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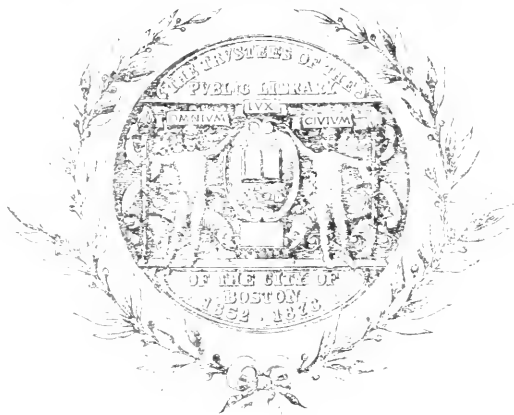
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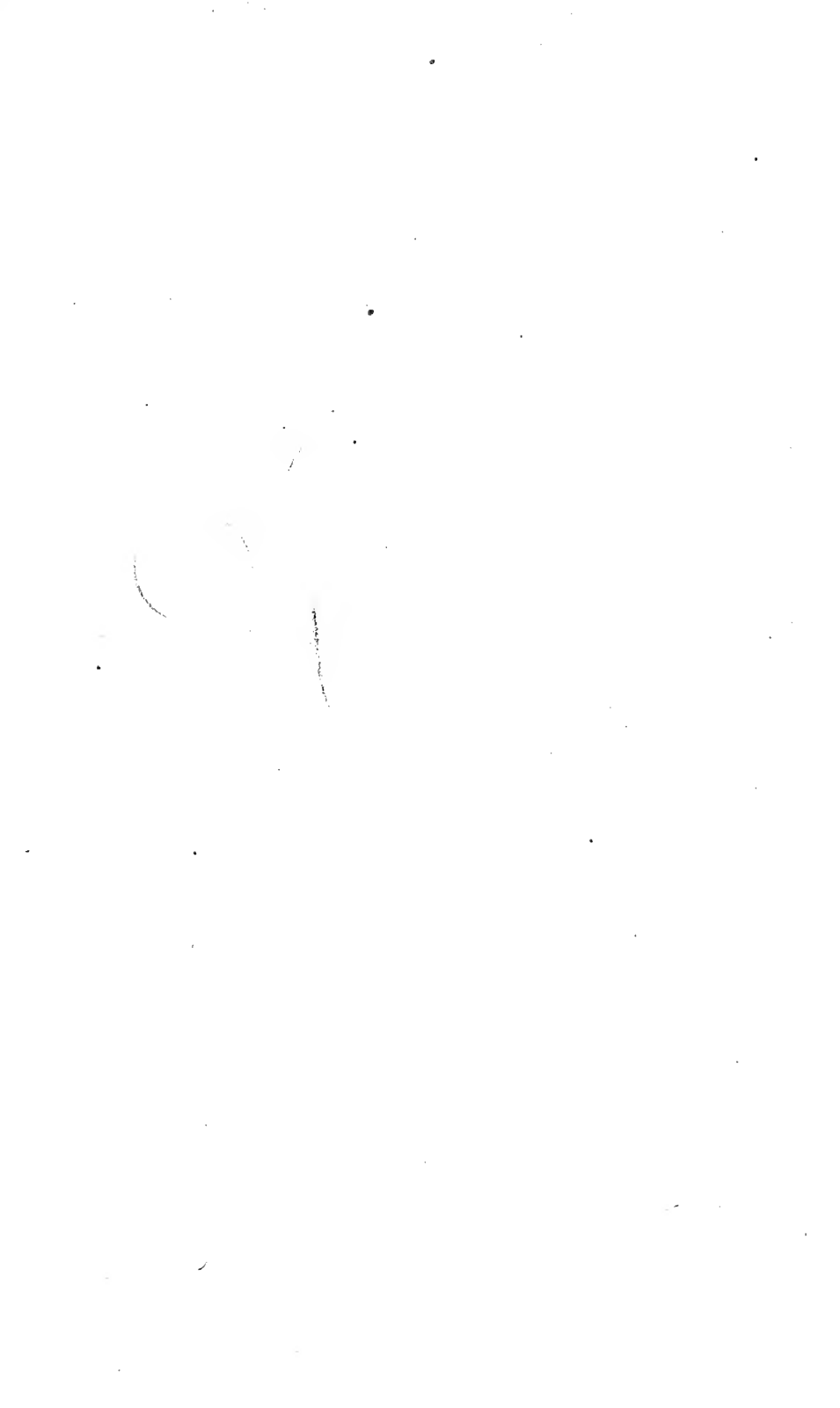
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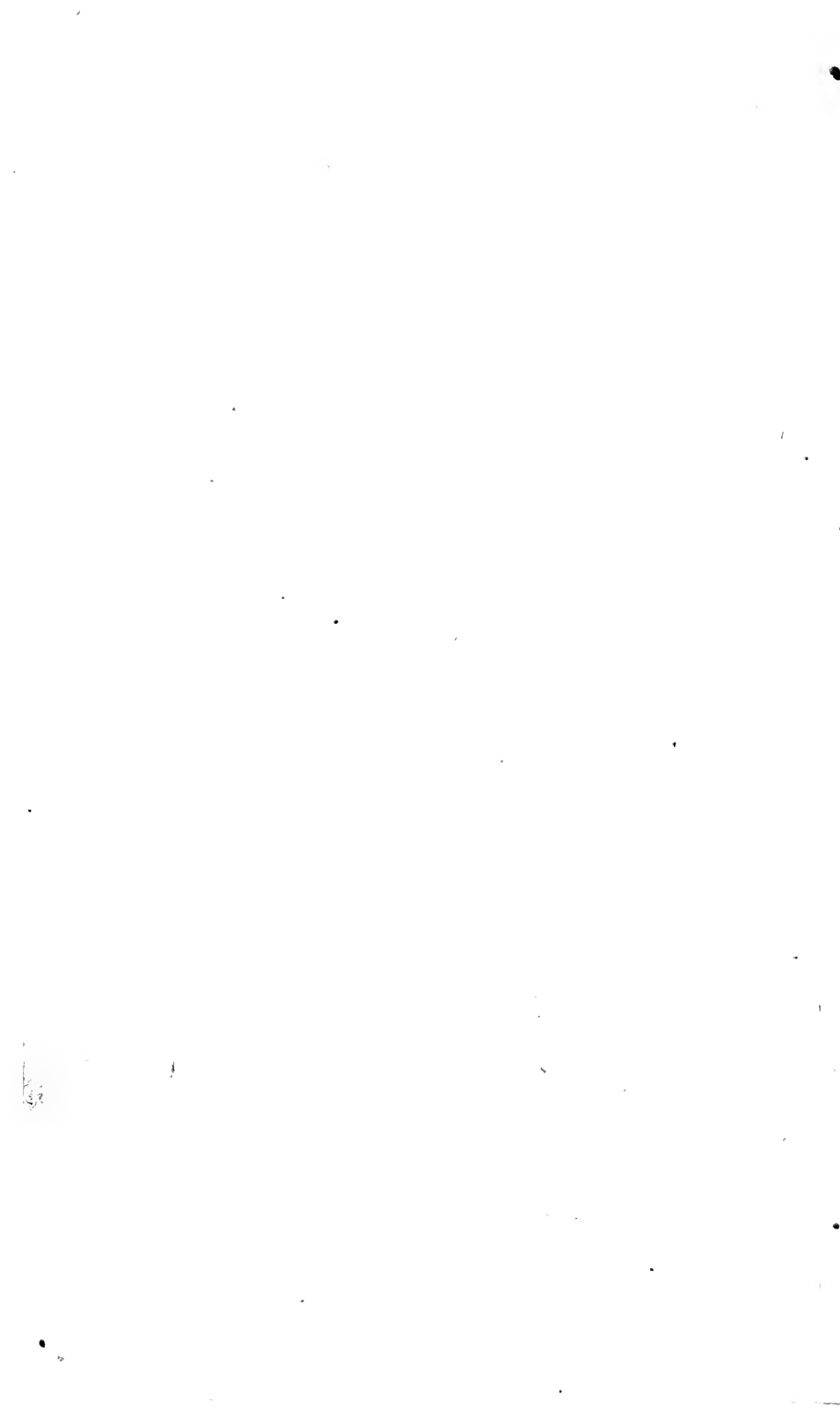
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## GOLDEN WEDDING.

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A golden wedding was celebrated in Anson, Maine, Sept. 10, 1865, in honor of the fiftieth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. ARTHUR and Mrs. PATTY DINSMORE. It was the first of the kind ever celebrated in the town, though not the first occurrence of fifty years of married life. As it occurred on the Sabbath, and as it had long been the intention of the aged couple to invite to the old homestead at the time, all their children, and as many of the grandchildren as could come, it was thought highly fitting that they should repair to the house of God, and have a sermon preached on the occasion. Rev. JOHN DINSMORE of Winslow, was invited to preach and give some account of the Dinsmore settlement in the town. The Saturday previous, a large number of the relatives assembled at the house of ARTHUR DINSMORE, and spent several hours in social conversation, and in giving reminiscences of the past, which exercises were closed with prayer. On the Sabbath the little church in the neighborhood was completely filled with an attentive and interested audience.

The sermon for the occasion was from the text, Malachi, 4: 6: "And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers." The topics of thought presented in the sermon were:

1st—How does the family stand related to the highest good of man?

It is the fountain of all moral power in the world, the origin or source of all good or evil in a community, state or nation. Without it religion could never have gained a footing on the

earth. Without it society in its ripest civilization could not be kept from relapsing into barbarism and universal corruption. In the sanctity of marriage as originally ordained, in the purity and strength of the domestic virtues and ties, and in the proper training of the family, are the radical elements of individual and national life and redemption. \* \*

2d—The importance of cherishing and ennobling the family relation was considered.

By this agency alone is the true end of our being on earth secured, and the highest elevation of the race attained. \* \* What then is the duty of every community? Plainly to cherish and ennoble the family institution, make much of it, baptize it with the highest and most sacred obligations—hallow it with the blessed influences of the Gospel, bind it with cords that will hold the family together however widely separated, do every thing to make it what God designed it should be,—the origin and source of every noble impulse, and heavenly discipline for man.

To promote this, it is well to have family re-unions as often as practicable, especially such as we witness to-day, on the fiftieth anniversary of the parents' wedding. The event we celebrate is one that occurs in but very few instances, and is worthy of special record. We shall now give a brief genealogy of the Dinsmore family as far back as we can trace it.

The original progenitor of all the Dinsmores that live in this country and the old, so far as we are able to trace the genealogy, lived in a place in Scotland called Achenwead, about the time the Pilgrim Fathers landed on Plymouth Rock. He was a wealthy farmer, being called the Laird of Achenwead, and having tenants under him.\* He had two sons, the youngest of which was called John. The latter, feeling himself degraded by his father, because he obliged him to stand uncovered, and hold the off stirrup of his elder brother's saddle, when he mounted his horse, left his home without his father's permission at seventeen years of age, and went to Ireland, and settled near Bellywatick, in the county of Antrim. This man had

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\*The Dinsmore coat-of-arms was a farm on a plate of green, with three sheaves of wheat standing in the centre.

four sons, named John, Adam, Robert and Samuel. John, the oldest, emigrated to America—the first one of the name who came; but the date of his arrival is not on record. He landed at a place called Gorges, in the District of Maine, where was an English fort. There he built him a house, but before it was finished he was captured by the Indians and carried to Canada. After suffering many hardships, and narrowly escaping death by being burnt at the stake on a false charge, he was at length released by his chief, who believed him to be an honest man, and found his way back to Fort Gorges. He then took passage to Boston, and from there went to Londonderry, N. H., where he found many old friends who knew him in Ireland, and had emigrated to that place. The proprietors of the town gave him a farm of one hundred acres of excellent land, in consideration of the hardships and sufferings he had endured, and the respect they had for him. Being a mason by trade, here he built a stone house, and then sent to Ireland for his wife, children and grand-children, all of whom arrived safely in 1730. The old man lived to the great age of ninety-nine, and was much respected and honored by all who knew him, for his piety, morals and good sense, having for many years been called "Daddy Dinsmore."

About the year 1745, Mr. David Dinsmore, a grandson of the original John, who went from Scotland to Ireland, set sail with his wife and children, from Londonderry in the north of Ireland for this country, and after a voyage of three months, landed in Boston, Mass. They brought flax with them, and immediately commenced making thread for sale. Afterwards they moved to Londonderry, N. H. In 1747, David Dinsmore purchased a farm in Auburn, (then a part of Chester). The deed of the farm, dated in 1747, is still in existence, and is quite a curiosity. The first house built on the farm was of logs; afterwards a framed house was built, a part of which was standing three years ago, having stood over one hundred years, but now is demolished.

David was the father of seven children. Their names were: Samuel, James, David, Thomas, Robert, Arthur and Mary. Two were born before coming to this country, and five after

settling in Auburn. The two youngest sons were twins, and resembled each other so much that it is said they were often mistaken for each other—indeed, the lady to whom one was engaged was visited by the other, and did not discover the joke that was played upon her. Robert and Arthur inherited the paternal estate, which was divided between them. Robert raised a family of nine children, and died in 1824, aged seventy-two. His part of the farm then came into the possession of one of his sons, named Samuel, who married Miss Hannah Blanchard, Dec. 26, 1811. They lived together fifty-two years, and celebrated their golden wedding three years ago last December. The husband died a year ago last March. They had twelve children, ten of whom are still living. Arthur, the youngest son, now lives on the old homestead, and has two children. He is present to-day, a representative of that branch of the Dinsmore family, coming from the old homestead to this golden wedding. Thirty-seven children have been born on that old place.

Arthur, the other twin son of David, lived on his part of the old homestead till he had eight children, and then finding it hard to support so large a family on the land he had, and wishing also to get farms for his sons, resolved to go down into the wild and unsettled portions of Maine then belonging Massachusetts, where he could get land enough, and very cheap. Therefore he came down to Augusta in 1792, and purchased six hundred acres of land in the north part of this town; but not liking it on coming to it, he bought here the next year, and came down and made a chopping, or in other words felled trees, preparatory to clearing the land. The next spring he came again, burned his chopping and put in a crop, and felled more trees. He then returned to Chester to get his family. It was during his absence this time, that his youngest son, Arthur, was born, (whose golden wedding we celebrate to-day,) and on his way back as he stopped at a certain place, the good lady of the house where he was entertained inquired how many children he had. He replied he had had nine children and had never seen *one* of them. His statement was very surprising to her, and she could not understand it till he ex-

plained how it was. In September following he took his family of seven children, leaving the oldest one at Chester, and having buried one, came to Newburyport, Mass., and there took passage in a vessel to Augusta. From there they came on horseback, taking their effects with them—the youngest child being only three months old, riding in his mother's arms. On arriving at Bickford's place on the hill, where Benj. Hilton now resides, the family remained there more than two months while a log cabin could be built. From that place there was no road or path, only a trail. The very night the family entered their cabin, another man and his wife came, and camped on the farm where Mr. Selden Brewster now lives. The reason why that family came before they had built a cabin, was because Mr. Titcomb, the proprietor of the land, had promised to give ten dollars to the first woman settling on any of his land; and they, learning that Mr. Dinsmore was building a cabin, came at once, hoping to secure the ten dollars. But as both ladies came the same night, Mr. T. resolved to divide the money between them; but the other man, somewhat angry, declared he would have the whole or none, therefore Mr. T. concluded to give it all to Mrs. Dinsmore, who really deserved it. The other family did not remain many years on their place.

Another incident worthy of notice, at the time they entered their little cabin, illustrates the generosity and good feeling of their neighbors. Mr. Benj. Hilton, who owned a mill at what ever since, has been called Hilton's Mills, grinding a bushel of wheat, took it and a piece of pork, as soon as he learned of their arrival, mounted his horse and carried them to the new family—judging very wisely that they could not have much with which to commence living.

The next spring after the Dinsmore family came, Mr. Jonathan Crosby and Mr. Thomas Houghton moved into the neighborhood, coming formerly from Massachusetts. They had married, each the other's sister, and Mr. Houghton was the father of the present Mrs. Dinsmore. He had fifteen children, nine by the first wife and six by the second, whose name was Mrs. Bridget Heald, the mother of the late Deacon Heald, and

who lived some years on the old Houghton place. Eight of the Houghton family are still living.

Eight years Mr. Dinsmore lived in a log house, and the family, at times, was in very straitened circumstances, using the last mouthful of provision they had, and being obliged to go several miles to mill on horseback. But the Lord always provided, and they were not called to suffer more than they could bear. When Arthur was eight years old their first framed house was erected, the same in which he now lives, built large to accommodate a large family, and also to be convenient for holding meetings—(previously meetings were held in barns or a little log school-house.) The house was large also, indicating the large hearted benevolence and hospitality of the dwellers within. The *string of the door-latch* has never been pulled in since the house was first erected; and it has been not only a minister's tavern of all denominations, but a tavern for everybody else that went to meeting, so long as the little school-house stood at the four corners, and was the meeting house. Enough meals were furnished gratuitously in that house, for a number of years, to support a moderate sized family. We have been told that often the cooking on Saturday in preparation for the Sabbath has exceeded in amount the cooking for all the rest of the week.

When the youngest son, Arthur, was fifteen years old, his father bought a wagon, and a great sensation it produced on its arrival, people came quite a distance to see the wonder, and yet it was set on wooden springs, and rode about as easy as a baggage or a farm wagon does now.

The names of the children that came from New Hampshire with the parents were, David, Elizabeth, James, Samuel, William W., Thomas, Jane W. and Arthur. The next year after their arrival, David married Rebecca Hilton, daughter of Benj. Hilton, the miller, and they settled on land at the south of the father. In 1797 Elizabeth married Richard Hilton and settled near the old Benj. Hilton place. In 1802 James married Deborah Patten, and settled at Anson Village. In 1807 Samuel married Susanna Houghton and settled where Mr. Brewster now lives. In 1808 William married Lucy Gould, and set-

tled on the farm now owned by Mr. Peter Rogers. In 1811 Jane married Mr. John Ingalls and settled on the Benj. March place, and they are both here to-day, having lived together more than fifty-three years. In 1812 Thomas married Sally Houghton and settled near Richard Hilton. Arthur, the youngest, remained on the homestead, and married Patty Houghton Sept. 10, 1815, just fifty years ago to-day.

There were born to

David,	7 children,	45 grandchildren,	66 great-grandchildren.
Elizabeth,	8 “	14 “	8 “
James,	14 “	25 “	10 “
Samuel,	9 “	38 “	13 “
William,	6 “	10 “	
Thomas,	11 “	3 “	
Jane W.,	6 “	39 “	7 “
Arthur,	11 “	25 “	4 “
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So that to-day we can say that 388 descendants trace their origin to the original settlers on the Dinsmore homestead; and at one time the father could sit in one room of his house and look out upon the homes of four sons.

Three brothers married three sisters of the Houghton family. The father died March 13, 1829, aged 77—living five years longer than his twin brother; and the mother died Sept. 27, 1837, aged 88 years—outliving her husband eight years. Her memory is still cherished with tender interest by a large number here to-day. She was the first woman that came into the place, the first one to pray for God's blessing upon the place, the first to desire a church and to connect herself with it, the first to welcome the faithful Missionary to the hospitalities of her house, and open it for a place of public worship. Sincere piety, an exemplary christian character, and ardent love for the cause of Christ, strongly marked her life. She was an every day Christian. None knew her but to respect and love her. And there can be no question that, under God, to her prayers, christian example, her children and children's children are largely indebted for the grace of God bestowed upon them, and the church in this place owes much of its prosper-

ity. And to give to those who were not permitted to know her by personal intercourse, a graphic view of her life, let us quote an extract from a poem composed upon her death by Rev. J. Tucker, her pastor :

An aged mother, lately called home;  
 Because her warfare here, and work were done.  
 She lov'd the Lord, and served Him many years:  
 And yet how oft she doubted it with tears!  
 She loved God's word, His Sabbaths and His saints,  
 Yet most of all her want of love laments.  
 She loved Christ's servants—took them to her home,  
 When hungry, fed them! yet nothing thought she'd done.  
 She show'd to all around, a holy life:  
 Yet of herself, she always spoke with grief.  
 Her house, a "Bethel"—a "Temple," too, her heart,  
 Where God did dwell, and daily grace impart!  
 And yet she daily mourn'd her wicked heart,  
 And fear'd in Christ, she'd neither lot nor part.  
 Pray'r was her "watchword"—more—her "vital breath"—  
 Through life she pray'd; and in the hour of death.  
 "My spirit, Lord receive!"—her dying prayer  
 And quick to heav'n the Angels did it bear.  
 And yet her prayers how poor they did appear,  
 In her own eyes; but to the Lord, how dear!  
 Her many mites, in charity were spent,  
 And yet she view'd it all, to God as lent.  
 To sick ones, she her ready visits paid,  
 And with them, night and day, she cheerful stay'd.  
 At every call, her willing feet would come,  
 Yet ever thought, her duty but half done.  
 O! what a constant, Christian friend we've lost;  
 And those who knew her best, did love her most.

About the time the brothers and sisters of the Dinsmore family were all settled in life, they commenced holding what were called family meetings, once a year, beginning at the old homestead and going round in the order of their ages. It was held at first on New Year's day, except when that occurred on Sunday, and then it was held on the following day. But after a while it was found inconvenient to meet that day, on account of drifting storms, and then it was changed to any other season of the year most convenient for the family where



it was to be held ; and those meetings were kept up till only two brothers and one sister were left to meet. At those meetings, they were accustomed to spend the forenoon in social conversation ; and after dinner they would hold a religious service, each one being expected to give some account of his religious experience during the past year—their joys, sorrows, afflictions and trials, and then closed with singing a hymn prepared for the occasion, and prayer, led generally by the minister of the place where they met. Very precious were those meetings ; never to be forgotten by the children—strengthening very much the bonds of love between the families.

## HYMN—C. M.

SUNG AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE DINSMORE FAMILY.

Brethren beloved, we meet again—  
 God's mercies to recount ;  
 To tell how rich his gifts have been,  
 How swelled—how vast th' amount.

Descend, dear Savior, now descend,  
 Our yearly meeting crown  
 With thy blest presence, and extend  
 Thy kindly influence round.

This day, thy Spirit on us pour,  
 And lead us in thy way,  
 And if we never loved before,  
 Help us to love *to-day*.

(We sing of mercies—sorrows too,—  
 For these we here must share—  
 Our Savior shar'd them while below,—  
 None here exempted are.)

Inspire our *leader* with thy grace,  
 And fill him with thy love,  
 May he our minds with truth impress,  
 And lead our souls above.

For all the good thy grace imparts,  
 May we thy praises sound,  
 And every fibre of our hearts,  
 In constant tune be found.

We'll share each other's joys and woes—  
 Each other's burden bear,  
 And often for each other flows  
 The sympathizing tear.

The blessings which to us are given  
 As we so richly share,  
 Were sought by parents now in heaven,  
 When once they offered prayer.

Around the altar where they prayed,  
 May we, their children, meet;—  
 Here let our solemn vows be paid,  
 For here's the mercy-seat.

From all the houses where we live,  
 May daily prayers ascend,  
 That God may to *our* children give  
 The joys which have no end.

And may their offspring yet unborn,  
 The same rich blessings share,  
 Till all shall meet in worlds unknown,  
 God's mercy to declare.

Parents and children then will stand  
 A perfect family—  
 Made one in Christ, the worthy Lamb,  
 To all eternity.

Yesterday there was another family gathering at the *old homestead*, of the children of the youngest son and brother of the original family. Eleven sons and daughters, with their wives, husbands and children, and cousins of different names and degrees, to the number of about seventy, came to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. Arthur and Mrs. Patty Dinsmore. A joyous greeting it was, and very pleasant the reminiscences given—a memorable occasion! No death has occurred in the immediate family circle, and only one son-in-law and one daughter-in-law and four grand-children have died. How unusual the event, that so large a family gathers unbroken at the fiftieth anniversary of the parents' wedding. They have eleven children, twenty-three grand-children, and four great-grand-children—thirty-eight descendants.

And now, dear friends, allow me to congratulate you upon your arrival at this golden era of your life. Fifty years have passed away since you took each other by the hand, and mutually pledged your love and fidelity to each other, and the name of husband and wife was pronounced upon you.

How checkered have been the scenes through which you have passed since that happy hour! How swiftly the years have fled apace as you have journeyed on, hand in hand, up the ascent and down the declivity of life! How many changes have taken place around; no family lives in this neighborhood now, where they lived when you started in life together! How few heads of families remain unchanged! Your only sister and her husband have lived together fifty-four years, and Mr. George Gray and wife fifty-one years. These are the only two couples that remain as they were then. And yet you have lived in the same house, and on the same farm fifty years! How the great world about you has advanced with rapid strides in improvements in the arts and sciences, in railroads and telegraphs, and labor-saving inventions.

At length you have reached the golden gate of matrimonial bliss and you can say with joy to-day, in the language of the Divine word, "Behold we and the children which God has given us." In grateful recognition of the good hand of God that has preserved your family unbroken so long, I need not ask you to join those right hands again and pledge anew the undivided love of fifty years, for I know that in heart you do it, and may you now be enabled to consecrate yourselves and your children, here in God's house, to Him who has been your father's God in all generations, and who has promised to be your God, and the God of your children, and children's children, to such as keep His covenant forever.

The following hymn sung by the choir, concluded the interesting service :

We come this mild September day,  
 Love's summons to obey.  
 Nor would we fail with joy to hail  
 This Golden Wedding-Day !

CHORUS.

Your Golden Wedding-Day, dear friends,  
 Your Golden Wedding-Day;  
 Nor would we fail with joy to hail  
 This Golden Wedding-Day.

## GOLDEN WEDDING.

What though youth's early dreams are fled  
 Though gone life's spring-time gay—  
 We may not fail with song to hail  
 This Golden Wedding-Day.

CHORUS.

Your Golden Wedding, &c.  
 For Fifty years, 'mid smiles and tears,  
 You've trod life's pilgrim way;  
 Then sure 'tis meet that thus we greet  
 This Golden Wedding-Day.

CHORUS.

Your Golden Wedding, &c.  
 May He whose smile can care beguile,  
 And Autumn turn to May,  
 Bid this dear pair His blessing share,  
 This Golden Wedding-Day.

CHORUS.

Your Golden Wedding, &c.

NOTE. The above hymn, with two verbal changes, was sung at the Golden Wedding of Mr. Samuel Dinsmore, of Auburn, N. H., Dec. 26, 1861, and written for that occasion by a lady in Massachusetts.

## GENEALOGY.

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ROBERT and ARTHUR DINSMORE were twins, born March 24th, 1752. ARTHUR married MARGARET FULTON, (date unknown) who was born Dec. 16, 1749. Their children were DAVID, born Sept. 16th, 1775; ELIZABETH, born April 15th, 1777; JAMES, born Feb. 25th, 1779; SAMUEL, born Oct. 28th, 1782; WILLIAM WILSON, born April 8th, 1785; THOMAS, born March 9th, 1787; MARGARET, born Feb. 8th, 1789; JANE W., born Sept. 29th, 1791; ARTHUR, born June 13th, 1794.

The parents died—Arthur Dinsmore, March 13th, 1829, aged 77 years; Margaret Dinsmore, Sept. 27th, 1837, aged 88 years. Also two daughters—Elizabeth, June 22d, 1815, aged 38 years; Margaret, November, 1793, aged 4 years 9 months.

- I. DAVID DINSMORE, married Rebecca Hilton. They had seven children  
1 Margaret, 2 Benjamin, 3 Jotham, 4 James, 5 Susan H., 6 William,  
7 Mary.
1. MARGARET DINSMORE, married George Gray, Jan. 4th, 1814. Their children were—
  - JOSHUA, married Ploma M. Currier, April 4th, 1823. Children—  
George, Fred, Charles H., and Hattie C.
  - CALVIN, married Julia A. Williams, March 19th, 1825. Children—  
Danville L., George E., and Calvin E.
  - WILLIAM D., married Catharine R. Sawyer, April 16th, 1841. Children—  
Erwin, Edwin M., Annette, Albina, Eddie and Ella.
  - RACHEL.
  - EDWIN, married Charlotte Wasson, Aug. 8th, 1848. Children—  
Rosetta, Abbie P., James G., Mark, David, and Horace.
  - BETSEY.
  - GARDINER.
  - REBECCA.

BENJAMIN D., married Valeria A. Brown, May 1st, 1831.

PAULINA D., married Luke F. Sawyer, Nov. 11th, 1856. Children—  
Nellie and Delos.

ALBINA.

2. BENJAMIN DINSMORE, married Paulina Dinsmore, Feb. 29th, 1820. Their children were—

CEPHAS, married Sally Hilton, March 24th, 1846; she died August, 1850. One child, Conant H. Married again, Betsey Bean, July 31st, 1853. Children—Emma F., and Alice May.

JOTHAM.

ANN, married John Lowell. Children—Addie, and Benjamin F.

3. JOTHAM DINSMORE, married Esther Bedell, Dec. 26th, 1825. Their children were—

MILTON M., married Martha A. Andrews, July 24th, 1855. Child—  
Augusta Ann.

BENJAMIN.

AUGUSTA ANN, married J. V. Bradley, March 28th, 1853. Children—  
Mary Varnum, Elizabeth D., Frances Ella, Augusta Ann, Emma  
Jane, Martha Esther, and Georgie Almira.

DANIEL CARR.

ALBERT HEALD, married Mary R. Pelton, July 13th, 1864. Child—  
Addie Bradbury.

4. JAMES DINSMORE, married Nancy Brewster, Dec. 3, 1822. Their children were—

NELSON P.

BETSEY ANN, married Perry Moor, Dec. 20, 1847. Children—James  
D., John, Henry P., Olive F., Nancy D., and Lewis.

REBECCA, married William Henry Caldwell, Nov. 17, 1852. Children—  
Betsey F., Charles J., William S., and Francis.

FRANCES B., married Simmons Getchell, Nov. 17, 1852. Children—  
Mary, Ernest and Nelson.

5. SUSAN H. DINSMORE, married Abner Hilton, June 26, 1823. Their children were—

RICHARD, married Adeline Thompson, March 13, 1850. Children—  
Oscar T., Clara T., and Delia M.

ELIZABETH, married John Wasson, May 23, 1847.

THEODOSIA.

ALVIN H.

6. WILLIAM DINSMORE, married Mary Hilton, Dec. 20, 1827. Their children were—

CORDELIA, married Charles L. Manter, July 3, 1849. Children—Mary  
D., Abbie B., and Emma A.

RICHARD H.

NELSON.

CLARINDA, married Marcellus Hilton.

GEORGE G.

7. MARY DINSMORE, married Daniel W. Badger, March 30, 1826. Their children were—

DAVID D.

DAVID D., married Nancy S. Campbell. Children—Frederic H., William H., Charles A., and Daniel W.

SARAH P., married Elwin Burnham. Child—Charles.

EBEN, married Mary H. Meade.

SUSAN H., married Benjamin Butler. Children—William B., Whiton L., Ida M., and Frank W.

JAMES D., married Clementine A. Quinby. Children—Daniel L., and Abner A.

ABNER H., killed at the battle of Williamsburg.

JONAS A., married M. Octavia Webber. Child—Roberta M.

WILLIAM D., was in Andersonville prison eight months.

D. WEBSTER, died at Tyler Island.

JOHN.

OTIS F. H.

MARY N. L.

L. WINFIELD S.

- II. ELIZABETH DINSMORE, married Richard Hilton. They had eight children : 1 Abner, 2 Bryce, 3 Mary, 4 Mary, 5 Alfrida, 6 Arthur, 7 Cyrus, 8 Betsey.

1. ABNER, married Susan H. Dinsmore, as already described.

4. MARY, married William Dinsmore, as already described.

5. ALFRIDA HILTON, married Joshua Ellis, Jan. 1827. Their children were—  
BRYCE, married Betsey Pinkham in 1847. Children—Mary E., Addie and Annette.

CYRUS, married Mary W. Bailey, Dec. 19, 1861. Children—Alfrida and Andrew.

ARTHUR, married Lydia Wright. One child—Harry.

ALDEN, married Betsey Will. Children—Alfrida J., and Judd.

HARNDIN.

MARY.

BETSEY.

SELDEN.

LLEWELLYN.

6. ARTHUR HILTON married Betsey Dinsmore, described hereafter.

7. CYRUS HILTON married Martha Dinsmore, described hereafter.

8. BETSEY HILTON married Alvin Houghton, Sept. 6th, 1835. Children—  
Amelia, Ervin, Austin E., Climenta, Avilla.
- III. JAMES DINSMORE, married Deborah Patten, Dec. 30, 1802. They had  
fourteen children : 1 Calvin, 2 Luther, 3 Ichabod, 4 Flavilla, 5 Elam, (6  
Arthur, 7 Robert—twins), 8 Mary C., 9 Pamela, 10 Curran, 11 Lemuel  
F., 12 James P., 13 Ezekiel, 14 Tilson H.
4. FLAVILLA DINSMORE, married Rev. Francis Drew, May 9, 1830. Their  
children were—  
EMILY F., married Norman A Harrington, Dec. 23, 1856. One child  
———  
MARY O., married Randall S. Parkman, June 12, 1853. Two child-  
ren— ——, ——.  
ELIZABETH A., married Robert D. McCarthy, Sept. 12, 1858. Two  
children— ——, ——.  
HENRIETTA.  
FRANCIS E., married Lizzie Mayfield, July 3, 1862. One child ——.  
EDWARD S.  
ALVAN B.  
CLARA E.  
SARAH L.  
CHARLES C.  
EVA.
5. ELAM DINSMORE, married Celia Fairbrother, January 11, 1864.
8. MARY C. DINSMORE, married James Paine, Oct. 4, 1835 (he died Oct. 9,  
1837). One child—Josephine A. [JOSEPHINE A., married John S.  
Cushing, April 15, 1858. Children—Frank B., Helen M., and Mary  
B.] Mary C. Dinsmore, married again, John Shirley, Nov. 1850.  
Children—Curran D., and Flora Bell.
10. CURRAN DINSMORE, married Henrietta Randall, Oct. 8, 1839. Children  
—Henry, Pauline, Etta, and Virginia.
11. LEMUEL F. DINSMORE, married Sarah A. Bickford, Oct. 30, 1839. One  
child—George Edwin, who married Lizzie Davidson, Aug. 8, 1859.  
Child—Mattie Newcomb.
12. JAMES P. DINSMORE, married Emily Bickford, Dec. 31, 1844. Children  
—Charlie, Neddie, and Fannie.
14. TILSON H. DINSMORE, married Amanda Bickford, May 8, 1854 (she died  
March 29, 1860). Children—Harry A., and Emma A. Married again,  
Mary L. Whitney, July 31, 1864. Child—Charlie F.
- IV. SAMUEL DINSMORE, married Susanna Houghton, Sept., 1807. They  
had nine children : 1 Sally, 2 Naomi, 3 Vesta, 4 Luther, 5 Catherine H.  
6 Martha, 7 Caroline, 8 Emily C., 9 Sylvanus.



1. SALLY DINSMORE, married William Varnum, Esq. Their children were—  
 SUSAN D., married Calvin P. Knight. Children—Mary J., James C.,  
 Sarah E., and Susan.  
 EMILY D., married George Morrill. Children—Charles F., and Min-  
 nie Carrie.  
 MARY E., married Capt. Melcher. One child— ——.
  - HOMER P.
  - WILLIAM P.
  
3. VESTA DINSMORE, married Jesse Hilton, Esq. Children—  
 MARCELLUS, married Clarinda Dinsmore. One child—Ai.  
 HARRISON B., married Ella F. Getchell.
  
4. LUTHER DINSMORE, married Betsey Bray. Their children were—  
 MARY V., married Warren Colby. One child—a girl.  
 HELEN M., married E. Baker. One child—a girl.  
 SUSAN C.  
 CLARA R.  
 JOHN B.  
 AN INFANT BOY.
  
5. CATHERINE H. DINSMORE, married Samuel W. Tinkham, Nov. 28, 1838.  
 Their Children were—  
 AMANDA.  
 AMENSER B., married Deborah Gilman, Jan. 2, 1865.  
 AMANTHA S., married Benjamin H. Luce, Feb. 2, 1862. Children—  
 Bennie, and Aphia.  
 ARIEL T.  
 ANNIS M., married Joseph M. Luce, March 12, 1865.  
 CLARA E.  
 SAMUEL PERHAM.  
 LUTHER DINSMORE.  
 DOLLY C.  
 IDA L.  
 SHERMAN GRANT.
  
6. MARTHA DINSMORE, married Cyrus Hilton. Children—  
 AMANSON.  
 AMANDA, married Ariel T. Rogers. One child— ——.
  - AMELIA.
  - BETSEY H.
  - SANFORD.
  - IRIVN.
  - EVELYN B.
  - MARY D.
  - FRED S.
  - ALVIN H.

7. CAROLINE DINSMORE, married Selden Brewster, July 5, 1846. Their children were—Carlton, Emma C., and Stephen H.
  8. EMILY C. DINSMORE, married Capt. Robert G. Stanwood, July 27, 1853. One child—Bertie G.
- V. WILLIAM W. DINSMORE, married Lucy Gould, Oct. 9, 1808. They had six children. 1 Philena, 2 Lucetta, 3 Julia S., 4 Lucy Harriet, 5 Lucy Mary, 6 William Gould.
1. PHILENA DINSMORE, married Eusebius Heald in 1831. Children—Lucy Ann, Philena, William D., (who married Sarah Baker in 1864,) and Phoebe.
  2. LUCETTA S. DINSMORE, married Elmer Lathrop in 1841. One child—Walter Dinsmore.
  3. JULIA S. DINSMORE, married Charles C. Danforth, (now Judge of the S. J. Court,) in 1843. Two children— — and Freddie.
  5. LUCY M. DINSMORE, married Rev. Eusebius Heald, (who had married Philena for his first wife) in December, 1846. Children—Mary, Francis Wayland, and Charles E.
- VI. THOMAS DINSMORE, married Sally Houghton, July 16, 1812, (she died Nov. 16, 1836,) also Hannah Skillings, July 24, 1837. They had eleven children—1 Ezra, 2 Alvan, 3 John, 4 Clarissa, 5 Josiah T., 6 Ephraim H., 7 Sarah, 8 Nathan H., 9 Fifield H., 10 Franklin, 11 Sarah Jane. The last three by the second wife.
1. EZRA DINSMORE, married Susan S. Houghton, Nov. 28, 1844. One child Alvan T.
  3. JOHN DINSMORE, married Althea C. Cobb, Sept. 27, 1852, (she died July 11, 1859,) married again, Katie Cobb, May 20, 1861. Children—John Edward, and Nathan Cobb.
  5. JOSIAH T. DINSMORE, and 9 FIFIELD H. DINSMORE, joined the Union army and died in the war of the great rebellion.
- VIII. JANE W. DINSMORE, married John Ingalls, October, 1811. They had six children—1 Lydia, 2 Arthur, 3 Luther, 4 Nancy B., 5 Mary C., 6 Calvin H. The marriages of the children and the names of their children and grand-children were not obtained. Twenty-nine grand-children and seven great-grand-children.
- IX. ARTHUR DINSMORE, married Patty Houghton, Sept. 10, 1815. They had eleven children—1 Betsey, 2 Luke, 3 Abner H., 4 Sanford C., 5 Zebina H., 6 Susan H., 7 Clarissa, 8 Sumner, 9 Arthur Sewall, 10 Austin, 11 Thomas H.

1. BETSEY DINSMORE, married Arthur Hilton, Sept. 6, 1835. Their children were—  
     DORCAS, married Noah Houston, June 28, 1858. Children—Fred A.,  
     Ella and Lillian.  
     LLEWELLYN, married Sarah Chase, May 1, 1861. One child.  
     ARVILLA, married Albert Brawn, Sept. 29, 1862.  
     ELMER.
2. LUKE H. DINSMORE, married Mary H. Caldwell, Sept. 10, 1841. Children—Maurice, Charles and Betsey.
3. ABNER H. DINSMORE, married Julia A. Getchell, Nov. 14, 1842. Children—Viola, Helen E., Arthur, Martha and Edward F.
4. SANFORD C. DINSMORE, married Lucy B. Gilman, Oct. 4, 1848. Children—David G., Clara H., Reuben G., and Martha.
5. ZEBINA H. DINSMORE, married Hannah Burns, April 22, 1855. Children—Frank, Georgie and Lizzie.
6. SUSAN H. DINSMORE, married Ainos Heald, March 25, 1851.
7. CLARISSA DINSMORE, married T. Frank Houghton, March 8, 1855. Children—Althea, Thomas J., and Anna Marita.
8. SUMNER DINSMORE, married Julia A. Currier, May 28, 1854. Children—Fred A., Mary Etta and Sue.
9. ARTHUR SEWALL DINSMORE, married F. Goodrich, Aug. 17, 1858, (she died Oct. 29, 1862,) one child—Fred C.; also married Helen F. Graves, Sept. 28, 1864. One child—Lula.
11. THOMAS H. DINSMORE, married Eunice L. Goodrich, Oct. 12, 1864.

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Robert Dinsmore, the twin of Arthur, born in Chester, New Hampshire, March 24, 1752, married Abigail Sanborn, (date unknown.) Their children were—David, born Dec. 27, 1782; Robert, born May 4, 1784; Reuben, born Oct. 9, 1785; Samuel, born Feb. 15, 1788; John, born March 16, 1790; Elizabeth, born July 27, 1791; James, born May 4, 1796. By a third wife, Hannah Long, of Sundown, Mehitable, born June 29, 1802; Judith, born Sept. 19, 1804. His second wife was Mehitable Welsh.

I. DAVID DINSMORE, died 1784.

- II. ROBERT DINSMORE, married Esther Quint, Dec. 28, 1806; settled in Anson, Me. They had five children—1 Louis, 2 Eli, 3 Henry, 4 Benjamin E., 5 Sarah E.
1. LOUIS DINSMORE, married Benjamin Steward, May 25, 1826. Their children were—  
 THEODORE M., married Caroline A. Bates. One child—Caroline A.  
 Also married Aurilla Bunker. Children—Frank and Harry.  
 AMELIA CAROLINE, married Malen Spaulding.  
 MARIA LOUISA.  
 SARAH E.
  2. ELI DINSMORE, married Emeline T. Barstow, May 21, 1834. Children—George F., Robert, Sarah Maria, Henry, Mary Caroline, and Theodore S. SARAH MARIA married Daniel D. Wadsworth, June 30, 1856. One Child—Benjamin Eli. She married again, Phineas A. North, May 22, 1865. One child—Mary Cobbet.  
 ROBERT, married Emma P. Bunker, Nov. 27, 1864. One son—Anson Bunker.
  5. SARAH E. DINSMORE, married Albert Moore, Dec. 17, 1840. Children—Jane E., Sarah Amelia, Alice Patten, Ben, and Ellie.
- III. REUBEN DINSMORE, married Nancy Bixby, Dec. 27, 1810; settled in Anson, Me. Their children were—  
 SANBORN, who married Nancy D. H. Boardman, July 10, 1845. Child—Mary Francis.  
 SIMON, who married Sarah J. Longley, Feb. 11, 1840. Children—Lucretia T., and Helen F.
- IV. SAMUEL DINSMORE, married Hannah Blanchard, Dec. 26, 1811; settled on the old homestead, and lived to celebrate their golden wedding. They had twelve children: 1 Mary Ann, 2 Nancy B., 3 Abbie S., 4 Clarissa, 5 Deborah L., 6 John, 7 Judith C., 8 Hannah B., 9 Samuel, 10 Robert, 11 Philena H., 12 Arthur.
1. MARY A. DINSMORE, married Samuel Underhill, April 10, 1833. Their children were—  
 JESSE J., married Mary H. Dix, Jan. 26, 1856. Children—Jesse J., and Mary H.  
 ELIZABETH A., married C. Perkins, June 3, 1862.  
 ELIHU T., married Maria Mann, June 12, 1860. One child—William C.  
 FANNIE D.  
 MARY W.  
 AUGUSTA S.  
 AUGUSTUS.  
 EMMA G.  
 CALEB B.

2. NANCY B. DINSMORE, married Benj. S. Clarke, May 16, 1846. Children—Gorham W., Endora, Anna C., and Lucy E.
  3. ABBIE S. DINSMORE, married Sylvester Osgood, Dec. 1844. Their children are—Ellen M., Mary A., John D., and Lizzie H.
  5. DEBORAH L. DINSMORE, married Charles H. Colman, Oct. 19, 1847. Children—Arthur D., Ellen T., Charles E., and Harriet B.
  6. JOHN DINSMORE, married Elizabeth M. Greenleaf (she died 1848); also Maria P. Fletcher.
  7. JUDITH C. DINSMORE, married Oliver Miles, Oct. 19, 1847. Children—Albert C., and Harriet M.
  8. HANNAH B. DINSMORE, married William T. Colman, Sept. 26, 1848. Children—Alice M., Mary H., and George W.
  9. SAMUEL DINSMORE, married Lizzie Trafton, May, 1863. One child—Annie.
  11. PHILENA H. DINSMORE, married William Harris, June, 1853. Children—Albert M., and William S.
  12. ARTHUR DINSMORE, married Margaret Colman, Sept. 3, 1855. Children—George S., Lucy C., Frank T., and Robert.
- V. JOHN DINSMORE, never married, died in Galveston, Texas.
- VI. ELIZABETH DINSMORE, married Nathaniel B. Remick, of Newburyport, Mass.; settled in Anson, Me. They had five children—1 Abigail, 2 Samuel, 3 John, 4 Thomas, 5 Esther.
1. ABIGAIL REMICK, married Amos A. Couch; had two children.
  2. SAMUEL REMICK, married Olive Norton, Aug. 24, 1837. Children—John D., Sarah Ann, William L., Reuben D., Amos C., Nathaniel, Mary O., Lydia, and Hattie F.
  3. JOHN REMICK, married Jane Barton. Children—Sarah, Eliza, and Clarissa.
- VII. JAMES DINSMORE, married Zilpha Taylor, April 29, 1822, and settled in Springfield, Vt. They had eight children—1 Juliet, 2 Zilpha, 3 Triphena, 4 Delilah, 5 Ann Elizabeth, 6 Mehitable, 7 Harlan P., 8 Marianna.
2. ZILPHA DINSMORE, married Lincoln E. Latham, Sept. 4, 1843. Children—Eddie and Geraldine T.
  3. TRIPHENA DINSMORE, married Dewitt C. L. Stowell, May 20, 1858. Children—Elna S., and Hettie I.

5. ANN ELIZABETH DINSMORE, married Barton Walker. Children— —, Ada L., and Nora V.

VIII. MEHITABLE DINSMORE, married Dr. Nathan Plummer, Dec. 5, 1836. Children—Edwin, Albert, Sarah and Nathan. Edwin Plummer married Frank Webster, Dec. 31, 1864.

IX. JUDITH DINSMORE, married John Scott. One child—Hannah.

The design of the above genealogy is not to give a complete record of the date of all the births and deaths in regular order, but simply to give all the descendants in the order of their families and marriages. It is supposed to be correct so far as it gives a record, but the limit of this small pamphlet would not permit a more extended account.

J. DINSMORE.

WINSLOW, May 20, 1867.





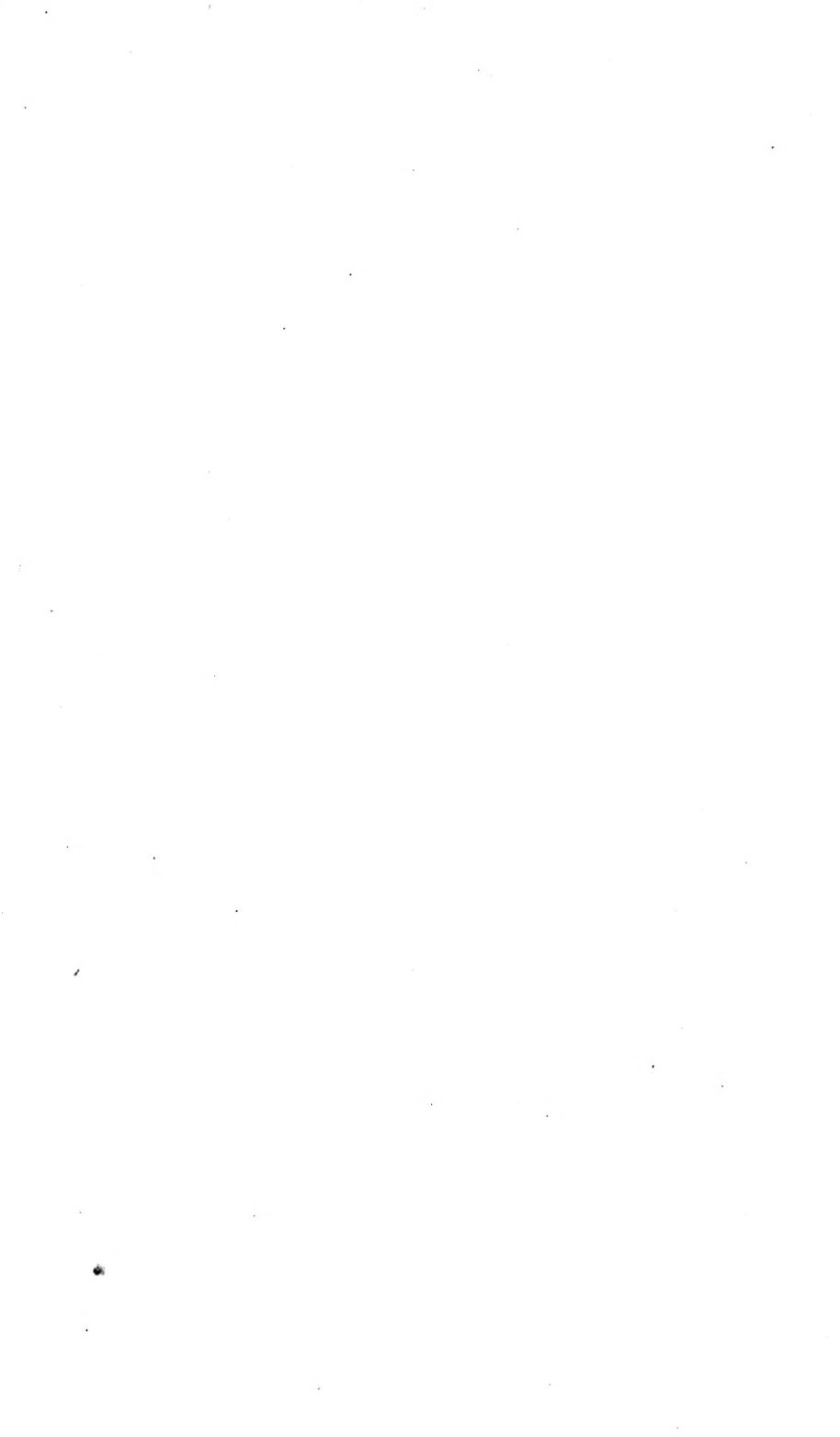














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