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A GENEALOGY  
OF THE  
DESCENDANTS  
OF  
BENJAMIN KEITH

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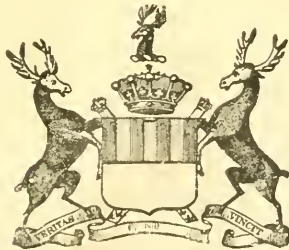
TIMOTHY, SON OF REV. JAMES KEITH.

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TOGETHER WITH

AN HISTORICAL SKETCH OF THE EARLY FAMILY  
AND PERSONAL REMINISCENCES OF  
RECENT GENERATIONS.

BY YIBA C. KEITH.



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"One generation passeth away and another cometh."—ECCLES. I. 4.

## PREFACE.

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It is a general truth, that advancing years bring with them a desire to know more of our origin and ancestry, and the kindred desire to preserve and perpetuate both our own and the memory of those gone before. The family Bible has been the work of reference which supplemented the era of traditional history and dated the three eras of family life. But this is at present a neglected source of information and a cause for regret that so many utterly neglect to record these three important events. I have, therefore, endeavored to afford our namesakes of the present generation a place and opportunity to continue and preserve these important and interesting items, by leaving sufficient space to each family, which can be easily and readily filled, as occasion requires. The personal experience, reminiscence, locality and environment (history quite as interesting as the dated fact of births, marriages and deaths) cannot be supplied from this source; this can only be rescued by the local historian. There is truth in the old adage, "Everybody's business is nobody's

business," wherein I find an apology for attempting a work which deserved to be entrusted to other and more able hands. But I was unwilling that it should be true of our family, that nobody was sufficiently interested to preserve the personal history of our immediate ancestors, hence I have employed such leisure moments as offered, from time to time, in collecting, collating and arranging the facts set forth in this volume, animated by the hope that my endeavors may interest many who shall come after.

I am indebted to Mitchell's History of Bridgewater and to Kingman's History of North Bridgewater, for much of the information contained herein, and my acknowledgments are also due to Mr. Nathan Keith, \*Mrs. Serena Southworth, \*Mr. Martin Wild, and many others whose patience I have tested, and whose only compensation will be a possible satisfaction in perusing these pages.

ZIBA C. KEITH.

CAMPBELL, March 1, 1889.

## EARLY HISTORY.

The following historical sketch from "Brown's Peerage of Scotland," furnishes some interesting facts concerning the early history of the family, and is made available as a fitting introduction:

"This ancient family is supposed to derive its origin from one Robert, a chieftain among the Catti, from which it is said came the surname of Keith. At the battle of Panbride, in 1006, he slew with his own hands, Camus, general of the Danes; and King Malcolm, perceiving this achievement, dipped his fingers in Camus' blood, and drew red strokes, or pales, on the top of Robert's shield, which have ever since been the armorial bearings of his descendants. In 1010 he was made hereditary marischal of Scotland, and was rewarded with a barony in East Lothian, which was called Keith Marischal, after his own name. The island of Inchkeith, in the Firth of Forth, was also bestowed on him. His descendant, Sir William, who married a daughter of the Earl of Crawford, had a son William, who was created Earl Marischal, before June, 1458.

The title descended lineally to William, third earl, who had two sons, Robert and William. Robert

was slain at Flodden, without issue, in his father's lifetime, and William also died in his father's lifetime, leaving a son William, who succeeded his grandfather as fourth earl. The fourth earl was succeeded by his grandson George, fifth earl (founder of the Marischal College, Aberdeen, 1593), who married a daughter of Lord Hume, and left a son William, sixth earl, who married the daughter of the Earl of Pannure, and had a son, William, seventh earl, who dying without issue, 1661, was succeeded by his brother, William, ninth earl, who by a daughter of the Earl of Perth, had George, tenth earl, and James. The tenth earl was colonel in the Guards, under Queen Anne, but joining the rebellion, in 1715, was attainted, and entered the service of the King of Prussia. He was next of kin to the Earl of Kintore, who died without issue, 1761, and an act of Parliament was passed enabling him to inherit the estate of Kintore, or any other that might devolve to him. He died, unmarried, at Potsdam, 1778, in the 86th year of his age. His brother James was a field-marshal in the service of Peter the Great, of Russia, and afterwards served with the same rank in the Prussian army. After many signal services he was killed at Hochkirch in a battle with the Austrians under Marshal Daun, in 1758; and a superb monument erected to his memory at Berlin, by order of the King of Prussia, testifies the estimation in which he was held by that illustrious monarch.

The representative of this family, Sir Robert-Alexander Keith, of Ravelston, claimed, and was allowed the office of hereditary knight marischal of Scotland, in virtue of which he officiated as keeper of the regalia, on the visit of George IV to Scotland, in 1822.

DESCRIPTION OF THE COAT OF ARMS.

*Arms*:—Argent, on a chief, three pallets or gules.

*Crest*:—On a wreath, a stag's head erased, proper, and attired with ten tynes.

*Supporters*:—Two stags proper, attired as the crest.

*Motto*:—VERITAS VINCIT. (Truth conquers.)

*NOTE*:—That the two batons gules, semee of thistles, and ensigned on the top with an imperial crown, or saltireways, behind the shield, were borne as badges to the office of Great Marischal of Scotland. (*See engraving*).

*CHIEF SEATS WERE*:—At Dumnottar Castle, in the county of Kincardine; at Fetteresso, in the same county; and at Inverurie and Newburg, in the county of Aberdeen."

Johnson's Encyclopedia (Page 1517), makes reference to several other distinguished men bearing the family name, who were contemporary with

our ancestor, the Rev. James Keith, brief sketches of whom may prove of interest:

*GEORGE KEITH* was born at Aberdeen, Scotland, about 1640, and was educated at the University of Aberdeen, for the Presbyterian ministry. He adopted Quaker principles in 1664, and was associated with William Penn in defending that faith. He soon afterwards came to America, and became Surveyor-General of East Jersey. In 1690, he visited New England as a Quaker preacher, and was engaged in disputes with Increase and Cotton Mather. Returning to England in 1706, he was appointed rector of Edburton, in Sussex, where he died about 1715. He was a man of deep learning, well versed in Platonism, and wrote many theological works; also two books of travel in America, 1699 and 1705, and a new theory of Longitude, 1709.\*

\* *Admiral VISCOUNT KEITH* (George Keith Elphenstone), was born at Elphenstone, Scotland, January 12, 1746, entered the navy in boyhood, and as post-captain, commanding the frigate "Perseus," took part in the action of Bunker Hill, 1775, and Fort Mifflin, on the Delaware, 1777. In 1793 he served with the Mediterranean squadron, under Lord Hood, at Toulon, and as Admiral, was despatched, in 1795, to operate against the Dutch Colonies. He took possession of Cape Colony, in South Africa, Ceylon, Malacca and the Molucca

Islands, and in August, 1796, captured a Dutch squadron near Saldanha Bay, West Africa. For these brilliant services he was created an Irish Peer, as Baron Keith, of Stonehaven, Marischal. In March, 1800, he blockaded Massina, in Genoa, co-operating with the Austrians, who besieged and took the city. He also co-operated with Abercrombie in the Egyptian expedition, and, in 1815, commanded the Channel fleet, which prevented the escape of Napoleon I, and brought about his surrender to Captain Maitland of the *Bellerophon*. In 1814, he was created Viscount Keith of the peerage of the United Kingdom. Died at Perthshire, Scotland, March 10, 1823."

"*Sir WILLIAM KEITH* was born in the north of Scotland, about 1680; became Surveyor General of Customs in America, for the Southern Colonies; was Governor of Pennsylvania for the proprietors, 1717-1726, under whose administration the colony prospered. He was author of a *History of Virginia* (1738), and a volume of tracts and papers (1749). Died in London, November 17, 1749."

From the foregoing it appears that a family dating back to the 10th century, enrolling on its escutcheon the names of many somewhat famous characters, has some claims to the consideration of its descendants.



*Rev. JAMES KEITH* was born in 1644, educated at Aberdeen, Scotland (as tradition says at the expense of a maiden aunt). At the age of 18 he emigrated to this country. Arriving in Boston, in 1662, he was introduced to the church in Bridgewater by Dr. Increase Mather. He is referred to in the records of the church "as a student of divinity, having some competent time improved his gifts amongst them, in the work of the ministry, and having also due approbation, by the testimony of the Reverend Elders of other churches of Christ, to whom he was known." His settlement took place February 18, 1664, upon the following terms: "A double house lot of twelve (12) acres, with a house built thereon: a purchase right, so-called, being a fifty-sixth part of the original grant: and 40 pounds annual salary, 20 pounds in Boston money and the other half at home." Many and persistent efforts have been made to trace the direct ancestry of the Rev. James Keith, but thus far without avail. As has been observed in the foregoing sketch, George, the fifth earl, was the founder of Marischal College, Aberdeen, in 1593, and it would not seem improbable that the Rev. James Keith obtained his education at this college, endowed by a kinsman: certain it is that he received his education at Aberdeen. Following up the suggestion that the records of the college might furnish the desired information, the writer, through a friend, caused investigation to be made. No records, how-



ever, could be found, and it seems probable that his parentage will forever remain in obscurity. He married Susanna, daughter of Deacon Samuel Edson, May 3, 1668, and had—

James, December 5, 1669;

Joseph, February 14, 1675;

Samuel, 1677;

Timothy, 1683;

John, 1688;

Josiah, Margaret, Mary and Susanna.

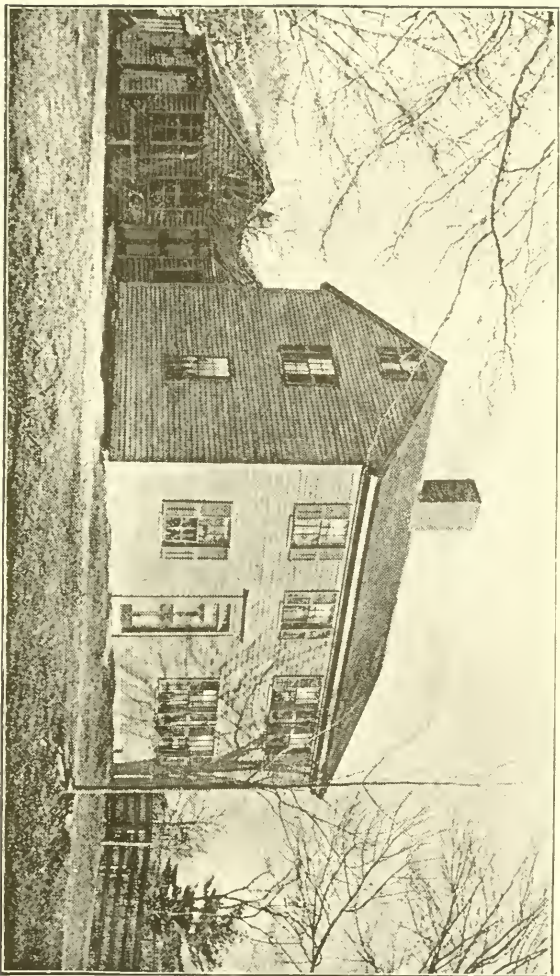
The wife died October 16, 1705, aged 65 years. He then married Mary, widow of Thomas Williams, of Taunton, 1707, who died July 23, 1719, aged 76 years. He died July 23, 1719.

The text selected for his first sermon was from Jeremiah 1: 6 — “Behold I cannot speak, for I am a child:” and was said to have been delivered from a rock in the “mill pasture” near the river. His advice and influence with the civil authorities of the colony, seem to have been considerable: instanced in the case of King Philip’s wife and son, when the question as to what should be done with the son was in agitation, he stated in a letter to Rev. Mr. Cotton, “that he was in favor of mercy,” and differing from most others, had great weight, if indeed it was not decisive in sparing the boy’s life.

He preached the sermon at the dedication of the new meeting house in South Bridgewater, in 1717, two years only before his death, which was printed

in the *Bridgewater Monitor* and contained some pertinent and impressive remarks on the subject of intemperance. "Besides other evils," said he, "which might be mentioned, I would refer particularly to that of intemperance: the excessive and prodigious expense upon strong drink: above all that of rum, the scandalous and horrible abuse of which threatens ruin unto this land and to this place: a ruin to all our dearest interests, both civil and religious. If there be any such houses among you, as I fear there are, that vend that strong drink contrary to the law of God and the wholesome laws of this province, let such of you as are vested with civil power and stand obliged unto the oath of God, see that such grievous profanation be suppressed, lest that iniquity, the abuse of rum, be our ruin."

The house in which he lived and died is now owned by George M. Pratt, Esq., of West Bridgewater, and is situated on the north side of River street, near the intersection of Forest street. It was originally built in 1662, in 1678 enlarged, in 1837 remodelled, and remains substantially the same at the present time. Williams Latham, Esq., of Bridgewater, in his book of Epitaphs, gives us the inventory of his property, recorded in the fourth volume of the probate records, page 185. It was taken August 25, 1719, and contains ten items of personal property, amounting to 167 pounds and 11 shillings, and shows the internal division and arrangement of the house at that time, corresponding



Home of Rev. James Keith.

AS IT NOW APPEARS, RIVER STREET, WEST BIDDLEWATER.

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to the rooms and condition of the house at the time of the alteration, in 1837, to wit:—

1. Apparel, . . . . .	27 pounds, 13s.
2. In the new chamber, one feather bed, case of drawers, chairs, tables and looking-glass, . . . . .	28 do. 16s.
3. To things in new lower room, one feather bed with its furniture, two tables, table-cloth, napkins, chairs and wheels, . . . . .	17 do. 5s. 6d.
4. To the old west room, one bed, bedding with chairs and chest, . . . . .	13 do. 15s.
5. To the old chamber, to lumber, . . . . .	3 do. 7s. 6d.
6. To the things in the kitchen, of pewter, iron and brass vessels, with tables and chairs, . . . . .	12 do. 19s.
7. To quick stock, . . . . .	21 do.
8. To hay, six loads, . . . . .	10 do.
9. To library of books, . . . . .	30 do.
10. To money, . . . . .	2 do. 15s.

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167 pounds, 11s.

As it is my purpose to confine this work to the families of the descendants of the Rev. James Keith, through Timothy, I shall omit special mention of other branches of the family, with the exception of reference to a circumstance connected with the marriage of his daughter Mary. She was courted by Ephraim Howard, not much to the acceptance of the old minister. Notwithstanding his objection they were secretly married, and were pursued by the irate father. Arriving too late to prevent their marriage, he returned, and, complying with the prevailing custom, preached the following Sabbath from Hosea 4: 17—“Ephraim is joined to idols, let him alone.” Time, however, softened his spirit, and the reconciliation which followed inclined him to preach from Jeremiah 31: 20—“Is

Ephraim my dear son? is he a pleasant child? for since I spake against him I do earnestly remember him still."

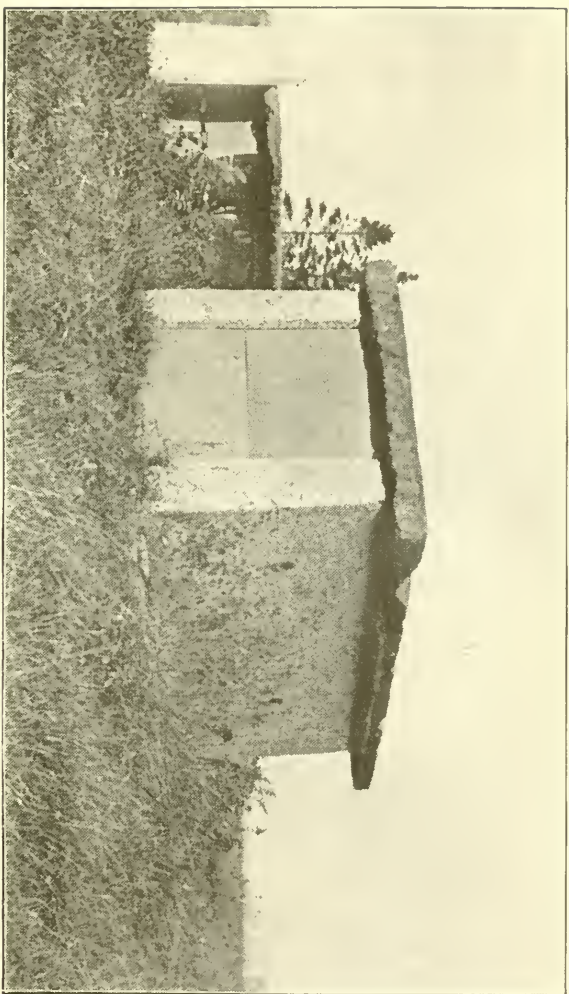
A specimen of his penmanship, in possession of Nathan Keith, Esq., Campello, betrays a fine hand, indicative of great precision and neatness. He was buried in what is called "The Old Grave Yard," in West Bridgewater. The slab which covers the monument which now marks this grave is said to have been made by William Hudson, a mason. It is of granite, rough hammered, 5 feet, 8 inches, by 6 feet, 3 inches, and 5 inches thick, laid horizontally upon granite slabs set up edgewise and bolted together. The base was originally broken stone. In 1827, Simeon Keith, a descendant through Timothy, caused the above described base to be substituted for one of broken stone, the inscription on slate tablets being retained. The inscription reads as follows:

Here lies the body of the Rev.  
Mr. James Keith, died July 23, 1719,  
aged 76 years.

Here lies the body of Mrs. Susanna Keith, died October 16, 1705,  
aged 65 years.

Mr. James Keith,  
First minister in Bridgewater,  
and educated in Aberdeen,  
Scotland, and labored in the  
ministry in this town 56 years.

*TIMOTHY* (2), fourth son of Rev. James (1), was born in 1683, and became one of the first settlers in the north parish early in the eighteenth century. He married Hannah, daughter of Deacon Edward Forbes, and had four children, viz.:



**Tomb of Rev. James Keith,**

OLD GRAVE YARD, WEST BRIDGEWATER, MASS.

*(See Page 14.)*





Timothy, born January 27, 1711;  
 Abiah, born October 11, 1712;  
 Nathan, born December 16, 1714;  
 Hannah, born April 16, 1718.      ✓

The wife died May 23, 1765. He died November 8, 1767, aged 83 years. He was buried in the burying ground on Main street, opposite Grove Campello. The grave was formerly marked by a brick vault, covered with a slate slab, but this having become dilapidated, was replaced by a granite monument in 1881, the face bearing the Keith Coat of Arms with this inscription: "Timothy, son of Rev. James Keith, 1683-1767;" and on the northerly side, "Erected by his descendants, 1881."

It is related of him, "that leaving the paternal roof, as he journeyed out into the wilderness prospecting for a site for his future home, having crossed Trout Brook (the present boundary line between Brockton and West Bridgewater), he stood for a moment upon the northerly bank and surveyed the plain which stretched before him, then turning to his companions, said, 'I am satisfied to locate here without looking further.'" This land was probably a part of the original grant to his father, being one fifty-sixth part, or share, divided among the proprietors, including all that part of Brockton known as Campello. He built and occupied a house on the site now occupied by the residence of Caleb H. Packard, Esq. The frame of Mr. Packard's resi-

dence is supposed to be a part of the framework of the original house; and the old well, which for so many years slaked the thirst of the early settlers, still dispenses cheer to the present occupants. This property descended to his son Nathan, to his grandson Nathan, and passed into the hands of Thomas Packard about 1800. Timothy Keith is described as having been a man small in stature and of frail constitution. The writer has in his possession a deed containing his signature conveying "ten acres more or less, with buildings thereon," to Levi Keith, in 1766 (the year preceding his death), said premises being the house and land situated on the corner of Main and Plain streets, Campello. He was a man who figured conspicuously in town affairs: his father, the first settled minister in the parent town: himself, one of the original petitioners for the establishment of the North Precinct: the moderator of the first meeting held after becoming a Precinct: one of a committee of three to consult with Rev. Mr. Porter in relation to a settlement with them as a minister of the Gospel—indicate him to have been a man of influence both in civil and religious matters.

*TIMOTHY* (3), the eldest son of Timothy (1), was born January 27, 1711; married Bethiah, daughter of William Ames, June 2, 1737, and had—

Levi, August 25, 1738;

Timothy, July 24, 1740.

He died in 1740, aged 29, and was buried beside his father in the Campello lot.

*ABLAH*, second son of Timothy (1), lived in a house located near the intersection of Tribou lane and Warren avenue, Campello. The well used by the family is now covered with planks, and lies in the sidewalk on the west side of Warren avenue.

*MATTHAN*, third son of Timothy (1), owned the property now occupied by C. H. Packard, Esq., before referred to.

*LEVI* (4), son of Timothy (2), was born August 25, 1738; married Jemima, daughter of Mark Perkins, November 8, 1759, and had—

Bethiah, born May 7, 1760; married Nathaniel Reynolds, Jr., April 20, 1777;

Timothy, born May 16, 1761;

Reuben, born June 24, 1762; died June 19, 1768;

Benjamin, born November 18, 1763; married Martha Cary, December 18, 1788;

Jemima, born January 26, 1765; died January 20, 1766;

Jemima, born July 13, 1767; married William Field, 1797;

Molly, born June 25, 1769; died October 2, 1769;

Levi, born May 7, 1773; married Abigail Porter, December 28, 1797;

Molly, born June 16, 1775; married Deacon Ichabod Howard, February 2, 1794;

Anna, born —, 1781; died June 24, 1814.

He died in 1813, aged 76. He (Levi) owned and occupied the house situated on the corner of Main and Plain streets, recently the residence of Captain Ziba Keith. This was conveyed to him by Timothy (1); and the writer has in his possession the deed, dated December 26, 1768. He was a tanner and shoe manufacturer (or as defined in the deed, a cordwainer). The site of his tannery was that now occupied by the Garfield House, corner Montello and Garfield streets. In excavating for the foundation of this house in 1880, remains of the vats were found in a good state of preservation. The house above referred to (corner Main and Plain streets) was built in 1746, or thereabouts, probably by Timothy (1), for his son Timothy. This house was very recently been removed to a location on Main street, and on its site George E. Keith is erecting a family residence. William Downie, who came from Scotland, with his son, about this time (1740) who was so grieved at his death, which occurred in 1747, that he soon returned to Scotland, was employed in the building of it. It was originally a square house. In 1838, an addition was made, connecting with the north-westerly corner of the house, extending north thirty feet and in width twenty feet; attached to this addition, on the northerly side, were two sheds: the more westerly, shed and shop; the latter known as the "Old Red Shop." Shop and shed were subsequently removed, and a further addition



House built by Timothy Keith in 1747.

AFTERWARDS THE HOME OF LEVI KEITH (4) CAPT. ZIBA (6), AND ZIBA C. KEITH (20).



made to that of 1838, leaving the house substantially as at present. His (Levi's) will, under date of November 21, 1809, provides for Jemima, his wife, the use and improvement of one-third part of all his real estate, during life, and also one cow and all his household furniture. Nominal bequests were made to his son Levi; to his daughters, Jemima, the widow of William Field, and to Molly, wife of Ichabod Howard; while to his daughter Anna was bequeathed "the sum of \$150, and the improvement of the east room in my house, with the chamber over it; with so much of the kitchen oven, cellar, well and buttery, as is needful for her use, and a seat in my pew." Singularly, no mention of this daughter (Anna) is made in the works of Mitchell or Kingman. In Moses Cary's history, she is referred to as having died a single woman. She is buried in the Campello burying ground. A daughter of his son Levi (Clarissa) was drowned in the well connected with this house. A further provision of his will bequeathed to his grandson, Ziba Keith, the dwelling house and other buildings adjoining; to his son Benjamin, the residue of the estate. He was a man of considerable property and influence in the community. The heavy overhanging eyebrow, somewhat characteristic of the Keiths, is said to be responsible for a standing joke on "Uncle Levi," as he was familiarly called, in that it was asserted that whenever Uncle Levi required a bristle (for a waxed

end) he supplied himself with a substitute by plucking from his eyebrows. It is also said that in rendering bills for the repairing of shoes, he invariably charged a certain sum for tapping, and another certain sum for "pester" (referring to the labor of preparing the sole and heel). He was, without question, the pioneer of the shoe industry, which at present employs so large a proportion of our population; and the "Old Red Shop" (familiar still to many) was the original shoe factory from which has sprung this immense industry. In his old account book are to be found the names of nearly all the families then living in the north precinct, whom he supplied with boots and shoes. These accounts were settled yearly, and this indorsement was invariably used: "Reckoned with Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ and found due, (to or from, as the case may be) £ \_ s. d." (Both parties signing.)

*BENJAMIN* (5), eldest son of Levi (4), was born November 18, 1763; married Martha, daughter of Col. Simeon Cary, December 18, 1788, and had—

Ziba, November 30, 1789;

Arza, May 10, 1791;

Bela, February 2, 1793;

Charles, August 8, 1794;

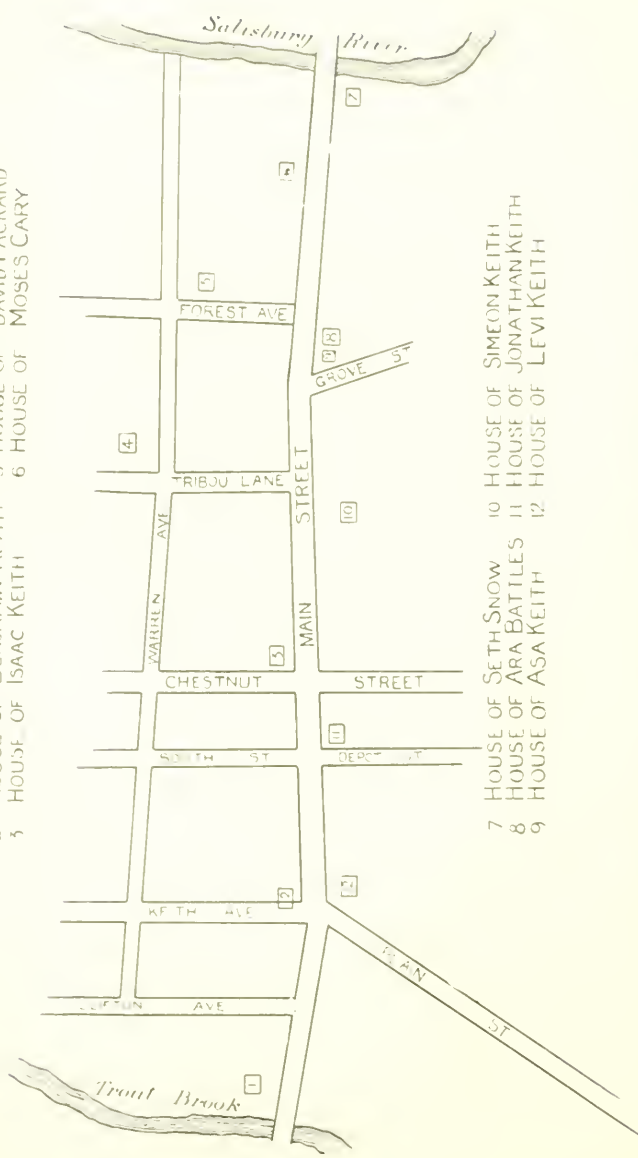
Polly, October 9, 1798;

Jason, March 6, 1801;

Benjamin, February 6, 1803; died March, 1803.







- 1 HOUSE OF NATHAN KEITH
- 2 HOUSE OF BENJAMIN KEITH
- 3 HOUSE OF ISAAC KEITH
- 4 HOUSE OF SHEPARD KEITH
- 5 HOUSE OF DAVID PACKARD
- 6 HOUSE OF MOSES CARY

- 7 HOUSE OF SIMEON KEITH
- 8 HOUSE OF JONATHAN KEITH
- 9 HOUSE OF LEVI KEITH
- 10 HOUSE OF SETH SNOW
- 11 HOUSE OF ARA BATTLES
- 12 HOUSE OF ASA KEITH

Showing Number and Relative Location of Residences Existing in the Year 1800

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Martha. Wife of Benjamin Keith.

He died September 9, 1814. His wife died June 10, 1852, attaining the ripe age of 86 years. The writer has in his possession her daguerreotype, taken but a short time previous to her death, and is possibly a likeness of the oldest person born in New England bearing the family name. He built and occupied the house recently removed from the corner of Main street and Keith avenue to a location upon the north side of the latter, near Warren avenue. This house was originally a story and a half house; raised and made two story in 1815; remodelled in 1853. He was principally a farmer, and owned quite an extensive tract of land on the west side of Main street, and also operated a tannery (located on the present site of the Garfield House), and made and repaired shoes. At this period (1800), the ownership of all the territory comprising what is now called Campello was vested in the Keith family. Beginning on the west side of Main street, at the present southerly boundary, the ownership was vested in Nathan Keith; adjoining, northerly, was land of Benjamin Keith, Jonathan Keith, and Shepard Keith, to or beyond the present location of Forest avenue; returning on the east side of Main street, were lands of Shepard, Jonathan and Levi Keith, to the West Bridgewater line. At this time there were but twelve houses located on Main street, between Trout brook on the south, and Salisbury river bridge (then called Snow's bridge), at Allen street, on the north, viz.:

From the West Bridgewater line going north, the house of Nathan Keith (built by Timothy Keith); of Benjamin Keith; of Isaac Keith (corner Main and Chestnut streets); of Shepard Keith (off Main, on Tribou lane); of David Packard and of Moses Cary. Returning, located on the east side, were the houses of Seth Snow; of Ara Battles; of Shepard Keith (the so-called temple, built by Simeon Keith); of Jonathan Keith (corner Main and Depot streets), and the house of Levi Keith (corner Main and Plain streets), as shown on map.

ZIBA (6), son of Benjamin (5), was born November 10, 1789; married Sally, daughter of Jonathan Cary, November 25, 1813, and had—

Benjamin, October 19, 1814;

Franklin, January 28, 1816;

Martha C., December 6, 1817;

Martin, September 12, 1819; died November 26, 1820;

Martin Luther, February 8, 1822;

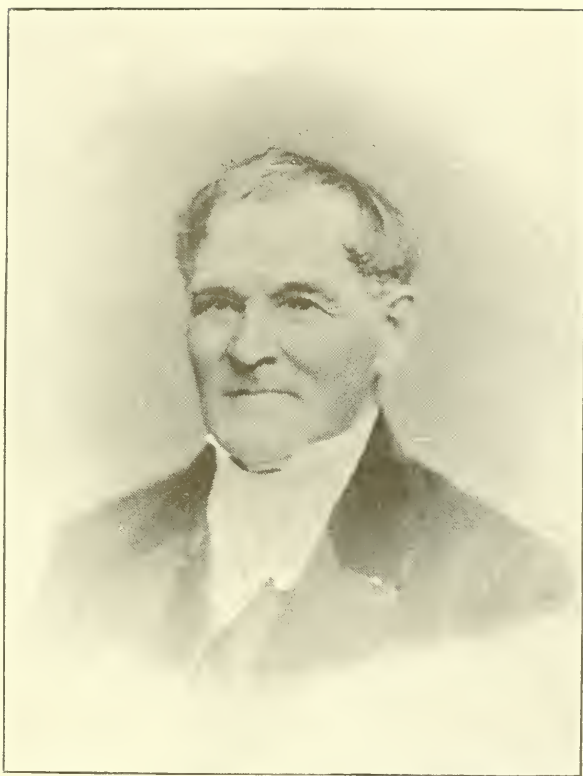
Nancy Cary, April 11, 1824; died January 30, 1838;

David and Jonathan, May 26, 1826; David died December 23, 1826;

Levi Watson, April 9, 1830.

The wife died September 26, 1832. He then married Polly, daughter of Daniel Noyes, of Abington, March 13, 1834, and had—

Daniel Noyes, April 29, 1835;



Capt. Ziba Keith.

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Edwin, August 21, 1840;

Ziba Cary, July 13, 1842.

He died September 28, 1862. She died June 14, 1882.

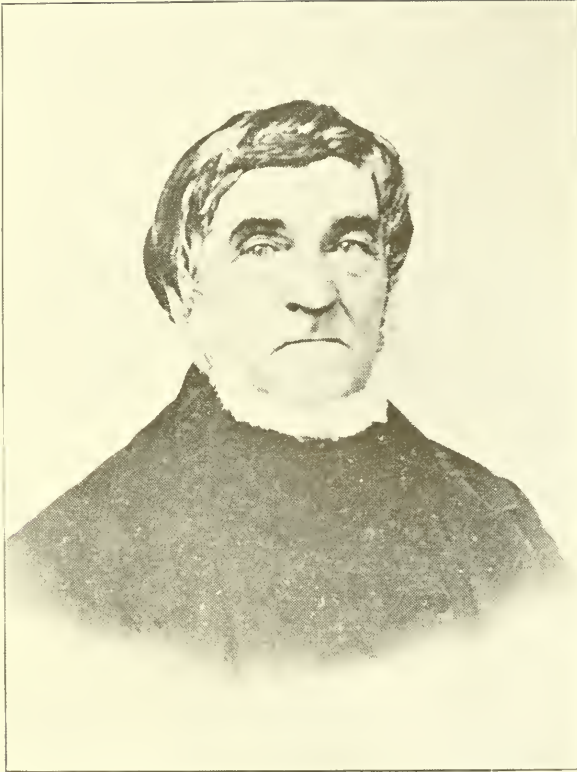
Born in the old homestead on Main street; of a strong, robust build, he was, physically, well fitted for the occupation which he was mainly to follow, viz., that of a farmer. He early learned to make and repair shoes from his grandfather (Levi), and for some years, during the winter months, continued this business, inherited from his ancestors, in the "Old Red Shop." As his sons became of age, they were likewise instructed in the art of shoe-making, and the entire number were in due time graduated from the benches beneath its roof. As before remarked, by a provision of his grandfather's will, he came into possession of the property on the corner of Main and Plain streets, in 1813; and upon the death of his father, in 1814, he was appointed administrator of his estate. He also administered upon several other estates, as evidenced by papers in the possession of the writer. May 29, 1816, he was commissioned by Gov. Brooks as an ensign of a company in the third Regiment of Infantry, 1st brigade, 5th division; and December 5, 1822, was promoted to a captaincy in the same company; which title, then acquired, attached to him through life. As a man, he was upright and just in all his dealings; as a neighbor, kind and respected, willing always to

bear his share of private or public burdens: as a father, considerate and forbearing, fulfilling the summary of the whole law, "Serving God and keeping his commandments," and by "Doing unto others as he would they should do unto him."

The first wife, one of a family remarkable for their domestic attachment, died of consumption, after a lingering illness, in 1832.

The second wife, fitted by a long experience as a teacher in public and private schools, assumed the care of a family comprising seven children, the youngest but four years of age and the eldest eighteen.—a responsibility which did not appall a strong and willing heart. Added to this number came three more mouths to feed and frames to clothe: yet the busy hands toiled on from the early morning until the midnight hour sounded the advent of a new day. To her praise let it be said, no utterance has ever found expression which intimated anything but the most loyal, impartial devotion to the interests and welfare of her family. The exercise of those motherly qualities, remembered with affection, are to-day gratefully acknowledged. Honoring father and mother, length of days were hers, continuing, by reason of strength, four score and four years, before she was called home.

*ARZA* (7), second son of Benjamin (5), was born May 10, 1791. He married Marcia, daughter of Abel Kingman, Esq., May 29, 1814, and had—



Arza Keith.

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Sidney, born June 26, 1815; died September 22, 1815;

Abel, born September 2, 1817; died September 3, 1817;

Lucy Jane, born August 29, 1819; died March 15, 1832;

Marcia K., born December 17, 1821;

Albert, born December 31, 1823;

Harmony Packard, born April 4, 1825; died August 1, 1883;

Arza Benjamin, born June 5, 1830.

He died October 30, 1864. She died September 12, 1876.

In 1815 he bought of Silas and Josiah Dunbar (they of Simeon Keith and Susanna, widow of Asa Keith,) the house situated near the corner of Main and Grove Streets (locally known as the "Temple.") This he made his home. Naturally strong and robust the journey of his wedded life was entered upon with flattering prospects, but by an accident in the second year thereof his health was very much impaired and his hopes and anticipations seriously checked. While preparing varnish in a room connected with his dwelling, it took fire, and in endeavoring to extinguish the flames he inhaled the fumes and smoke, resulting, as before stated, in permanent physical debility. He removed for a while to Foxboro, but subsequently returned and located on Main Street, where he

continued until his death. Like his brothers, early training had developed in him correct habits of life and a zealous religious interest, which he ever maintained. His wife, the representative of a family (Kingman) which has been so closely and conspicuously identified with the local history of this town and city, was peculiarly fitted to share the misfortune which so early befell her husband, and to develop out of life's distresses a spirit of self-sacrifice and resignation which made her home delightful.

*BELA* (8), third son of Benjamin (5), was born February 2, 1793; married Mary, daughter of Seth Kingman, January 1, 1821, and had—

Lewis, born November 12, 1821; died June 11, 1859;

Seth Kingman, born September 23, 1823; died August 12, 1825;

Henry Kingman, born December 17, 1826;

Mary Kingman, born October 12, 1828;

Louisa, born September 20, 1830;

Ellen Sherman, born September 16, 1836.

He died September 6, 1867. She died October 30, 1868.

His early life was passed on the farm, favored with such an education as the common schools at that time afforded. Nearing the age of manhood, he decided to become a carpenter, and



*Bela Witt*





accordingly served an apprenticeship with Daniel Cary. At the expiration of his term of apprenticeship, with but fifty cents (his entire capital) in his pocket, he proceeded to Pawtucket, R. I., where he accepted an offer to work for one year; returning, however, at its expiration, "a sadder, if not a wiser man," having lost his entire year's earnings by the failure of his employer. Nothing daunted, he now commenced business for himself and became prominent in building operations throughout the town. In 1819, he bought the farm of Jonas Keith, which was situated on the east side of Main Street. The next year he removed the old one-and-a-half story house and built his dwelling (recently moved to a location on West Market street,) on the site of the present Franklin building. He was commissioned a Justice of the Peace July 7, 1837, which office he held many years. He served his native town as Selectman in 1845--1848, and 1851--1854, inclusive. His interest in society affairs was sincere and practical. He built the third church edifice for the First Congregational Society in 1827. Under his direction, also, the first house of worship for the South Congregational Society was built; upon its completion, in 1837, there remained unprovided for a debt of \$1,300; this amount, in addition to a previous subscription, he assumed and paid. The timber for this edifice was cut from the swamp directly east of the Campello railroad station. The disastrous conflagration which

visited Campello in 1853 destroyed this building, and again, at the bidding of the parish, he became chairman of a committee empowered to rebuild. Combining those qualities which constitute a successful business man, he also possessed and practiced those social virtues which adorn true manhood and make the world better for the influence of such a life. His wife was remarkable for her social qualities, and, though in feeble health for many years previous to her death, was always youthful in her interests and feelings.

*CHARLES* (9), fourth son of Benjamin (5), was born August 8, 1794; married Melitable, daughter of Josiah Perkins, December 8, 1817, and had—

Damaris Williams, born October 8, 1818;

Charles Perkins, born June 20, 1820;

Anna Reynolds, born November 11, 1822; died January 28, 1882;

Rhoda Perkins, born October 28, 1830;

Sanford, born November 25, 1833.

He died July 29, 1859. She died April 22, 1863.

Naturally of a "bookish" turn of mind, outdoor occupations had less attractions for him, and, in the gratification of his tastes and inclinations, farming pursuits were neglected for the less severe physical occupation of the shop. In his younger days he was evidently quite an athlete, for it is related, that at the "raising" of Sprague's Mill, Factory



Mr. and Mrs. Charles Keith.

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Village, a wrestling match was planned for the occasion and that our subject was pitted against several, all of whom he overcame, when, as a last resort, Lieutenant Israel Packard was brought forward to contend for the honors: after a protracted struggle, he, too, was thrown, it is said, "to the *tearful* grief of the Lieutenant's brothers." By the death of his father, in 1814, he inherited the homestead (corner of Main street and Keith avenue), and subsequently cared for his widowed mother until her death in 1852. His business pursuits, otherwise than some little attention to farming, were in the direction of shoe manufacturing, which he attempted, in a small way, as early as 1820. His principal market was New Bedford and Nantucket, for which he produced what was then called a sailor's pump, and was in the habit of carrying his products by team or stage, at regular intervals, to New Bedford. This business he followed for many years until, in advanced age, he was succeeded by his son, Charles Perkins. His intellectual tastes, as before intimated, inclined him to books, of which he was very fond and the study of which kept him thoroughly informed upon current topics and events. Upon these he was considered a neighborhood authority, and, in argument, on religious or other subjects, he was clear, decided, forcible and convincing. The wife, though a confirmed invalid for nearly forty years, endured her suffering with resignation.

*POLLY* (10), daughter of Benjamin (5), was born October 9, 1798; married Franklin Ames, March 29, 1821, and had—

Franklin K., born August 31, 1822;

Leonard, born March 21, 1824;

Jason F., born December 8, 1825;

Benjamin Keith, born August 18, 1827;

Willard W., born December 25, 1828;

Martha J., born October 26, 1830;

J. Furman, born July 16, 1832;

Lucius B., born October 3, 1834;

Charles C., born June 29, 1838; died September, 1838;

Charles C., born September 8, 1839;

Mary, born November 9, 1840.

She died October 24, 1873. He died January 9, 1882.

I well remember hearing my father relate this circumstance attending the "wedding train" of this couple, which consisted of an ox-sled laden with the furniture, etc., destined for their new home in West Bridgewater. This, you will observe, was March 29; a recent snow storm had so completely filled the ways, and to such a depth, that the neighbors, without exception, "turned out" to break a way through the drifts in order that the "bridal train" might proceed. This they found to be no trifling undertaking, for into such huge drifts had the snow been piled that tunneling





Jason Keith



was resorted to in several places: under the snow arch they then proceeded, arriving at their destination at the close of the day. A snow storm of such violence at this late season of the year was then considered a remarkable event. His occupation was that of a farmer. They subsequently removed to Mansfield, Mass., then to Waubeck, Wis., where both died. He was a deacon in the Baptist church.

*JASON* (11), youngest son of Benjamin (5), was born March 6, 1802; married Susan Smith, of Milford, Conn., and removed to New Haven. She died October, 1867. He then married Catherine Porter, April, 1868.

He died October 3, 1868, having had no children. Like his brother Charles, he was a well informed man, of good mind and strong intellectual qualities, but, inclining to an itinerant life, achieved little success in business enterprises. He was employed in New Haven as colporteur, and subsequently in Wisconsin.

It is a somewhat remarkable fact that this family of brothers and sisters, six in number, should each have attained the age of more than three score years. They were all, without exception, members of the church, identified with her prosperity and labors, zealous and faithful in their endeavors to promote her welfare. Does not the present generation owe a debt of gratitude for this legacy? Surely, "Veritas vincit" (Truth conquers.)

*BENJAMIN* (12), eldest son of *Ziba* (6), was born October 19, 1814, in the family homestead familiarly known as the "old red house on the corner;" married *Scrapphina* *Lothrop*, December 4th, 1839, and had—

*Elmer L.*, born January 11, 1844;

*Merton S.*, born January 27, 1851.

He died April 8, 1854. She died December 30, 1883.

Upon his marriage he occupied a tenement in the old homestead, but in 1838 he built and occupied the house on the east side of Main street at present occupied by his son, *Elmer L.* He was brought up on the farm, devoting his winters, however, to the shop, as was then the custom among farmers. Becoming a man for himself, he continued making shoes, although for several years before his death he kept a livery stable.

He was a man of a warm, social nature, respected by his acquaintances and friends. He was the first chorister employed in the South Congregational Church, serving seven years in the position, and also taught vocal music. His wife survived her husband many years, and although widowed young, she prudently reared her little family, and died bequeathing to them the legacy of an honored example of love and fidelity.

*FRANKLIN* (13), second son of Ziba (6), was born January 28, 1816; married Betsey Bailey, of Sidney, Me., October 8, 1840, and had—

Adelbert Franklin, August 2, 1841;

Helen Maria, October 22, 1843;

Flavel Bailey, November 8, 1845;

George Eldon, February 8, 1850;

Dennis Cary, May 11, 1852 ;

Myron Lee, March 26, 1859.

He died April 7, 1877. Like his elder brother, he was a graduate of the "Old Red Shop," and pursued the business of shoe making for many years, until the rapidly developing manufacturing interests absorbed his time and attention and established him, in 1856, as a partner in one of the largest shoe manufacturing firms then existing in North Bridgewater. Like his elder brother, he also brought his newly wedded wife to, and for a while made his home in, the old family homestead, until he became able to provide a house of his own. The happy custom prevailed here, as elsewhere, of locating the sons in the immediate vicinity of the old homestead; and in 1843 he built and occupied what proved to be a permanent and happy home, on a lot adjoining the homestead on the north. Here he labored for many years for E. N. Holbrook, of Randolph, until he became a partner in the firm of Martin L. Keith & Co., in 1856. Their trade was largely southern. Upon commencement of hostili-

ties in 1861, and the suspension of trade relations and collections, they were compelled to compromise with their creditors, terminating this partnership. He continued business, however, in a small way, in a shop (since a dwelling) on Garfield street, until nearly the close of his life. Commending himself to the people, he was chosen selectman and assessor in 1856, and again in 1858. He was the head of a family which has figured conspicuously in the business history of Campello, and was the progenitor of sons whose careers have been marked in mercantile, moral and social circles, and whose generous deeds and good qualities are universally conceded and commended.

The wife and mother has lived to share the success of the husband and sons, and as a devoted, earnest Christian, is loved and respected by the community.

*MARTHA CARY* (14), daughter of Ziba (6), was born December 6, 1817; married Henry Jackson, January 1, 1840, and had—

Nancy Cary, born November 9, 1840; died March 1, 1870;

Henry Martin, born December 6, 1842; died July 3, 1872;

Martha Ella, born June 30, 1852; died April 18, 1880;

Addie Watson, born February 10, 1856; died May 14, 1877.

She died March 26, 1876. He died May 20, 1878.

This family resided on South street, about one mile west from Main street. The father was a shoemaker by trade; the mother a toiler for her family, to whom she was thoroughly devoted, and for whose comfort self-denial was no sacrifice. She sang in the South Congregational choir under the direction of her brothers, Benjamin and Martin L.

Sadly we note the singular fact that the entire family now sleep side by side in the Union Cemetery: their deaths occurring within the short period of ten years.

*MARTIN LUTHER* (15), son of Ziba (6), was born February 8, 1822; married Mary, daughter of Sylvanus Keith, November 16, 1843, and had—

Myron Forrest, born August 29, 1847; died October 22, 1851;

Walter Lee, born December 7, 1851;

Evelyn Huntington, born April 27, 1853.

He died March 25, 1888. She died December 27, 1886.

In prepared reminiscences of his life, he refers to the fact that at the age of eight years he commenced his business career "by pegging shoes for his father in the 'Old Red Shop.'" That at the age of thirteen he made his first case of shoes, taken from the factory of Hiram French, of Randolph. Much preferring, as he himself admits, "the labor of the shop to the duties of the school-room."

He early exhibited a taste for music, learning the rudiments from Thomas Gurney, who kept a singing school in an open chamber in the old homestead. He was director of the choir in the village church 16 years, succeeding his brother Benjamin, and played the violin which constituted a part of the orchestra. He was leader of the North Bridgewater Brass Band several years, in which organization he always manifested a deep interest. He very pleasantly refers to his early home, also to the death of his mother in his tenth year, and to the kindly of father and step-mother during the years preceding

his marriage. Directly upon his marriage he commenced house-keeping in the east part of the old homestead, there remaining until he purchased of Luther Hayward the house on Main street now occupied by Sylvanus Keith. This occurred in 1847. In the fall of the same year he first began the manufacture of shoes, taking soon after as a partner George C. Littlefield. This partnership was brief. He continued the business alone until 1856, when his brother Franklin became associated with him under the firm name of Martin L. Keith & Co. At this time the large factory was built on the corner of Main and Plain streets (subsequently destroyed by fire, 1874.) He assumed the buying and selling of goods, leaving to his brother the running of the factory. Finding the daily travel to and from Boston irksome, in 1858, he removed his family to Boston, leaving behind him the remains of his eldest son, who died of scarlet fever when four years of age, with reference to which he says: "Among all our sorrows, the death of Myron was the greatest." The business partnership continued until 1861, when by the occurrence of the Civil War their business was ruined and failure ensued. The remaining years of the war gave him opportunity to retrieve his losses, which he did not fail to improve.

In 1877 he retired from business, abandoning himself to an indulgence in the pastime of fishing, hunting and travel, which had been held in check

by the pressure and application to business. Referring thereto, he says: "About all my youthful aspirations have now been gratified. I have visited every State in the Union, excepting Texas and Oregon, and every Territory, save Washington and Alaska. I have killed buffalo, bear, wolf, beaver, white and black-tailed deer, badger, otter, mink, eagle, brant, hawks, sage-hens, grouse, partridge, quail, wood-cock. On my second trip to Rangeley Lakes, I took ten salmon averaging twenty-three pounds each, the largest weighing thirty-three pounds."

He was several years Superintendent of the Sabbath School in Campello, also one of a committee appointed to rebuild the church destroyed by fire in 1853.

The wife was true and devoted, an ardent admirer of nature and art, a good friend and mother. She rests beneath the shadows of the beautiful Forrest Hills, which in life she so much admired.

July 23, 1887, he married Mrs. Isabella Clark.



*JONATHAN and DAVID* (16), twin sons of Ziba (6), were born May 12, 1826. David died September 23, 1826. Jonathan married Lavina Ames, May 7, 1848, who died September 22, 1850. He then married Olive P. Foster, November, 1851, and had—

Edward Clayton, born February 9, 1855;

Marion Foster, born October 29, 1856;

Charles Herbert, born September 21, 1861.

Learning the shoemaker's trade in his youth, he continued in that occupation for many years, residing until 1864 on Ames street, in the north-easterly part of the town. He then returned and engaged in the livery business in what was locally known as "Drake's Stable." He afterwards built and occupied the house now numbered 31 Plain street. He subsequently sold it and removed again to care for Mr. Nathaniel Ames (Ames street) in his declining years, whose farm came into his possession upon his death. This he sold, and returned to Campello, purchasing the house corner of Montello and Plain streets, where he at present resides.

LEVI W. (17), son of Ziba (6), was born April 9, 1830; married Amelia S. Ripley February 28, 1861, and had—

Amelia E., born November 27, 1872; died November 29, 1872.

The wife died November 28, 1872.

He has always found employment in some one of the numerous shoe factories in this vicinity. He owns, and during the life of his wife occupied, the house on Montello street near the factory of Myron F. Thomas.

*DANIEL NOYES* (18), son of Ziba (6), was born April 29, 1835; married Mary, daughter of Welcome Howard, December 30, 1855, and had—

Luella Forest, born February 19, 1860; died December 29, 1862;

Nellie Miner, born March 10, 1863.

She died August 17, 1887.

At the age of nineteen he commenced his business career by purchasing of E. N. Landers his shoe finishing business, located in a building occupying the lot where the engine house now stands on Depot street. Here he continued until 1866, when the business was disposed of to George Churchill. Associating himself with Fisher Copeland, he then commenced the manufacture of shoes; this partnership continued but a short time. He then, in company with his brother Edwin, formed a co-partnership under the firm name of Keith Brothers, which continued until November, 1881. At present he is associated with W. E. Whitman, under the firm name of Whitman & Keith, in a factory located on Clifton avenue. For many years he resided in the old homestead, but in 1875 built the house at present occupied by him at the corner of Main street and Clifton avenue.

*EDWIN* (19), son of Ziba (6), was born August 21, 1840; married Ellen R., daughter of Welcome Howard, November 26, 1862, and had—

Albion, born April 16, 1864; died July 31, 1865;

Lester C., born September 27, 1866;

Mae C., born May 25, 1868; died August 23, 1868;

Forest Noyes, born April 29, 1876; died December 24, 1881.

From 1859 to 1871 he was employed by his brothers, Martin L. Keith & Co., as superintendent of a stitching room in their factory, corner Main and Plain streets. He subsequently became associated with his brother Daniel N., under the firm name of Keith Brothers, in the manufacture of shoes, until by mutual consent the firm was dissolved in November, 1881. Retaining the same style of firm, (Keith Brothers) he bought and equipped the factory on Montello street, formerly occupied by George Stevens, and is there still engaged in the manufacture of shoes. He resides on South street.





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*ZIBA CARY* (20), son of Ziba (6), was born July 13, 1842; married Abbie F., daughter of Oliver Jackson, December 31, 1865, and had—

Willie Clifton, August 31, 1866.

Employed in the shoe manufactory of his brothers, M. L. Keith & Co., until the age of eighteen, he was then transferred to the counting room of the firm, in Boston, there continuing until July, 1863, when he returned to Campello, and associating in partnership with Embert Howard, under the firm name of Howard & Keith, commenced and continued in the grocery and dry goods business until 1865, when the business was disposed of to Jonas Reynolds, and the partnership dissolved. Subsequently he bought out Mr. Reynolds, and continued in the business until 1882, when he disposed of his business interests to Pitts & Hayward and Thayer & Whitman.

He was chosen Selectman in 1878, and as Representative to the Legislature in 1875 and 1876. Became Mayor of the city upon its organization in 1882, and was subsequently elected Mayor in 1884 and 1885, and served as Senator for the Second Plymouth District in 1887 and 1888; is a Director in the Brockton National Bank; Vice-President of the Brockton Savings Bank; and was for a time Treasurer of the Brockton Street Railway Co., and of the Campello Co-operative Bank.

At the age of ten years became connected with the orchestra of the South Congregational Church,

then under the direction of his brother, Martin L., and has since been engaged as organist. Resided in the old homestead until 1883, when he built and removed to 1260 Main street.

The father (Ziba G), first wife and children, including Martin, David and Nancy C., were originally buried in the Campello lot. This yard in 1880 had become so much neglected, that it was determined to remove the bodies to a more secluded and sacred spot. They were accordingly removed to a lot in Union Cemetery.

It is a pleasure to note in this connection, that recently, by the erection of a suitable fence, the city has manifested some regard for the memory of its early settlers. It is also a pleasure to note that family pride has been stimulated to place over the grave of Timothy Keith a suitable monument, marking the resting place of an ancestor, and one of her first citizens.



*MARCLA KINGMAN* (21), daughter of Arza (7), was born December 17, 1821; married Rev. J. L. Arnes, August 8, 1841, and had—

Clara Adelia, born September 6, 1843;

Abby Louise, born November 5, 1845;

Ella Mortimer, born March 21, 1847;

Mary Moulton, born December 25, 1849;

Annetta Frances, born March 15, 1852;

Henry Lyman, born May 31, 1854; died October 30, 1882;

Willard Otis, born February 27, 1857;

Arza Herbert, born January 22, 1860;

Marcia Alice, born January 18, 1865.

He was ordained in the ministry at South Plymouth, Mass., June 25, 1845, a calling which he has subsequently pursued in several places, and at present resides in Nashua, N. H.

Henry Lyman, whose death occurred October 30, 1882, was a very promising young man, and at the time of his death was master of grammar school in Arlington, Mass.

Arza Herbert graduated at Dartmouth College in June, 1885.

*ALBERT* (22), son of Arza (7), was born December 31, 1823; married Charlotte Pierce, of Attleboro, April 1, 1847, and had—

Marcia Adelaide, born October 18, 1848; died August 20, 1850;

Alice, born October 19, 1850;

Herbert, born August 29, 1852; died August 25, 1859;

Charlotte Ray and Lillian May, born January 14, 1865.

He was born in North Bridgewater, and educated in the public schools. Soon after marriage he removed to Foxboro, and for awhile was employed as clerk in the village store. He returned early in 1851, and in company with his brother, Arza Benjamin, commenced the manufacture of shoes in a small shop connected with his father's homestead. This was soon out-grown, and in 1852 a new shop was built on Main street, corner of Market, which, at that time, was the largest manufacturing shop in the town. Prospered in business, they were among the first to introduce shoe machinery in the manufacture of their goods, and during the war they not only occupied their large factory, but employed many men and several rooms outside. This partnership continued until 1871, when he withdrew, and retired from active business pursuits. He built the residence at present occupied by him in 1866. In 1873, he received the appointment of

Postmaster, and also purchased of N. J. Foss his flour, grain and coal business, conducting the same in the building occupied by the post-office until 1882, when he disposed of it to George F. Green. He has faithfully served the town as Selectman and Assessor; as representative to the General Court in 1880 and 1881; was for thirty years clerk of the South Congregational Church Society, and superintendent of the Sabbath School eleven years.

She died May 24, 1874. He then married Cynthia Bonney, July 14, 1875, who died February 13, 1876. He then married Mrs. Susan J. H. Allen, March 13, 1878.

Lottie Ray was a graduate of the Brockton High School, class of 1883, and also of Wellesley College, class of 1887.

*HARMONY PACKARD* (23), daughter of Arza (7), was born April 4, 1825; married Henry B. Holmes, of Plymouth, June 2, 1850.

They had, by adoption, a daughter, Florence M. Holmes, born June 6, 1872.

He died August 7, 1884. She died August 1, 1883.

He was for many years the proprietor of the popular Manomet House of South Plymouth.

ARZA BENJAMIN (21), son of Arza (7), was born June 5, 1830; married Mary Ann Cary, of Foxboro, April 25, 1854, and had—

Otis Franklin, born July 27, 1855; died February 27, 1857;

Warren Burton, born October 6, 1857;

Marcia Ann, born September 10, 1859;

Herbert Cary, born December 4, 1861;

Clara Louise, born September 3, 1864;

Lucy Ella, born October 16, 1866;

Mary Helen, born November 9, 1868;

Sarah Emma, born November 11, 1870;

Cora Frances, born January 16, 1873;

Arza Henry, born March 11, 1875.

He was born and educated in North Bridgewater, and at the early age of 19 commenced the manufacture of shoes. In 1851, he became associated with his brother Albert, soon after building the factory on Main street, which was so desperately threatened destruction on the occasion of the great fire of May, 1853, which destroyed so large a portion of the business centre. This energetic firm early saw the advantage which machinery was to play in the manufacture of shoes, and was first to introduce the use of pegging machines and sewing machines. They also established a branch factory in Northbridge for the manufacture of boots, their product being largely for Western trade.

Fire, which they barely escaped in 1853,

remorselessly consumed their large stock of goods during the great fire in Boston, November, 1872, inflicting heavy losses, resulting in the dismemberment of the firm, and the wiping out of an industry which had given employment to many town's-people, and had become a source of prosperity to town and county. He was several years superintendent of the Sabbath School connected with the South Congregational Church, and resided on Depot street. He subsequently removed to Braintree, and has since been engaged in several business enterprises.

*LEWIS* (25), son of Bela (8), was born November 12, 1821; married Charlotte L. White, June 3, 1847, and had—

Lyman Erving, born March 5, 1849;

Chester Vernice, born June 27, 1851;

Clara White, born June 14, 1853.

She died June 22, 1854. He then married Mariet White, June 5, 1855, who died July 16, 1856. He died suddenly June 11, 1859.

The mill at present known as Packard's mill, on Crescent street, was built for and occupied by him for several years as a grist mill.

Lyman E. is at present associated with his brother Chester V. in the shoe business, with factory on Perkins avenue. He (Lyman E.) has served the city in the Council, 1884 and 1885, and as Alderman from Ward four in 1886.

*HENRY KINGMAN* (26), son of Bela (8), was born December 17, 1826; married Vesta S. Cary, July 18, 1847, and had—

Lewis Henry, born June 8, 1848;

Emma Cary, born February 25, 1850.

At the age of eighteen, he left home and entered the employ of Z. F. Brett, of Duxbury, Mass., in a general store, two years later purchasing the stock and continuing the business for a year. He then removed to Kingston, Mass., and built a store, opening it to the public September 27, 1848. Here he built up a thriving and successful business, which was followed until April, 1865. He then sold out to Messrs. Burgess & Bailey, and entered the employment, and three years later the partnership, of Messrs. Houghton, Perkins & Co., dry goods, Boston. The fire of November 9, 1872, destroyed their stock and dismembered the firm. Took an active interest in the matter of introducing water into the town of Kingston. Was appointed one of a town committee to investigate sources of water supply, and later, one of a committee to petition the Legislature for an Act. Has since its introduction served three years as Water Commissioner. For eight years was superintendent of Sabbath School connected with Second Congregational Society. Resides in Kingston, Mass.



*LOUISA* (27), daughter of Bela (8), was born September 20, 1830; married Simeon Franklin Packard, January 25, 1855, and had—

Frank Edwards, born May 7, 1857;

Nellie White, born March 4, 1862;

Alice Louisa, born May 14, 1863; died August 15, 1863.

Mr. Packard was born January 9, 1829, and at twenty years of age became a school teacher, following this profession four years; he then removed to Kingston, Mass., and was employed in the store of Henry K. Keith until 1858, when he returned to Campello, and became foreman in the shop of Messrs. A. & A. B. Keith, occupying this position seventeen years. Since 1875 he has been engaged in the insurance business. Was Assessor in 1877, 1880, and 1881; Selectman, 1877, and has served on the School Committee since 1874; was chorister at the South Congregational Church from 1859 to 1888, and has filled the office of deacon of the same church since 1865. Lived in the homestead of Bela Keith until 1878, when he removed it to Chestnut street, and built the residence he now occupies.

Frank E. graduated from Brockton High School, 1874; finished preparation for college at Adams Academy, Quincy, Mass.; graduated at Amherst College in 1880; was principal Sprague School, Brockton, in 1881; the three succeeding years was

employed in Syrian Protestant College, Beyrout, Asia, as Instructor of English and Mathematics; was college organist 1879 and 1880; at present organist Central M. E. and Campello M. E. Churches. Engaged in the insurance business with his father.

*ELLEN SHERMAN* (28), daughter of Bela (8), was born September 16, 1836; married Jonas Reynolds, November 29, 1866, and had—

Abbie Keith, born June 20, 1868;

Mary Louise, born October 20, 1872;

Martin Elbert, born January 23, 1876.

Mr. Reynolds was a graduate of the Bridgewater Normal School, and taught several years in the public schools of his native and surrounding towns. In 1865 he purchased of Howard & Keith their dry goods and grocery business, but disposed of it in 1866 to Ziba C. Keith. He soon after commenced the manufacture of shoes, which is his present occupation. He has served his town's-people in the Common Council in 1883, 1884 and 1885, and resides near Marshall's Corner, where his factory is located.

*DAMARIS WILLIAMS* (29), daughter of Charles (9), was born October 8, 1818; married Vinal Lyon November 25, 1840, and had—

Ellis Vinal, born August 30, 1841; died September 24, 1864;

Martha Ann, born November 10, 1843;

Chloe Richmond, born April 5, 1845;

Granville Ward, born October 7, 1846;

Mary Williams, born September 16, 1849;

Abbie Jane, born September 7, 1852;

Maggie Keith, born March 24, 1859; died September, 1859.

He died November 16, 1866.

Mr. Lyon was a carpenter by trade, and carried on this business during the more active years of his life. The family for many years resided in a house occupying the site upon which E. B. Fanning's residence is now situated; recently moved to a location on the north side of Lyon avenue. In 1852 he built the residence occupied by Mrs. L. on Main street. He was a thrifty, enterprising man, successful in his business enterprises. He became sutler in the Civil War, but returned in broken health.

The wife still survives, surrounded in her declining years by her numerous children and grand-children, happy in their companionship, and rewarded for her early cares and labors by their filial love.

*CHARLES PERKINS* (30), son of Charles (9), was born June 20, 1820; married Mary K. Williams, December 4, 1843, and had—

Sarah Williams, born March 31, 1845;

Preston Bond, born October 18, 1847;

Rufus Perkins, born March 2, 1851.

She died September 19, 1884. He then married Kittie Fitzgerald, December 8, 1885.

He was born in the home of his grandfather, Benjamin (5). Previous to his marriage he built his present home, corner Main and Plain streets. He succeeded his father in the shoe business in 1855, continuing the same until 1870. At this time, his son Preston B. removed the old shop, and built a new and large factory upon its site: for a while he was employed in this factory, but, inclining to agricultural pursuits, he has since been engaged in looking after his extensive real estate interests. Upon the death of his father, and a division of his property, (largely between his two sons) he purchased the rights of his brother, consisting of large tracts of undeveloped pasture lands. The subsequent rapid growth of the town and city made such demands upon these lands, that it has resulted in their occupation by numerous residences, and an avenue, "Keith," perpetuates the name of the original owners.

His wife, a woman of strong convictions, of decision and force, is remembered as a kind neighbor, a devoted mother, and a true and helpful Christian woman.

ANNA R. (31), daughter of Charles (9), was born November 11, 1822; married Theodore Lilley, May 8, 1842, and had—

Clara A., born March 2, 1844;

Mary Alice, born July 7, 1846.

The wife died January 28, 1882. He then married Frances A. Prescott, of Wakefield, Mass., December 10, 1884. They reside on Chestnut street, Campello.

Mr. Lilley followed the occupation of boot-maker until 1868, since which time he has been employed as "cutter."

*RHODA PERKINS* (32), daughter of Charles (9), was born October 28, 1830; married Barnabas H. Gray, May 8, 1851, and had—

Winslow, born October 26, 1857.

He died October 4, 1888.

Mr. Gray, for several years after his marriage, occupied the north tenement in the homestead of her father, and cared for the widowed mother in her declining years. In 1869, he built and occupied a pleasant home on Main street. He was some years employed as a carpenter, also in the grain and coal establishment of N. J. Foss, and, at the time of his decease, was employed in the shoe factory of Preston B. Keith. He was, for a single year, the acceptable and faithful superintendent of the Sabbath School connected with the South Congregational Church, modestly declining a second term.



*SANFORD* (33), son of Charles (9), was born November 25, 1833; married Maggie J. Harvey, of Louisville, Ky., June 3, 1858.

He removed to Louisville, Ky., in January, 1855, engaging in the jobbing boot and shoe business. Has continued the same under the firm names of S. Keith & Co., Harvey & Keith, and Neal, Keith & Barlow. Has been superintendent of M. E. Sabbath School several years, and is an energetic and useful business man.

*FRANKLIN K. JONES* (31), son of Polly Keith (10), was born August 31, 1822; married Abbie R. Otis, of Scituate, November 25, 1848, and had—

Byron O., born October 31, 1847; died January 10, 1889;

Abbie F., born April 8, 1852;

Lucius W., born June 28, 1857;

Annie B., born January 2, 1860.

He resided in Mansfield during the early years of his married life, subsequently removing to Fisher, Polk county, Minnesota, where he follows the occupation of farming.

Annie B. married Mr. Sibley, and had Hattie Recorder, born February 22, 1888.

*LEONARD AMES* (35), son of Polly Keith (10), was born March 21, 1824; married Louisa White, of Raynham, in 1844, and had—

Louisa Maud, born November, 1851; died November, 1851, aged 20 days;

Martha J., born December 10, 1852.

The wife died October 25, 1855. He then married the widow of Aaron Vasey, and had—

Fred, born August 2, 1866;

Daisy, born February 1, 1868.

He died in Waubeek, Wisconsin, May 20, 1868.

He was born in Massachusetts, but removed to Waubeek, Wisconsin. His occupation was that of a school teacher and farmer. He was also the inventor and patentee of the "Dove-Winged" Steamboat Paddle Wheel.

*JASON F. AMES* (36), son of Polly Keith (10), was born December 8, 1825; married Nancy C. Kingman, May 14, 1851, and had—

Fenno B., born September 27, 1854; married Mrs. Luthera Gardner, May 10, 1888;

Lucy J., born November 20, 1856;

Josie C., born January 21, 1858; married Thomas B. Torson, September 1, 1887;

Henry K., born November 18, 1859;

Lewis H., born March 19, 1861; died October 11, 1862.

She died November 21, 1886.

He was born in West Bridgewater. In 1852, he removed to Dunn, Wisconsin; returned and enlisted in the 45th Massachusetts Regiment (Colonel Codman); was honorably discharged, and has since found occupation in carpentering and farming.

Henry K. married Mary Williams, and had Mary Stewart Ames, born November 3, 1886.

*BENJAMIN K. AMES* (37), son of Polly Keith (10), was born August 18, 1827; married Sarah D. Carpenter, of Foxboro, December 6, 1845, and had—

Sarah D. C., June 30, 1846; born in Foxboro;

George H., April 24, 1848; born in Foxboro;

Charles E., October 12, 1874; born in Providence.

He was born in West Bridgewater; removed to Foxboro, April, 1844; thence to Providence, R. I., 1854. Is at present engaged in that city in the millinery business.

WILLARD WHEELLOCK AMES (38), son of Polly Keith (10), was born December 25, 1828; married Marcia Melvin Felton, of Fairfax, Vt., May 7, 1856, and had—

Willard Upham, born October 8, 1857; died April 26, 1884;

Franklin Felton, born August 20, 1859; died November 30, 1888;

John Angell, born May 11, 1861; died October 17, 1865;

Fred Clifton, born December 30, 1862; died March 11, 1878.

He was ordained as a Baptist minister in 1856, at Greenfield, Massachusetts, and at present is preaching in Menomonie, Wisconsin. Has served that town on School Committee in 1857 and 1858, and was chaplain of Wisconsin State Prison, 1861 to 1863.

*MARTHA J. JAMES* (39), daughter of Polly Keith (10), was born October 26, 1830; married Zachariah Snell, May 29, 1850.

They have an adopted daughter, Florence Evelyn, born August 31, 1852; married D. Everett Hall, October 4, 1882.

He at present lives in the town of Easton, and is engaged in farming pursuits.

*J. FURMAN JAMES* (40), son of Polly Keith (10), was born July 16, 1832; married Mary Jane Kirk, November 18, 1855, and had—

Mary Evelyn, born October 17, 1856;

George Franklin, born January 17, 1859;

Amelia A., born March 8, 1861;

Martha Luella, born July 16, 1863;

Ida Alice, born December 7, 1865; died June 2, 1866;

Margaret Frances, born July 8, 1867; married Ezra Segur, March 23, 1887;

Thales Lucius, born September 19, 1869;

Sarah Jane, born November 6, 1871;

Lillian K., born June 30, 1871; died December 18, 1874;

Byrd Clyde, born November 22, 1875;

James L., born November 30, 1879; died March 22, 1880;

Julia Grace, born September 5, 1881; died March 26, 1883;

Ada Irene, born August 20, 1883.

He was born in West Bridgewater; removed to Wisconsin in October, 1853, and in the following spring settled in the town of Dunn, Dunn county, Wisconsin. He took an active part in the organizing and building of the First Baptist church in Waubeek, Wisconsin; also assisted in the organization of the first school in that part of the county, of which he has been one of the trustees since its organization.



*LUCIUS B. AMES* (41), son of Polly Keith (10), was born October 3, 1834; married Adaline Scribner, July 20, 1859, and had—

Mimmie E., born August 14, 1860;

Mattie F., born May 17, 1862; married Will. F. Nicholson, of Lacon, Ill., August 21, 1888;

Charles F., born May 11, 1865;

Edward S., born April 21, 1870.

He was ordained as a Baptist minister at Coleraine, Massachusetts, September 7, 1859. Has since changed his belief, and is at present connected with the Church of Christ, (Disciples) Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa.

*CHARLES C. ADAMS* (42), son of Polly Keith [10], was born September 8, 1839; married Martha L. Fidler, December 7, 1865, and had—

Stephen B., born January 20, 1867;

Elmer C., born February 9, 1869;

Jason O., born December 30, 1873;

Harriet M., born January 16, 1875;

Charles A., born June 21, 1877.

He was born in West Bridgewater, but subsequently went to Wisconsin. Responding to the call of his country, he enlisted in 1862, and served until the surrender of General Lee in 1865, having fought in twenty-one general engagements. Has now resumed the quiet life of a farmer in Knapp, Wisconsin.

MARY AMES (43), daughter of Polly Keith (10), was born November 29, 1810; married Willard F. Holbrook, November 27, 1857, and had—

Ella F., born October 13, 1858; died October 12, 1884;

Willard Ames, born July 23, 1860;

Marigen, born August 28, 1862;

Mattie Maria, born August 17, 1864;

Benjamin F., born August 26, 1866;

Mary Lillian, born October 15, 1868;

Charles A., born February 16, 1871; died March 5, 1871;

John S., born December 17, 1873;

Lucius Roy, born April 30, 1875;

Bessie Bell, born July 24, 1882.

He died September 17, 1886, aged 59 years.

Willard A. graduated from West Point Military Academy, June 14, 1885, and is now Second Lieutenant of the First Cavalry, at Fort Ellis, M. T.

Mrs. Holbrook resides in Northfield, Minn.

*ELMER L.* (44), son of Benjamin (12), was born January 11, 1841; married D. Jane Freeman, June 1, 1870, and had—

Elliot F., born June 4, 1875.

In 1865, he entered into partnership with John O. Emerson for the manufacture of shoes, which partnership continued two years; subsequently manufactured for Hon. W. L. Reed, of Whitman, until 1874, since which time has found employment at Preston B. Keith's factory. Has resided since marriage in his father's homestead, 1180 Main street, which was partially destroyed by fire in 1889.

*MERTON SPENCER* (45), son of Benjamin (12), was born January 27, 1851; married Ida Ford Kingman, April 18, 1876, and had—

Ethel Lathrop, born May 30, 1878;

Merton Spencer, born February 11, 1882.

He graduated from Harvard College in 1872, at the head of his class, having secured an average of more than ninety-five per cent. during the course, and the highest honors in Ancient Languages. Is at present engaged in fitting private pupils for college, and resides at Quincy, Mass.

*ADELBERT F.* (46), son of Franklin (13), was born August 2, 1841; married Eliza C. Baker, of Hartford, Conn., June 22, 1870, and had—

Fannie Baker, born November 4, 1873; died November 14, 1877;

Edward Adelbert, born September 4, 1876;

Esther Frances, born June 11, 1881.

He was born under the grandfather's roof, which now sheltered the first of the fifth generation that had called this place home. By diligence in his studies he became a good scholar, and was strongly inclined to prepare himself for the ministry at an early age; deciding otherwise (for the present), he became book-keeper for Messrs. Martin L. Keith & Co., serving in that capacity until 1862, when he procured a clerkship in the War Department at Washington, which he held until 1864. He then returned and commenced the manufacture of shoes in partnership with his father, which partnership continued until 1867. Strong convictions of duty still following him, he prepared himself for the ministry at the Hartford Theological Seminary, from which he graduated in 1870. He then married, and accepting a call from the Congregational church, Windham, Conn., he was ordained October 26, 1870. Here he continued to preach with great acceptance to his people until 1874, when he requested and was granted dismissal. He was then invited to become pastor of the Congregational church in Danielsonville, Conn.:

accepted and preached to this people three years; then accepting a call from the North Congregational church, Providence, R. I. in 1877. This society at this time was a feeble one, the outgrowth of a mission, and afforded its pastor a welcome field for the work which he loved, and for which he was so well fitted. How faithful these labors have been, is witnessed by the growth from feeble beginnings to its present sturdy proportions, and by the erection of a beautiful and commodious church. Impaired health, with a feeling that "the world is the true field," he recently has asked to be released from his connection with this people, and has accepted an invitation to preach in Middlebury, Vt.

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HELEN M. 170, daughter of Franklin (13), was born October 22, 1843; married Sidney E. Packard, November 20, 1864, and had—

Fred Loring, born August 26, 1866;

Bessie Keith, born April 2, 1873;

Frank Edwards, born September 21, 1878.

The husband was a native of North Bridgewater, son of Sidney Packard, well and widely known as the proprietor of the store located directly south of the late J. W. Kingman's residence. Here his early years were spent as clerk, removing with his father in 1862; subsequently became partner in the clothing business, under the firm name of S. Packard & Co. In 1885, he returned to Campello; built a factory in the rear of George E. Keith's shoe factory, and commenced the manufacture of paper boxes, in which he is at present engaged. Was organist several years in the South Congregational church, prior to his removal to Springfield, and after at the First Baptist church, Springfield. He at present resides on Main street, corner of Garfield.



*FLAVEL BAILEY* (48), son of Franklin (13), was born November 8, 1845; married Ella Stevens, June 19, 1877.

He died January 1, 1886. She died November 9, 1887.

The stirring events of '61, culminating in the War of the Rebellion, had served to rouse the patriotism of our subject; responding thereto, he enlisted in Company C, 60th Massachusetts Regiment, July 14, 1864. At the expiration of his term of service he was mustered out, and accepted a position in a dry goods house in Toledo, O. Here he remained only one year. Returning, he entered the employ of Martin L. Keith & Co., as superintendent of their large factory, which position he held until it was destroyed by fire in December, 1874. He then commenced the manufacture of shoes for the same firm in the shop of George Stevens, Montello street, occupying these premises until 1877, when, having outgrown their accommodations, he erected a large factory off Montello street. In 1881, his connection with M. L. Keith & Co. ceased, and from this time until his retirement from business, he manufactured goods for Messrs. W. E. Putnam & Co., Boston. Naturally frail and delicate, he had not in youth the promise of long life, yet his ambition and industrious habits stimulated him to engage in active business pursuits, when many another would have been overwhelmed with discouragement. A cheerful,

generous nature with careful attention to his health, conspired to hold the fatal disease in check for many years. Relinquishing his business in April, 1885, he calmly awaited the summons which called him hence.

He was clerk of the South Congregational church several years, and as an unassuming Christian man his memory is cherished by kindred and friends.

The wife did not long survive her husband, broken in health, by reason of assiduous care bestowed upon husband and mother, both of whom were taken, she soon followed them.

*GEORGE ELDON* (19), son of Franklin (13), was born February 8, 1850; married Anna G., daughter of Hon. W. L. Reed, of Abington, October 23, 1877, and had—

Eldon B., born October 18, 1879;

Harold Chessman, born June 18, 1884.

“To the manor born,” his early training was in the line of shoe making, and later, as an employee in his father’s factory, was laid the foundation of a successful business career, which commenced July, 1874, as a partner in the firm of Green & Keith, and continued until 1880. The large factory now occupied by him was then erected, and has been from time to time enlarged until it is now the largest in this part of the State, and gives employment to about 500 hands, the annual product of which is more than \$1,000,000. He was a member of the first Board of Aldermen of the city of Brockton; is president of the Campello Co-operative Bank; director in both the Brockton National Bank and Brockton Savings Bank, and is an active member of the South Congregational church, and president of the Y. M. C. A., of Brockton. Resides on Montello street, Campello, but is at present building a residence on the site of the old homestead, corner Main and Plain streets.

*DEANNS CARY* (50), son of Franklin (13), was born May 11, 1852; married Jennie Wilkins, December 25, 1879, and had—

Ethel Wilkins, born May 11, 1885; died May 11, 1885;

Channing Wilkins, born March 2, 1888; died November 22, 1888.

Completing his education, he left home September, 1871, and engaged as clerk in a clothing store in Easthampton, Mass. The following spring he accepted a position in a wholesale clothing house in Boston, where he continued until the great fire of '72, which destroyed the stock and store. From this time he was employed as clerk in New Haven, Conn., and Springfield, Mass., until March, 1874, when he fitted up a clothing store in Keith's Block, Campello. This enterprise proving unsuccessful, he entered the employ of Messrs. Green & Keith, as book-keeper, in 1877, continuing with them until the dissolution of their co-partnership in 1880, since which time he has been employed by his brother as book-keeper and salesman.

Recently resided on Main street, corner of Plain, in the "Old Homestead," but is at present engaged in building a residence on Garfield street.

*MYRON L.* (51), son of Franklin (13), was born March 26, 1859; married L. Ada Cummings of Boston, January 6, 1886, and had—

Edith Lee, born April 23, 1889.

Completing his education at the High School, he entered the employ of his brother, Flavel B., as book-keeper, in 1875, and continued until 1883, when he accepted the position of foreman of the extensive factory of his brother, George E., which position he at present occupies. He is clerk of the South Congregational Parish and Church.

In 1885 he erected a residence on Plain street, which he at present occupies.

*HENRY MARTIN JACKSON* (52), son of Martha Keith (44), was born December 6, 1842; married Susie E. Packard, November 13, 1864, and had—

Linda May, born June 25, 1866;

Frank Martin, born July 3, 1871.

He died July 3, 1872.

Responding to his country's call, he enlisted in 1863 for three years, in Company B, 59th Regiment Massachusetts Volunteers, and served through the term, receiving an honorable discharge at its expiration. He was a thorough musician, being especially proficient on the violin, and as leader of several brass bands. After his return from the war he resided in Brockton, and though physically the picture of robust health, he suddenly sickened and died. The wife subsequently married Harvey F. Crawford, and at present resides on Warren avenue.

*MARTHA ELLA JACKSON* (53), daughter of Martha Keith (14), was born July 12, 1849; married Charles N. Buck, July 14, 1869, and had—

Charles Walter, born April 9, 1871; died Sept. 7, 1871;

Henry Martin, born September 29, 1872; died October 14, 1881;

Herman, born December 3, 1875;

Carrie Ella, born November 7, 1879; died March 29, 1880.

He was employed as shoe cutter and dresser, and resided in East Bridgewater; afterwards in Brockton, where he died December 28, 1874. She died April 18, 1880.

WALTER LEE (51), son of Martin L. (15), was born December 7, 1851; married Mary Elizabeth Willcutt, September 14, 1876, and had—

Walter Martin, born May 31, 1877; died March 10, 1879;

Edith Evelyn, born March 25, 1880; died March 25, 1880;

Arthur MacArthur, born May 1, 1881.

Was born and lived in Campello until 1858, when his father's family moved to Boston. In 1867, took a position as clerk in a leather store, and in 1868 became book-keeper for his father, continuing in his employ until 1877, when with William F. Brownell a co-partnership was formed and continued until October 1881.

In October, 1876, sailed for Europe, visiting England, Ireland, Scotland and the Continent, spending nearly ten months abroad; visited Dr. G. S. Keith, of Edinburg, who gave him a cordial welcome and much information concerning the family. The "Peerage of Scotland," from which quotation is made in the preface to this work, was purchased in Edinburg, preserving to the family the "Coat of Arms" and many interesting facts heretofore unknown. Is at present postmaster in Campello, having received his appointment from President Cleveland in 1887. At present resides on Montello street, Campello.



*EVELYN HUNTINGTON* (55), daughter of Martin L. (15), was born April 27, 1853; married William F. Brownell, October 14, 1874, and had—

Daisy Huntington, born June 19, 1877:

Evelyn Keith, born June 9, 1882:

William Martin, born February 16, 1886:

Walter Keith, born June 10, 1888.

Mr. Brownell was employed as dry goods clerk in Boston previous to his marriage: afterwards became associated with Walter L. Keith in the shoe business, retiring therefrom in 1881. Has since been, and is at present, employed as book-keeper for Messrs. Winch Brothers, Federal street, Boston, and resides in Longwood.

*EDWARD CLAYTON* 56, son of Jonathan (16), was born February 9, 1855; married Harriet M. Lapham, May 18, 1878, and had—

Grace Alton, born August 28, 1878;

Annie Gertrude, born February 9, 1881.

He died June 24, 1882.

He resided on Keith avenue previous to his death, and found employment in the shop. His was a gentle, uncomplaining nature which endured a long, distressing illness without complaint.

MARION FOSTER (57), daughter of Jonathan (16). See Rufus P. (75.)

*CHARLES HERBERT* (58), son of Jonathan (46), was born September 21, 1861; married Sophia C. Thomas, January 5, 1886, and had—

Clayton Edward, born January 2, 1888.

He finds employment in the shop of George E. Keith, and has recently erected a cottage on Montello street, near Plain, where he resides.

*NELLIE MINER* (59), daughter of Daniel N. (18), was born March 10, 1863; married Arthur Wallen, October 26, 1885, and had—

Ethel Keith, born June 2, 1887.

He has been engaged in the grocery business as partner in the firm of J. L. Houghton & Co., doing business in Brockton, but has recently withdrawn and is at present a traveling salesman, and boards with his father-in-law, Daniel N. Keith, Main street, corner Clifton avenue.

*Mrs. E. M.* (60), daughter of Albert Keith (22), was born October 19, 1850; married Captain Alexander Wheldon, June 1, 1884.

She was a graduate of North Bridgewater High School, class of 1867, continued her studies at Abbott Academy, Andover, Mass.; went abroad in 1870, visiting Scotland, England, Belgium, Germany, Switzerland and Italy; was in Paris at the breaking out of the Franco-Prussian war. Taught in Salt Lake Academy, Salt Lake, Utah, from 1879 to 1881. In 1882, she went abroad again for fourteen months, visiting Holland, but remained the greater part of the time in Dresden, studying the language. Marrying in 1884, she went to California and remained until after the death of her husband, when she returned and at present is making her home in Boston.

He was a well-known sea captain; died June 11, 1885.

LILLIAN MAY (61), daughter of Albert (22), was born January 14, 1865; married Elijah A. Keith, son of Henry S. Keith, of West Bridgewater, January 18, 1888.

She was educated in the Brockton High School, and subsequently occupied a position in the post office at Campello. He is employed as clerk in the extensive house of A. G. Spaulding & Co., New York City, where they at present reside.

*ABBY LOUISE ARNES* (62), daughter of Marcia Keith (Arnes) (21), was born November 5, 1845; married Edwin B. Hosmer, September 11, 1864, and had

Alice Lillian, born August 14, 1867;

Albert Edwin, born April 29, 1871;

Everett, born March 15, 1879;

Florence Arnes, born October 20, 1881.

He is at present employed as superintendent of an extensive farm in Woodstock, Conn., where they reside.



*WILLARD O.* (63), son of Marcia Keith (Armes) (21), was born February 27, 1857; married Irene Headley, March 20, 1883, and had—

Dora L., born December 31, 1883;

Irene Headley, born December 7, 1885.

He is proprietor of the Manomet House, Plymouth, Mass.

*CZ. 174. W. 164*, daughter of Lewis Keith (25), was born June 14, 1853; married George L. Forbush, May 13, 1875, and had—

Ruth Isabel, born June 29, 1876; died April 27, 1877;

Lewis Keith, born May 27, 1878; died April 25, 1885.

Mr. Forbush is a druggist, and resides in Peterboro, N. H.

*LEWIS HENRY* (65), son of Henry K. (26), was born June 8, 1848; married Laura L. Bailey, January 30, 1872, and had—

Louisa Cary, born December 9, 1872;

Annie Lewis, born June 24, 1876; died May 18, 1877;

Gertrude Willard, born November 16, 1879;

Helen Cynthia, born March 4, 1881;

Clinton Thomas, born November 27, 1887.

He was for a while clerk in his father's store, Kingston, Mass., and after his retirement succeeded him as a partner in the firm of Burgess & Keith; resides in Kingston.

*EMMA C.* (66), daughter of Henry K. (26), was born February 25, 1850; married James L. Barker of Santa Barbara, Cal. January 1, 1874, and had—

Henry Lawrence, born September 11, 1875.

She at present resides with her father, in Kingston, Mass.

*ELLIS VINAL LYON* (67), son of Damaris Keith (Lyon) (29), was born August 30, 1841; married Hattie F. Kingman, of Braintree, December 1, 1861, and had—

Arthur Vinal, born January 12, 1863.

He was a member of the 4th Massachusetts Cavalry, Captain Richmond. His term of service had expired and his friends were expecting him home on the day that news came of his death, which occurred at Petersburg, Va., September 24, 1864. His body was embalmed and sent home, and he was buried with military honors, Sunday, October 2, 1864, a detachment of cavalry attending. His widow and son reside in Brockton.

MARIE (A. 68), daughter of Damaris Keith (Lyon (29)), was born November 10, 1842; married Edmund B. Fanning, April 8, 1866, and had—

Edmund Gray, born August 26, 1867;

Charles Henry, born September 18, 1869;

Mattie Snyder, born February 10, 1873;

Ellis Vinal, born August 2, 1879;

Elsie, born February 19, 1885.

She was for many years a leading singer in the South Congregational church choir, as was also her husband. He is employed as foreman in the factory of Preston B. Keith, and resides on the spot formerly occupied by the house in which Mrs. F. was born.

*CHLOE RICHMOND* (69), daughter of Damaris Keith (Lyon) (29), was born April 5, 1845; married Lysander F. Gurney, June 3, 1866, and had—

Frank Ellis, born July 22, 1867;

Merton Studley, born April 14, 1869;

Sanford Keith, born October 30, 1875.

She taught school three years previous to her marriage.

Mr. Gurney learned the watch-maker's trade of David Studley, widely known and respected in Brockton and vicinity, and commenced business for himself in 1863, fully sustaining the reputation of his uncle and predecessor. Resides on Ward street, Brockton.

Frank E. graduated from the High School, class of 1885, as valedictorian; was fitted for and entered Amherst College September 10, 1885.

Merton S. graduated from the High School, class of 1887.

*GRANVILLE WARD LYON* (70), son of Damaris Keith (Lyon) (29), was born October 7, 1847; married Sallie J. Hart, December 3, 1873.

After attending theological school at Millersburg, Ky., and Boston, Mass., he joined the Conference of the M. E. Church, South, in October, 1870. His ministry has embraced the following places: Owensburg Circuit, Davis county, Ky.; Bardstown, Ky.; Elizabethtown, Ky.; Middletown, Ky.; Princeton, Ky.; Jeffersonville, Ind., and Franklin, Ky. Previous to his attending theological school was employed as salesman for Harvey, Keith & Co., Louisville, Ky.



MARY WILLIAMS (71), daughter of Damaris Keith (Lyon) (29), was born September 16, 1850; married Rufus E. Packard, April 17, 1872, and had—

Granville Lyon, born February 19, 1873.

She was a graduate of the Brockton High School, Class of 1867, and was a very successful teacher in the public schools. Her love for "the little ones" is still manifested in the interest taken in the "service of song," and is highly appreciated.

Mr. Packard is engaged as insurance and real estate agent, constable, etc., and lives on Main street, Campello.

*ABBIE JANE* (72), daughter of Damaris Keith (Lyon) (29), was born September 7, 1851; married Sylvester O. Snyder, August 20, 1872, and had—

Cora Lyon, born October 18, 1873;

Keith Snyder, born March 27, 1875;

Mary Damaris, born December 30, 1878;

Hiram Tarwater, born June 8, 1880;

Sylvester O., born April 1, 1885;

John Vinal, born April, 1888.

Mr. Snyder was born in Pennsylvania, March 5, 1839. Went West at twenty-five years of age; returning to Louisville, Ky., located, and established himself in the hardware business, the firm name at present being Rankins, Snyder Hardware Co.

*PRESTON BOND* (73), son of Charles Perkins (30), was born October 18, 1847; married Eldora L. Kingman, December 8, 1869, and had—

Allie Louise, born April 2, 1877.

He was educated at the High School in North Bridgewater, and at the age of eighteen entered the employ of Martin L. Keith, of Boston, as book-keeper and salesman. Here he remained five years. Returning to Campello in 1871, he erected a factory and commenced business for himself. At the expiration of three years he removed this factory to a location on Clifton avenue, and enlarged it. Outgrowing these accommodations, three years later, he leased this property and erected his present large factory, which he occupied in July, 1878. His business has rapidly increased, employing some four hundred operatives.

He was elected alderman from Ward 3, in 1883 and 1884. Is Vice-President of the Home National Bank: Vice-President of the Campello Co-operative Bank: has been for many years Superintendent of the South Congregational Sabbath School, and resides on corner of Main and South streets.

SARAH WILLIAMS (74), daughter of Charles P. (30), was born March 31, 1845; married Fred W. Park, January 8, 1873, and had—

Charles Milton, born June 19, 1874.

Mr. Park is employed in the factory of Preston B. Keith, and resides on Main street, corner of Clifton avenue.

*RUFUS PERKINS* (75), son of Charles Perkins (30), was born March 2, 1851; married Marion F. Keith, daughter of Jonathan Keith (16), October 26, 1880, and had—

Clara May, born April 2, 1887.

He has been employed many years as foreman in the factory of his brother, Preston B. Keith. Is a Director in the Campello Co-operative Bank; was Master of St. George Lodge, F. & A. M., in 1883 and 1884. Built a residence in 1886, corner Keith avenue and Main street, covering the site of his grandfather's house, where he at present resides.

*CLARA ANNA LILLEY* (76), daughter of Anna Keith (Lilley) was born March 2, 1844; married Frederick H. Henshie, February 4, 1870.

Mr. Henshie is of German descent; both his great-grandfathers were soldiers in the "War of Independence," one living to the advanced age of 90 years, the other to the age of 107 years, 9 months and 15 days. He was formerly engaged in the dry goods business, but at present is engaged in banking. He has held the position of postmaster, alderman, town treasurer, and other places of trust and responsibility. They reside in Blue Mound, Ill.

MARY ALICE (77), daughter of Anna Keith (Lilley), was born July 9, 1847; married John Gorin Harvey, of Kentucky, October 29, 1866, and had—

John M., born April 24, 1868;

Ellis T., born January 19, 1870;

William Keith, born December 26, 1871;

Albert G., born September 5, 1874.

Mr. Harvey graduated at the Ohio Wesleyan University, Class of 1859-60, in the Classical course, receiving the degree of B. A., and three years afterwards that of M. A. Graduated at the University of Louisville, Ky., medical department, Class of 1862. Served in the U. S. Army during the Civil War as Surgeon, from March, 1862, to June, 1865. Moved to Illinois in 1867, and has been engaged in his profession as physician and surgeon, since that time. Is a member of the Illinois State Medical Society, and Vice-President of the District Medical Society of Central Illinois, and resides at Blue Mound, Macon county, Ill.

WENZLÖFF (78), son of Rhoda Keith (Gray) (32), was born October 26, 1857; married Mabel E. Hicks, November 7, 1882.

He is employed as book-keeper for Preston B. Keith, and resides on Main street, Campello.



*NELLIE WHITE* (79), daughter of Louisa Keith (Packard) (27), was born March 4, 1862; married Horace A. Keith, son of Henry S. Keith, of West Bridgewater, April 12, 1887, and had—

Roger, born May 8, 1888.

He is employed as salesman in the extensive house of A. G. Spalding & Co., New York, in which city he resides.

*WILLIE CLIFTON* (80), son of Ziba C. (20), was born August 31, 1866; married Eva M. Place, April 28, 1887, and had—

Ziba Cary, Jr., born June 13, 1888.

He has been employed in the office of Messrs. Whitman & Keith, and resides at 1260 Main street.

*ARTHUR V.* (81), son of Ellis V. Lyon (67), was born January 12, 1863; married Mary Adelaide, daughter of Alpheus Bates, of East Weymouth, June 30, 1887.

He graduated from Weymouth High School, class of 1879; from Thayer Academy, Braintree, 1880; from Amherst College in 1884; from Harvard Medical School, 1887, and is at present a practicing physician in Brockton, residing on Summer street.

## ERRATA

Page 16, twenty-fifth line, Timothy (3), the ~~eldest~~ son of Timothy (1), should read eldest son of Timothy (2).

Page 17, third line, Abiah, second son of Timothy (1), should read second son of Timothy (2).

Page 17, eighth line, Nathan, third son of Timothy (1), should read third son of Timothy (2).

Page 17, eleventh line, Levi (1), son of Timothy (2), should read son of Timothy (3).

Page 18, fifth and fifteenth lines should read Timothy (2).

Page 21, twenty-fifth line should read Asa instead of Shepard.

Page 22, seventh line should read Asa Keith instead of Shepard.

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