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GENEALOGY

OF THE DESCENDANTS OF

JAMES BREAKENRIDGE,

WHO EMIGRATED

FROM IRELAND, JULY, 1727.

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PREFACE.

The writing of this memorial of the Breakenridge families of Palmer and Ware has been in greater part a labor of love, for if books enough can be sold to cover the actual cost of publication it is more than I expect. The gathering of material I commenced more than ten years ago as a matter of personal gratification. Wm. Sinclair Brakenridge of Westfield long had it in mind to compile such a volume and collected many facts relating to the family, some of which his daughter, Mrs. Root, has kindly furnished me; but doubtless much of his information is lost, as during his busy life he never found time to place it in connected form.

The tradition concerning the derivation of the name from the Scotch Bracken or common brake as growing abundantly on the ridge where the family was first distinctively known, was obtained by him from Rev. E. S. Breckenridge of Binghamton, N. Y., who came from Scotland in the present century, as is witnessed by a letter from Wm. S. B. to Susan H. B., dated at Rochester, N. Y., Aug., 1869.

It has some support in the fact that Francis of Palmer, the first one born in this country, to preserve his descent, spelled his name *Brackenridge*. Francis, of Ware, followed his example, as seen on

the headstones of himself and wife in the old graveyard near the church at Ware Center. But the first emigrant wrote his name *Breakenridge*, and his youngest son George and *his* descendants to the fifth generation kept up that spelling. His second son William, of Ware, dropped the *e* and spelled *Brakenridge* and it was so kept up by most of *his* descendants, except the families of his son George. Now almost all our cousins of the name throughout the country adopt the Southern method *Breckenridge*. It has produced greater uniformity, but I am by no means certain that it conveys the right idea.

I wish here to express my thanks to all those cousins who have so kindly assisted me by furnishing for this work statistics of their respective branches of the family. I have taken great care and pains to avoid inaccuracies of every description, but fear I have not been entirely successful.

Ware, September, 1886.

C. A. GOULD.

NOTE.

Numbers at the right hand of masculine names refer to sections forward.

Numbers over the sections indicate male heads of families.

ABBREVIATIONS: b. born, m. married, ch. children, dau. daughter, res. residence, unm. unmarried.

The maiden names of married women are printed in *Italics*.

Heads of families in the female line are included under the section of their father.

GENEALOGY.

FIRST GENERATION

1.

The first record that we know of our branch of the Breakenridge family, originally from Scotland, was contained in a manuscript book brought over by the first emigrant. "Jacobus Breakenridge, his music book made and taught per me Rob't Cairnes Glenreavoll, September, 1715." Born in 1696, Jacobus must have been about nineteen years old at this time. This little book contained the scale and rudiments of music, but he appears to have used it afterwards as a sort of diary and memorandum book. There are but two or three persons now living who have seen and examined it, for it was lost from the family more than thirty years ago. For the preservation of the items extracted from it we are indebted to the sketch of the earlier inhabitants of Ware by the Hon. William Hyde, published in 1847.

His marriage was in 1720, and the births of his children were minutely recorded, giving the time of the moon as well as the year, month, day, hour and minute. On one page was written, "We departed from Ireland, July 16th, 1727, and my child died on the 19th of August." He had three sons to take with him on leaving his home in Ireland. James, six years

old, William, four, Francis, two and one-half. It was Francis that died on the voyage. It is probable that he left his mother behind him, as she died in 1729. His father died in 1709, when James was a boy of thirteen. Very likely there were other children in the family, but we do not certainly know.

He was one of a company of emigrants who settled in the forks of the Chickopee river, on the Elbow Tract, under the claim of Joshua Lamb, Esq., of Boston. The township, at first called Kingstown, is now Palmer. The titles under this claim were disputed and the settlers appealed to the Provincial Legislature, and were at last conditionally allotted tracts of about one hundred acres each; that of James Breakenridge was a mile east of Palmer Center. Here he lived and brought up his family in comfort and respectability, and kept up some intercourse with the "old country," for the late J. C. Hamilton of Feeding Hills told me that he had seen a curiously directed letter, superscribed on this wise, "James Breakenridge, Town of Kingston, County of Hampshire, Province of Massachusetts Bay." Mr. Hamilton also showed me a stout oak cane headed with silver which came over the blue waters with his great-grandfather.

James Breakenridge d. April 5, 1767, aged 71. Sarah, his wife, d. Nov. 17, 1773, aged 78. Their eight children were:

- I. James b. May 28, 1721. (2.
- II. William b. Sept. 17, 1723. (3.
- III. Francis b. Jan. 8, 1725, d. Aug. 19, 1727.
- IV. Francis 2nd b. Nov. 18, 1727. (4.
- V. Sarah b. Oct. 6, 1729.
- VI. Esther b. Sept. 19, 1731.

VII. George b. June 1. 1733. (5.

VIII. Margaret b.—— d. Sept. 9. 1787. unm.

Of Sarah there is a tradition that she m. James Lammon of Palmer and left numerous descendants, some living in Ware.

Esther m. James Hamilton of Palmer and had sons James and John; some of her descendants are now living in Palmer and some in Feeding Hills, Mass.

SECOND GENERATION.

2.

Of James, eldest son of the first James, but little is now certainly known. In the earliest town records of Ware, I find the births of six children of James Brakenridge and Mary his wife, viz. :

I. Janet b. Aug. 18. 1746.

II. Isabel b. Oct. 22. 1748.

III. Esther b. Sept. 22. 1751.

IV. Mary b. Feb. 1. 1754.

V. James b. Aug. 26. 1756.

VI. William b. Dec. 8. 1758.

I do not think he lived in Ware during these years, but he may have been here, though I have heard no tradition of place or occupation. It is certain that he went to Bennington, Vt., some time before the Revolutionary war. He and his brother William were members of the Provincial Congress in 1775. James was sent on a mission to England for redress of grievances: while there he was so persuaded of the wrong of rebellion against the king that he turned "tory," as it was called, and so could not return to his home in Vermont till after peace was declared in 1783.

There is a tradition that he came back to Canada and that one of his near relatives, perhaps uncle, came with him, died there, and that *his* family emi-

grated to Kentucky. A lady in Belchertown related to Susan H. B. that she distinctly remembered seeing James Brakenridge alight from the stage at her father's tavern there, when he was on his way to Boston to start on his English mission, and that he was a man of the most noble presence that she had ever seen. One of his sons, probably James, settled in Vergennes, Vt.; the other remained at Bennington, and had descendants of the name there only a few years ago.

SECOND GENERATION.

3.

William, second son of James and Sarah Breakenridge of Palmer, m. Agnes, daughter of William and Mary Sinclair of (Boston?) They were companions on the emigrant ship. Her father, William Sinclair, d. July 3, 1753; Mary, his wife, d. Aug. 9, 1765.

William Brakenridge took up a thousand acres of land in Ware on both sides of Muddy Brook, embracing the farms afterwards owned by his sons William, James and Francis. At first he and his young wife lived in a cabin near what has been called the Gulf, about a quarter of a mile north of where he afterward built his house.

I have heard it related that when it was necessary for him to go back to Palmer to bring on some young stock, and perhaps be gone till very late or even all night, he urged his wife to have Rachel Simonds from the settlement above, come and stay all night with her lest she should be afraid, but she scouted the idea; however, as the night wore on, she grew so lonely and fearsome she thought it would be better to curl down in the hovel with the cow where she could

hear her chewing her cud than stay alone in the cabin, showing how inherent it is in human nature to seek the company of any living creature rather than endure solitude in stillness and darkness. She had not been there a great while before the loud voice of her husband was ringing through the woods calling to his cattle. She made haste to get back to her proper place and conceal all signs of trepidation. In after years she related the incident to the wife of her son James, who told it to me among the many stories with which she amused my childhood.

William Brakenridge has been described to me by a grandson George, who well remembered him, as over six feet in height, with an erect, well-proportioned figure, long featured and of Scotch cast of countenance. He had such a loud, clear voice that he could stand in his dooryard and make himself distinctly heard by his sons when they were nearly a mile away in the hill pastures opposite. More than one of his descendants may trace their relation to him by a similar loudness of voice.

According to all traditions of him he was a man of most notable qualities and well fitted for a successful pioneer. The wife of his son George, who lived at the homestead for eight or ten years after their marriage, considered him the most nearly faultless of any one she ever knew.

Captain Brakenridge never united with the church in Ware, some scruple of conscience preventing; but he was a religious, Godfearing man; maintaining family worship with reading the Scriptures, singing and prayer, in the Scotch-Presbyterian way. He was a lover of good books including Henry's Commentary in huge folio; the Greater Catechism, ex-

plaining and enlarging on the questions of the smaller, on one of the fly pages of which was written Queen Elizabeth's reply to her questioners about the real Presence in the Sacrament,

“He was the Word that spake it,
He blessed the bread and brake it,
And what the Word doth make it,
That I bless and take it.”

He had a set of Scott's Bibles, some of the volumes being in existence now; Bayley's dictionary, which was as great a treasure then as Webster's unabridged is now. These I remember looking over with childish curiosity.

He was one of the first Board of Selectmen after the town was incorporated; was Town Clerk for eighteen years; was chosen delegate to the Provincial Congress in 1775; had held a Captain's commission under the King, but resigned it and afterward raised a company for the war of the Revolution, his eldest son William being the first to enlist in it as a private, saying “he was going to take care of his father.” The company was engaged in the strife in Connecticut, (probably Stonington,) also in the battle of Bennington.

The silver-hilted sword which he used as captain of this company is now preserved as a relic, having descended to his son Francis, who used it as a militia captain, then to *his* son Francis, also captain of the militia, and is now in the possession of Francis Homer Brakenridge, living on the homestead of his great-grandfather. A heavy sword cane is in possession of another great-grandson, Joseph C. Brakenridge. Francis Homer now has the tall case brass clock Captain Brakenridge bought from the estate of

Rev. Ezra Thayer, who died in Ware, Feb. 12, 1775, in the sixteenth year of his ministry.

The death of Agnes, first wife of William B., is thus recorded in his family Bible, now in possession of his great-grandson Moses Paige B., of Westfield, Mass., "The partner of my joy and sorrow departed this life," etc., beautiful way that our fathers had of not calling their loved ones *dead*, but gone on to a life beyond. The inscription on her tombstone at Ware Center is as follows :

MEMENTO MORI.

In memory of Mrs. Agnes, the amiable Consort of Captain William Brakenridge, who died March 19th, 1789, in the 70th year of her age.

Her virtues would a monument supply

But underneath this stone her ashes lie.

The second marriage of Captain Brakenridge was to Mrs. Rosella Anne, widow of George Paige of Hardwick, March 17, 1790.

✕ William and Agnes *Sinclair* Brakenridge had seven children :

I. Sarah b. Aug. 22, 1747, m. Joseph Ruggles of Enfield. Their six children were :

1. Joseph b. Mar. 10, 1779.

2. William Brakenridge b. Feb. 28, 1781.

3. Benjamin b. Apr. 13, 1783, m. Abigail, dau. of Ebenezer and Milley *Coney* Gould of Ware. Their seven children were, Lavasta, Betsey, Evander Knox, Lorasa, Willard Gould, Orestes, Lorraine.

4. Sally Sinclair b. Aug. 29, 1785, d. Mar. 21, 1790.

5. Betsey b. Aug. 2, 1787, d. Mar. 19, 1790.

6. Sarah b. Aug. 12, 1795, m. Abner Pepper.

Sally Sinclair and Betsey Ruggles died from the well water becoming poisoned by the breaking of a mineral spring. William B. Ruggles, a very promising young man, died of small-pox in his 22nd year. The nature of the disease was at first unknown; his uncle, George Brakenridge went and took care of him and had the disease himself in "the natural way" and recovered.

The attachment between this brother and sister was especially strong. His youngest daughter said that when they would observe father dressing up of a week day they expected to hear him say, "I am going to step over to sister Ruggles." The step was a matter of five miles by the nearest crossways.

Mrs. Ruggles died ———1827, aged 80.

II. William, Jr., b. Mar. 5, 1750. (6.)

III. James b. Nov. 22, 1752. (7.)

IV. George b. Aug. 5, 1755. (8.)

V. Francis b. Jan. 11, 1759. (9.)

VI. Mary, or Molly as called in her father's record, was a twin with Francis. She m. in 1780 Jesse, son of William and Mercy Aiken Paige of Hardwick, Mass. He was b. Mar. 4, 1752, d. July 3, 1818. Their seven children were:

Francis, Mary, Christopher, Nancy A., Sally, Jesse, Hadassah. Christopher settled in Prescott and has sons still living there. Nancy married Bassett Fay of Hardwick, Mass., and when their children, Mary, Jane and Charles B., were grown, moved to Ohio. Sally married Colonel Briggs and moved to Indiana.

Mrs. Mary Paige d. Feb. 28, 1810.

VII. Infant b. Jan. 25, 1762.

William Brakenridge died Feb. 16, 1807, in his 84th year.

SECOND GENERATION.

4.

Francis 2nd, fourth son of James and Sarah Breakenridge, born in Palmer, 1728, lived with his parents at the family home. I have not been able to learn the name of his first wife. They had no children, which was a grief to him. When over sixty years old he married a second wife, Rebecca Blair of Warren, Mass. He died in his sixty-second year, before his daughter Rebecca was born. She grew to womanhood, married Joseph Brickett and went to

Webster to live, carrying with her many valuable family papers. I was told by the late J. C. Hamilton that Mrs. Rebecca Breakenridge married second Jonathan Webber and continued through life on the homestead and left several Webber descendants. The name of Francis has been kept to the present day in all the generations of his brother George.

SECOND GENERATION.

5.

The records under this number were not obtained until the book was nearly ready for publication, so they are placed at the back of the volume.

THIRD GENERATION.

6.

William, eldest son of William and Agnes *Sinclair* Brakenridge, married Thankful, daughter of Judah Marsh of Ware. She was born Aug. 9, 1748. Their five children were:

1. Thankful, b. Jan. 8, 1781, m. Amasa Anderson and lived a short distance north of the meeting-house in Ware Center; the house was built to board the workmen on the meeting-house. Her family were especially helpful to the church as singers, musicians and sextons. She had four children:

1. Oriva b. Apr. 16, 1803, m. 1st, Marshall Edson of Greenwich, Mass., and had seven children; m. 2nd, Artemas Ellis. Mrs. Ellis is now living in Ware.

2. William b. Oct. 12, 1805, d. July 21, 1884.

3. Samuel Franklin b. Nov. 10, 1807, m. Sylvia Maria, dau. of Warren Conkey of Pelham, Mass., and they had one son George b. June 20, 1831, m. Dec. 31, 1873, Emily Vowles Kingsley of Norwich, Conn., they having one son George Kingsley, b. 1874. S. F. Anderson died Apr. 18, 1860.

4. Charles b. Aug. 6, 1822, d. Sept. 12, 1879.

Mrs. Thankful Anderson d. Jan. 14, 1870.

II. William Sinclair, b. Sept. 8, 1783. (10.

III. Judah Marsh, b. Sept. 8, 1785. (11.

IV. Sally b. Feb. 14, 1787, m. Joseph Cummings of Ware, b. Mar. 5, 1784. Their ten children were :

1. Mary b. June 30, 1808, d. Mar. 6, 1815.
2. Sarah, b. Mar. 10, 1810, m. Lyman Taylor, had 2 children.
3. Eliza b. Dec. 23, 1811, m. Charles Adams of North Brookfield, her present res.
4. Delphia, b. April 11, 1814, m. Nicolas Harris, of Hartford, Ct., d. Dec. 5, 1879.
5. Joseph Austin b. May 26, 1816, m. Frances Elizabeth Bliss, of Springfield, Mass., res. Ware.
6. Luthera b. Apr. 20, 1818, m. Ezra Batcheller of North Brookfield, d. Sept. 26, 1878.
7. Mary Anne b. July 16, 1820, m. John Yale, M. D., of Ware, her present res.
8. William Brakenridge b. Sept. 4, 1822, m. Mary P., dau. of Avery Clark, res. Brooklyn, N. Y.
9. Elbridge b. Aug. 14, 1824, m. Emeline Reckard of Ware, res. North Brookfield.
10. Martha b. Oct. 21, 1829, m. Frank H. Palmer. Res. Boston.

Mrs. Sally Cummings d. May 21, 1852.

V. Charlotte b. Nov. 5, 1789, m. Isaac Stearnes, of Temple, N. H., in 1815. Their five children were :

1. Charlotte b. Aug. 25, 1815, d. Jan. 10, 1886.
2. Isaac, Jr., b. Dec. 1, 1817, m. Frances A. Davis, of Ware, and had three children. Res. Warren, Mass.
3. Maria b. May 14, 1820, m. Edwin Merritt of Hartford, Ct. One dau., Emma St. Clair. Res. Hartford.
4. Alonzo b. Mar. 19, 1822, m. Sophronia Grainger, dau. of Haskell Cummings of Ware. Three children. Res. Ware.
5. Hannah b. Nov. 10, 1824. For several years teacher in Hartford, Ct. Res. Ware.

Mrs. Thankful Brakenridge d. Dec. 27, 1831.

William Brakenridge d. Dec. 17, 1833. He was a man of calm, even temperament, eminently known as a peacemaker in the neighborhood; of a devoutly religious character, though subject to doubt and

depression, rather than having a confident hope. In such seasons he would go to his son-in-law, Deacon Joseph Cummings, have a long talk and go home refreshed and comforted. His grandson, William Anderson, has told me that when his aged grandparents would come over on Saturday to spend the Sabbath and go to meeting, starting out early to ring the bell, he would follow along after his grandfather and hear him engaged in vocal prayer all the way to the meeting-house.

THIRD GENERATION.

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James, second son of William and Agnes *Sinclair* Brakenridge, m. Priscilla, daughter of William and Mehetable *Elles* Coney.* She was born in Sharon, Mass., Aug. 28, 1762, m. Jan. 2, 1781. Their eight children were:

- I. James b. Sept. 4th, 1783. (12.
- II. Allender b. Jan. 11, 1785. (13.
- III. Polly b. May 11, 1788, m. Barnard Whitcomb, eldest son of Samuel and Hannah *Pratt* Brown of Ware. Their three children:

1. James Frederick b. Mar. 29, 1813, m. June 10, 1841, Eunice M. Woodford, of Burlington, Conn., and had three children, 1st Eugenia A. b. June 14, 1845, m. Dec. 28, 1875, George Casey. 2nd dau. b. May 13, 1851, d. in infancy. 3rd, James Franklin, b. Jan. 23, 1855. Eunice M. Brown, died Jan. 2, 1864, at East Douglass, Mass., 2nd m. June 13, 1866, Ada Fairbank of Worcester, Mass.

2. Horace Goodrich b. Aug., 1822, m. Mary Barrett, of Brattleboro', Vt. No children. Res. Collinsville, Ct.

3. Mary Jane b. ——— m. Amasa M. Cobb. He died at Collinsville, Ct. Mrs. Cobb has lived in Westfield, Mass., for many years.)

- IV. Reuben Moss b. Oct. 29, 1792. (14.

* See Appendix.

V. Priscilla, b. July 9, 1794, m. 1st, Dexter Bridges of Western, now Warren, Mass., June, 1816; 2nd, Seth Gould of Ware, Aug. 19, 1828, d. Oct. 3, 1838.

Mrs. Bridges had one daughter, Cornelia Dexter, b. Dec. 13, 1821, who took the name of Cornelia Adeliza Gould in 1836, and the position of adopted daughter to S. Gould.

VI. William b. Aug. 16, 1797. (15.

VII. Agnes Sinclair b. Apr. 15, 1800, m. Chester Hall of Enfield, Sept. 5, 1822. He was a clothier and set up business at Marsh Mills in the north part of Ware, and they both died of malignant fever in Dec., 1822, within two days of each other.

VIII. Mehetabel Elles, afterward called Alice M., b. May 26, 1804, d. Sept. 22, 1864, unm. She always had her home in her father's house, in the family of her brother William, and was beloved and respected by his large family of children almost as another mother. Her mother, towards the close of life, was for a long time almost a helpless invalid and this daughter attended upon her with unwavering devotion and care.

James Brakenridge had the south end of his father's thousand acres for his homestead. He was several years in clearing his land and getting his house built, on which he did a good deal of work himself. I suppose there must have been a bridle path by the place, for grandmother has told me that she was going with a small grist from her sister Morse's to the mill over at Ware Town, and had so much curiosity as to get off her horse and "peek in" to the half-built house of which she was afterwards to be the mistress, but never dreaming of such a destiny then.

From Joseph C. B. I learn that his grandfather used to say "brother James was not noted for his

force and energy when a young man at home, but when he went out for himself he was a *smasher*." This brother was of calm, even temper and mild deliberate speech, a contrast to James, who was hasty, impulsive and somewhat rough in manner.

Their dwellings were about half a mile apart, William's at the foot of a steep hill. James had part of the Muddy Brook meadows and was quite apt to put on too heavy a load for his team. William would have his oxen yoked and ready for use about the time he expected James along, and when with much urging and loud talk he was trying to get the load up the hill, William would come up with *his* oxen and say, "Hold on James, I'm a comin'," and so with both teams the load would be dragged up the hard road.

It was the fashion in those days for men to wear the hair long and dressed in a queue, and J. B. wore his so, till one day being at work in the woods, it bothered him so by catching in the twigs that he held his head to a log and cut off the queue with his axe and ever after wore short hair.

He was a natural mechanic. When a young man he worked with Deacon Jenkins in his tannery; the place was the next southeast of his. He learned also something of shoemaking and had a bench and kit of tools so as to repair for his own family; but his taste was for wood work and he had a shop at the end of his cider mill where he made spinning wheels and reels, etc., when the wool was all worked up by hand, and many a farmer's daughter went to his house and spun for a "great wheel" when they wanted one for themselves. Farm wagons, carts, sleds, etc., were also in his line of work, and a little coopering, such as making tubs and barrels, besides. No

wonder that his sons and grandsons have taken to mechanics and in several instances shown quite a genius for invention.

When the parsonage house on the corner of the main and south roads in Ware Center, was built for Rev. Reuben Morse, he wanted it set square with the points of the compass. I am told "Uncle Jim" went down one evening and set the stakes by the North star.

In 1800, when the bell tower and cupola were attached to the new church, just built, it was to be done by private effort without expense to the town. The corner posts were solid timbers, extending from the underpinning up above the bell deck; three of them were prepared; where the fourth was to come from was a puzzle till grandfather heard of a tall white pine in the edge of Belchertown. So one morning about sunrise he took his axe, broad axe, etc., and went over there on horseback. He cut down the tree, scored and hewed it about sixteen inches square at the butt, cut his initials "J. B." on it and got home about sundown. The relater of this anecdote says he found the "J. B." on the timber when the steeple was taken down in 1843. Somewhat later this same steeple came near being the means of his death, for being at work on the belfry he fell over on the east side, caught on the staging as he came down, all but the lowest giving way. He hung by his right hand till he could be taken down, when it was found that only one nail of the fastening held. His shoulder was so wrenched as to make it trouble him greatly for the rest of his life.

He took great interest in fruit growing and from Deacon Jenkins, who brought nice fruit from Rox-

bury, he learned about the cultivation of it, and made many experiments in planting and grafting. By carefully splitting the cions he succeeded in producing a tree which bore apples one-half sweet and the other sour. Climate and soil allowed the cultivation of peaches in those days. Oriva Anderson tells me that when she was a little girl, going from town to her grandfather's in the peach season, there was a fine large tree in the little garden at the top of the hill, before getting to the house, and she was tempted to go through the bars and help herself, well knowing that she would be welcome to them. After eating all she could hold and putting a few in the bosom of her dress, (little girls didn't have pockets then,) she was hurrying on by as fast as she could, but Uncle Jim espied her from the shop and called out, "Here, come back you little trollop you, and get some peaches to carry to your granny. She wants some." So she was loaded with all she could carry in a bag, and given strict orders to stop when she came back and take another load to her mother, her heart all the time in a tremble for fear they would ask why she couldn't eat any more.

He had the habit of speaking sharply to children, but was kind and indulgent to them nevertheless. Once when his two eldest boys were abusively punished by a passionate school teacher, they were sent to bed with small sympathy from him, but he took pains to go a long distance that night to give the young man a "talking to," and a warning that it must never occur again.

When his youngest son was married in 1827, his parents were too infirm to go to the wedding. The bride had been left fatherless in childhood and deeply

felt the want of a father's house and home, and it moved her to the core of her heart to have her husband's father say, as she came over the threshold, "My daughter, I bid you welcome." For only a year did she enjoy this late found kindness, as he died of typhoid fever Dec. 10, 1828, aged 76. Priscilla his wife died Sept. 11, 1840, aged 78. Both united with the church in 1794, in the ministry of Rev. Reuben Moss.

THIRD GENERATION.

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George, third son of William and Agnes *Sinclair* Brakenridge, married May, 1784, Persis Joslyn, of New Braintree, b. 1767. Their ten children were:

- I. Dwight b. Sept. 29, 1785. (16.)
- II. John b. May 4, 1788, d. Aug. 13, 1822, unm.
- III. George b. Jan. 12, 1791, d. Oct. 23, 1871, unm.
- IV. William b. Dec. 10, 1793. (18.)
- V. Benjamin b. June 26, 1796. (19.)
- VI. Betsey b. Mar. 12, 1799, m. Isaac Osborn of Ware. Their five children were:

1. George B. b. Oct. 9, 1819, d. July 11, 1829.
2. William L. b. June, 1821, m. Sarah Nelson of Sturbridge. Their two daughters, both married, reside at Kendall, Mich.
3. Elizabeth b. Sept. 20, 1824, m. Henry Plympton of New London, Conn., had two children and died Oct. 1876, at Columbus, Ohio.
4. Franklin B. b. Nov. 11, 1826, d. Nov. 10, 1842.
5. Persis B. b. Mar. 26, 1829, m. George Rich of Ware. Their six children are—George B., Ella Persis, John Andrew, Henry Franklin, Mary Samantha, William Dwight. Mr. Rich d. May, 1876. Mrs. Rich resides on the homestead of her grandfather.

Mrs. Betsey Osborn d. July 10, 1829.

VII. Sally b. May 13, 1802, m. Lewis Demond, of Barre, Mass., Oct. 30, 1823. Their three children were :

1. Mary Anne b. Sept. 9, 1824, m. John Ruggles, of Hardwick, Mass. No children. Res. San Francisco, Cal.
2. Eliza Jane b. Sept. 1, 1833, m. Philip H. Sagendorph of Ware. Their two daughters were Mary Demond and Florence Livingston.
3. Walter Lewis b. Nov. 30, 1847, m. Charlotte E., daughter of Danforth Keyes of Warren, Mass. Their three daughters are: Alice B., Helen K., Anna L. Demond. Walter L. Demond died at Spencer, Mass., Oct. 1, 1882. He was for several years cashier of the Spencer National Bank, a young man of noble Christian character, greatly useful in his life and lamented at his death.

Mrs. Sally Demond d. Nov. 17, 1881. Deacon Lewis Demond d. Dec. 2, 1880. The most of his life was passed in mercantile business in Ware Village: retired to a small farm north of the village, where his daughter, Mrs. Sagendorph now lives.

VIII. Theodosia More b. May 22, 1804, lived on the homestead with her parents and remained unmarried. When in 1829 her sister Osborn died, leaving a baby only a few months old, this child was taken to the home of her grandmother and brought up as a daughter of the house; but the principal care was taken by her Aunt 'Dosia, who well fulfilled the part of mother and who in her turn received a daughter's care and tenderness from this adopted child. T. M. B. in her youth was remarkable for personal beauty, and all her life for gentle, courteous, ladylike demeanor. She died Aug. 13, 1884, aged 80.

IX. Susan Howe b. July 9, 1807, d. Apr. 17, 1880. From early life to middle age she was an acceptable teacher in the public schools of her native town and the adjoining ones, and many a pupil remembers her as a guide not only in lessons from the books, but in

ways of honor and good principles. She was one of the first teachers in this vicinity to introduce singing as a daily exercise in her schools and excelled as a disciplinarian.

X. Franklin b. Oct. 23, 1809. (20.

George Breckenridge lived at the homestead with his father for about eight years after his marriage, then the Captain Oliver Coney Farm, lying just south of the one thousand acres, was bought on for him and a new house built fully upright; the others had houses two stories in front sloping down to one at the back. Not far from this time he was chosen one of the "Queristers" by the town and was persuaded to finish one end of the second story of his house into a hall that could be used for singing meetings, etc. This house is still standing in good preservation, though important changes have been made in it, and is now occupied by his granddaughter, Mrs. Persis B. Rich. He was the first of the name to unite with the church in Ware, in 1789. Died June 11, 1828. Persis his wife d. Jan. 5, 1849, aged 82.

THIRD GENERATION.

9.

Francis, youngest son of William and Agnes *Simclair* Brakenridge, m. Lydia Pepper of New Braintree. They had one son:

Francis, Jr., b. February, 1790.

F. B. was a captain of the militia: like most of the elder men of the family was very tall and had a remarkable erect figure and a stern cast of countenance, which well suited his military dignity. He lived at the homestead of his father and died there June 17, 1831. Lydia his wife died May 28, 1819.

FOURTH GENERATION.

10.

William Sinclair, eldest son of William and Thankful *Marsh* Brakenridge, m. 1st, Anna, daughter of Joseph and Temperance *Nye* Cummings of Ware. Their five children were:

I. Charles Sinclair b. July 18, 1811. (22.)

II. Henry Porter b. Nov. 20, 1813, d. Jan. 5, 1838, unmarried.

III. Mary Ann b. Mar. 24, 1816, m. Charles French of Oakham, Mass., Oct. 16, 1839, and went directly to Northeastern Missouri to live. Five children were born to them here:

1. Catharine Davis b. Oct. 1st, 1841, d. June 2, 1860; unm.

2. Lucy Ann Brakenridge b. Sept. 27, 1843, d. at Cleveland, O., Apr. 10, 1884, unm.

3. Martha Ellen b. May 28, 1846.

4. Anne Maria. 5. Mary Esther. They both died in early childhood at Mount Pleasant, Missouri.

Mrs. Mary Anne French died at Mount Pleasant, Missouri, May 11, 1850.

IV. Newell Cutler b. Sept. 11, 1818. (23.)

V. Bradish Cummings b. Jan. 22, 1822. (24.)

Mrs. Anna *Cummings* Brakenridge d. Feb. 24, 1822.

William Sinclair Brakenridge's second marriage was to Lydia, daughter of Israel and Hannah Demond, of Barre, Mass. They had three children:

I. Lucy Brown b. Mar. 20, 1825, m. Edwin Harroun of Sylvania, Ohio, May 29, 1862. Their two children are:

1. Earl b. Oct. 29, 1863.

2. Hall b. Mar. 10, 1865.

II. Edward Augustus b. Feb. 29, 1828. (25.)

III. Lewis Demond b. Sept. 14, 1829. (26.)

William Sinclair Brakenridge d. Apr. 22, 1832.

Mrs. Lydia D. Brakenridge m. second, Deacon Joseph Cummings of Ware, d. Mar. 13, 1870, at the house of her daughter Mrs. Lucy B. Harroun.

W. S. B. had a farm at the south end of the one thousand acres, between his father's, and Uncle James'.

FOURTH GENERATION.

11.

Judah Marsh¹, second son of William and Thankful *Marsh* Brakenridge, m. Sela, daughter of Joseph and Temperance *Nye* Cummings, of Ware, Apr. 29, 1813. She was born Feb. 25, 1792. Their three children were:

I. Mary b. Feb. 11, 1814, m. Newell Cone, Oct. ——— 1855, moved to Iowa, d. Mar. ——— 1861.

II. Joseph Cummings b. Sept. 4, 1815. (27.

III. William Wesson b. Nov. 21, 1817, d. Dec. 17, 1850, unm.

Judah M. Brakenridge d. July 23, 1859.

Mrs. Sela Brakenridge d. Jan. 21, 1875.

He always lived on the homestead of his father, erecting good substantial buildings when the old ones decayed. His son, Joseph C., now occupies the place.

FOURTH GENERATION.

12

James, eldest son of James and Priscilla *Coney* Brakenridge, m. Martha Carey of Brookfield, b. 1788.

Infant son born, and died Mar. 26, 1809.

Mrs. B's brother, Luther Carey, dying at their house, left an orphan daughter, Mary Ann b. Apr. 14, 1822. Before his death he gave this child to Mr. and Mrs. Brakenridge and she was by them adopted as their own, m. Apr. 13, 1843, to Timothy Mason Duncan, of North Brookfield, Mass., d. Sept. 12, 1869, leaving no children.

Lieutenant James Brakenridge d. Apr. 13, 1825.

Mrs. Martha B. m. second, Benj. Cummings of North Brookfield.

FOURTH GENERATION.

13.

Allender, second son of James and Priscilla *Coney* Brakenridge, m. Dec. 13, 1807, Esther, b. Mar. 27, 1787, daughter of Captain Elijah Perry, of Ware. Their eight children were :

- I. Elijah Perry b. Aug. 24, 1808.
- II. James Madison b. July 24, 1810. (28.
- III. Allender Coney b. Oct. 20, 1812, d. Feb. 28, 1814.
- IV. Allender Coney, 2nd, b. Mar. 18, 1816. (29.
- V. Elias Keyes b. Dec. 10, 1818. (30.
- VI. Josiah Carey b. Feb. 28, 1821. (31.
- VII. Julia Ann Childs b. Apr. 12, 1824, d. Jan. 28, 1830.
- VIII. William Lowell b. Feb. 1, 1828. (32.

Mrs. Esther B. died Nov. 23, 1846, and Allender B's second marriage was to Mrs. Celia *Chapin* Webster, Feb. 16, 1848.

Allender B. d. Dec. 12, 1871. Celia his wife d. May 1, 1875.

James and Allender Brakenridge settled on the Perry farm, about a mile north of Ware Center. Both families lived in the house which was built in the old style with two front rooms. James had the north part and lived there till his death. When the factory village began to be settled Allender was employed there in the building of the works, he was a wheelwright and carpenter, and took up one of the free lots and built a house on it for his family and lived there until 1830 or 1831, when he moved back to his farm and lived there the remainder of his life.

Mrs. Esther B. was so unfortunate as to lose her reason after the death of her third child and was never fully rational again while she lived, a period of more than thirty years. The patience, forbearance and tender indulgence of her husband through all these trying years were worthy of all praise and were unailing to the end.

The two brothers and their wives united with the church in 1813. Rev. Samuel Ware, pastor.

Allender was connected with the Sunday School work from its beginning and was for several years Superintendent: was active in the "Temperance Reformation." He cast one of the three votes in town for James G. Birney for President, in anti-slavery days, was sent to the Legislature with Homer Bartlett in 1832. He and his brother James were Captain and Lieutenant of an independent military company, probably the first organized in town. It was short lived, but military titles generally stick, and "once Cap'n allus Cap'n." In the war of 1812 he was one of a drafted company of soldiers from Ware, led by Captain E. S.—— They went into camp near Boston, but peace was declared before they were called into

action. One day on parade Captain S—— being a little too full of spirits, addressed his company thus: "There are three principal duties of the soldier. The first is *subordination* to your officers; the second is like unto it; and the third is *like-wise*." Words fail to express the mock heroic of speech, ground out with slow, deliberate emphasis between half-shut teeth. After he had retired some one asked Allander B. how long Captain S. had been in the service. With a pucker to his lips and a twinkle in his eye, which those who were acquainted with him will recall, he answered, "I can't exactly tell, but I believe he was Orderly Sargeant under Pontius Pilate."

FOURTH GENERATION.

14.

Reuben Moss, third son of James and Priscilla Coney Brakenridge, m. ——— 1814, Sylvia, b. Nov. 10, 1792, daughter of Solomon and Sarah Southard Cutter of Ware, Mass. Their seven children were:

I. Melitia Coney b. Nov. 24, 1814, m. Benjamin Sherman Stedman, Nov. 28, 1839. Their three children were:

1. Laura Jane b. Jan. 23, 1841, d. Mar. 9, 1861.
2. Emma F. b. July, 1853, d. Sept. 29, 1855.
3. Mary E. b. Sept. 27, 1854, d. Nov. 20, 1862.

Benjamin S. Stedman d. June 19, 1860.

Mrs. Melita C. Stedman d. July 29, 1880.

II. Dexter Bridges b. Aug. 10, 1817. (33)

III. Agnes Sinclair b. July 12, 1820, m. May 5, 1846, David Woods. Their nine children were:

1. Clara E. b. Mar. 27, 1847, at Ware, Mass.
2. Ella L. b. Jan. 27, 1849, at Warren, Mass., m. Frederick D. Sherwood of Southport, Conn., May 24, 1880. Their three children are: William D. b. Mar. 31, 1881. George A. b. Jan. 30, 1883. Frederick D. b. Aug. 25, 1884.

3. Lucy A. b. Nov. 25, 1850, at Ware.
4. Sarah F. b. June 17, 1852, at Meriden, Conn., d. Oct. 15, 1882.
5. George A. b. Feb. 11, 1855, at Meriden, Conn.
6. Jessie M. b. Dec. 12, 1856, d. June 21, 1857.
7. Agnes S. b. Aug. 7, 1858.
8. Sylvia A. b. Mar. 12, 1860, m. Sept. 28, 1881, George A. Carter, of Meriden, Conn.
9. Edward H. b. Mar. 23, 1863.

IV. Sarah Ann b. Apr. 15, 1822, upm. Residence with her brother, R. M. B., at Meriden, Conn.

V. James Henry b. Jan. 5, 1826. (34.

VI. Lucy Cutter b. Dec. 12, 1827, m. Oct. 29, 1856, Alfred H. Stocking, res. Kensington, Ct. Zana L. Bradley b. at Highgate, Vt., June 17, 1863, adopted by A. H. and Mrs. L. C. Stocking, Nov. 14, 1870.

VII. Reuben Moss b. Jan. 1833. (35.

Reuben M. Brakenridge, Sr., d. at Ware, Mass., Mar. 22, 1843.

Sylvia his wife died at Meriden, Conn., June 3, 1850.

R. M. Brakenridge, Sr., had a part of the west side of his father's farm, with a shop for wheelright work, etc., but did a great deal away from home at carpentering and jobs of that kind. When he died in the prime of life it was said: "How much he will be missed in the neighborhood in his ways of usefulness."

FOURTH GENERATION.

15

William, 4th son of James and Priscilla *Concy* Brakenridge m. Clarissa, daughter of Moses and Mary *Aiken* Paige of Hardwick, Mass., Nov. 6, 1827. She was b. Dec. 24, 1807. Their ten children were:

I. James William b. Apr. 16, 1829. (37.

II. Moses Paige b. Jan. 5, 1831. (38.

III. Mary Lucetta b. Oct. 20, 1832, m. Jan. 30, 1856, William Augustus b. April 8, 1830, son of Rev. Augustus B. and Mrs. Melinda *Borden* Reed. Their seven children were :

1. Mary Delight b. Jan. 17, 1857.

2. Alice Sinclair b. May 4, 1858, d. June 3, 1862.

3. William B. b. Nov. 6, 1861, d. Aug. 9, 1862.

4. Robert Brown b. Dec. 24, 1862, d. Aug. 30, 1863.

5. Lucy Paige b. Feb. 9, 1864, d. Feb. 12, 1864.

6. Theodora Williams b. Apr. 10, 1866.

7. Annie B. b. May 13, 1869, d. Mar. 7, 1870.

IV. John b. Oct. 26, 1834. (39.

V. Julia Priscilla b. Jan. 21, 1837, m. May 8, 1861, John Richard Reed of Westfield, Mass. He was second son of Rev. Augustus Brown and Mrs. Melinda *Borden* Reed, b. Mar. 25, 1832. Their four children are :

1. Richard Durfee b. Feb. 4th, 1862.

2. Clara Melinda b. May 21, 1865.

3. William Breckenridge b. Mar. 31, 1869.

4. Bessie Borden b. Nov. 12, 1870.

Mrs. Julia P. Reed d. Dec. 14, 1874.

VI. Anne E. Limbric b. Oct. 11, 1838, d. Jan. 10, 1871.

VII. Asa b. Apr. 7, 1841. (40.

VIII. Orlando b. May 15, 1843. (41.

IX. David Aiken b. Sept. 30, 1845, d. Jan. 27, 1867.

X. Agnes St. Clair b. April 1, 1849, d. Aug. 13, 1854.

William B. lived on the homestead of his parents, and cared for them during their lives. The place is marked by stately elms, which were left in clearing the original forest.

FOURTH GENERATION.

16.

Dwight, eldest son of George and Persis *Joslyn* Breckenridge m. Hannah Bugbee of Ashford, Conn. They had one son:

James Maro b. June 30, 1809. (42.

Dwight Breckenridge died at Charlestown, Mass., Sept. 15, 1812.

FOURTH GENERATION.

18.

William, fourth son of George and Persis *Joslyn* Breckenridge m. June 12, 1814, Violata daughter of Sylvenus Fuller of Ware. Their nine children were:

I. George P. b. at Ware, Oct. 17, 1815, d. ——— 1816.

II. Philo C. b. at Ira, N. Y., May 9, 1818, d. May 9, 1818.

III. Sophia Shaw b. May 24, 1819, at Ira, N. Y., m. at Brecksville, Ohio, Dr. C. E. Clapp b. ——— at Northampton, Mass. Their four children are:

1. Charles B. b. Aug. 1838, m. Rhoda Dunham, Nov. 20, 1866. Res. Burlington, Iowa.

2. Hattie S. b. Sept. ——— 1840.

3. Helen S. b. 1843, d. 1846.

4. Edward E. b. ——— 1846.

Dr. C. E. Clapp d. 1868.

Mrs. Sophia S. Clapp now lives at Aurora, Ill.

IV. John b. May 17, 1822, at Ira, N. Y. (43.

V. Elitha Violata b. Nov. 9, 1824, at Ware, Mass., m. first, Sept. 28, 1859, Jerome B. Long of Litchfield, Mich., who d. May, 1866. Her second

marriage was to Samuel Lovejoy, Dec. 28, 1875. Res. Litchfield, Mich. No children.

VI. William F. b. Feb. 21, 1827, at Brecksville, Ohio. (44.

VII. George W. b. Apr. 21, 1830, at Brecksville, Ohio. (45.

VIII. Betsey L. b. Dec. 13, 1832 at Brecksville, Ohio, m. Nov. 19, 1856, Ralph F. Hosford, of Litchfield, Mich. Their five children are :

1. Frederick Horace b. June 28, 1860.
2. Edward Latimer b. Mar. 21, 1865.
3. William Breckenridge b. Mar. 4, 1868.
4. Alice May b. July 15, 1872.
5. Ralph Benton b. Aug. 28, 1847.

Residence of the Hosford family, Burlington, Iowa.

IX. Julia A. b. June 26, 1835, at Brecksville, Ohio, m. Sept. 28, 1853, Thomas R. Fowler. They had one son, William R. b. July 4, 1854, m. in Burlington, Iowa, d. May 4, 1880. Res. of Mr. and Mrs. Fowler, Jonesville, Mich.

Mrs. Violata Breckenridge, d. Nov. 5, 1855, and William Breckenridge d. Nov. 17, 1857, both at their home in Litchfield, Mich.

FOURTH GENERATION.

19

Benjamin, fifth son of George and Persis *Joslyn* Breckenridge m. Oct. 30, 1823, Avis B. daughter of Joseph Barr, of Ware. She was born Apr. 19, 1801. Their five children were :

- I. Dwight Hervey b. Dec. 27, 1824. (46.
- II. Merrick Bowman b. July 24, 1828. (47.
- III. George Andrews b. May 31, 1830. (48.
- IV. Joseph Barr b. July 3, 1836. (49.

V. Harrietta Eliza b. Mar. 29, 1841, d. Apr. 20, 1843.

Mrs. Avis B. Breckenridge d. at Chardon, Ohio, Apr. 30, 1855. Benjamin Breckenridge, m. second, ———— of Chardon, Ohio. They had one son:

VI. William C. b. Mar. 14, 1859, d. July 30, 1865.

Benjamin Breckenridge was noted for many years as a successful teacher of winter schools. By natural gift he was an excellent disciplinarian, and the constant practice of taking difficulties home to study out enabled him to keep up with the times and be acceptable as a teacher almost to the end of his life.

He removed from Ware to Chardon, Ohio, about 1853, in the hope that emigration would benefit his family. He d. there July 3, 1865.

FOURTH GENERATION.

20

Franklin, youngest son of George and Persis *Joslyn* Breckenridge m. Nov. 29, 1842, Abigail, daughter of Elkanah Rich of Ware. She was b. Sept. 19, 1816. They had six children:

I. Ellen Augusta, b. Jan. 30, 1845, m. Dec., 1878, Reuben Doane. Organist and teacher of music Madison, Wisconsin.

II. Jane Elizabeth b. Nov. 4, 1846.

III. Maria Eldora b. Apr. 20, 1849, m. June 15, 1868, Charles C. Hitchcock of Ware. Their three children are:

1. George A. b. May 30, 1871.

2. John B. b. Aug. 19, 1875.

3. Mary M. b. Aug. 10, 1884.

Residence of the Hitchcock family, Ware.

IV. George Franklin b. Sept. 2, 1851, d. June 30, 1853.

V. Mary Theodosia b. Nov. 11, 1853, d. Sept. 27, 1855.

VI. Henry b. Sept. 15, 1856, d. Oct. 8, 1857.

Mrs. Abbie Breckenridge d. Nov. 3, 1857.

Franklin Breckenridge m. second, May 27, 1862, Betsey, youngest daughter of Calvin and Lucinda *Wait* Morse of Ware, b. Dec. 1821.

His occupation was farming. About 1847 he left the homestead of his father and went to live with the parents of his wife, and was in possession of that farm till his death, of heart disease, May 15, 1883, aged 73.

FOURTH GENERATION.

21.

Francis, Jr., son of Francis and Lydia *Pepper* Brakenridge, m. Sally, daughter of Lemuel and Martha *Anderson* Andrews of Ware. They had four children:

I. Francis Homer b. June 3, 1821, d. Dec. 22, 1886.

II. Sarah Antha b. Sept. 25, 1823.

III. Theodore Harrison b. June 12, 1825, d. June 25, 1880.

IV. George Lemuel b. Nov. 4, 1834. (50.

Francis Brakenridge d. May 20, 1834.

Sally, his wife, d. Nov. 27, 1865.

Mrs. Sally Brakenridge was a woman of great energy and force of character, and a successful manager of business affairs, taking charge of her family and farm after the death of her husband.

FIFTH GENERATION.

22

Charles Sinclair, eldest son of William Sinclair and Anna *Cummings* Brakenridge, after the death of his father changed his name to William, being then the fourth William in direct line of descent. He was a young man of grave, thoughtful temperament, early making a Christian profession in the ministry of Rev. A. B. Reed. He began a course of study for a preacher, but owing to a weakness of the lungs developing itself, also to the sudden death of his father, that hope was relinquished. But through all his life he was persevering in his efforts to bring others into the kingdom of his Master.

For two or three years he kept a country store in Ware Center, then with his brothers was engaged in the manufacture and sale of confectionery in Norwich, Conn. After the death of his brother Porter he came back to Ware and established a druggist business in the factory village. In connection with this he carried on an extensive business in life, marine and fire insurance. Here he remained for many years, taking an active part in the town affairs, schools, etc. Among other efforts for usefulness he kept a circulating library of the best solid literature, especially the choicest religious works. He was twice sent to the State Senate for the district of which Ware is a part. Here he gave his voice and influence for making Kansas a free state. He was a staunch total abstainer from intoxicants as a beverage and had the moral courage to refuse wine at public dinner in honor of the Governor, with only one friend to keep him company in so doing.

“Whether in private, business or political relations of life, he showed sound judgment, undeviating rectitude and conscientious fidelity to duty. His genial, sympathetic and always courteous manner secured the unquestioned friendliness of all his acquaintances and deep affection of all his friends.”

He was twice married, 1st to Minerva, daughter of David Gould, of Ware, Aug. 27, 1835. Their children were:

I. Helen Minerva b. June 12, 1836, m. Lewis Fowler Root of Westfield, Mass., Dec. 22, 1857. Their children were:

1. Nellie b. d. June 26, 1861.
2. Lucy Minerva b. Dec. 13, 1862, d. Aug. 13, 1872.

II. William Henry b. Sept. 21, 1839, d. Mar. 1, 1842.

Minerva *Gould* Brakenridge d. Mar. 13, 1869.

Married second Mrs. A. A. French, of Cleveland, O., Oct., 1872.

William S. Brakenridge d. Dec. 19, 1874.

FIFTH GENERATION.

23.

Newell Cutler third son of William S. and Anna *Cummings* Brakenridge, m. Nov. 14, 1842, Martha L. Roath, b. in Norwich, Conn., Nov. 26, 1819. Their three children were:

I. William Henry b. Nov. 2, 1844, d. Sept. 10, 1846.

II. Newell Bradish b. Nov. 22, 1849, d. Sept. 14, 1851.

III. Newell Cutler, Jr., b. Sept. 18, 1852.

The residence of N. C. Brakenridge was Norwich.

Conn., where he was a manufacturing confectioner. He was sent from this district as State Senator. Died in Norwich, Nov. 20, 1863. The following is an extract from a notice in the city paper :

HON. N. C. BRAKENRIDGE.

"No man in this community could have been taken away whose loss would create such a void in business and social circles, and there was no man whose death would be so deeply felt or so sincerely lamented."

FIFTH GENERATION.

24.

Bradish Cummings, fourth son of William S. and Anna *Cummings* Brakenridge, m. Sept. 20, 1852, Zeruah E. Whittemore, b. at Thompson, Ct., May 18, 1832. Their four children were :

I. Porter Henry b. Oct. 13, 1854, d. Nov. 8, 1854.

II. Alice Zeruah b. Feb. 21, 1857, m. Dec. 6, 1879, John Elliot. Their children are :

1. Sarah Blanche b. Feb. 21, 1881.

2. John Edwin b. Dec. 31, 1882.

3. Zeruah Elisabeth, b. July 18, 1884.

III. Frank L. b. Jan. 28, 1860.

IV. Anna Mary b. Dec. 20, 1869.

Mrs. L. E. Brakenridge d. Jan. 22, 1883.

Present residence of B. C. Brakenridge, Norwich, Conn.

FIFTH GENERATION.

25

Edward Augustus, eldest of William S. and Lydia *Demond* Brakenridge, m. Feb. 12, 1853, Loretta C., daughter of Benjamin D. and Esther Bemis of Mich-

igan, formerly of Fryeburg, Me., where she was b. Aug. 9, 1837. Their four children are :

I. Edward F. b. Oct. 5, 1857, at Port Huron, Mich. (51.

II. Lucy E. b. Mar. 17, 1860, at Memphis, Mich., m. Rev. Donald L. Munroe, b. in Glencoe, Ont., Feb. 20, 1850, son of Neil and Catharine Munroe, both natives of Scotland. Their three children are :

1. Loretta C. b. Feb. 17, 1881, at Bay City, Mich.

2. Jessie May b. Nov. 12, 1882, at West Bay City, Mich.

3. Neil Edward b. Sept. 16, 1884, at West Bay City, Mich.

III. Charles E. b. April 28, 1862, at Sylvania, Ohio.

IV. Newell B. b. Apr. 23, 1864, at Sylvania, Ohio. Residence, Minneapolis, Minn. He is engaged as salesman for the company of his father and brothers, in the lumber business.

Edward A. Brakenridge went from Ware to Michigan in 1850, moved to Sylvania, Ohio, in 1860, and returned to Michigan in 1867. Since 1881 he has resided most of the time in New Orleans, Louisiana, his present home. During most of this time he has been engaged in some branches of the lumber business. His two sons, Edward F. and Charles E., are now in company with him in lumbering and real estate business in New Orleans.

FIFTH GENERATION.

26.

Lewis Demond, second son of William S. and Lydia *Demond* Brakenridge, m. Nov. 12, 1851, Julia Gates of Monson, Mass., b. Mar. 5, 1831. Their two children are :

I. Ellen Frances b. Nov. 15, 1852, m. at Ware, Feb. 17, 1875, to Edwin A. Fisher. Their three children are :

1. Lewis Gates b. Apr. 2, 1877.
2. Julia b. Sept. 9, 1879.
3. Florence May b. Jan. 10, 1883.

II. William Henry b. Dec. 1, 1857. (52.)

FIFTH GENERATION.

27.

Joseph Cummings, eldest son of Judah Marsh and Sela *Cummings* Brakenridge, m. Dec. 24, 1864, Deborah C. Drinkwater, of Greenwich, Mass. Their two children were :

- I. Mary Celia b. Nov. 6, 1869.
- II. Joseph Cummings, Jr., b. Mar. 26, 1874, d. Aug. 16, 1875.

FIFTH GENERATION.

28.

James Madison, second son of Allender and Esther *Perry* Brakenridge m. Oct. 18, 1838, Hester Wade of Patterson, N. J. Their four children were :

- I. Charles Allender b. Apr. 13, 1840. (53.)
- II. James Harrison b. July 8, 1841, d. Aug. 1863.
- III. Alice Helena b. June 18, 1844, d. Aug. 19, 1875.
- IV. Hester Wade b. April 22, 1849, m. Mar. 24, 1870, Theodore Parselle, of New York City. Their two children are :

1. Theodora Louisa b. Feb. 5, 1872.
2. Hattie Wilhelmina b. May 14, 1873.

Mrs. Hester *Wade* Brakenridge d. May 4, 1849.

James M. Brakenridge m. second Celia Chapin Webster, Dec. 5, 1849, at Ware, Mass. Their three children were :

I. Henry Dudley b. Oct. 1, 1853, d. June 15, 1856.

II. Mary Elizabeth b. Dec. 28, 1856, d. Sept. 29, 1857.

III. Lucy Celia.

Mrs. Celia C. *Webster* Brakenridge d. Oct. 28, 1859.

James M. Brakenenridge m. third, Nov. 1860, Mrs. Louisa Merrill.

He learned the jeweler's trade of Lewis Babcock, of Ware, but when about nineteen years of age, went to Bristol, Conn., to work in a clock factory. Hearing from a shop mate the idea that elastic steel wire might be substituted for the heavy cast metal bells then in use for clocks, he experimented secretly, after working hours, till he succeeded in getting a temper that made the coil of wire resonant like a musical instrument. Such bells soon came into use and are still the principal ones manufactured for clocks. Present residence, New Haven, Conn.

FIFTH GENERATION.

29.

Allender Coney, 2nd, fourth son of Allender and Esther *Perry* Brakenridge, m. Oct. 10, 1838, at Ware, Mass., Amanda Malvina b. Nov. 17, 1818, daughter of Timothy Medcalf and Bathsheba *Bcals* Puffer. Their three children were :

- I. Ellen Maria b. Mar. 23, 1840.
- II. Augusta Louisa b. Feb. 20, 1842, d. Sept. 28, 1849.
- III. Warren Jones b. Dec. 16, 1845. (54-
Allender C. Brakenridge d. Sept. 28, 1884. The most of his business life was passed in Meriden, Ct., for some years in the employ of Pratt & Co., in the ivory comb works, but the last few years of his life he was engaged in manufacturing carpet-sweepers. Though very quiet, modest and retiring in manner, he failed not of the respect and esteem of his associates and was greatly beloved by his friends.

FIFTH GENERATION.

30.

Elias Keyes, fifth son of Allender and Esther *Perry* Brakenridge, m., first, Martha Cook Culver of Chicopee, Mass., Mar. 29, 1841. She was born June 25, 1817. Their three children were:

I. Martha Ann b. Nov. 8, 1842, m. Daniel H. Wells of Riverhead, N. Y., Dec. 23, 1869. Their six children are:

1. Clara E. b. Sept. 22, 1870.
2. Maude E. b. Dec. 5, 1871.
3. Ernest A. b. July 1, 1875.
4. Ralph O. b. Jan. 27, 1879.
5. Donald B. b. July 23, 1884.
6. Alden K. b. Feb. 20, 1886.

Residence of Wells family, Hartford, Conn.

II. Almira Lavina b. Mar. 15, 1844, m. Elbert E. Wadsworth, Nov. 16, 1880. Their two children are:

1. Elberta b. Apr. 18, 1882.
2. Martha Rachel b. Mar. 30, 1884.

Residence of Wadsworth family, Englewood, N. J.

III. Elias Emerson b. June 16, 1846, d. June 12, 1847.

Elias K. Brakenridge m., second, June 3, 1847. Margaretta Anne Minchen. Their four children were :

IV. Clara Eliza b. May 3, 1848, d. Sept. 11, 1849.

V. Clarence Elias b. Nov. 3, 1851. (55.

VI. Adelia Eugenia b. Nov. 13, 1855, d. Nov. 11, 1864.

VII. Eva Wood b. Oct. 15, 1858, adopted by E. K. and M. A. Brakenridge, m. William J. Wessenberg, Mar. 23, 1880.

Elias K. Brakenridge's residence is in Meriden, Conn., where for many years he carried on a business in casting small hardware, but has been retired from active business for some time.

FIFTH GENERATION.

31.

Josiah Carey⁵, sixth son of Allender and Esther *Perry* Brakenridge m. Frances Augusta Bradley of Meriden, Conn., Nov. 20, 1844. Their nine children are :

I. Allender Insign b. Aug. 12, 1845. (56.

II. Florence Fisk b. Dec. 11, 1846, m. Sept. 15, 1875, Eugene Potter, silk manufacturer of West Winstead, Conn. They have one child, Louise Ellen, b. Feb. 17, 1877.

III. William Carey b. Oct. 1, 1848. (57.

IV. Frances Augusta b. Aug. 20, 1850, d. Aug. 4, 1852.

V. Fredrica Corinne b. Sept. 23, 1853, m. Dec. 26, 1879, Walter Thorpe Babcock, of East Milton, Mass. Their three children are :

1. Gertrude Lydia b. Sept. 27, 1880.
2. Ethel Frances b. Nov. 12, 1882.
3. Thorpe b. Apr. 21, 1885.

Residence of the Babcock family, Quincy, Mass.

VI. Rosetta Sarah b. Sept. 19, 1859.

VII. Robert St. Clair b. Nov. 16, 1863, d. Sept. 19, 1865.

VIII. Ethel b. July 2, 1865, d. Sept. 5, 1866.

IX. Philip Kendall b. Oct. 8, 1867.

In the fall of 1840 and winter of '41 J. C. Brakenridge was a student at Wesleyan Academy at Wilbraham, Mass. In the spring of '41 he went to Boston and was for two years clerk in the carpet store of Ballard & Prince. Stopping at Meriden, Conn., to visit his brother, A. C. Brakenridge, then in the employ of Pratt & Co., at the ivory works, he was offered a situation in the cutlery works of Pratt, Ropes & Co., a business recently transferred from Saccarappa, Me., to the south village of Meriden, then called Hanover. He began at first as an ordinary hand, was soon made foreman, and with only two short intervals of less than a year in all, continued with the company until his death in 1869. In 1855 the methods of the business were remodeled and he became a shareholder, was elected a director and superintendent and continued to hold both positions while he lived. Their table cutlery, in all varieties, finished with ivory, bone, horn, South American wood, etc., obtained great popularity and extensive sales, and the building up of the business was in a good degree due to his talent and energy.

He was a man of attractive manners, genial and friendly with his companions, respected and beloved by the working people, so that many years after his death some said: "Nobody has ever cared how we got along since he died. We don't have nobody to go to for an advice since Mr. Brakenridge died. Mr. Brakenridge's family never could have missed him more than the people of the village did."

He built a handsome residence north of the factories, where his life very suddenly closed at the age of 59, by rheumatism of the heart.

FIFTH GENERATION.

32.

William Lowell, seventh son of Allender and Esther *Perry* Brakenridge m. Apr. 25, 1850, Mary Reynolds, daughter of Elijah Lyman and Celia *Chapin* Webster, b. at Greenwich, Mass., Jan. 21, 1826. Their nine children were:

- I. Frederick Lowell b. June 22, 1851, d. Aug. 24, 1872.
- II. Lyman Webster b. Dec. 6, 1852.
- III. Julia Ann b. Nov. 25, 1854.
- IV. Mary Emily b. July 20, 1856.
- V. Henry Ward b. Feb. 5, 1858. (58.
- VI. Seymour Chapin b. Aug. 30, 1861, d. Sept. 11, 1863.
- VII. Harlin Augustus b. Mar. 24, 1863.
- VIII. Fanny Esther b. July 28, 1864.
- IX. Ozro Ely b. Oct. 13, 1865, d. May 27, 1866.

W. L. Brakenridge had his home on the old farm during his father's lifetime, but, true to the family choice and capacity for mechanical work, he was employed most of the time in the near factory villages, making and repairing machinery, working both in wood and iron. After his father's death he bought a residence and wheelright shop at Ware Center, where he now lives.

FIFTH GENERATION.

33.

Dexter Bridges, eldest son of Reuben Moss and Sylvia *Cutter* Brakenridge, m. July 5, 1860, Mrs. Elisabeth *Clark* Dunlop, of Middletown, Conn. They have one son, William Dexter b. Sept. 16, 1861.

D. B. Brakenridge died Sept. 8, 1886.

FIFTH GENERATION.

34.

James Henry, second son of Reuben Moss and Sylvia *Cutter* Brakenridge, m. June 14, 1849, Lydia Brockett b. Sept. 13, 1827, at Smithville, Chenango County, N. Y. Their six children were :

I. Adelaide Elisabeth b. Aug. 21, 1852, at Meriden, Conn., m. Robert Walker b. May 1, 1849, at North Adams, Mass. Their two children are :

1. Anna Augusta b. Jan. 24, 1874.

2. Robert James b. Aug. 3, 1878.

Residence of Walker family, Meriden, Conn.

II. Arthur James b. July 25, 1856. d. Sept. 13, 1856.

III. Albert Henry b. July 25, 1856. d. Sept. 8, 1856.

IV. Flora Augusta b. Jan. 18, 1858.

V. Wilbur Augustus b. July 20, 1863, m. Dec. 10, 1885, Anlie J. Fenner. (59.

VI. Albert Edward b. Oct. 29, 1865.

J. H. Brakenridge has long resided in Meriden, Conn., where he is engaged in the manufacture of small hardware.

FIFTH GENERATION.

35.

Reuben Moss, third son of Reuben M. and Sylvia *Cutter* Brakenridge, m. first, L. Virginia Potter of Springfield, Mass., Feb. 25, 1863.

Mrs. L. V. Brakenridge died Aug. 5, 1865, aged 27 years.

Reuben M. Brakenridge's second m. was to Ellen Eliza Webb of Chester, Conn., Nov. 26, 1867. Their three children were:

I. Leon Moss, born and deceased Nov. 15, 1869.

II. Hattie Leona b. Sept. 10, 1871, d. Sept. 7, 1872.

III. Gertrude Brooks b. Sept. 12, 1873, d. Feb. 6, 1878.

Mrs. Ellen E. Brakenridge d. Mar. 8, 1885, aged 51 years.

FIFTH GENERATION.

37.

James William, eldest son of William and Clarissa *Paige* Brakenridge m. Dec. 7, 1874, Fanny Eliza, youngest daughter of Frantz and Hannah *Marsh* Fisherdick of Ware. She was born Mar. 26, 1841. Their two children are:

I. . Annie Louise b. June 12, 1876.

II. Hannah b. Oct. 11, 1880.

J. W. B. lives at the place and cultivates the acres that his grandfather cleared from the forest: it is marked by the big elm trees that were left for shade over a hundred years ago. The dwelling was built in 1882 to take the place of the one destroyed by fire that spring.

FIFTH GENERATION.

38.

Moses Paige, second son of William and Clarissa *Paige* Breckenridge, m. Nov. 20, 1853, Lucretia L. b. June 20, 1833, daughter of George W. and Harriet *Richardson* Wetherell of Ware, Mass. They have one son:

Lester Paige b. May 17, 1858. (60.)

M. P. B. has followed mechanical business at first at the Collins Axe Manufactory in Connecticut, then at Meriden, Conn., and of late years at the foundry and steam heater works of Smith & Co., at Westfield, Mass., as superintendent. He built a residence at the corner of Day Avenue and Pearl Street, where he now lives.

FIFTH GENERATION.

39.

John, third son of William and Clarissa *Paige* Breckenridge, m. Mar. 15, 1859, Augusta E. Wood of Sparta, Wis. Their three children were:

I. Alice E. b. Feb. 3, 1861, m. William C. An-

gell. They reside at Granger, Wis., and have one daughter, May Belle b. May 28, 1882.

II. William b. June 12, 1863.

III. John b. Jan. 23, 1866, and died about six months old.

John Breckenridge m. second, Bertha A. Kelsey of Kilbourne City, Wis., May 27, 1871. Their four children are:

IV. Mary b. Feb. 20, 1872.

V. Julia Reed b. Mar. 27, 1875.

VI. Anna b. June 18, 1876.

VII. Clarissa b. Dec. 2, 1878.

For the greater part of his life John Breckenridge has been engaged in educational work. He went to the west in 1856: was at first employed in the public schools at Sparta and New Lisbon, Wis. Of late years he has been in Decorah, Iowa, at the head of a private institute, combining the best of normal instruction for teachers with the best of practical instruction for business; also a scheme of community board by which expenses are reduced to the minimum. In vacations he is extensively employed in conducting teachers' institutes in the neighboring counties.

FIFTH GENERATION.

40.

Asa, fourth son of William and Clarissa *Paige* Breckenridge, m. Apr. 20, 1875, Harriet Eliza, daughter of Curtis P. Ripley of Alstead, N. H. They had one daughter, born and died Nov. 18, 1879.

Asa Breckenridge was in the 42nd Regiment of Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry and went to Louisiana. He has followed farming as an occupation.

FIFTH GENERATION.

41.

Orlando, fifth son of William and Clarissa *Paige* Breckenridge m. Oct. 29, 1863, Mary Sergeant daughter of Lorenzo and Diana *Packard* Crowell of Ware, Mass. Their two children were :

- I. Lorenzo b. Nov. 4, 1864.
- II. Louis Mixer b. Oct. 12, 1866. d. Dec. 10, 1866.

Orlo Breckenridge resides on a farm about two miles south of Westfield, where he carries on some branches of the whip business.

FIFTH GENERATION.

42.

James Maro, only child of Dwight and Hannah *Bugbee* Breckenridge, b. June 30, 1809. He married second Susan F. Gould of ——— Conn. Their three children are :

- I. Emma b. Feb. 27, 1845.
- II. James b. Dec. 15, 1853.
- III. Julia F. b. Aug. 15, 1858.

James Maro Breckenridge died at his residence in New Haven, Conn., June 8, 1886.

FIFTH GENERATION.

43.

John, third son of William and Violata *Fuller* Breckenridge, m. Sept. 30, 1858. Lucy Ann, daughter

of William and Lucretia Bouton of Homer, Mich.
Their four children are :

I. James Henry b. June 15, 1851.

II. Philo Fuller b. July 7, 1852.

III. Ella Violata b. Feb. 17, 1865.

IV. Lucy Bouton b. Feb. 27, 1871.

John Breckenridge d. Sept. 15, 1882, at Litchfield,
Mich.

FIFTH GENERATION.

44.

William Franklin, fourth son of William and Viola-
lata *Fuller* Breckenridge, m. Dec. 13, 1855. Jennie
E. Mills, b. June 14, 1883. Their three children
are :

I. Julia F. b. Mar. 10, 1857, m. Dec. 25, 1873.
Merrill F. Lewis of Litchfield, Mich. Jennie B.
Lewis b. Oct. 19, 1874.

II. Sarah B. b. Jan. 5, 1862.

III. Frank E. b. Dec. 15, 1868.

FIFTH GENERATION.

45.

George W., fifth son of William and Violata *Fuller*
Breckenridge, m. Dec. 25, 1855. Lorinda Van Wert.
Their four children are :

I. Mary E. b. Jan. 29, 1857, m. Oct. 16, 1877.
Benjamin W. Herring, of Litchfield.

II. George b. Nov. 10, 1859.

III. Harriet M. b. Jan. 22, 1862.

IV. Minnie Bell b. Oct. 6, 1877.

FIFTH GENERATION.

46.

Dwight Hervey, eldest son of Benjamin and Avis B. Breckenridge, m. first, Mar. 13, 1850, Eliza Ann, daughter of Simon and Miriam H. Switzer of Warren, Mass. She was b. Jan. 8, 1829, d. Dec. 29, 1871. No children.

D. H. Brakenridge m. second, Dec. 21, 1876, Martha Adeline, daughter of William and Elisabeth S. Coombs of Warren, Mass., b. Apr. 3, 1836. Residence, Warren.

FIFTH GENERATION.

47.

Merrick Bowman, second son of Benjamin and Avis B. Brakenridge m. July 8, 1850, Laura Twiss of Ware. They had one daughter, Laura, who died in infancy.

Mrs. Laura Brakenridge d. Sept. 16, 1851.

Merrick B. Brakenridge went to California, d. Jan. 20, 1854, at San Francisco.

FIFTH GENERATION.

48.

George Andrews, third son of Benjamin and Avis B. Brakenridge, m. Mar. 31, 1867, Clara L., daughter of Benjamin Ryder of Chardon, Ohio. She was born in Enfield, Mass., d. Mar. 12, 1868.

FIFTH GENERATION.

49.

Joseph Barr, fourth son of Benjamin and Avis B. Breckenridge m. Sept. 18, 1858, Mary Anne Hack. b. Apr. 23, 1838, at Westfield, Ohio, daughter of George and Christiana Hack. Their eight children are:

I. Avis Christiana b. Mar. 30, 1861, m. June 17, 1885, Henry Weiser of Norton, Ohio.

II. Mary Laura b. Oct. 15, 1862.

III. Harriett b. May 3, 1865, m. Apr. 9, 1882, Wesley Ingle. They have one son b. 1885. Residence, Troy, Ohio.

IV. Frank Barr b. Mar. 24, 1867.

V. Clara Emma b. Oct. 7, 1869.

VI. Barbara Maggie b. Oct. 17, 1873.

VII. George Martin b. Oct. 17, 1873.

VIII. Benjamin Joseph b. Aug. 25, 1877.

FIFTH GENERATION.

50.

George Lemuel, youngest son of Francis and Sally *Andrews* Brakenridge, m. Jan. 22, 1868, C. Emily Allen of Barre, Mass. They had one son Lemuel, who died when about a year old.

SIXTH GENERATION.

That persons of this generation may more easily trace their descent, the names of their fathers are inserted, marked with a small figure at the left hand.

51.

¹James, ²William, ³William, ⁴William S., ⁵Edward A., ⁶Edward F. m. in Monson, Mass., Jan. 10, 1877. Hattie L., daughter of Charles W. and Clara Gilbert of Monson, formerly of Hartford, Conn., where she was born Oct. 4, 1855. Their three children are:

I. Maude b. Dec. 23, 1877, d. Aug. 8, 1878, at Oscoda, Mich.

II. Eldie b. May 30, 1879, d. same day at Oscoda, Mich.

III. Florine b. Feb. 27, 1885, at Detroit, Mich.

SIXTH GENERATION.

52.

¹James, ²William, ³William, ⁴William S., ⁵Lewis D., ⁶William Henry m. Aug. 28, 1882, Anna Louisa Bannister. Their two children are:

I. Grace Gates.

II. William Sinclair.

SIXTH GENERATION.

53.

¹James, ²William, ³James, ⁴Allender, ⁵James Madison, ⁶Charles Allender m. Louise M. Gierding, Oct. 17, 1866. They have one son, Arthur Gierding b. Sept. 22, 1867. Residence, Meriden, Conn.

He was in a Conn. Regt. in the late war.

SIXTH GENERATION.

54.

¹James, ²William, ³James, ⁴Allender, ⁵Allender Co-
ney, ⁶Warren Jones, who m. May 20, 1869. Jennie
E. Bingham, of New Britian, Conn. She was born
Dec. 8, 1847. Their four children are :

- I. Clara Louise b. July 28, 1870.
- II. Hattie Augusta b. Mar. 24, 1874.
- III. William Warren b. July 8, 1878.
- IV. Florence Isabelle b. Oct. 26, 1881.

Residence of Warren Jones Breckenridge, Middle-
town, Conn.

SIXTH GENERATION.

55.

¹James, ²William, ³James, ⁴Allender, ⁵Elias Keyes,
⁶Clarence Elias, who m. Nov. 25, 1880, Ella M. An-
drews, of Saratoga, N. Y. They have one son, Clar-
ence J. b. Oct. 5, 1881.

Clarence Elias is salesman in New York city for
the Wilcox Silver Plating Company of Meriden,
Conn. His residence is in Maywood, N. J.

SIXTH GENERATION.

56.

¹James, ²William, ³James, ⁴Allender, ⁵Josiah Carey,
⁶Allender Insign, who m. Aug. 23, 1871, Mary, adopted
daughter of Walter W. and Sarah Wheelock, of
Brooklyn, N. Y. Their six children are :

- I. Allender Robert b. Sept. 10, 1872.
- II. Walter Wheelock b. Nov. 23, 1873.
- III. Marietta Sarah b. 23, 1875.
- IV. Frances Augusta b. Nov. 10, 1878.
- V. William Carey b. Jan. 9, 1881.
- VI. Frederick Keyes b. Aug. 10, 1884.

Residence of Allender I. Breckenridge, Waterloo, Iowa.

SIXTH GENERATION.

57.

¹James, ²William, ³James, ⁴Allender, ⁵Josiah Carey, ⁶William Carey, who m. Lucy Woodhouse of Wethersfield, Conn., Jan. 5, 1871. Their one son, George William, died at the age of three months.

Present residence of William C. Breckenridge at Chattanooga, Tenn.

SIXTH GENERATION.

58.

¹James, ²William, ³James, ⁴Allender, ⁵William Lowell, ⁶Henry Ward, who m. Jan. 7, 1885, Minnie May, b. Nov. 30, 1861, daughter of Andrew and Fanny Sweet, of Providence, R. I. They have one son, Henry Lowell, b. Mar. 5, 1886.

SIXTH GENERATION.

59.

¹James, ²William, ³James, ⁴Reuben Moss, ⁵James Henry, ⁶Wilbur Augustus, m. Addie J. Fenner.

SIXTH GENERATION.

60

¹James, ²William, ³James, ⁴William, ⁵Moses P, ⁶Lester Paige, m. Dec. 17, 1883, May Brown of Memphis, Tenn., b. May 3, 1861. They have one child, Blanche Ferguson b. Oct. 14, 1884.

PALMER AND OTIS FAMILIES.

SECOND GENERATION.

5.

George, youngest son of James and Sarah Brakenridge of Palmer, m. Nov. ——— 1758, Mary Thompson, b. May 16, 1736. Their eleven children were:

I. James b. Sept. 20, 1759. (1.)

II. Anne b. May 13, 1761, d. Sept. 5, 1820.

III. Margaret b. July 31, 1763, m. ——— Clark McMaster of Palmer. Their seven children were:

1. Clark, Jr., m. Aseneth Smith. has descendents now live in Palmer and Springfield.

Calvin, Margaret, Phila and Lovis all died in early youth of consumption.

6. Linda, m. Dea. Henry Forbes of Enfield. They had one daughter, Susan, who died of consumption when about 21 years old.

7. Livy d. at about thirty years of age.

IV. Mary b. Sept. 9, 1765, d. Oct. 17, 1767.

V. Mary 2nd, or Molly, b. Oct. 19, 1767, m. ——— Isaac Warren. Their five children were: Three sons, Dura, Eli, George. Two daughters, Susannah and Polly. This family emigrated to De Ruyter, N. Y.

VI. George b. Sept. 29, 1769, m. Catharine McClenathan. Their six children were: Three sons, Reuben, George and John. Three daughters, Tirzah m. — Roberts; Catharine m. — Stanley; and Mary Anne.

This family lived in Wilmington, Vt.

VII. Sarah b. May 16, 1771, m. John Dunbar of Palmer and lived in Ware at the foot of the hill Potatocock. They seven children were: Anne, John, Sarah, Lucy Cummings, Daniel, Electa.

John graduated at Williams College, was appointed by the A. B. C. F. M. to the Pawnee Indians about 1836. He married Esther, daughter of Deacon Jacob Smith of Hadley. They continued many years at the mission, but finally settled in Kansas, where they died leaving seven children.

Sarah m. first, John Eddy Lamberton. Their two sons were:

1. Charles Milvins, d. 1840.
2. John E. D. d. 1857, aged 22 years, not long after graduating at Williams College.

Sarah m. second, in 1841, to Solomon B. Davis of Ware. Their five children were:

1. Enos Evander b. 1842, d. 1883 at the Isthmas of Panama.
2. George Breckenridge b. 1848, graduated at West Point Military Academy, and is now resident there as teacher.
3. Samuel H. died in infancy.
4. Augustus Daniel b. Jan. 1852.
5. Harriet G. b. 1856, d. 1859.

S. B. Davis lived in Springfield, Mass., d. 186—.

Daniel Dunbar m. Susannah Cummings, of Ware. They had one son, John M., who was a volunteer in the late war and was killed in the battle of the Wilderness, May 6, 1863. They also had three daughters: Mary E., Susan C. and Julia.

Electa Dunbar m. Lucas Gibbs of Ware. Their nine children were :

Daughters : Sarah A., Lucy Maria, Electa, Ella, Augusta.

Sons : J. Wilbur, who was in the 31st Regiment of Massachusetts Volunteers, captured in Louisiana and kept a prisoner for about three months, William, Charles T., Samuel L.

Mrs. Sarah Dunbar d. May 1851.

VIII. Ruth b. April 18, 1773, m. Solomon Brown of Palmer. They four children were :

Polly m. Royal Collister of Warren, Mass.

Sarah m. ——— Olds of Ludlow.

Talmay and Solomon.

IX. Daniel b. Apr. 2, 1775, d. Apr. 4 1775.

X. Obadiah b. April 2, 1775, m. Chloe Watson of Leicester, Nov. 2, 1802. Their three children were :

1. Louisa b. Aug. 14, 1803, d. Sept. 22, 1823.

2. Azel b. Dec. 28, 1804, m. Apr. 14, 1830, Eliza W. Smith of Palmer. Their six children were :

1. William A. b. May 12, 1831. He was for many years a teacher in Newark, N. J.

2. Mary Louisa b. Aug. 12, 1833, m. Nov. 12, 1857, George Robinson, Esq., of Palmer. Their two children are : Mary E. b. May 3, 1864. Helen b. April 3, 1867.

3. Charles H. b. Dec. 7, 1835, m. Dec. 1857, Nellie M. Webber. Their two children are : Charles W. b. May 19, 1863. Carrie Belle b. Oct. 1867.

4. John A. b. Feb. 19, 1842, m. Nov. 10, 1868, Hattie Kellogg. Their two children are : William E. b. Sept. 1869. John E. b. May 4, 1873.

5. Jane E. b. June 24, 1845, m. George Hastings. Their one daughter, Mary E., b. Apr. 27, 1869.

6. Helen M. b. Nov. 10, 1849, m. Charles T. Brainerd, June, 1872. Their one daughter, Jennie E., b. Jan. 17, 1875. Mrs. Helen M. Brainerd d. 1886.

3. Mary T. b. Mar. 3, 1807, m. Mar. 23, 1828, Calvin Ward and d. at Enfield, Mass., Feb. 2, 1829.

Obadiah Breakenridge d. Jan. 27, 1809.

Chloe Watson, his wife, d. Jan. 5, 1808.

XI. Francis b. June 4, 1777, d. June 11, 1800.

George Breakenridge, father of this family, d. March 11, 1797, at Palmer, Mass.

THIRD GENERATION.

1.

OTIS FAMILY.

James, eldest son of George and Mary *Thompson* Breakenridge of Palmer, m. Dec. 6, 1781, Eunice Shaw b. Oct. 28, 1756. They went to live in Otis, Mass. Their seven children were :

I. Miriam H. b. Oct. 17, 1782, m. Ira Smith of Sandisfield. They had five children. She died Aug. 27, 1874.

II. Polly, or Mary, b. June 8, 1784, d. Aug. 12, 1799.

III. George b. Dec. 9, 1786. (2.)
He was a physician, went to Canada, married, and had seven or eight children. On account of political disturbances between Canada and the States in 184— he removed with part of his family to Wisconsin.

IV. James, Jr., b. May 14, 1789. (3.)

V. John b. May 10, 1791. (4.)

VI. Eunice b. Apr., 17, 1794, d. Mar. 2, 1866, unmarried.

VII. Francis b. Mar. 13, 1796. (5.)

James Breakenridge d. Aug. 21, 1826.

Eunice, his wife, d. Oct. 4, 1835.

THIRD GENERATION.

3

James, Jr., second son of James and Eunice *Shaw*

Breakenridge, m. Nov. 6, 1821, Patia Marcy b. Sept. 27, 1796. Their four children are :

I. Henry D. b. July 2, 1824, m. Nov. 24, 1847. Milly A. Wheelock b. Jan. 19, 1828. They have two children :

1. George E. b. Jan. 4, 1849, m. Jan. 22, 1869. Katie Dorothey. Their two children are : John D. b. Oct. 26, 1870. Sadie A. b. Nov. 29, 1872.

Mrs. Katie Breckenridge d. Feb. 8, 1875, aged 23, at Spring Hill, Ill.

George E. Breckenridge m second, Nancy Allen, June 27, 1876. Their two children are : Silas A. b. July 16, 1877. James H. b. Jan. 7, 1883. Residence of this family, Tampico, Ill. Occupation, farming.

2. Carrie M. b. July 21, 1864, m. George Lutyens Mar. 11, 1885, who is a jeweller in Tampico.

II. Mary O. b. Dec. 9, 1825, m. Levi Carroll, Mar. 24, 1845. They have one son, James Carroll living in New York state, and also one daughter, Fannie, m. William Ecker and have two children now living in Kansas. Mrs. Fannie C. Ecker d. June 10, 1862.

III. James L. b. Sept. 13, 1828, m. Mar. 10, 1853, Melvina M. Bills. They had one son, Frank E. b. May 19, 1854, d. Dec. 6, 1855.

Mrs. Melvina Breckenridge d. June 3, 1865.

James L. B. m. second, Mrs. Janet E. Fielding. Their children were : Twin daughters b. June 18, 1868, Minnie N. d. Mar. 11, 1870, Minnia P. now living in Tyringham. Martha J. b. June 18, 1879.

James L. Breckenridge was by occupation a rake maker. He was a good citizen and an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He died in

Tyringham Oct. 4, 1884.

IV. Harriet Frances b. Dec. 11, 1832, m. Apr. 24, 1851, Alanson Rodgers. Their four children are:

1. Alanson Eugene b. Apr. 22, 1852. He married and had one child. Now lives in Pleasant Valley, Conn., and is a manufacturer of hand hay rakes and dealer in all kinds of domestic lumber.

2. H. Isabelle b. Jan. 19, 1856, m. Oscar Steadman, a farmer living in Monterey, Mass. •

3. Henry J. b. July 15, 1858, farmer living in Monterey, married and had two children.

4. Sherwood J. S. b. Oct. 3, 1861.

James Breakenridge, Jr., d. Mar. 22, 1869.

Patia, his wife, d. Apr. 5, 1871. Their residence, Tyringham, Mass.

THIRD GENERATION.

4.

John, third son of James and Eunice *Shaw* Breakenridge b. May 10, 1791, m. Mar. 17, 1825, Susan Jones, b. Aug. 5, 1789. Their four children were:

1. John James b. Dec. 9, 1826, d. Sept. 25, 1859.

II. William Francis b. Aug. 4, 1830, m. Feb. 26, 1857, Lovina Smith b. Sept. 23, 1838. Their four children are:

1. Albert J. b. Mar. 20, 1858.

2. Allen J. b. Oct. 22, 1861.

3. Flora L. b. Aug. 18, 1870.

4. Lucia C. b. Oct. 4, 1875.

William Francis Breakenridge's residence, Torrington, Conn.

III. Mary Anne b. Oct. 12, 1832, d. Dec. 3, 1853.

IV. Nancy Jane b. Mar. 4, 1835, m. Feb. 11, 1863, Charles Clark of Otis, Mass. They have no children and reside in Otis.

John Breakenridge d. June 26, 1862. His occupation was farming.

Susan, his wife, d. May 12, 1764.

THIRD GENERATION.

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Francis, fourth son of James and Eunice *Shaw* Breakenridge m. Feb. 22, 1820, Zillah Millard. Their six children were:

I. Mary Zillah b. June 1, 1821, m. Dec. 14, 1843, C. W. Foster of Lenox, Mass. They have four children.

II. John Francis b. Feb. 22, 1823, m. Oct. 21, 1845, Julia S. Foster. They have one son, Stillman Francis, b. July 8, 1846, m. Oct. 21, 1868, Myra E. Messenger. Their six children were:

1. Charlie Francis b. July 6, 1870, d. Aug. 25, 1870.

2. Edith Emma b. May 25, 1872, d. Sept. 13, 1872.

3. George Milan b. Oct. 8, 1874.

4. Frank Ashley b. June 3, 1878.

5. Clyde Pearl b. July 4, 1880, d. Nov. 22, 1880.

6. Gertie May b. Mar. 28, 1882, d. Nov. 4, 1882.

This family live on a farm in West Springfield, Mass.

III. Clarissa Maria b. Feb. 23, 1825, m. Mar. 19, 1847, Henry Alexander of Lee, Mass. They had five children.

IV. James William b. Jan. 22, 1827, m. May 15, 1850, Lydia Carter. Their seven children were:

1. Francis William b. May 18, 1851, m. Aug. 8, 1874, Flora B. Potter, of Pittsfield.
2. Mary Carter b. June 22, 1852, m. Jan., 1871, Henry C. Edwards of Pittsfield.
3. Lydia Cornelia b. June 22, 1857, m. Nov. 1877, Erwin H. Kennedy of Pittsfield.
4. Myron Gaius b. Oct., 1858, d. ——— 1860.
5. Lincoln b. Aug. 24, 1860, m. 1885, Fannie Hoyt of Pittsfield. Resides now in North Adams, Mass.
6. Lana b. Nov. 1864, m. Dec. 9, 1885, in Troy, N. Y., William S. Francis of Pittsfield.
7. James Ernest b. Feb., 1872, in Pittsfield, d. Aug., 1872.

This family, except the last mentioned, were born in Becket.

James William Breckenridge is a mechanic and lives at present in Troy, N. Y.

APPENDIX.

Priscilla Coney was born in Sharon, Mass., Aug. 28, 1762. Her eldest sister Abigail, married to Phille Morse, having emigrated to Ware, when Priscilla was about thirteen years old she came to live with her awhile. Their mother was taken sick and their father came after Priscy. She went back with him on horseback, riding double according to the fashion of the times.

Mrs. Mehitable Coney died Aug. 14, 1777. She had ten children :

1. Oliver b. June 11, 1749. He came to Ware with his brother-in-law, Phille Morse, and friend, Daniel Gould, somewhere about 1770 probably, prospecting for a place of settlement. When the Revolutionary war broke out he enlisted, was captain of a company and was in several battles.

He married a wife of Dutch descent somewhere in York State, but lived many years in Ware, on a farm afterwards owned by George Breckenridge. He died Dec. 19, 1830.

2. Nathan d. in infancy.

3. Abigail b. 1753, m. Phille Morse of Sharon. They settled in Ware near the river falls. The descendants of their son Calvin still own and occupy many of the paternal acres. Mrs. Morse died there at 90 years of age. Her daughter Clarissa, wife of Prince Andrews, also lived to that great age.

4. John b. 1755, had sons John and Martin. He had his home for some years in Hawley, Mass., then went to western New York and had descendants in Chatauqua County.

5. Molly b. 1758, m. Captain Ephraim Scott. They lived first at Ware, then at Belchertown. Most of the family lie buried at Ware Center. Captain Scott composed the following quaint epitaph for himself and wife :

Farewell, vain world ; we've had enough of the ;
 And now we're careless what thou sayest of us ;
 Thy smiles we seek not, nor thy frowns we fear,
 Our cares are past, our heads lie quiet here,
 What e'er you saw amiss in us, be sure avoid,
 Search your own heart and you'll be well employed.

6. Milley b. Dec. 13, 1760, m. Ebenezer Gould, Jan. 2, 1781, lived near Ware Center, died June 17, 1851, at the age of ninety years and six months. Her daughter Mehitabel Elles m. James Magoun, d. in Hastings, Mich., at over ninety years. Her daughter Milley m. Nicholas Cummings, lived in Augusta, Oneida County, N. Y., had a family of thirteen children, most of whom lived to maturity, d. Nov. 20, 1885, aged ninety-one years and six months.

7. Priscilla b. Aug. 28, 1762, m. James Brakenridge.

8. William b. Feb. 3, 1765, always lived on his father's farm in Ware. His daughter Galacia m. Darius Eaton. Children of his sons Nathan and John are now living in the factory village.

9. Daniel b. Jan. 3, 1768. His grandson Dwight lives at the old farm on Coy's Hill.

10. Ellis b. Apr. 19, 1770. He was a physician, lived at Goshen, Mass., d. Oct. 29, 1807, leaving two daughters. Mary, the younger, m. Leonard Smith ; the family moved to Wethersfield, Henry County, Ill., in 1838.

William Coney m. Mary Carr, widow of Aquila Robbins, for a second wife, and soon after moved to Coy's Hill, then in the border of Brookfield and in the neighborhood of his daughter Mrs. Morse. He has been described to me by his grandson, Allender Brakenridge, as a man of small stature and that he never gave up the fashion of wearing breeches with long stockings. He went to meeting at Brookfield, and having missed the reckoning was out at work one Sabbath when a neighbor came home from the services. He was so shocked at his desecration of the day that he and his family kept Monday in the most religious manner. He is said to have had a brother Lowell, hence the name in Allender B's family. He died in 1805, aged seventy-eight.

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