sept. 27, 1777, Lieut. Benjamin Freeman, Col. Holman ; from Sturbridge to Northern Department, three hundred miles.

Elias (24) widow had a pension, record not found.

Daniel (24) Sergeant, first, from first of April to fourth of December, 1776, Capt. Jonathan Carril, Col. Josiah Whitney ;

second, Sergeant, Jan. 20, 1777, Capt. Abel Mason, Col. Holman, to Providence.

John (24) first, Sept. 27, 1777, Lieut. Freeman, Col. Holman, to Northern Department; second, July 4, 1780, six months in the Continental Army.

Simeon Wight (26) Surgeon in the Navy.

David (27) Dec. 8, 1776, Capt. Sabin Mann (34), Col. "Jeams" Metcalf, to Rhode Island.

Job (28) Corporal, first, Dec. 8, 1776, Capt. Josiah Fuller, Col. Wheelock (30); second, First Sergeant, July 28, 1780, Capt. Moses Adams, Major Seth Bullard, both times to Rhode Island.

John (28) first, Apr. 22, 1776, Capt. Sabin Mann (34), Col. Ephraim Wheelock (30); second, Corporal, July 28, 1780, Capt. Moses Adams, Major Seth Bullard, both times to Rhode Island.

Silas (31) Lieutenant, Apr. 22, 1776, Capt. Sabin Mann (34), Col. Wheelock (30); second, Lieutenant, Dec. 8, 1776, Capt. Mann (34), Major "Jeams" Metcalf, both times to Rhode Island.

Ezekiel (31) Ensign, Sept. 21, 1776, Capt. Asa Bullard, Col. Joseph Read, for the Army of New York; second, Captain, Mch. 10, 1778, Col. Hawes, to Rhode Island.

Joseph (34) Sergeant, first, Dec. 8, 1776, Capt. Mann (34), Major Metcalf; second, Lieutenant, Mch. 10, 1778, Capt. Plympton (31), Col. Hawes, both times to Rhode Island.

Sabin Mann (34) Captain, afterwards Colonel of Militia.

Henry (51) July 27, 1780, Capt. Adam Peters (22), Major Seth Bullard, to Rhode Island.

Elzaphan (51) July 27, 1780, Capt. Peters (22), Major Bullard; second, Mch. 4, 1781, Capt. Samuel Fisher, Major-Gen. Lincoln; third, July 20, 1781, Capt. Raymond, Col. Turner, the whole service in Rhode Island.

Nathan (58) Privateersman. William (58) Privateersman. Ephraim Wheelock (30) Colonel.

SIXTH GENERATION.

39.

Amos Plimpton. [22]

Molly (90) b. 1758, m. first, 1780, Joseph Cole, of Medfield, d.—; m. second, 1785, Amos Kingsbury, of Walpole. They settled on the original homestead in Medfield. Mr. Tilden, the historian of Medfield, writes: "The Original Plimpton House stood

doubtless on the traditional spot where the traces of a cellar are, which I showed you." This was a depression in the ground behind Mr. Kingsbury's barn; and farther from the street than the present house. "On the decay of that house, a second one was built on the spot now occupied by that of Mr. Kingsbury. I remember it as long ago as 1840; it was very old in appearance then and hardly fit for a residence. This was built, probably, by John [9] who d. 1730. It was a two-story house with, at first, but one large room below, and the front door and entryway at the westerly end. Afterwards a lean-to seems to have been added in the rear."

"When Amos Plimpton married his second wife (1800), his son-in-law Kingsbury was still living with him, and the house being found too small, a 'new part' was added to the west end, of about the same shape and size as the old part."

"The whole was torn away about 1875, and the present house built by William Kingsbury (210) on the same cellar."

"Mr. K. owns the easterly part of the original house-lot as at first laid out on the north side of the street, with the addition made carrying it to the brook. Across the 'field' opposite, Spring street now runs; a portion of the land has been sold for house-lots. The out-lands of the Old Plympton Estate are mostly sold out of the family."

Elizabeth b. 1761, d. 1766. John b. 1763, d. 1765. Amos b. 1770, d. 1800; unm. Marcy (91) b. 1772, d. 1850; m. 1795 Aaron Smith, of Medfield, b. 1772, d. 1841, lived on the road to Norfolk, near the south school house.

40. Olive Plimpton [22] Peters.

Hannah b. 1760, d. 1850; m. 1779 William Clarke, of Medfield. Amy b. 1762, d. 1762. Sarah b. 1767; m. first, Eleazer Ellis, of Medfield; m. second, James Forbes, of Rutland. Amy b. 1770; m. Amasa Baker, North Yarmouth, Me. William b. 1772, d. 1843; known as Capt. Peters; a prominent man in the town. The wife of the Rev. C. C. Sewel is his daughter; Medfield. Olive b. 1774, d. 1776. Samuel b. 1776, d. 1799 at sea. Oliver b. 1779; settled at Providence, Rhode Island. Marguerite b. 1783, d. 1785.

41. Abner Plimpton. [22]

Susanna (92) b. July 9, 1765, d. Nov. 28, 1862; m. 1786

Thomas Simpson b. Mch. 21, 1752, d. Feb. 21, 1849. Mr. Simpson was a native of Sturbridge, son of Edward and Anna (Bond) Simpson. He probably left his native town a single man, and had one or more children by a first wife before his marriage with Susanna Plimpton. He was by occupation a mason; resided in Wardsboro, Vt., and later in Townshend, same state, where they both died. He was a soldier of the Revolution, and lived to entertain his descendants of the present generation with stories of scouting in the "Jarsey's," and of his sufferings during long winter nights while lying concealed watching the "Brittishers." "Grandma, also, used to tell of taking the baby (a brother or sister) out and swinging it under an apple-tree, while she spun to make clothes for the soldiers."

Esther b. Jan. 15, 1767, d. Sept. 24, 1773. William (93) b. Oct. 24, 1768, d. June 19, 1858; m. Lucy, dau. of Stephen and Bathsheba Choate, of Shelborn, b. May 15, 1766, d. Mch. 3, 1859; a farmer; resided in Wardsboro, Vt.

Abner (94) b. Jan. 13, 1771, d. July 26, 1849; m. Hannah Wheelock, of Uxbridge, b. Oct. 16, 1771, d. Sept. 23, 1856; a farmer at Wardsboro, Vt. Amos (95) b. Feb. 6, 1774, d. June 26, 1814; m. first, Feb. 15, 1798, Lucy Rich b. 1774, d. July 26, 1806; m. second, 1807, Hannah, dau. of Lewis Smith, who m. second, — Peck, of Coleraine, one daughter now widow Hatheway, Worcester. Amos Plimpton was a farmer, and resided on the "Windsor Warren" place, Wardsboro, Vt.

Unity b. Dec. 8, 1777, d. Sept. 9, 1778. Elidise (96) b. Mch. 9, 1780, d. Mch., 1879; m. Dea. Ebenezer Wakefield; Wardsboro, Vt. Oliver b. May 24, 1783, d. May 24, 1814; a Congregationalist clergyman; a very promising young man, and the first settled and ordained minister in Peru, Vt. He died the day he was to have been married to Patty, dau. of Dea. Cooke, of Newfane, Vt.

42. Unity Plimpton [22] Boyden.

Catherine (130) b. 1767, d. Dec. 3, 1831; m. Henry Plimpton (52). Consider b. 1769, d. 1769. Olive b. 1771; m. Joseph Guild. Abigail b. 1773; m. Thomas Clapp. John b. 1775. Benjamin b. 1777, d. 1834; m. Roxy Hartshorne. Jabez b. 1779, d. young. Unity b. 1783. Jabez b. 1787, d. 1875.

43. James Plimpton. [23]

Cata (97) b. Aug. 14, 1769, d. Jan. 9, 1810; m. Apr. 4, 1793,

Jason Morse, Jr. He m. second, Feb. 28, 1811, Cata Coburn. Dea. Morse was a farmer, and lived in the south part of Southbridge on the place now occupied by his grandson, A. H. Morse.

Joel (98) b. Sept. 24, 1771, d. June 16, 1849; m. first, Martha, dau. of Jason and Phebe Morse, b. Sept. 14, 1776, d. Dec. 31, 1799; m. second, Mch. 25, 1801, Sarah, sister of the first wife, b. Apr. 10, 1771, d. July 20, 1803; m. third, Oct. 18, 1804, Jemima, dau. of Job and Jemima Hamant, b. Dec. 16, 1779, d. Nov. 28, 1841. Dea. Joel Plimpton was a farmer, and lived in a retired place in the north part of Sturbridge.

Asabel b. Jan. 2, 1773, d. Nov. 9, 1780. Silas (99) b. Dec. 11, 1774, d. Dec. 25, 1812; m. Nov. 26, 1801, Prudence, dau. of Jonathan and Lucy Gibbs, b. Apr. 7, 1780, d. July 9, 1852. He settled on a farm joining the homestead of his father on the southwest. Phebe b. Mch. 16, 1777, d. Feb. 21, 1787. Esther b. Aug. 25, 1779, d. Jan. 11, 1844; unm. James b. Apr. 21, 1782, d. Aug. 15, 1782.

Jeptha (100) b. Aug. 18, 1783, d. Oct. 3, 1853; m. first, June 8, 1815, Lucretia, dau. of John and Lucretia Holbrooke, b. June 28, 1786, d. Feb. 18, 1819; m. second, May 18, 1823, Hannah, dau. of Noah and Lydia (Esterbrooks) Ledoit, b. 1797, d. July 30, 1878. He resided on the homestead of his father, whom he succeeded as proprietor of "Plimpton's Mill," and was an original stockholder of the "Sturbridge Manufacturing Company"; frequently a town officer.

Ziba (101) b. Aug. 4, 1790, d. May 3, 1843; m. Dec. 22, 1814, Hannah, dau. of John and Lovina Marsh, b. Mch. 10, 1793, d. Sept. 22, 1864. The lands of James, the father, were divided between Jeptha and Ziba; the latter making a new homestead on the western portion. He was intellectual, and very accurate in his acquirements, as far as he went, and in intervals of farm labor engaged in school teaching.

44. Catherine Plimpton [23] Hartshorn.

Lydia b. Mch. 6, 1768; m. Benjamin Boyden, of Dedham. Hannah b. June 11, 1773, d. young. Kata b. Feb. 7, 1776; m. Nathaniel Polly, of Walpole. Richard b. Aug. 25, 1778; m. Nancy Paine, of Foxboro. Hannah b. Apr. 17, 1781; m. David Gay, of Sharon.

45.

Asa Plimpton. [23]

Daniel b. July, 1777, d. Sept. 18, 1778. Sally b. Feb. 22, 1780, d. Dec. 22, 1857, at Litchfield, Me.; resided at Foxboro; unm. Asa (102) b. 1773, d. Mch. 13, 1827; m. Lois Morse b. 1784, d. Nov. 27, 1850; lived awhile on the old homestead, then dividing with his brother James, he took the southern part and built a new homestead on the Foxboro road. He was Captain of the Foxboro Company of Light Infantry which was called into active service in the war of 1812. After the war he was commissioned Major. He was a large sized man, weighing two hundred and forty pounds, and was particularly noticeable on parade days for his fine personal appearance.

James (103) b. Apr. 22, 1785, d. Feb. 22, 1829; m. Nov. 10, 1814, Amy Stratton b. Sept. 18, 1790, d. Dec. 28, 1852; she m. second, Samuel Paine b. 1786, d. 1855; a farmer on the old Plimpton place in Foxboro. He was in active service in the war of 1812, a member of the company commanded by his brother Asa.

Henry (104) b. Jan. 28, 1787, d. Jan. 20, 1860; m. first, Sept. 19, 1811, Sally Fales b. July, 1787, d. Sept. 29, 1812; m. second, Apr. 14, 1814, Susanna Gay, of Walpole, d. July 6, 1864. He moved at the age of sixteen, after the death of his father, to Walpole, where he learned the blacksmith's trade from Capt. Joshua Stetson. Upon attaining his majority he was taken into partnership with Capt. Stetson, and remained in business with him for two years. He then bought an unimproved water privilege on the Neponset River one mile from the town, and utilized it in the manufacture of hoes. He resided near his works, and carried on the business during the active period of his life. As the business grew, quite a little village was built up, and finally became known as Plimptonville. Although a man of limited advantages in his early days, yet the strength of his character was such that whatever he undertook he accomplished. He filled the office of Deacon for some years in the First Congregational Church at Walpole and remained in that position until the troubles of Unitarianism began. He was one of the first to leave the church and to organize the Orthodox Congregational Church. He held the position of Deacon in this church during the remaining thirty-four years of his life. He represented the town in the Legislature during the winter of 1853-4. He was



MR. AND MRS. ELIAS PLIMPTON.

Orderly Sergeant of the Walpole Company of Light Infantry in active service at Dorchester Heights in the war of 1812.

Lydia (105) b. Nov. 4, 1789, d. Dec. 18, 1862; m. Sept., 1824 Zachariah B. Smith b. Apr. 29, 1780, d. Aug. 20, 1857; Litchfield, Maine.

Elias (106) b. Nov. 12, 1794; m. July 16, 1820, Nancy, dau. of James and Mercy Billings, of Sharon, b. Mch. 25, 1795. He acquired his education in the town school, and at Wrentham Academy. At the age of sixteen he went to Walpole to learn the hoe-maker's trade of his brother Henry. During his stay there the war of 1812 broke out. By order of Gov. Strong the Walpole Light Infantry, of which he was a member, was called into active service, and he left his civil pursuits for the defence of his country. After the close of the war, he worked at his trade for his brother, until the time of his marriage. The next week, July 28, the newly married couple embarked from Boston in a sailing vessel to seek their fortunes in the then new country, known as "way down east." August 1, 1820, found them comfortably situated in their new home in Litchfield, Maine.

Here Elias immediately commenced a flourishing business, the manufacture of hoes, which in years after he broadened to include forks of all kinds. This business, which he established, is now conducted by two of his sons, under the firm name of E. Plimpton & Sons.

He filled very acceptably for several years respectively the offices of Clerk, Selectman, and Overseer of the Poor in his town. Together he and his enterprising wife labored heart and hand in public as well as private affairs, taking a prominent part in all the leading questions, and moral reforms of their time. They may be justly denominated pioneers in the temperance work in Maine. He was one of the first in the state to aid in enforcing the State Liquor Law to prosecute the rumseller, being appointed by the town one of a committee of five for that purpose. His wife, with one of her friends, advocated and instituted the first Ladies' Temperance Society in the state, of which there is any record. The first meeting was held at her house. A somewhat amusing episode is related as an illustration of her decision of character and thorough devotion to purpose. Not many years since her friends thought her to be lying at the point of death. One of her attendants brought her a preparation of gin to take,

thus hoping to revive her. She exclaimed in a scarcely audible voice, "I won't take it." Her friends remonstrated, saying they feared she was dying. She replied, "Then I won't die drunk."

We again find them at the front in the Abolitionist cause. He was one of the first in his town to step boldly out and advocate its principles, but not alone. His noble wife lent her support, and very early was elected one of the Vice-Presidents of the Female Anti-Slavery Society of the state, of which Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe was President.

He retired from active business life at the age of seventy years, and the respected couple have since lived a quiet and easy life at the old homestead, a spacious, substantial brick house, built according to their own ideas. In the ninetieth year of their age, and the sixty-fourth of their married life, they may be seen sitting happily side by side, somewhat infirm in body but retaining all their mental faculties unimpaired. They may be often heard entertaining their younger friends with stories of their early life, or perchance, cracking a joke with as much apparent enjoyment as in their youthful days. They are cared for by their only daughter who has never married, but chosen rather to perform the loving and faithful duties of ministering to her aged parents. Their exemplary life is indeed a noble monument of temperance, sobriety, and christian benevolence.

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Elijah Plimpton. [23]

Chloe b. Aug. 29, 1775, d. Dec. 8, 1775. Molly (107) b. Dec. 19, 1776, d. Mch. 3, 1863; m. Jan. 21, 1796. Calvin Fisher, Esq., d. Mch. 31, 1856; Wrentham. James b. Dec. 29, 1779, d. Feb. 8, 1780. Elijah (108) b. Nov. 17, 1784, d. Sept. 9, 1830; m. Sally Pettee b. 1790, d. Dec. 17, 1840; a successful farmer, and occupied the northern division of the homestead of his father. He and his brother Willard had their barns and out-buildings extending each from his respective division of the house, thus having separate farms and establishments, although dwelling under the same roof. He served in the war of 1812, at South Boston.

Lewis (109) b. May 29, 1790, d. Aug. 10, 1872; m. first, Harriet Fisher, d. Jan. 13, 1864. He m. second, Mrs. Molancy Palmer, a sister of his first wife. He was a farmer and removed to Potsdam, N. Y.

Willard (110) b. Nov. 25, 1794, d. Nov. 5, 1877; m. 1820



WILLARD PLIMPTON.

Eunice, dau. of Dea. Isaac Pratt, of Foxboro, b. 1799, d. Sept. 26, 1873. They lived to celebrate their "golden wedding" in 1870, on which occasion all their descendants were present. "Uncle Willard," as he was familiarly called, was a successful farmer, and a man of sound judgment, whose advice was frequently sought by his neighbors. He was on the Board of Selectmen a number of years, and was a member of the order of "Free Masons." He always lived in the same house, and died, from the effects of a fall, in the same room in which he was born.

Of "Aunt Eunice" it can be truly said that she lived and died without an enemy. Purely unselfish and self-sacrificing, her life was filled with kind deeds. She was ever ready to minister to the wants of others, and no one ever heard an angry or hasty word fall from her lips. Without ostentation, she lived Christianity rather than talked it. She passed away at the good old age of seventy-four years, serenely happy in the belief of universal salvation.

47. Ziba Plimpton. [23]

Ziba (111) b. Sept. 15, 178c, d. Feb. 12, 1870; m. Dec. 14, 1807, Olive Smith, of Northampton, b. May 29, 1783, d. Feb. 5, 1871; resided on the old homestead in Sharon. He was a successful farmer and had the respect and confidence of his fellow-townsmen, whom he represented two successive years in the Legislature. He served several years on the Board of Selectmen, and held other offices of public trust. He also served as private in the Walpole Light Infantry in the war of 1812, being stationed at South Boston Heights, for which service he subsequently received Land Warrants for one hundred and sixty acres.

Daniel (112) b. 1782, d. 1833; m. Lydia Shepard; a farmer at Walpole. He served as private in the Walpole Light Infantry in the war of 1812, at South Boston Heights.

Catherine (113) b. Aug. 30, 1785, d. Dec. 29, 1874; m. first, 1812 James Smith, Jr., of Northampton, d. Sept. 12, 1840; m. second, Apr. 20, 1850, Levi Strong, of the same place.

Mary (114) b. Apr., 1791, d. Apr., 1870; m. Apr., 1815, Dea. Joel Hewins, of Sharon, b. Apr. 1787, d. June, 1871.

48. Lieut. Elijah Plimpton. [24]

Rynaldo (115) b. Nov. 18, 1769, d. Aug. 14, 1849; m. Lois,

dau. of Peter and Sarah Belknap, b. Mch. 5, 1771, d. Nov. 2, 1862. In 1796 he received by deed from his father a farm of one hundred acres, which is said to have been the original homestead of Lieut. Elijah Plimpton, he then building larger, on another division of his estate.

Elisha (116) b. Dec. 19, 1771, d. May 3, 1837; m. first, Jan. 19, 1796, Bassheba Hitchcock, of Brimfield, b. Oct. 4, 1775, d. Aug. 1, 1815; m. second, Mrs. Hannah Fiske. In 1796 his father deeded him one hundred acres of land a short distance westerly of the paternal homestead, since known as the "Captain Congdon place," upon which he resided until 1807, when he removed to Stafford, Conn.

Louisa (117) b. Feb. 23, 1774; m. first, May 3, 1794, Joshua Fenton; m. second, — Bradley, of Peacham, Vt., and afterwards resided there. Mr. Fenton lived at Sturbridge Centre, and was in the straw business with his brother-in-law, Daniel Plimpton.

Elijah b. Apr. 4, 1776, d. Oct. 4, 1778. Polly (118) b. Oct. 16, 1778, d. Sept. 11, 1844; m. Nov. 27, 1800, John Shaddon, d. Apr. 16, 1816, a farmer, resided first in Union, Conn., then on the homestead of her father.

Daniel (119) b. Mch. 16, 1781, d. Sept. 21, 1851; m. Nov. 25, 1802, Roxalane, dau. of Benjamin and Abigail Goodale, b. Mch. 11, 1781; Deacon of the Congregational Church; resided at Sturbridge Centre; straw manufacturer, and had a store.

Joseph Cheney b. Sept. 4, 1783, d. July 16, 1831; m. Nov. 29, 1804, Harriet, dau. of Benjamin and Abigail Goodale, b. 1784, d. Sept. 5, 1842; a farmer, resided on the homestead of his father. Perley b. July 27, 1785, d. young.

49. Capt. Elias Plimpton. [24]

Martha b. June 30, 1778; m. first, Oct. 1, 1797, Solomon Clarke, of Sturbridge; went to Herkimer Co., N. Y.; Mr. Clarke died, and she m. second, Levi Sherwood. Lydia b. July 6, 1783; m. John Hoyt, of Western New York. Lucy (120) b. Feb. 1, 1792; m. Dec. 22, 1812, Nathaniel Ryder. He was a man of great mechanical engenuity, and one of the corporators of the "Sturbridge Manufacturing Company," formed in 1812. He and his cousin, Franklin Ryder, made and put the machinery in the factory in payment for their shares in the stock.

Chester (121) b. Oct. 18, 1793, d. Sept. 3, 1852; m. first, June,

1838, Harriet, dau. of Stephen and Thankful Newell, b. Sept. 13, 1807, d. July 16, 1846; m. second, May 12, 1847, Mrs. Elizabeth M. Sykes b. Oct. 10, 1805, d. April 1, 1863; a farmer, and resided on the Southbridge side of the river, at Westville.

Nancy (122) b. Feb. 28, 1795; m. Oct. 25, 1817, Isaac Ambrose Newell, a cloth finisher and farmer; Globe Village. Sally b. Mch. 28, 1797, d. Dec. 20, 1797. Sally Weld b. Oct. 22, 1798; lives (1883) alone in a large house, the residence of her father and grandfather. She shows with reverence the room in which her grandfather, Col. Daniel [14], died. It is her best room, in the south-east corner of the house. By industry and economy she has been able to pay off the other heirs, and keep the old homestead.

50. Lieut. John Plimpton. [24]

Simon (123) b. Jan. 30, 1788, d. July 26, 1860; m. 1820 Laphira Brown b. 1793, d. Oct. 25, 1865; a farmer; Southbridge. John (124) b. Sept. 9, 1789, d. Jan. 18, 1864; m. June 3, 1830, Miliscent, dau. of Dea. Henry and Sarah (Fiske) Fiske, b. Sept. 6, 1789, d. Jan. 24, 1871; a farmer; Sturbridge. Silas b. Feb. 27, 1791, d. Mch. 20, 1791. Amy b. May 9, 1792, d. Jan. 15, 1797.

Baxter (125) b. July 3, 1794, d. Dec. 16, 1855; m. July 2, 1829, Elizabeth Hicks b. 1801, d. Mch. 13, 1863; a farmer; Southbridge. Polly b. Feb. 9, 1797, d. Sept. 9, 1797. Loring (126) b. June 1, 1798, d. Jan. 30, 1866; m. Orinda, dau. of Smith and Rebekah Ellis, b. Mch. 25, 1804, d. Sept. 18, 1882; a farmer; Southbridge. Amy (127) b. July 14, 1801, d. Oct. 18, 1853; m. Mch. 30, 1830, Samuel H. Weld b. Feb. 23, 1800, d. Mch. 20, 1854; a farmer; Sturbridge. Mary Eliza (128) b. Nov. 29, 1804, d. Dec. 13, 1857; m. Nov. 6, 1825, George W. Holmes b. 1799, d. Oct. 1, 1855; a cabinet maker, and a skillful mechanic; Southbridge. Stephen Harding (129) b. Mch. 29, 1808, d. Apr. 22, 1880; m. Mary ———; a blacksmith; Newfane, Vt.

51. David Wight. [26]

David b. May 10, 1761, d. Oct. 27, 1813; m. Nov. 7, 1782, Susanna, dau. of Thomas Harding, of Medway, b. Mch. 3, 1765, d. Aug. 22, 1829. At several periods he represented the town in the General Court, and officiated as Town Clerk and Justice of the Peace many years; Sturbridge.

Oliver b. 1762, d. 1837; m. 1786 Harmony Child: a cabinet maker; Sturbridge. Festus, d. in early manhood; unm. Alpheus b. 1771, d. June 30, 1851; m. Jan. 6, 1792, Miriam, dau. of Peter and Sarah Belknap, b. Feb. 25, 1772. "Capt. Wight" was far sighted and enterprising, and will be remembered as the man who prepared the way for the flattering prosperity of "Wight Village;" Sturbridge.

52.

David Plimpton. [27]

Henry (130) b. 1762, d. Dec. 17, 1842; m. first, 1792 Lois Smith, of Walpole, d. 1800; m. second, Catherine Boyden (42); a farmer; resided in Medfield, and removed to Sturbridge about 1810; a soldier of the Revolution.

Elzaphan (131) b. Sept. 4, 1764, d. Sept. 17, 1819; m. Feb. 11, 1789, Sarah Hunt, of Sherborn, b. Oct. 2, 1765, d. Feb. 23, 1841; a soldier of the Revolution.

On the old Plympton place in Medfield, on the Dover road, and across the way from the stately residence erected by the present proprietor, is a low-eaved, steep-roofed house, with many angles. Inside it is ancient in style, with low, square windows, cleated doors, large fire-places, odd little bed-rooms, and rooms confusedly situated all over the house. Outside, the ancient lilac is allowed to encroach almost to hide the doorway. It looks homelike, but it has been a long time since it was a home.

This house "was fixed up for Uncle Zaph, but he took a notion to go off to Shrewsbury." The story of his life in Shrewsbury may be told by his granddaughter, Mrs. Streeter.

"My grandfather, Elzaphan Plympton, was a shoemaker and also a farmer. About 1792 he went to Shrewsbury and bought a tract of land, entirely covered with wood. He first cleared away the wood from a spot large enough for a house, then dug the cellar, put up the frame, and covered it. I have heard my grandmother say, that the first summer she lived there, no floors were laid, only loose boards put in place, and a board put across the timbers for a shelf, on which to set her dishes. There were no chimneys, doors, or windows. A temporary fire-place was built out-of-doors, where she did her cooking, and they went through the woods to a spring, not far from the house, for water. When the cool autumn weather came on, the chimneys were built, the doors hung, windows put in, and the house made more comfort-

able for the approaching winter. Thus my grandfather went on doing a little at a time, as his limited means would allow from year to year, until at last the wood was cleared from the place, and his land brought into a good state of cultivation, with mowing, pasture-land and tillage. He had a fine apple orchard beginning to bear nice fruit. His house was finished, and, though not large, made a comfortable dwelling; with wood-house, granary, barn and workshop.

"All this was done in about twenty years. With the small means he had at his disposal, his growing family of nine children to feed, clothe, and care for, he must have been a remarkably good calculator, a frugal, industrious man, and my grandmother his true helpmate."

David (132) b. 1768, d. Jan. 17, 1837; m. 1792 Hannah, dau. of James Richardson, of Medfield, b. 1762, d. Sept. 7, 1843. He was a farmer, and succeeded to the old Plympton Homestead in Medfield on the Dover road. Sara b. 1774, d. May 10, 1817; m. ——— Chickering. Anna b. 1779, d. 1803; m. Calvin Chickering.

53.

Capt. Job Plympton. [28]

Calvin (133) b. Dec. 2, 1775, d. Feb. 11, 1825; m. Feb. 23, 1806, Caroline, dau. of Elisha Cutler, of Medway, b. 1775, d. 1854; occupation, cabinet maker, at Medway; "an upright, honorable, Christian man;" Medway.

Timothy (134) b. 1777; m. ———, and resided awhile at Penn Yann, N. Y., then returned to eastern Massachusetts, and died there. Beriah b. June 27, 1779; m. Nov. 15, 1798, Nahum Hayward, of Franklin.

Nathan (135) b. Nov. 10, 1781, d. Jan. 7, 1866; m. 1808 Prudence F. Metcalf d. Sept. 2, 1851; a farmer at Medway; one of the early anti-slavery advocates.

Job (136) b. Feb. 27, 1784, d. 1864; m. 1807 Hannah B., dau. of Daniel Friend, b. July 11, 1781, d. Oct. 9, 1873; resided at Brookline. He was an organ builder and musician, and was the first in this country to manufacture reed organs; which he began to do in 1833. In 1836 he built and placed in the Mechanic's Fair, in Boston, an instrument of eight stops which was pronounced by Mr. Charles Zeuner, then the most eminent organist in Boston, and by other good organists, a superior instrument. But a committee consisting of Mr. George J. Webb, Dr.

Wainwright, and Mr. Lowell Mason (the latter the father of the senior partner of the celebrated firm of Mason, Hamlin & Co.) condemned it as being impracticable; saying that such instruments would never come into common use. Now (1881) thousands of reed organs are manufactured annually; but it is doubtful if any are of better, or more variety of tone, than that manufactured by Job Plimpton in 1836.

Elizabeth b. 1787. Olive b. 1790.

54. Capt. John Plimpton. [28]

Esther (137) b. Mch. 12, 1782, d. 1807; m. 1802 Enoch Sherman; Milo, N. Y. Rachel (138) b. Apr. 15, 1784; m. Carlton Legg; Benton, N. Y. Moses Adams (139) b. May 2, 1786, d. 1861; m. Dec. 6, 1808, Betsy Coldren b. June 16, 1787; a farmer, at West Bloomfield, N. Y. He was a Fife Major, and served in the war of 1812.

Aaron (140) b. Mch. 8, 1788, d. 1866; m. 1820, Elizabeth, dau. of George Hiltibidal; Milo, N. Y. Rhoda (141) b. Mch. 6, 1794, d. Oct. 5, 1878; m. Feb. 23, 1815, Robert Taft b. Nov. 26, 1788, d. Apr. 16, 1865; a farmer, at West Bloomfield. John (142) b. 1796, d. Apr. 8, 1881; m. 1821 Harriet Holden; Lima, N. Y. Polly (144) b. Apr. 17, 1798, d. 1864; m. July, 1821, Chapin Taft b. Apr. 5, 1797; a farmer; West Bloomfield, N. Y. Henry (143) b. 1800, d. Sept. 10, 1852; m. Mary Ann Warden, d. 1840; a furniture manufacturer at East Bloomfield, N. Y.

55. Esther Plympton [28] Slocomb.

Bethuel b. Jan. 17, 1779. Perhaps others.

56. Elizabeth Plympton [28] Cutler.

Betsy b. July 20, 1789. Elisha b. Dec. 4, 1790. Alvan b. May 14, 1796.

57. Abigail Plimpton [29] Pratt.

Jesse b. 1751, d. 1776. Shubael b. 1753, d. 1816; was a physician. John b. 1756, d. 1757. Simeon; m. Mary Ellis (58); went to Sudbury. John b. 1761. Abigail, b. 1764.

58. Mary Plimpton [29] Ellis.

Nabby b. 1751, d. 1817; m. 1770 Ebenezer Clarke. Oliver,

b. 1753, d. 1757. Obed b. 1755, d. 1757. Mary b. 1757, d. 1854; m. 1783 Simeon Pratt (57). Charlotte b. 1762, d. 1844; m. 1780 Billings Tisdale. Amy b. 1764; m. 1787 Oliver Adams. Julia b. 1766, d. 1862; m. 1796 Darius Adams; removed to Richmond, N. H.

59. William Plimpton. [29]

Kias b. Oct. 7, 1755, d. Jan. 16, 1756. Nathan b. Nov. 24, 1756, d. 1789. Prize Master in North Carolina, Oct. 11, 1780, on board schooner Resolution, Samuel Fish, commander. Nathan Plimpton, Lieut., Schooner Resolution, a Privateer fitted out by Massachusetts, Amos Potter, commander, Apr. 5, 1781, described as:—Age, 25; height, 5 ft. 10½ inches; complexion, dark; residence, Boston. He afterwards commanded the following privateers, built or fitted out in Massachusetts: The schooner Hero, 4 guns, 15 men; also in 1781, the schooner Hope, 6 guns, 25 men; and in 1782, the sloop Count de Grasse, 8 guns, 35 men.

Caroline (145) b. June 30, 1759; m. John Francoeur; Wrentham. Prudence b. June 14, 1761, d. Mch. 30, 1762. William b. Mch. 16, 1763, d. Oct. 1768. On board schooner Resolution, April 5, 1781, William Plimpton, Jr., seaman; age, 17; height, 5 ft. 6 inches; complexion, light; residence, Boston; trade, mariner.

Prudence (146) b. May 26, 1765, d. Oct. 17, 1801, in Dominico; m. first, Oct. 27, 1785, Monsieur Louis Cornette b. 1743, d. Mch. 23, 1788, in Wrentham. He was graduated from the University of Paris, had been an officer in the army of Louis Sixteenth, and an Nobleman of France. She m. second, Jean Madey, a French gentleman of rank.

Ursula (147) b. Aug. 19, 1767; m. Jan. 16, 1785, by the Rev. Nathaniel Enmons, Oct. Francis Bertody [Bertholdi]. Kias b. Aug. 4, 1769, d. about 1819 at sea, or during his absence from this country. Being a minor at the time his father died, he was placed under the guardianship of his brother-in-law, John Francoeur. Maria b. 1775, d. 1776.

60. Lieut. Gershom Plimpton. [29].

Oliver (148) b. Sept. 7, 1758, d. Apr. 26, 1832; m. Feb. 6, 1783, Lydia, dau. of Dea. Daniel and Jemima (Shaw) Fiske, b.

Apr. 4, 1762, d. Dec. 20, 1851. "Squire Oliver" served in the war of Independence. In regard to him we have the following, by George Davis, Esq., in his historical sketch of Sturbridge and Southbridge: "Our first acquaintance with him was in the year 1811. He was then fully occupied as a farmer, and discharged the duties of a magistrate. Possessing a vigorous mind, and quick apprehension, although not a lawyer, he generally decided correctly the numerous contested suits which were brought before him. He was much employed for many years in disposing of actions of this sort, and others by default. It is well known to those who can remember that period of our history that actions before magistrates, and the higher courts, were much more numerous, in proportion to the population, than at the present day. The change may be ascribed in a great degree to a less stringent mode of coercion in the collection of debts, and the temperance reformation. Oliver Plimpton was active in municipal concerns, and represented the town at several periods in the General Court. His farm, garden, and buildings, exhibited discreet management, good taste and convenience. The visitor always enjoyed a pleasant and social interview in his accomplished family. His appearance was dignified and commanded respect."

In 1801 he possessed a farm of 244 acres, valued three years before at \$3,115, exclusive of the buildings. An important and central portion of Globe Village is now built upon this estate.

Chloe (149) b. Mch. 23, 1760, d. Feb. 8, 1810; m. Dec. 23, 1779, Ebenezer Clarke; Sturbridge. Moses b. Dec. 14, 1761, d. Aug. 28, 1777, at Providence, R. I., while in the Revolutionary service.

Patty (150) b. Mch. 29, 1763, d. at St. Johns, Lower Canada, July 29, 1834; m. Mch. 4, 1781, Jonathan, son of Jonathan and Irene (Bradford) Janes, of Brimfield; St. Albans, Vt. Amy b. Jan. 28, 1766, d. Sept. 16, 1808; unm.; Burlington, Vt.

Gershom (151) b. Feb. 18, 1768, d. Apr. 20, 1823; m. Oct. 25, 1792, Keziab, dau. of Dea. Daniel and Jemima (Shaw) Fiske, b. Oct. 25, 1771, d. Oct. 8, 1808. He lived on the homestead of his father, and during his life the water power was utilized for a saw-mill and grist-mill. He also manufactured linseed oil, using only the flax-seed raised in the vicinity.

Gershom Plimpton was much in public business, both in

Sturbridge and Southbridge. In the military line he was captain of a company of artillery. In Sturbridge he was often called to preside at town meetings, and was first selectman from 1809 to 1812; and with Rev. Zenus Leonard as colleague, was representative to the General Court in the years 1809, '10 and '11. In Southbridge, at the organization of the town, after incorporation, *Mch. 16, 1816*, he was chosen moderator, and chairman of selectmen, both of which offices he held for several years. In 1818 he was chosen representative to the General Court from Southbridge. He was a justice of the peace for many years.

Keziah (151*a*) b. *Aug. 29, 1770, d. 1847*; m. first, 1791, Converse Barrell; m. second, David Russell, Esq.; Burlington, Vt.

Mary (152) b. *Apr. 3, 1774, d. May 28, 1848*; m. *Apr. 24, 1793*, Caleb Fisher, of Needham; they removed to New Salem, N. Y., where he was killed by the bursting of a cannon at a Fourth of July celebration.

Rebekah (153) b. *Dec. 27, 1775, d. May 29, 1802*; m. *Apr. 11, 1798*, Charles Grosvenor b. at Pomfret, Conn., *Oct. 1, 1775, d. Aug. 9, 1801*. Seth Dwight, b. *July 30, 1777, d. probably at Nassau, New Providence*; went there in 1799. Moses b. *Oct. 14, 1779, d. Oct. 24, 1782*.

61. Keziah Plimpton [29] Harding.

Eleazer B. b. 1766, d. 1773. Amy Plimpton b. 1768; m. 1781 John Allen. Moses B. (154) b. 1771, d. 1850; m. 1795 Mercy Hamant, of Medfield, b. 1772, d. 1868. Keziah (172) b. 1775, d. 1852; m. 1801 Dr. Elias Mann (69).

62. Frederick Plimpton. [29 & 24].

Luther b. *June 26, 1775, d. Sept. 6, 1777*.

Luther (155) b. *Dec. 8, 1777, d. May 6, 1818*; m. *Oct. 7, 1801*, Lucy, dau. of Comfort and Lucy (Walker) Freeman, b. *Aug. 16, 1782, d. 1858*; she m. second, *Apr. 22, 1828*, Chester Belknap. He was provided with superior opportunities for educational training away from home and home influences, the tendency of which was to excite rather than repress his precocious desire for youthful smartness. Possessing an unusual share of native vivacity, he early became the adviser of his father, and aided in bringing about the financial ruin in which they were both involved. He compromised with all but one of his creditors, and

removed to Greenwich, a town twenty miles distant, with a view of commencing the repair of his fortunes there. He had, however, been there but a short time when he learned that Warner, to whom he was owing something over a hundred dollars, was on his track and determined to thrust him into the county jail. He decided not to gratify Mr. Warner by a peaceful surrender, but determined to leave his family for a time and go north. Previous to leaving Sturbridge, he had completed a course of study of medicine, and now, with the proper credentials, he offered his services as a physician and surgeon in the north part of Vermont. Having made a location on the borders of Canada which promised a lucrative practice, he sent, in the fall of 1810, a letter to his wife, informing her that about the middle of January next she might expect his return after his family. Soon after this he was induced to go onto a raft of ship timber, in which he had an interest, and float down the river Sorel, and thence descend the St. Lawrence to Quebec, where he hoped to collect a debt of some importance, of an absconding debtor. When passing down the Chamblee rapids, the raft was stove to pieces by striking against a rock in the midst of the dashing current. The hands on the hindermost end saved themselves by jumping upon a rock, while he, being on the forward end, was precipitated into the foaming rapids amidst the dislocated timbers now floating in the wildest confusion. He was carried down one mile before he was rescued from the tumultuous current. He was a remarkable swimmer, but now while struggling in the midst of timbers which were wildly performing all manner of evolutions he received a violent contusion of the head, fracturing, it is supposed, his skull. The injuries he received deprived him of his reason for the space of three years; and from this time onward, up to the day of his death, he was never the man he had been before. He remembered reaching the shore, of grasping at the twigs of a tree that had toppled over into the stream, of being drawn out of the water and finding himself surrounded by a large number of people, all expressing their astonishment at his miraculous escape. The three years which followed this event was wholly to him a blank till near the time he emerged from a hospital at Kingston. Thence he came across to Gravelly Point, and thence to Sacket's Harbor, and enlisted as a substitute for another person, in the army of the United States. After passing through a severe sick-

ness there, he returned to his father's, in St. Lawrence county, still in a distracted state of mind. His parents, believing that he was too much shattered in mind to afford any hope that he would be capable of taking care of his family in this wilderness country, amid the alarms of savage warfare, did their best to keep him silent and his wife in ignorance of his condition. They succeeded in this for nearly a year, when he became so vehement and excited in his importunities to get them to consent to his going after his family, that at last they told him to take their team and go. After an absence of five years, and after his wife had for over two years thought him dead, he now appeared before her. Overjoyed, she collected her children, and after a few days of preparation they started for the Oswegatchee country, with much exhilaration of spirits. Our limits will not allow of a detailed account of the erratic movements of Doct. Luther Plimpton, nor of the sufferings of his family during the remaining years of his life. He loved his family and labored hard for their support; and it was pitiful to see his perplexity in some of the straits to which he brought himself.

First, they set down at Rossie a year and a half, thence through the wilderness to Brownsville, where they remained until the fall of 1816. Thence, in an insane attempt to move to Ohio,—without means, or any forethought and preparation—to Sacket's Harbor, Sodus Point, Rochester, and finally in the following spring, into a log hut at the mouth of the Genesee river. Here Dr. Plimpton had his arm broken, and received other injuries which nearly deprived him of his life. They were now brought to the lowest depths of poverty, their only subsistence for months being fish, caught by the oldest boy, from the river, a part of them being exchanged for damaged flour. Following this came the ague fever, which prostrated every member of the family during August, September and October. They now received a little milk of a Quaker family, with which Mrs. Plimpton made flour gruel, which served to keep soul and body together until the cold weather of October began to lighten the withering hand of this most despicable disease. Having obtained passage in a schooner, Mr. Plimpton and his family, late in October, walked into the house of his father, in De Kalb, St. Lawrence county. The astonishment of Mr. Frederick Plimpton and his family at the sight of the five living, pale, gaunt skeletons, was

only equaled by the kindness with which they received them. In the early part of winter Dr. Plimpton moved his family into one part of a log hut, owned by one Samuel Stockwell, in the utmost destitution of every thing pertaining to the comforts of existence except what was supplied by the family of his father Frederick. Such were the circumstances when he contracted for a piece of land lying on the banks of the Oswegatchee river and seven miles from his family. This piece of land contained a remarkable growth of pine and oak trees of gigantic size. Here he commenced getting oak staves and square oak timber for the market of Quebec. He proposed to raft them down the Oswegatchee river into the St. Lawrence river, and thence to Quebec. But he had first to run his rafts over a mill-dam of unusual height, which had been recently constructed across the river, with a narrow apron or inclined plane on the lower side, over which all water craft were expected to descend. But it was so narrow that in high water it was very difficult to guide the rafts over it. The first and second raft went over the dam without accident. The third went partly over the apron and partly one side, and in its descent struck a rock on which it was much shattered and finally stranded. At this point, amid the crash of dislocated timbers and floating staves, he was precipitated into a whirlpool and never seen to rise. The body was afterwards recovered, and buried in the village cemetery at Heuvelton, N. Y.; where lies his father and mother.

Calvin b. Jan. 9, 1780, d. Jan. 1780. Deborah (156) b. Jan. 18, 1781; m. Apr. 25, 1801, Alfred, son of Peter and Sarah Belknap; he was a farmer in Sturbridge. Caroline (157) b. Oct. 10, 1783, d. 1854 at Troy, Ohio; m. July 7, 1805, Captain Timothy Newell, of Union, Conn. They were living in 1831, at Smithport, Penn. Elizabeth b. Apr. 8, 1786, d. in Menter, Lake Co., Ohio; unm. Cylena b. May 1, 1788, d. 1872; unm.; resided with her sister Elizabeth and brother Horace until his death. She then removed to a farm of her own in Troy, Ohio, where she remained until 1855, then upon the death of the wife of her brother, Frederick, went and took the care of his household.

Frederick Augustus (158) b. Dec. 26, 1790, d. Jan. 14, 1875, in Nebraska; m. Feb. 20, 1828, Mary Jones b. in Rutland, Vt., Nov. 24, 1795, d. Sept. 15, 1855. He taught school in the winter of 1810-11, at Sturbridge; then proceeded on foot to the new

home of his parents in St. Lawrence Co., N. Y. He served a soldier in the war of 1812, upon the Canadian frontier.

At the time his brother Luther was drowned he was on the raft and at first occupied the position of danger. Luther said, "Fred, come here; you can't swim and I can." The exchange was made, and immediately afterwards that end of the raft gave way.

After his marriage he resided in Cattaraugus Co., N. Y., until 1847; then four or five years in Wood Co., West Virginia, following the trade of a shoemaker. In 1855 he settled upon a piece of land, which he owned in Clear Lake, Steuben Co., Indiana.

Frederick Plimpton was five feet five inches in height, weighed one hundred and forty pounds; remarkable for strength and endurance, and when young had the quickness of a cat. One time he was employed in a gang of twelve men, their employer being a doctor and also a noted wrestler. The doctor was a large man, weighing over two hundred pounds, and one day came into the field declaring that he could throw every man he had at "square-hold." He threw in succession eleven of his men, "little Fred," as he was called, remaining, who begged to be excused, because he was the smallest man in the crowd. Begging being of no use he stepped boldly to the work and soon dropped the doctor to his knees; and again the second and the third time, which was accounted equal to a throw. The men shouted for "little Fred," and the doctor declared he would never wrestle again.

Another time when he was employed quarrying stone near Montreal, Canada, there chanced to be a great bully in the gang who one day loaded a large rock upon his handbarrow, and challenged the crowd to lift with him. There were several large men in the company, but none of them responded to the challenge, and at last "little Fred" stepped out and grasped the handles, the other ridiculing and making fun of him all the while.

When the word was given, up went Fred's end of the levers, but the burly challenger, in his ineffectual efforts to lift his end, injured his back, and was laid up for a long time. He went to Nebraska in 1872 to live with his son Dwight.

Horace b. 1792, d. 1845; unm.; resided with his parents until their decease; afterwards, with his unmarried sisters, he removed

to Mentor, Lake Co., Ohio. He served in the war of 1812, upon the Canadian frontier. He was a justice of the peace for many years. A large man, weighing two hundred pounds.

William b. Oct. 7, 1798, d. 1847; unm. He was a lumberman, and in 1831 was rafting down the Ohio River. He went to Wisconsin, and while there the site where now stands the city of Milwaukee was sold at public auction. He made the last bid but one, and saw it sold for three thousand dollars; although he had more than that amount of money in his pocket. It was very soon sold again for ten thousand dollars, and not long afterwards for thirty thousand dollars. He finally settled at Hillsdale, Mich.

63. Col. Ephraim Wheelock. [30]

Priscilla b. 1768; m. Joel Gay, of Walpole. Oliver b. 1770; m. Elizabeth Newell. Olive (159) b. 1773; m. 1796 Eliakim Morse; Medfield. Mary b. 1776, d. 1776. Gershom b. 1779. Samuel b. 1781.

64. Tamar Plympton [31] Clarke.

Elizabeth b. 1773, d. 1863; m. Ephraim Hapgood. Asahel b. 1775, d. in Wisconsin; m. first, Lucy Hemenway; m. second, Mary J. Parker, both of Shrewsbury. Simon b. 1777, d. 1785. Noah b. 1779, d. 1845, in Shrewsbury.

65. Lieut. Silas Plimpton. [31]

Olive b. May 15, 1770, d. Oct. 4, 1853; m. first, Captain Joshua Stetson, of Walpole; m. second, Dr. Seth Smith. Ruth (160) b. Jan. 21, 1772; m. 1793 Sylvanus Adams, of Medway. Ame (161) b. April 30, 1774, d. Nov. 8, 1857; m. 1797 Enos Smith, of Walpole, b. Oct. 16, 1771, d. Aug. 7, 1861. Hannah (162) b. 1775; m. first, Samuel Bullard, of Sherborn; m. second Eliakim Adams, of Medway. Katy b. 1777; m. 1805 Jeremiah Boyden, of Walpole. Chloe b. 1779.

Wales (163) b. 1782, d. 1851; m. first, 1806, Thankful, dau. of John Bullard, of Medfield, d. 1807; m. second, 1809, Sarah, dau. of Silas Bullard, of Medfield. She d. 1828, and he m. third, 1829, Lucy Morse, of Walpole, d. 1849. He was the fifth in succession on the old Joseph Plimpton [5] homestead, opposite the cemetery in Medfield village; and the last of the name to own the place. It is now (1882) the residence of Charles Hamant,

Esq. Wales Plympton was commissioned Captain in 1810; was on the board of selectmen in 1811, 1819 and 1826.

Joseph (164) b. 1784, d. Feb. 26, 1856; m. first, Lydia ——— b. 1782, d. May 8, 1831; m. second, Achsah Gilmore; a farmer; Walpole.

66. Capt. Ezekiel Plympton. [31]

Oliver b. 1780, d. 1797 at sea; unm. Charlotte (165) b. 1781, d. 187—; m. Jan. 1, 1803, Andrew Cunningham Dorr (71).

Sibel (166) b. 1782, d. 1828; m. Feb. 15, 1807, Zachariah Lovell, of Medway, b. Nov. 2, 1782, d. Feb. 24, 1875. He m. second, 1829, Mrs. Thayer, dau. of Dr. Richardson, of Medway; a farmer of Medway. Simon (167) b. Sept. 25, 1784; m. Polly Dean b. Jan. 16, 1787. Asahel b. 1786, d. 1788. Ursula b. 1787, d. 1789.

Alexander (168) b. 1790, d. June 2, 1818; m. 1815 Sarah, dau. of Hon. John Davis, a judge of the U. S. District Court, Boston, for about half a century. She died in Plymouth, 1875. Alexander Plympton was a man of more than ordinary ability. At an early age he was clerk in the counting room of his brother-in-law, Andrew C. Dorr, and was in his employ in Europe for a considerable period before the war of 1812. He was for a time of the mercantile house of Plympton, Marett & Dorr, Boston, and then went out to Sumatra, as supercargo of the ship Saratoga. He there contracted the "Coast Fever," and died as above, at Quallah Battou, greatly lamented by all who knew him.

Ursula (169) b. Nov. 4, 1794, d. in Winchester, Aug. 17, 1878; m. 1818 James Dupee, of Boston, b. in Walpole, Aug. 9, 1787, d. in Newton, Jan. 26, 1875; a painter and glazier. Esther b. 1796, d. 1868; m. 1851 John Ellis, of Medfield.

67 Priscilla Plympton [31] Allen.

Elizabeth b. Feb. 28, 1773, d. Sept. 23, 1863. Asahel b. Feb. 6, 1775, d. Oct. 13, 1866. Simon b. May 29, 1777, d. May 7, 1785. Noah (170) b. Aug. 23, 1780, d. Jan. 4, 1845; m. Irene Hemenway; resided in Shrewsbury. Silas b. July 12, 1785, d. Mch. 6, 1868.

68. Simeon Cutler. [32]

Oliver b. 1761. Joseph b. 1763. Sarah b. 1765. Catherine

b. 1767. Hannah b. 1769. Persis b. 1771. Patte b. 1774.
Charlotte b. 1781.

69. Lieut. Joseph Plympton. [34]

Joseph (171) b. Oct. 6, 1789, d. Sept. 5, 1855; m. first, 1807, Polly Plympton (128), d. Apr. 18, 1825; m. second, 1827, Betsy, dau. of Asa Newton, of Shrewsbury, d. Jan. 1834. He was a shoemaker; resided in Medfield, and Boylston, Mass., and in Portland, Me.; returned to Medfield, and died there.

Hannah b. 1793, d. 1853; m. first, 1817, Philander Ware, of Franklin, d. 1841; m. second, 1850, Joel Everett, of Attleborough. Mr. Ware was a farmer. Removed, about 1839, to Medfield, where she lived with her second husband.

70. Hannah Plimpton [34] Mann.

Elias (172 b. 1778, d. 1807; m. 1801 Keziah Harding (61); called "the beloved Physician of Medfield." Olive b. 1780, d. 1780. Sarah b. 1781, d. 1834; m. 1795 Walter Bradford.

71. Benjamin Plimpton. [34]

Hannah (173) b. 1784; m. 1806 Ebenezer Cheney, of Medfield; went to West Boylston. Priscilla (174) b. 1785, d. 1854; m. 1811 Timothy Cheney, of Medfield, b. 1784, d. 1846; blacksmith. Mary (175) b. 1787; m. William, son of William and Rebecca (Gordon) Richards, of Medfield. Millie b. 1790, d. 1873; m. Nov. 25, 1813, Silas Fairbanks, of Medway. Julia b. 1792, d. 1867; m. 1840 Samuel W. Dudley, of Boston. Shubael (176) b. 1795, d. June, 1836; m. Alice, dau. of Jonathan and Lois (Porter) Capron, of Marlboro, N. H.; a silversmith; West Cambridge.

Jonathan Metcalf (177) b. July 29, 1797, d. Feb. 4, 1866; m. 1822 Malone Winslow b. July 23, 1803, d. Dec. 27, 1880; she was the first child born in Malone, N. Y., and was named after the town. They removed to Ohio about 1833, and settled in Rockport township; a farmer.

Jael (178) b. 1805, d. 1870; m. 1823 Warren Chenery, of Medfield; straw manufacturer.

72. Ebenezer Dorr. [35]

Ebenezer (179) b. Dec. 30, 1762, d. Jan. 11, 1847. William b.

June 7, 1764, d. Dec. 17, 1844; graduated at Harvard College in 1784. Abigail (180) b. May 7, 1766, d. Jan. 3, 1854; m. David W. Childs. Joseph b. Dec. 3, 1767, d. Oct. 24, 1831. Elizabeth b. Jan. 9, 1769, d. Apr. 24, 1843. John (181) b. Oct. 2, 1770, d. Aug. 10, 1855. Andrew Cunningham (165) b. Aug. 11, 1772, d. May 28, 1842; m. Jan. 1, 1803, Charlotte Plympton (65); in early and middle life a merchant; Boston. Sally b. Feb. 26, 1774, d. 1798. Samuel Adams b. July 1, 1775, d. Feb., 1855; graduated from Harvard College in 1795. Sullivan (182) b. Oct. 12, 1778, d. Mch. 3, 1858. Henry b. Dec. 11, 1779, d. Aug. 4, 1850. Lucretia b. June 19, 1781, d. Dec. 9, 1863.

73. Jonathan Plympton. [36]

Jonathan (183) b. Oct. 22, 1782; m. Mch. 25, 1805, Betsy Harris; West Boylston. Simon (184) b. Sept. 6, 1792, d. Feb. 24, 1868; m. first, Jan. 2, 1814, Lucinda Brigham; m. second, Mch. 10, 1819, Betsy Brigham; m. third, Caroline Morse, of Marlboro.

74. Hannah Plympton [36] Breck.

Experience. Comfort. Joseph. Amasa.

Silence b. 1790, d. 1790. Hannah (187) b. 1794, m. Apr. 13, 1825, Dr. Augustus Plympton (75).

75. Dr. Sylvanus Plympton. [36]

Czarina (185) b. Aug., 1788, d. Jan., 1883; m. Otis Danforth; Cambridge. Sylvanus (186) b. Jan. 1, 1794, d. Jan. 1864; m. Feb. 18, 1823, May Bell, dau. of Thomas and Elizabeth (Bell) Warland, b. ———, d. June, 1865. Thomas Warland b. in Cambridge, July 20, 1757, d. Aug. 27, 1839; Elizabeth Bell, his wife, b. Sept. 22, 1754, d. Dec. 19, 1838.

Augustus (187) b. Mch. 21, 1796, d. June 12, 1854; m. Apr. 13, 1825, Hannah Breck (74); a graduate from Harvard College, and a physician at Woburn. He was distinguished for sympathy and unwearied devotion to those whose physical sufferings he was called to alleviate. The poor and humble never sought his aid in vain. Often going from home in the most inclement weather, by day or night, long distances, with no hope of recompense. To those who knew him best he discovered a nice sense of honor, a strict conscientiousness, strong attachments and a genial good

nature. He served in the State Legislature one or more years. Mary; m. a Bridges, of Woburn.

76. Caroline Plympton [36] Cheever.

John Plympton (188) b. Mch. 15, 1797, d. July 2, 1879; m. Feb. 4, 1821, Grace Richards. Caroline (248) b. June 17, 1801; m. Sept. 20, 1821, Silas Plympton Fisher (107). Rosanna Reed b. June 28, 1805, d. Feb. 28, 1879. William Augustus (189) b. Nov. 17, 1808; m. Julia A. George b. Apr. 20, 1813, d. July, 1846. Benjamin Harrison (190) b. Nov. 21, 1813; m. Sept. 8, 1842, Annie Josephine Hughes, of Washington, D. C.

77. Mary Plympton [36] Peters.

Beulah Lovett b. April 2, 1797, d. May 16, 1875. Andrew b. Mch. 11, 1799, d. Apr. 11, 1840. Augustus b. Nov. 7, 1800, d. 1850. Anslow b. Mch. 2, 1802, d. Feb. 26, 1855. Mary Plympton b. May 2, 1804, d. Jan. 8, 1841. William b. Mch. 5, 1807, d. Dec. 1, 1863. Daniel b. Nov. 9, 1808, d. May 8, 1849. John b. Dec. 26, 1810, d. Dec. 28, 1810. Hannah Phipps b. June 23, 1812, living 1884.

78. Lucretia Plympton [36] Phipps.

Lucretia; m. Mr. Guild, of Dedham. Persis. William. Laomi. Hannah.

79. Thomas R. Plympton. [38]

Louisa b. July 6, 1806, d. Mch. 31, 1811. Ebenezer (191) b. July 4, 1808, d. Oct. 1, 1877; m. Feb. 8, 1841, Olive Joslyn b. Jan. 4, 1821; Boston. Louisa Holden b. May 26, 1812; m. Sept. 27, 1832, Josiah Beard, Waltham. Harriet Elizabeth b. Sept. 29, 1814, d. May 8, 1843; m. Nov. 15, 1836, Francis W. Bacon. Fanny b. Feb. 24, 1816, d. Aug. 25, 1821. George Washington (192) b. Nov. 18, 1827; m. first, Dec. 17, 1855, Delia M., dau of Thomas Bussey, of Troy, N. Y., d. Apr. 1859; m. second, July 3, 1861, Helen M. Bussey, sister of the first; a civil engineer by profession, by occupation editor and teacher (see Johnson's Encyclopedia); Brooklyn, N. Y.

80. Susanna Plympton [38] Goodnow.

Sarah Ruggles; m. Harvey N. Gridley. Susan; m. Benjamin S. Williams. Ann; unm. Catherine; m. Alexander Strong.

81. Nancy Plympton [38] Rutter.

Micah Maynard. Susan Ruggles. Adeline. Josiah. Nancy. Eunice Maynard. Eliza Jane. Frederick.

82. Col. Joseph Plympton. [38]

Emily Maria (193) b. at Fort Snelling, Minn., Aug. 4, 1825 ; m. Nov. 7, 1850, Captain Mansfield Lovell, Fourth U. S. Artillery ; afterwards major-general in the Confederate service.

Peter William Livingston (194) b. Feb. 23, 1827, d. Aug. 10, 1866 ; m. June 30, 1852, Emily J. Plympton (86). He was graduated from West Point in June, 1847, and entered the army as brevet second-lieutenant in the Seventh U. S. Infantry (his father's regiment), which he joined in Mexico. In the war of the Rebellion, he greatly distinguished himself at Val Verde, New Mexico, under General E. R. S. Canby, in a battle with the rebel General Sibley in his daring attempt to acquire possession of New Mexico in 1862 ; in which attempt, as Canby reported, Sibley left behind him, "in dead, wounded, sick and prisoners, one half his original force." In this battle Captain Plympton commanded the regular forces, which supported the volunteers. When Sibley charged, the volunteers broke and ran in a panic, leaving the small regular force of infantry and one battery of artillery to meet the charge of greatly outnumbering rebels. This they did successfully, with the result as stated by Canby, but there were not many of them left alive after this fight, and of those that were left there was hardly one that was not wounded. Capt. Plympton's conduct in this battle was highly commended by General Canby in general orders, and in his official report of the fight, and for it Capt. Plympton, who was shortly thereafter promoted to a major, was brevetted a lieutenant-colonel. As Major of the 18th U. S. Infantry, Brevet Lieut.-Col. Plympton went with his regiment to Texas, where, shortly after his arrival, he died in his tent on the beach at Galveston, of cholera.

Lieut.-Col. Plympton resembled his father in many of his characteristics. He had a high sense of honor, and was beloved and respected by all who knew him.

Joseph Ruggles (195) b. Sept. 14, 1828 ; he entered Kenyon College, Ohio, but left before graduation, and in early life settled in the South ; he served in the Confederate army.

Cornelia De Peyster (196) b. July 27, 1830 ; m. April 14,

1851, Lieut. Henry M. Black, now colonel in the U. S. army. Eliza Juliatt b. Oct. 20, 1832, d. 1833.

Gilbert Motier (197) b. Jan. 14, 1835; m. Mch. 3, 1863, Mary S. Cowles; for a period, he attended Shurtleff College, Alton, Ills., afterwards the New York University, and was admitted to the bar, November, 1860, and has practiced law ever since in New York City.

Louisa Edmonia (198) b. Nov. 30, 1837; m. Sept. 15, 1868, Lieut. John Pitman, Ordnance Corps, U. S. army.

83. Mary Plympton [38] Noyes.

Mary Jane (199); m. Apr. 3, 1839, Jedidiah L., son of Augustus Hudson and Polly (Lathe) Tower, b. Apr. 25, 1806, d. Jan. 3, 1858. Susan R. (200); m. Apr. 5, 1835, Thomas Rutter. Nancy (201); m. June 13, 1838, William Lawrence.

84. Rebekah Plympton [38] Cutting, Haynes.

Ann Richards b. Nov. 24, 1812; m. Aug. 1836, Moses E. Harding, of Medway, a mechanic at Jamaica, Vt. Elisha b. Nov. 15, 1813, d. May, 1872; m. 1841 Rhoda P. Harding, of Medway; mechanic at Newton. Rebecca Plympton b. Dec. 25, 1815; m. April, 1843, Samuel Johnson, of South Londonderry, Vt.; a farmer. Ebenezer Plympton (202) b. Dec. 13, 1817; m. 1847 Catherine Edwards, of Liverpool, England; at the age of sixteen he commenced a seafaring life, and passed through all the different grades up to master of a ship. He has retired from business, and resides in San Francisco, Cal. Mary E. b. Nov. 15, 1820, d. Mch. 9, 1853; m. May, 1839, Newell B. Haynes, a farmer, of Lincoln.

85. William Plympton. [38]

Frances Ann (203) b. Mch. 20, 1818; m. first, Aug., 1839, James Wemple, d. Nov. 1843; m. second, June 5, 1848, Samuel Page, d. Dec. 4, 1859. Susan Ruggles (204) b. Aug. 23, 1820; m. Mch., 1840, Edward A. Welbasky, d. Nov., 1882.

86. Henry Plympton. [38]

Charles Henry Paine (205) b. Sept. 26, 1826, d. Apr. 17, 1881; m. Oct. 7, 1857, Louisa, dau. of Daniel Kimball, of Boston. Joseph Ruggles b. Oct. 3, 1829, d. Feb. 27, 1830.



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Emily Jane (194) b. Oct. 30, 1831; m. June 30, 1852, Peter W. L. Plympton (82). Susannah Ruggles b. July 20, 1852; m. Jan. 20, 1881, Otis Norcross, Jr., of Boston. Mary Louise b. Aug. 1, 1854.

87. Nathaniel Plympton. [38]

Cecelia Jeanette b. Dec. 31, 1825; m. July 29, 1849, Isaac Skinner. Mary Ruggles b. Feb. 9, 1827. Nathaniel (206) b. Feb. 27, 1835; m. June 5, 1862, Katherine Mellish Sweetser. Henry b. May 22, 1841; a merchant; Boston. Frederick (207) b. May 22, 1841; m. June 19, 1879, Clara Whitman, dau. of William and Amanda C. (Cole) Allen, b. in East Bridgewater, July 8, 1851; a merchant, in partnership with his twin brother, Henry; Boston.

88. Ralph Plympton. [38]

Celinda (208) b. Aug. 19, 1824, d. Mch. 8, 1876; m. Nov. 24, 1852, David Dunlap, son of David and Judith (Hatch) Stackpole, of Portland, Me., b. Aug. 2, 1811, d. Mch. 15, 1879, firm of Larkin, Stackpole & Co.; Boston.

89. John B. Plympton. [38]

Martha Elizabeth (209) b. Apr. 28, 1844; m. Seth Rich; Reading. Warren Bradlee b. Jan. 14, 1849. Eben b. Feb. 7, 1853; by profession an actor. He was educated in the public schools of Boston, and at the age of sixteen entered a large wholesale store as clerk. His health failing, at the end of two years his physician advised a change of climate and occupation. He had been for several winters prominent as an amateur actor in Boston, and readily made an engagement with Mr. Joseph Proctor, manager of the Metropolitan Theatre, Sacramento, Cal. to appear in small parts with that company. His first appearance, occurred September 13, 1871, at Stockton, Cal., in the role of Sebastian in "Guy Manning." After two years in California, rapidly rising in his profession, he was engaged at Wallack's Theatre, New York. During three years following, he made three tours of the States with such great names as Adelaide Neilson, Edwin Booth and Lawrence Barrett, attaining, in five years from his first appearance before the public in California, an acknowledged position as a leading actor in the first theatres of

New York. In 1880 he made a tour of the larger cities of England, with marked success, returning to America at Christmas of the same year. The following summer he revisited California, and was again in New York for the winter of 1881-2.

In June, 1882, he made his first appearance before a London public, as "De Mauprat" in "Richeleiu," with Mr. Edwin Booth. He was received most enthusiastically by the public, and the press justly gave him much praise. He remained in London the most of the year, and performed in other parts with rapidly growing popularity.

SEVENTH GENERATION.

90. Molly Plimpton [39] Kingsbury.

John (210) b. 1783, d. 1863; m. 1807 Polly Allen, d. 1855.

91. Mercy Plimpton [39] Smith.

Susanna b. 1795, d. 1813. Patience b. 1799, d. before 1840; m. Royal Blake, of Wrentham, had one son Alonzo S. who d. unm. in early manhood. Mary Plimpton b. 1800; m. a Mr. White and removed to New York State about 1830. Alpheus B. b. 1802, d. 1840; m. Eliza Dell. Lucy b. Mch. 4, 1804, d. Mch. 13, 1884; m. first, Aug. 9, 1825, James Woods, a farmer of Walpole, d. 1855; m. second, July, 1863, John Wardwell, a book-keeper at Providence, R. I.; no children. Elizabeth b. 1806; m. Jonathan Petts, of Ashburnham. Nancy (211) b. Feb. 17, 1808, d. Jan. 11, 1879; m. Apr. 3, 1831, Stearns Tarbox; Stoddard, N. H. Aaron (212) b. June 14, 1815, d. Aug. 29, 1851; m. Sept. 5, 1839, Martha Malvina, dau. of Sewell and Rebecca (Sheldon) Page, of Stoddard, N. H.; mechanic at Medfield.

92. Susanna Plimpton [41] Simpson.

Surlinda b. July 30, 1787, living (1882) in Ohio; m. first, David Hiscock; m. second, Lewis Mellen. Susanna (213) b. Aug. 12, 1788, d. Aug. 12, 1872; m. May 30, 1811, Asa Underwood b. July 27, 1786, d. Aug. 9, 1869, son of Asa and Mary (Kelton) Underwood, of Hubbardston, who were pioneer settlers of Wardsboro, Vt.; resided at Williamsville (Newfane), Vt.; farmer. Orrin b. Feb. 22, 1790; m. Asenath Willard, of Wardsboro, Vt.; a farmer at Townshend, Vt. Nathaniel b. Jan. 11, 1792; m. first, Dulceena Kilburn, of Wardsboro, Vt.; m. second,

Sarah Spooner; m. third, Harriet Daniels, of Hardwick, and afterwards resided there; boot and shoemaker. Tyler b. Mch. 31, 1794; m. first, Patty Clarke; m. second, Sena Clemmens; Webster, Mass. Esther b. Jan. 19, 1796; m. Jesse Bigelow; Oxford, Mass. Philena b. Apr. 19, 1798; m. — Jones; Dudley, Mass. Eledise b. Mch. 18, 1800, living (1881); m. James Morse, of Newfane, Vt. Lucinda b. Aug. 12, 1803; m. Aaron Sparks, of Dover, Vt.; Townshend, Vt. Olive b. June 26, 1807; m. William Dodge, Oxford. Sally b. June 12, 1809, d. young.

93. William Plimpton. [41]

Electa b. Oct. 18, 1792, d. Dec. 20, 1846; m. Mch. 24, 1839, Seth Miller d. Dec. 18, 1846. Jared b. Oct. 12, 1794, d. Aug. 8, 1814. Emmons (214) b. Sept. 12, 1796; m. June 2, 1822, Fanny Bridges, of Wardsboro, Vt.; was in the produce business in Boston, left there and went to Illinois. Unity (215) b. May 14, 1799, d. Feb. 10, 1826; m. Oct. 18, 1821, Timothy Knowlton. Stephen Newton b. Jan. 12, 1801, d. Feb. 21, 1805. Haddassah (216) b. Dec. 9, 1803, d. Mch. 13, 1847; m. Apr. 19, 1825, Eliab Scott, of Stratton, Vt.; a farmer at Wardsboro, Vt. Stephen b. Nov. 9, 1805, d. Aug. 26, 1807.

94. Abner Plimpton. [41]

Sophia b. Jan. 17, 1802, d. June 27, 1830. Silas W. (217) b. Oct. 25, 1804, living (1884); m. first, June 24, 1829, Lois P. Seagraves d. Mch. 19, 1853; m. second, June 12, 1855, Elizabeth P. Blanding d. Jan. 18, 1871; m. third, Sept. 5, 1875, Catherine Ellis; a manufacturer; Uxbridge, Massachusetts, and now resides at Pawtucket, Rhode Island. He was for many years a Deacon in the Congregational denomination.

Holland (218) b. Mch. 30, 1807, d. Mch. 24, 1884; m. first, 1829, Sylvia Wakefield; m. second, Oct. 1, 1850, Nancy L. Bartlet; a farmer on the homestead of his father in Wardsboro, Vt. He has always been a strong man in the ranks of the Republican party, and represented his native town in five sessions of the Legislature, and after removing to Newfane, in 1866, he represented that town one year. He frequently held municipal offices; and was Justice of Peace forty years. He commanded a company of Light Infantry about five years, was then chosen

Lieutenant Colonel, and soon afterwards Colonel of the Third Regiment, Vermont Militia. Maria b. Oct. 13, 1810, d. Mch. 21, 1832.

95. Amos Plimpton. [41]

Betsy b. Oct. 30, 1798; m. Charles Clarke. Erasmus (219) b. Sept. 22, 1801, d. July 21, 1866; m. Mch. 17, 1825, Charlotte, dau. of Nathaniel Chamberlain, b. Nov. 25, 1800, d. June 30, 1861; a merchant at Wardsboro, Vt. In early life his educational advantages were merely those afforded by the district schools of his native town. He had a natural aptitude for legal principles and forms, correct judgment, ready wit, and steady command of himself. He studied the statute and common law of the state, and was frequently engaged as counsel in the lower, and as legal adviser in preparing cases in the higher, courts.

He represented the town in the General Assembly of the State in 1853. Ability and earnestness made him prominent in the Democrat party, and he was Chairman of the State Committee for several years.

Amasa (220) b. May 25, 1803, d. Oct. 30, 1883; m. Mch. 26, 1828, Permelia, dau. of Nathaniel Chamberlain, b. Nov. 28, 1804; a farmer; Wardsboro, Vt. Caroline b. Jan. 1, 1805; not further reported. Gardner (221) b. July 12, 1807, d. Aug. 25, 1866; m. Apr. 4, 1833, Hannah, dau. of Henry and Fannie (Miller) Whitney, of Dummerston, Vt., b. Oct. 20, 1812, d. Sept. 21, 1879. "She was one of the noble women of earth, her life full of love and devotion, she went to her Master as the ripe, golden corn is gathered into the autumn garner." (By her son, C. H. P.) Gardner Plimpton was a laboring man, and in the common acceptation of the word, was not rich; yet, when the nation was struggling with gigantic rebellion, when men must be sacrificed that our beloved institutions might be preserved—that progress in civilization and the rights of man be not thrown backward—he gave five brave sons to the cause. Devoted to his family, earnest in patriotism, he has been called, and may he be known to posterity as, "The noble and patriotic Gardner;" Northbridge.

Chandler (222) b. 1809, d. 1881; m. Oct. 27, 1834, Sally, dau. of Levi Derby; Fitchburg. Lucy b. Apr. 18, 1812, d. Mch. 31, 1879; m. Jan. 10, 1832, Andrew W. Elliott, of Millbury, Mass.;



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moved to Woodstock, Vt. Elsie b. May 4, 1814; m. July 14, 1840, Ebenezer Batchelder; Northbridge.

96. Elidise Plimpton [41] Wakefield.

Alden; m. first, Elizabeth Knowlton, of Wardsboro; m. second, Mrs. Harriet Cook; Wardsboro, Vt. Plilena; m. Franklin More, of Newfane, Vt.; cattle drover.

97. Catherine Plimpton [43] Morse.

Amy b. Jan. 21, 1794, d. June 3, 1806. Elvira b. Sept. 13, 1795, d. Apr. 2, 1809. James b. Jan. 1, 1798; m. Elvira Marsh; Iowa. Lovell b. Sept. 23, 1799; m. Clarissa M. Mason b. Oct. 16, 1801; Iowa. Oscar P. b. Aug. 17, 1801, d. June 21, 1863; m. 1832 Elizabeth Taylor b. Feb. 17, 1814; on the homestead of his father in Southbridge. Plimpton b. Jan. 29, 1804, d. Sept. 19, 1805. Elliot b. Apr. 3, 1806, d. May 12, 1807. Mariamne (228) b. Feb. 10, 1808, d. June 18, 1839; m. Livingston Shumway (99), his second wife.

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Catherine M. b. Nov. 28, 1810; m. Apr. 16, 1850, Orson Sherman, of Ohio, b. May 19, 1801, d. Apr. 8, 1870. Mariel A. b. June 20, 1813; m. Samuel Freeman; Ohio. Samuel L. b. Feb. 16, 1815; m. Eliza Davis; Southbridge. Susan N. b. Feb. 2, 1817, d. Oct. 12, 1859. Sarah C. b. Nov. 3, 1818, d. June 23, 1853; m. Livingston Shumway (99), his third wife. Jason b. Mch. 9, 1821, d. Oct. 14, 1861; Rev. and A. M. John C. b. Dec. 6, 1824.

98. Dea. Joel Plimpton. [43]

Martha b. Dec. 23, 1799, d. Dec. 21, 1853; unm. Phebe (223) b. Nov. 8, 1801, living 1884; m. Mch. 13, 1838, Dr. Cyrus Hutchins b. Apr. 30, 1788, in Killingly, Conn., d. Mch. 11, 1845, practiced medicine in Warren, Mass.; first wife, Mary Knight; Sturbridge. Sarah (224) b. May 27, 1803, d. July 1, 1849; m. June 18, 1840, Estes Bond, a farmer in Sturbridge. Hervey (225) b. Sept. 19, 1805, d. Apr. 3, 1870; m. first, Apr. 10, 1832, Evelina Walker, d. Dec. 11, 1834; m. second, May 27, 1845, Rebekah Chamberlain, of Woodstock, Conn., b. Oct. 4, 1817; a farmer on the homestead of his father in Sturbridge. Persis (226) b. Oct. 3, 1809, d. Apr. 8, 1884; m. Sept. 13, 1838, John N. Chamberlain, of Woodstock, Conn., b. May 26, 1812, d. Feb. 21, 1880; a farmer and merchant at Sturbridge. James (227) b. Mch. 24, 1813; m. first, Apr. 21, 1841, Lucy, dau. of Stephen

and Augusta (Wight) Harding, b. Sept. 16, 1816, d. Feb. 23, 1843; m. second, Julia Hawes; a farmer at Leicester.

99. Silas Plimpton. [43]

George b. Nov. 3, 1803, d. Nov. 5, 1825. Lucy b. Apr. 23, 1804, d. Mch. 4, 1810. Chloe (228) b. Aug. 9, 1805, d. Apr. 29, 1834; m. Mch. 25, 1824, Livingston Shumway, a farmer in Sturbridge. Eliza (229) b. Aug. 9, 1808, d. Dec. 5, 1859; m. A. Nelson Lumbard b. Oct. 11, 1807, a farmer in Sturbridge. Silas (230) b. Aug. 27, 1811, d. Sept. 21, 1871; m. Oct. 4, 1836, Fanny A. Bracket, d. Dec. 21, 1880; a farmer in Sturbridge.

100. Jephtha Plimpton. [43]

Lodrick (231) b. July 23, 1816; m. Dec. 8, 1841, Roxanna Greenwood, of Lebanon, N. Y., b. Aug. 12, 1822; a farmer at Palmyra, Wayne Co., N. Y. Harriet (232) b. Oct. 1, 1817; m. May 9, 1849, David, son of Eliphelet Strong, of Stafford, Conn., a farmer at Somers, Kenosha Co., Wis. Lorenzo (233) b. Mch. 22, 1824; m. Mch. 22, 1848, Laura Chamberlain; a farmer on the homestead originated by his grandfather James (23), until the old house was burned May 6, 1881; Southbridge. Cordelia Maria b. Sept. 7, 1827, d. Jan. 6, 1860. Caroline Sophia b. Sept. 7, 1828, d. Mch. 20, 1829. George Andrew b. May 22, 1830, d. Jan. 8, 1831. Charles Nelson (234) b. Sept. 11, 1832; m. July 6, 1856, Mary E., dau. of Horatio Carpenter, of Woodstock, Conn.; Southbridge. Emeline Elizabeth (235) b. Oct. 10, 1834, d. July 24, 1876; m. Oct. 1, 1856, Oliver Marcy, of Woodstock, Conn., and resided there. Oliver Ledoit b. July 21, 1837, d. Apr. 17, 1838.

101. Ziba Plimpton. [43]

Vernon b. Mch. 3, 1816, d. 1864; unm.; a farmer on the homestead of his father. Frances Venera b. Mch. 3, 1817, d. young. Mary Eliza b. Sept. 9, 1818, d. May 23, 1843. Salem Marsh (236) b. Apr. 27, 1820, d. Sept. 14, 1866; m. May 30, 1851, Beulah, dau. of Penuel and Deliverance (Fiske) Belknap, of Sturbridge, who m. second, Oct. 11, 1881, Dea. Samuel M. Lane, of Southbridge. Mr. Plimpton fitted for college at Monson Academy, and was graduated at Amherst in 1846, and at Andover in 1849. His first service in the ministry was at Fayetteville, Vt., where he

was acting pastor during the year 1850. He was ordained at Wells River, Vt., May 8, 1851, and labored in that field ten years, with marked fidelity and success, when he was dismissed at his own request. Soon after that he received the appointment of Chaplain in the 4th Regiment, Vermont Volunteers, in which capacity he served from September 8, 1861, to September 1, 1862, when failing health compelled him to resign. He then supplied the pulpit of the North Church, St. Johnsbury, Vt., during the absence of the pastor as Chaplain of a nine months' regiment. Afterwards he supplied a church in East Douglass, for a considerable time. In the fall of 1865, he became acting pastor in Chelsea, Vt., where he soon endeared himself to all classes, and labored with much usefulness.

Samuel (237) b. Jan. 21, 1822, d. Aug. 16, 1862; m. ———; he went to California at the time of the "gold fever"; after his return he married in Lowell, and went to settle in Iowa; came back and lived in Lowell until the war, when he enlisted in Company C, 30th Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteers; date of muster, Oct. 12, 1861. He died in the service at Baton Rouge, La.

Hannah Louisa (238) b. June 30, 1823; m. June 6, 1858, Lyman Burt Peet, of Bristol, Conn., a missionary, d. Jan. 11, 1878; graduated at Mt. Holyoke Seminary, Aug. 3, 1848, taught at Oak Hill Seminary, West Haven, Conn., until the spring of 1856; then one year in a Seminary in Southern Illinois. With her husband, she embarked at New York, in a sailing vessel, Oct. 4, 1858, and reached Foochow, China, March 18, 1859. Mr. Peet's health failed, and they returned to this country in 1871 and located at West Haven, Conn. She returned to China in 1884, to accompany her daughter and son-in-law, who are in the missionary service.

Sarah Lovina (239) b. Aug. 22, 1825; m. 1854 Lucius A., son of Elisha Benham, of West Haven, Conn., and they reside there. Catherine b. Feb. 6, 1827, d. Feb. 17, 1853. Permelia Frances b. Sept. 19, 1828, d. Feb. 26, 1829.

102. Major Asa Plimpton. [45]

Horace (240) b. Apr. 21, 1808, d. Jan. 24, 1865; m. Sept. 21, 1835, Mary Ann Blackburn; Walpole. Otis b. 1811, d. Sept. 21, 1833. Julia b. Aug. 2, 1817, d. Aug. 13, 1874; m. Solomon

Brown ; Chelsea. Jane b. Aug. 2, 1817, d. Sept. 25, 1874 ; m. Caleb Wilson, his second wife ; Chelsea.

103. James Plimpton. [45]

Mary b. Sept. 3, 1815, d. Jan. 13, 1882 ; m. Joshua E. Billings. James Edmund b. Aug. 19, 1817, d. Dec. 26, 1821. Augustus b. Mch. 21, 1820, d. Dec. 5, 1821. James Stratton b. Jan. 5, 1823, d. June 25, 1850. Harrison b. Apr. 22, 1826, d. Sept. 5, 1833. Edward b. May 17, 1829, d. Aug. 1829.

104. Dea. Henry Plimpton. [45]

Sally Fales b. May 12, 1812, d. June 30, 1862 ; unm. Calvin Gay (241) b. May 6, 1815, d. Nov. 4, 1864 ; m. Nov. 20, 1840, Priscilla G. Lewis, of Walpole. After finishing his education at Day's Academy in Wrentham, he went into business with his father ; afterwards associating himself with his brother Henry M., they succeeded him under the firm name of C. G. & H. M. Plimpton. The works were enlarged, and not only hoes were manufactured, but axles, carriage springs, castings of all sorts, together with forgings and machinery. Their trade extended all over this country, and their reputation as business men was excellent. The outlook for this firm seemed unusually bright, until in October, 1864, Calvin G. met with a fatal accident. He was caught in some machinery which he was testing. His limbs were broken, and he was otherwise injured. Notwithstanding amputation and skilled doctors, he lived but two weeks.

He was a man of great energy and business capacity, and was greatly beloved by his workmen, and fellow townsmen. Owing to his death, the works were ultimately sold, and since that time have been mostly destroyed by fire. His wife still occupies the beautiful home built just before his death, at Plimptonville.

Joanna (242) b. Sept. 10, 1817 ; m. Jan. 8, 1851, Willard Lewis, of Walpole. He is a manufacturer of cotton goods. He also holds the office of Deacon in the Congregational church, and has represented the town in the Legislature.

Henry Martin (243) b. Dec. 9, 1821 ; m. Jan. 1, 1850, Mary Jane Dickinson, of Holliston, a granddaughter of Mary (Plimpton) Adams (28). He engaged at first in several business enterprises, but finally went into partnership with his brother ; continuing the business of their father. Subsequent to the death of



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Calvin G. and the breaking up of the business at Plimptonville, he connected himself with an iron house in Boston, where he has since been engaged. He moved from Plimptonville to Walpole, where he built for himself a handsome residence.

Julius b. Jan. 20, 1825, d. Nov. 30, 1846. Elizabeth b. June 14, 1837; unm. She is a teacher among the freedmen of the South; went to Alabama in 1881, and taught there two years. She is now Principal of the Dorchester Academy, at McIntosh, Georgia.

105. Lydia Plimpton [45] Smith.

Asa Plimpton (244) b. Apr. 11, 1831; m. first, Aug. 25, 1855, Nancy Shorey b. Aug. 10, 1839, d. Mch. 22, 1866; m. second, May 7, 1868, Anna H. Sylvester b. Nov. 20, 1832. Dexter and Harriet, adopted.

106. Elias Plimpton. [45].

Elias Hewins b. Aug. 9, 1822, d. Dec. 20, 1826. Asa Warren (245) b. Nov. 7, 1825; m. Nov. 9, 1854, Harriet E. Fuller, of West Gardner, Me., b. May 3, 1835; Litchfield, Me.; one of the proprietors of the agricultural firm of E. Plimpton & Sons, manufacturers of all kinds of hoes and forks.

George (246) b. May 7, 1828; m. Nov. 3, 1857, Orissa F. Foss, of Leeds, Me., b. June 14, 1836; Litchfield, Me.; of the firm of E. Plimpton & Sons. Albert Franklin b. May 5, 1832; m. Carlista A. Colby, of Litchfield, Me.; graduated from Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, in 1859. Physician at Gardner, Me. Nancy Maria b. Dec. 31, 1836; unm.

107. Molly Plimpton [46] Fisher.

Calvin (247) b. Nov. 22, 1797, d. Nov. 13, 1869; m. first, Jan. 1, 1834, Ann Eliza, dau. of Geo. Brastow, of Wrentham, d. Dec. 14, 1839; m. second, Jan. 27, 1842, Jerusha Kollock, dau. of Hon. Jarius Ware, of Wrentham, d. Dec. 31, 1870.

Silas Plimpton (248) b. Jan. 11, 1800, d. May 21, 1865; m. Sept., 1821, Caroline Cheever (76). Harriet Plimpton (249) b. July 12, 1812; m. June 18, 1833, Charles, son of Ebenezer Messenger, of Wrentham, d. June 19, 1853.

108. Elijah Plimpton. [46]

Joseph Warren (250) b. June 29, 1810, d. Nov. 27, 1867; m.

Apr. 18, 1833, Eleanor E. Plympton (167); he resided in West Newton; commencing there when a young man as clerk of the Elliot Manufacturing Company; then went into business which, in 1841, he transferred to Boston, where he dealt largely and successfully in straw and millinery goods, and continued in that business during life. He was of a quiet, unassuming disposition, with much force of character, always active in good works. As a citizen of West Newton, he labored zealously for the prosperity of the place. His purse and influence were freely used in favor of every meritorious undertaking for the benefit of his neighbors and fellow townsmen, or in a wider sense embracing the whole human family. He held many offices of trust; was one of the selectmen, and postmaster several years.

Silas Fisher b. Aug. 26, 1812, d. Apr. 22, 1867; unm.; graduated from Yale College in 1837, and from Harvard Law School in 1839, receiving the degree of LL.B.; attorney-at-law, resided in Boston. He was a member of the Boston School Committee, and representative from that city to the State Legislature several years. A lover of books from his youth, indefatigable as a student, and very thorough in his acquirements; he was a deep thinker upon any subject in which his mind was engaged. He was a geologist, and spent much time in studying the formation and evolutions of the earth, and intended to publish the result of his investigations. He was also much interested in genealogies and collected many facts in regard to his ancestors, and the Plimpton race generally, which he intended to print, and they have been freely contributed and are embodied in this work.

Albert (251) b. Jan. 24, 1817; m. Nov. 26, 1840, Eliza Morse b. Mch. 28, 1817, d. Nov. 9, 1877; lived on the farm his father owned, till he was eighteen; worked in his brother's (Joseph Warren) store, in Newton, three years, and three years in Boston. He went into business in 1838, and in 1841 formed a copartnership with his brother, under the firm name of J. W. & A. Plimpton, as jobbers of millinery and straw goods; and the business has been continued to the present time, with slight variations in the style of the firm. He now owns a large part of the farm in Foxboro, on which James Plimpton [14] lived; including the spot where his house stood, which was burned in 1748. The second house built and occupied by his great-grandfather he has kept in repair, and preserved in its original form.



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ALBERT PLIMPTON.

Charles Lewis b. Mch. 1, 1820, d. Mch. 16, 1862; unm.; lived in Boston a few years, and afterwards in New York, where he did a large business in straw bonnets. Of a social disposition, honest and upright in all his dealings.

Edson Elijah (252) b. May 7, 1825, d. Apr. 15, 1875; m. Oct. 27, 1850, Maria Pickett; resided in Boston, was a partner with his brothers, Joseph W. and Albert.

Francis Newton (253) b. Mch. 2, 1828; m. June 24, 1862, Abby Elizabeth, dau. of Rev. Calvin Hitchcock, of Wrentham, b. Nov. 14, 1829. Is and has been for many years cashier of the Wrentham National Bank, and town treasurer.

109. Lewis Plimpton. [46]

Emily (254) b. Feb. 3, 1818; m. Nov. 28, 1839, Carlos Fay, a farmer, occupies the homestead of Mrs. Fay's father, one mile from the village of Potsdam, N. Y.

Mary Pond (255) b. July 2, 1822, d. Dec. 3, 1883; m. first, Sept. 14, 1841, Henry B. Gordon, a baker, resided at Potsdam, d. June 16, 1868; m. second, Dec. 30, 1870, James S. Smith; Champlain, N. Y.

George H. (256) b. Jan. 16, 1827, d. Feb. 9, 1884; m. Jan. 16, 1851, Emily T. Matthews b. at Potsdam, N. Y., Sept. 26, 1830, d. Sept. 11, 1881, at Lockport, N. Y.

110. Willard Plimpton. [46]

Willard Pratt (257) b. May 7, 1821; m. Oct. 9, 1851, Clarissa Maria, dau. of Capt. Jonathan Wight, of Medfield, b. Dec. 17, 1826; Newton. Ann Eliza (258) b. Nov. 10, 1823; m. June 13, 1844, Julius, son of Joseph Carroll, of Walpole, b. Mch. 24, 1820; Foxboro. Ellen Maria (259) b. Feb. 10, 1828; m. first, Oct. 12, 1853, Henry Arms, son of Elijah Field, of Ashfield, b. Sept. 9, 1824, d. May 7, 1857; m. second, Sept. 23, 1862, John Wesley, son of Giles Peckett, of Bradford, Vt., b. Jan. 21, 1825; Brooklyn, N. Y. Frederick Sanford (260) b. Feb. 22, 1834; m. July 19, 1864, Lucy Jane, dau. of Rufus Pratt, of Brattleboro, Vt., b. July 10, 1839; National City, Cal.

111. Ziba Plimpton. [47]

George (261) b. Sept. 29, 1808, d. May 10, 1867; m. Mch. 18, 1830, Mary Tolman, of Sharon; Medfield.

Jeremiah (262) b. May 10, 1810; m. Nov. 1, 1838, Sarah Davenport Bradlee, of Milton, b. June 21, 1815; resides in Boston. After working on his father's old farm in the "Farm Woods," in Sharon, until he was eighteen years old, having obtained a limited education in the district school during the winter seasons, he commenced teaching in his native town. He there taught three successive winters, and one in Dedham, improving the intervals in study, at Wrentham and Milton Academies. After teaching annual schools about five years in Milton and Dorchester, he accepted the charge of the "Dudley School for Girls," in Roxbury. It is a matter of record, and no small pride to him, that, at a competitive examination with the Grammar schools of Boston, it was decided by the school committee of that city that the Dudley School of Roxbury, while under his charge, stood higher by a small percentage than any school in the city of Boston. After spending sixteen years in this school, finding his health somewhat impaired, he resigned his charge in 1855, and withdrew from the business of teaching. In 1872 he was appointed U. S. Assistant Assessor for the Third Collection District of Massachusetts, which office he held for about six years, being also a justice of the peace during the same time.

Lyman (263) b. July 26, 1813; m. Oct. 31, 1839, Louisa, Capen, of Stoughton, b. July 24, 1817; a farmer, and resides on the old Plimpton farm in Sharon. He has been quite successful in the cultivation of cranberries.

Harriet (264) b. Dec. 13, 1815; m. May 23, 1839, Joseph Swan, of Stoughton, b. Nov. 30, 1810; a grocer. Laura Jane b. July 27, 1820, d. Mch. 29, 1833.

112. Daniel Plimpton. [47.]

Shepard (265) b. about 1780; it is reported that he was married and had two children; a son, Eugene, and a daughter. He died in New York. Charles b. ——— d. 1883; unm.; Philadelphia; a merchant.

113. Catherine Plimpton [47] Smith; Strong.

Mary b. Oct. 7, 1821, d. Oct. 10, 1821. Catherine b. Oct. 16, 1822; unm. Henry Plimpton (266) b. Mch. 1, 1824; m. Dec. 1, 1847, Julia Elizabeth Curtis b. May 21, 1830; at Northampton. Charles Oliver (267) b. May 24, 1827; m. first, Aug. 1, 1850,

Julia E. Graves, d. June 21, 1855; m. second, June 4, 1856.
Maria Fuller b. Nov. 7, 1829; at Northampton. These are all children of the first husband.

114. Mary Plimpton [47] Hewins.

Joel Plimpton (268) b. June, 1817; m. Apr., 1842, Sarah Jane Dunbar, of Sharon, b. Mch., 1820; a boot manufacturer, and for a time in the oil business at the West. A representative to the State Legislature one or more years, several years on the board of selectmen, and other offices of trust.

Charles (269) b. Feb. 19, 1819; m. Oct., 1844, Lucy Drake, of Sharon, b. ——— d. Feb. 5, 1875; at first a blacksmith, then farmer in Northern New York; later in the oil regions of Pennsylvania, he has been quite successful in the business of sinking oil wells. Mary (270) b. Aug. 7, 1821, d. Mch. 6, 1878; m. June 7, 1849, William R. Mann, of Sharon, a manufacturer.

115. Rynaldo Plimpton. [48]

Warren (271) b. 1795, d. May 30, 1868; m. Feb. 13, 1818, Semantha Partridge, of Holland, b. 1799, d. Apr. 6, 1876; a farmer on the homestead of his father, in the southern part of Sturbridge. Philura; m. May 4, 1817, Joseph Glazier, of Holland, a preacher.

116. Elisha Plimpton. [48]

Mary (272) b. Nov. 10, 1796, d. about 1854; m. Joseph Foscitt; Stafford, Conn. Billings Otis (273) b. Mch. 7, 1799; m. first, Feb. 6, 1825, Eliza Merwin b. Jan. 4, 1805, in Milford, Litchfield Co., Conn., d. Aug. 14, 1846; m. second, Mch., 1847, Mrs. Mary Ann Dundas, of Meadville, Pennsylvania, d. 1848; m. third, Nov. 10, 1850, Mrs. Louisa Crosby (née Hunt) in Ashtabula, Ohio; a Methodist clergyman, living (1883) at Orrville, Ohio. He received forty-five consecutive appointments in the Erie Annual Conference, of which he was one of the original members. He was for a number of years a presiding elder in districts extending over the most of north-eastern Ohio and western Pennsylvania. He represented the Erie Conference in the General Conference at Philadelphia in 1832, in Baltimore in 1840, and in Pittsburgh in 1848. After taking a supernumerary relation to the conference he accepted the agency of the American Colonization Society,

and traveled in that cause some nine or ten years. He subsequently accepted the agency of the State Bible Society of Pennsylvania. In the year 1867 he asked and obtained a superannuated relation to his conference. It was the pioneer work of Methodism to which the most active years of Mr. Plimpton's life were dedicated, and there is hardly a corner of the region extending from the river to the lake, and from Cleveland to Dunkirk, in which he did not assist in organizing societies, building churches and multiplying the agencies whereby Methodism has taken immovable hold of the soil and grown to be one of the most powerful denominations. Mr. Plimpton spoke altogether extempore, noting only the headings of his discourses. His delivery was rapid, his action nervous and energetic, his method logical and analytic rather than diffuse and declamatory. He sought first to convince the reason, and then kindle the heart. His ministry was very successful, and among those who were brought into the church through his labors were to be counted some of her foremost men.

Elijah b. Jan. 6, 1801; a teacher in Louisiana, and died in Pennsylvania on his way home; unm. Alured (274) b. July 17, 1804, d. Nov. 24, 1862; m. Sept. 7, 1837, Eliza, dau. of Major Cummings, of Unionville, Ohio, b. May 30, 1818, at Brooklyn, N. H.; a physician at Prophetstown, Ills., and Painesville, Ohio. Dwight (275) b. Aug. 24, 1805; m. Aug. 11, 1829, Paulina Emerson, of Plattsburgh, N. Y., b. Aug. 28, 1811, d. Feb. 9, 1852, at New Buffalo, Mich. He was postmaster there. Parley (276) b. Dec. 6, 1807; m. Oct. 13, 1833, Amanda, dau. of Oliver and Lefe (Vinton) Hyde, of Stafford, Conn., b. Oct. 6, 1813, d. Nov. 11, 1860; Staffordville, Conn. Matilda (277) b. Nov. 24, 1809; m. 1837 Loring, son of John and Polly Hall, of Stafford, Conn., b. Mch. 11, 1807, d. Apr. 1, 1855; was a farmer at Burdick, Indiana. Louisa (278) b. Oct. 30, 1813; m. Sept. 29, 1839, Ephraim, son of John and Polly Hall, of Stafford, Conn., b. May 2, 1813, a farmer in Iowa.

117. Louisa Plimpton [48] Fenton; Bradly.

Mary (Fenton). Franklin (Fenton). Louisa Plimpton (Bradly).

118. Polly Plimpton [48] Shaddon.

Sophronia b. Oct. 30, 1801, d. Aug. 12, 1813. Cheney Plimp-

ton b. Apr. 17, 1803, d. May 31, 1883; m. Hannah Corbin b. Sept. 5, 1809, d. Aug. 11, 1878; a farmer, owned and occupied the second homestead originated by his grandfather, Lieut. Elijah Plimpton [24]. Mary Louisa b. Feb. 27, 1807, d. July 11, 1813. Harriet (279) b. Jan. 4, 1809; m. July 16, 1839, Capt. Daniel Fiske Newell, a machinist and farmer; at Globe Village. Elijah b. Mch. 4, 1811, d. young.

119. Dea. Daniel Plimpton [48]

Otis b. Apr. 14, 1804, d. Nov. 26, 1806. Lauretta b. June 24, 1806. Luman Kimball (280) b. Sept. 4, 1807; m. Sept. 13, 1838, Mary S., dau. of George Davis, Esq., of Sturbridge, b. Aug. 26, 1818; a successful merchant at Buffalo, N. Y. Daniel b. Mch. 22, 1815, d. Aug. 22, 1816.

120. Lucy Plimpton [49] Rider.

William W. b. July 3, 1813. Adeliza b. Jan. 11, 1815. Lucy Plimpton b. Feb. 14, 1819. George Franklin b. Aug. 27, 1821; m. first, Mary, dau. of Moses Newell, of Sturbridge; m. second, Emily Plimpton (318). Elias Plimpton b. Jan. 16, 1824. James M. b. Feb. 22, 1825.

121. Chester Plimpton. [49]

George A. b. Sept. 19, 1837; m. Oct. 24, 1874, Amelia Monin; Buffalo, N. Y., of the firm of Powell & Plimpton. William Prescott (281) b. Sept. 9, 1841; m. June 22, 1871, Vashti A., dau. of Leroy Litchfield; proprietor of "Plimpton's Mills," Southbridge; deacon of the First Congregational Church of that place since 1875. In the war, he was a member of Company A, 45th, and Company B, 39th, Massachusetts Regiments. Severely wounded Feb. 7, 1865. Ella J. b. Nov. 11, 1843. Frances E. b. Apr. 18, 1847. Jennie A. b. Dec. 13, 1849, d. 1860.

122. Nancy Plimpton [49] Newell.

Samuel b. Aug. 19, 1818; m. Elizabeth Jenks; a farmer at Globe Village. Dolly Marcy b. Apr. 6, 1829; unm.; Globe Village.

123. Simon Plimpton. [50]

John Brown (282) b. Nov. 9, 1821, d. Dec. 22, 1882; m. Oct. 24, 1856, Jane Sabin; a farmer on the homestead of his father;

Southbridge. Harriet B. b. Nov. 19, 1823, d. Aug. 17, 1871 ; unm. Simon b. Jan. 18, 1831, d. young. Adelia L. (283) b. Aug. 1, 1833 ; m. May 3, 1863, Edwin Phillips, a farmer, grain merchant and miller ; Charlton.

124. John Plimpton. [50]

Matilda Fiske (284) b. Mch. 11, 1832 ; m. Oct. 24, 1858, Levi Badger, son of Levi and Sarah (Page) Chase, of Canterbury, N. H., b. Oct. 24, 1833, who m. first, Sept. 9, 1855, Flavia Elizabeth Lyman b. 1833, d. Nov. 9, 1856. He was a private in Co. F, 51st Massachusetts regiment, in the War of The Rebellion, and he is the compiler of "A Genealogy and Historical Notices of the Family of Plimpton or Plympton in America, and of Plumpton, in England ;" Sturbridge ; a farmer.

125. Baxter Plimpton. [50]

Pliny (285) b. Feb. 8, 1831, d. Oct. 26, 1876 ; m. Sylvia ——— ; resided at Woodside, California. Elizabeth (286) b. Dec. 8, 1832 ; m. 1853 Bradbury Edwards, a native of England ; Globe Village. Manning (287) b. Oct. 21, 1834 ; m. first, 1858, Mary Ann Butterfield, d. Feb. 2, 1860 ; m. second, Sept. .6, 1862, Charlotte P. Ward ; a farmer on the homestead of his father in Southbridge. Francis (288) b. Oct. 15, 1837, d. Aug. 31, 1864 ; m. Maria Smith, who m. second, David Annise, of Elgin, Ill. Mr. Plimpton died in Sacramento, Cal. Porter (289) b. Mch. 12, 1842 ; m. first, Jennie Benson ; m. second, Mrs. Mary Baily ; a farmer, at Enfield. He served in the First Reg. Heavy Artillery, Mass. Vols. ; mustered in March 18, 1862, discharged May 12, 1864, for disability.

126. Loring Plimpton. [50]

Andrew Jackson (290) b. Nov. 21, 1832 ; m. Ann Smith ; a farmer on the homestead of his father in Southbridge ; in the late war was Sergeons' Assistant, Thirty-eighth Reg. Thomas W. b. Dec. 6, 1834, d. July 9, 1842. Jane R. b. Apr. 7, 1837. Samuel T. b. June 30, 1839, d. Mch. 6, 1864 ; a member of Co. G, Second Regt. D. C. Vols. Loring M. b. Jan., 1841, d. Apr. 11, 1842. John A. b. Mch. 17, 1844 ; a farmer, at Aurora, Neb. Martha A. b. Jan. 11, 1847.



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LEVI BADGER CHASE.

127. Amy Plimpton [50] Weld.

Mary Frances b. May 6, 1831; m. Edward Gilmore, d. Sept. 27, 1884; Globe Village. Samuel Plimpton b. Apr. 1, 1833; m. Oct. 30, 1860, Adelaide Holloway b. May 28, 1840; a machinist, at Bondville. Amy E. b. July 3, 1835. Sarah H. b. Aug. 1, 1838, d. Oct. 2, 1865.

128. Mary E. Plimpton [50] Holmes.

Mary Eliza b. 1826; m. May 15, 1846, Lorenzo Morton; Southbridge. George W. b. Aug. 20, 1828, d. Sept. 8, 1828. Charles b. June 25, 1830, d. July 8, 1830. Alfred b. 1832; m. Sarah Remington; a mechanic, at Southbridge.

129. Stephen H. Plimpton. [50]

Franklin Pierce b. 1852, d. 1864. James Buchanan b. 1856, d. 1872.

130. Henry Plympton. [52]

John b. 1792, d. 1826; unm. Eunice (290a) b. 1793, d. —; m. first, Apr. 21, 1814, Nathan Pond, of Walpole, d. Aug. 17, 1816; m. second, May 20, 1818, Daniel Pond, brother of Nathan, b. Aug. 13, 1788, d. Oct. 2, 1832; Walpole. Amos (291) b. 1795, d. 1852; m. 1827 Betsy, dau. of Paul Fisher, b. 1798, d. 1881; Medfield. Warren (292) b. 1796, d. 1880; m. first, 1821, Mary, dau. of Luther Fisher, d. 1852; m. second, 1857, Mary A. Maynard; Medfield.

Eliza (293) b. 1798, living 1885; m. first, 1819, Caleb Fisher, of Medfield, d. 1828; m. second, 1831, Daniel Pond, d. 1838; m. third, Joseph Hardy, a farmer in Claremont, N. H., afterwards settled in Medfield. Although past the age of military duty, Mr. Hardy volunteered, and died at New Orleans about 1863, in the service of his country. Andrew b. 1800, d. 1800. Jabez (294) b. June 1, 1802, d. Nov. 15, 1877; m. Nov. 13, 1825, Eliza, dau. of Silas and Tabitha (Newton) Bridges, of Brookfield, d. Oct., 1884; a farmer, at Sturbridge. Isaac b. 1804, d. May 10, 1840; unm.

131. Elzaphan Plimpton. [52]

Polly (171) b. Feb. 14, 1790, d. Apr. 18, 1825; m. 1807 Joseph

Plympton (69). Sarah (295) b. July 19, 1791, d. 1826; m. 1812 Thomas Brewer, Junior, a carpenter; Boylston. Abigail (296) b. July 15, 1793, d. 1834; m. 1814 Russell Garfield, a carpenter; Shrewsbury. Olive (297) b. Mch. 22, 1796, d. 1820; m. Dec. 1, 1818, Elijah Ball; Shrewsbury. Lyman (298) b. Mch. 8, 1798, d. June 25, 1825; m. 1819 Elizabeth Gale b. Aug. 17, 1797, of Boylston, who m. second, 1836, Elijah Ball, his third wife; Boylston. Nancy b. July 18, 1800, d. 1835, m. 1824 Elijah Ball, his second wife; two children who died young; Shrewsbury. Jonathan (299) b. Apr. 28, 1803, d. Jan. 13, 1852; m. Dec. 27, 1825, Maria D., dau. of Joshua Cornish, of Boston, b. Nov. 2, 1799, d. Jan. 22, 1864; a farmer, at Shrewsbury, on the homestead originated by his father. Alexander Hamilton (300) b. July 28, 1804, d. Feb. 21, 1884; m. Harriet Foote, of Sutton; a carpenter, machinist, and farmer; Shrewsbury. John Baxter (301) b. July 6, 1808, d. Mch. 9, 1876; m. Sept. 4, 1832, Hannah Almira Ailen (166); he resided in Shrewsbury, where he conducted a safe and limited business as a shoe manufacturer, until 1861. For many years he was chairman of the board of assessors. He suffered for his espousal of abolitionist ideas, but, true to his convictions, aided in word and deed, the fugitive slave and his advocates. He was a man of the strictest integrity, liberal in his religious views, and in sympathy with all practical christians.

132.

David Plympton. [52]

Leonard (302) b. Aug. 8, 1792, d. Jan. 26, 1873; m. Nov. 27, 1819, Sarah Turner Lane b. Feb. 2, 1797, d. Mch. 30, 1879. At the age of nineteen he left the Plimpton homestead at Medfield, to learn the trade of satinet weaving of a Mr. Harding at Medway, and some three years later, with more business tact than is usual in one of his years, he started business for himself; employing help to weave satinet in a small shop on the homestead. He procured his material at the outset from Mr. Slater, of Rhode Island, the pioneer spinner of America, making frequent trips by wagon from his home in Massachusetts, to the Slater establishment in Rhode Island.

Young Plimpton thus became one of the earliest, if not the first, to establish a manufactory in his native town.

His business soon outgrew the capacity of the original shop, and for a time he gave out weaving to various parties in Medfield



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and adjoining towns ; he furnishing the material, and paying a stated price per yard for weaving.

A few years later, however, having purchased suitable property consisting of a modest farm, he planned and erected a larger shop, in the northern part of Medfield ; where he resumed the weaving business and continued the same extensively, until weaving by hand looms was superseded by machine weaving. The anxiety and loss consequent upon this sudden change, was followed by a long and severe illness which left him a confirmed invalid, quite unable to personally execute the farm work to which he resorted.

His sound judgment and fairness was highly appreciated by his neighbors, and he was frequently called upon to act as referee, appraiser and juryman.

He was more than an ordinary mechanic and mathematician, and often worked out, mentally, problems which others found difficulty in solving, even by figures.

He seldom commenced an undertaking until satisfied by careful investigation and thorough planning, as to its feasibility. His influence being felt more from his exemplary conduct, than from his words which were usually few.

Sarah T. Lane, wife of Leonard Plimpton, was born at Scituate, and died at Walpole. Although an invalid for upwards of half a century, by great prudence, a cheerful disposition, and strong will power, she performed far more than her share of mental and physical work, and outlived by many years most of her early friends and neighbors.

Her love for reading, and for corresponding and associating with educated people, kept her well up to the times in which she lived, and there were few general topics upon which she was not well informed. Her character was of a highly executive nature, and to the maxims and teachings of her moral philosophy her children and others are much indebted. Cheerful, witty and entertaining to the last, she was a great favorite with all who knew her. Her peculiarity for working out what others deemed difficult is strongly reflected in some of her descendants, and admirably illustrated by the following acrostic written on the occasion of the Golden Wedding of Leonard and Sarah T. Plimpton, Nov. 25, 1869, which serves as a historical record and just tribute to each.

Let not our friends assemble here,
Expecting gloom to rule the hours,
Oh! please suppress the kindly tear,
No cause for grief in fading flowers.

Advancing age must leave its trace ;
Ripe years of time we honor now,
Do not expect that bloom of face,
As on the day they took the vow.

No, rather let our hearts be gay ;
Days, months and years may be in store,—
So celebrates this Wedding day,
As joyous as it was before.

Review the field o'er which they've trod,
And you will find their record good,
Honored by man, and true to God,
They stand; as they have ever stood.

Pledged fifty years, as man and wife,
Love, joy and peace has crowned their days,
In passing through the scenes of Life,
Much has been shared for thankful praise.

Protect, Oh God! this golden pair ;
Teach us, by them, our lives to spend,
Obedient to thy laws so fair,
No doubts of bliss when life shall end.

Hannah b. 1794, d. 1806. Charlotte (303) b. 1796, d. Nov. 13, 1870; Sturbridge. James Richardson b. 1798, d. Mch. 29, 1827. Hannah b. 1803, d. 1806. William (304) b. Oct. 18, 1807; m. first, Apr. 28, 1845, Hannah Smith Draper b. Aug. 15, 1813, d. Sept. 16, 1851; m. second, Sept. 26, 1852, Amanda M. Boyden b. Apr. 1, 1816; a farmer in Walpole.

David (305) b. July 9, 1811; m. June 18, 1840, Eunice Maria Ware b. Aug. 17, 1817, d. Dec. 1, 1881. He is the third David, in successive generations, to become proprietor of the old Plimpton homestead in Medfield, where formerly stood the old "Block House" which served as a garrison of defence against the Indians. The snow-shoes, spinning-wheel, gourd-shells, and numerous other relics of former years, are still in his possession. He has the old books and papers of the family, and the very ancient Bible, which is preserved with great care in a beautiful box made by one of his nephews; while with his good nature and



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noted liberality, he has dispersed many of the old household relics among his relatives and friends. He is an industrious and successful farmer, retains a good recollection of the traditions of his family, and, having always dwelt in Medfield, is frequently called upon to furnish information upon historical events. He erected, about 1870, a fine-looking and thoroughly constructed house on the old spot, and inaugurated therein the genial hospitality of "y" olden tyme."

133. Calvin Plympton. [53]

Calvin Cutler b. Jan. 29, 1807, d. Sept., 1808. Caroline Cutler b. July 21, 1809; m. Sept. 25, 1835, Albert, son of Dea. Jonathan Metcalf, of Franklin, d. Aug. 11, 1836. "She was a member of a private classical academy taught several years by A. R. Baker (afterwards Rev. D. D.) in Medway village. At the time of her marriage with Mr. Metcalf, he was teacher of a private academy in Auburn, N. Y. His health soon failed, and she had charge of the school until his return to Franklin, where he died of consumption. Mrs. Metcalf continued elsewhere in the work she had so successfully begun, finally teaching a school in Boston. Her reputation attracted the attention of the trustees of the Wheaton Female Seminary, Norton, Mass., who were searching for a principal; and she was in Aug., 1850, unanimously elected to its head.

This seminary had been founded in 1835, by Hon. Laban Wheaton, in memory of his only daughter, to give a higher literary culture to young women, and especially to the daughters of ministers usually unable to bear the full expense of such education. Under her superintendence the seminary rose rapidly to its fullest capacity of accommodations. Its graduates now fill important positions in homes, schools and missionary work. At the fortieth anniversary of the school, and the twenty-fifth of her principalship, Mrs. Metcalf tendered her resignation; but at the request of the trustees she continued at its head another year: so completing the longest term of service, if we mistake not, of any seminary principalship in the land—and, too, most successfully. Mrs. Metcalf has now retired from active duty, honored and beloved by thousands of ladies who once enjoyed her wise and faithful instructions." (By Rev. M. Blake, D.D., Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Wheaton Female Seminary.)

Calvin Sanford b. Jan. 16, 1812, d. 1816. William (306) b. Apr. 17, 1814; m. Jan. 4, 1844, Marrilla P., dau. of Benj. Fessenden, of Guilford, Vt., d. Apr. 2, 1876; silver-plater; carried on business in Lowell in 1837-8; then in Belchertown, eight years; removed to Providence, R. I., in 1849, was in business there about thirty years. Now resides with his son at West Brattleboro, Vt. In the war of the Rebellion, served in the 11th Reg., R. I. Vol. M.

Edward Griffin (307) b. Apr. 12, 1818, d. Oct. 27, 1865; m. first, Dec. 10, 1845, Susan Lawrence, dau. of Alpheus and Susan (Lawrence) Richardson, of Groton, b. Aug. 12, 1821, d. Nov. 21, 1860; m. second, June 10, 1863, Louisa A., dau. of Dea. Timothy Walker, of Holliston, b. Apr. 21, 1834, d. May 14, 1864; m. third, Oct. 4, 1865, Julia C., dau. of Daniel Eames, of Hopkinton; a bookbinder and printer.

134. Timothy Plympton. [53]

Beriah; m. Aug. 2, 1826, Pliny Bosworth; North Attleborough. Martha or Pattie. Uriah, d. in early manhood; unm.

135. Captain Nathan Plympton. [53]

Elial M. b. Aug. 10, 1809, d. July 30, 1830. Nathan b. Oct. 16, 1810, d. June 21, 1832. Prudence F. b. Dec. 24, 1811, d. Nov. 25, 1831. Charles Pinckney (308) b. July 4, 1813, d. Nov. 9, 1880; m. first, Elizabeth Shepard, of Walpole, b. 1818, d. Feb. 14, 1847; m. second, June 8, 1848, Almira Louise Brastow b. June 5, 1821; a merchant; Boston. Francis E. b. 1814, d. Sept. 1, 1836. Olive A. b. Feb. 12, 1816; unm. Charlotte C. b. Nov. 12, 1818; m. 1864 John Stanley. Henry (309) b. Nov. 20, 1820; m. Sept. 1, 1847, Elizabeth Osborne, of Ware, b. Sept. 20, 1824, d. Oct. 30, 1876; a hatter, at Columbus, Ohio. In the late war, he served as Captain of Co. I, 133d Reg. Inf. Ohio Vols. He is at present (1882) a member of the City Council.

Maria (310) b. 1822; m. first, Otis Hill, a merchant of Lynn; m. second, David Austin, a merchant; Lynn. Mrs. Austin is a life-long and faithful worker in the Sunday-School, and in the cause of temperance. A constant visitor and aider of the poor and in prison. When occasion requires, she does not hesitate to stand up and speak before those in high places in behalf of the right.

James J. (311) b. Nov. 18, 1824; m. 1854 Sarah Miller; Worcester. Calvin (312) b. May 12, 1826; m. 1857 Mary J. Ware, who d. Feb. 8, 1861; Saginaw City, Mich. Harriet H. b. Dec. 19, 1828; m. June 27, 1870, J. L. Garrison; St. Louis, Mo. Eliza W. b. Aug. 25, 1827, d. Sept. 1, 1829. Eliza J. b. Nov. 12, 1830; unm.

136. Job Plimpton. [53]

George F. H. b. 1808, d. 1838; unm.; a musician, and organized the first strictly brass band in Boston, he leading, and performing on a Kent bugle. Eliza B. (313) b. 1810, d. 1873; m. Daniel Wild; she was for many years the leading soprano of St. Paul's church in Boston. Charles T. (314) b. 1821; m. 1843 Frances P. Hatch, of Bath, Me.; he was brought up in the counting-house of Samuel C. Grey, an extensive ship owner and merchant. Afterwards in the dry-goods business; and connected with the firms of Samuel Parsons & Co.; Thayer, Badger & Plimpton; and Sargent Bros. & Co. The latter firm was burnt out in the great fire of 1873. Since that time he has been auditor of Corporation Accounts; Boston.

William Henry b. 1823, d. 1827.

137. Esther Plimpton [54] Sherman.

Enoch H. b. 1805; m. Dora Weaver, of Deerfield, N. Y. Betsey b. 1807, d. 1842; m. John Vorse, of Milo, N. Y.

138. Rachel Plimpton [54] Legg.

Moses A. and Caleb J.

139. Moses A. Plimpton [54]

Joel (315) b. Sept. 4, 1809; m. Aravilla Sanger, d. 1805; a mechanic; West Bloomfield, N. Y. Rhoda (319) b. Feb. 4, 1811, d. Dec. 9, 1838; m. Nov. 8, 1832, John R. Whelock, his first wife; a farmer at West Bloomfield, N. Y. Aaron (316) b. Oct. 22, 1812; m. Louisa A. Hicks b. May 24, 1824; a farmer at West Bloomfield, N. Y. Edwin (317) b. Apr. 21, 1815; m. May 8, 1853, M. Maria Bliss; a farmer at Lima, N. Y. Hiram b. Feb. 1, 1818; m. Eliza Gillitt, d. 1859; Morris, Ills. Rachel b. Mch. 4, 1820, d. Sept. 4, 1859; m. Samuel D. Millinton. John (318) b. Apr. 9, 1821; m. Nov. 10, 1856, Lucy A. Sanger; a

farmer at Cassville, Wis. Deborah (320) b. Aug. 4, 1824; m. John R. Wheelock, his second wife; West Bloomfield, N. Y. Moses b. Aug. 2, 1826, d. 1870, in Peoria, Ill.; m. Harriet Braman; painter. Mary A. (321) b. 1831; m. George Henry Cottrell; a farmer at West Bloomfield, N. Y.

140. Aaron Plimpton. [54]

Daniel L. b. 1822; m. 1847 Bloomie M'Connell, of Barrington, N. Y.; carpenter; Penn Yan, N. Y. George W. (322) b. 1824; m. 1855 Caroline Stone, of Hammondsport, N. Y.; farmer; Penn Yan. Stephen V. b. 1827, d. 1832. Mary E. (323) b. 1830; m. 1853 Andrew Thayer; a farmer; Milo, N. Y. Ezra W. (324) b. 1833; m. 1871 Celia Waring, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; farmer.

141. Rhoda Plimpton [54] Taft.

Alfred S. (325) b. Jan. 31, 1816, d. Feb. 19, 1872; m. Mch. 30, 1840, Laura H. Brown; a farmer and teacher, removed to Prince George county, Maryland. Arminda P. b. June 22, 1817, d. Aug. 10, 1837. Leland (326) b. Jan. 18, 1819; m. first, Oct. 20, 1747, Martha L. Ball, who died Jan. 13, 1871; m. second, Feb. 1, 1872, Mrs. Mary Newton; a farmer at Le Roy, N. Y. Chloe b. Jan. 7, 1821; m. May, 1848, William Thomas, a harness-maker at Le Roy, N. Y. Clarinda b. May 4, 1823; d. Dec. 1, 1837. Maria (327) b. Feb. 25, 1825, d. Mch. 24, 1870; m. June 6, 1848, Dr. Richmond S. Hayes, Assistant Surgeon in the war. Royal W. (328) b. Mch. 11, 1827; m. Sept. 16, 1862, Matilda Robinson, d. Dec. 29, 1882; a farmer at Le Roy, N. Y. Lewis H. (329) b. Jan. 1, 1829; m. Mch. 18, 1870, Eliza Grapes; a farmer on the homestead of his father at West Bloomfield, N. Y. Eliza A. (330) b. Feb. 28, 1831; m. Mch. 12, 1862, Myron H. Shepard, a merchant at West Bloomfield, N. Y. Jemima b. May 15, 1834; m. Aug., 1871, Harry Decker.

142. John Plimpton. [54]

Charles b. 1825, d. 1826. Charles (331) b. 1827, d. 1874; m. Caroline West; farmer; Lima, N. Y. Jane A. (332) b. 1829; m. William Humphrey, a farmer in Honeoye, N. Y. Amasa H. (333) b. 1832; m. Lucinda Batchelder; a farmer at Lima, N. Y.; served about one year in the late war, receiving an honorable dis-

charge June 30, 1865. He was in two battles at Hatcher's Run, and the last part of the time was detailed as hospital nurse. Aaron b. 1834, d. 1835. Maria P. b. 1836; unm.; Honeoye. Franklin L. b. 1840; m. first, Persis Harris; m. second, Rose Quick; undertaker; Honeoye.

143. Henry Plimpton. [54]

Mary Jane b. 1827; m. Feb. 6, 1851, Edson C. Daniels, of West Bloomfield, N. Y., a farmer at Salina, Kansas. Andrew J. (334) b. June 2, 1830; m. Eliza, dau. of Col. Truman and Harriet (Gaylord) Bostwick, of Hammondsport, b. Apr. 6, 1831; the proprietor of Plimpton's Green-houses, at Hornellsville, N. Y., established in 1867. He was eight years in the employ of the U. S. Express Company, as Messenger.

Albert M. (335) b. Mch. 5, 1835; m. Sept. 19, 1857, Delia M. Metcalf b. Nov. 4, 1836, at Rochester, N. Y.; a carriage-maker, at Hornellsville, N. Y. He was a Union soldier in the war, enlisted Aug. 7, 1862, discharged for disability April 8, 1863; he was in the battle of Antietam.

William b. 1837; a farmer at Lima, N. Y. He served in the 85th Regiment, New York Vols., in the war. Hellen L. b. 1839; m. Mch., 1862, Robert Pierpont, a farmer at Blue Rapids, Kan.

144. Polly Plimpton [54] Taft.

Esther b. June 23, 1822, d. Oct. 11, 1878; m. Jan. 4, 1866, Simon Dixon, his second wife. Rachel (336) b. Jan. 12, 1824, d. Sept. 9, 1860; m. Apr., 1852, Simon Dixon, a farmer. William (337) b. May 25, 1827; m. Oct., 1855, Martha Cowdery; a carriage-maker at West Bloomfield, N. Y. Caleb (338) b. Nov. 29, 1831; m. Jan. 16, 1861, Maria Harris; a farmer at West Bloomfield, N. Y. Louisa b. Oct. 13, 1835, d. Feb., 1856.

145. Caroline Plimpton [59] Franceour.

Harriet, d. Oct. 31, 1785. Lewis b. Sept. 4, 1786, d. unm. Harriet b. July 25, 1788, d. Apr. 16, 1806. Caroline b. Dec. 26, 1790; m. Dr. Oliver Dean, founder of Dean Academy, Franklin, Mass. Maria b. Dec. 25, 1793; m. Willard Sayles, of Boston, one of the earliest owners of the Hamilton Woolen Company, of Southbridge.

146. Prudence Plympton [59] Cornette.

Cœlia Louise b. Aug. 15, 1786, d. Oct. 8, 1806. Jane Adelaide (339) b. Dec. 4, 1787, d. Dec. 16, 1866; m. first, Mch. 4, 1821, Lemuel Kollock Brastow, of Wrentham, who d. May 14, 1832; m. second, Mch. 13, 1845, John Dorr (72), of Boston. Maria Antoinette (Madey) (340) b. Sept. 8, 1794, d. Aug. 20, 1844; m. Mch. 12, 1822, Rev. William Gammell, his second wife; Newport, R. I. Jean b. 1795, d. Jan. 7, 1797.

147. Ursula Plympton [59] Bertody or Bertholdi.

Sophia b. Dec., 1785, d. Dec. 27, 1805. Eliza b. 1789, d. Apr. 7, 1805. Matilda. Amelia b. 1793, d. Apr. 11, 1882; m. Bradford Sumner, Esq.; Boston. Charles. Francis.

148. Esquire Oliver Plimpton. [60]

Lucretia (340 $\frac{1}{2}$) b. Aug. 25, 1784, d. 1819; m. first, Sept. 15, 1805, Jared Bostwick, of Salem, N. Y.; m. second, May 7, 1812, James Wolcott. Julia (341) b. Aug. 5, 1786, d. Feb. 12, 1833; m. May 30, 1813, William E. Green, of "Green Hill," Worcester, his third wife. Harriet (342) b. Oct. 23, 1788, d. Aug. 20, 1848; m. Sept. 20, 1810, Nathan B. Haswell, of Burlington, Vt. Lydia b. May 31, 1791, d. July 20, 1864; unm. Willard b. Dec. 16, 1792, d. Dec. 17, 1792. Maria b. Jan. 3, 1795, d. Mch., 1824; m. Dr. John Seabury, his first wife. Chauncy (343) b. May 5, 1796, d. May 21, 1837; m. Dec. 3, 1817, Calista, dau. of Dea. Daniel Bacon, of Charlton, d. May, 1878. Louisa b. Oct. 26, 1798, d. Aug. 25, 1801. Oliver Fiske b. 1800, d. Aug. 8, 1801. Andrew b. Dec. 25, 1803, d. Aug. 4, 1835; unm.

149. Chloe Plimpton [60] Clarke.

Ebenezer b. Sept. 26, 1782. Baruchias b. Mch. 31, 1785, d. Feb. 24, 1812. Charlotte b. Sept. 1, 1787, d. young. Dexter b. Sept. 6, 1789. Charlotte b. July 7, 1791. Dwight Plimpton b. Nov. 15, 1797.

150. Martha Plympton [60] Janes.

Horace (344) b. Sept. 18, 1781; m. first, Catherine Barnard; m. second, M. Brown; m. third, Eunice S. Partridge. Cynthia (345) b. July 8, 1783; m. Dec. 11, 1801, Ebenezer Marvin. Ruby b. May 9, 1785; m. first, E. Hubbard; m. second, Rev.



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Asaph Morgan. Martha (346) b. July 2, 1787; m. first, William Foote; m. second, William H. Wilkins. Jonathan b. Mch. 23, 1789. Gershom Plympton b. Oct. 3, 1790, d. June 15, 1801. Henry Newell b. Jan. 1, 1792; m. Betsy Allis. Julia A. b. Oct. 15, 1794; m. Jason C. Pierce. Charlotte b. May 22, 1796, d. 1798. Lewis Marcy b. Feb. 6, 1798; m. Abby P. Allyn. Dwight Plimpton b. July 31, 1801; m. Jane W. Allyn. Frances Rebecca (347) b. June 24, 1803; m. Luther S. Conklin.

151. Capt. Gershom Plimpton. [60]

Moses (348) b. Oct. 17, 1793, d. Sept. 19, 1854; m. Nov. 22, 1821, Edna, dau. of Lieut. John Taylor, of Sturbridge, b. Sept. 4, 1798; one of the leading men in building up the manufacturing interests of Southbridge, and few, if any, exerted a greater or more beneficial influence in the town than he. To the cause of temperance, schools, lyceums and religion, and, in fact, to all objects, the design of which was the elevation of the people and society about him, he gave his attention and active support. He was honored with many public trusts, both civil and military. It was in 1851 or 2, that Mr. Plimpton (then residing in Somerville, and employed in Boston as Inspector of Customs), made the acquaintance of Silas F. Plimpton, Esq., and was pleased to learn that the latter had made some progress in collecting material for a Plimpton Genealogy. He became interested in the subject, and the result of his subsequent efforts passed at his death into the hands of S. F. Plimpton, Esq. (104).

Stillman B. (349) b. May 10, 1795, d. June 21, 1863; m. first, Apr. 9, 1816, Hannah Jefford Chamberlain, d. Feb. 6, 1850; m. second, Mary Ann Chamberlain; Southbridge.

Henry (350) b. Jan. 6, 1797; m. Jan. 23, 1823, Eveline, dau. of Dea. Daniel Bacon, of Charlton. He kept the "Village Tavern" for several years, between 1828 and 1836, at Globe Village. The "Old Plimpton House" (and tavern) was then sold with the manufacturing property to Tiffany, Sayles (142) and Hitchcock. He then built a fine residence near the old house on Pleasant street. This, with the remainder of the farm, was sold to Dr. L. W. Curtis, who has occupied it since 1850, or '55. He then removed to Lowell, or vicinity, and died there.

Fannie b. Aug. 6, 1798, d. Aug. 10, 1801. Edwin b. July 18, 1800, d. Aug. 10, 1801. Caroline b. Sept. 18, 1803, d. July 11,

1850; m. Dr. John Seabury (148), his second wife. Edwin Dwight (351) b. Jan. 10, 1807, d. Oct. 23, 1878; m. June 21, 1853, Mary L., adopted dau. of George Hastings, of New York, b. Aug. 29, 1834. He was many years in business in New York, of the firms of Wolcott (148), Wales & Plimpton; Wales & Plimpton, and lastly, George Hastings & Co.; was fairly successful, and retired with a competency; Brooklyn, N. Y.

151a. Keziah Plimpton [60] Barrell, Russell.

Mary Ann (Barrell) b. Aug. 11, 1791. Caroline P. (Russell) b. May 31, 1808, d. Feb. 2, 1810. Dwight P. b. May 9, 1810. Harris Emerson b. Dec. 29, 1811.

152. Mary Plimpton [60] Fisher.

Rebecca (352) b. July 16, 1798, d. Feb. 20, 1878; m. May 12, 1816, Hon. Ebenezer D. Ammidown b. Nov. 18, 1796, d. Nov. 21, 1865; Southbridge.

153. Rebecca Plimpton [60] Grosvenor.

Harriet Plimpton; m. Thomas W., son of Artemas Ward, of Shrewsbury. Francis D. b. Feb. 22, 1799.

154. Moses B. Harding. [61]

Eliza (353) b. 1797, d. 1877; m. 1817 Jonathan P. Bishop, of Killingly, Conn., d. 1865. He was a lawyer, and settled on her father's estate in the northwest part of Medfield.

155. Dr. Luther Plympton. [62]

Edward Learned (354) b. Mch. 31, 1803, d. Apr. 13, 1876; m. Jan. 12, 1832, Marcia A., dau. of Jesse and Ruby Ladd, b. Sept. 3, 1806, at Washington, Mass., d. Sept. 13, 1870; removed with her parents to Madison, Ohio, in 1812. The beloved and trusted physician and friend of a large circle of patrons at Madison, Ohio, for a period of nearly forty years. His sympathetic nature made him their natural confidant, the sharer in their joys and sorrows, and he never turned indifferently away from one in misfortune. He was twice chosen to represent his district in the State Legislature, and was a member of the Committee on Education in the House, which originated, drafted, perfected and polished the School Act of 1853; the law which established the township and

subdistrict plan, brought order from chaos, and first gave Ohio a Common School System—the glory and pride of the State.

The toils and sorrows of the years of his childhood and youth, his early struggles and later attainments and achievements, possess more than usual interest, instruction and encouragement to young and old, furnishing a marked illustration of what may be accomplished by an individual for himself, family, friends and humanity, under the most disadvantageous circumstances.

Lutina S. (355) b. Apr. 14, 1804; m. Sept. 1, 1834, John H. Bliss, of Brimfield; resides at Albion, Nobles County, Indiana. Cylena b. Apr. 24, 1806, d. Mch. 6, 1807. Freeman (356) b. June 28, 1808, d. Aug. 8, 1865; m. Nov. 20, 1834, Emily, dau. of Silas, Jr. and Jane (Hassett) Chandler, of Pomfret, Conn.; was in the bakery business at Hartford, Conn. Augusta N. (357) b. May 27, 1816; m. Dec. 23, 1835, Rev. Heman, son of Dr. Jonathan and Delia (Blackman) Safford, a physician at Paulets, Rutland County, Vermont. Mr. Safford has been for thirty-five years a Congregational minister, and they now reside at Ripon, Wisconsin. Luther b. Sept. 22, 1818, d. Sept. 22, 1818.

156. Deborah Plimpton [62] Belknap.

Jefferson Plimpton b. Jan. 8, 1802; a tailor, and settled in one of the Southern states. Eliza Ann b. Feb. 15, 1811; m. Horace Freeman, a boot and shoe manufacturer at Hartford, Conn. Alfred b. Feb. 28, 1815; graduated from Amherst College, went south and died at his brother's; unm. Alonzo b. Nov. 5, 1820; unm.; also died at his brother's, in the south.

157. Caroline Plimpton [62] Newell.

Elizabeth; m. Dr. Bascomb, and resided, in 1831, at Franklin, Penn. Caroline; m. Horatio Bascomb, brother of the Dr.; Warren, Ohio. Andrew; Warren, Ohio.

158. Frederick A. Plimpton. [62]

Dwight Augustus (358) b. May 28, 1829; m. 1864 Abby Badger, in Keokuk Co., Iowa; a farmer and pioneer settler, now in Otoe Co., Nebraska. Margaret Louisa (359) b. Apr. 3, 1832; m. first, Oct. 10, 1850, George Washington Brown, who d. Dec. 10, 1852; m. second, May 2, 1855, Cyrus Corey; m. third, Feb. 6, 1876, William, son of John Lords; Clear Lake, Indiana. Benjamin

Jones b. May 23, 1834; unm.; proprietor of a stock ranche in Missouri. In the war was a member of Captain Hall's Independent Cavalry Co. of Indiana.

159. Olive Wheelock [63] Morse.

Olive b. 1797, d. 1826; m. William Richards. Eliakim b. 1800, d. 1871; m. first, Mary Baker; m. second, Almira Howe. James b. 1805, d. 1870. Lucy b. 1807. Mary b. 1810; a noted local antiquarian and genealogist at Medfield.

160. Ruth Plimpton [65] Adams.

Fanny b. 1794, d. young. Walter b. 1799; Grafton. Sylvanus b. 1807, d. young. Joseph b. 1808; Medway. John b. 1813; Worcester.

161. Amy Plimpton [65] Smith.

Esther b. 1798; m. Jonathan Adams, of Medway. Royal b. 1799, d. 1852 in California; m. Lydia ———, d. 1832; Walpole. Amy b. 1803, d. 1803. Olive; m. first, — Adams, of Medway; m. second, William Fales, of Wrentham; Norfolk. Arnold; Medway. Amy; m. Willard Ellis. Edwin; New Hampshire. Catherine; unm.

162. Hannah Plimpton [65] Bullard, Adams.

A child, d. young. Katy (Adams); m. — Boyden.

163. Capt. Wales Plimpton. [65]

Wales b. and d. June 13, 1807. Caroline b. Sept. 26, 1811, d. June 29, 1831. Olive b. Jan. 19, 1814, d. July 16, 1817. Sarah b. Jan. 10, 1815, d. Aug. 3, 1861; m. 1836 Josiah Blake, of Medway. Catherine b. Sept. 8, 1816, d. June 2, 1855; m. Frederick Newell. A son b. and d. July 19, 1818. Olive (360) b. June 2, 1819; m. Jan. 7, 1841, George, son of Thomas and Polly Newell, of Sherborn b. 1792, d. 1872; his second wife, he having m. in 1823, Sophia Reed, of Acton, who d. in 1835, leaving two sons. Captain George Newell was a successful shipmaster for many years; Framingham. William b. Mch. 10, 1822; unm.; went through Mexico to California in 1849, now resides at Westport, Oregon. Simon b. Dec. 16, 1823; unm.; Westport. Silas Bullard (361) b. Sept. 20, 1826; m. at Rainier, Oregon, May 19, 1853,

Lydia P., dau. of Nathaniel C. and Judith (Farmer) Wright, of Wakefield, Mass., b. Sept. 26, 1833. He went to California in 1852, and in April, 1853, to Oregon, the first of the name there, and settled as a farmer at Westport. Ame b. Sept. 16, 1827, d. Feb. 27, 1828. A son b. and d. Dec. 10, 1830. Lucy Caroline (362) b. Jan. 9, 1832; m. 1857 Orson D. Young; Astoria, Oregon.

Francis Wales b. Mch. 13, 1833, d. Aug. 24, 1863; m. 1857 Sarah J. Wilson, of Hartford, Conn.; a machinist, resided in Wisconsin. He enlisted in Company C, 28th Reg., Wis. Vols., in August, 1862, as a private. He was promoted a Corporal, and then a Sergeant, for meritorious conduct. He participated in the battles of Helena, Yazoo Pass and others. He was taken sick at Helena, but continued with the army on the march to Little Rock, until he died at Duval's Bluff, Arkansas. He was a consistent Christian, a faithful soldier, and made himself particularly useful among the sick and wounded.

George Lowell b. Apr. 14, 1836; m. Dec. 29, 1881, Ellen Mary, dau. of Blake and Mary Parker, of Medfield, b. Apr. 22, 1845. Mr. Plympton is by trade a carpenter and builder, but for several years has been an employé of the United States Government as Superintendent, Overseer and Inspector on River and Harbor Improvements; first in the 13th Light House District, on the Pacific Coast, and latterly on harbor work on the Upper Lakes.

Charles Frederic (363) b. Oct. 1, 1839; m. 1860 Mary E. Wilson, of Hartford, Conn., who d. June, 1879; a house-builder at Portland, Oregon.

164. Joseph Plimpton. [65]

Hannah b. May 8, 1816, d. Sept. 15, 1833; unm. Emily b. Feb. 4, 1818, d. Nov. 9, 1856; unm.

165. Charlotte Plympton [66] Dorr.

Andrew Cunningham (379) b. Feb. 9, 1804, d. Sept. 11, 1868; m. first, Apr. 28, 1836, Anne Bradish Billings; m. second, Aug. 9, 1866, Mary E. Paul. "His life was given to a rare degree, to serving others. In all the relations of life, as son, brother, husband and friend, his active sympathy and unselfish conduct gave his words and presence an effect which few could believe who did not know him intimately. . . . His life has been a pure example to those among whom he moved."—Closing passage of

the Obituary relating to A. C. D. in the Boston *Daily Advertiser*.

Francis Oliver b. Sept. 21, 1805; m. Aug. 5, 1840, Caroline S. Brinckerhoff, of Troy, N. Y.; graduated at Cambridge in 1825. "I was admitted to the bar in Boston in 1830, and have been for about fifty years last past, for most of the time employed in law-practice, and have resided successively in Troy and West Troy, N. Y., in the city of New York, in Madison, Iowa, and again in Troy, N. Y." This venerable gentleman has manifested much interest in the Plympton Genealogy, and furnished the data in regard to the Dorrs, saying, "that several near kinsmen and kinswomen descended from Amy (Plympton) and her husband of whom I have said little or nothing, because I knew not of any signal public incident relating to them, were very justly and highly appreciated by those who best knew them, and by myself for their abilities and virtues. To more than one of them I am under weighty obligations."

Gustavus b. June 4, 1807, d. Jan. 16, 1855; entered at West Point, Aug. 19, 1821, as cadet, graduated in 1825; reached the position of Captain, and served in the Florida War. Charlotte Plympton b. Mch. 8, 1809, d. Feb. 21, 1861. Adelaide Cornette b. Mch. 16, 1811, d. Oct. 13, 1821. Emily Antoinette b. Mch. 31, 1813. Helen Augusta b. Nov. 6, 1815, d. Sept. 29, 1855; m. Nov. 12, 1846, Amos Cotting, Esq., of Brookline. Maria Esther b. Aug. 21, 1819, d. Mch. 24, 1820. Henry b. Mch. 26, 1821, d. Aug. 10, 1838. Maria Adelaide b. Jan. 30, 1826, d. June 5, 1841.

166. Sibel Plympton [66] Lovell.

Mary b. Feb. 24, 1808, d. 1881; m. Charles Cheever, of Medway; went to Cincinnati about 1838. Asahel Plympton b. Feb. 4, 1811; living (1882) at the old homestead of Ezekial Plympton, in Medway. William b. Feb. 28, 1813. Edward b. Mch. 4, 1816; a hardware merchant, in Savannah, Ga. Maria b. May 31, 1817; m. Alford Baker, of West Dedham. Nathaniel b. Mch. 19, 1820; Savannah, Ga. Esther Plympton b. June 25, 1823, d. Nov. 22, 1844. Ellen S. b. Jan. 3, 1828, d. 1879; m. — Daniels, of Medway. Frank A. b. June 5, 1830; Medway.

167. Simon Plympton. [66]

Oliver b. Nov. 23, 1804; m. first, Nancy Ellis, d. 1846; m. second, Sophronia Pettee, d. 1877; Newtonville. Mary Ann b.

Dec. 3, 1806, d. Dec. 1, 1824. Charlotte (364) b. Mch. 29, 1808; m. Apr. 4, 1830, Loring Wheeler, of Nelson, N. H.; Newton Upper Falls. Joseph Dean (365) b. July 29, 1809; m. Nov., 1833, Catherine H., dau. of Joseph and Mary (Hill) Carleton, of West Newbury; a manufacturer of leather belting and hose; he was in California in 1850-1 and '2; Chicopee. Eleanor Elizabeth (250) b. Dec. 28, 1810; m. Joseph W. Plimpton (108); Brooklyn, N. Y. Catherine Dean b. Mch. 6, 1812, d. 1852; m. Leonard Hersey; Newton Upper Falls. Esther Boyden (366) b. June 25, 1814, d. Sept. 10, 1857; m. Charles Chandler; Shirley. Lucretia Mason (367) b. June 1, 1816; m. Dr. Elisha Thayer; West Newton. Asahel Alexander b. Jan. 22, 1820; m. July 15, 1845, Abby M. Annable, of Hebron, Conn.; M. D.; graduated from Vermont Medical College, Sept. 3, 1843. First practiced medicine in Hebron, Conn., then in Munroe, Me.; finally settled in Shirley, Jan. 1, 1852. Representative to the State Legislature in 1869. Francis Henry b. Oct. 2, 1824, d. prob. 1831.

168. Alexander Plympton. [66]

John Davis b. Nov. 1, 1816, d. Nov. 23, 1839, in New Orleans, La.

169. Ursula Plimpton [66] Dupec.

James Alexander b. June 22, 1819, in Boston, and (1881) resides there; is Treasurer of the Hamilton and Appleton Mills, of Lowell. Son, who died soon after birth. Frederick b. Feb., 1824, d. Sept. 5, 1824.

170. Capt. Noah Allen. [67]

Lucy H. b. Oct. 3, 1804; m. Uriah Bartlett, of Northboro. Jonas H. b. Jan. 4, 1807; m. Clarinda D. Howe. Hannah Almira (301) b. July, 1811; m. Sept. 4, 1832, John B. Plympton (131). Asa H. b. Nov. 22, 1815; m. Catherine Black.

171. Joseph Plympton. [69]

Elias Mann (368) b. Sept. 10, 1807, d. Apr. 7, 1876; m. 1835 Harriet E. Smith, of Portland, Me., and resided there. Nathan (369) b. Feb. 1, 1810, d. Dec. 24, 1860; m. Irene Blanchard, of North Yarmouth, Me., and resided there; a shoemaker, and kept a store; and he was postmaster a number of years. Almira (370)

b. Feb. 12, 1812; m. first, Sept. 22, 1831, William E. Goodnow, of Northboro, b. 1808, d. June 9, 1836, a farmer; m. second, Apr. 5, 1846, Vernis Streeter, of Northboro, soap manufacturer; Westboro. James Radcliffe b. July 20, 1816; m. 1851 Mrs. Sophronia Jones; a farmer, at East Medway. Mary Jane (371) b. Sept. 9, 1821, d. Sept. 5, 1860; m. first, 1846, Joseph Kimball, of Westboro; m. second, Henry B. Stewart, of Philo, Ill.; Danville, Ill. Catherine E. (372) b. Aug. 7, 1829, d. Mch. 25, 1881; m. July, 1866, Lucius Eaton, one of the first settlers of Philo, Ill., d. 1880.

172. Dr. Elias Mann. [70]

Hannah; unm. Annie; m. Noah Fiske; no children. Amy Plimpton (373); m. George Fiske.

173. Hannah Plimpton [71] Cheney.

Mary b. 1807, in Medfield, the family then removed to West Boylston.

174. Priscilla Plimpton [71] Cheney.

Timothy b. 1811, d. 1859; unm.; a seafaring man. Joseph (374) b. 1813, d. 1880; m. 1858 Elizabeth Sheddon, of Walpole; a carriage-maker, East Walpole. Lucy b. 1814; m. 1854 Thomas R. Kimball, of Cabot, Vt., a dry-goods dealer, in Boston. Theron b. 1815, d. 1835. Mary b. 1817; m. 1842 Stephen Temple; Augusta, Me. Samuel b. 1819, d. 1820. Benjamin b. 1821; unm.; a blacksmith. Hannah b. 1822; m. 1857 Levi H. Sturtevant, a house-builder, New Bedford. Fayette b. 1824, d. 1826. William (375) b. 1826, d. Jan. 20, 1882; m. Jane Barker, of Charlotte, Vt.; Newton, was in business in South Boston, firm of Silsby & Cheney, manufacturers of cordage machinery.

175. Mary Plympton [71] Richards.

William F.; m. Susan S. Kimball, of Salem; Medfield.

176. Shubael Plimpton. [71]

Jonathan Franklin b. 1821, d. 1876; m. Ann E. Davis, of Kittery, Me.; Boston. He served in the late war as Captain in the 19th Regiment Infantry, Massachusetts Volunteers; date of muster, Aug. 22, 1861, discharged, Dec. 12, 1863. Elizabeth Louisa (376) b. 1823; m. J. A. Twichell; Milford, N. H.



Lt. Col. Josiah O. Plimpton.

Josiah Ingals (377) b. Dec. 27, 1826, d. Aug. 16, 1864; m. 1847, Eliza W., dau. of Josiah Dunn, of Dixfield, Me. She m. second, Francis M. Guye, and resides at Seattle, Washington Territory. After the death of the father, Shubael, the family moved from West Cambridge to Boston, where Josiah, after receiving his education, learned the trade of cabinet-maker and piano-forte finisher. In 1849 he went to California, remaining about fourteen months. On his return he moved from Boston to Milford, Mass., where he engaged in business until 1852, when he was recalled to Boston; entering the establishment of Brown & Allen, as piano-forte finisher. During the great financial crisis of 1857-8, he moved his family to Milford, New Hampshire. Mr. Plimpton spent the greater part of the following year in Chickering & Son's Piano Factory, at Boston. Upon the breaking out of the War of the Rebellion, in 1861, he returned to his home in New Hampshire, raised a company and went into camp near Concord, he being drill-master. Three months later his regiment was ordered to Washington, and thence into active service, from which time until his death he served nobly and faithfully for his country. He was at different times under Generals Sherman, Gilmore, Strong, and lastly under General Terry.

Among the more important actions in which he was engaged were Hilton Head, John's Island, James' Island, Ball's Bluff, Drury's Lane, Attack on Fort Wagner (in which, all the senior officers being killed or wounded, he took command of the troops), Siege of Petersburg and Richmond, and finally Deep Bottom, on the James River, where he was killed.

Colonel Plimpton entered the service as Captain of Company E, 3d New Hampshire Volunteers; was appointed Major, June 27, 1862; made Lieutenant Colonel on the 6th of April, 1864, and just previous to his death a Colonel's commission had been granted him. His successive promotions were, in a great measure, the rewards of conspicuous bravery, and a faithful devotion to the interests of the army and the nation.

As an officer, he was a great favorite, being of stern resolve, energetic and daring; in private and social relations of life, he was universally esteemed for unbending rectitude of character, and for his high moral and Christian virtues.

Julia A. b. 1828, d. 1832.

177.

Jonathan M. Plimpton. [71]

James Ashley b. Feb. 28, 1824; m. Jan. 7, 1861, Jane Robinson; settled in Wisconsin in 1841, a farmer. He enlisted in the 10th Reg., Wis. Vols., in 1861, discharged in 1864. He was on detached duty as Corps Wagon Master of the ambulance train, and was present at the battles of Murfreesboro, Pigeon Gap, Mission Ridge, Lookout Mountain and Chickamauga. Jael Almeda (378) b. Mch. 24, 1826, d. Nov. 3, 1876; m. Aug. 28, 1843, Harvey Brewer, a farmer; Wisconsin. Harriet Louisa b. Feb. 27, 1828, d. Aug. 11, 1851, a teacher. Orissa P. b. Mch. 28, 1835; m. Jan. 1, 1861, James A. Kidney, a fruit-grower at East Rockport, Ohio. Mary A. b. April 6, 1839, d. Feb. 19, 1843. Marilla b. June 5, 1845, d. Mch. 19, 1846.

178.

Jael C. Plimpton [71] Chenery.

George Warren b. Mch. 4, 1826, d. June 28, 1866; m. first, 1850, Julia A. Baker, of Medfield, d. 1863; m. second, 1865, Eunice H. Brown, of Holliston, d. 1879; Medfield; and was in the straw manufacturing business with his father. He was a man of great individuality and independence, not always liked, but universally respected. A man of culture and refinement. From childhood he was of slender constitution, ever afflicted with that terrible malady, the asthma; and with his father's ample fortune to sustain him, he yet sought not to shun any of the trusts and activities of life. He was always interested in the prosperity and advancement of his native town; and on his death-bed he made a bequest which reared for Medfield a beautiful edifice for a Town Hall and other purposes. This was dedicated September 10, 1872, and was burned to the ground January 8, 1874. It was promptly rebuilt by the town at a cost of over twenty thousand dollars, and re-dedicated to the memory of the original donor, November 2, 1874.

179.

Ebenezer Dorr. [72]

Eben Ritchie; graduated at Harvard College in 1818; a lawyer, served as Consul, successively, in two South American ports. He was a man of wide reading and close observation. Edward; graduated from Harvard College in 1819.

180. Abigail Dorr [72] Childe.

Edward Vernon; was graduated at Harvard in 1823, and bred a lawyer. He lived much in Paris, and won deserved credit several years before the breaking out of the War of the Rebellion by a series of articles published in the London *Times* in defense of the United States against certain charges then rife in England. The articles were entitled "Letters of a Statesman," and were, I think, re-published in book form.

181. John Dorr. [72]

Clifford; graduated at Cambridge in 1825, and entered the medical profession. Theodore Haskell; graduated at the same College in 1835, and became a clergyman.

182. Sullivan Dorr. [72]

Thomas Wilson, was a Harvard graduate of 1823, with high honors. He was the leader in a political contest in Rhode Island called "The Dorr War," remembered by many elderly persons.

183. Jonathan Plimpton. [73]

Betsy b. Nov. 28, 1809. Sarah Wheelock b. Apr. 4, 1813.

184. Simon Plimpton. [73]

Charles B. b. May 12, 1815, d. young. Jonathan b. Sept. 2, 1816, d. young. Albert Brigham (380) b. May 12, 1821; m. May 12, 1846, Angeline Hudson; Lowell. Alden Bradford (381) b. Jan. 27, 1824; m. Lydia Eliza Pierce; a mechanic at Worcester. George Fernandez b. Mch. 23, 1841; m. ———; Worcester.

185. Czarina Plympton [75] Danforth.

Mary; m. — Littlefield; Clarendon Hills, Boston District.

186. Dr. Sylvanus Plympton. [75]

Elizabeth Warland b. Jan. 18, 1824, d. Sept. 15, 1824. Mary Elizabeth (382) b. Apr. 14, 1825; m. Feb. 14, 1849, Rev. Joshua Young, then of North Church, Boston, now living (1883) at Groton. Lucy Czarina b. Jan. 10, 1827, d. Jan. 13, 1827. Lucy Warland (383) b. Aug. 19, 1830; m. 1867 Rev. Henry G. Spaulding; Springfield. Charles William b. June 20, 1832, d. Jan. 8, 1840. Emily Theodora b. Dec. 9, 1833, d. Dec. 16, 1839. Helen

Maria b. Dec. 7, 1835; m. Dec. 31, 1868, Prof. William Harmon Niles, of American Institute of Technology, Boston. Henry Sylvanus b. Mch. 13, 1838, d. Sept. 28, 1863; m. Sept. 24, 1863, Frances Whitney Young, of Bangor, Maine. He graduated from the Harvard Medical School in 1860, and from the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City in 1861. He was then appointed one of the Resident Physicians in Bellevue Hospital where he remained eighteen months as Junior, Senior and House Physician. September 29, 1862, he was appointed Assistant Surgeon of United States Army and went to De Camp General Hospital, David's Island, New York Harbor, where he remained till April, 1863, when he became Assistant Surgeon in the United States Navy. In the performance of his duties he contracted pneumonia, which developed into consumption. He died at his home in Cambridge.

187. Dr. Augustus Plympton. [75]

Hannah A. Eliza B. Augustus. Ellen J.; m. C. H. Harrington; Woburn. Georgiana G.; m. George Sanderson; Woburn.

188. John P. Cheever. [76]

Ellen Bardwell b. May 6, 1822, d. young. Horace Carleton b. July 24, 1824; m. first, Frances Phillips; m. second, Ann Austin. Ellen Plympton b. Oct. 10, 1826; m. James Dudley Franklin. Harriet Evens b. Nov. 9, 1828; m. Phinias Barney. Eunice Maria b. 1830, d. young. Emma b. Oct. 26, 1832; m. Charles Augustus Taas, Brooklyn, N. Y. Zeolide, d. young. Fidelia; m. Calvin Worden. Lyman.

189. William A. Cheever. [76]

William Harrison b. Oct., 1831, d. July, 1857. George Plympton b. Apr. 20, 1834, d. in infancy. George Augustus b. Oct. 18, 1835. Julia Maria b. Nov. 6, 1838, d. young. Emily Caroline b. Sept. 20, 1842; m. Sept. 26, 1865, Lunas F. Mendell. Anna Maria b. July 20, 1846; m. Dec. 4, 1866, William H. Ide. Albert Augustus b. Aug. 16, 1850. Julia Louisa b. May 9, 1853; m. Nov. 24, 1875, George Darrah. Horace Andrew b. June 16, 1861. George Lyman b. July 31, 1863. William Plympton b. Apr. 5, 1866.

- 190.** Benjamin H. Cheever. [76]
 John Thomas b. June 9, 1843. Caroline Plympton b. Sept. 4, 1844. Anne Josephine b. Apr., 1848, d. Oct., 1848. Benjamin Harrison b. June 6, 1850. Josephine Victoria b. 1853.
- 191.** Ebenezer Plympton. [79]
 George R. b. Sept. 29, 1845, d. Nov. 29, 1852. Harriet E. b. Mch. 21, 1848, d. Nov. 13, 1852. Josiah A. b. Oct. 18, 1850, d. Nov. 30, 1852. Alma L. b. Jan. 1, 1853; m. Aug. 30, 1876. Frederick Mansfield. Elizabeth A. b. Apr. 25, 1855. Fanny O. b. Sept. 21, 1857. Frederick N. b. Dec. 10, 1859; Boston.
- 192.** Prof. George W. Plympton. [79]
 Harry b. Feb. 10, 1857; a practicing physician in New York City. Josiah b. Nov. 27, 1865, d. Feb., 1866. Emma Louisa b. Sept. 14, 1867. Bessie b. Jan. 27, 1871. Delia b. Jan. 25, 1874.
- 193.** Emily M. Plympton [82] Lovell.
 Joseph Plympton. Mansfield. Cornelia Livingston.
- 194.** Lieut.-Col. Peter W. L. Plympton. [82]
 Eliza J. Edward L.
- 195.** Joseph R. Plympton. [82]
 M. Lovell.
- 196.** Cornelia DeP. Plympton [82] Black.
 Emily Plympton. Louisa Livingston. Cornelia Matilda.
- 197.** Gilbert M. Plympton. [82]
 Minnie L.
- 198.** Louisa E. Plympton [82] Pitman.
 John R. Livingston.
- 199.** Mary J. Noyes [83] Tower.
 Charles Henry b. Jan. 10, 1840, d. Oct. 29, 1841. Helen P. b. Jan. 5, 1842. Hermon C. b. Mch. 8, 1843.
- 200.** Susan R. Noyes [83] Rutter.
 Edward S. b. Mch. 10, 1840, d. Aug. 13, 1868. Mary P. b. Jan. 11, 1843. Clara E. b. Dec. 6, 1845.

- 201.** Nancy Noyes [83] Lawrence.
Edward W. b. Aug. 8, 1839, d. Dec., 1839. William F. b. Oct. 1, 1840. Lizzie L. b. Mch. 2, 1843. Samuel G. b. Mch. 15, 1846. Emma P. b. Sept. 15, 1848. Sarah A. b. Dec. 14, 1851. Marietta R. b. Dec. 15, 1854. Alice F. b. Mch. 23, 1861.
- 202.** Capt. Ebenezer P. Cutting. [84]
Jesse G. b. Aug. 1, 1819, d. May, 1862; m. 1840 Amanda C. Macbeth, of Boston; a sea captain.
- 203.** Frances A. Plympton [85] Wemple, Page.
Susan (Wemple.) Henry R. (Page.) William P. Samuel F. Annie S.
- 204.** Susan Plympton [85] Welbasky.
Frances Ann.
- 205.** Charles H. P. Plympton [86]
Kimball b. June 11, 1859. Edith b. May 14, 1867.
- 206.** Nathaniel Plympton. [87]
Nancy Ruggles b. Jan. 29, 1864. Mary Rachel b. Jan. 8, 1866. Marguerite b. May 23, 1867. Kate Louisa b. June 5, 1871. Nathalie b. Dec. 27, 1876.
- 207.** Frederic Plympton. [87]
Agatha Allen b. Feb. 20, 1882.
- 208.** Celinda Plympton [88] Stackpole.
Susan Randolph b. Nov. 12, 1853. Edward b. Sept. 28, 1855. Margaret b. Oct. 2, 1859; m. Oct. 25, 1881, Alfred Herbert Bartlett, of Boston.
- 209.** Martha E. Plympton [89] Rich.
Martha Grace. Bertha Elizabeth. Emma Blanche.

EIGHTH GENERATION.

- 210.** John Kingsbury. [90]
Amos Plimpton b. 1808. James Allen b. 1810, d. 1867. William (384) b. 1812; m. 1842 Caroline Knapp; and succeeded his grandfather, Amos Kingsbury, on the original Plympton homestead in Medfield. John b. 1814. Horace b. 1817.

211. Nancy Smith [91] Tarbox.

Lucy Ann b. Feb. 18, 1832, d. Feb. 14, 1833. Charles Albert b. Feb. 18, 1834; m. May 1, 1855, Alma Augusta Beverstock. Lucy Ann b. Apr. 27, 1836, d. Aug. 10, 1849. Elmira b. Feb. 24, 1841; m. Sept. 7, 1865, Luman J. Crouch; Swanzey, N. H. Melvina b. Feb. 24, 1841; m. July 13, 1862, Joseph M. Richardson, of Nelson, N. H.; Marlborough, N. H.

212. Aaron Smith. [91]

Horace Page b. Aug. 3, 1840, d. Oct. 8, 1840. Martha Rosine b. July 13, 1841; m. first, Mch. 22, 1865, Abner Haven, son of John and Hitty (Haven) Wenzel, of Framingham, d. Apr. 20, 1871, a lawyer, graduated from Amherst College in 1853; m. second, Oct. 2, 1873, George Trask, son of Selah and Eliza (Wenzel) Higley, a lawyer at Ashland, graduated from Amherst College in 1857. James Birney b. Feb. 6, 1845; m. Dec. 25, 1869, Laura E., dau. of Joseph and Mary (Armsby) Bailey, of North Wrentham; a grocer at Boston.

213. Susannah Simpson [92] Underwood.

Eliza M. (385) b. June 11, 1812, d. Jan. 4, 1843; m. George S. Cooley, of Amherst, Mass. Amanda T. (386) b. July 19, 1814; m. Abner Johnson, a merchant at Townshend, Vt. Lydia A. b. Feb. 22, 1817, d. June 26, 1821. Rectina S. (387) b. Apr. 2, 1819, d. Feb. 4, 1858; m. A. K. Jones, a mechanic; Illinois. Philena L. A. b. June 23, 1822, d. Aug. 3, 1859; m. F. F. Fenn, a lawyer at Brownsville, Texas. He was one of thirty-six out of seven hundred who voted in the negative on the question of secession in Cameron County, Texas, in 1861. He was arrested for treason; but as they were starting for San Antonio, he escaped from his guards into Mexico. He remained there through the blockade, but came to New York in time to do efficient service in that state and Vermont during the last Lincoln campaign. His library, valued at three thousand dollars, was scattered and destroyed. His private papers, personal effects, and all his property that could be, was confiscated to the "Confederate" government.

Maria E. b. Sept. 27, 1833; m. O. Attridge; live on the farm formerly owned by Asa Underwood (92), in Newfane, Vt.

214. Emmons Plimpton. [93]

Wales b. about 1823, went to sea on board a man-of-war vessel, and died; but so near land that they waited, and buried him on shore where the city of San Francisco now is. Josephine; no further report of this family obtained.

215. Unity Plimpton [93] Knowlton.

Emmons Plimpton b. Jan. 30, 1825; m. Lucy H. Sparks, b. Feb. 11, 1825, d. Feb. 16, 1879; a farmer at Dover, Vt. William d. young.

216. Haddasah Plimpton [93] Scott.

Lucy Plimpton b. Feb. 1, 1826, d. July 31, 1849. Catherine Sophia (388) b. Dec. 27, 1832; m. June 30, 1859, Alvin L. Morse b. Mch. 7, 1831, a farmer at Newfane, Vt. Jared Newton (389) b. Nov. 6, 1836; m. June 20, 1864, Malvina M., dau. of Levi and Cynthia Hale, of Stratton, Vt., b. Jan. 14, 1837. In the late war served three years in Company F, 4th Vt. Vols. Fanny Angelia (390) b. Dec. 30, 1840; m. Nov. 22, 1864, Joseph H., son of Abner and Charlotte White, of Wardsboro, Vt., b. Jan. 16, 1837, wholesale produce and commission merchant; Boston. Bradford T. (391) b. Jan. 12, 1844, d. Jan. 9, 1878; m. June 14, 1870, Ella E., dau. of John D. and Eliza A. Hunt, of West Boylston, b. Dec. 13, 1846; cabinet-maker; in the late war he was three years in Company K, 9th Vt. Vols.

217. Dea. Silas W. Plimpton. [94]

Maria M. (392) b. Sept. 17, 1833; m. July 28, 1858, William H. Peabody. Edward S. (393) b. Oct. 4, 1836; m. Oct. 12, 1859, Selina J. Bond; merchant at Dennison, Iowa. Silas W. (394) b. July 2, 1838; m. Aug. 29, 1865, Hannah P. Cope; Dennison, Iowa. In the late war he served as private in Co. A, 10th Reg., R. I. V. M., from May 26, to Sept. 1, 1862; also in Co. C, 11th Reg., R. I. V. M., from Sept. 13, 1862, to July 16, 1863. Sarah b. June 20, 1841, d. Sept. 4, 1842. Albert (395) b. June 30, 1843; m. Aug. 18, 1868, Mary Podd; Cincinnati; clerk in the employ of the Cincinnati Southern Railroad.

218. Col. Holland Plimpton. [94]

Wales b. Aug. 4, 1834, d. Mch. 8, 1855, from the effects of over study in preparing for college.

Merrill F. (396) b. Sept. 23, 1836; m. Lilla Plimpton (222); in the insurance business, Fitchburg. Served in the 44th Reg., M. V. M., re-enlisted in the 56th Reg., M. V., enrolled First Sergeant, Mch. 1, 1864, was made Second-Lieutenant, July 1, 1865, discharged, July 12, 1865. He was in the battles of the Wilderness, Petersburg and others; received five wounds but none serious.

Emerson b. May 8, 1841, d. July 26, 1864; a Union soldier, and was shot in the battle of the Wilderness, May 6, 1864, was taken prisoner, and died in the rebel hospital. This was his first battle, and the second day of real action.

Sylvia A. b. July 26, 1843, d. July 26, 1874; was taken with hemorrhage of the lungs on the morning she was to have been married to John G. Eddy, a lawyer, of Jamaica, Vt., and died in a few weeks. She had been in poor health about three years.

Almon B. b. Mch. 25, 1847, d. Feb. 20, 1865. Laura S. (397) b. Apr., 1849; m. Oct. 29, 1867, Alvah Conant, of Watertown; Bath, N. H., in the wood pulp business. Frank B. (398) b. Aug. 25, 1854; m. Jennie M. Shipman; Newfane, Vt. Silas W. b. Aug. 20, 1856; m. Dec. 8, 1881, Flora H. Child, of Bath, N. H., and resides there; a merchant. Addie E. b. May 29, 1861; commenced teaching when fifteen, has been constantly employed since that time (1881). Alice M. b. June 7, 1872.

219. Erasmus Plimpton, Esquire. [95]

Lucy Permelia b. Feb. 27, 1826, d. Mch., 1882; m. May 18, 1856, Abel Galpin; Chicago, Ill. Henry Clay (399) b. May 27, 1827; m. Oct. 6, 1857, Susan Brown Allen; farmer in Chester, Vt. Charles C. b. May 16, 1829, d. Aug. 2, 1859; appointed mail agent by Franklin Pierce in 1853, and was killed on the Albany Northern Railroad. Edward Dorr (400) b. June 11, 1832; m. Sept. 29, 1856, Betsy Janette Rice; miller at Wardsboro, Vt. Erasmus Amos b. Dec. 19, 1833; m. Dec. 3, 1862, Carrie Fox, of Salem, N. Y., and resides there. Charlotte Ann (401) b. Nov. 19, 1836; m. Mch. 20, 1861, Alex. More, d. Mch., 1882; Salem, N. Y.; farmer. Wealthy Jane (402) b. June 20, 1839; m. July 24, 1865, Homer B. Galpin, of Chicago, who was a deputy sheriff in that city for eighteen years; is now connected with the United States Revenue Department.

220. Amasa Plimpton. [95]

Arvilla b. Apr. 17, 1829, d. Feb., 1831. Mary Permelia (403) b. Sept. 27, 1831; m. July 6, 1859, John A. Snow; Leicester. Lestina b. Feb. 10, 1833, d. Sept. 26, 1861; m. Apr. 22, 1857, John M. Wood, of Northboro. Caroline Augusta b. Sept 28, 1838. Rosella (404) b. May 18, 1841; m. Jan. 17, 1861, Oscar O. Newell b. May 25, 1836; Wardsboro, Vt. Martin (405) b. July 9, 1844; m. Frank White; Wardsboro, Vt. Salina C. (406) b. Feb. 7, 1846; m. Dec. 16, 1868, George W. Putnam b. Aug. 11, 1836, d. Nov. 26, 1879; Wardsboro, Vt.

221. Gardner Plimpton. [95]

Fannie Janette (407) b. Apr. 17, 1834; m. May 1, 1858, John Elbridge, son of John and Lucretia (Wheelock) Sinclair, of Essex, Vt.; a farmer at Grafton, Mass. Sarah J. (408) b. June 21, 1835; m. Nelson H. Wood, Chicago, Ills. James Warren (409) b. July 8, 1837; m. Persis L. Sinclair. Ellen b. Nov. 27, 1838, d. Oct. 31, 1842. Daniel Webster (410) b. Jan. 5, 1840; m. Mary Ball. From July 30, 1861, to October 20, 1862, he served in Co. G., 15th Massachusetts Regiment, and was then discharged from that regiment to enlist in the United States Light Artillery. He had three horses shot from under him, while engaged in conflict, and was wounded several times.

Franklin Amos (411) b. Apr. 17, 1841; m. Mary L. Brason; enlisted July 12, 1861, in the 15th Massachusetts Regiment, and was discharged for disability December 31, 1863. He and his brother Webster were at the battle of Balls' Bluff and were among those driven into the Potomac. Webster swam to the opposite shore; Franklin, from exhaustion, was only able to reach Harrison's Island, where he remained over night. In the morning he succeeded in reaching the northern shore, and found his brother safe, but very much exhausted. He was severely wounded by a flying fragment of a shell, at the "Seven-days'-fight" before Richmond.

Amos Gardner b. Sept. 27, 1842; was in the First Company Massachusetts Sharp-Shooters from July 31, 1862, to Feb. 16, 1864; and was then transferred to the 19th Massachusetts Infantry, from which he was finally discharged June 30, 1865. He was engaged in fifteen battles, and was severely wounded at the Battle of the Wilderness.

Ellen M. (412) b. Nov. 23, 1843; m. William Brason; Worcester.

George Washington (413) b. Apr. 1, 1844; m. Caroline J. Smith; a machinist at Worcester. He was in the Fourth Regiment, Massachusetts's Cavalry, from February 8, 1864, to Nov. 14, 1865. He did good service, and was distinguished for his bravery in several cavalry raids.

Charles H. (414) b. May 23, 1845; m. Nov. 4, 1867, Mary A., dau. of Hon. Harvey Bell, formerly of Virginia; and has been in the railroad business since the war, as locomotive engineer and passenger conductor; Danville, Ill. Mustered into the service of the United States July 31, 1862, in the 15th Massachusetts Regiment; transferred Sept. 1, 1863, to Co. F., third Veteran Reserved Corps, then located at New Haven, Conn., where his term of service expired. He was in the "Seven-days'-fight," Second Bull's Run, South Mountain, and last at Antietam, where the "Old Fifteenth" suffered as it never did before. Near the close of the last-mentioned battle, he was severely wounded in three places and taken prisoner. After being a prisoner three days he was recaptured by his own regiment, and then conveyed to the Battle-field Hospital. The surgeons there decided to amputate his left leg above the knee-joint. This he opposed so strongly that he was left to care for himself. In intense suffering, by ambulance and by railroad, he was taken to Philadelphia. There, by the aid of the most skillful surgeons, and good nursing, he recovered.

The patriotism which seems to have pervaded this whole family, in the person of this boy of seventeen years of age was peculiarly high-toned and enthusiastic. Earnestly he plead with his parents, and proudly he stepped forth to enter the already thinning ranks of the glorious "Old 15th."

Annie B. b. June 21, 1846, d. Aug. 21, 1846. Edgar Jerome b. May 6, 1850. Lewis C. b. Sept. 6, 1851, d. Feb. 17, 1853. Emma M. b. Oct. 6, 1857.

222. Chandler Plimpton. [95]

Lucy; m. Henry Keyes; Springfield. Lillie; m. Merrill F. Plimpton (218). Della; m. Frank D. Page; Fitchburg. Frances; m. Lucian Miles; Akron, Ohio, and six that died young, whose names were not reported.

223. Phebe Plimpton [98] Hutchins.

Fidelia Foster b. Nov. 4, 1847, d. Nov. 4, 1854. Eunice b. Feb. 29, 1820. Harriet b. Jan. 10, 1822. Sterns b. Apr. 20, 1824. Samuel b. Jan. 27, 1827. John b. Aug. 16, 1829. Mary Elizabeth b. Nov. 21, 1831, d. Feb. 6, 1869. Caroline b. July 23, 1834. William Browning b. Dec. 4, 1836.

Emeline b. Dec. 23, 1838. Cyrus b. Aug. 13, 1840.

224. Sarah Plimpton [98] Bond.

Sarah; m. Rufus McIntire, of Charlton. Julia Plimpton; m. Solomon Hyde, of Southborough. Josephine; m. Leroy Nichols, of Sturbridge. By a second wife, he had Ellen M., who m. Solon Smith, and d. Nov. 15, 1874; Sturbridge.

225. Hervey Plimpton. [98]

Nathaniel Walker b. Jan. 18, 1833, d. June 29, 1869; m. June 10, 1862, Rosetta Back, of Holland, Mass.; a farmer in Sturbridge. James Hervey (415) b. Dec. 10, 1834; m. Nov. 26, 1857, Elizabeth Fairbanks b. July 20, 1838; a farmer in Sturbridge. Evelina Walker b. May 24, 1846, d. Apr. 27, 1864. George Myron b. Sept. 23, 1856, d. May 6, 1864.

226. Persis Plimpton [98] Chamberlain.

Rebekah Plimpton (416) b. Nov. 12, 1839; m. Feb. 14, 1860, Francis H. Baker, of Maryland. John Newton (417) b. Feb. 20, 1841; m. Apr. 27, 1865, Addie Buck b. Mch. 13, 1845. Alvin Bond b. Dec. 16, 1842; m. Oct. 10, 1867, Mary L. Franklin b. Oct. 10, 1846; merchant in Sturbridge. Ellen Salome (418) b. Jan. 13, 1846; m. Nov. 30, 1867, Emery Andrews b. Apr. 6, 1836. Emily L. (419) b. May 3, 1847; m. Nov. 27, 1868, Warren Howard b. May 31, 1845. Mary Dunton b. Apr. 24, 1849; teacher. Edwin H. (420) b. Feb. 2, 1852; m. 1876 Clara Wallace; a farmer in Sturbridge.

227. James Plimpton. [98]

Julia Martha b. Nov. 3, 1842; m. May 5, 1870, John P. Abbey.

228. Chloe Plimpton [99] Shumway.

Emily Elizabeth b. Nov. 9, 1828, d. Dec. 14, 1836. Ella Augusta b. Aug. 27, 1831, d. Dec. 15, 1836. Children of Mariamne Morse (97) Shumway. Catherine Adelia b. Oct. 21,

1836. Mary Elizabeth b. Dec. 28, 1838; m. Albert K. Hostetter; Marengo, Iowa.

229. Eliza Plimpton [99] Lombard.

George Nelson b. Sept. 21, 1835, d. about 1875; m. Aug., 1858, Lizzie N. Bugbee, of Sturbridge. Josephine Matilda b. Apr. 20, 1837; m. first, Oct. 1, 1862, Edwin Leach, of North Brookfield; m. second, Peter Roe, a carpenter at Omaha, Neb. Adelaide Augusta b. July 5, 1838, d. Dec., 1863; m. Sept., 1863, Wilder Caswell, of North Brookfield. Emily Frances b. June 9, 1841; m. May, 1863, William L., son of Liberty and Elizabeth (Aldrich) Allen, of Sturbridge, a mechanic; a soldier in the late war. Franklin Plimpton b. Aug. 8, 1845; served in Co. F, of the 51st Massachusetts Regiment in the war. Albert Austin b. June 6, 1848; m. Sept., 1869, Fannie Coombs, of Brookfield.

230. Silas Plimpton. [99]

George N. (421) b. Oct. 22, 1837; m. Feb. 22, 1861, Philancy T. Bracket, of Raymond, Racine Co., Wis.; a farmer at Thompsonville, same county. He was a soldier in the 8th Wisconsin Regiment in the war. This was the famous Eagle Regiment that owned and carried about the captured eagle, "Old Abe," and Mr. Plimpton participated in all "the journeyings, perils, battles, and sieges to which our eagle accompanied, or rather led, the Eighth Wisconsin." "Where," says Mr. Barret, in his history of our bird, 'did the Eagles *not* go in the Mississippi Valley? They endured the dangers and toils of the Red River expedition; they stormed at Vicksburg; New Madrid and Island No. 10 were inscribed on their banners; nearly half their original number had found soldiers' graves; but it was their boast that their eagle never lost a battle. It is their glory now, that by heroism such as theirs the country itself is saved.'" (Maria S. Cummins.)

Jane E. b. June 19, 1839, d. Aug. 30, 1859; unm. Chloe T. (422) b. Dec. 15, 1842; m. Apr. 27, 1871, Fred Holmes, a farmer in Sturbridge; he was a union soldier in the War. Ira Barlow (423) b. July 18, 1849; m. Sept. 17, 1875, Sarah Freeman, of Webster; a farmer at Detroit, Becker Co., Minnesota. Sarah F. (424) b. about 1851; m. Nov. 26, 1867, James B. Ware, a mechanic at Southbridge. A soldier in the late war, and was under Gen. Custer. Mary Eliza b. Feb. 11, 1854, d. July 22, 1881; m. Oct.

28, 1880, Charles H. Page, a one armed veteran of the War; Detroit, Minn. Wilson S. b. July 6, 1855; mechanic at Southbridge. Evelyn M. b. Nov. 20, 1857; m. Mch. 20, 1878, George S., son of Noah D. and Nancy (Johnson) Ladd; Sturbridge.

231. Lodrick Plimpton. [100]

Betsy Lucretia (425) b. Oct. 23, 1842; m. Apr. 4, 1869, Henry Kirke White, a farmer of Marion, Wayne Co., N. Y. Salem Albert (426) b. Oct. 24, 1844, d. Sept. 18, 1879; m. Oct. 20, 1869, Estelle A. Jagger b. Nov., 1851; a farmer of Palmyra, Wayne Co., N. Y.

232. Harriet Plimpton [100] Strong.

Lyman Jephtha b. Mch. 18, 1850; a farmer of Somers, Kenosha Co., Wis. Harriet Lurancy b. Jan. 5, 1852; m. Oct. 28, 1875, Ed. Briggs, a farmer at Somers. George David b. Aug. 3, 1854; farmer at Somers. Eugene Gilbert b. Aug. 21, 1858; farmer at Somers.

233. Lorenzo Plimpton. [100]

Delia b. Apr. 16, 1851, d. Jan. 28, 1870. Nellie Delia b. June 16, 1872.

234. Charles N. Plimpton. [100]

Frank N. b. Dec. 2, 1856, d. Apr. 5, 1861. Fred N. b. Oct. 3, 1862.

235. Emeline E. Plimpton [100] Marcy.

Jennette E. John. Hattie. Olin.

236. Rev. Salem M. Plimpton. [101]

Herbert Field b. Apr. 9, 1853; Southbridge. Mary Catherine b. Apr. 17, 1856; Southbridge. Arthur Salem b. Dec. 13, 1857; Brooklyn, N. Y.

237. Samuel Plimpton. [101]

Henry A. b. 1857; educated at the American School of Technology, Boston. Samuel b. about 1859, d. 1863.

238. Hannah L. Plimpton [101] Peet.

Ellen Louisa b. July 21, 1859; is (1883) in the senior class at

Mt. Holyoke Seminary. Lyman Plimpton b. Oct. 24, 1860; is (1883) in Sophomore class at Yale College. Edward Wright b. Sept. 5, 1862; is (1883) in Freshman class at Yale College. Mary Susan b. Oct. 27, 1864, d. May 28, 1874.

239. Sarah L. Plimpton [101] Benham.

Susan Wright b. Mch. 14, 1855, d. Nov. 9, 1867. Louisa Elvira b. Mch. 12, 1859, d. Oct. 16, 1875. Mary Plimpton b. Mch. 23, 1862, d. June 10, 1881, at Mt. Holyoke Seminary. Catherine Marsh b. Oct. 8, 1864.

240. Horace Plimpton. [102]

Marianna Blackburn b. Dec. 19, 1842; Walpole.

241. Calvin G. Plimpton. [104]

Caroline Amelia b. Feb. 22, 1842; m. May 16, 1866, Rev. Edwin A. Adams, of West Medway. She has lived at North Manchester, Conn., and in Prague, Austria, where her husband was for ten years resident missionary under the auspices of the American Board of Foreign Missions. Since his return to this country, Mr. Adams has been pastor of the Congregational church at Northboro, Mass., and is now resident of Chicago, Ills., as pastor, having six children living, and two deceased. Priscilla Lewis b. Jan. 21, 1844; unm.; resides with her mother. Clara Idella b. Dec. 30, 1848; m. Oct. 27, 1875, Rev. Henry L. Kendall, of Providence, R. I. Mr. Kendall was pastor of the Congregational church at Walpole, and of the First Congregational church at Charlestown. He resigned the last named pastorate on account of ill health; and hoping to be benefited thereby, subsequently resided in Florida, and in Northfield, Minn. He died in Walpole, Jan., 1883, leaving two children. John Calvin b. May 10, 1850; m. June, 1881, Caroline A., dau. of Hon. F. W. Bird, of Walpole. Previous to 1878, he was in the wholesale hardware business in Boston. Since then he has lived in Liverpool, England, as a merchant of American manufactures. Lewis Henry b. Jan. 8, 1853; graduate of Phillips Exeter Academy, Harvard College, class of 1875, Harvard Medical School, 1878; Assistant Supt. of the Boston City Hospital for two years; studied two years in Europe at Vienna, Berlin and Prague; resident physician at Norwood. George Arthur b. July 13, 1855; graduate of

Phillips Exeter Academy, Amherst College, class of 1876 ; studied one year at Harvard Law School ; resides in New York as member of the firm of Ginn, Heath & Co., Publishers. James Edward b. Oct. 27, 1856 ; graduate of Phillips Exeter Academy, and from Amherst College, class of 1878. He is in business with his brother in Liverpool, England, under the firm name of J. C. Plimpton & Co. Herbert Moseley b. May 13, 1859 ; graduated from Williston Seminary ; in the book-binding business in Boston under the name of H. M. Plimpton & Co. Howard Emerson b. Apr. 7, 1862 ; studied at Phillips Exeter Academy, and is now in the book-binding business with his brother in Boston.

242. Joanna Plimpton [104] Lewis.

Annie Elizabeth b. June 7, 1853, d. Jan. 25, 1854. Willard Irving b. Aug. 4, 1856 ; m. Feb. 6, 1883, May Gay Goodrich, of Portsmouth, N. H. He is a member of his father's firm in Walpole, under the name of Willard Lewis & Co.

243. Henry M. Plimpton. [104]

Thomas Dickinson b. Apr. 10, 1856 ; graduated from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, class of 1875, a mechanical engineer. Now dealing in general merchandise at Walpole. Henry Prentiss b. Aug. 21, 1861 ; studied at Phillips Andover Academy ; in business with his brother Thomas at Walpole under the firm name of Plimpton Brothers. Jennie Louise b. Sept. 5, 1865, d. Aug. 3, 1867.

244. Asa Plimpton Smith. [105]

Lillian L., and Rufus Warren.

245. Asa W. Plimpton. [106]

Anna Elizabeth b. Apr. 21, 1856, d. Feb. 5, 1857. Warren Oscar b. July 24, 1858 ; was graduated 1882, from Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine ; now Principal of the High School in Rochester, N. H.

246. George Plimpton. [106]

Fannie Orissa b. Nov. 10, 1859. George Elias b. July 19, 1869.

247. Calvin Fisher. [107]

Anna Brastow b. Apr. 18, 1836. Edmund Calvin b. Apr. 17,

1838; m. Oct. 30, 1866, Mary Chilton, dau. of Captain William Drew, of Duxbury. Henry Kollock b. Dec. 2, 1842, d. Sept. 18, 1845. Henry Kollock b. Aug. 9, 1846; m. June 24, 1868, Emma, dau. of Thomas Proctor; Wrentham.

248. Silas P. Fisher. [107]

Silas Harrison b. July 5, 1822, d. Feb. 1, 1838. Emily Caroline b. July 3, 1830, d. Jan. 11, 1838. Albert Augustus b. Apr. 18, 1835, d. Jan. 24, 1838. Caroline Cheever b. Mch. 29, 1840, d. Apr. 16, 1868; m. Jan. 18, 1865, Nathaniel W., son of Benjamin Hawes, of Wrentham. Annie Josephine b. June 24, 1843, d. Mch. 9, 1845.

249. Harriet P. Fisher [107] Messenger.

Charles Stuart b. May 15, 1834; Brooklyn, N. Y. Henry Martyn b. Aug. 31, 1835; m. May 18, 1859, Caroline Frances, dau. of Rev. William Harlow, of Wrentham; Brooklyn, N. Y. Francis Dwight b. Aug. 1, 1838, d. Feb. 19, 1839. Harriet Fisher b. July 3, 1841, d. Apr. 12, 1843. Laura b. May 4, 1844, d. Mch. 23, 1845. Helen Elizabeth b. Mch. 10, 1846; m. Nov. 1, 1877, Charles Francis, son of Charles Smith, of Dorchester.

250. Joseph W. Plimpton. [108]

Mary Ann (427) b. Mch. 2, 1834, d. June 23, 1868; m. June 21, 1854, Israel Lombard b. ———, d. Sept. 4, 1880. Ellen Elizabeth (428) b. July 8, 1835; m. Apr. 18, 1860, Lucius G. Pratt; Newton. Josephine (429) b. Oct. 24, 1837; m. Apr. 18, 1859, Frederick L. Seymour b. ———, d. Mch. 11, 1862.

251. Albert Plimpton. [108]

Georgiana Eliza b. June 7, 1842, d. Oct. 25, 1844. Theodore Albert (430) b. Jan 16, 1844; m. Oct. 28, 1875, Caroline L. Bacall; served in the 11th Battery, Heavy Artillery, Mass. Vols., in the War; Brookline. Anna Josephine b. Apr. 19, 1849, d. June 18, 1857. Arthur Wellesley (431) b. Aug 3, 1850; m. Feb. 10, 1875, Mary Minot West b. Feb. 8, 1860; Brookline. Walter Herbert b. Dec. 12, 1855; Denver, Col. Agnes b. Feb. 8, 1860.

252. Elijah E. Plimpton. [108]

George Edson b. Dec. 24, 1852; m. Apr., 1882, Nina Foster; Denver, Col. Maria Louise b. Oct. 20, 1860; m. Dec. 26, 1883,

A. Winthrop, son of Aaron H. and Ann (Snow) Young. Mr. Young senior was a sea captain, who died in the service of his country ; Cleveland, Ohio.

253. Francis N. Plimpton. [108]

Elizabeth Stevens b. May 6, 1864.

254. Emily Plimpton [109] Fay.

Charles Lucas b. Aug. 31, 1840, d. Mch. 29, 1842. Albert b. Aug. 29, 1845 ; m. Dec. 28, 1871, Julia Kerr ; a farmer at Potsdam, N. Y. George Plimpton b. Feb. 1, 1853.

255. Mary Plimpton [109] Gordon, Smith.

Harriet E. b. Oct. 30, 1842 ; m. Feb. 7, 1867, James H. Pitt; Lockport, N. Y. Mr. Pitt enlisted Aug. 2d, 1862, at Plattsburg, N. Y., in the 118th Reg., N. Y. Vols., enrolled Sergeant, Co. H.; promoted to second lieutenant August 1st, 1863. He was taken prisoner at Drury's Bluffs, near Richmond, Va., on the 16th of May, 1864 ; was awhile in "Libby Prison," taken from there to Camp Oglethorp, near Macon, Ga., and then to Savannah. He was then removed to Charleston, S. C., jail yard ; and for five weeks, was there exposed, with other prisoners, to the fire of our Union guns then firing on the city of Charleston. Then they were taken to a Camp near Columbia, S. C.; afterwards moved into the Asylum Yard. The close advance of Sherman's army caused them to be taken to Charlotte, N. C., and there paroled as prisoners of war, and sent to the Union lines the last of February, 1865. Mr. Pitt, then very much emaciated, and broken in health, returned home and recruited for a few weeks. Upon being exchanged, he rejoined his regiment at Richmond, Va., in April ; was promoted to first lieutenant, May 17th, and was in command of company G. until the close of the war. Morris P. b. Mch. 29, 1844, d. Sept. 28, 1870. Lewis Plimpton b. Aug. 9, 1847 ; a lawyer in Lockport, N. Y. Marguerite P. b. June 20, 1849. Rachel Emma b. Feb. 3, 1853, d. Jan. 28, 1871.

256. George H. Plimpton. [109]

Dora E. b. May 25, 1856, d. May 9, 1858. Homer b. and d. in 1861. Marion F. b. Aug. 1, 1866, d. Dec. 31, 1871.

257. Willard P. Plimpton. [110]

Clara Ella b. July 26, 1852 ; m. Oct. 16, 1884, George Frank-

lin Newell, of Boston. Cora Gertrude (432) b. June 4, 1854; m. 1879 Charles S., son of William J. Johnson, of Newton, b. Aug. 26, 1856. Florence Wight b. Apr. 27, 1859. Waldo Lewis b. Apr. 20, 1866.

258. Ann E. Plimpton [110] Carroll.

Lillian Estella (433) b. June 24, 1845; m. Oct. 28, 1869, Lewis Shepard Daniels b. May 19, 1841. Leila Plimpton b. Feb. 18, 1849; m. Oct. 11, 1870, Michael Ryan b. May 18, 1838.

259. Ellen M. Plimpton [110] Field, Peckett.

Robert Plimpton (Peckett) b. June 25, 1871.

260. Frederic S. Plimpton. [110]

Frederic Willard b. Dec. 2, 1865, d. Aug. 7, 1866. Robert Sanford b. June 3, 1871, d. Aug. 20, 1871.

261. George Plimpton. [111]

George Porter b. Feb. 10, 1831, d. Jan. 13, 1833. Mary Jane (434) b. Dec. 29, 1832; m. June 5, 1852, Jeremiah B. Hale; Medfield. George Henry b. Aug. 3, 1834, d. Apr. 6, 1857. Josephine b. Nov. 6, 1836; unm.; Medfield. Emily Frances (435) b. Sept. 14, 1838; m. 1st, May 2, 1858, Samuel I. Monk, d. Feb. 6, 1859; m. 2d, June 4, 1865, George R. Braman; Medfield. Eunice Tolman (436) b. Oct. 17, 1840; m. July 2, 1863, Charles Frederick White b. Dec. 11, 1839. Charles Porter b. Jan. 14, 1843; unm. Walter Scott b. May 11, 1845, d. Oct. 6, 1846. Melvin Gardner b. Aug. 18, 1848; unm. Sarah Helen b. Mch. 31, 1851, d. Apr. 6, 1857.

262. Jeremiah Plimpton. [111]

Charles Herbert (437) b. Nov. 23, 1839; m. 1st, Nov. 9, 1864, Emily V. Richards, d. Sept. 24, 1876; m. 2d, June 8, 1881, Josie Munroe; treasurer of the Downer Kerosene Oil Company; three years a member of the City Council of Boston. Theodore M. (438) b. Feb. 25, 1846; m. Mch. 16, 1870, Carrie Louisa Lincoln b. Nov. 2, 1846; book-keeper for the Downer Kerosene Oil Co.; Boston. Arthur Leslie b. Aug. 4, 1855; a graduate of American Institute of Technology; a Civil Engineer, in the employ of the city; Boston. Walter b. May 28, 1859, d. May 30, 1859.

263. Lyman Plimpton. [111]

Lyman Merrick b. Mch. 14, 1842; formerly a machinist in Bridgeport, Conn.; Colorado. Louise Adelaide (439) b. Feb. 13, 1843; m. Henry Cutler, of Florence; a grocer. Eugene Capen b. Feb. 26, 1844; in the war, was in the Navy Gunboat Massasoit; formerly a machinist in Bridgeport, Conn.; Colorado. Lewis Frederick Smith (440) b. Sept. 13, 1845; m. Nov. 24, 1870, Chiara Ann Curtis, of Amherst; was a member of the 45th Massachusetts in the War; a grocer at Florence. Hattie May b. Aug. 1, 1851.

264. Harriet Plimpton [111] Swan.

Laura Jane (441) b. Apr. 17, 1841, d. Nov. 27, 1877; m. Nov. 29, 1860, Henry A. Stone, Walpole, d. Apr. 7, 1880.

265. Shepard Plimpton. [112]

It has been reported that there were two, Eugene, and a daughter.

266. Henry P. Smith. [113]

Ida Augusta b. Oct. 18, 1850, d. July 21, 1853. Edwin Curtis b. July 25, 1853; m. Oct. 20, 1880, Jennie V. Benton b. June 8, 1856. Charles Oliver b. Dec. 25, 1857, d. Jan. 17, 1859. Frank Howard b. Nov. 24, 1859.

267. Charles O. Smith. [113]

Lizzie Allen (442) b. Oct. 20, 1851; m. Dec. 21, 1868, George Irving Abbot b. Nov. 28, 1848. Anna Maria b. Nov. 24, 1857. Gertrude Emma b. Sept. 24, 1870. Louise May b. June 5, 1872.

268. Joel P. Hewins. [114]

Edmund (443) b. Dec., 1845; m. June, 1870, Kate M. Potter, of Boston, b. May, 1844; a civil engineer; bridge building, a speciality.

269. Charles Hewins. [114]

Eva (444) b. Oct. 1, 1845; m. June 25, 1868, Purley I. Curtis. Mary Elizabeth b. Nov. 22, 1850, d. June 1, 1858. Charles P. b. June 13, 1854.

270. Mary Hewins [114] Mann.

Mary Ella b. July 9, 1850; educated in Wheaton Seminary,

Norton. George Hewins b. Feb. 28, 1856; educated in Agricultural College, Amherst.

271. Warren Plimpton. [115]

Penuel (445) b. Apr. 27, 1819; m. Sept. 2, 1860, Rebekah A. Sanger b. Feb., 1840, d. Jan. 4, 1879; a farmer in the southerly part of Sturbridge; occasionally called to public office in the town. His homestead is that which was originally settled by Abner Plimpton [22], and his large estate also includes that of his father, adjoining, which was originated by Elijah Plimpton [24]. Philura b. Aug. 7, 1821. Franklin F. b. Sept. 8, 1824, d. Jan. 8, 1849. Francis Henry b. Dec. 13, 1826, d. Apr. 18, 1846. Semantha b. Oct. 13, 1828, d. Oct. 16, 1828. Charles Otis b. Feb. 27, 1829, d. —; married in Springfield, settled in Janesville, Wisconsin, and died there. Dwight b. June 10, 1833; unm.; a farmer in New Britain, Conn. James Warren b. Oct., 1841, d. 1864; unm. He was a member of the 12th Wisconsin Battery, in the War, and was killed while out with a foraging party in South Carolina.

272. Mary Plimpton [116] Fosket.

Isaac Billings; Chicago, Ill. Parley Plimpton; Chicago, Albert; not living. Mary Basheba; Chicago.

273. Rev. Billings O. Plimpton. [116]

Emery Merwin (446) b. June 2, 1826; m. July 28, 1852, Julia L. Tew, in Darien City, N. Y.; a lawyer at Niles, Michigan. In the war of 1861, he was Captain of Co. M., 4th Michigan Cavalry. Alfred Augustine, d. in infancy. Florus Beardsley (447) b. Sept. 4, 1830; m. June 3, 1853, Cordelia A. Bushnell, in Hartford, Trumbull County, Ohio; managing editor and chief editorial writer connected with the *Commercial Gazette*, a daily morning newspaper—the leading Republican journal of the Ohio Valley; a journalist of the largest experience, and a writer of the highest gifts; Cincinnati, Ohio. Mary Eliza b. Jan. 29, 1833, d. Apr. 14, 1862; unm. Minerva Keziah (448) b. June 30, 1835; m. Sept. 11, 1856, Samuel Hess. Laura Matilda (449) b. Jan. 8, 1837; m. first, Feb. 13, 1865, Walter Hunt; m. second, J. B. Phillips. Eliza b. Aug. 1, 1846, died in infancy. Billings Crosby b. Oct. 28, 1851, d. July 6, 1866. Ida Louisa (450) b. Mch. 11, 1853; m. Nov. 30, 1876, Wirt M. Reese; Orrville, Wayne County, Ohio.

Emma b. July 25, 1855; m. July 29, 1877, John M. Fritz; Dubuque, Iowa. Thalia b. Sept. 30, 1858.

274.

Dr. Alured Plimpton. [116]

Homer Alured (451) b. June 11, 1838; m. Dec. 23, 1868, Sophia C., dau. of Judge E. Wood, of Chicago. Was graduated at North Western University, Evanston, Ill., June 28, 1860. Enlisted as private in the 39th Ill. Vol. Infantry, August 14, 1861. Re-enlisted as veteran Jan. 1, 1864,—commissioned as 1st Lieut. in Sept.,—wounded in battle near Richmond, Va., October 7,—promoted a Captain the following December, when he took the command of his regiment. He was brevetted Major of Volunteers by the War Department for gallant conduct in the assault on Fort Gregg, Petersburg, Va., April 2, 1865. He was promoted a full Major, May 11, and was soon afterward commissioned Lieut. Colonel. His regiment, serving in the army of the Potomac, and of the James, was engaged in over twenty battles; and was present at Appomattox Court House at the surrender of the "Grand Army of Northern Virginia" commanded by Gen. Robert E. Lee. It was one of the regiments detailed to guard the rebel camp after the surrender, until terms were arranged. During four years and four months service, he was never absent from his regiment, save twenty days leave of absence after the surrender of Gen. R. E. Lee. He commanded the regiment from December, 1864, until the final muster out of the Old 39th, December 16, 1865. At the close of the war he returned to Chicago at the head of the regiment which he joined at that place over four years before as a private; and from there the regiment proceeded to Springfield, the capitol of the State, where they were mustered out. His gallantry at the assault on Fort Gregg, Petersburg, Va., is mentioned in the published report of the War Department. The facts are, briefly,—that at the assault on that fort, the color-bearer being shot dead in his tracks, he seized the colors and sprang with them upon the fort, and was the first commissioned officer to enter within the works. To commemorate the occasion, those colors received a brazen eagle from the corps commander, Maj. Gen. Gibbons. Col. Plimpton is now engaged in mining in Colorado and New Mexico; with headquarters at Denver. Eliza Jane b. Sept. 9, 1840, d. Nov. 19, 1865, in Painesville, Ohio; the first white child born in Prophetstown, Whiteside County, Ill. Otis

Billings b. Apr. 3, 1843, d. Oct. 11, 1866, at Painesville, Ohio, of wounds received in the war of the Rebellion. He enlisted in the 39th Ill. Vol. Infantry at Chicago, Aug. 9, 1861, and was mustered out by reason of the expiration of his term of service, Nov. 21, 1864. He was wounded severely at the battle of Deep Run, Va. Aug. 16, 1864, just one week after the expiration of the three years' term of service for which he had enlisted, unless sooner discharged. A valiant soldier, never on the sick roll, never absent from his command, until sent off the field struck down by a rebel bullet, which in the end sent him to his grave at the age of twenty-three years. Emily b. Dec. 19, 1844, d. Jan., 1863. Edwin Cummings b. Apr. 26, 1849, d. Nov. 2, 1849. Francis McKnight b. Feb. 29, 1852; Red Cliff, Colorado. Charles Seward b. Apr. 11, 1854, d. Sept. 1, 1856. Stella Evelyn b. Apr. 17, 1858, at Sterling, Ill.; unm.; at Denver, Col.

275. Dwight Plimpton. [116]

Harriet B. (452) b. Aug. 6, 1830; m. May 11, 1853, Washington Thurston; Michigan. Martha M. b. June 22, 1832, d. Dec. 23, 1862. Louisa P. b. Feb. 12, 1834, d. Mch. 11, 1851. Merrit E. b. Oct. 19, 1835, d. June 2, 1847. Julia A. b. July 14, 1837, d. Aug. 5, 1838. Dwight E. (453) b. Aug. 18, 1839; m. Marie Gondy, who died soon after the birth of her fourth child; Andrews, Huntington Co., Ind. Henry C. (454) b. July 17, 1841; m. July 19, 1876, Florence Allen, of Joliet, Ill.; and they reside there. Mary E. (455) b. Oct. 15, 1843; m. Wallace Francis, a widower with two children; she had one son named Dwight, who died at the age of seven years. Emma J. b. May 11, 1846, d. Sept. 6, 1847. Flora A. b. Dec. 5, 1849, d. Sept. 24, 1850. Annetta P. b. June 28, 1852; in the Treasury Department at Washington.

276. Parley Plimpton. [116]

Almira Philura (456) b. Oct. 14, 1834; m. Nov. 11, 1858, Charles F. Eagar; Staffordville, Conn. Luman Vinton b. June 16, 1836. Sarah b. Mch. 17, 1838. Minerva Amanda b. Mch. 4, 1841, d. June 7, 1865; m. Mch. 29, 1860, Charles H. Colton.

277. Matilda Plimpton [116] Hall.

Lucy Ann b. Feb. 14, 1838. Caroline E. b. July 29, 1840. Murphey E. b. Oct. 6, 1843. Sanford F. b. May 25, 1845. Billings b. Aug., 1850.

278. Louisa Plimpton [116] Hall.

Elizabeth Hannah b. June 6, 1842; m. F. M. Coffman.
Mary M. b. Feb. 7, 1845; m. Denton Keeney. Hascall H. b.
Feb. 17, 1847. Albert L. b. Apr. 13, 1850. Sarah L. b. May 14,
1853. Sumner E. b. June 12, 1856.

279. Harriet Shaddon [118] Newell.

Harriet Sophronia b. July 20, 1840, d. young. Stanley Fiske
b. Oct. 6, 1842; enrolled ensign in the 32d N. Y. Infantry, Dec.
19, 1862; commissioned 1st lieutenant in the 13th artillery, Nov.
6, 1863; enrolled 1st lieutenant in Captain Henry C. Pratt's com-
pany, 6th N. Y. Artillery, April 6, 1864; honorably discharged
at Washington, D. C., Aug. 24, 1865. Mary Louisa b. Dec. 28,
1844, d. young. Cassius M. b. Apr. 1, 1846; a soldier in the
War.

280. Luman K. Plimpton. [119]

George Davis b. May 6, 1840; Buffalo, N. Y.

281. William P. Plimpton. [121]

Annie Wheaton b. Mch. 28, 1872. Mabel Whitney b. Sept.
27, 1873. Jennie Augusta b. June 7, 1875. George Leroy b.
Aug. 5, 1878, d. June 8, 1880.

282. John B. Plimpton. [123]

Mary Jane b. Sept. 6, 1862.

283. Adelia Plimpton [123] Phillips.

Lillian D. b. Mch. 4, 1865. Alice A. b. June 28, 1866.
Everett C. b. Apr. 5, 1874.

284. Matilda F. Plimpton [124] Chase.

Millie Fiske b. Oct. 26, 1861. Mary Martha b. Oct. 26, 1861.
Nora Amy b. July 3, 1863, d. July 24, 1878. Nellie Matilda b.
Oct. 13, 1868. Clara Plimpton b. Mch. 23, 1871. Florence
Elizabeth b. Sept. 25, 1875.

285. Pliny Plimpton. [125]

Alfred. Pliny.

286. Elizabeth Plimpton [125] Edwards.

Elsie Maria b. Mch. 6, 1854; m. 1876 Charles Mnason Morse;

Southbridge. Joseph Frank b. Sept. 3, 1860, d. Aug. 15, 1862.
George Elmer b. Apr. 13, 1864, d. July 20, 1864.

287. Manning Plimpton. [125]

Stella M. b. June 25, 1864, d. July 23, 1871. Alfred Manning
b. Sept. 17, 1866. Waldo Elton b. Nov. 12, 1868, d. 1871. Justus
Albert b. Sept. 11, 1872. Henry Emerson b. Nov. 12, 1874.
Ellsworth Fullerton b. Aug. 10, 1878.

288. Francis Plimpton. [125]

Flora Maria b. July 14, 1863; Elgin, Ill.

289. Porter Plimpton. [125]

Frank b. 1869. Jennie Belle. Mabel.

290. Andrew J. Plimpton. [126]

Ida M. b. Sept. 4, 1866. James L. b. Mch. 3, 1868. Mary
B. b. July 4, 1870. Mattie J. b. Mch. 3, 1872. Andrew F. b.
June 8, 1874, d. Sept. 24, 1875. John F. b. Dec. 28, 1876.

290a. Eunice Plympton [130] Pond; Pond.

Emeline b. Sept. 21, 1814, d. June 9, 1883; m. Aug. 19, 1832,
Caleb S. Tubbs b. July 18, 1812, d. May 25, 1861. Maria b.
Dec. 1, 1815; m. Jan 1, 1835, Elbridge G. Piper b. at Rumney,
N. H., Aug. 16, 1811; Walpole. Eunice Louisa b. Apr. 16,
1819; m. first, a Mr. Gorham, d.—; m. second, David Howells,
deceased; Louisville, Ky. Nathan b. Mch. 25, 1821; m. Sept.
21, 1851, Sarah Ann Pearce b. at Woodchurch, Kent, England;
Milton Lower Mills. Mary Antoinette b. May 20, 1824, d. 1866;
m. May 12, 1847, Daniel G. Shepard, of Franklin.

291. Amos Plympton. [130]

Adeline Mason (456 a) b. June 24, 1829; m. June 14, 1849.
William Mason, son of Leonard and Lucy (Mason) Smith, of Wal-
pole, b. Mch. 21, 1822, d. June 8, 1881, a painter; Medfield.

292. Warren Plympton. [130]

Lois S. (456 b) b. Dec. 30, 1821; m. Dec. 25, 1847, William
L. Williams, of Providence, R. I., a blacksmith; East Providence.
Betsy L. (456 c) b. Mch. 15, 1823; m. Oct. 24, 1850, Reuben E.
Fiske, of Holliston, d. June 5, 1879, a farmer. Edmund Otis
(456 d) b. Apr. 16, 1827, d. Apr. 22, 1878; m. first, 1848, Mary

E. Fuller, of Boston, who d. with both of her infants ; m. second, Oct. 20, 1857, Lois, dau. of William and Lydia (Stratton) Hayden, of Marlboro ; a farmer in Medway. Andrew F. b. Mch. 7, 1829 ; m. Mch. 15, 1868, Catherine D. Wales, of Milford ; a carpenter at Milford. In the late war, he served, first, in the 2d Battery, light artillery, Massachusetts volunteers ; mustered in, September 5, 1864 ; transferred, December 23, 1864, to 6th Battery ; discharged June 19, 1865. Mary L. (456 e) b. 1832 ; m. first, 1852, Rufus L. Chandler ; m. second, George Rice ; m. third, H. Wiley ; Westborough. Warren Henry (456 f) b. Mch. 16, 1835 ; m. June 14, 1859, Lucy A. Welman, of Attleboro ; a carpenter, contractor and builder ; Providence, R. I. He enlisted Nov. 5, 1861, in 1st R. I. Cavalry, Co. D., for three years. While in the service he was engaged in twenty-three regular battles, besides minor encounters. By request he has furnished brief statements in regard to two of the latter class (minor encounters), which are thought to be worthy of preservation here. " June 17, 1863, when General Lee was on his way to invade Pennsylvania, and General Hooker was trying to prevent him, our regiment, only about four hundred strong, commanded by Col. A. N. Duffie, was ordered to Middleboro, Va., and to hold the place until reinforcements came. We proceeded, met the enemy, charged upon and drove them out of the town ; but found we had charged into General Stuart's main force. As our orders were to hold the place at all hazards, we barricaded the streets. The next morning we found we were completely surrounded by cavalry and artillery. We were repeatedly ordered to surrender ; but as our Colonel would never consent to that, we determined to cut our way out. Only twenty-seven of us with our Colonel and four other officers escaped ; we cut our way through hand to hand. Second, occurred about one month before the expiration of my three years' term of service. At that time I was one of General Talbot's body-guard under General Sheridan at Waynesboro. When our forces were some distance from the town, I was sent in upon special duty, and as we had not received government rations for some time, of course subsisted on what we could get. I called at a house for food and received some bread and milk, which proved to have been poisoned. I was immediately taken sick, and before I had time to think what was the matter, the enemy attacked with a large force. I, with about thirty others, charged upon them, hoping to hold

them in check until our forces arrived. But it was of no use, and in such excitement I soon found myself alone. They had already flanked the town and were coming in, and soon occupied it and cut off our retreat. However, I finally made my escape, and rode about in woods and by-ways all night in search of my regiment, which I found at daylight. I was more dead than alive, and as I got over the excitement, was completely helpless from the effect of the poison I had taken. Our surgeon said he could do nothing for me :—I gave up my arms, bid good-bye to my comrades, and was conveyed to a hospital where I came under the charge of a skillful doctor. He said I had taken poison, and he was doubtful of my recovery ; but that he would give me every attention, which he did, and under his skillful treatment and careful nursing, I finally rallied, and December 2, 1864, one month lacking three days after the expiration of my three years' term of service, was discharged." John Luther b. Mch. 17, 1837 ; m. Dec. 6, 1866, L. Maria, dau. of Jesse and Lucy Ann Hayes, of Holliston ; a painter ; Providence, R. I. He first enlisted July 12, 1861, for three years or the war, in Co. B., 16th Massachusetts, promoted a corporal in September, 1863. Re-enlisted January 5, 1864, at Brandy Station, for three years or the war ; transferred July 11, 1864, to 11th Infantry, Co. E., in front of Petersburg, Va., discharged in July, 1865. The principal battles in which he was engaged were,—Fair Oaks, Glendale, Malvern Hill, Second Bull Run, Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, Cold Harbor, and front of Petersburg to the surrender of General Lee. Harriet M. (456 g.) b. Dec. 3, 1840, d. Sept. 1, 1876 ; m. Albert Cleale. Abby L. b. 1858.

293. Eliza Plympton [130] Fisher ; Pond ; Hardy.

Mason (Fisher) (456 h) b. 1819 ; m. Hannah R. Smith ; a baker at Fall River. Henry H. (Fisher) (456 i) b. Dec. 3, 1823 ; m. Jan. 2, 1845, Judith R., dau. of Cornelius and Rachael Brightman, of Little Compton, R. I.; proprietor of "Union Bakery," 214 Purchase Street, New Bedford. George (Fisher), a cabinet-maker at Hyde Park, and has a family ; not further reported. Elmon D. (Pond) (456 k) b. Jan. 6, 1831, d. Nov. 6, 1875 ; m. first, Jan., 1856, Harriet, dau. of John and Harriet Cooledge, of Plymouth, N. Y., d. about 1865 ; m. second, May 11, 1868, Esther E. Fuller, of Sharon ; car builder, New Bedford.

294. Jabez Plimpton. [130]

William Henry (457) b. Feb. 11, 1826, d. July 17, 1871; m. Oct. 10, 1852, Lucinda Perry, of Bangor, Me.; she m. second, Oliver Carpenter, of Brookfield; Sturbridge. David Bridges (458) b. June 16, 1827; m. Sept. 5, 1852, Hannah E. Ladd; Chesterfield Factory, N. H. John Albert (459) b. June 16, 1829; m. Oct. 4, 1851, Anna Sedate, dau. of Shepard Whittemore, d. June 7, 1880; a farmer at Sturbridge; was in Co. A., 22d Massachusetts regiment, from September 2d, 1861, to January 1st, 1862; discharged for disability. Oliver Jabez (460) b. Oct. 6, 1830; m. Apr. 6, 1852, Lucy Jane, dau. of Justice H. Fay, of Sturbridge; a farmer in West Brookfield. Chester F. (461) b. Oct. 28, 1833; m. Apr. 27, 1857, Laura Ann, dau. of William Chickering, of Sturbridge; a farmer in Cleveland, Iowa. Mary Elizabeth (462) b. Oct. 8, 1835; m. May 10, 1858, Amasa K. Richards, of Sturbridge; Wayzata, Minn. Catherine (463) b. Apr. 7, 1838; m. Elbridge Perry, of Bangor, Me., a soldier in the War; Oakham. Isaac Gay b. Jan. 10, 1841, d. July 4, 1862, of wounds received at Malvern Hill, Va.; was in Co. K., 22d Massachusetts regiment, date of muster, Sept. 9, 1861. Before the battle young Plimpton wrote home, "If my country demands the sacrifice of my life, I am ready." A few days later, as he lay dying on Malvern Hill, his last words were, "I only regret that I have but one life to give for my country."

295. Sarah Plympton [131] Brewer.

Thomas (464) b. Nov. 4, 1814; m. first, Mary Pratt; m. second, Clarissa Osgood; Shrewsbury. Elzaphan Plympton (465) b. Oct. 12, 1816; m. Jane Knowlton, of Milford, N. H. Sarah Plympton (466) b. July 31, 1818; m. Levi Dakin, of Worcester. Stephen Ball b. Sept. 29, 1820; m. Laura Cummings, of Warren; Shrewsbury. Lucy Ann (467) b. Aug. 29, 1824; m. Hon. Charles Blake Pratt, of Worcester.

296. Abigail Plympton [131] Garfield.

Elvira S.; m. Cincinnatus Alexander; Worcester. Abigail d. in infancy. Abigail d. 1842; m. John Carey, of Shrewsbury. Nancy A.; m. Enos B. Wells; Worcester. Susan W. d. 1874; m. A. Beaman Lovell.

297. Olive Plympton [131] Ball.

George W.; Southboro. Olive b. 1820, d. 1829.



SARAH A. PLYMPTON,

Daughter of Lyman and Betsy Plympton; born Apr. 15, 1824; married
to Israel N. Keyes Nov. 14, 1848; died Dec. 28, 1851.

298. Lyman Plympton. [131]

Leander b. Apr. 20, 1820, d. Feb. 10, 1843; unm.; Grafton. Lorenzo b. Apr. 20, 1820; m. Sept. 18, 1857, Susan Ann Smith, of Providence, R. I.; a farmer at Boylston Centre. Mariam Whiting b. Jan. 20, 1822, d. May 15, 1842; m. — Harris; Worcester. Sarah Ann (468) b. Apr. 15, 1824, d. Dec. 28, 1851; m. Nov. 14, 1848, I. N. Keyes; Worcester.

299. Jonathan Plympton. [131].

George Lyman b. Nov. 1, 1826; unm. John Hamilton (469) b. Feb. 27, 1829, d. May 16, 1863; m. Sarah Richardson, of Burlington, Vt.; a mason at Worcester. Adolphus B. (470) b. Sept. 13, 1834; m. June 6, 1860, Carrie A. Maynard, of Shrewsbury, b. May 14, 1841; a mechanic at Shrewsbury.

300. Alexander H. Plympton [131]

Henry A. (471) b. June 10, 1830; m. Apr. 22, 1858, Harriet M. Pierce, of Holliston; Westboro. Harriet T. (472) b. Nov. 8, 1831, d. July 28, 1862; m. June 8, 1852, Charles H. Morgan, of Clinton. Almira L. b. Nov. 18, 1833; m. May 4, 1854, Edward W. Toombs, of Boylston. Hannah J. (473) b. Jan. 9, 1836; m. 1st, May 9, 1857, Arthur P. Hunt, a tinsmith, of Goshen, d. Oct. 14, 1860; m. 2d, May 7, 1864, Isaac A. Flagg, for fifteen years agent of Natick Protective Union, store; Natick. Emily Augusta (474) b. Mch. 21, 1837; m. Oct. 21, 1858, William Nichols, of Leicester; Cincinnati, Ohio. Mariette b. Apr. 20, 1841; m. Oct. 4, 1859, Henry S. Ball, a farmer; Shrewsbury. Charlotte E. (475) b. June 7, 1846; m. C. Herbert Jourdan b. 1845, d. Feb. 18, 1884; Westboro.

301. John B. Plympton. [131]

Lucy Ann b. May 8, 1834; unm. Principal of Albany Female Academy, at Albany, N. Y. This institution was founded in 1814. Few Seminaries have attained so wide a reputation and enjoyed so much public favor. It is designed to afford a complete and thorough education from the youngest school age upward. In the various departments, it has a Faculty of fifteen teachers, inclusive of the Principal, who is also treasurer of the board of trustees. Miss Plympton is the Albany representative of "De Potter's European and Oriental Tours, and System for Study Abroad."

Albert Horatio (476) b. Dec. 27, 1836 ; m. May 25, 1858. Catherine Elizabeth Bennett, of Boylston ; Shrewsbury, on the homestead of his father. Noah Allen (477) b. Sept. 11, 1841 ; m. Sept. 18, 1862, Helen Marion Flint, of Shrewsbury ; General Agent for New England, of the Pennsylvania Life Insurance Company ; has an office in Boston, resides in Worcester.

302. Leonard Plimpton. [132]

Henry Richardson (478) b. Oct. 8, 1820 ; m. Oct. 14, 1856, Mary E. Sacket b. May 7, 1838, d. Sept. 29, 1872. A farmer and school teacher until twenty-seven years of age, living with his parents at Walpole, Mass. In 1849 he associated himself with his brother, James L., in the business of machine building, at Westfield, Mass., making self-sharpening rag and hay cutters, other machinery and furniture ; thus was inaugurated the firm of H. R. & J. L. Plimpton, for more than twenty years known as designers and manufacturers of and dealers in furniture, decorations, etc., at New York and Boston ; the business at Boston still being in charge of Henry R., who is the builder of Plimpton's Building, 1075, 1077 and 1079 Washington Street, Boston. In 1871, he joined the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Boston, of which notable organization his patriotic ancestor John (1) became a member as early as 1643. Joanna Lane (479) b. Sept. 7, 1822 ; m. June 11, 1845, Henry Clark, of Roxbury, b. Jan. 25, 1818, d. Dec. 7, 1877 ; Sherborn. James Alexander b. June 2, 1824, d. May 15, 1825. Sarah Eleanor b. July 31, 1826, d. Apr. 15, 1856.

James Leonard (480) b. Apr. 14, 1828 ; m. Dec. 6, 1852, Harriet Amelia, dau. of David and Catherine Adams, b. in Brookfield, Aug. 9, 1830, a descendant of Henry Adams who came to Massachusetts from Devonshire, England, in 1630. She possesses in an eminent degree the traits of character manifested by the descendants of that family in the recollection of historical dates and events. She has a faculty of naming book and page where may be found the subject of which she has read ; and while abroad with her husband and family these traits, with amiability of character, and untiring industry, enabled her, in addition to the care and education of her children, to give her husband that assistance in the preparation of his patent cases that could not otherwise have been as thoroughly prepared within the time



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required. Her quick perceptions and correct impressions as to social, legal and business points, coupled with the more studied reasoning of her husband, has much to do with the success of their joint efforts.

A bent for scientific books, mathematics and invention, was strongly manifested in the boyhood of James L. Plimpton. At the age of sixteen he went from the farm to a machine shop in Walpole, and at eighteen accepted a more lucrative position as superintendent of a machine shop at Claremont, New Hampshire, with more than fifty workmen under his immediate supervision. Two years later, by special request he took charge of Stevens' manufactory at East Brookfield; and rendered valuable service in the celebrated patent case of Hovey vs. Stevens. In 1849, he, with his brother, under the firm name of H. & J. L. Plimpton, commenced the manufacture of machinery and agricultural implements at Westfield, Mass. To supply a personal need in 1853, he invented the Plimpton Cabinet Bed, which has revolutionized the extra sleeping accommodations in our cities, and for the purpose of bringing this invention within the reach of those who would appreciate and profit most by its advantages, he originated a system by which young people and others could, by applying the amount saved by the invention, in monthly payments, soon become the owner of the property. In 1863, having improved his health from a season of ice skating, he invented and patented the first guidable roller skate known in this or any other country; and in 1867, to popularize this invention with the leading classes, he personally designed and superintended the erection of the complicated structure, known as Plimpton Building, in New York, containing a large room for roller skating, wherein he could study the exercise, and the best interests of the public in the use of his invention. From this he created a new and useful form of social gathering; also a new industry which has already expanded to many millions of dollars. Like most successful inventors, he has been troubled by infringers; there being over three hundred patents issued, in this and other countries, for guidable roller skates, all copying in some way his original invention. In 1874, to protect his co-workers in roller skating abroad, he, with his entire family, visited Europe, and after popularizing his invention, brought twenty-four Chancery actions in the English High Courts of Justice, against infringers; and after giving

his opponents all the favors asked, and all fair advantages, each and all of such actions abroad resulted fully in his favor. His record for fair dealing, and uninterrupted success in patent litigation, is without its equal in any country ; this has enabled him to control and establish roller skating as a highly approved exercise and recreation in nearly every civilized portion of the globe. Mary Ann b. Nov. 28, 1830 ; unm. Hannah Elizabeth b. Aug. 18, 1833 ; unm. George Lane b. May 8, 1835, d. Jan. 15, 1854. Frances Maria b. July 29, 1837, d. Mch. 19, 1838.

303. Charlotte Plimpton. [132]

George (481) b. 1820 ; m. 1846, Mary Jane Ware, of Walpole ; a farmer in Sturbridge.

304. William Plimpton. [132]

William Draper b. Aug. 28, 1851, d. Apr. 24, 1876. Addie Louisa b. Nov. 10, 1853.

305. David Plimpton. [132]

Elizabeth Maria (482) b. May 23, 1841 ; m. W. F. Guild ; Medfield, at the homestead of her father. David Edwin b. Aug. 17, 1843, d. June 19, 1881. Caroline Louisa (483) b. Dec. 9, 1846 ; m. Sept. 12, 1876, J. J. Demeritt ; New Hampshire. Frederic Ware b. June 29, 1850.

306. William Plimpton. [133]

A son, d. in infancy. A daughter, d. in infancy. William Warren (484) b. Apr. 30, 1851 ; m. Mch. 30, 1874, Emma A. Thomas, of Halifax, Vt. ; Brattleboro, Vt., a gold, silver and nickel plater.

307. Edward G. Plimpton. [133]

Ellen Medora ; teacher of calisthenics and gymnastics at Wellesley College ; Wellesley. Susan Maria ; teaching music at Gore Hall, Wellesley College.

308. Charles P. Plimpton. [135]

Elizabeth Frances b. Mch. 14, 1841 ; m. Jan., 1864, Carroll H. Potter, now Captain in the 18th United States Infantry, and stationed at Fort Assinnaboin, M. T. Emma Louis b. Jan. 22,



James L. Plimpton



Harriet A. Plimpton



1844. Charles W. b. Feb. 5, 1847; Columbus, Ohio. Almira Georgia b. Sept. 13, 1850.

309. Henry Plimpton. [135]

Henry Ward b. Mch. 15, 1854. Lizzie Persis b. Jan. 16, 1869, d. July 1, 1869.

310. Maria Plympton [135] Hill, Austin.

Ella M. (Hill) b. 1855, d. Apr. 3, 1879, in St. Louis, Mo. Henry (Austin), d. young.

311. James J. Plympton. [135]

Arthur Francis b. Dec. 8, 1861, d. in infancy. Jennie Prudence b. 1865, d. Oct. 21, 1865. Willie Nathan b. Jan. 30, 1868, d. in infancy. Elma James b. May 16, 1870, d. Jan. 10, 1871.

312. Calvin Plimpton. [135]

Mary Jane b. Oct. 30, 1860; Medway.

313. Eliza B. Plimpton [136] Wild.

Eliza b. 1828, d. 1834. Ellen L. b. 1832; m. Thomas Ball, sculptor, now in Italy. William W. b. 1834; m. —; served in the 44th Massachusetts regiment in the War; now in the Treasury Department at Washington, D. C. Eliza b. 1836, d. 1848; m. George H. Chickering.

314. Charles T. Plimpton. [136]

Ellen L. b. 1845, d. 1849. Charles b. 1846, d. 1846. Emma b. 1846, d. 1847,—twins. Persis H. b. 1849; m. 1870 A. C. Kendall, general ticket agent of the New York & New England R. R. Charles D. b. 1852, d. 1875. Jeannia C. b. 1856.

315. Joel Plimpton. [139]

Edgar G. b. 1841, d. 1865; a union soldier whose death was caused by the hardships and exposure of a rebel prison pen. Albro W. b. 1846, d. 1861; West Bloomfield, N. Y. Lucy M. b. 1848, d. 1865. Hiram b. 1852; a farmer, Fowlerville, Mich.

316. Aaron Plimpton. [139]

Ellen L. (485) b. Dec. 30, 1846; m. Jan. 18, 1872, V. R. Bates. Abner H. (486) b. July 16, 1849; m. Mch. 22, 1871, S. E. Warren.

Carrie A. b. Dec. 6, 1852. Viola E. b. Sept. 6, 1854. Louis A. b. Dec. 13, 1856. Franklin A. b. Dec. 15, 1862. Galon S. b. Jan. 28, 1865.

317. Edwin Plimpton. [139]

Lillie E. b. Sept. 15, 1854. Ida A. b. May 10, 1856; both graduated from Genesee Wesleyan Seminary. George E. b. Oct. 5, 1867.

318. John Plympton. [139]

William F. b. Jan. 19, 1858; m. Charlotte A. Tatusan. Lewis J. b. Feb. 21, 1861. Carrie B. b. Apr. 18, 1863. Emma A. b. June 7, 1865. Vernon H. b. Jan. 16, 1873. Minnie E. b. Jan. 18, 1877.

319. Rhoda Plimpton [139] Wheelock.

Almira A. b. 1833, d. 1855; West Bloomfield, N. Y. Lydia E. b. 1835; Elkhart, Ind. Royal b. 1837, d. 1840. Rhoda M. b. 1838, d. 1839.

320. Deborah Plimpton [139] Wheelock.

Royal (487) b. 1843; m. Nellie Southgate; farmer, West Bloomfield, N. Y. Edward A. b. 1845, d. 1846. Edward A. b. 1848, d. 1869. Carrie A. (488) b. 1850; m. A. Leroy Fisher, a physician at Elkhart, Ind. Alice A. b. 1854. Alice A. b. 1863; West Bloomfield, N. Y.

321. Mary A. Plimpton [139] Cottrell.

Eliza A. b. 1860.

322. George W. Plimpton. [140]

Ida E. b. 1858; m. 1882 Edward A. Hopkins, of Barrington, N. Y., a farmer. Aaron b. 1868.

323. Mary E. Plimpton [140] Thayer.

Georgiana b. 1853; m. 1875 Fayette P. Hutten, of Milo, N. Y., farmer. Ezra B. b. 1869.

324. Ezra W. Plimpton. [140]

Lizzie b. 1872. Frederick b. 1875.

- 325.** Alfred S. Taft. [141]
 Robert S. b. Aug. 29, 1842, d. Jan. 7, 1843. Robert S. b. Dec. 20, 1844, d. Aug. 15, 1847. Alfred H. b. Sept. 22, 1848; m. Sallie Meakin, of Baltimore; employed in the Pension Office, Washington, D. C.
- 326.** Leland Taft. [141]
 Arminda L. b. Mch. 20, 1849, d. Aug. 5, 1849. Robert L. b. Aug. 15, 1852. Willie C. b. Sept. 26, 1859, d. Feb. 15, 1860. Fred L. B. b. Oct. 18, 1860.
- 327.** Maria Taft [141] Hayes.
 Chloe Maria b. June 27, 1849, d. Sept. 18, 1851. Robert Taft b. Jan. 5, 1852; M. D., practicing at Rochester, N. Y. Ida Louisa b. Sept. 16, 1856. Katie E. b. July 2, 1859, d. Apr. 6, 1860. Lewis R. b. Sept. 22, 1861, d. July 6, 1862.
- 328.** Royal W. Taft. [141]
 Florence b. July 21, 1872. Augustus b. July 17, 1875.
- 329.** Lewis H. Taft. [141]
 Annie M. b. July 15, 1871. Harry E. b. Mch. 13, 1873. Frank L. b. May 22, 1875, d. Sept. 29, 1877. Ida M. b. May 20, 1877. Arthur M. b. Sept. 27, 1878. Charles R. b. Mch. 13, 1881.
- 330.** Eliza A. Taft [141] Shepard.
 Jennie Bell b. Apr. 13, 1867. Clara A. b. Apr. 2, 1872.
- 331.** Charles Plimpton. [142]
 Hattie L. b. 1859; m. Edwin Hewitt; Lima, N. Y. Clifford E. b. 1861; m. Nettie Booth; Honeoye, N. Y. Willie b. 1863, d. 1863.
- 332.** Jane A. Plimpton [142] Humphrey.
 Hattie M. (489) b. 1853; m. Henry P. Hewitt; farmer; West Bloomfield, N. Y. Addie L. b. 1855; m. Frank P. Bell, harness-maker; Honeoye. Lewis E. b. 1857. Ida J. b. 1861, d. 1861.
- 333.** Amasa H. Plimpton. [142]
 Lizzie W. b. July 3, 1853. Jennie H. (490) b. June 19,

1861; m. Roy Huntington; Honeoye Falls. John A. b. Dec. 23, 1870.

334. Andrew J. Plimpton. [143]

Fanny Worden b. Sept. 10, 1859; m. Nov. 9, 1882, Floyd W. Sausman; Hornellsville. Hattie May b. Apr. 5, 1869.

335. Albert M. Plimpton. [143]

Fred L. b. Jan. 30, 1860. Arthur H. b. July 14, 1864. Ella M. b. Jan. 29, 1866. Daisy b. Mch. 18, 1879.

336. Rachel Taft [144] Dixon.

Henry Chapin b. Mch., 1857.

337. William Taft. [144]

Lucy b. Mch., 1857. Frank b. Mch., 1861. Etta b. May 22, 1868.

338. Caleb Taft. [144]

George Chapin b. Mch. 26, 1867.

339. J. A. Cornette [146] Brastow.

Adelaide Cornette b. Apr. 28, 1822, d. Sept. 26, 1883. Louis Cornette (491) b. Mch. 23, 1824; m. Nov. 22, 1858, Mary W. Longstreth, of Philadelphia; Wilkes-Barre, Penn. Sallie Ware b. Nov. 25, 1826.

340. Maria A. Maddy [146] Gammell.

Margaret; d. in childhood. Rebecca W.; m. first, Dr. William H. Davol, of Warren, R. I.; m. second, — Saunders; Warren.

340a. Lucretia Plimpton [148] Bostwich, Wolcott.

Louise (492) b. 1812; m. Samuel T. Hartt; Brooklyn, N. Y. James Plimpton (493) b. 1815; m. Annie Bleecker, of New York city. Lucretia (494) b. 1817; m. Lincoln B. Knowlton, d. 1853; Peoria, Ill. Children of Mr. Wolcott, who married a second time, and had other children.

341. Julia Plimpton [148] Green.

Mary Ruggles b. June 29, 1814; m. Aug. 16, 1864, Carl Wilhelm Knudsen, who was born in Denmark and educated in

the government military college at Copenhagen. Julia Elizabeth b. Feb. 2, 1816, d. Aug. 5, 1880. Lydia Plimpton b. Aug. 4, 1817, d. Feb. 27, 1818. John Plimpton b. Jan. 19, 1819; a physician; for several years resident in China and subsequently for many years in Chili, S. A. Andrew Haswell b. Oct. 6, 1820; a lawyer in New York. He was President of the Board of Education of New York city. For fifteen years from its inception he largely controlled the development and maintenance of the "Central Park." He subsequently, as comptroller of the city of New York for more than five years, did much to rescue the finances of the city from utter demoralization through deep and wide-spread official corruption. He was, by appointment of the Governor of the State of New York, one of the commissioners to revise the system of taxation for that State. By the appointment of another Governor, he was one of the commissioners to preserve and protect the scenery of Niagara Falls. Samuel Fiske b. Oct. 10, 1822, d. May 28, 1884; m. May 22, 1862, Margaret P. Williams; a physician residing at Green Hill, in Worcester. He was for many years a medical missionary to the Samils (Tamils) in Ceylon, and published a number of volumes, introducing medicine and allied sciences into their language. Lydia Plimpton b. Mch. 18, 1824, d. Sept. 7, 1869. Oliver Bourn b. Jan. 1, 1826; m. Aug. 28, 1855, Emily Louisa Pomeroy; a civil engineer; Chicago. Martin b. Apr. 24, 1828; m. Dec. 24, 1859, Mary F. Davidson; a civil engineer; Green Hill, Worcester.

342. Harriet Plimpton [148] Haswell.

Jane Maria (495) b. July 9, 1811, d. Aug. 7, 1884; m. Oct. 19, 1831, William Hawkins Root, of Ogdensburg, N. Y., and he d. there June 3, 1832; Burlington, Vt. Oliver Plimpton (496) b. Oct. 31, 1812, d. Feb. 8, 1848; m. Sept. 2, 1840, Harriet Augusta Day, at Catskill, N. Y. Harriet Baldwin (497) b. July 26, 1814; m. Oct. 13, 1834, Julius Otis Harris b. in Bridgeport, Vt., May 1, 1808, d. in New Orleans, La., Dec. 29, 1869; resided at Mobile, Ala., and subsequently in New Orleans, La. He had literary tastes, and wrote much for the newspaper press. He was greatly interested in the cause of education, and was many years a director of public schools. Catherine Louisa b. Sept. 3, 1816, d. Jan. 8, 1820. Julia Ann (498) b. May 3, 1818; m. Jan. 15, 1846, Nathaniel Parker, of Burlington, Vt. Nathan Baldwin b. Jan. 28,

1820, d. Oct. 28, 1845. Catherine Louisa b. May 3, 1822, d. June 9, 1823. Catherine (499) b. Mch. 8, 1824; m. Nov. 7, 1840, Morillo Noyes b. Oct. 14, 1820; Burlington, Vt. Caroline b. Feb. 26, 1826. Cornelia (500) b. Feb. 26, 1826, d. Sept. 18, 1869; m. May 2, 1849, Julius Milo Noyes; Plattsburg, N. Y.

343. Chauncy Plimpton. [148]

Oliver (501) b. Oct. 2, 1818; m. Oct. 17, 1843, Augusta C., dau. of Dea. William and Eliza (Evans) Kinne, of Canterbury, Conn.; Hartford, Conn., connected with the Plimpton Manufacturing Co. Daniel Bacon (502) b. Mch. 4, 1821, d. Mch., 1874; m. July 4, 1846, Tamar D., dau. of Asa and Sarah Cutler, of Oxford; studied medicine with Dr. Samuel Hartwell, of Southbridge, settled in Putnam, Conn., and was one of the first physicians in that town; "one of the honored names." He was editor of the Putnam department of the Windham County Transcript. Andrew Seabury (503) b. Feb. 21, 1823; m. Feb., 1855, L. F., dau. of Edmund Bacon. Emily b. Dec. 7, 1825; m. Feb. 11, 1857, George F. Rider, (117). Harriet Haswell b. June 11, 1827. Linus Bacon (504) b. June 28, 1829; m. June, 1861, Clara A., dau. of Selah and Lydia Hibbard, of Coventry, Conn.; Hartford; contributing to the business interests of the city, as a member of the City Government, and in the establishment of a large and successful envelope manufactory in 1865, known as the Plimpton Manufacturing Company; furnishing envelopes largely to the trade, and about three hundred millions of stamped envelopes annually for the United States Government. Mr. Plimpton has been President and Manager since the organization of the company. Fred-eric William (505) b. Oct. 22, 1833; m. May, 1868, Jennie Louise, dau. of Loison Towne, of Worcester; an able financier, and as Secretary and Treasurer of the Plimpton Manufacturing Comany of Hartford, aided in its establishment and success. Julia Bacon b. Jan. 19, 1836; m. Nov. 17, 1857, Justin E. Wood, of Worcester.

344. Horace Janes. [150]

Horace Partridge b. May 16, 1824, d. Oct. 5, 1862; graduated from the University of Vermont in 1844, admitted to the bar in New York city; removed in 1850, to San Francisco, California, where he acquired a large and lucrative practice. Perhaps there were others in this family.



LINUS BACON PLIMPTON.

345. Cynthia Janes [150] Marvin.

Ebenezer b. Apr., 1803, d. Jan. 21, 1872, in Canada; m. Oct., 1826, Ann Gelston, of New York city, d. July 18, 1871. George C. b. Apr., 1807, d. Sept., 1849, in California; m. 1834 Mary Morrison, of Mechenburg Co., N. C., d. Oct., 1870, in Alabama. Julia C. b. Nov., 1811; m. Sept., 1830, Benjamin H. Smalley d. June, 1877; Swanton, Vt. Jonathan J. b. Sept., 1822; m. 1848, Jane Ware, at Mineral Springs, Wis.; practicing law in Falls City, Nebraska.

346. Martha Janes [150] Foote, Wilkins.

Mary Curtis (Foote) b. Jan. 4, 1812, d. Apr. 11, 1883; m. Oct. 31, 1836, Frederick Smith b. June 3, 1812.

347. Frances R. Janes [150] Conklin.

Luther Henry b. June 15, 1823; m. Sarah S. Chandler. Jonathan Janes b. Aug. 15, 1826, d. June 29, 1847. George Parish b. Oct. 17, 1827, d. Feb. 28, 1865. Dwight Plympton b. Nov. 23, 1828, d. Aug. 31, 1856. Julia Frances b. Nov. 25, 1830, d. Nov. 3, 1831. Frances Mary b. Nov. 10, 1832. Louis Marvin b. Nov. 7, 1838, d. Jan 27, 1870.

348. Moses Plimpton. [151]

Ellen Maria (506) b. Aug. 21, 1822; m. Mch. 18, 1844, Dr. Samuel Cyrus, son of Dr. Samuel Hartwell, of Southbridge; in the war he was Medical Director of General Emory's Division, and has since been in the Massachusetts Senate; Southbridge. George Lafayette b. Aug. 11, 1824, d. Aug. 9, 1849, at Fulton, Ohio, of Cholera. Jane Elizabeth b. Mch. 4, 1827; m. Feb. 24, 1857, George Ambrose Clark, d. Oct. 27, 1861; Somerville; she has been a teacher in the public schools of that city since the death of her husband. Caroline Sophia b. Apr. 1, 1829; unm.; a teacher in the public schools of Somerville. Louisa Edna (507) b. Oct. 5, 1832; m. Oct. 8, 1856, Charles Sprague Lincoln, an attorney and counselor-at-law. He has been engaged in his profession in Boston since 1855. Edwin Taylor b. Sept. 28, 1835, d. June 14, 1862, at St. Louis, Mo., unm. A soldier in Company H., Sixteenth Iowa Cavalry; he was engaged in the battle at Pittsburg Landing, April, 1862; his death was caused by exposure and hardship. Clara Cornelia b. Sept. 29, 1840; unm. For several

years she taught in private schools of advanced grades in Worcester, and in the Blind Asylums at Louisville, Tenn., and at New York. She gave up this profession, however, for that of medicine, and is now in full practice as a physician in Nashville, Tenn.

349. Stilman B. Plimpton. [151]

John Gershom (508) b. May 25, 1817, d. Apr. 18, 1869; m. Feb. 19, 1845, Elizabeth Susan, dau. of Hon. Henry B. and Elizabeth (Hogg) Curtis, of Mt. Vernon, Ohio, b. May 4, 1824. His life was devoted to mercantile pursuits. He was in business for over thirty years in New York city; a member of the well-known firms of Tweedy, Moulton & Plimpton, and Perego, Bulkley & Plimpton. He was a true and noble man, with a bright and happy disposition; and at his death left many friends in business and social circles, as well as his own family, to mourn his loss. He died at "Round-Hill," his lovely home in Mt. Vernon, Ohio. Sarah Caroline b. Jan. 4, 1819, d. Aug. 4, 1820. Sarah b. Mch. 18, 1821, d. Mch. 21, 1821. Eliza b. May 31, 1824, d. Oct. 31, 1830. Amelia b. May 31, 1824, d. Sept. 22, 1824. Francis Dwight b. May 17, 1828, d. June, 1865; unm.; he was in Company G., District Columbia Volunteers, and died in Columbia Hospital. Charlotte Howe b. Dec. 14, 1829; m. Thomas Shaw; Mt. Vernon, Ohio. Stilman b. June 20, 1832, d. Oct. 3, 1833.

350. Henry Plimpton. [151]

James Wolcott b. Nov. 9, 1823, d. Mch. 31, 1876. Edward Babbit b. Aug. 1, 1826, d. Sept., 1869. William Henry b. June 8, 1839, d. Apr. 20, 1882, in New York. Charles Fisher b. Dec. 27, 1840, drowned, Aug. 17, 1852. Albert Russell b. Apr. 18, 1843. Fanny Keziah b. Oct. 2, 1845, drowned, May, 1875. Arthur Bacon b. Apr. 30, 1849.

351. Edwin D. Plimpton. [151]

George Hastings b. Apr. 5, 1854. William Edwin b. Jan. 8, 1857; an artist, Brooklyn, N. Y. Clarence Fiske b. Sept. 15, 1859, d. June 10, 1866. Herbert b. Feb. 6, 1862. Frederick b. Feb. 3, 1864, d. June 26, 1864. Horace Gershom b. Oct. 10, 1865. Eugene Dwight b. Apr. 4, 1874, d. June 30, 1875.

352. Rebekah Fisher [152] Ammidown.

Mary Fisher b. Aug. 23, 1817; m. Sept. 15, 1840, Hon. Man-

ning Leonard b. June 1, 1814; Southbridge. Ann b. Nov. 24, 1819, d. Sept. 22, 1821. Helen b. Sept. 9, 1821; m. July 10, 1866, Merrick Mansfield b. Mch. 14, 1815. Antoinette b. Apr. 5, 1824; m. Nov. 26, 1844, Jonathan Hosmer Barker b. July 25, 1813; Cincinnati, Ohio. Malcolm b. Feb. 15, 1827, d. Oct. 1, 1864; m. Jan. 13, 1858, Mary Louisa Lamb b. Aug. 3, 1837; second lieutenant, Company H., 34th Massachusetts Regiment, in the late war, and was taken prisoner at New Market, Virginia. May 15, 1864, and died at Charleston, S. C.; Southbridge. Ann Frances b. Feb. 6, 1829; m. Dec. 15, 1851, Joseph Kinsey b. Jan. 18, 1828; Cincinnati, Ohio. Catherine Hartwell b. Jan. 15, 1831, d. Apr. 18, 1856. Henry Clay b. Nov. 7, 1833, d. June 28, 1869; m. July 1, 1857, Mary T. Litchfield; Southbridge.

353. Eliza Harding [154] Bishop.

Moses B. H. b. 1812; Medfield. Caroline (509) b. 1820; m. first, Silas Wilder; m. second, Dea. Charles Jennings; Warren. Mary D. b. 1822, d. 1863; m. John Battelle, of Dover. Robert R. b. 1834; a lawyer, residing at Newton. President Massachusetts Senate in 1879, '80 and '81; Republican candidate for Governor in 1882.

354. Dr. Edward L. Plympton. [155]

Luther b. July 18, 1833, d. July 19, 1833. William Learned b. Nov. 18, 1835, d. Jan. 16, 1854. Lucy Jane (510) b. Aug. 9, 1837; m. Nov. 7, 1865, George R., son of Luke Beardsell, b. Oct. 14, 1833, merchant at Hudson, Mich. Edward Ladd b. Dec. 8, 1843, d. Oct. 12, 1874; m. 1871 (name not reported); graduated from the Law Department of the Michigan University. Arthur Lord b. Feb. 25, 1846, d. Dec. 29, 1870.

355. Lutina S. Plympton [155] Bliss.

Frances K. b. Oct. 4, 1835, d. Oct. 21, 1836. Frances M. b. June 16, 1837, d. Sept., 1854. Amelia Ann b. Jan. 18, 1839. Josephine S. b. Mch. 18, 1840. Helen F. b. July 16, 1842. John Edgar b. Sept. 4, 1844. Gertrude A. b. Jan. 26, 1847.

356. Freeman Plympton. [155]

Ellen Maria b. Jan. 2, 1836, d. Sept. 6, 1883; unm. Philo Vertis b. Sept. 28, 1838, d. May 6, 1847.

357. Augusta Plympton [155] Safford.

Albert A. b. Oct. 19, 1838 ; m. —, dau. of William B. Jarvis, Esq., of Chicago ; graduated from Oberlin College, and entered the Theological Department, but soon afterwards went as a Captain to the war, and served until the close of hostilities. He then went through a course of law study, and went into practice with his father-in-law at Chicago. After several years' experience as a lawyer, he was called to take charge of Talladega College, Talladega, Alabama, which he conducted successfully six years ; and then entered the ministry of the Congregational church, serving in the northwest part of Wisconsin. Delia A. b. Dec. 25, 1839, d. Feb. 16, 1880 ; unm. ; graduated from Oberlin College, afterwards spent most of her time teaching among the Freedmen of the South. William E. b. Apr. 11, 1850, d. Nov. 6, 1877 ; graduated from Oberlin, and entered the ministry.

358. Dwight A. Plympton. [158]

Two sons and two daughters whose names have not been reported.

359. Margaret L. Plympton [158] Brown, Corey, Lords.

Mary b. July 7, 1851, d. Dec. 22, 1852. Cylenda Hannah b. Mch. 16, 1853 ; m. July 6, 1880, William Lindley ; Clear Lake, Indiana. Olive Jane (Corey) b. Mch. 20, 1856, d. Sept. 20, 1870. Mary Adaline b. Feb. 6, 1859 ; a promising young artist.

360. Olive Plympton [163] Newell.

Frederick b. Oct. 29, 1829 ; m. Jan. 9, 1869, Christine Maine, of Edinburgh, Scotland ; Captain ; Served in the Navy during the late war. George H. b. May 1, 1833 ; m. Nov. 1, 1855, Hannah Cushing, of Boston.

Clarence D. b. July 6, 1842 ; m. Apr. 22, 1867, Harriet N., dau. of Capt. Charles Williams ; Orange, N. J. ; commission merchant ; in the war, served in the 44th Massachusetts Regiment. Herbert L. b. Nov. 1, 1843 ; m. Nov. 5, 1870, Clara L., dau. of the late Dr. Osgood, of Framingham ; Brooklyn, N. Y. Enlisted "for the war," Aug. 20, 1862 ; participated in the battles of Antietam, Shepardstownford, Bristow Station, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, and the first fight of the Wilderness. He was then ordered to New Orleans where he received, in 1864, a commission of 2d Lieutenant in the 76th U. S. C. Troops, and

was subsequently promoted to 1st Lieutenant, and to Captain. He was mustered out, December 31, 1865. Emma C. b. Aug. 19, 1845; m. Nov. 28, 1867. A. R. Esty, an architect, who died July 2, 1881. Blanche S. b. Sept. 29, 1847. Geneva L. b. June 2, 1849; m. May 29, 1873. Prof. Lester Wheeler, of Buffalo, N. Y. Alice Lee b. Feb. 18, 1853. Algernon Percy b. May 7, 1854, d. May 7, 1854. Lester C. b. Aug. 18, 1856; a commission merchant, Chicago, Ill.

361. Silas B. Plimpton. [163]

William Wright (511) b. Sept. 10, 1854; m. Sept. 22, 1878, Alice Josephine, dau. of Adolph and Betsy Miller, of Portland, Oregon; shipping clerk and bookkeeper at Portland, Oregon. Lelia b. Jan. 30, 1859, d. Apr. 1, 1860. Sarah Farmer b. Sept. 13, 1863. Ortlely b. Jan. 10, 1872.

362. Lucy C. Plimpton [163] Young.

Waldo O. b. Sept. 24, 1858; m. Jan. 23, 1883, Clara Faulkner. Helen F. b. May 11, 1861; m. May 6, 1882, Oliver P. Graham. Charles E. b. Oct. 19, 1865. Frank P. b. Mch. 18, 1867. Nathaniel P. b. Jan. 26, 1869. Cora Estella b. Nov. 12, 1876.

363. Charles F. Plimpton. [163]

Frank b. Nov. 22, 1863. Lowell W. b. Nov. 17, 1866, d. Feb., 1867. Ella W. b. Dec. 6, 1870, d. Mch. 13, 1877.

364. Charlotte Plimpton [167] Wheeler.

Henry P. b. July 19, 1831. Frederick L. b. Mch. 21, 1833. Charlotte L. b. Sept. 17, 1834. Harriet T. b. Feb. 25, 1841. Emily A. b. Nov. 5, 1845, d. 1850. Azalia W. b. Mch. 2, 1852.

365. Joseph D. Plimpton. [167]

Ellen E. b. Nov. 28, 1838; m. Oct. 28, 1880, Frank Smith; Hartford, Conn. Joseph Henry b. Nov. 24, 1843, d. Nov. 28, 1844. Joseph W. b. Aug. 25, 1845; a member of Co. D., 46th Massachusetts regiment in the war, now resides in California.

366. Esther B. Plimpton [167] Chandler.

Francis Henry b. Mch. 22, 1836; m. Catherine Carter; Lowell. Elizabeth Ann b. Jan. 20, 1838, d. Dec. 29, 1842. Eliza-

beth Ann b. June 4, 1844 ; m. Herman S. Hazen. Charles Plimpton b. Feb. 16, 1847, d. Sept. 28, 1865, a few days after his discharge from Co. B, 26th Massachusetts regiment.

367. Lucretia M. Plimpton [167] Thayer.

Elisha Henry b. Jan. 31, 1839, d. Feb. 3, 1839. Anna Frances b. July 14, 1841 ; m. June 10, 1873, William L. Dolbeare. Fred Lyman b. May 13, 1848 ; m. June 19, 1879, Lizzie St. George Rice ; physician at West Newton. Emily Augusta b. Oct. 1, 1850, d. Sept. 27, 1851.

368. Elias M. Plympton. [171]

Ellen H. b. Jan., 1832 ; m. Nov. 7, 1875, George H. Williams, a ship carpenter at Portland, Me.

369. Nathan Plympton. [171]

Charles R. b. June 18, 1834 ; m. first, Elnora C. Wilson, of Cumberland, Me. ; m. second, Emma L. Crosby, of Bergen, N. J. ; a merchant tailor in New York city. Sarah b. Feb. 2, 1836 ; m. Rev. Nathaniel H. Broughton, of Boston, b. 1826, d. June 2, 1866, North Yarmouth, Me., and East Bridgewater ; Hackensack, N. J. George S. b. Feb., 1841 ; m. Emma Doremus, of Bergen, N. J. ; a merchant tailor in New York, resides in Hackensack, N. J. ; a corporal of the "Old Guard" of the city of New York, a member of the legislature of New Jersey in 1872-3. Olive C. b. 1842, d. 1863.

370. Almira Plympton [171] Goodnow, Streeter.

Richard E. (Goodnow) (512) b. Sept. 28, 1832, d. Feb. 23, 1884 ; m. June 16, 1866, Sarah J. Taylor ; a farmer at Northboro.

371. Mary J. Plympton [171] Kimball, Stewart.

Hattie E. (Stewart) b. Nov. 3, 1861, d. Apr. 8, 1872.

372. Catherine E. Plympton [171] Eaton.

Carrie ; d. aged ten months. Lucy M. b. Feb. 27, 1871.

373. Amy P. Mann [172] Fiske.

Elias Mann, Annie Mann, George—these three died young. Abby F. Sarah B. Clara. Geo. Mann (513) ; m. Sarah W. Wilder (509) ; Treasurer of the Boston Terra Cotta Co. ; in the

late war he was a member of Co. D, 42d Massachusetts Infantry.
Charles F.

374. Joseph Cheney. [174]

Callie b. 1847; m. George Lewis, engineer at East Walpole.
Clarence b. 1849; m. 1877, Aldie Hewins; East Walpole. Willie
b. 1858.

375. William Cheney. [174]

William Barker b. 1855, d. 1858.

376. Elizabeth L. Plimpton [176] Twichell.

Fannie A. b. 1842, d. 1868; m. E. M. Hadley, of Lowell.
Anna M. b. 1852, d. 1872; m. C. J. Shaw, Milford, N. H.

377. Col. Josiah I. Plimpton. [176]

Frank Ingalls; d. young. Alice Josephine; d. young. Charles
Edward; Seattle, Washington Territory.

378. Jael A. Plimpton [177] Brewer.

George Harvey; m. 1875, Alice Wells Ella Orissa. Fayette
Waldo. Harriet Imogene.

379. Andrew C. Dorr. [165]

Henry Gustavus b. Apr. 13, 1839; became Sergeant in 14th
Illinois Cavalry, in August, 1862, afterwards Second Lieutenant in
8th East Tennessee Cavalry; was soon appointed Adjutant, and
in 1864, commissioned as Major, but not mustered in. In the
spring ensuing he was transferred to the 4th Massachusetts Cav-
alry. He was captured in Florida, in the autumn of 1864, pa-
roled the next spring, and discharged May 15, 1865.

380. Albert B. Plimpton. [184]

Edwin Henry Chapin b. Feb. 9, 1847.

381. Alden B. Plimpton. [184]

George Henry; d. young. Harriet Maria Brigham; d. young.

382. Mary E. Plympton [186] Young.

Mary Elizabeth b. Oct. 24, 1849; m. Oct. 23, 1872, Daniel
Stevens, of Fall River. Grace Desor b. July 19, 1851; m. Sept.
10, 1873, Frederic Patten, of Bangor, Me. Lucy Florence b.

June 26, 1854. Joshua Edson b. Oct. 23, 1856. Henry Guy b. Nov. 5, 1865.

383. Lucy W. Plympton [186] Spaulding.
Henry Plympton. Elizabeth Bell.

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384. William Kingsbury. [210]
Sarah E. b. 1843. Edgar W. b. 1848; m. Isabel F. Whitney,
of Franklin.

385. Eliza M. Underwood [213] Cooley.
Edson K. Samuel D. George C.; a soldier of the late war,
who served from Aug. 21, 1861, to July 13, 1865, by two enlist-
ments. He was in the battles of Yorktown, Fredericksburg, Win-
chester, Wilderness (where he was wounded), Gettysburg, and
others of less note. He was promoted Sergeant, and was acting
orderly in the Sharp Shooters.

386. Amanda T. Underwood [213] Johnson.
Lydia A. Theodore C. Albert H.

387. Rectina S. Underwood [213] Jones.
Amy B.; m. M. G. Young, one of the board of instruction in
the Collegiate and Polytechnic Institute at Brooklyn, N. Y. He
served through the late war; he was with Gen. Sherman in his
"march to the sea."

388. C. Sophia Scott [216] Morse.
Mary H. b. Feb. 26, 1861. Sarah A. b. June 10, 1865, d.
Mch. 13, 1876.

389. J. Newton Scott. [216]
Agnes L. b. Nov. 3, 1866.

390. F. Angelina Scott [216] White.
Joseph Harvey b. Sept. 14, 1869. Clarence S. b. Mch. 14,
1872. Mabel A. b. Sept. 15, 1876, d. June 11, 1877. Walter I.
b. Mch. 24, 1878.

- 391.** Bradford T. Scott. [216]
Frank L. b. May 5, 1873.
- 392.** Maria M. Plimpton [217] Peabody.
Helen M. b. May 2, 1859. William H. b. July 3, 1864.
Robert b. Aug. 12, 1874.
- 393.** Edward S. Plimpton. [217]
Carrie M. b. Oct. 31, 1860; m. Oct. 6, 1881, Edward T. Fegtley.
Edward S. b. Mch. 25, 1866. Elizabeth M. b. Dec. 29, 1867.
William Merrill b. Sept. 20, 1869 Robert P. b. July 13, 1871.
George Bond b. Oct. 29, 1873, d. July 7, 1874. Elfreda M. b.
Apr. 6, 1875.
- 394.** Silas W. Plimpton. [217]
Lois E. b. June 30, 1869. Nathan C. b. Sept. 16, 1873.
- 395.** Albert Plimpton. [217]
Carrie M. b. July 28, 1870, d. Oct. 6, 1874. Charles b. Nov.
30, 1875.
- 396.** Merrill F. Plimpton. [218]
Gertrude Lillian. Alice.
- 397.** Laura S. Plimpton [218] Conant.
Myrtie P. b. Sept. 26, 1868. Carrie E. b. July 4, 1870. Mabel
S. b. Sept. 27, 1872. Winifred L. b. Oct. 28, 1878. Lewis A. b.
July 14, 1882.
- 398.** Frank B. Plimpton. [218]
Lula May b. Jan. 25, 1881.
- 399.** Henry C. Plimpton. [219]
Nora J.; m. Eugene Phelps, of Jamaica, Vt. Jennie Viola.
Charles C. Susan S. Allan Erasmus. Charlotte Chamberlain.
John Henry. Harvey B.
- 400.** Edward D. Plimpton. [219]
Lottie Jane. Dorr Erasmus; m. Nellie Ann Wilder. Alice
Idella. Frank Ashley. Truman Wright.

- 401.** Charlotte A. Plimpton [219] More.
Charlotte A. Amasa M.
- 402.** Wealthy J. Plimpton [219] Galpin.
Frank Erasmus. Homer Knickerbocker.
- 403.** Mary P. Plimpton [220] Snow.
Cora Ella b. July 4, 1861. Walter Johon b. Dec. 2, 1862. Ida Lestina b. June 22, 1864. Albert Plimpton b. Apr. 26, 1866. Eva S. b. Mch. 21, 1869, d. Nov. 26, 1872. Lilla E. b. Jan. 15, 1871, d. July 15, 1872.
- 404.** Roselia Plimpton [220] Newell.
Edwin Oscar b. Jan. 23, 1863. Wales Amasa b. May 22, 1870. Charles Elijah b. Mch. 3, 1874.
- 405.** Martin Plimpton. [220]
Ella Lestina. Alice Salina.
- 406.** Salina Plimpton [220] Putnam.
Everett Levi. Minnie Permelia. Ellen Roselia.
- 407.** Fannie J. Plimpton [221] Sinclair.
Herbert E. b. Oct. 9, 1859. Jennie M. b. Nov. 14, 1862, d. Mch. 16, 1864. Nellie J. b. May 8, 1866.
- 408.** Sarah J. Plimpton [221] Wood.
Annie Bell. Ella H.
- 409.** James W. Plimpton. [221]
Charles W. Roy. Earl.
- 410.** Webster D. Plimpton. [221]
Frederick G. Lewis D. Ella. Jennie.
- 411.** Franklin A. Plimpton. [221]
Harry W. Annie B.
- 412.** Ellen M. Plimpton [221] Brason.
Maud L. Jennie M.

- 413.** George W. Plimpton. [221]
Lena C. William G. Etta L. Ella J. Emma Mabel. Grace L. Edith J.
- 414.** Charles H. Plimpton. [221]
Maggie Bell b. Sept. 2, 1868.
- 415.** James H. Plimpton. [225]
George Lincoln b. July 8, 1865. Emily Evelina b. Apr. 25, 1870.
- 416.** Rebecca P. Chamberlain [226] Baker.
Herbert Franklin. Harry. Mary Persis. John. Maud Eva.
- 417.** John N. Chamberlain. [226]
George A. b. Oct. 4, 1866. Carl H. b. Apr. 3, 1870, d. Apr. 25, 1885.
- 418.** Ellen S. Chamberlain [226] Andrews.
Paul Irving b. July 18, 1869. Harry Edwin b. Apr. 25, 1872. Ralph b. Jan. 7, 1881. Gracie b. Jan. 7, 1881, d. Jan. 20, 1881.
- 419.** Emily L. Chamberlain [226] Howard.
Roland E. b. Oct. 13, 1870.
- 420.** Edwin H. Chamberlain. [226]
Bertram Harding b. Jan. 15, 1878. Ruth Emily b. May 20, 1881.
- 421.** George N. Plimpton. [230]
Nathan Lyman b. Apr. 10, 1862. George N. b. June 5, 1864. Fannie A. b. Mch. 31, 1867.
- 422.** Chloe T. Plimpton [230] Holmes.
Freddie P. b. May 22, 1872, d. Sept. 12, 1876. Lemuel L. b. Jan. 24, 1874, d. Aug. 14, 1874. F. Mabel b. May 12, 1881.
- 423.** Ira B. Plimpton. [230]
Julian b. Sept. 28, 1879.
- 424.** Sarah F. Plimpton [230] Ware.
Carrie A. b. Sept. 14, 1868. Jennie E. b. Oct. 10, 1870.

William H. b. Jan. 15, 1872. James B., Jr., b. Oct. 28, 1874.
Earnest S. b. Oct. 1, 1876. George B. b. Dec. 4, 1879, d. Jan.
24, 1883.

425. Betsy L. Plimpton [231] White.

Edwin Plimpton b. Dec. 24, 1870. Minerva Olivia b. Sept.
10, 1872.

426. Salem A. Plimpton. [231]

Flora Janett b. June 4, 1870. Grace Greenwood b. Apr.
22, 1872. Fred Jagger b. Apr. 22, 1874. George Allen b. June
26, 1878.

427. Mary A. Plimpton [250] Lombard.

Warren Plimpton b. May 29, 1855 ; m. June 21, 1883, Caro-
line Cook, of New York ; entered Harvard College, 1874, gradu-
ated 1878 ; at Boston Medical School three years, afterward in
Europe.

428. Ellen E. Plimpton [250] Pratt.

Alfred Stuart b. Sept. 3, 1861. Herbert Gale b. Feb. 16, 1864.
Elsie Fay b. Dec. 5, 1870. Frederic Sanford b. Aug. 27, 1872.

429. Josephine Plimpton [250] Seymour.

Ellis Gray b. Oct. 13, 1860 ; entered college at Amherst, 1877,
graduated 1881 ; a lawyer in New York.

430. Theodore A. Plimpton. [251]

Louise b. Mch. 30, 1877. Theodore Barnett b. Jan. 20, 1879.
Charles Gilbert b. Apr. 3, 1881. Harold b. Mch. 15, 1884.

431. Arthur W. Plimpton. [251]

Albert b. June 10, 1876. Grace Minot b. Jan. 1, 1878. Melinda
Gilbert b. June 12, 1881.

432. Cora G. Plimpton [257] Johnson.

William Plimpton b. Feb. 24, 1880. Richard Elder b. Dec.
1, 1883.

433. Lillian E. Carroll [258] Daniels.

Harry Carroll b. Sept. 14, 1874.

- 434.** Mary J. Plympton [261] Hale.
Merton Plympton b. May 17, 1853, d. Sept. 21, 1854. Clarence
Neville b. Jan. 21, 1856, d. Oct. 2, 1857. Lillian Josephine b.
Nov. 4, 1859; m. Apr. 27, 1882, Dr. Charles E. Bigelow. Charles
Everett b. Sept. 3, 1862, d. Mch. 30, 1882; drowned in Buck-
master pond, West Dedham, by the upsetting of a sailboat. He
was accompanied by his friend Arthur Wight, who was also
drowned.
- 435.** Emily F. Plympton [261] Monk, Braman.
Dora Frances b. Dec. 10, 1858; m. Apr. 6, 1881, Walter Ben-
nett, Esq., a lawyer at Omaha, Neb. Mabel Estelle b. Dec. 24,
1866.
- 436.** Eunice T. Plympton [261] White.
Frederick Alden b. Apr. 14, 1864.
- 437.** Charles H. Plimpton. [262]
Henry Atherton b. Aug. 14, 1875.
- 438.** Theodore M. Plimpton. [262]
Clara Stanwood b. Jan. 24, 1871. Edith b. May 14, 1875.
- 439.** Louisa A. Plimpton [263] Cutler.
Louisa Salome b. Dec. 19, 1864. Martha Hill b. Oct. 17,
1874.
- 440.** Lewis F. S. Plimpton. [263]
Emily May b. Jan. 13, 1872. Fannie Louise b. July 29, 1873.
- 441.** Laura J. Swan [264] Stone.
Minnie E. b. Oct. 19, 1861. Hattie D. b. Sept. 15, 1864, d.
Sept. 24, 1865. Laura S. b. July 4, 1867, d. Nov. 27, 1877.
- 442.** Lizzie A. Smith [267] Abbot.
Howard Irving b. Mch. 5, 1869.
- 443.** Edmund Hewins. [268]
Mary A. b. Apr., 1872, d. Sept., 1872. Edmund, and Kate
Plimpton (twins) b. June, 1875.

- 444.** Eva Hewins [269] Curtis.
 Samuel Phillip b. Jan. 1, 1871. Alice Elizabeth b. Jan. 3, 1873.
- 445.** Penuel Plimpton. [271]
 Louisa E. b. 1861, d. 1869. Lizzie Elvira b. 1862; m., 1881, John Carpenter, a mechanic at Ashland. Sarah Adelia b. 1865. Franklin Fayette b. 1867. Florence S. b. 1869, d. 1870. Arthur Penuel b. Aug. 10, 1871. Stanley Warren b. 1874. Elmer James b. 1878.
- 446.** Emery M. Plimpton. [273]
 Willie E. b. May 23, 1853. Charlie H. b. Nov. 26, 1854, d. May 18, 1862. Harry C. b. Aug. 25, 1856. Frank T. b. Feb. 16, 1858. Cora E. b. Mch. 19, 1860. Eddie E. b. Aug. 2, 1861. Julia K. b. May 26, 1863, d. Nov. 24, 1882. Anna M. b. Oct. 8, 1866, d. Nov. 3, 1872. Florus B. b. May 8, 1869. Theda O. b. Feb. 9, 1878.
- 447.** Florus B. Plimpton. [273]
 Lucian Florus b. Nov. 28, 1856; architect and artist at Cincinnati, Ohio; educated in Europe.
- 448.** Minerva K. Plimpton [273] Hess.
 Henry Lewis b. July 13, 1857. Charles Otis b. June 26, 1859. John Merwin b. Oct. 1, 1861. Anna Eliza b. Oct. 10, 1864. Samuel Wilbur b. June 25, 1874.
- 449.** Laura M. Plimpton [273] Hunt; Phillips.
 Luella (Hunt) b. Feb. 24, 1868.
- 450.** Ida L. Plimpton [273] Reese.
 Eva May. Thalia Maud.
- 451.** Col. H. A. Plimpton. [274]
 Sophia Grace b. Nov. 17, 1869. Mary Eliza b. Mch., 1871. Helen Louisa b. May 3, 1875. Stella Gertrude b. Sept. 17, 1877. Homer Wood b. Dec. 14, 1883.
- 452.** Harriet B. Plimpton [275] Thurston.
 Charles. Henry. Mary. William. Clara.

- 453.** Dwight E. Plimpton. [275]
Charles. Florence (454). Don.
- 454.** Henry C. Plimpton. [275]
Allen Emerson. Florence adopted from (453).
- 455.** Mary E. Plimpton [275] Francis.
Dwight, d. at the age of seven years.
- 456.** Almira P. Plimpton [276] Eager.
Dello Amanda b. July 3, 1867.
- 456a.** Adeline M. Plympton [291] Smith.
Frederic Mason b. Apr. 3, 1850; a sign and ornamental painter at Medfield.
- 456b.** Lois S. Plympton [292] Williams.
Elizabeth A. (513 a) b. Mch. 19, 1848; m. May 29, 1875, Albert F. Sutton; East Providence, R. I. Annie C. (513 b) b. May 30, 1850; m. Nov. 19, 1875, Joseph Farquhar, of Boston, a slater.
- 456c.** Betsy L. Plympton [292] Fiske.
Alphonso P. b. Feb. 7, 1852. Mary L. b. Jan. 9, 1854. Albert I. b. May 28, 1859. Hattie M. b. Aug. 3, 1861.
- 456d.** Edmund O. Plympton. [292]
Warren Hayden b. Jan. 12, 1862; m. Aug. 25, 1884, Lily Gertrude Guild, of Medway; a farmer in Medway. Abbie Ann b. Mch. 3, 1866.
- 456e.** M. L. Plympton^l [292] Chandler, Rice, Wiley.
Richard I. (Chandler) b. Mch. 19, 1853; enlisted in U. S. A., Sept., 1873, and died Nov. 15, 1873, in Colorado, on his way to Texas. Eva J. (Rice) b. Oct. 8, 1858, d. Feb. 6, 1862. Emily A. (Rice) b. July 2, 1860.
- 456f.** Warren H. Plympton. [292]
Nellie A. b. Apr. 2, 1860; m. May 10, 1882, Herbert S. Norris, a jeweler, Providence, R. I. William D. b. Apr. 23, 1862; a clerk, Providence. Arthur H. b. May 28, 1869; a student.

- 456g.** Harriet M. Plympton [292] Cleale.
 Ida B. b. Jan. 1, 1863 ; m. George Mugridge, a blacksmith ;
 East Providence, R. I.
- 456h.** Mason Fisher. [293]
 Charles Edward ; m. Ella T. Kilburn ; Fall River. George
 Boutwell ; m. Annie Elizabeth Nichols ; Fall River.
- 456i.** H. H. Fisher. [293]
 Henrietta M. (513 c) b. Jan. 3, 1851 ; m. Feb. 18, 1872, Ers-
 kine H. Pierce, of New Bedford. Harry W. b. Feb. 19, 1860.
- 456k.** Elmon D. Pond. [293]
 Lillie A. b. Apr. 21, 1857 ; m. Apr. 21, 1877, Frank G. Grim-
 shaw, of New Bedford.
- 457.** William H. Plympton. [294]
 Chester Henry (514) b. Dec. 2, 1854 ; m. Mch. 18, 1874, Ab-
 by L., dau. of Henry and Lucy Chickering ; a farmer in Stur-
 bridge. William E. b. Mch. 3, 1856, d. Aug. 25, 1872. Charles
 B. b. Nov. 20, 1858.
- 458.** David B. Plympton. [294]
 Emma M. Rosa E. ; m. — Amidon.
- 459.** John A. Plimpton. [294]
 Ella J. (509) b. Oct. 10, 1852 ; m. first, Fred. Upham ; m.
 second, 1881, Henry Weld. a farmer in Sturbridge. Jennie M. ;
 m. George F. Dore. Fred A. (510) ; m. Irene A. Estes, of Abing-
 ton ; Sturbridge.
- 460.** Oliver J. Plimpton. [294]
 Angie M. b. Jan. 19, 1853. Herbert E. and George C.
- 461.** Chester F. Plimpton. [294]
 Elma E., and Ina E.
- 462.** Mary E. Plimpton [294] Richards.
 George, and May.
- 463.** Catherine Plimpton [294] Perry.
 Fred G., Lizzie M., Mary E., and Frank E.

- 464.** Thomas Brewer. [295]
 Mary Adelaide b. Nov. 21, 1831; m. C. W. Ruggles. Thomas Jefferson; deceased. Andrew Jackson; deceased.
- 465.** Elzaphan P. Brewer. [295]
 William Knowlton; Boston. Lizzie; Boston. Gilman; Boston.
- 466.** Sarah P. Brewer [295] Dakin.
 Luther; m. Nancy Bolio. Thomas. Sarah; m. John A. Bates. Levi; m. Mariah Blake. Mary. James H. Abby; m. Thomas H. Benton. Charles. Lovett. Annette; deceased. Frederic. All the above reside in Worcester.
- 467.** Lucy A. Brewer [295] Pratt.
 Charles T. b. Dec. 26, 1845; m. Jennie C. Jewett, of Bridgewater. Isaac Davis b. Jan. 31, 1862, d. Jan. 30, 1866.
- 468.** Sarah A. Plympton [298] Keyes.
 George N. b. Mch. 31, 1850; m. Ella J. Fales; Worcester.
- 469.** John H. Plympton. [299]
 Maria E. b. Mch. 9, 1859, d. May 20, 1879.
- 470.** Adolphus B. Plympton. [299]
 Carrie I. b. Sept., 1863. G. Walter b. Mch. 13, 1868, d. Oct. 11, 1869. Willie H. b. Nov. 7, 1870.
- 471.** Henry A. Plympton. [300]
 Henrietta b. 1863. Harriet Emily b. 1867.
- 472.** Harriet T. Plympton [300] Morgan.
 Charles Henry b. 1856; Worcester.
- 473.** Hannah J. Plympton [300] Hunt, Flag.
 Jonathan Arthur b. June 14, 1858; m. Sept. 9, 1880, Alice S. Donovan, of Westboro; a machinist at Worcester. Lizzie Maria b. July 2, 1860; m. Feb. 12, 1879, George M. Southerland; Natick. Mabel (Flagg) b. June 25, 1870, d. Sept. 4, 1870.
- 474.** Emily A. Plympton [300] Nichols.
 Lottie b. 1864. Lillie b. 1869. Jessie b. 1874.

- 475.** Charlotte E. Plympton [300] Jourdan.
Edith Maud b. 1876.
- 476.** Albert H. Plympton. [301]
Annie Almira b. Mch. 14, 1859. Nellie Gertrude b. Jan. 30,
1861, d. Oct. 3, 1861.
- 477.** Noah A. Plympton. [301]
Herbert Flint b. Apr. 1, 1867. Alice Louisa b. Feb. 9, 1869.
Harry Allen b. Mch. 7, 1871. Lucy Anabel b. Feb. 4, 1877.
Frederick Knowlton b. June 14, 1881.
- 478.** Henry R. Plimpton. [302]
George Lane b. Aug. 29, 1858. Lucy Dwight b. Nov. 3, 1871.
- 479.** Joanna L. Plimpton [302] Clark.
Charles Henry b. May 10, 1852. Edgar Leonard b. Jan. 27,
1857. A daughter b. and d. Aug. 27, 1862. Irving Allston b.
July 4, 1864.
- 480.** James L. Plimpton. [302]
James Sanford b. May 25, 1857, d. April 3, 1859. Frances
Amelia b. Sept. 7, 1859. Sarah Catherine b. Apr. 10, 1861.
Henry Adams b. Aug. 25, 1862, d. Apr. 3, 1865. James Alexan-
der b. Sept. 29, 1866, d. June 5, 1869. Henry Richardson b.
June 27, 1868. Mary Elizabeth b. Jan. 4, 1871. Grace Blanch-
ard b. Jan. 14, 1873, d. Feb. 16, 1874.
- 481.** George Plympton. [303]
George William b. June 14, 1847. Mary Jane b. Mch. 26,
1849; m. George Kingsbury, a farmer and dealer in lumber at
Walpole. Elmon E. b. Apr. 29, 1851, d. Apr. 11, 1855. James
E. b. Dec. 28, 1859. Kate E. b. 1862.
- 482.** Elizabeth M. Plympton [305] Guild.
Louis Henry b. Sept. 15, 1864. Arthur b. Aug. 25, 1866.
Arra Elizabeth b. May 12, 1868. Annie Marie b. Nov. 2, 1870.
Samuel David b. Apr. 21, 1872. Edward Anson b. Apr. 23, 1878.
Mabel b. Dec. 1, 1882.

- 483.** Caroline L. Plympton [305] Demeritt.
 Samuel Edwin b. Sept., 1877. Amy Evelin b. Oct., 1879.
 Robert Plympton b. Oct., 1881.
- 484.** William W. Plimpton. [306]
 Viola May b. Mch. 24, 1875. William Warren b. Aug. 30,
 1877.
- 485.** Ellen L. Plimpton [316] Bates.
 Herbert V. b. Nov. 5, 1874.
- 486.** Abner H. Plimpton. [316]
 Eugene C. b. May 28, 1872. Alice M. b. Apr. 7, 1877. Altie
 H. b. Oct. 11, 1879. Frank W. b. May 4, 1882. Julia L. b. May
 4, 1882.
- 487.** Royal Wheelock. [320]
 Harry R. b. 1877.
- 488.** Carrie A. Wheelock [320] Fisher.
 Hally J. b. 1873. Winifred W. b. 1875.
- 489.** Hattie M. Humphrey [332] Hewitt.
 Carrie A. b. 1877. Willie H. b. 1879. Bessie M. b. 1881.
 Emma B. b. 1883.
- 490.** Jennie Plimpton [333] Huntington.
 Frank E. b. 1883.
- 491.** Louis C. Brastow. [339]
 Louis Cornette b. Mch. 23, 1860, d. May 3, 1880; a member
 of the class of '81, University of Pennsylvania. Frank Addison
 b. Aug. 7, 1865. Anna Cornette b. Mch. 3, 1867. John Long-
 streth b. Sept. 2, 1871.
- 492.** Louise Wolcott [340 a] Hartt.
 Fanny; m. Thomas Wentworth Pierce; Norfolk, Va. Sam-
 uel; d. in infancy. Louise Wolcott; now in Dresden, Saxony,
 Europe.
- 493.** James P. Wolcott. [340 a]
 James. John. Henry; the only survivor of the family.

494. Lucretia Wolcott [340 a] Knowlton.

James Wolcott ; m. Mary A. Riddle, of Washington, D. C., d. 1873. Louise Wolcott. Elizabeth Plimpton ; m. Harrison H. Dodge, of Washington, D. C.

495. Jane M. Haswell [342] Root.

William Haswell b. Aug. 31, 1832 ; m. Oct. 8, 1855, Ellen Louisa, dau. of Richard D. and Calista (Bancroft) Cornwell, b. at Vergennes, Vt., May 27, 1836, d. Aug. 9, 1882 ; in the Civil War he was Sergeant-Major of a Connecticut regiment ; has been City Clerk fourteen years in Burlington, Vt. In the Masonic fraternity he is Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Vermont.

496. Oliver P. Haswell. [342]

Florence b. at Mobile, Ala., June 2, 1841.

497. Harriet B. Haswell [342] Harris.

Charles b. Mch. 31, 1836, d. 1843. Rosaline b. Aug. 9, 1838 ; m. May 11, 1876, Hezekiah Ayre Swasey b. in St. Johnsbury, Vt., d. in Louisiana, Sept. 18, 1878. Dr. Swasey was a noted botanist and pomologist, an elegant writer, and was at different periods editor of several agricultural journals in Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana. Otis b. July 22, 1840 ; m. May 19, 1869, Kate, dau. of Thomas and Mary Ann (Burke) O'Neil, b. in New Orleans, Dec. 28, 1846 ; New Orleans. Haswell b. Sept. 7, 1843, d. Oct. 1, 1870. Joseph Lyon b. Sept. 14, 1847.

498. Julia A. Haswell [342] Parker.

Ella Sumner b. Sept. 4, 1849 ; m. Dec. 14, 1870, Fred H. Wilkins. Frank Haswell b. Sept. 11, 1853 ; m. July 4, 1871, Carrie A. Root.

499. Catherine Haswell [342] Noyes.

Alice b. July 6, 1852, d. Dec. 23, 1877. Mary b. Sept. 5, 1858. Kate b. Oct. 27, 1862.

500. Cornelia Haswell [342] Noyes.

Harriet Haswell b. May 26, 1850 ; m. June 7, 1876, James Frederic Andrews ; Central Falls, N. Y. Oscar Burton b. Dec. 22, 1852, d. Aug. 26, 1853. Nathan Baldwin b. Jan. 22, 1858, d. Sept. 26, 1858. Charles Prentiss b. Aug. 17, 1859. Carrie Lena b. Nov. 12, 1861, d. Apr. 13, 1862.

501. Oliver Plimpton. [343]

Cassius Evans (518) b. 1844; m. first, Feb., 1870, Ellen M. Pierce, of Benton Harbor, Mich., b. 1846, d. Jan., 1875; m. second, Dec. 25, 1876, Amelia A. Chapman, of Essex, Conn., b. 1855, d. Feb., 1884; with the Plimpton Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn. Emma Augusta b. 1846. Frances G. b. 1850. Alice K. b. 1863.

502. Dr. Daniel B. Plimpton. [343]

Frederick b. Jan., 1848; m. Jan., 1870, Martha S. Segur, of Springfield, Mass. James Manning b. July, 1854, m. Feb., 1882, Ellen L. Jones, of Hartford, Conn. They are with The Plimpton Manufacturing Co.

503. Andrew S. Plimpton. [343]

Florence b. Nov., 1855, d. Jan., 1860. Mabel b. Feb., 1861; m. Nov., 1879, J. L. English, of Hartford, Conn.

504. Linus B. Plimpton. [343]

Julia Bacon b. May, 1862; m. Nov. 12, 1884, Arthur H. Bradley, of Hartford, Conn. Mary Lydia b. June, 1867. Grace Louisa b. Dec., 1869.

505. Frederic W. Plimpton. [343]

Willie S. b. Mch., 1871. Frank D. b. Oct., 1872. Harrie Oliver b. June, 1874, d. June, 1876. Fritz Jerome b. Jan., 1876.

506. Ellen M. Plimpton [344] Hartwell.

Kate B. b. Oct. 21, 1846, d. Sept. 23, 1848. George F. b. Aug. 22, 1850, d. Jan. 4, 1852. Isabella Tiffany b. Aug. 4, 1852; m. Dec. 24, 1879, Frederic William, son of Verney and Manilla (McKinstry) Fiske, b. 1848; Southbridge. Nellie P. b. Oct. 17, 1855. Mary B. b. Jan. 7, 1860, d. Oct. 21, 1864.

507. Louisa E. Plimpton [344] Lincoln.

Charles Plimpton b. May 7, 1859. Gertrude b. Apr. 4, 1864. Williston b. May 13, 1866. Rollin Taylor b. Mch. 1, 1868. Ethel Hartwell b. Dec. 8, 1872.

508. John G. Plimpton. [349]

Clementine Isabella (519) b. Sept. 17, 1850; m. June 28, 1871,

George C. Clarke, of New York, b. Jan. 11, 1844, in Oxford, N. Y. Elizabeth Hannah (520) b. Mch. 2, 1852; m. June 12, 1878, John B. Beardslee b. Feb. 20, 1825, in Milford, Knox Co., Ohio. Henry B. Curtis b. Dec. 22, 1862.

509. Caroline E. Bishop [353] Wilder, Jennings.

Sarah W. (Wilder) (513); m. George M. Fiske [373]. Eliza B. (Wilder). Mary B. (Wilder). Silas W. (Wilder).

510. Lucy J. Plympton [354] Beardsell.

Arthur Plympton b. Feb. 22, 1870. George R. b. Apr. 12, 1871.

511. William W. Plimpton. [361]

Melvin W. b. Dec. 7, 1879. Ethel b. Nov. 12, 1882.

512. Richard E. Goodnow. [370]

Myra E. b. Mch. 7, 1868. William E. b. Jan. 9, 1871.

513. George M. Fiske. [373]

Jonathan P. Bishop. Elias Mann, d. in infancy. Amy Plimpton.

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513a. E. A. Williams [456 b] Sutton.

Lillian A. b. Feb. 18, 1876. Jennie L. b. Nov. 16, 1877, d. Sept. 15, 1878. Cora A. b. Dec. 6, 1879.

513b. A. C. Williams [456 b] Farquhar.

Herbert G. b. Feb. 22, 1877. Harry W. b. Aug. 28, 1878. George B. b. Aug. 30, 1880.

513c. H. M. Fisher [456 i] Pierce.

Silvia C. b. July 27, 1878.

514. Chester H. Plimpton. [457]

Fred H. b. June 24, 1876. Nellie E. b. Apr. 20, 1879.

515. Ella J. Plimpton [459] Upham, Weld.

John Albert (Upham). Lena Arabella (Weld).

- 516.** Fred A. Plimpton. [459]
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- 517.** William H. Root. [495]
Jennie Bancroft b. Sept. 13, 1857 ; m. June, 1882, Dr. Harvey Edmund Colvin. Frederic Smith b. Feb. 9, 1859, drowned, July 7, 1882. George Ingersol b. Jan. 15, 1861, at Hartford, Conn. Florence Roberts b. May 17, 1872, d. Aug. 27, 1872.
- 518.** Cassius E. Plimpton. [501]
Oliver Leslie b. Jan., 1875, d. Oct., 1875. Jessie Ellen b. Dec., 1877. Amy Louise b. June, 1880.
- 519.** Frederick Plimpton. [502]
Howard Daniel b. Mch. 23, 1877.
- 520.** James M. Plimpton. [502]
Samuel James b. Mch. 9, 1883.
- 521.** C. A. Plimpton [508] Clarke.
Lizzie Plimpton b. July 7, 1872. George Herbert b. Apr. 16, 1874.
- 522.** E. H. Plimpton [508] Beardslee.
Louie Bridge b. Mch. 4, 1882. George Clarke b. Jan. 18, 1884.

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Page 58, 7th line from the top, for Co. Hauts, Eng., read Co. Hants, (Hampshire) Eng.

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