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THE

HISTORY AND GENEALOGY

OF THE

Prentice or Prentiss Family,

IN NEW ENGLAND,

FROM 1631 TO 1852.

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## P R E F A C E .

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The Editor and Publisher, after freely offering his materials to several of the Prentice or Prentiss name, was induced, at their urgent request, to undertake this work, and to have five hundred copies printed, and hopes that the surplus — two hundred copies — will be taken, that the expenses of publication may be repaid, and he relies on those interested to aid him.

Where the Editor personally examined Town, Church, Bible, or other records, he has endeavored to be accurate: where the information was derived from others, it is as received. Authorities are named, unless overlooked. Errors will arise in such a work. Lists of many families were sent to him without dates, &c., or explanation of relationship to others. On many old records of the children's births, the mother's Christian name only is mentioned. These omissions leave many blanks, for each family to fill up; and if made known to the writer, can be corrected in a future edition, if ever called for. The account of many families, of old date, is imperfect, as it was impossible to obtain information. What there is, will be a starting point for an accurate account by each family.

It is to be regretted that so few old portraits could be found, and that more of those of the present generation could not be induced to have their portraits inserted for the gratification of their friends and successors, who would prize them much. We consider a portrait of a deceased relative, or an old ancestor, as invaluable.

The portraits and views were furnished at his request, and are all that could be obtained. The associations and memories of childhood, called up by a view of the "Old Homestead," would be an oasis in the desert of life.

The information regarding our ancestors, that he has endeavored to rescue from the dust of more than a century, and to preserve from oblivion, he hopes will be pleasing to those interested. He has tried to keep in mind the meaning of the motto of the Prentice Arms, "Right — and Forward."

Many of the Prentice or Prentiss family, have been an ornament to Franklin's profession. The editor has been much indebted to the unwearied aid of Messrs. Henry Prentiss Lewis and Henry J. Prentiss, during the progress of this work through the press.

Wishing the virtues of those of the name now departed, may continue to flourish

"When that this [work] shall mouldered be by time,"

he now introduces the past to the present.

BOSTON, APRIL 15, 1852.

## EXPLANATION.

Each individual of a family is numbered (in parenthesis) in regular rotation. Should the name again appear, it can thus be traced back.

The Roman numerals designate the children of each family in succession.

The small figures at the end of each name, give the generation, from a common ancestor of that branch; when the chain of descent is broken, or the origin is doubtful, that number is omitted.

By following this plan, the work can be continued and extended, by continuing the numbers, as other families arise.

The letter *b.* is for born; *bap.* for baptised.

An Index to the heads of families, and other names, may be found at the end of the volume.

The dates are given as found on records, &c., without regard to Old or New Style.

In Old Style, the year began March 25, which was called the 1st month. The New Style, invented by Pope Gregory XIII., in 1582, was gradually adopted by other countries, (except Russia, Greece, and the East generally,) and by Great Britain and her Colonies in America, 14th (3) September, 1752, and commenced January 1, 1752, which was called the Historical year, and was added to the Legal year in double dating, between January 1st and 25th March—as on page 12: March 8, 1663-4. On page 13th, 22, 3, 1648, Old Style, means 22d day of 3d month, (May.) [See Dr. Nathaniel B. Shurtleff's Time Tables, for private distribution, Boston, 1850.]

## The Prentice or Prentiss Family.

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THIS name is an old one in England. In Rhymer's *Foedera*, vol. 3, page 730, mention is made of Thomas Prentiz, Anno Domini 1318, An. 12, Ed. 2. "De Tribus Sarplar Lanæ pretii triginta Librarium Sterlingorum," &c. Also, Richard Prentiz, vol. 8, page 294, A. D. 1403, An. 4, H. 4. "De Jocalibus et Vestimentis Capellæ Regis." Also, John Prentys, Rector of Winterborn, Bradston, Aug. 22, 1413, and Prebendary of York, North Newbold, which he resigned Aug. 22, 1423.

The name in this country is believed to have been originally spelt *Prentice*. Some branches spell it *Prentiss*, some *Prentis*. In the following pages, the names of the different branches are spelt as found, or written by themselves, when known, otherwise written *tice*. I am told that Capt. Thomas P. of Newton, usually wrote it *tice*. Henry P., Sen., of Cambridge, Mass., and descendants, spelt it *tice*.

The first one of the name yet found in America was VALENTINE PRENTICE, who came over with the "Apostle" Elliot, in 1631, with his wife, Alice, and son, John, (another child having died on the passage,) and settled in Roxbury, Mass. It is supposed that VALENTINE, of Roxbury, HENRY,

of Cambridge, and Capt. THOMAS, of Newton, Mass., and perhaps ROBERT, of Roxbury, were connected in some way.

THOMAS PRENTICE resided in the family of Lt. Col. Roger Harlakenden, in Cambridge, and had a legacy of 40s. at H.'s death, in 1638. This is supposed to be the Capt. THOMAS PRENTICE, of Newton, Mass., who was in King Philip's war.

ROBERT PRENTICE resided in Roxbury, and was buried, per Church records, 3, 12, 1665, and appears to have been connected with Capt. Thomas Prentice, of Newton, who presented and deposed to his Inventory, on Probate Court, Boston, records, dated 7, 12, 1665.

Capt. THOMAS PRENTICE, of Newton, (formerly part of Cambridge,) came from England with his wife, Grace, and daughter, Grace. They joined the Cambridge Church, 1652. "Their child, Grace, baptised in England, and 4 years old when they joined this Church."

HENRY PRENTICE, Planter, of Cambridge, Mass., in 1640. His first wife was Elizabeth; his second was Joan or Joanna.

THOMAS PRENTICE, 2d, was in Newton 1659. His wife was Rebecca, daughter of Edward Jackson, Sen. She was born in England.

JAMES PRENTICE, Sen., was also in Newton in 1659, and he and Thomas 2d bought their farms together in that year, and were probably brothers. What connection there was between these seven is yet unknown. I shall give what account I have collected of each of these and their descendants.

As there is no other account of ROBERT PRENTICE, previously mentioned, the following is extracted from the Inventory of his Estate, on Boston Probate Court records, date 7, 12mo., 1665. He was buried 3d, 12mo., 1665.\* "The

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\* Roxbury First Church records.

Inventory, appraised by Wm. Parks and Edward Dennison, mentions a house and two acres of land, bought of John Perry, with orchard and barn, £30. His dwelling-house and orchard, £30, more land, a number of animals, farming utensils, &c., a bull stagge at Capt. Prentice's, land at Gravelly Point, and fresh meadow, near Dorchester sheep-pen : rights in the 1,000 acres, next Dedham 29 acres, &c. Due 'Father'\* Palmeter,† for expences about the estate. Due for Physic to Mr. (Dr. John) Alcock.‡ Due Dea. Wm. Peake and Shubael Seaver. Due by Capt. Isaac Johnson, Robert Pierpont, Gilbert, of Boston, Lewis, of Narhaway, Peter Gardner ; and to John Stebbins, Thomas Hayley, Deacon Park, Robert Seaver, Tobyas Davis, Wm. Peacock, John Weld, Mr. Bracket, of Boston, Wm. Curtis, Robert Pepper, Mr. (Edward) Rawson, for Administration. Total 'Inventory,' £174 16s. 5d. Debts, £29 4s. 6d. Capt. Thomas Prentice deposed in Court, April 26, 1666, 'that this paper contains a true Inventory of the Estate of the late Robert Prentice ; that when he knows more he will disclose it.' — Ed. Rawson, Recorder."

The above is all there is relative to Robert P. on those records.||

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\* The term "Father" Palmeter, refers to his age and standing.

† John Parmenter, sometime Deacon at Sudbury, Æ. 83, was buried 1d. 3mo. 1671. "Old Mother" Annis P. widow of John Parmenter, died Mar. 15, 1683. "A blessed saint" (or sister) "was buried 17d. 1mo. 1683."—[Church and Town records, Roxbury.] She had three husbands.

‡ Mr. John Alcock, Physician, died in Boston, 27d. 1mo. 1667, but was brought home and buried (by his wife) 29th day, Æ. 40. [Church records, Roxbury.]

|| This Robert Prentice was one of the signers of the Roxbury petition, dated 25d. 8mo. 1664, to Hon. Gov., Dep'y Gov., and the rest of the Hon. Magistrates and H. of Deputies in Gen'l Court, about the infringement of their privileges in their patent.—[Note, page 394, vol. 5, 1851, His. Gen. Register.]

## The Roxbury, Mass., and New London, Ct., Branch.

(1) VALENTINE PRENTISE.<sup>1</sup> "He came to this land, with his wife Alice, in the year 1631, and joined to this church in the year 1632. He brought but one child to this land, his son John, and buried another at sea. He lived a godly life, and went through much affliction by bodily infirmity, and died leaving a good safr (savor) of godlyness behind him."\* He was made Freeman in 1632.† "Alicce, the wife of Valentine Prentise,‡ after her husband's death, was married (April 3, 1632,||) to John Watson,§ of this church."\*

Children.

(2) I. JOHN PRENTICE,<sup>2</sup> son of Valentine and Alice, born in England, came over with his parents in 1631, admitted to the Roxbury church 24d. 7m., 1665.\*

\* First Church records of Roxbury, Mass., 1630-1, page 16, &c. Elliot spelt the name *tise*.

† Farmer erroneously makes him Freeman in 1636.

‡ Hon. James Savage, of Boston, thinks that Valentine Prentice and family came over with the Rev. John Elliot, (the Apostle to the Indians,) and others, from Nazing, Essex Co., England.

-|| Roxbury Town records.

§ John, son of John Watson, was born Jan. 2, 1634-5.—[Town records.] John Watson, senior, died —— 1671. His will, on record, Boston "of Roxbury," mentions four children, sons John and Caleb, and daughters Darkise and Mary. Also, his wife Alice and son (in law) John Prentice, sons in law Timothy Dwight and

Married, first, Esther Nichols. He was a skillful blacksmith, and on that account was offered special privileges to settle in New London, Ct., which he did in 1651 or 1652, six or seven years after the settlement of the place. In 1664, John Prentice, of New London, Ct., was fined £5, "for notching a colt's tail."\* At a General Assembly, held at Hartford, † Ct., Oct. 13, 1664, John Winthrop, Esq., Governor, Major Mason, Deputy Governor, "this Court abate John Prentice half his fine of £5, and he is to pay ten shillings for his petition." ‡

Their children || were,

Thomas Stedman. Will, March 4, 1670-1. Dorcas, dismissed to the church in Medfield, 10. 3. 1670.

An Alice Prentice died, Concord, (Mass.) 8, (1) 1643.—[Page 32 Concord records, City Register's Office, Boston,] where the births, deaths, and marriages of the neighboring towns were then recorded. She may have been a daughter of Robert, or of John, son of Valentine. A church was called at Newtown, (Cambridge,) to settle a church at Concord, 5. 5. 1636. Newtown altered to Cambridge, 1638.—[First Church records, Cambridge, Mass.] On the records of Concord, Mass., I was unable to find any Prentice in 1849. In the Roxbury First Church records, there is a short account of each settler, and his arrival. Also, a diary of events and deaths of distinguished persons in New England.

\* R. H. Hinman's First, or Puritan Settlers of Connecticut, Hartford, 1846.

† Hartford, called Newtown, in 1636, was changed to Harteford. There was a Francis Prentice, of Cambridge Village, (Newton,) baptised Roxbury, 5 month, 17, 1670. A Francis Prentice (and another) take hold of the covenant 1 month, 11 day, 1683, [Roxbury Ch. record,] and Sarah Prentice, admitted to the church Sept. 5, 1756.

‡ J. Hammond Trumball's Colony records of Connecticut, Hartford, 1850, page 433.

|| Miss F. M. Caulkins's letter, New London, March, 1850, who thinks "there may have been *one* son before he came to New London in 1652. Most of his sons had large families, and in the

- (3) I. JOHN,<sup>3</sup> b. Aug. 6, 1652. *~ Sarah Jones*  
 (4) II. JOSEPH,<sup>3</sup> b. April 5, 1655.  
 (5) III. JONATHAN,<sup>3</sup> b. July 15, 1657; died, 1727,  
 aged 70.\*  
 (6) IV. ESTHER,<sup>3</sup> b. July 20, 1660. *~ Elizabeth Gullif*  
 (7) V. PETER,<sup>3</sup> b. July 31, 1663.  
 (8) VI. STEPHEN,<sup>3</sup> b. Nov. 26, 1666.  
 (9) VII. MERCY,<sup>3</sup> b. ——— 1668.  
 (10) VIII. HANNAH,<sup>3</sup> b. June, 1672.  
 (11) IX. THOMAS,<sup>3</sup> }  
 (12) X. ELIZABETH,<sup>3</sup> } b. Nov. 6, 1675, twins.  
 (13) XI. By ——— a 2d wife, late in life, he had  
 RALPH,<sup>3</sup> b. about 1687.

On the Roxbury Church records we find this record of the above children.

“John, son to John Prentice, baptised 7mo. 29, 1667, and Joseph, Jonathan, Peter, Steven, Esther, children to John Prentice, baptised 2, 19, 1668.” “He probably went to Roxbury to have his children baptised in those two years, as New London, though not destitute of a minister, had not a regularly ordained Clergyman qualified to administer the ordinances until 1770. The first of his children baptised in New London, was Hannah, in 1672.”\*

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line of Stephen particularly, the numerous descendants are scattered in the vicinity of New London. Families from other branches emigrated to the West; many are in this county.” The New London branch have since spelt the name *Prentis*.

\*Tombstone, New London, Ct., per Edward Prentiss's (43) letter from N. L., which states, “that Jonathan's (5) Tombstone is in the same line of those of his (Edward's) grandfather and grandmother, and next to them. There is another one of precisely the same style next to Jonathan's, from which the letters are entirely obliterated. (Miss Caulkins thinks its date is 1630 to



(5) III. JONATHAN PRENTIS,<sup>3</sup> supposed the son of John the "smith" (2-) and Esther. Born New London, July 15, 1657. Married, in 1691, Elizabeth Latimer. "Jonathan Prentis, Esq., died July 28, 1727, Æ. 70."\* "Mrs. Elizabeth, wife of Capt. Jonathan Prentis, died Aug. 14, 1759, Æ. 92."\*

Children.

- (14) I. ELIZABETH,<sup>4</sup> b. 1692.
- (15) II. ESTHER,<sup>4</sup> b. 1694.
- (16) III. JONATHAN,<sup>4</sup> b. 1696.
- (17) IV. ANN,<sup>4</sup> b. 1700.
- (18) V. MARY,<sup>4</sup> b. 1702.
- (19) VI. JOHN,<sup>4</sup> b. 1705.

(19) VI. JOHN PRENTIS,<sup>4</sup> (supposed the "Cape Breton" Capt.) son † of Jonathan (5) and Elizabeth, (Latimer) born ——— 1705? died 1747? at the mansion

1640.) They are large tablets, set on four pillars. On Edward's grandfather's and grandmother's the name is spelt *Prenties*, *Prentiss*, and *Prentis*. He has found no other stones of the rest of John, "the Smith's," family. He has the original deed from John Prentis, (2-1) Sen., of a farm, to his son Stephen, dated 1691." E. P. says "he has not been able to trace any connection between this branch and those of the Preston and N. Stonington branches of the name, who trace to Samuel Prentice, (725) who died in N. Stonington 1728.

\* Gravestones, New London, Ct., copied by Edward P., (43) of N. L., who furnished most of the account of the New London branch. He thinks with Miss Caulkins, that there is a link wanting in the chain from John (2-) "the Smith," and this Jonathan. (5) Perhaps he was grandson to John.

† Miss Caulkins supposes Capt. John to be son of Jonathan (5) and Elizabeth, but as the other sons of the first John had eldest sons named *John*, it is difficult to tell.

of Lord Edgecomb, in England. Married ——— 1737, Sarah Christophus. “Mrs. Sarah Prentise, widow of John Prentiss, Esq., late of New London, and daughter of the Hon. Christopher Christophus, died Feb. 12, 1773, *Æ.* 53 years.\* Capt. John P. was the commander of a Connecticut Province armed Sloop, at the taking of Cape Breton, (Louisburg,) June 17, 1745.† [See Appendix I.] He went to England to prosecute the claim of himself and associates to their share of the prize money, arising from that expedition,‡ and there died. His estate, left in New London, was appraised at £7,650 ; a large sum for that time.

Children.

(20) I. MARY,<sup>5</sup> b. ———. Married first, Peter Harris, no children. Married second, Richard Deshon, five children. Richard, Susan, Lucy, Christopher, Sally, and Joseph.

(21) II. ELIZABETH,<sup>5</sup> b. ———. Married Samuel Latimer, had one son.

(22) III. SARAH,<sup>5</sup> b. ———. Married Wm. Coit, no children.

(23) IV. ANN,<sup>5</sup> b. ———. Married Richard Law, three children. Richard, John, and Lyman.

(24) V. ESTHER,<sup>5</sup> b. ———. Married Michakel Maloney, no children.

(25) VI. (a daughter,<sup>5</sup>) b. ———.

\* Gravestone, New London, Ct.

† The published account of the siege and capture in the Historical Society's Library, Boston, which mentions several Sloops of War from Connecticut.

‡ It was upon this expedition that Whitfield blessed the banner of the expedition, and gave it the motto “Nil desperandum, Christo duce.” See “The Neutral French,” by Mrs. Williams, Providence, R. I., 1841. They wished the expedition to be considered a crusade !

(26) VII. JOHN,<sup>5</sup> b. Dec. 14, 1747. Married Esther Richards.

John is supposed to be the eldest son, from the "smith," for several generations.

(26) VII. JOHN PRENTIS,<sup>5</sup> son of John (19) and Sarah, (Christophus) born Dec. 14, 1747. "Sacred to the memory of John Prentis, of New London, son of John Prentis, Esq., and Sarah Prentis, who died Nov. 22, 1780, Æ. 34."\* Married Esther Richards.

Children.

(27) I. ELIZABETH,<sup>6</sup> b. ——. Married first, George Hallam, had three daughters. Married second, George Chapman, had one son.

(28) II. SALLY,<sup>6</sup> b. ——. Married Daniel Henshaw, had several daughters and sons, one of whom was "Bishop" Henshaw, of Rhode Island.

(29) III. MARY,<sup>6</sup> b. ——. Married Samuel Allen, had children.

(30) IV. JOHN,<sup>6</sup> b. 1773. Married Eunice Fink.

(31) V. NANCY,<sup>6</sup> b. ——. Married Charles Goodrich, had a large family.

(32) VI. CATHERINE,<sup>6</sup> b. ——. Married John Robertson, had a large family.

(33) VII. JONATHAN,<sup>6</sup> b. ——. Married a Virginia lady, had two daughters.

(30) IV. JOHN PRENTIS,<sup>6</sup> son of John (26) and Esther, (Richards) born 1773. "In memory of Capt. John

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\* Gravestone, New London, Ct.

Prentis, who died March 11, 1832, Æ. 59 years.\*\* Married Eunice Fink.

Children.

- (34) I. JOHN,<sup>7</sup> b. ———.
- (35) II. MARY,<sup>7</sup> b. ———. Married C. F. Daniels, no children.
- (36) III. DAVID,<sup>7</sup> b. ———.
- (37) IV. SARAH,<sup>7</sup> b. ———. Married Wm. F. Brainard, Esq., had three daughters and one son.
- (38) V. FRANCES,<sup>7</sup> b. ———.
- (39) VI. CAROLINE,<sup>7</sup> b. ———. Married John Danforth, had one son.
- (40) VII. WILLIAM,<sup>7</sup> b. ———.
- (41) VIII. ADAM,<sup>7</sup> b. ———.
- (42) IX. CHARLES,<sup>7</sup> b. ———.
- (43) X. EDWARD,<sup>7</sup> † b. ———. Married Caroline ‡ L. Mulford, of Long Island, had two daughters and one son.
- (44) XI. ANDREW JACKSON,<sup>7</sup> b. ———.

Leaving the other Connecticut branches to come in under their proper places, I return to the next earliest in date yet found, namely, Henry Prentice, (45) "Planter," in Cambridge, Mass., in 1640.

\* Gravestone, New London, Ct.

† Edward (43) P., Esq., of New London, who furnished me the account of the New London branch from Jonathan, (5) on p. 5.

‡ A Mrs. Caroline Prentiss, Æ. 23, died in East Lyme, [per Ch. Observer,] April 25, 1840.

## Cambridge, Mass., Branch.

(45) I. HENRY PRENTICE,<sup>1</sup> "Planter," of Cambridge, Mass., born in England, ? was in Cambridge before 1640. A member of the Church in Cambridge; formed in 1636; the record of whose members "was taken and registered in the 11th month, 1658."\* Owned lands in Sudbury, Mass., and was one of the proprietors in the second and third division of land there in 1640,† and in the Inventory of his estate, is One Town Right in Sudbury, £1. [See Appendix M. for Inventory.] Freeman, in Cambridge, May 22, 1650.‡ He married first, Elizabeth ——. She died May 13, 1643, O. S. || He married second, Joane ——. He died || April 9, 1654, O. S. § His Inventory, £54 13s. 8d. ¶ Oct. 6,

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\* First Church records, Cambridge, Mass. Rev. Thomas Hooker, first pastor of the First Church, with his own and about thirty other families removed to Hartford, Ct., in 1636, May 31. [Rev. Dr. Styles's letter on First Church records.] Rev. Thomas Shepherd, second pastor of the First Church, was buried 28, 6, 1650. [Cambridge Town records.]

† Barry's His. Framingham, Sudbury, &c. In 1648, he and wife deed these lands to John Goodnow. She makes her mark.

‡ List Freemen N. E. H. Genealogical Society's Register.

|| Harris's Epitaphs, Cambridge old burying-ground, as "Elizabeth, wife of Dea. Henry P." Cambridge Town records, 13, 3 mo. 1643. Name there written *tis*, afterwards *tice*. The latter in the record of her death on Boston records. The Town Clerks often spelt as pronounced.

§ Town records says, Henry Prentice died 9, 4 mo., 1654. So on Middlesex records. 1st mo. was March; 4th mo. was June.

¶ Middlesex County records.

1663, administration was granted to Joane, his relict and widow, and John Gibson, her now husband, and £20 decreed to the widow; the rest to the children in equal parts, except double to eldest son. "Joan, widow of Henry Prentice, deceased, (and their children, Mary, Solomon, Abiah, Samuel, Sarah, Henry, all born and baptised in this church,\*) is a member in full communion, as was her husband also." HENRY was the ancestor of the Cambridge and Grafton, Mass. Prentices.

Children of Henry and Joan.

(46) I. MARY,<sup>2</sup> b. Sept. 25, 1644. Married Deacon Nathaniel Hancock, † March 8, 1663-4, (ancestor of Gov. H. ‡) He was born Dec. 18, 1638, died April 12, 1719, Æ. 81. || He was admitted into fellowship May 31, 1667; baptised June 2, 1667. § She was admitted to the church May 23, 1665. She died before 1713, and after 1709. ¶ Mr. H. was son of Nat. and Jane Hancock, of Cambridge, 1635. Children, Nat. baptised May 28, 1665. Mary, baptised May 13, 1666. Sarah baptised September 15, 1667, besides others, per Cambridge Town records.

(47) II. SOLOMON,<sup>2</sup> b. 23, 7 mo. 1646. Married Elizabeth —, and Hepzibah —, and died 1719.

\* Newell's "Church Gathering," and from the Church records.

† Town records, Cambridge.

‡ A. H. Ward.

|| Harris's Epitaphs, Cambridge old burying-ground.

§ First Church records, Cambridge, Mass.

¶ Middlesex County Deeds, volume 18. Samuel and Henry Prentice, Nathaniel Hancock, John and Sarah Woodward, children of our honored father, Henry Prentice, (45) sometime of Cambridge, deceased, quit-claim to Solomon Prentice, (47) our beloved brother, &c., having received our part of Solomon. Date Dec. 31, 1713.

(48) III. ABIAH,<sup>2</sup> (daughter) b. 22, 3 mo. 1648 ; probably deceased before 1713.

(49) V. SARAH,<sup>2\*</sup> b. ——. Married John Woodward ; he was alive 1713.†

(50) VI. HENRY,<sup>2\*</sup> b. about 1651 or 2? Married Mary Gove.?

(51) IV. SAMUEL,<sup>2</sup> b. 3, 6, 1650.‡ Alive Dec. 31, 1713.†

Mrs. Joane Prentice, widow of Henry, married Elder John Gibson, Sen., July 24, 1662, (his second wife) when he was 65 years of age.||

(47) II. SOLOMON PRENTICE,<sup>2</sup> Sen.,§ son of Henry (45) and Joan, born 23, 7, 1646, in Cambridge. Died July 24, 1719, Æ. 73. Married first, Elizabeth ——. She died before 1678. Married second, Hepzibah Dunn, or Dunton,¶ who died Jan. 15, 1741, Æ. 89.

Children by Elizabeth.

\* Farmer mentions Sarah and Henry last.

† Middlesex County Deeds, volume 18.

‡ Cambridge old records, births, Probate Office, E. Cambridge. But A. H. Ward says, 1, 3, 1650.

|| T. B. Wyman, of Charlestown.

§ Harris's Cambridge Epitaphs, and the inscription on his gravestone, now in the burial ground opposite the Colleges, is, "Here lies ye body of Mr. Solomon Prentice, Senior, who died July 24, 1719, in ye 73d year of his age."

By the inscription on Mrs. Hepzibah P.'s gravestone, she died 1741, and "her descendants at her decease were 140 persons, of whom 92 were then alive." With E. P. Prentice of Albany, I again visited this ground in 1851. These deaths are mostly from gravestones, unless otherwise mentioned.

¶ Wm. Prentiss's (483) manuscript ; a copy with John Prentiss, (544) Keene, N. H. It has several errors. Wm. P.'s son, William

(52) I. SOLOMON,<sup>3</sup> b. 1673; died June 25, 1758, Æ. 84.

(53) II. THOMAS,<sup>3</sup> b. 7, 4, 1674.\* Two wives, Mariah  
———, and Mary Batson.

By wife Hepzibah.

(54) III. STEPHEN,<sup>3</sup> b. 1, 4, 1681. "Cordwainer." Married first, Faith Frost, July 8, 1708. She died Jan. 23, 1741, Æ. 54. She was third daughter of James and Hannah Frost.† Married second, Lydia ———. In 1726 Ben. Flagg of Worcester, deeds all his lands, &c., in the north part of W., to Henry and Stephen Prentice, tenants in common. Stephen Prentice, "Yeoman," Will, of Cambridge, March 19, 1761, gives his wife Lydia property, and his pew in meeting house, first parish, reserving a seat for Jonas P.'s wife. Gives his wife a horse to ride to meeting on. For preaching among the Indians that the late Mr. Brainard labored among, and to others, £10 13s. 4d.; a legacy of £2 to the Rev. Thomas Prentice of Charlestown; £2 to Rev. Joshua Prentice of Holliston, and 1st vol. of Mr. Flavel's works. To Rev. Thomas Balch of Dedham, £2 13s. 4d., and 2d vol. of Flavel's works. To his brother Henry Prentice, his right to land in Worcester and Townsend. To Rev. Mr. Sprague of Medford; to Abraham Watson, Jr., and his wife Lucy—legacies. His negro Peter's services to be improved, and he to have a garden and some time to work it, for his faithful services. Gives his kinsman Jonas Pren-

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Henry Prentice, (555) of Washington, D. C., sent me a copy of it.

\* Cambridge-Town records has the births of Thomas, Stephen, Elizabeth, and Nathaniel, and Nathaniel 2d; the marriage of Thomas and Mary, and death of first and second Nathaniel.

† T. B. Wyman.



tice, all his real and personal estate. Wife Lydia, brother Henry P., kinsman Jonas P., and Abraham Watson, Jr., executors. Stephen Prentice, in Ben. Goddard's will, 1712, is called brickmaker; in James Smith's will, cordwainer, and owner of a house and land on Jones's Hill, Cambridge.\* In 1745 he was a subscriber in Boston to the Life of David Brainard. Dr. Nat. S. Prentiss says Stephen was uncle to his grandfather Jonas Prentice, and lived in Cambridge, and left Jonas a valuable farm in Cambridge, subject to the widow's alimony during her life, and believes Stephen had no children.

(55) IV. ELIZABETH,<sup>3</sup> } twins, b. 20. 5. 1684. Eliza-

(56) V. NATHANIEL,<sup>3</sup> } beth died single, 1727. Will, April 5, proved June 9, gives most of her property to her brother Henry. Nathaniel died 18, 7, 1688.

(57) VI. NATHANIEL,<sup>3</sup> b. Oct. 18, 1689. "Mr. Nathaniel Prentice died Oct. 24, 1723, Æ. 33."

(58) VII. HENRY,<sup>3</sup> b. 1693. Deacon of Dr. Appleton's church.

(59) VIII. SAMUEL,<sup>3</sup> baptised June 12, 1698.† Died young.‡

IX. MARY,<sup>3</sup> b. about 1694. Married Ben. Balch of Charlestown, Jan. 4, 1710. *4 June 1694*

"Solomon Prentice, Sen., and wife, members of the church in Cambridge, did partake with us in the first administration of the Lord's Supper, Aug. 22, 1697."||

\* Middlesex County records.

† Cambridge First Church records.

‡ Wm. Prentiss's manuscripts.

|| Watertown First Church records of Rev. Samuel Sanger. Farmer says, after Solomon's fifth child, "and others," and that his descendants are numerous in Massachusetts. Some write *tice*,

Solomon Prentice, Sen., left a large estate. His inventory by his widow Hepzibah, and his eldest son Solomon, Administrators, Aug. 20, 1719, mentions—rights in common, housing, orchard, land at West-field, do. in Miles Ware Corner, do. in Lexington. Real estate, £851—total, £909 16s. 2d. John Dixon, Sam. Kidder, Ben. Goddard, Appraisers, Aug. 13, 1719. Widow Hepzibah, her mark, Solomon Prentice and guardian, Henry Prentice and Mary Balch, Elizabeth P., her mark, Mary Robbins, widow of his son Thomas P., and now wife of Nathaniel Robbins of Charlestown, are all mentioned in an agreement of March 18, 1719–20. His son Henry had the east half of the house his father Solomon, Sen., lived and died in. Henry's claim for four and a half years' services, due him, £60, to be in the "new house." By Solomon P., Sen's, will, it appears he had a daughter Mary, and I have added her name to his children without altering the figures in brackets. A deposition of Solomon, Sen., is on record, Middlesex County Deeds, dated 14, 4, 1672, Æ. 25, that he mowed several years on land of Richard Eeles, Watertown, Mass.

(50) VI. HENRY PRENTICE,<sup>2</sup> son of Henry (45) and Joan? born about 1651–2. Made freeman Oct. 31, 1684.\* Married Mary Gove† 7, 2, 1682.‡

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some *tiss*. Twenty-five had graduated from New England Colleges to 1826, ten of whom were clergymen. [See Appendix A. for list of graduates of the name to 1835.]

\* List Freemen in N. E. Hist. Gen. Reg.

† John Gove wills, Aug. 28, 1704, to the daughter of Henry and Mary Prentice. [Middlesex County records.]

‡ Middlesex County records, on which the births of their children are recorded, except Tabitha and Nathaniel, which are on First Church records, Cambridge, list baptisms.

## Children.

(60) I. JOHN,<sup>3</sup> b. 6, 1, 1683. A John Prentice married Mary Smith, January 5, 1704-5.\*

(61) II. MARY,<sup>3</sup> b. 11, 10, 1684; died 2, 3, 1685.†

(62) III. MARY,<sup>3</sup> b. 4, 10, 1685; died 11, 11, 1685.‡

(63) IV. HANNAH,<sup>3</sup> b. Jan. 19, 1686-7; died 3, 4, 1687.‡

(64) V. JONATHAN,<sup>3</sup> b. April 4, 1688; died 1, 3, 1688.‡

(65) VI. SARAH,<sup>3</sup> b. April 6, 1689; died May 31, 1689.‖

(66) VII. TABITHA,<sup>3</sup> b. ——— bap. Aug. 18, 1697.\*

(67) VIII. NATHANIEL,<sup>3</sup> b. ——— bap. Dec. 11, 1698.\*

(68) IX. JACOB,<sup>3</sup> b. Aug. 18, 1700;‖ bap. and died Feb. 28, 1700,\* (probably 1701.)

(69) X. SUSANNA,<sup>3</sup> b. March 29, 1703;‖ bap. April 4,\* died July 22, 1703.§

(52) I. SOLOMON PRENTICE, Jr.,<sup>3</sup> son of Solomon and Elizabeth, born 1673, died June 25, 1758, Æ. 84.¶ Will Feb. 22, 1744-5. Married Lydia ———. She died April 25, 1758, Æ. 81.¶ ———, “1697, admitted to full communion the wife of Solomon Prentice, Jr. March 11, 1710-11, admitted Solomon Prentice, Jr.”\*\*

\* First Church, Cambridge, records.

† Cambridge Town records. Also, Harris's Epitaphs. [See Appendix P.]

‡ Harris's Epitaphs, and Middlesex County records.

‖ Middlesex County records, on which the births of the children are recorded, except Tabitha and Nathaniel, which are on First Church records, Cambridge, list baptisms.

§ Cambridge Town records, and Middlesex records.

¶ Harris's Epitaphs.

\*\* Cambridge First Church records.

## Children.

(70) I. RUTH,<sup>4</sup> b. Oct. 31, 1700;\* bap. Nov. 3. Married William Dickson, June 12, 1718.† Both alive 1760.

(71) II. LYDIA,<sup>4</sup> b. March 8, 1702-3; bap. May 9, 1703; married John Cooper April 6, 1721. In April, 1727, his widow, now Lydia Kidder, wife of Thomas Kidder, has her third of Cooper's estate. She married Kidder April 8, 1725. Both were alive 1758.

✓ (72) III. SOLOMON,<sup>4</sup> b. May 11, 1705; bap. May 13. Married Sarah Sartell, Oct. 26, 1732. First minister, Grafton, Mass.

(73) IV. SAMUEL,<sup>4</sup> b. May 5, 1707; bap. May 11. Married Elizabeth ———. Settled in Watertown, Mass.

(74) V. JOANNA,<sup>4</sup> b. Feb. 5, 1709-10; bap. Feb. 5, 1710. Married Samuel Cook, March 31, 1725-6. She died Nov. 28, 1772.†

(75) VI. EBENEZER,<sup>4</sup> b. May 29, 1712; bap. June 1. Married Sarah Pierce, of Charlestown, Aug. 2, 1735.‡ He died Aug. 30, 1790, Æ. 78.||

\* Cambridge First Church records, for all these baptisms. The average age of a large number of Prentices at death, from 1640 to 1840, in Solomon, Jr's. line, (per Wm. Brigham, Esq., Boston,) was 79 years.

† Cambridge Town records.

‡ Charlestown records, (per T. B. Wyman.) Ebenezer Prentice, housewright, of Cambridge, and Joseph, (Jonas?) are mentioned in the settlement of John Pierce's estate, Charlestown, 1717, and Sarah and Mercy, probably their wives. [Middlesex County records, deeds.] A deed of Ebenezer Prentice, "of Uxbridge," 1730, is on Worcester County records, deeds; and about 1724, Ebenezer Prentice, "from Walpole," blacksmith, deeds land in Uxbridge.

|| West Cambridge Gravestones, (per T. B. Wyman, 1851.)

(76) VII. SARAH,<sup>4\*</sup> b. March 11, 1714-15; bap. March 13, 1714. Married Jonathan Cooper, Oct. 25, 1732. Both alive 1758.†

(77) VIII. DANIEL,<sup>4</sup> b. May 17, 1717. A Daniel Prentice married Deborah Wyeth, Dec. 29, 1743.‡

(78) IX. STEPHEN,<sup>4||</sup> b. Feb. 26, 1719-20; bap. Feb. 28, 1720. Married Esther Prentice. Moved to Grafton, Mass.

(79) X. MARY,<sup>4</sup> b. Sept. 25, 1723; bap. Sept. 29. Died before 1744.

Solomon Prentice, (52) "Yeoman, of Cambridge," wills, 1744-5, his homestead to his son Daniel, after his wife's decease, he to live with and take care of her; £150 to each of his daughters, Ruth Dixon, Lydia Kidder, Joanna Cook, and Sarah Cooper; rest to his four sons, Solomon, Samuel, Ebenezer and Stephen. Will presented July 25, 1758, and Solomon Prentice of Grafton, "gentleman," Ebenezer Prentice of Cambridge, "housewright," and Daniel Prentice of Cambridge, "yeoman," Executors.

Dr. Nat. S. Prentiss, aged 86, Boston, 1851, states that he remembers to have seen Ebenezer Prentice in 1775, who was then an old man, and of West Cambridge, Mass., a blacksmith.

As the Grafton families and descendants connect more directly with Rev. Solomon, I now follow his line down,

\* Also, a Sarah, daughter of Solomon Prentice, baptised Oct. 20, 1717. [Cambridge First Church records.] A Jonathan Cooper, Jr., died April 26, 1765, Æ. 31 [Harris's Epitaphs.]

† Sarah, daughter of Solomon Prentice, was admitted a member of Rev. Thomas Prentice's church, Charlestown, Dec. 31, 1758.

‡ Cambridge First Church records; do. Town records.

|| Ben and Stephen Prentice are on the rolls of the "Lexington Alarm" list "of Sherburne," April 19, 1775, Capt. Ben Bullard's company of minute men, Col. Pierce.

connected, as far as possible, and then return to other branches.

(72) III. REV. SOLOMON PRENTICE,<sup>4</sup> son of Solomon (52) and Lydia, born in Cambridge, Mass., May 11, 1705.\* Graduated at Harvard University, 1727. Was settled as first minister, Grafton, (then "Hasanamisco,") Mass., Dec. 29, 1731, at the age of 26,† by the Proprietors, salary £100 per year. Married in Groton, Mass., Oct. 26, 1732,‡ Sarah, daughter of Nat. and Sarah Sartell, who came from Scotland or England about 1719.

Rev. Solomon P. "died at Grafton, May 22, 1773, Æ. 68 the day he dyed."|| "In Memory of ye. Revd. SOLOMON PRENTICE, who was ordained first Pastor of ye. Church in Grafton, Dec. 29, 1731, and continued in that Sacred relation to them, about 16 Years. Afterwards, in various places, was employed in publishing ye. glad tidings of peace and salvation, until near ye. close of life, May 22d. 1773, when aged 68. Years, he fell a sleep, in expectation of a Glorious immortality. Blessed are ye. Dead that Die in ye. Lord."§ His widow died Aug. 28, 1792, Æ. 76,¶ at her

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\* Cambridge Town records.

† Wilson's sermon, Grafton, 1848. Wm. Brigham's Centennial Address, Grafton, 1848, and Grafton records. Rev. Solomon P. was one of the first settlers.

‡ Groton records, and Butler's Hist. Groton.

|| Nat. Sartell Prentice, Town Clerk's entry, Grafton Town records and gravestone.

§ Copied by Charles Prentice, Esq., Town Clerk in 1851, from the stone which is in about the centre of the old grave yard, Grafton, Mass.

¶ From the "Spy" newspaper in Antiquarian Society, Worcester. There was no stone on her grave in Grafton, until 1850, when I sent a small marble slab to mark the spot, until a proper

son John's house in Ward, now Auburn, and was buried by the side of her husband's grave, in the old burial ground, Grafton.

Children.\*

(80) I. SOLOMON,<sup>5</sup> b. Oct. 29, 1733, in Groton.† Killed, blasting a well for Wm. Brigham, his brother-in-law, on Brigham hill, Grafton, Oct. 25, 1747. [Gravestone, Oct. 9.]

(81) II. NATHANIEL SARTELL,<sup>5</sup> b. Dec. 8, 1735, in Grafton. Settled at Alstead, N. H.

(82) III. SARAH,<sup>5</sup> b. Feb. 14, 1737-8, in Grafton; died March 2, 1737-8.

(83) IV. JOHN,<sup>5</sup> b. Feb. 24, 1738-9, in Grafton; died in Ward, Feb. 26, 1812.

(84) V. SARAH,<sup>5</sup> b. Nov. 29, 1740, in Grafton; died —.

(85) VI. HENRY,<sup>5</sup> b. Nov. 17, 1742, in Grafton. Residence, Grafton.

(86) VII. SARAH,<sup>5</sup> b. July 1, 1744, in Grafton. Married Wm. Brigham, Grafton, Mass., in 1752. Rev. Solomon P., "Clerk," of Easton, was guardian to Sarah 9 years, and Nat. Sartel 14 years, his children by his wife Sarah, Aug. 4, 1752. Nat. Sartel's widow, Sarah, their grandmother, of Groton, Mass., died 1750, and Solomon probably expected property for them.

(87) VIII. LYDIA,<sup>5</sup> b. May 22, 1746, in Grafton; died in infancy. [On Bible, not on Town records.]

(88) IX. SOLOMON,<sup>5</sup> b. Aug. 13, 1748, [on Bible, Aug. 15,] at Easton; died in Edenton, N. C.

stone was erected, as proposed by some of their descendants. The inscription on the slab is wrong, viz. "died *about* 1790, *Æ.* *about* 80." When the letters were cut, none of her descendants could tell the age or date.

\* Grafton records, and Bible records.

† Groton records, and Butler's Hist. Groton.

(89) X. MARY,<sup>5</sup> b. Aug. 12, 1751, at Easton. Married, at age of 19, Amos Binney, in Hull, Mass.\*

Rev. Solomon Prentice, † (72) after he graduated, prepared himself for the ministry in Cambridge, under the Rev. Mr. Shepherd, the first settled minister there, after Rev. Mr. Hooker and most of his congregation emigrated on foot through the wilderness to New-town, afterwards called Hartford, Ct. While preparing for the ministry in Cambridge, he took written notes of every sermon preached there by Mr. Shepherd and the other ministers who exchanged with him. This manuscript, a narrow, bound volume, is now in possession of Miss M. G. Prentice Binney, Boston.

A day of fasting, with religious services, was appointed in Grafton before his selection, he then being a resident of Cambridge. The day previous to his ordination, a church of twenty persons was formed, with a covenant of a highly liberal and Catholic spirit, used in some other churches. One clause was, "to use the Holy Scriptures as their platform, whereby they might discern the mind and will of Christ, and not the new found inventions of men."

The testimonials of his qualifications, signed by Trowbridge of Groton, Appleton of Cambridge, and Parkman of Westboro', are on the Grafton records.

He was a man of God, pure in heart, and of true piety, of the Calvinist Congregational persuasion.

When he "courted" Sarah Sartell in Groton, they sat on a trunk of a tree in the woods: he proposed in the words of Naomi to Ruth; she accepted him with Ruth's reply.

\* Hull records, and marriage certificate in my possession.

† Stephen and wife, Esther Prentice, deed land in Grafton to Solomon Prentice, "Clerk," Easton, 1751; a deed to Solomon Prentice, "Clerk," Easton, 1754; do. of Grafton, Clerk, 1746-7.



The house owned and occupied by him in Grafton was on the land now of Hon. Samuel Woods, and was near the church. The house was purchased by Mr. Charles Prentice, (112) Town Clerk, several years since, when sold, and removed to the foot of the hill, and is a good house yet. One Sunday morning, soon after the settlement of the town, while proceeding to church, he saw a bear on a chestnut tree, not far from the meeting-house. Not thinking it prudent to let him be at large, so near the houses, he returned for his gun, shot him, and then returned to church, satisfied that he had done his duty. His salary being small, he was obliged to devote a portion of his time to agriculture for his support. Great harmony prevailed until 1743, the period of strong religious excitement and controversy in New England, caused by the New Lights and the doctrines of Whitfield, he having been invited to preach by Mr. Prentice. This difference of opinion in religious matters has continued to this day. Owing to the opposition of a majority of the society, a council was called in 1744, who made a temporary reconciliation; but the trouble recommenced, and resulted in his dismissal July 10, 1747. We should call the objections to him trivial. He acknowledged himself guilty to non-conformity with the recommendations of a previous council, and said he never intended to comply with them, as "it was contrary to the light of his conscience." In his reply to the council at his dismissal, he writes in a very feeling manner of his sixteen years' services as their minister, of the troubles with which he and his society were afflicted, and of his efforts to restore harmony, and hopes that the society and church may again prosper, and "entreats them to take a prudent care of his character hereafter." After his dismissal he preached in Easton four or five years, and where his two youngest children were born; he also preached in Bellingham. He preached also in Hull, Mass., from 1768 to 1772, where the proximity to the sea air not

agreeing with his health, the town voted him a certain sum, and he being present in town meeting accepted it, and gave up the remainder of the term and returned to Grafton. His salary there was £26 13s. 4d., besides the use of the parsonage lands.

Sarah, the wife of Rev. Solomon P., was well educated, and so conversant with the Bible, that she could repeat any part of it, and could write a good sermon. She had much energy of character, and liberality, and independence. Before 1751, she is said to have inclined to the Baptists, and even been immersed; and in her latter days, to have favored the Quakers. This open difference in religion from her husband and his congregation, also caused much comment and trouble in the parish. She fell while in Ward, and injured her hip, and was in consequence confined to her room the latter part of her life.

The will of Rev. Solomon P. is owned by J. S. Prentice, Esq., (102) Oxford, Mass. The date, March 2, 1773. In it he is styled "Gentleman of Grafton." It is prefaced by a long and very peculiar statement of Faith. His "wife Sarah to live in his house and have all his household goods and furniture and indoor movables; his riding chair and horse, which is to be well kept for her, summer and winter, and replaced if he fails; her firewood cut at her door; as much *cyder* as she shall have occasion to use in the house; full and free liberty to put up a friend's horse or horses to hay in winter, and grass in summer, when they come to visit her, &c.; all to be provided by Solomon for her sole use and benefit during her natural life. £16, l. m. to be paid her annually by my sons, and this I look upon to be her full right and clear dowry in my estate." Solomon to have all his lands and buildings in Grafton not otherwise disposed of, except the land of Nathaniel's pearl-ash works. Gives to his brother Stephen twenty acres of land he now lives on, for

life, then to Solomon. Gives lands to his eldest son, Nat. S., of Grafton. Gives, and also directs Solomon to pay legacies to his daughters Sarah and Mary. Nat., John, Henry, and Solomon, Executors, who are to have all money and books after his wife's decease; and if she leaves anything, to be equally divided among all his children. The will is written and signed in his clear, bold hand.

(81) II. NATHANIEL SARTELL PRENTICE,<sup>5</sup> son of Rev. Solomon (72) and Sarah, born in Grafton, Mass., Dec. 8, 1735; died in Alstead, N. H., Jan. 24, 1815, Æ. 80.\* Married first, Martha Howard, of Easton, Mass., about 1757; published, Grafton, 12th month, 1757.† She died in Alstead, in 1806. He was town clerk in Grafton. In Feb. 1774,‡ he removed to Alstead, N. H., and settled on a farm near the centre of the town, then quite new. On the alarm being given in the spring of 1775, of the apprehended attack of Concord, by the British troops, to destroy the stores

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\* Ezra P. Prentice's letter, "Mt. Hope," Albany; but Nat's son, Rev. Josiah P., of Northfield, N. H., April 7, 1847, says 78 years old.

† Grafton Town records.

‡ Or about 1775; per Rev. Josiah P., of Northfield, N. H., who writes that he was then about three years old. Grafton, then Hasanamisco, visited by Elliot, 1646, to preach to the Indians. In 1654, he was successful there, and on his petition it was set off to the Indians. 1671, he formed an Indian Church there, the second in Massachusetts. 1674, he visited it again with Major Gookin. In 1718, Isaac Johnson was the only white landowner. 1728-9, English families there. 1727, several inhabitants of Marlboro', Sudbury, Concord, and Stowe, on petition, had leave to purchase the town of Indians for £2500, for forty families, reserving Indian rights, and to build a church and school. Indian deed, 1734. April 13, 1735, Gov. Belcher signed the Act of Incorporation.

collected there, he repaired there with his only hired man. He arrived a few days before, and was present in the battle of Lexington, on the 19th of April. He was appointed and served as a major in the army, during a part of the revolutionary struggle; was stationed at White-Plains, took part in that and other battles.\* After the war, he exchanged the sword for the ploughshare and the scales of justice. He was selected as Justice of the Peace, Judge of Probate, and Judge of the Court of Common Pleas,† Cheshire County, N. H., until disqualified by the advanced age of 70. He was a member of the second Congress of New Hampshire, in 1775, to form the State Constitution, from the towns of Mahro, Surrey, and Alstead,‡ and several years Representative and Senator from Alstead, in the State legislature. He was a man of strong powers, and of extensive usefulness in the town, county, and state, as he had been in Grafton. About the age of eighty he married again|| —, in 1813, and left a widow in 1815. At the age of twelve, he joined the church, and ever afterwards, made the gospel the rule of his life. He was a deacon in the second Congregational Church in Alstead, for many years before his death.\*

Children of Nathaniel S. and Martha Prentice.§

(90) I. SUSANNA,<sup>6</sup> b. July 5, 1759. Married John Banks, farmer; settled in Alstead, July 25, 1776. She died at A. in 1839.¶ Andrew, a farmer, is the son who

\* Ezra P. Prentice's Letter, Albany, 1850.

† John Prentiss, of Keene, N. H.

‡ New Hampshire Register, 1849.

|| Letter of Capt. John Binney, 1813, on his march from Wiscasset to Burlington, &c., to his wife.

§ Per Grafton Town records, the dates of the births are there, except Joshua's, and Susan is called Susanna.

¶ Col. A. Binney and E. P. Prentice have aided them.

settled on the homestead. There were 10 children;\* Patty, Betsey, Nat. P., Joshua, John, Gardner, Andrew, Paschal, Jabez, and Thomas.

(91) II. MARTHA,<sup>6</sup> b. Nov. 24, 1761. Married John D. Brooks, and removed from Alstead to Bethel, Vt., in 1810, and died there in 1842. She had 11 children; Polly, John, Oliver Howard, Sophia, Joshua, Austin, Susan, Josiah, Austin, Martha, and Olive. Mr. Brooks died in Langdon, N. H., 1834.

(92) III. OLIVER HOWARD,<sup>6</sup> b. April 4, 1764; died 1778 or 1787.\*

(93) IV. SARTELL,<sup>6</sup> b. Oct. 27, 1767. Married Jemima Parmlee, of Newport, N. H., 1794; died Oct. 1850.

(94) V. MARY,<sup>6</sup> b. Aug. 3, 1769. Married Benjamin Brooks, and moved to Dalton, N. H., 1814. Died in 1822.† She had 9 children; Lydia P., Mary P., Oliver M., Harriet N., Eliza E., Martha A., Nat. Prentice, Edward P., and Lucy M. [See Appendix C. for families.]

(95) VI. JOSIAH,<sup>6</sup> b. Feb. 17, 1772. Graduated at Dartmouth. Minister at Northwood, N. H.

(96) VII. JOSHUA,<sup>6</sup> b. May 18, 1774;† died at Alstead, N. H., 1785.

(83) IV. JOHN PRENTICE,<sup>5</sup> son of Rev. Solomon (72) and Sarah, born in Grafton, Mass., Feb. 24, 1738; died in Ward, now Auburn, Mass., Feb. 26, 1812, Æ.

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\* Ezra P. Prentice, Albany, sent me a particular account of the grandchildren of Nathaniel S. Prentice, but owing to the quantity of materials collected, I omit here the families of females of the Prentice name, who married other names. He says Ben. Brooks is yet living, 1850, an old man, in Dalton, with his third wife, and his three sons, each with a second wife and numerous family, settled near together. [See Appendix B.]

† Ezra P. Prentice's Letter, Albany, 1850.

73.\* Married first, Sarah Brooks, of Grafton, Dec. 8, 1763.† She died, March, 1779, Æ. 35. Married second, Rebecca Richardson, about 1785. She died at Auburn, May 15, 1838, Æ. 97, to which town he removed. He was town clerk in Grafton. He was a Representative to the Massachusetts Legislature from Ward, in 1784, and "Capt." John Prentice was a Justice of Peace there in 1808.‡

Children by Sarah.\*

(97) I. SARAH,<sup>6</sup> b. June 3, 1765. Married Zechariah Richardson, and died in 1806, Æ. 41, at her brother Elijah's, Oxford. She left no children.

(98) II. LUCY,<sup>6</sup> b. Nov. 27, 1768. Married Hartwell Howard. No children. Both alive, April 24, 1849, in Millbury, Mass. Well off. Sold their farm in 1848, and live with John, cashier of the Millbury Bank.

(99) III. OTIS,<sup>6</sup> b. Oct. 31, 1770; died at Northbridge, Mass., Dec. 1846.

(100) IV. RHODA,<sup>6</sup> b. Jan. 14, 1775. Married John Clark, Esq., who died at Auburn, April, 1847. Had three sons and two daughters; 1 John, 2 Joseph, married — Simmons, Boston, is a physician, New York city; 3 Sally, 4 Adeline, 5 Lucy.

(101) V. ELIJAH,<sup>6</sup> b. Dec. 26, 1776. Resided in Auburn, Mass.

(102) VI. JOSIAH SARTELL,<sup>6</sup> b. Dec. 27, 1778. Residence, Oxford, Mass.

By Rebecca.\*

\* Josiah S. Prentice, Esq., Oxford. Letter.

† Town records, Grafton.

‡ Register, 1808.

(103) VII. JOHN,<sup>6\*</sup> b. April 25, 1786. Now cashier of Millbury (Mass.) Bank.

John Prentice † (83) took care of his mother, Sarah, at his house, in her old age, and at whose house she died; but was buried beside her husband in the old burial-ground in Grafton, nearly opposite the wide gate. She carried many of her things with her to Ward, including a silver tankard and considerable other silver ware, which was divided at her death; but none of the heirs had veneration enough to preserve it whole. Some was melted up into spoons. Josiah S. Prentice, Esq., of Oxford, had the large old Bible, formerly the property of her father, Nathaniel Sartell, and which Rev. Solomon P. used in his pulpit, and from which all their children learned to read. This Bible I now have. [See Appendix A.] Sarah (Sartell) Prentice had many brocade dresses, &c., which were cut up and distributed among the grandchildren and great grandchildren. I have some of them, and the stamped gilt and fine painted leather cover to a high back chair, which came over with her from Great Britain.

(85) VI. HENRY PRENTICE,<sup>5</sup> son of Rev. Solomon (72) and Sarah, born at Grafton, Mass., Nov. 17, 1742, died there Dec. 23, 1781, Æ. 39, 1, 6. † Married first, Sarah Rice, published Dec. 10, 1763, "both of Grafton." ‡ She died Sept. 14, 1778, in her 34th year. † Married second, widow Anna Harrington, sister to Wm. Brigham. || She died

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\* John Prentice, of Millbury, writes his name *tiss*. But the correct way, and the one the Grafton families use, is *Prentice*.

† A John Prentice was witness to a deed of land at "Nitchwoeg," in 1754.

‡ Grafton Town records.

|| Per Mrs. Wheelock, of Grafton.

Sept. 11, 1831, *Æ.* 86, 8, 23.\* He kept the hotel in the middle of the town.

Children by Sarah.

(104) I. HANNAH,<sup>6†</sup> b. Dec. 20, 1764. Married May 7, 1782,\* Moses Harrington, Jr. He resides, (1847,) yet in Grafton, aged 84.

(105) II. SARAH,<sup>6</sup> b. Oct. 31, 1766. Married May 1, 1788,\* by Ben. Goddard, Justice of the Peace, to Jonathan Warren, Grafton, and is deceased. Mr. — Warren, of Grafton, is a son.

(106) III. LYDIA,<sup>6</sup> b. Sept. 30, 1768. Married — Chase, and is deceased.

(107) IV. JOSEPH,<sup>6</sup> b. July 19, 1770. Married Priscilla Merriam, published June 26, 1796.\*

(108) V. ELIZABETH,<sup>6</sup> b. April 23, 1772; died Aug. 22, 1773.

(109) VI. SOLOMON,<sup>6</sup> b. Sept. 22, 1774. Married first, Tabitha Leland. Residence, Grafton. At the age of 74! married second, young widow Phillips, of Southboro'.‡

(110) VII. HENRY,<sup>6</sup> b. Aug. 12, 1776. Married —, lived at Springfield, Vt., and is deceased.¶

(111) VIII. TARTIUS,<sup>6</sup> b. Aug. 10, 1778. Married Polly Sherman, Grafton; removed to Shrewsbury, then Northboro', then Millbury, Mass.‡

By Anna.

\* Grafton Town records.

† Mrs. Harrington, aged about 80, told Miss S. Binney when in Grafton, 1847, that when she was young she lived two or three years with Rev. Solomon Prentice.

‡ Per Mrs. Wheelock, of Grafton.

¶ A Reuben Prentiss, Westminster, Vt., was a member of the American Tract Society, 1850.



(112) IX. CHARLES,<sup>6</sup> b. Aug. 21, 1781. Married widow Elizabeth (Merriam) Case. He is Town Clerk of Grafton.

(86) VII. SARAH PRENTICE,<sup>5</sup> daughter of Rev. Solomon (72) and Sarah, born in Grafton, July 1, 1744; "died Dec. 3, 1834, in her 90th year."\* Married William, son of Charles Brigham, of Grafton, who was "born March 6, 1739; died Aug. 1, 1835, Æ. 95."\* His father, William, from Marlboro', born 1700, one of the original proprietors of Grafton, 1727, died March 19, 1781. He married Mary Peters, of Newport, R. I., who died Feb. 10, 1797, and left William and Daniel, "who went into the army."

Sarah and William's children. 1 Charles, born 1769, married Susan, daughter of Nicholas Baylies, of Uxbridge; died at Grafton, 1847, Æ. 79. 2 Solomon, married Lucy Adams; no children. 3 Persis, married Leonard Wheelock. 4 Sarah, married first, Ben. Kingsbury, second, Jeremiah Flagg; she was alive in G., 1847. 5 Susannah, married Ephraim Golding, —; died Aug. 1850, Æ. 80.

Charles, son of Sarah and William Brigham, resided on "Brigham Hill," Grafton, and had, 1, Charles, married Eliza A. Brigham; resides in Grafton. 2, Susan, married Dr. Kittridge, of Nashua, N. H. 3, William, attorney, Boston, H. U. 1829, member Massachusetts House of Representatives, compiler of the "Plymouth Old Colony Laws," for the Legislature, married Margaret A. Brooks, of Medford, Mass.; has several children. He now owns his father's farm, Grafton. He also published a Centennial Historical Address, Grafton, 1835. 4, Nicholas, merchant, Boston, now New Orleans, married a daughter of Hon. Samuel Wood, of Grafton. 5, Solomon, died single. 6, Hannah, married Rev. S. Pratt.

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\* Gravestone, Grafton, Mass., and Town records.

7, Sarah, married Rev. Charles B. Kittridge. 8, Lucy. 9, Maria, married W. T. Merryfield. 10, Cornelia.

Mrs. Sarah Brigham, daughter of Rev. Solomon Prentice, was a very active and energetic woman. I can remember her while on a visit to Brigham Hill. After the death of A. B., husband of her sister Mary, who was left with a family on a small place in Hull, nearly ruined by the war and consequent heavy taxes, and depreciation of Continental notes, of which they had a large amount, — Sarah Brigham started alone from Grafton, on horseback, to visit her sister in Hull, a journey of over sixty miles, stopped one night with her friends in Easton, and arrived in Hull next day. On her return, she took Nancy Binney, (now Mrs. Copeland, widow, Boston,) back with her, tying her behind her on a pillion, — stopped over night again at Easton, and reached Grafton the second night, by moonlight. Nancy remained there a few years.\*

(88) IX. SOLOMON PRENTICE,<sup>5</sup> son of Rev. Solomon (72) and Sarah, born at Easton, Mass., Aug. 15, 1748. Married first, Anna Holbrook, about 1770, of Bellingham, Mass. They probably went to Hull, Mass., to reside with Rev. Solomon P., his father, as Solomon was constable in Hull, 1770 to 1772, † and where his daughter Anna was born in 1771. He returned to Grafton in 1772 or 1773, and with his brother, Nathaniel Sartell Prentice, moved to Alstead, N. H., in 1775. On the death of his brother Henry, in Grafton, in 1781, he returned to Grafton, to take care of his mother, for five or six years, until his brother John agreed to take care of her, when he again returned to Alstead, in Nov. 1787. Soon after the death of his wife Ann, in Alstead, March, 1788, Solomon closed up his affairs, and removed to Edenton, N. C., again married —, and there died in 1805.

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\* Mrs. N. Copeland's account, Boston, 1850. † Hull records.

He is reported to have married a widow with property.\* His son Solomon, of Skeneatales, N. Y., in his 77th year, wrote me — “that was the last I have heard of him after his marriage. I have heard that my father, in company with others from South Carolina, searched for ‘Capt. Kidd’s money,’ but it did not amount to much. When I was in Grafton last year, I was surprised that so many of their descendants living near, should have neglected to place a marble slab, or monument, over the remains of our respected grandparents, [Rev. Solomon and wife.] I will do something towards it.”

Children of Solomon and Anna.†

(113) I. ANNA,<sup>6</sup> b. Oct. 11, 1771, in Hull; probably died young.

(114) II. SOLOMON,<sup>6</sup> b. Aug. 19, 1773, in Grafton. Farmer, resides at Skeneatales, N. Y., 1850; removed from Alstead, N. H., 1807.

(115) III. SARAH,<sup>6</sup> b. Jan. 23, 1775. Married John Crane, of Glover, Vt., Farmer, in 1791. He died 1842.‡

(116) IV. ASA,<sup>6</sup> b. Dec. 19, 1777. Learned the hatter’s trade, Providence, R. I., went to Havana, and died there of yellow fever, 1804.

\* Letter of Mr. Solomon Prentice, Skeneatales, Onondagua Co., N. Y., March 4, 1850.

† Grafton Town records. The birth of Anna is not on Hull records, but is on Grafton records as “born in Hull.”

‡ Mrs. Crane wrote me, Glover, Vt., April 9, 1850, that her husband lost his property by being surety for a man, and soon after, while they were absent at a funeral, their house with all its contents was burnt, including a Bible of Rev. Solomon Prentice’s, two pewter dishes, a parchment cover of a chair of his wife’s, and part of an old necklace, given “for my name.” My husband died a month after, and left me a widow, with eight children, dependant on my own exertions. Our father went to North Carolina, and left us young, without parents or property; but our Heavenly

(117) V. ANNA,<sup>6</sup> b. Feb. 16, 1783. Married, Sept. 1806, Noah Starr, at Skeneatales. Resides in Greenfield, Huron County, Ohio, in 1835. Had four sons and five daughters; two sons and three daughters are deceased.

(89) X. MARY PRENTICE,<sup>6</sup> daughter of Rev. Solomon (72) and Sarah, born in Easton, Aug. 12, 1751. Married, May 31, 1770, by her father, in Hull, Mass., to Amos Binney, born 1745, died in Hull, Nov. 8, 1783, son of Amos and Rebecca (Loring) Binney, descended from John and Mercy Binney, who settled in Hull about 1680. Her daughter, Miss Sarah Binney, gave me, in 1849, the large square Bible, which her grandfather bought with the marriage fee, two dollars, (sixty dollars Continental paper money,) and gave his daughter Mary, and from which her children learned to read. The covers are now off. It contains the record of Amos and Mary's family in his writing, a clear, bold hand.

Amos and Mary resided in Hull, in the old house, now owned and occupied by Mr. Pope, a drawing of which I have. In 1776, when the British fleet were in Nantasket roads, and blockaded Boston, owing to the exposed and almost isolated situation of Hull, the inhabitants were obliged to leave their homes and property, except what they could take with them—Amos and Mary, with their children and his mother, and (Nancy, then an infant,) went in a boat, passing near the British man-of-war. The small boat, loaded nearly to the water's edge, touched at Hingham, but that town "being full," they proceeded to Weymouth, Mass., where they lived until the fleet sailed, suffering much. Amos returned to Hull to fetch

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Father enabled us to be honest and industrious. I am now seventy-five. My children are farmers in Sutton, except Sally and Eunice. Mrs. Crane's children were Eunice, Sally, Asa Prentice, John, Mrs. Bickford, Laura, and Mrs. Gray.

off his flocks, and while going in a boat to Pettix Island, for that purpose, with his brother Spencer, they were captured, and taken on board the British vessel, and placed at the guns, until Mr. Haswell, an Englishman, formerly a lieutenant in the English Navy, resident of Hull, and father of Mrs. Rawson, the writer, came off, and interceded with the commander of the ship, a friend of his. He told them that Amos was one of the "Selectmen" of the town, and had a family dependent upon him. He was called, and being dressed in his working suit, the officers laughed at the appearance of their "*Selectman*," and dismissed him, but kept Spencer until Amos redeemed him with fourteen sheep. On the return of the inhabitants they found their houses plundered of every movable. The town also suffered from the landing of the French troops from their fleet, and from the American troops also. Most of the old gravestones were used for bottoms of ovens,\* or to wash on, or broken off by the troops.

Mrs. Mary (Prentice) Binney was an excellent woman ; pious, industrious, active, and energetic, and of a good education for the times. She had to support her family from a small farm, and her own exertions, but found time to educate her own and other children.† When her two sons, Amos and John, had gone into business in Boston, she lived with one of them until her death, at Amos's house, May 13, 1813, Æ. 62. She had light hair, and a Prentice look. In 1840, the writer removed her remains, with those of the rest of his family, from the family tomb, Copp's Hill, and those of his mother, from Wiscasset, Maine, to his family lot, No. 681, Yarrow-path, Mount Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge, Mass.

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\* It was at this time the old lady was so frightened to find a death's head and crossbones, and "Resurgimus" on the bottom of some of the loaves she bought.

† Miss S. Binney, and Mrs. N. Copeland.

Children of Amos and Mary (Prentice) Binney\*

I. MARY,<sup>7</sup> b. July 27, 1771. Married Stephen Cushing, Hingham. He died in 1792, and she in 1833.

II. JOHN,<sup>7</sup> b. Sept. 13, 1773; died Feb. 7, 1777.

III. NANCY,<sup>7</sup> b. Dec. 7, 1775. Married John Copeland, and she a widow, resides in Boston, 1852, the last survivor of her family.

IV. AMOS,<sup>7</sup> b. April 15, 1778. Colonel of Massachusetts troops; Navy Agent in war of 1812, Boston, and long after. Left five children. Had a Henry Prentice, and a daughter, Mary G. Prentice.† He died in Boston, Jan. 11, 1833, Æ. 55.

V. JOHN,<sup>7</sup> b. Feb. 22, 1780. Captain in 4th Regiment U. S. Infantry, war of 1812; Commander of the Forts, Wiscasset, Me., and vicinity, marched to Burlington, &c. Since merchant, &c., Boston, where he died, April 16, 1838, Æ. 58. Left nine children. He was father of the writer.† [See Appendix.]

VI. SARAH,<sup>7</sup> b. Aug. 5, 1782; died single, Boston, May 11, 1850, where she resided since 1798, a very industrious and good woman, — a “Dorcas.”

Josiah S. Prentice, of Oxford, tells an anecdote of Mary's courage and presence of mind, when a robber broke into the house, on Sunday, while all were absent but herself, and stole

\* Their Bible, and Hull Town records.

† Mrs. M. A. Binney, daughter of Capt. John and widow of Dr. Amos, son of Col. Amos Binney, has a son Henry Prentice. Capt. John Binney left a daughter, Sarah Prentice, and the writer, son of John, had a son Prentice Binney, who died, Æ. 7, 1849, and has a daughter Mary Prentice, born May 1, 1850. He has also the original manuscript certificate of marriage of Amos and Mary (P.) Binney.





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the tankard and all the silver. She discovered him, raised an alarm, and pursued him. He ran, and dropped the silver in a ditch, where it was found. Mr. P. thinks there was no coat of arms on it. His father had the tankard *melted up!* and Mrs. Rhoda Clark had the porringer melted up into spoons! Nat. Sartell had in Groton "more silver ware than a man could carry in a bag on his back;" and when he was shipwrecked, he lost several "bushels" of silver, besides other property.

(93) IV. SARTELL PRENTICE,<sup>6</sup> son of Nathaniel Sartell (81) and Martha, born Oct. 27, 1767.\* Died at "Mount Hope," near Albany, the residence of his son, Ezra P. Prentice, Oct. 25, 1849, † Æ. 82. Married Jemima Parmalee, of Newport, N. H., in 1794, whose mother's name was Hill. In 1816, he removed from Alstead, N. H., to Canton, St. Lawrence County, New York, with his family. He was engaged in mercantile business, and also in the fur trade. In November, 1835, he removed to Albany, N. Y. In 1847, he resided in a wing of his son Ezra's splendid house, at "Mt. Hope," superintending the farm and garden, enjoying an unusual degree of both mental and physical vigor at the age of 81. His wife, and daughter Lucy Candace, resided with him. When on a visit to Boston, he always called to see Mrs. N. Copeland ‡ and her sister, and other relatives. His features had the true Prentice cast, Roman nose, &c. His son, Ezra, has an excellent portrait of him, and when the writer built the ship "Prentice," || S. P.'s son,

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\* Grafton Town records.

† Ezra P. Prentice's letter, Oct. 1849.

‡ Mrs. N. Copeland said she could see the features of Rev. Solomon P. the moment Sartell P. came into her room.

|| The writer also built the ship "Sartell."

John H. P. of New York, sent on a fine bust head, a good likeness of Sartell Prentice, for the ship. He died Oct. 25, 1849, the same day the writer's son, Prentice Binney, died in Boston. Mr. P. was highly respected and universally beloved, wherever he resided, and though he never enjoyed firm health, yet, through a long life, was a very influential, energetic, and stirring man, considerate and kind to all, a devout and professedly pious and a good man.

Children, all born in Alstead, N. H., except Jas. H., in Canton, N. Y.

(118) I. OLIVER HOWARD,<sup>7</sup> b. Feb. 19, 1795. Died 1804, in Alstead.

(119) II. EZRA PARMALEE,<sup>7</sup> b. Dec. 18, 1797. Resides at "Mt. Hope," Albany.

(120) III. NATHANIEL SARTELL,<sup>7</sup> b. Jan. 18, 1800. Farmer, Canton, N. Y.

(121) IV. JOHN HILL,<sup>7</sup> b. March 24, 1803. Merchant, N. Y. Residence, Brooklyn, N. Y.

(122) V. SYBEL PARMALEE,<sup>7</sup> b. Sept. 24, 1807. Married, June 3, 1841, Norman Sackrider, of Norfolk, St. Lawrence County, N. Y. Has two children, Harriet Calista, 1845, and Norman, 1847.

(123) VI. CALISTA JEMIMA,<sup>7</sup> b. Jan. 3, 1810. Married, Sept. 28, 1831, in Canton, N. Y., Moses Whitecomb. Three children. Ellen Calista, 1833, Martha Candace, 1837, died 1838, and Ida, 1843. Mr. W. has been a merchant in Albany, New York, and New Orleans, and went to California 1850.

(124) VII. LUCY CANDACE,<sup>7\*</sup> b. Jan. 15, 1814. Resides with her mother at "Mt. Hope," Albany.

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\* Candace was in Boston in 1840, under the care of a physician, and visited at my house.

(125) VIII. JAMES HILL,<sup>7</sup> b. June 29, 1817, in Canton, St. Lawrence County, N. Y. Was in the Fur business with his brother John, at Albany. Now a partner with him in New York City, and a good business man.

(95) VI. JOSIAH PRENTICE,<sup>6</sup> son of Nathaniel S. (81) and Martha, born Feb. 17, 1772, in Grafton, Mass. Graduated at Dartmouth College, Hanover, N. H., 1795. Studied Theology with Dr. Emmons, of Franklin. Married Nancy Wiggin, of Newmarket, N. H., Feb. 12, 1801. Removed to Northwood, N. H., and was settled as Congregational minister there. Ordained May 29, 1799. Resigned, in consequence of infirmities, Nov. 3, 1842, and resides there in 1849. Mr. P. is a strict Orthodox minister, but a pious and good man. A note on the Historical Genealogical Society's Register, 1848, says, "Rev. Josiah Prentice, (son of Judge P. of Alstead, N. H.,) of Northwood, N. H., so well known in old Rockingham County. We do not know if he has the title of D. D. ; if not, the fault rests with some one," &c. ; and speaks of him in the highest terms.

Children.

(126) I. MATILDA,<sup>7</sup> b. April 13, 1802. Married Samuel Bazel, farmer, Northwood, N. H.

(127) II. MARY,<sup>7</sup> b. August 8, 1804. Married Abraham Perkins, Jr., merchant, Durham, N. H.

(128) III. MARTHA H.,<sup>7</sup> b. Feb. 15, 1807. Married Dudley Tusker, mechanic, Deerfield, N. H.

(129) IV. HANNAH,<sup>7</sup> b. Oct. 14, 1809. Married Rev. Samuel Merrill,\* of Oldtown, Me., 1847.

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\* Rev. Samuel Merrill, of Oldtown, has collected some account of the Prentice family, but I had no reply to my letter to him for information

(130) V. TRYPHESIA,<sup>7</sup> b. July 12, 1813. Married G. Boswick, merchant, Pittsfield, N. H. She is deceased.

Extract of a letter from Rev. J. P., Northwood, N. H., Oct. 18, 1847, with the names, &c., of the above children.  
 "I do not profess to be an Antiquarian, my thoughts having generally been occupied on different subjects. Thus you see one generation passes off the stage after another, and we shall soon follow. Oh! that we may be prepared to meet in Heaven, by the grace of God."

(99) III. OTIS PRENTICE,<sup>6\*</sup> son of John (83) and Sarah, of Ward, (Auburn,) born Oct. 31, 1770. Died, Northbridge, † Mass., Dec. 1846, Æ. 76. Left no property. Married first, Lucretia Jackson, of Petersham, Mass. She had no children and died, in Ward, 1803. Married second, Hannah, daughter of Col. Abbot, of Providence, R. I.

Children. ‡

(131) I. JOSIAH SARTELL,<sup>7</sup> b. ——. Named after Josiah S. P., Esq., of Oxford, Mass. This son is supposed to be dead, as he went to New York, and probably to sea, and has not been heard from since.

(132) II. LUCRETIA,<sup>7</sup> b. ——. Married Horace Armsbee, machinist, resided at Northbridge, removed to Millbury in 1850.

(133) III. SARAH,<sup>7</sup> b. ——. Married —— Kitchen.

\* In the U. S. gen'l tax list of Oct. 1, 1798, Otis Prentice, of Ward, is mentioned.

† (141) An L. H. Prentice, Northbridge, was a subscriber to a book there 1807.

‡ Josiah S. P., Esq., Oxford, who gave me most of the account of Otis P.'s family.

Resided in Lowell. She separated from him and keeps a boarding-house in L.

(134) IV. LUCY ANN,<sup>7</sup> b. ——. Married — Remington, a machinist. Resides in Northbridge.

(135) V. MARY ANN,<sup>7</sup> b. ——. Married — Armsbee, a machinist. Resides in Northbridge, and all doing well.

(101) V. ELIJAH PRENTICE,<sup>6</sup> son of John (83) and Sarah, of Ward, (Auburn,) born Dec. 26, 1776. Resides in his father's house in Auburn. Married Betsey Knowles.

Children.

(136) I. ELIZA,<sup>7</sup> b. ——. Married Brigham N. Barton. Resided in New York. Now in Philadelphia, Pa.

(137) II. JOHN,<sup>7</sup> b. ——. Married Eliza Barton, large family, Auburn, names unknown.

(138) III. JOSIAH S.,<sup>7</sup> b. ——. Married — Hawes. Lives with his father in Auburn.

(139) IV. BROOKS,<sup>7</sup> b. ——. Married — Earle, ? card-maker, Leicester. Removed to Philadelphia, Pa.

(140) V. ELIJAH FREEMAN,<sup>7</sup> b. ——. Married — in Philadelphia, Pa., where he is a trader.

(102) VI. JOSIAH SARTELL PRENTICE,<sup>6</sup> son of John (83) and Sarah, of Ward, born Dec. 27, 1778. Residence, Oxford. Justice of the Peace, Farmer, &c. Married first, Anna Waters, at Millbury, Nov. 11, 1801. She died of Consumption, at Ashby, Middlesex County, Mass., May, 5, 1827, Æ. 43. Married second, Widow Mary Stevens, in Petersham, Sept. 7 or 24, 1828. She was a daughter of Rev. Joseph Farrar,\* and his wife, Mary,

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\* Rev. Joseph Farrar was a very eccentric man. His children

(Brooks, of Grafton, Mass.) Rev. J. F. was born in that part of Concord, now Lincoln, Mass. Graduated at Harvard University, 1757. Married 1779, and settled as minister in Dublin, N. H. Was in the revolutionary army (after dismissal from D. in 1775-6) at White Plains and Cambridge, and did duty as Chaplain in one or two regiments, and also did duty as Soldier, in some capacity, but owing to some four or five of the *same name* being in the army at the same time, at different places, and the family having no trace of him from that time, till his marriage in 1779, they have not been able to obtain the pension justly due the widow.\* He afterwards settled at Dummerston, Vt. For my efforts in aid of the above pension, J. S. Prentice, Esq., gave me the Old Bible of Nat. Sartell, afterwards Rev. Solomon Prentice's. [For a description of which, see Appendix A.] Mr. P. was a Coroner in Ward, 1808.

Children of Josiah S. and Anna Prentice.

(142) I. LUCY HOWARD,<sup>7</sup> b. July 18, 1802, in Ward, Married Capt. Asa Goodel, of Millbury, May 20, 1822. He died at M., of Consumption, June 30, 1823, Æ. 34. She died at M., of Consumption, Feb. 24, 1836, Æ. 36. No children.

(143) II. SOPHRONIA,<sup>7</sup> b. July 24, 1834, in Ward. Died single, at Ashby, of Consumption, Oct. 1, 1826, Æ. 22.

No children by second wife. Mr. P. has a good farm in Oxford, which the writer visited in 1849. As he had no

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are trying to obtain a pension for Mrs. F., his widow, of P., now near 100 years old, but cannot tell where he enlisted or served, and his discharge is lost with other papers, which his children remember to have seen in their youth.

\* Affidavits, &c., in possession of J. S. Prentice, Oxford, Mass.

children he made over his farm, in 1848, to the sons of his second wife, one of whom resides with them and takes care of the farm. In 1851, Mr. P. writes that old age and infirmity begin to tell on him.

(103) VII. JOHN PRENTICE,<sup>6</sup> son of John (83) and his second wife, Rebeeca, of Ward, born April 25, 1786. Is Cashier of Millbury Bank, Mass. Married Azuba Towne, of Ward, (Auburn,) about 1809. He and his family write their name *tiss*.\*

Children.

(144) I. HARTWELL HOWARD,<sup>7</sup> b. 1810. Single, publisher of music, Boston.†

(145) II. JOHN J.,<sup>7</sup> b. 1815, in Mt. Vernon, N. H. Graduated at Dartmouth College, 1834.‡ Married ———. Read law with E. Parker and B. M. Farley. Commenced practice, 1837, in Merrimack, Herkimer, and Claremont. Postmaster and Justice of the Peace, Claremont, 1849.‡ In 1850, Attorney there.

(146) III. HENRY,<sup>7</sup> b. ———; died young, in Amherst, aged about 6 or 8.

\* J. S. P. of Oxford, gave me the account of John's family.

† Hartwell H. Prentiss, son of John of Millbury, says that when he was passing through Oswego, N. Y., he received a letter there which had been taken out and opened by a Henry Hobart Prentice, of O., who was named for Bishop Hobart, of ———, N. Y. State, and that Peter Skenador Smith, (brother of Gerritt Smith,) married a sister of Henry Hobart P. He also says that Mr. Burke, shipping agent, Boston, married a Prentiss, and that Mr. Lewis, formerly of the firm of White, Lewis, & Potter, Printers, Boston, is named Henry Prentiss Lewis.

‡ List Attornies, Merrimack County, N. H., 1847, in N. H. Register.

John Prentice, (103) of Millbury, settled first as trader, in Worcester, Mass. ; then — Cape Ann, Mass. ; then Mt. Vernon, N. H., as trader and deputy sheriff ; then Amherst, N. H., as cashier of Amherst Bank, for eight or ten years, till the expiration of the charter ; then in Millbury, as cashier of the bank, which office he yet holds. John Prentiss was Town Clerk, of Amherst, N. H., 1830. Mt. Vernon, the north west part of Amherst was set off from A. He is also connected in business with his son H. H. Prentiss, Boston.

(109) VI. SOLOMON PRENTICE,<sup>6</sup> son of Henry (85) and Sarah, of Grafton, Mass., born Sept. 22, 1774.\* Married first, Tabitha Leland, published at Grafton, Jan. 19, 1800.\* She died April 13, 1846, Æ. 66.† Married second, about 1848, at the age of 74, young widow Phillips, of Southboro'.‡ He is alive, 1851.

Children.||

(147) I. SOLOMON L.,<sup>7</sup> b. —. Married Polly\* —. Children, (148) 1, Ann Maria,<sup>8</sup> b. March 18, 1830, (149) 2, Sarah Rice,<sup>8</sup> b. Feb. 2, 1833, (150) 3, Mary Elizabeth,<sup>8</sup> b. July 10, 1835 ; died Aug. 9, 1837.

(151) II. SARAH,<sup>7</sup> b. —. Single, 1849.

(152) III. LELAND,<sup>7</sup> b. —. Married Polly Whitney, Grafton. Has two daughters, [names unknown.]

(153) IV. HENRY,<sup>7</sup> b. —. Married Tabitha Southwick. Resides in Worcester, Mass. In the City Council there, 1851.

(154) V. WILLIAM,<sup>7</sup> b. —. Married first, Harriet L.(ibbey?) She died Jan.\* 15, or Aug. 15,‡ 1839, Æ. 29.\* Children,\* (155) 1, Julia Harriet,<sup>8</sup> b. April 3, 1836, (156) 2 Delila E.,<sup>8</sup> b. 1838 ; died Sept. 21, 1838, Æ. 3

\* Grafton Town records.

† Gravestone, Grafton.

‡ Per Miss S. Binney, Boston.

|| Per Mrs. Wheelock



mos., Married second, Eliza A. Chase, at Keene, N. H.,\* Jan. 7, 1841. Children, (157) 3, Wm. Henry,<sup>8</sup> b. —; died Aug. 19, 1846, Æ. 1 yr. 11, 8.†

(158) VI. CHARLES, 2d.,<sup>7</sup> b. —. Married Betsey Leland, —. He is a butcher, N. E. Village, Grafton. Children, (159) 1, Solomon,<sup>8</sup> b. Sept. 30, 1842.

(111) VIII. TARTIUS † PRENTICE,<sup>6</sup> son of Henry (85) and Sarah, of Grafton, Mass., born Aug. 10, 1778. Married first, Polly Sherman, Grafton. Married second, — Chase. He removed to Shrewsbury, then Northboro', then Millbury, Mass.

In A. H. Ward's History of Shrewsbury, Mass., he says, "Tartius Prentice and his wife, from Grafton, lived a few years in S. on the place now of Schuyler Harrington, and then removed to Northboro'. Their children who came with their parents were," by Polly,

(160) I. ELIZABETH,<sup>7</sup> b. April 14, 1801,|| died§ at S. Jan. 19, 1824, Æ. 23.

(161) II. JOHN,<sup>7¶</sup> b. Oct. 4, 1803.|| Married Eliza Rice, of Worcester. Children, (162) 1, Levi Rice,<sup>8</sup> b. Dec. 8, 1833. (163) 2, John Frederick,<sup>8</sup> b. Aug. 20, 1835. (164) 3, Mary Eliza,<sup>8</sup> b. Jan. 9, 1839. (165) 4, George Russell,<sup>8</sup> b. Dec. 29, 1842.

\* Congregational Journal, Jan. 22, 1841.

† Grafton Town records.

‡ J. S. P. of Oxford, says, Tartius is alive and in Northboro'.

|| Grafton Town records.

§ History of Shrewsbury.

¶ A John Prentice, of Northboro', is mentioned in Rev. Rufus P. Stebbins's Centennial Discourse, Leominster, Sept. 24, 1823. On the records of S. his name is spelt *tiss*.

By second wife, — Chase.\*

(166) III. EDWIN,<sup>7</sup> b. —. Married Eunice W.† Children, (167) 1, John Edwin,<sup>8</sup> b. Feb. 17, 1835.

(112) IX. CHARLES PRENTICE,<sup>6‡</sup> son of Henry (85) and Anna, second wife, born Aug. 21, 1781, resides in Grafton, Mass. Married Elizabeth Case, widow of Mr. — Merriam; no children. Mr. P. has been Town Clerk many years. All Mrs. Prentice's property was lost by the Eastern land speculation and failure of others. Mrs. P. died in Grafton in 1851. The writer is indebted to Mr. P. for the liberty to examine all of the Town records, and, at my request, he placed the Slab sent, on the grave of Sarah, wife of Rev. Solomon P. Mr. P. has taken the dimensions, &c., of the old Solomon P. house, in Grafton, and a view of it, which he sent me.

(107) IV. JOSEPH PRENTICE,<sup>6</sup> son of Henry (85) and Sarah, of Grafton, born July 19, 1770. Married Priscilla Merriam. Published June 26, 1796.||

Children.||

(168) I. SALLY,<sup>7</sup> b. Nov. 9, 1796. Married — Adams, Grafton, is deceased.

\* Per Mrs. Wheelock, Grafton, who says Edwin is imbecile and not married.

† History of Shrewsbury.

‡ The voters on Grafton list, 1850, by the name of Prentice, were, Charles, Joseph, Solomon, Rufus, Samuel, Solomon L., William, William G., Henry G., Charles 2d, Elbridge G., John, Edwin, and Francis S.

|| Grafton Town records.

(169) II. "HORRIS,"<sup>7\*</sup> (Horace ?) b. April 12, 1798, is deceased.

(170) III. CHARLES,<sup>7</sup> b. July 21, 1799, died "South."

(171) IV. TORRENT M.,<sup>7</sup> b. Jan. 2, 1810,\* died in Louisiana, August 25, 1843.\*

(172) V. MARIA E.,<sup>7</sup> b. July 9, 1813. Married ——— Pettis, and died, Columbus, Ark., March 26, 1841.

(173) VI. HENRY,<sup>7†</sup> b. ———. (Not on Grafton Town records.) Resided at the South or West, and married there.†

Joseph Prentice now resides on his place, (1851,) and owned by his son in law, and which he lost by endorsing for a son. He is a good old man,† and at the good old age of 81.

(110) VII. HENRY PRENTICE,<sup>6</sup> son of Henry (85) and Sarah, of Grafton, born Aug. 12, 1766. Resided Springfield, Vt. Married.

Children.‡

(174) I. HENRY,<sup>7</sup> b. ———. Married ———, in Springfield, Vt.

(175) II. SUSAN,<sup>7</sup> b. ———. Married Daniel Wheelock, Grafton.

(176) III. HANNAH,<sup>7</sup> b. ———. Single 1849.

(114) II. SOLOMON PRENTICE,<sup>6</sup> son of Solomon (88) and Anna, (Holbrook) born in Grafton, Aug. 19, 1773. Residence, Skeneatales, N. Y. Married, April 23, 1797, Elizabeth Fay, of Alstead, N. H., who died May 8, 1847. He resides, Oct. 26, 1851, with one of his sons, and

\* Grafton Town records.

† Per Mrs. Wheelock, who says all of Joseph's children are deceased.

‡ Solomon P.'s letter, from Bible record, &c.

“considering it prudent, at his advanced age, to settle his worldly concerns, has disposed of his property to his sons, with the reserve of a comfortable living.”

Children.\*

(177) I. ANNA,<sup>7</sup> b. Aug. 5, 1800. Married, Nov. 1, 1819, Ichabod Kneeland. Died Aug. 15, 1833. Children, Francis, Prentice K., Laurinda, and Elizabeth.

(178) II. PERSES H.,<sup>7</sup> b. Oct. 24, 1802. She died March 29, 1815, Æ. 12.

(179) III. ASA,<sup>7</sup> b. Dec. 18, 1808. Farmer. Married first, Mercy Benson, Feb. 13, 1831. Married second, Lida Adams. Children, (180) 1, Abijah Benson,<sup>8</sup> (181) 2, Elizabeth,<sup>8</sup> (182) 3, Louisa.<sup>8</sup> He went to Ripley, Huron Co., Ohio, and died Oct. 10, 1845, Æ. 35.

(183) IV. FRANCIS H.,<sup>7</sup> b. June 16, 1811. Housewright, Skeneatales. Married, Feb. 4, 1833, Catherine Tiler. Children, (184) 1, Solomon T.,<sup>8</sup> 1833, (185) 2, Henry A.,<sup>8</sup> 1837, (186) 3, Francis M.,<sup>8</sup> 1839, (187) 4, Marah T.,<sup>8</sup> 1842, (188) 5, George M.,<sup>8</sup> 1845, (189) 6, Harriet Elizabeth,<sup>8</sup> 1848. Francis M. died 1841.

(190) V. SUMNER,<sup>7</sup> b. June 29, 1815. Farmer, lives with his father. Married Phœbe Kelley, Oct. 29, 1837. Children, (191) 1, George K.,<sup>8</sup> 1838, (192) 2, Sarah,<sup>8</sup> 1840, (193) 3, Ann Louisa,<sup>8</sup> 1841, (194) 4, Edward Sumner,<sup>8</sup> 1847.

(195) VI. SARAH,<sup>7</sup> b. —, 1816, died June 29, 1837, Æ. 21.

(196) VII. SOLOMON M.,<sup>7</sup> b. July 11, 1818. Housewright. Married, Oct. 1, 1845, Almira Norton. Children, (197) one daughter. Residence, Rocton, Wineburg County, Illinois.

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\* Solomon P.'s letter, from Bible record, &c.

(198) VIII. ELIZABETH,<sup>7</sup> b. —, 1821, died May 2, 1823, Æ. 2.

(199) IX. NATHAN F.,<sup>7</sup> b. Oct. 11, 1825. Physician. Studied medicine at Castleton, Vt. Single 1850. Residence, Rocton, Illinois, with Solomon.

Mr. Solomon P. writes, March 4, 1850, that "I am now in my 77th year, and quite unwell this winter. I feel that I am an old man, and that my glass has most run out. When my father left Alstead, I went to live with my mother's brother. I stayed with him until I was twenty, then I began for myself. Five years after I was married I sold out and moved to Skeneateles, N. Y., 1807. Direct letters to me to Owasco P. O., Cayuga County, N. Y." He visited Albany, N. Y., Grafton, and Boston, Mass., in 1847, to see his relatives. He says he is not rich, but has a comfortable living.

(119) II. EZRA PARMALEE PRENTICE,<sup>7</sup> son of Sartell (93) and Jemima, born in Alstead, N. H., December 18, 1797. Married, Philena Cheeney, at Newport, N. H., September, 1822.

Children.

(200) I. GEORGE CHEENEY,<sup>8</sup> b. Nov. 1824, died Dec. 22, 1827.

(201) II. MARIAN JEMIMA,<sup>8</sup> b. Oct. 9, 1828, died July 10, 1836.

(202) III. WILLIAM CHEENEY,<sup>8</sup> b. Aug. 26, 1831, died June 18, 1833.

(203) IV. WILLIAM PACKER,<sup>8</sup> b. Aug. 26, 1834.

(204) V. SARTELL,<sup>8</sup> b. May 29, 1837.

(205) VI. FRANCIS LAURA,<sup>8</sup> b. Feb. 11, 1839, died March 16, 1843.

(206) VII. BERTHA,<sup>8</sup> b. Dec. 12, 1844.

(207) VIII. JESSIE PHILENA,<sup>8</sup> b. July 23, 1847.

Mr. P. removed, with his father, in 1826, from Canton, N. Y., to Albany, and, in connection with his brother John H. and Mr. Packer, commenced the fur and fur cap business. Soon after, when I visited the Springs, I called at their factory, and yet have a fine fur cap they presented me. The business was carried on there and in New York city, until 1841, when E. P. P. went out, leaving his brother James in charge in Albany, and interested, while John H. removed to New York. Mr. E. P. P. built a splendid mansion about a mile from Albany, called "Mount Hope," commanding a fine view of all that passes on the Hudson river. The grounds are well laid out, and with diversified scenery. At one time, after his return from Europe, he had the best breed of English stock in New York State, valued at \$10,000, which I saw. They were noble looking animals. A few years after, he sold them nearly all off at auction, to improve the breed in N. Y. State, the farmers of which, are much indebted to him for it. He is President of the Agricultural Society of the State. The large Hall of his mansion contains many fine marble statues in niches, &c., and the works of the best masters are hung around the walls. He well deserves to enjoy the fruits of his success for his generous disposition; and of his hospitality, we may well say, "his latch-string is always out." His father, while living, superintended the farm and garden, and resided in one wing of the house. He occasionally visits Boston. A few years since, a singular robbery of all his large and valuable lot of silver plate occurred there. It was locked in an iron safe, a large dog in the rear of the house, and the house secured, but on setting the table next morning for breakfast, the safe was found open and empty. The family were not disturbed. It was supposed to have been done by some one acquainted with the

premises. Proper steps were taken to detect the thieves and recover it, but, for a long time, no trace of it could be found, until one day, Mr. P. himself, on a visit to Philadelphia, in passing a jeweller's shop, noticed some silver with his initials on it, which the jeweller said he bought, with some broken silver, of a man unknown to him.

In 1847, for some account of his ancestors that I sent him, he sent me a valuable signet ring, with the Prentice coat of arms engraved on it, but which, with other family seals and relics, was stolen from my house, while moving in Boston, in 1848. He also sent me a fine engraving of "Mount Hope," and I am indebted to him for much information of his branches of the family. The coat of arms on the seal was, Gyrony of 8, *az.* On a chief, *ar.* A fleur de lis, between two crescents, *gules.* Crest, an Eagle displayed. In his dexter claw, a dagger; in his sinister claw, a pistol. Motto, "Droit et Avant."

On the 25th of June, 1850, he invited President Zachary Taylor to be his guest, and attend the N. Y. State Annual Agricultural Fair. The reply, July 5, published in the papers, was probably the last letter the President wrote before his death.

LETTER FROM PRESIDENT TAYLOR. The following letter from President Taylor, probably one of the last, if not the last which he wrote, possesses a melancholy interest. It will be seen by the date that it was written after the attack of illness which proved fatal. — *Boston Journal, July 10, 1850.*

“WASHINGTON, July 5, 1850.

“*E. P. Prentice, Esq., Albany, N. Y.*

“SIR:—I have duly received your favors of May 18th and June 25th, the former wishing me to attend the Annual Fair of the New York State Agricultural Society in September next, the

latter kindly asking my company at your house on that occasion. In the extreme uncertainty attending the adjournment of Congress, until which event I cannot leave the seat of Government, I find it quite impossible to give any assurances in regard to my presence at the State Fair. I was greatly disappointed when circumstances prevented my attendance at the Fair of last year, and it is my hope this season to have the gratification of witnessing a similar exhibition. Unless prevented by an extraordinary prolongation of the session of Congress, or by other circumstances not now foreseen, I shall certainly comply with the invitation which you have extended to me as President of the Agricultural Society.

"I fear, however, that I shall be obliged to decline your very kind request, that I should make your house my home during my attendance at the Fair. It will hardly be in my power to accept any private invitations, but should I do so, that of Gov. Fish, which I some time since received, would have the strongest claim upon my attention.

"With many thanks for your hospitable offer, I remain, very truly, yours,  
Z. TAYLOR."\*

May, 1851, he was one of the vice presidents at the dinner to Hon. Daniel Webster, Secretary of State.

(120) III. NATHANIEL SARTELL PRENTICE,<sup>7</sup> son of Sartell (93) and Jemima, born Jan. 18, 1800. Married Sarah Walker, in Canton, St. Lawrence County, N. Y., Sept. 1823, where he resides, and is a good farmer.

Children.

(208) I. JAMES SARTELL,<sup>8</sup> b. June 7, 1831.

(209) II. MARY CANDACE,<sup>8</sup> b. July 29, 1833.

(210) III. EZRA PARMALEE.<sup>8</sup>

(121) IV. JOHN HILL PRENTICE,<sup>7</sup> son of Sar-

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\* After the death of President Taylor an invitation was extended to President Fillmore.



tell (93) and Jemima, born March 24, 1803. Married, March 8, 1831, Miss Sarah N. Davis, Albany.

Children.

(211) I. CATHERINE D.,<sup>s</sup> b. Jan. 23, 1832 ; died Sept. 22, 1832.

(212) II. GEORGE,<sup>s</sup> b. Feb. 10, 1833 ; died Aug. 26, 1833.

(213) III. ANNA,<sup>s</sup> b. Jan. 17, 1834.

(214) IV. JOHN,<sup>s</sup> b. May 22, 1835.

(215) V. MARION,<sup>s</sup> b. Aug. 7, 1836.

(216) VI. FOWLER,<sup>s</sup> b. Feb. 3, 1838.

(217) VII. EZRA,<sup>s</sup> b. June 13, 1839, in London ; died Jan. 14, 1842.

(218) VIII. SARAH,<sup>s</sup> b. Dec. 12, 1840 ; died Jan. 20, 1842.

(219) IX. HARRIET,<sup>s</sup> b. Sept. 10, 1842 ; died Jan. 21, 1846.

(220) X. JAMES,<sup>s</sup> b. Oct. 10, 1843 ; died Jan. 24, 1846.

(221) XI. ELLEN,<sup>s</sup> b. Oct. 17, 1844.

(222) XII. HENRY,<sup>s</sup> b. Sept. 21, 1845.

(223) XIII. NATHANIEL SARTELL,<sup>s</sup> b. Nov. 30, 1846.

(224) XIV. MARY,<sup>s</sup> b. Dec. 20, 1847.

(225) XV. EMMA CALISTA,<sup>s</sup> b. Feb. 8, 1849.

Mr. P. removed from Canton to Albany, N. Y., 1826, — in the fur and fur cap business there, with his brother Ezra. He removed to New York in 1840, and opened a house there in the same business — Ezra having retired. His brother James is now with him as a partner, under the style of J. H. Prentice & Co. He resides on "Brooklyn Heights," Brooklyn, N. Y., where he purchased, during the revulsion of business in 1838, for about half its value, the splendid estate,

running to the water, where he lives in good style. His other purchases of real estate in Brooklyn, N. Y., have risen rapidly in value. He has been very successful, is active, energetic, shrewd, and attentive to business. On his return from Europe he brought home several fine paintings.

(78) IX. STEPHEN PRENTICE,<sup>4</sup> "Saddler," son of Solomon (52) and Lydia, of Cambridge, born Feb. 26, 1719-20,\* baptised Feb. 28.† Married Esther ——. Removed to Grafton, Mass., where his brother, Rev. Solomon Prentice, resided, and who, in his will, 1742, "gives his brother Stephen the use of twenty acres of land he now lives on, for life, then to return to my son Solomon."

Children.‡

(226) I. SAMUEL,<sup>5</sup> b. March 23, 1743.

(227) II. STEPHEN,<sup>5</sup> b. Nov. 11, 1744.

(228) III. REUBEN,<sup>5</sup> b. Feb. 18, 1746; died Aug. 4, 1750.

(229) IV. MARY,<sup>5</sup> b. Sept. 15, 1748.

(230) V. REUBEN,<sup>5</sup> b. Nov. 20, 1752.

(231) VI. THADDEUS,<sup>5</sup> b. Nov. 20, 1754.

(232) VII. DANIEL,<sup>5</sup> b. Jan. 26, 1758. ——— residence, Townsend, Mass.; an U. S. pensioner, 1840.

(233) VIII. HADASSAH ESTHER,<sup>5</sup> b. July 22, 1761. Married Benjamin White, Grafton, March 5, 1781.

One of these daughters lived in Charleton, near Oxford, or Dudley, Mass., 1808. She was then called "Old mother Prentice." Was alive in 1849, and has sons who have families. || Stephen Prentice, of Grafton, is called "Saddler,"

\* Cambridge Town records. † First Church records, Camb.

‡ Grafton Town records. || Per J. S. Prentice, of Oxford.

in a deed of 1741,\* and Stephen, and wife Esther, of Grafton, deed land in Grafton, to Solomon Prentice, "Clerk," in 1751.\* He was in Grafton in 1773. In 1758, he signs the discharge for his part of his father's estate; Deborah and Esther Prentice, and Lydia (Prentice) Cooper, witnesses. Solomon is there called "Saddler."

(226) I. SAMUEL PRENTICE,<sup>5</sup> son of Stephen (78) and Esther, born, Grafton, Mass., March 23, 1743.†  
 Married Lydia ——.
   
 Children.

(234) I. RUTH DICKSON,<sup>6</sup> b. Dec. 25, 1770; published to John Gould, of Sutton, May 15, 1794.

(227) II. STEPHEN PRENTICE,<sup>5</sup> son of Stephen (78) and Esther, born Nov. 11, 1744, in Grafton. Married Mary ——.
   
 Children.

(235) I. STEPHEN,<sup>6</sup> b. Oct. 26, 1777.

(232) VII. DANIEL PRENTICE,<sup>5</sup> son of Stephen (78) and Esther, born in Grafton, Jan. 26, 1758; United States pensioner, of Townsend, Mass., and head of a family, 1840, Æ. 83.‡ Married Abigail Standley, of Medford, July 18, 1779.
   
 Children.

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\* Worcester County records. *Clerk*, was the designation of a minister, in deeds, &c.

† This and the succeeding Grafton families are all taken from Grafton Town records.

‡ List U. S. Pensioners, 1840.

- (236) I. DANIEL,<sup>6</sup> b. Oct. 5, 1780.  
 (237) II. SAMUEL,<sup>6</sup> b. July 18, 1782.  
 (238) III. RUSSEL STANDLEY,<sup>6</sup> b. Sept. 8, 1784.  
 (239) IV. ABIGAIL,<sup>6</sup> b. July 12, 1786.  
 (240) V. JOEL,<sup>6\*</sup> b. April 2, 1788.  
 (241) VI. RUFUS,<sup>6</sup> b. Feb. 7, 1790.  
 (242) VII. ROBERT,<sup>6</sup> b. March 15, 1792. Married  
 Mary Ann ——. Children, (243) 1, Mary Ann,<sup>7</sup> b. Feb.  
 16, 1819, died Sept. 29, 1821; (244) 2, Emily,<sup>7</sup> b. Feb.  
 16, 1821, (245) 3, Benjamin B.,<sup>7</sup> b. April 18, 1833.  
 (246) VIII. IRA,<sup>6</sup> b. June 7, 1794.  
 (247) IX. BETSEY,<sup>6</sup> b. March 9, 1796.  
 (248) X. JOSIAH,<sup>6</sup> b. July 24, 1799.

(241) VI. RUFUS PRENTICE,<sup>6</sup> son of Daniel  
 (232) and Abigail, b. Feb. 7, 1790. Married first, Abigail  
 ——. She died Aug. 30, 1822, Æ. 29. Married second,  
 Mary ——. She died March 15, 1832, Æ. 39. Married  
 third, Sarah ——.

Children by Abigail.

- (249) I. RUFUS DWIGHT,<sup>7</sup> b. July 5, 1816.  
 (250) II. HENRY GLOVER,<sup>7</sup> b. March 19, 1818.  
 (251) III. ABIGAIL S.,<sup>7</sup> b. Feb. 20, 1820.  
 (252) IV. SUSAN,<sup>7</sup> b. Aug. 21, 1822; died about Oct.  
 20, 1822.†

By Mary.

- (253) V. ELBRIDGE GERRY,<sup>7</sup> b. March 22, 1824.  
 (254) VI. MARY ANN,<sup>7</sup> b. Jan. 23, 1826.

\* Perhaps the Joel P. (710) of Lincoln, Mass.

† Grafton Town records, births and deaths.

(255) VII. HARRIOT SOPHIA,<sup>7</sup> b. Oct. 13, 1828.

(256) VIII. CHARLES RUSSELL,<sup>7</sup> b. Feb. 7, 1832.

By Sarah.

(257) IX. SARAH ELIZABETH,<sup>7</sup> b. Aug. 20, 1835.

(236) I. DANIEL PRENTICE,<sup>6</sup> son of Daniel (232) and Abigail, born Oct. 5, 1780. Married Lettia ——. Children.\*

(258) I. LORY,<sup>7</sup> (son) b. Sept. 18, 1804.

(259) II. EDWIN,<sup>7</sup> b. Dec. 1, 1806.

(260) III. CALVIN,<sup>7</sup> b. March 13, 1809. Married Ann E. ——. Children, (261) 1, Ellen Francis,<sup>8</sup> b. May 20, 1843. (262) 2, John A.,<sup>8</sup> b. in Northbridge, May 29, 1837. (263) 3, MARTHA ANN,<sup>8</sup> b. in Northbridge, March 10, 1841.

(264) IV. LEWIS,<sup>7</sup> b. Oct. 17, 1811.

(265) V. DANIEL GERRY,<sup>7</sup> b. March 10, 1815.

(266) VI. IRA,<sup>7</sup> b. March 19, 1818.

(267) VII. CHARLES VILAS,<sup>7</sup> b. Feb. 23, 1821.

(237) II. SAMUEL PRENTICE,<sup>6</sup> son of Daniel (232) and Abigail, born July 18, 1782. Married Sally ——. Children.

(268) I. MAHALAH,<sup>7</sup> b. Oct. 14, 1807.

(269) II. ELBRIDGE G.,<sup>7</sup> b. Feb. 3, 1810; died \* Dec. 7, 1812.

(270) III, SARAH L.,<sup>7</sup> b. Feb. 7, 1813.

(271) IV. SAMUEL E.,<sup>7</sup> b. Dec. 28, 1815; died Feb. 22, 1823.

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\* Grafton Town records, births and deaths.

(272) V. JULIA A.,<sup>7</sup> b. Dec. 14, 1817 ; died Aug. 12, 1821.

(273) VI. FRANCIS B.,<sup>7</sup> b. Nov. 15, 1819 ; died Aug. 15, 1821.

(274) VII. JULIA E.,<sup>7</sup> b. Jan. 15, 1822.

(275) VIII. SUSAN C.,<sup>7</sup> b. Feb. 9, 1824 ; died March 4, 1841.

(276) IX. SAMUEL F.,<sup>7</sup> b. Feb. 9, 1826.

(277) X. CHARLES B.,<sup>7</sup> b. Aug. 5, 1828.

(278) XI. ABIGAIL A.,<sup>7</sup> b. Aug. 9, 1830.

(250) II. HENRY GLOVER PRENTICE,<sup>7</sup> son of Rufus (241) and Abigail, born March 19, 1818.\* Married Sarah Jane —.

Children.

(279) I. GEORGE HENRY,<sup>8</sup> b. June 4, 1841.

(53) II. THOMAS PRENTICE,<sup>3</sup> "Husbandman" and "Brickmaker,"† son of Solomon, Sen., (47) and wife Elizabeth, born in Cambridge, Mass., 7, 4, 1674;‡ died Dec. 7, or 17,|| 1709.§ Married first, Mariah —, about 1696, who died May 1, 1701.‡ Married second, Mary Batson, of Cambridge, Nov. 6, 1701.|| After her husband's death, she married Nathaniel Robbins, of Charlestown, Mass. In 1709, Mary Robbins, relict and administratrix of Thomas

\* Grafton Town records. There were other families of the name in Worcester County, and elsewhere in Massachusetts, but as yet unknown.

† Middlesex County records.

‡ Cambridge Town records.

|| First Church records, Cambridge, by Mr. Brattle.

§ Harris's Epitaphs, Cambridge, which says of this Thomas, Æ. 33, 3, 12, and is in error as to the parentage of him. By his birth and death, he was 35 years old.

Prentice, deceased, renders an account of his estate, of £233 8s. 5d., which mentions S. Prentice.\* After the death of Robbins, she married — Lyon. Mrs. Lyon died March 2, 1760, Æ. 84,† or 81, per gravestone, Cambridge, which says, “Not impatient of life, but satisfied with it; her children rise up and call her blessed.” “She survived her 1st husband more than 50 years.” She wills, in 1760, property to her children, and the remainder to her son, (by her first husband,) the Rev. Thomas Prentice, of Charlestown, Mass.\*

Mr. Thomas Prentice owned the covenant, Nov. 2, 1697, was admitted to full communion, First Church, Cambridge, July 13, 1701.‡ His inventory, mentions his “brick yard;” his first wife’s wearing apparel, £2; a riding hood, in Mrs. (Nat.) Hancock’s hands; gun, sword, and cane, £2; homestead on both sides of the highway, £70. In the settlement of Solomon Prentice’s estate, which took place in 1719–20, by the order of the Judge of Probate, to appraise *moderately* the estate of Thomas P., “settled on him by Solomon Prentice,” the return was only £2 “for his house, barn, and garden.” May 25, 1724, a commission was granted, by the Judge of Probate, to Mary, now wife of Nathaniel Robbins, of Charlestown, to settle the estate of Thomas Prentice; the Judge adds, “for I perceive Thomas, (282) the eldest, intends to turn all into money, (as there is need, to pay off his brothers and sisters,) and put his two shares into his pocket, for books, cloathes, &c.” The return mentions lands bounded by Solomon Prentice and Nat. Wyeth, and by Henry Prentice: total estate, £506 2s. 6d. In 1724, there are several deeds of land by Thomas Prentice, (282) “Student at College.” Feb. 19, 1719–20, Solomon P., yeoman, was

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\* Middlesex County records.

† Harris’s Epitaphs.

‡ First Church records, Cambridge, by Mr. Brattle.

guardian to Thomas P., aged 18 ; Stephen P., yeoman, was guardian to John P., aged 16, and Elizabeth P., aged 15. Mrs. Mary Robbins, widow of Thomas P., was guardian to Henry P., aged 14, William P., aged 12, and Hepzibah P., aged 11, children of Thomas P. The guardians give a receipt for £9 8s. 9d., "the share left them by their grandfather, Solomon P." Mary Balch, and Mary Kidder, and Elizabeth P., also sign the receipt for their share. Witness, John Prentice.\*

Children of Thomas and Mariah.

(280) I. THOMAS,<sup>4</sup> b. — ; bap. Nov. 21, 1697.† probably died young.

(281) II. MARY,<sup>4</sup> b. — ; bap. April 2, 1699. Jason Russell, of Cambridge, was appointed her guardian, Sept. 26, 1710.\* A Mary Prentice married James Pierce, Feb. 14, 1731-32.†

By wife Mary.

(282) III. THOMAS,<sup>4</sup> b. Nov. 9, 1702 ; bap. Nov. 20. Minister, Charlestown, Mass.

(283) IV. JOHN,<sup>4</sup> b. Nov. 3, 1703 ; bap. March 5. William Prentice and Mathew Johnson, both "Cordwainers," of Cambridge, were appointed administrators on the estate of John Prentice, "Mariner," of Charlestown, Mass., May 4, 1738.\*

(284) V. ELIZABETH,<sup>4</sup> b. Aug. 22, 1705 ; bap. Aug. 26. "Elizabeth Prentice" married "Mather" Johnson, May 5, 1725-6.‡

(285) VI. HENRY,<sup>4</sup> b. Nov. 25, 1706 ; bap. Dec. 1.

\* Middlesex County records.

† First Church records, Camb.

‡ Town records, Cambridge.







*Thomas Prentice*

Known as "Dr. Touch."\* Married Catherine Fitch, Cambridge.

(286) VII. WILLIAM,<sup>4</sup> b. July 24, 1708. "Cordwainer," of Cambridge, 1738. Will, April 17, 1771, of William P., "Yeoman," of Cambridge, wife Mary, Lt. Samuel Kent, of Charlestown, and Abr'm Watson, Jr., of Cambridge, Executors, presented Sept. 17, 1771, gives to his nephew, John Badger, of Boston, "whom he brought up," all his estate, (at his wife Mary's death,) and to his children, if he has any lawful ones, if not, at Badger's death, to go to his (William's) brothers, Rev. Thomas Prentice, of Charlestown, and Henry Prentice, "of Shrewsbury," and sisters Elizabeth Johnson, of Charlestown, and Hepzibah Underwood, of Boston. Inventory £389 1s. 8d., including six acres of meadow near Fresh Pond. May 17, 1773, his widow's thirds were set off, by Daniel Prentice, Jonathan Hill, and Jonas Wyeth.

(287) VIII. HEPTZIBAH,<sup>4</sup> b. Oct. 29, 1709, baptised Oct. 30. She married William Badger, June 29, 1727. Married second, — Underwood, of Boston.

(282) III. REV. THOMAS PRENTICE, son of Thomas (53) and Mary, (Batson) born in Cambridge, Nov. 9, "of pious and respectable parents," baptised Nov. 20, 1702. H. U., 1726. Died, Charlestown, June 17, 1782, Æ. 80. Married first, Irene, daughter of Rev. Mr. Emery, of Wells, in Arundel, Me., soon after his settlement there in 1728, where he went for his health. In 1737, the Church at Arundel was dispersed by the Indian War, and Mr. P., wife, and three children returned to his native place, Cambridge. The second volume, page 266, of the Worcester Magazine, article, History of Lancaster, in a note, says, that

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\* Per manuscripts of Wm. Prentiss.

Thomas Prentice, who graduated at H. U., 1726, was one of the Masters in the Grammar School, in Lancaster, in 1729. A Thomas Prentice was also a Master in that School in 1736.\* But that Thomas was probably Thomas, (735) the son of Rev. John Prentice, of Lancaster, of the Newton branch. After leaving Arundel, Rev. Thomas P. had three invitations to settle as Pastor at one time, from the "New North," Boston, West Cambridge, and Charlestown, Mass., which latter he accepted, and was installed as colleague of Rev. Hull Abbot, Oct. 31, 1739. Rev. Mr. Abbot died April 19, 1774. Rev. Mr. P. was admitted to the Church, Charlestown, Sept. 24, 1739

The following account of the proceedings of Mr. P.'s settlement, by Rev. Mr. Abbot, will show the importance attached to the selection of a minister in those days, when the whole town was the parish. Previously to the selection, they had a Town Fast, Sermon, &c., then Rev. Mr. Prentice was invited to preach two Sabbaths, as a candidate. At a subsequent meeting, "the Church members went to join with the *Town* in the choice of another pastor," when Mr. P. was chosen, and a committee of settlement and entertainment at the parsonage house of Mr. P. was also chosen. There was *not* a cordiality of feeling between the two pastors over one parish. After the death of his associate, Rev. Mr. Abbot, Mr. P. continued his labors as sole pastor, to the great satisfaction of his parish, until the opening scenes of the Revolution disturbed and hindered his offices. After Charlestown was burnt, by the British, at the battle of "Bunker's Hill," so called, June 17, 1775, by which three hundred and eighty houses were burnt, valued at £156,960 18s. 8d., the inhabitants were scattered, and Mr. P. returned to Cambridge. When the Church was again united, three years afterwards,

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\* Lancaster records.

he rode from Cambridge to Charlestown to officiate. "The first administration of the Lord's Supper, after the reunion, says (the now aged) Mr. Prentice, (as quoted by Morse on the Church records,) in Charlestown, since the destruction, by the cruelest British enemies, was November 8, 1778, with great solemnity and fullness of members beyond expectation." His meeting-house being destroyed, the Church met in a block house, small and rudely built, which they fitted up for the purpose, and which stood on the same spot, on the hill, where the present Church of Rev. Mr. Buddington\* now stands. Here he continued to officiate to a faithful and affectionate audience, until his powers of mind, memory, and body were exhausted. He was a very energetic speaker and retained his warmth of manner to the last. His quick motions often displaced his wig in preaching, when his daughter would quietly ascend the platform and readjust it, without disturbing the congregation. He at last lost his memory, and omitted for two successive Sabbaths, previous to the annual Thanksgiving, to read the Proclamation, when his daughter stepped into the aisle and reminded him of it, which he gratefully acknowledged, but owing to infirmity and temporary confusion at the time, he was obliged to request Deacon Frothingham to read it. The last day that he preached he delivered the same sermon twice; in the morning and also in the afternoon. He lived, the latter part of his life, in his own house in Cambridge, in which he was born, and where he died June 17, 1782, Æ. 80, and was honorably interred on the burial-ground hill, Charlestown, at the expense of that town. The inscription on the Church tablet, erected to his memory, is, "Rev. Thomas Prentice, born at Cambridge, graduated at Harvard University, 1726. Installed Oct. 31, 1739. Died June 17, 1782, Æ. 80."

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\* Rev. Mr. Buddington's History of First Church, Charlestown, Note 43, &c.

Mr. G. A. Kettel has several of his manuscript Sermons. His published sermons extant, are, one July 18, 1745, "On a General Thanksgiving on the Reduction of Cape Breton, by Sir Wm. Pepperel, General and Commander in Chief, with a British Squadron, commanded by Peter Warren, Esq. One of January 28, 1747-8, on a Public Fast, after the destruction, by fire, of the Province Court House, Boston. One of May 2, 1755, on the death of Mrs. Ann, wife of Richard Carey, and daughter of Richard Bradley, Attorney General, of New York. She was a very pious woman. One of January 1, 1756, at the 'Thursday Lecture, Boston,' on the Earthquake of the preceding eighteenth of November."

There is a very fine portrait of him, painted by Badger, Boston, 1755, now in possession of his grand-daughter, Mrs. Rebecca, widow of the late Mr. Amasa Stetson,\* Dorchester, Mass. The portrait is in fine preservation, has the true Prentice (Roman) nose, &c. He is dressed in gown, bands, wig, &c., and it is a correct likeness.

Rev. Thomas Prentice's first wife, Irene, died in 1745, in Charlestown. He married second, Oct. 16, 1746, Rebecca, daughter of Nathaniel and Rebecca Austin, of Charlestown. She died October, 1748, *Æ.* 33. He married third, Widow Mary Butman, of Old York, Me. She survived him and returned to York, having no children.

Children,† by Irene.

\* By the liberality of Mrs. S., through John Kettel, Esq., her brother, of Dorchester, I am enabled to give a lithograph copy of it for this book. She also has the Prentiss and Kettel coat of arms quartered. The P. on the right side. Bar *gu.* with a half greyhound rampant. Above, two full greyhounds, slate color, and one below the bar. Shield, *az.* Painted by Doyle, Boston. I examined the portrait, &c., in 1849.

† I am indebted to John Kettel, Esq., T. B. Wyman, of Charlestown, Buddington's History First Church, Charlestown, and Harris's Epitaphs, for information of Rev. Thomas P. and family.

(288 to 291) Four daughters and one son, died early, names unknown.

(292) V. IRENE,<sup>5</sup> b. 1737, in Arundel, Me. Admitted to First Church Charlestown, 1759. "Died in Cambridge, April 29, 1791, Æ. 54."\* Harris's Epitaphs, from the stone, and he calls her "Mrs.," a common appellation for an elderly lady then. The Herald of Freedom, Boston, says, May, 3, 1790, "died after a long and painful illness, which she bore with Christian fortitude, Irene, daughter of Rev. Thomas Prentice, of Charlestown, Mass. Funeral from her late residence, Cambridge, Mass."

(293) VI. MARY,<sup>5</sup> b. ——. Married first, Dr. James Frost, Cambridge, 1762.† Married second, Nehemiah Rand, of Charlestown, 1766, who fled with her, during the war, to Lyndeboro', N. H., where they both died. She died, and Rand then married Margaret Prentice, her sister.

(294) VII. MARGARET,<sup>5</sup> b. ——. "Margaret Prentiss, of Cambridge, Mass., was married to Nehemiah Rand, of Lyndeboro', N. H., by James Winthrop, Esq., October 21, 1791."‡

By Rebecca.

(295) IX. REBECCA,<sup>5</sup> b. ——. Married Joseph Kettell, of Boston, March 15, 1770. He was father to John K. and Mrs. Stetson, now of Dorchester. Joseph K. died Feb. 17, 1815, Æ. 74. His wife died Feb. 2, 1825, Æ. 77. Had twelve children, one of whom, Thomas Prentice K., died Nov. 12, 1843, Æ. 69.

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\* Harris's Epitaphs.

† James Frost died July 22, 1770, Æ. 38; and Mary, daughter of James and Mary F., died Feb. 24, 1771, Æ. 21 days. [Harris's Epitaphs.]

‡ Cambridge Town records.

Will of Thomas Prentice, "Clerk," of Charlestown, July 1, 1758, Irene and Margaret, (if latter of age,) with his friends, Thaddeus Mason and David Cheever, of Charlestown, Executors, mentions silver tankard, pepper box, and several silver spoons. To daughter Rebecca, all that came by her mother Rebecca. Oct. 2, 1782, presented by Irene P. and Margaret Rand. Inventory, £505.

(285) VI. HENRY\* PRENTICE,<sup>4</sup> "Dr. Touch," son of Thomas (53) and Mary, (Batson) born in Cambridge, Nov. 25, 1706. "Mr. Henry Prentiss, died in Cambridge, Aug. 23, 1787, Æ. 82."† Married Katherine "ffetch," (Fitch?) Jan. 1728-9.‡

Children.

(296) I. MARY,<sup>5</sup> b. Oct. 19, 1729, baptised Nov. 23.†

(297) II. HENRY,<sup>5</sup> || ? b. —.

In his brother William's (286) Will, Henry (285) is called "of Shrewsbury," in 1771.

(297) II. HENRY PRENTICE,<sup>5</sup> § *Junior*, † son of Henry (285) and Katherine, ? born —, Cambridge.

\* The Wm. Prentiss manuscript says, "Henry was the grandfather of James, and other Prentiss's, of Kentucky, and that a branch of Henry's father, Thomas, settled in Cambridge, with those in Vermont and Londonderry, N. H."

† Cambridge First Church records.

‡ Cambridge Town records.

|| I have found no direct evidence of Henry and Katherine having a son Henry, but presume he had, and the one called Henry Prentice, *Junior*, the birth of whose children are on Cambridge Town records, was his son. The contemporary names of several Henry's confuse.

§ Henry Prentice, Jr. and wife Mary and family, probably removed to Shrewsbury, Mass., 1760 to 1763.



Probably removed to Shrewsbury, Mass. Married Mary Walker, Oct. 16, 1752.\*

Children.

(298) I. JOHN,<sup>6</sup> b. July 27, 1753, baptised July 29.

(299) II. THOMAS,<sup>6</sup> b. May 27, 1755, baptised June 1.

(300) III. JERUSA,<sup>6</sup> b. Oct. 17, 1757, baptised Sept. 23.

(301) IV. WILLIAM,<sup>6</sup> b. Sept. 12, 1760. A William P. married Abigail\* —. She died May 25, 1801. Children,

(302) 1, Susannah, b. Oct. 10, 1796.\*

(303) V. SAMUEL,<sup>6</sup> b. June 10, 1763, "son of Henry 'of Shrewsbury,' and wife Mary."\*

(304 or 298) JOHN (OR JAMES) PRENTICE, supposed to be a son of Henry, (285) or Henry P. Jr., (297) born, probably, July 27, 1753, "in Old Cambridge, Mass., resided, and probably died, in Sterling, Mass.† Married — Mellen. ? ‡

Children, all born in Cambridge.‡

(305) I. THOMAS, b. —. Lived in Elizabethtown, N. J., then in Watervleit, near Troy, N. Y. Joined the Quakers. He is deceased. Children, (306) 1, — a son.

(307) 2, — a daughter. Both Quakers.

(308) II. SAMUEL, b. —, died at Watervleit, N. Y. Left children at W. who are Quakers.

(309) III. WILLIAM, b. —, died at Watervleit and left children. Quakers there.

(310) IV. JOHN, b. about 1759. Married Ann Cook, widow.

\* Cambridge Town records.

† James Prentice's account.

‡ Mrs. Nancy K. Newell's letter.

(311) V. — a daughter, (probably Mary) b. — Married Raham Richardson, Cambridge, who was killed April 19, 1775, in the Lexington fight.\*

(312) VI. JERUSA, b. —. Married — Hitchcock. Lived in Canada. Children, (313) 1, —, a son. (314) 2, —, a son. (315) 3, —, a daughter.

From the similarity of names in the above family, with Henry P. Jr., (297) they may be identical, or, perhaps, the family of Henry Jr.'s son John. Mr. James Prentiss, (317) of New York, thinks his grandfather's name was John, and from Boston or Cambridge. In Mrs. Nancy K. Newell's (316) letter, † April 12, 1847, to John Prentiss, Esq., Keene, N. H., after she had a paralytic shock, she writes the above account, and that of John's family, from memory, but gives no name of the father, or dates, which I have been unable to

\* Dr. Nat. Shepherd Prentice (in Boston, 1851,) says he was a lad then and remembers to have seen Richardson's body with a bullet hole through his head.

† Extract from Mrs. N.'s letter :

“John, Thomas, Henry, and Mr. Merriam, who married Eliza Prentiss, all went to Hindostan, Indiana, and had the fever there. John and Thomas died. James came back to New York with Henry.” Also, that “Mrs. Richardson, wife of Raham Richardson, lived opposite the North of the Colleges, and had two sons, Raham and Elias, and two daughters, and her husband was killed in the Lexington fight, by a ball through the head. Mrs. R. lived and died in Cambridge. One daughter married a Russell, of C. When I was twelve years old, I boarded six months with that aunt, and there were two families then, by name of Prentiss, in C.; but not claimed by us as relatives. I am unwell, cannot write well, as I had a paralytic shock the fourteenth of January, 1847, but God was merciful to spare me so long. There is not a numerous tribe, and unless the present generation do better, the name will be extinct”!

ascertain with certainty, and says, "cousin Thomas Prentiss is Elder of the Society of Quakers, and an intelligent man to write to."

(310) IV. CAPT. JOHN PRENTICE, farmer, then trader,\* son of John, (304 or 298) born in Cambridge. Resided in New Salem, then in Wendell, Mass.; removed to Rutland, Vt., about 1812, where his wife died. After her death, he removed to Lexington, Ky., and there died,† in 1818.‡

Capt. P. was in the battle of Lexington and others, during the war. Two of his brothers were also in the army then. Married Ann Cook, about 1779, from Montague, near Wendell, widow of Capt. James C. of the revolutionary army, and who died at Ticonderoga. Her maiden name was Kendall, daughter of Rev. Samuel K., of New Salem.‡

"May 11, 1794, Anna, the wife of Capt. John Prentice, recommended by the Church of Christ in Montague, was received by a vote of the Brethren."|| The birth of their son, Henry B., is inserted after Jan. 14, 1792, and before 1793. "May 13, 1797, John Prentice admitted to full communion in this Church."|| A portrait of Capt. P., owned by his son James, is now in possession of a relative in Indiana.

Children of John and Anna.

(316) I. NANCY (OR ANN) KENDALL, b. about 1780.

\* Mr. James Prentiss, who spells his own name so, and says his father John had no middle name. Mrs. Newell wrote it John Mellen P. James P. spoke of a relative named James P., who went to England, and resided in Petersburg, Va.

† Mrs. Nancy K. Newell's letter.

‡ Per Mr. James Prentiss, New York.

|| Wendell Cong. Church records, per Rev. R. M. Chipman.

Married Judge Gordon Newell, of Pittsford, Vt. Had two sons, John and James, lawyers, one of whom resides in Boston. Mrs. N. was a pious woman, and died 1849.

(317) II. JAMES, b. March, 1782. Merchant in Boston till 1812, then in London; Lexington, Ky.; now in New York.

(318) III. ELIZA, bap. July 6, 1783. Resided several years in Pittsford, Vt. Married John Merriam. Removed to Paoli, Indiana. She died, 1847; left three (319) daughters there. Mr. M. is also dead.

(320) IV. JOHN MELLEEN, bap. Jan. 8, 1786. Married ——. Was a merchant in Baltimore till 1818. Went to Hindostan, Indiana, and died there in 1820. Children, (321) 1, —, a son, (322) 2, —, a son, (323) 3, —, a daughter.

(324) V. THOMAS GREEN, bap. June 8, 1788. Married ——. Resided in Boston, Ohio, and Hindostan, Ind., where he died in 1820.

(325) VI. HENRY BOWDOIN, bap. April 29, 1792. Married ——. Resided in Vermont, Kentucky, Indiana, New York, and Texas, where he died in 1836. Left one daughter, (326) 1, —.

Capt. John Prentice, the father of the above children, served in the revolutionary war; was in the battle of Lexington. Two of his brothers were also in the revolutionary army. Mr. James P., of New York, has a portrait of his father, John, and one of his own son, James, captain of Artillery. The latter portrait, and also a daguerreotype of Capt. James P., is in possession of Mrs. Samuel Hunt, of Boston.

(317) II. JAMES PRENTISS, son of John (310) and wife, (Kendall) born about 1783. Was of the firm of Bond & Prentiss, Boston, importers, connected with a house

of the same firm in London, 1803 to 1811. Married in Watertown, Nov. 6, 1805, Sophia Mellen, of Watertown,\* widow of Leonard M., and daughter of Nathaniel Gardner, of Boston. They lived together within four years of the "*golden marriage.*" She died Nov. 27, 1851. Mrs. M. had one daughter, who married Samuel Hunt, Secretary of Manufacturers Insurance Company, Boston.

Children.

(327) I. JULIA MATILDA GARDNER, b. about 1806. Married — Swift, a lawyer. Mr. S. is dead. Has two sons, one at West Point, and one at Princeton College, (1850.) One of these boys Mr. James P. will probably adopt, and have his name altered to James Prentiss.

(328) II. JAMES HENRY, b. 1810. Was Secretary of Legation, Paris. Was in the campaigns of the Black Hawk war, and in the Seminole war, Florida, and being an only son, was a great loss to his parents. The National Intelligencer thus records his death: —

Died at Fort Polk, Point Isabel, Texas, of yellow fever, ———, 1840, Capt. James H. Prentiss, of the 1st U. S. Artillery. This accomplished officer and gentleman, who has fallen a victim to the pestilential climate of our new territory, we knew well and esteemed highly.\* His death will be deeply regretted throughout the army, in which he was a universal favorite, as well as by numerous friends out of it. The Metamoras Flag, in announcing his death, says :

"Never have we had to commit to the pages of obituary a name more endearing than that of the lamented object of our notice.

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\* Published Oct. 5, Watertown. Records, and newspaper, Nov. 8, 1805.

The announcement of his death will carry sorrowful regrets to the many who knew him as a most chivalrous soldier and accomplished gentleman. Eminently endowed with all those traits of character and qualities of head and heart which ennoble our nature, Capt. Prentiss was among the most highly esteemed of the officers of our gallant army. In the peaceful walks of life, as upon the battle-field, the same — the pride of manhood and the soul of honor. Accomplished in scholarship as in arms, he was the delight of the social circle and the idol of the service. He has died in our midst, with the laurels of his fame yet fresh and green upon his brows, that bore them meekly, as only such a soldier could. He has descended to the grave, leaving behind a stainless reputation and a character without reproach.

“Capt. Prentiss entered the service on graduating at the United States Military Academy, West Point, in 1830, as a Brevet Second Lieutenant of Artillery. He served with honor in the Indian war, known as the Black Hawk campaign. Subsequently he visited Europe, with a view to the further acquisition of knowledge in the science of his profession; and there, mingling in the highest and most polished society of the capitals of the old world, he was among the distinguished, ever maintaining the dignity of an American scholar, soldier, and gentleman. In 1839, on the increase of the staff of the army, he was advanced to an Assistant Adjutant Generalcy, with the rank of Captain, which he held until the commencement of the Mexican war, when he took the choice of a Captaincy in the line, and command of a company of artillery. He entered the field of war with the column of General Wool, and held the post of honor at Rinconada during the operations at Buena Vista.

“The voice of eulogy is not wanted to confirm the character of such a man; wherever known he was by all esteemed. The grave has hid from view all that was once the mortal habitation of as noble a soul as we ever knew. Peace to his ashes — perpetuity to his memory!”

(329) III. SARAH ANN H., b. 1816. Married William C. Langley, of Boston, who was in the house of A. & A. Lawrence & Co., now a commission merchant in New York, and very successful in business.

Mr. James Prentiss,\* when in Boston, from 1803 to 1812, firm of Bond & Prentiss, was the largest importer there. The embargo ruined him. He then went to England, and imported into the United States a large number of merino sheep, and settled in Lexington, Ky., where he had the largest flock in the United States, then very valuable; but when peace was declared, that kind of property fell from eighteen dollars each, to a small sum, and he was again ruined by the peace. After the war of 1812, he removed to New York city. He is interested in property in Texas, and in claims on Government. The writer met him at Washington, in October, 1850, and found him a man of information and intelligence. He is often at Washington in Winter, as agent for claims. His wife was from the western part of Massachusetts.

(57) VI. NATHANIEL PRENTICE,<sup>3</sup> "Brickmaker," son of Solomon, Sen., (47) and wife Hepzibah, born Oct. 18, 1689.† "Mr. Nathaniel Prentice died Oct. 24, 1722-23, in his 33d year."‡ Will, Aug. 30, 1722, Hannah, Executrix, leaves all to her, for herself and the children. He married Hannah (Wyeth?) In 1723 she married Jason Winship.∥ In the settlement of his father's estate, 1719-20,

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\* A James Prentiss was a member of the Massachusetts Humane Society, Boston, 1810. — The families on pages 67 and 68 and in a few other instances, could not have the figures for their generation from a common ancestor, on account of some gap in their descent.

† Cambridge Town records.

‡ Harris's Epitaphs.

∥ Jason Winship was killed by the British soldiers on their retreat from Lexington, and is one of the twelve bodies now interred under the new monument, West Cambridge. Perhaps R. Richardson, of Cambridge, who was killed in the same fight, may also be one of the nine unknown bodies there.

he is mentioned as "Nathaniel being sick." He owned the covenant, (to have his children baptised,) April 26, 1713.\*

Children. †

(330) I. JONAS,<sup>4†</sup> b. April 25, 1713; bap.\* April 26. Married Mercy Pierce.

(331) II. NATHANIEL,<sup>4</sup> b. May; bap. May 22, 1715.

(332) III. HANNAH,<sup>4</sup> b. Dec. 16, 1716.

(333) IV. TABITHA,<sup>4</sup> b. Aug. 30, 1718; bap. Sept. 18.

(334) V. SOLOMON,<sup>4</sup> b. Jan. 31, 1720-21; bap. Feb. 1721. Lived and died in Watertown. || Nathaniel Wyeth, of Cambridge, mason, was guardian to Jonas, Nat., and Hannah — Henry P., of Cambridge, brickmaker, surety, April 10, 1727, and Eben. Wyeth, of Cambridge, cordwainer, guardian to the others — Henry Prentice his surety. Jonathan Wyeth, mason, guardian to Jonas in his fourteenth year. "Whereas, there is a speedy purpose of marriage between her and Jason Winship," W. concurs with her in a conveyance, March 5, 1723; witnesses, Jonathan Wyeth and Henry Prentice, [Vol. 22 Middlesex records.] In a deed, March 18, 1722-23, she is called "now Hannah Winship," witness, Elizabeth Prentice. Nat. P.'s land, bounded by Henry and the heirs of Thomas Prentice in Cambridge. John Bradish and wife, Hepzibah, deeds, 1724, land in Cambridge, on the road from Charlestown to Watertown, and bounded by land of John Prentice, to Nathaniel Prentice, "Clerk," of Dunstable.

In the William Prentiss manuscript I find the following as the family of a Nathaniel Prentiss, as he spells the name.

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\* Camb. First Ch. records. † Cambridge Town records.

‡ See Note ‡ on page 18. || Per Dr. Nat. Shepherd Prentiss.



Perhaps it is the same family of Nat., (57) son of Solomon, Sen. He gives no name of parents, dates, or ages, namely:—

(335) NATHANIEL PRENTISS, born —; “re-sided in Cambridge.” Married —.

Children.

(336) I. WILLIAM, b. —.

(337) II. JONAS, b. —. “From Jonas descended a numerous offspring, settled in Cambridge, but now scattered.”

(338) III. EBENEZER,\* b. —.

(339) IV. JOHN, b. —.

(340) V. THOMAS, b. —.

(330) I. JONAS PRENTICE,<sup>4</sup> farmer, son of Nat. (57) and Hannah, born April 25, 1713; † bap. April 26; ‡ died, Æ. 63, of dysentary, Nov. 14, || 1775. Married, April 22, 1736, Mercy Pierce, § of Charlestown, whose mother’s name was Shepherd, of Milton. ¶ She died Feb. 24, 1789\*\* or 1790,\*\* Æ. 76. Both buried in Cambridge old burial ground.

\* Dr. Nat. Shepherd Prentiss says, an Ebenezer Prentiss (75) lived in West Cambridge, he thinks. Some of his descendants always have and do now reside there.

† Cambridge Town records.

‡ Cambridge First Church records.

|| Harris’s Epitaphs.

§ Charlestown records, per T. B. Wyman.

¶ Per Dr. Nat. Shepherd Prentiss, from whom and his sisters and their family Bible, I obtained much of the account of this, and their families. He says that the American troops, in 1775, encamped on Jonas’s farm, in Cambridge.

\*\* Harris’s Epitaphs says 1790. Cambridge First Church records say “widow Prentiss died 1789.” Both give the age as 76.

## Children.

(341) I. MERCY,<sup>5</sup> b. — ; bap. May 22, 1737.\* Married Jonathan Cooper, Jr., of Cambridge, June 5, 1755.\* He died at Cambridge, April 26, 1765, Æ. 31.†

(342) II. JONAS,<sup>5</sup> b. — ; bap. April 29, 1739. Had three wives.

(343) III. JAMES,<sup>5</sup> b. —. Married Lydia Saunders, of Gloucester, Mass., H. U., 1761 ; died in Boston, † 1797 ; no family. He was captain of marines in a privateer, in the revolutionary war. She died —.‖

(344) IV. NATHANIEL,<sup>5</sup> b. —, 1742 ; bap. Oct. 16, 1742. Married Abigail Logan.

(345) V. LYDIA,<sup>5</sup> b. — ; bap. Sept. 22, 1745. Married Edward Fillebrown, of Cambridge, Aug. 23, 1770.

(346) VI. JOHN,<sup>5</sup> b. — ; bap. Aug. 28, 1748. Married Mary Scriptor, April 13, 1772.

(347) VII. THOMAS,<sup>5</sup> b. — ; bap. Jan. 19, 1752. Married Ruth Symes, of Woburn.

(348) VIII. ELIZABETH,<sup>5</sup> b. — ; bap. Sept. 29, 1754. Married James Fillebrown, brother to Edward F., of Cambridge.

(349) IX. HANNAH,<sup>5</sup> b. — ; bap. March 13, 1757. Married John Walland, of Cambridge.

Jonas Prentice (330) had property from his uncle, Stephen Prentice, of Cambridge, as Mrs. Weare, (368) daughter of Nat. P. says. March 13, 1779, one third of Jonas P.'s estate was set off to widow, mentions dwelling-house and *shop*, and

\* Cambridge First Church records.

† Harris's Epitaphs.

‡ Per Wm. Prentiss's manuscripts.—Will, Boston, March 15, 1784, presented for probate, Dec. 12, 1797, by Lydia, Executrix, he gives his wife Lydia, all his property. [Boston P. records.]

‖ Per Dr. Nat. Shepherd Prentiss.

the "old house," so called, formerly Mr. Stephen Prentice's, £162; orchard, plot, &c., of old house, £371 — total inventory, £1940. Agreed to by Jonas, Nat., John and Thomas Prentiss, — Nat. P., administrator. Account, 1780, paid to Solomon, John, Ebenezer, Jonas, and James Prentice.

(342) II. JONAS PRENTICE,<sup>5</sup> son of Jonas (330) and Mercy (Pierce,) born —, 1739; resided and died, of palsy,\* in Cambridge, May 2, 1801, Æ. 62. Married first, Rachel Kent. Married second, Sally Prentiss, (459) Nov. 12, 1777.† She died in 1783.\* Married third, Hannah Goddard, Dec. 1, 1785.‡

Children by Sally.

(350) I. SUSANNA BROWN,<sup>6</sup> b. —; bap. Sept. 13, 1778. Married first, John Haskel, teacher, Boston. Married second, Benjamin D. Emerson, teacher, Boston, author of the Emerson school books. He now resides on "Jamaica Plain," Roxbury, Mass.

(351) II. SARAH,<sup>6</sup> b. —; bap. April 2, 1780. Married Nathaniel Ireland, of Boston, Nov. 18, 1802,\* now of Cambridge, blacksmith. Resides, 1851, near Mt. Auburn, Cambridge.

(346) VI. JOHN PRENTICE,<sup>5</sup> son of Jonas (330) and Mercy, (a John Prentice died Jan. 2, 1806,†) born —; bap.\* Aug. 28, 1748. Married Mary Scriptor, April 23, 1772. He owned the covenant, Jan. 31, 1773.\* He lived on the "Stephen Prentice Farm," Cambridge, where he died. Mary, wife of John Prentice, died May 11, 1797,‡ Æ. 50.\*

\* Cambridge First Church records.

† Sally Prentice, daughter of "Cooper" Henry, of Cambridge, and sister to John, of Londonderry, N. H.

‡ Cambridge Town records.

## Children.\*

(352) I. MARY,<sup>6</sup> b. —; bap. March 2, 1773. Married Raham (or Reuben) Richardson, Jan. 6, 1791, † son of Raham R. (See 311.)

(353) II. REBECCA,<sup>6</sup> b. —. Married —.

(354) III. MERCY,<sup>6</sup> b. —, baptised April 13, 1777. Married — Gibson.

(355) IV. LUCY,<sup>6</sup> b. —. Married John Frost, of Braintree? or Newton.

(356) V. JOHN,<sup>6</sup> b. —, baptised May 4, 1780. Removed to —. A John Prentiss married Sally Collier, Nov. 1, 1807. ‡

(357) VI. HANNAH,<sup>6</sup> b. —, baptised Jan. 8, 1781. Married Samuel Worth, and removed to New Salem.

(358) VII. ANNA,<sup>6</sup> b. —, baptised July 10, 1785. Married first, Capt. — Stanwood, of Cape Ann. Married second, — Johnson.

(359) VIII. HENRY,<sup>6</sup> b. —. Removed to —.

(360) IX. CHARLES,<sup>6</sup> b. —, baptised Oct. 28, 1789.

(361) X. CLARISSA,<sup>6</sup> b. —. Single. Resides, 1850, with her aunt, Mrs. Emerson, Jamaica Plain, Roxbury.

(344) IV. NATHANIEL PRENTICE,<sup>5</sup> “carriage-maker and saddler,” son of Jonas (330) and Mercy, (Pierce) born Oct. 14, 1743-4, ? ‖ in Cambridge, baptised Oct. 22, 1744, ‡ died there, Æ. 74, in 1817,\* of typhus fever. Name spelt *Prentiss* on gravestone, Cambridge. Married Abigail

\* Per Dr. Nat. Shepherd Prentiss.

† Cambridge Town records.

‡ Cambridge First Church records, now Rev.-Mr. Newell's.

‖ Cambridge Town records. The record in J. C. P.'s old testament (printed in London, 1735, in two volumes, by Samuel Humphreys,) gives his birth Oct. 25, an error.

Logan, Nov. 22, 1764, (her father was a Scotchman,) by Hon. Judge Samuel Danforth, Esq. She was born Oct. 22, 1744, and is buried in Cambridge. They owned the covenant, to have their children baptised, Aug. 17, 1766,\* and she was baptised, "at her own request," April 6, 1794,\* and admitted into the Church April 16, 1794. Her husband admitted Jan. 26, 1794. Nat. P. lived in the house he built, (after his son Nat. S.'s birth,) opposite to where Jonathan C. Prentiss yet lives, 1851, nearly opposite Porter's Tavern, West Cambridge.

Children.

(362) I. NATHANIEL SHEPHERD,<sup>6</sup> b.† Aug. 7, 1766. H. U. 1787, M. D.<sup>6</sup>

(363) II. JOHN,<sup>6</sup> b. Aug. 1, 1768, baptised Aug. 7.\* Died Sept. 2, 1768.

(364) III. ABIGAIL,<sup>6</sup> b. Oct. 10, 1771.‡ Married Samuel Capen, Oct. 14, 1792.‡ Had two sons.

(365) IV. JAMES,<sup>6</sup> b. July 19, 1774, baptised July 24. Died Jan. 24, 1794, Æ. 20, in Cambridge, of peripneumonia.\*

"Farewell, dear child, 'till we shall meet above,  
And there, with thee, sing the Redeemer's love."||

\* Cambridge First Church records.

† The dates of births, of Nat. and Abigail (L.) Prentice family, was copied by me from the first leaf of the Family Bible that Mrs. Abigail Capen now has, and which was given her, (per that record,) namely, (370) "Elizabeth Prentice's Bible, 1800," "who was born April 2, 1741, and died, Aug. 10, 1817, in Cambridge." "Given to Mrs. Abigail Prentiss by Elizabeth Prentiss," who was of Watertown, Mrs. Capen says, and not married, and was keeping house in Cambridge for Benjamin Goddard, a brother of the Goddard who married a Prentiss. When she (Elizabeth) died. A sister of Elizabeth's married a Whitney.

‡ Cambridge Town records.

|| Harris's Epitaphs.

(366) V. LYDIA,<sup>6</sup> b. Feb. 24, 1779, baptised Feb. 28, "by the President of H. U." and resides in Roxbury, single, 1850, with her sisters, Mrs. Capen and Mrs. Weare. In 1851, she resided with her brother at Mr. Banvard's, Boston.

(367) VI. JONATHAN COOPER,<sup>6\*</sup> b. Dec. 23, 1783, baptised Jan. 11, 1784. Married Mary Whittemore, of Charlestown. Resides in Cambridge.

(368) VII. HARRIOT,<sup>6</sup> b. Nov. 7, 1786, baptised Nov. —. Married Mark Weare, of Oxford, N. H. Settled in Boston; went to Cuba for his health where he died in 1833, Æ. 53. No children.

(369) VIII. JONAS,<sup>6</sup> b. March 27, 1789.† Married Ellen Whittemore, of Cambridge.

(362) I. DR. NATHANIEL SHEPHERD PRENTISS,<sup>6</sup> son of Nat. (344) and Abigail (L.) born in Cambridge, Aug. 7, 1766. Graduated H. U. 1787. Married first, in Marlboro', Abigail, daughter of John Perkins, Printer and Bookseller, Boston. She died in 1807. Married second, 1807, Abigail Pico.‡ She died, 1825,|| with an infant.

Children.

(371) I. NATHANIEL SHEPHERD,<sup>7</sup> b. —, 1792. Married Eliza, daughter of Samuel Ruggles, of Boston. Mr. P.

\* Jonathan C. Prentice and his son Nat. are the only voters by the name in Cambridge, 1850, where there was once so many of the name.

† J. C. P.'s Bible record says born in 1781.

‡ She was aunt of Joshua Pico, of New Orleans, formerly of Boston.

|| The Shepherd Church records, Rev. Mr. Albro, since the separation from the First Church, and Harris's Epitaphs, Cambridge.

was in the Custom House, Boston. Died and left one daughter, who married Francis A. Fogg, of Salem. Resides there, 1848, and has two children.

(372) II. JAMES,<sup>7</sup> b. about 1795. H. U. 1815. Studied there and in Andover, Mass., as an Orthodox minister, and died, 1831, before he was settled.

(373) III. JOHN PERKINS,<sup>7</sup> b. ——. A Tanner. Married Sophia Gould, Roxbury. Had three children. (374) 1, Sophia Gould.<sup>8</sup> (375) 2, Abigail Pico.<sup>8</sup> (376) 3, Charles Gould.<sup>8</sup> John Perkins P. (373) removed to Glassenbury, Ct., where he died in Oct. about the year 1846. The family, in 1851, live at Jamaica Plain, Roxbury.

(377) IV. ABIGAIL,<sup>7</sup> b. 1798. Died 1802, Æ. 4 yrs.

(378) V. ELIZABETH,<sup>7</sup> b. ——. Married Abiram Lawrence, and settled in Charlestown, Clark Co., Indiana, opposite Louisville, Ky. She died there and left one child, which died young. Mr. L. married again.

(379) VI. MARTHA RUGGLES,<sup>7</sup> } twins, b. 1802. Mar-

(380) VII. HUGH H.,<sup>7</sup> } tha R. married Rev.

Joseph Banvard, Boston, who has a family. Dr. Nat. S. P. resides with them in the Winter. Mr. B. removed to West Cambridge, 1851, as pastor of the Baptist Church. Hugh H. married first, Sarah Kirkwood, Boston, and had children. (381) 1, James. (382) 2, Nathaniel. Married second, Laura H. Watson, of E. Windsor, Ct. Had no children by her in 1848. Is in the Shoe business in New York.

(383) VIII. AUGUSTA,<sup>7</sup> b. ——. Single.

Dr. Nat. S. Prentiss (362) was born in Cambridge, Mass. where he lived until he was twenty years of age, in the tavern building, corner of the road to Medford, near Porter's tavern, then in Charlestown. He left, in 1787, at the age of twenty-one. Studied medicine with Dr. I. Atherton, in Lancaster, Mass., who married the widow of Dr. Stanton Prentice, of

L., (of the Newton branch of the Prentices,) and her two sons, Cephas and James Otis Prentice, studied medicine at the same time with him. Dr. N. S. P. went from Lancaster to Marlboro', in 1789, where he remained twelve or thirteen years, and where his five youngest children were born. He attended over 1,000 births in M. He then removed to Roxbury, Mass., about 1801, where he taught the Latin School eight years, and fitted for college, among others, the Rev. Samuel Newell, missionary. He resided there over fifty years, was Town Clerk over thirty years, and also practised medicine in Roxbury. In the list of the Massachusetts Medical Society, 1822, he was a "Fellow" of it. Resided in 1850 in Summer, in one of his houses, with his daughters, in Linden Park, Roxbury, and in Winter, with his daughter, Mrs. Banvard, Tyler Street, Boston. In 1851, removed, with Rev. Mr. B. to West Cambridge, where Mr. B. is pastor of the Baptist Church; there he is a welcome and beloved visitor. Mr. B. has a good full length daguerreotype likeness of him, by Whipple, and also a good portrait, by Otis, in 1850, which is in the Athenæum, 1851. At the age of eighty-six, in good health and spirits, with all his faculties, he awaits in Christian resignation and patience, the summons to that *home* where he has laid up treasure. In 1850, he presented a number of books to the Roxbury Athenæum. Mrs. Capen and Mrs. Weare have a miniature of Dr. P., one of Mr. Capen, of Charlestown, and one of Mrs. Whittemore. Mrs. Capen says that, when she was young, and lived in Cambridge, there were nine families by the name of Prentice there.

The account of Nat. S. P.'s family was given me verbally by himself and his sisters, and by his son Hugh H. Dr. P. says his father or grandfather altered his name, to *tiss*, when in College, to distinguish it from others of the same name. Dr. P.'s hair is white, he is rather tall and stout, with a full



face. He says he is thankful he has been permitted to see so old an age. His Bible is and has been his daily chart; he wants no better commentary than the text, read with attention. And like his class-mate, John Quincy Adams, each time he reads it, finds something new to admire and understand. He thinks that the preservation of the Bible so long, and its being spread before nearly every nation, while most other books have been so short lived, is a great proof of its divine origin, and that God has and will preserve so great a blessing to mankind. Dr. P. has worked hard through life, and his growing infirmities remind him that he has outlived all his early friends. He thinks that he is one of the oldest male Prentices that has lived.

(347) VII. THOMAS PRENTICE,<sup>5</sup> son of Jonas (330) and Mercy, born —, baptised Jan. 19, 1752.\* Died Nov. 6, 1800, of dropsy.\* Married Ruth Symmes, of Woburn. She died March 25, 1797, Æ. 43, of purpureal fever.\* Thomas P. owned the covenant, Oct. 20, 1776. He resided in Cambridge.

Children.†

(384) I. RUTH,<sup>6</sup> b. Oct. 12, 1776, baptised Oct. 21.\* Married Isaac Courdry, of Reading, Aug. 3, 1795.†

(385) II. THOMAS,<sup>6</sup> b. June 27, 1779, baptised July 4.

(386) III. BETSY,<sup>6</sup> b. Dec. 1781, baptised Dec. 8. Married — Breed, of Lynn.

(387) IV. JUDITH SYMMES,<sup>6</sup> b. —, baptised March 21, 1784.\*

(388) V. FANNY,<sup>6</sup> b. —, baptised June 4, 1786 \*

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\* First Church records, Cambridge.

† Town records, Cambridge, except the three last on First Church records.

(389) VI. JOSEPH,<sup>6</sup> b. —, baptised Nov. 15, 1789.\*  
Died Sept. 4, 1802, of dysentery, Æ. 12.\*

(367) VI. JONATHAN COOPER PRENTISS,<sup>6</sup>  
son of Nat. (344) and Abigail, born Dec. 23, 1783. Pub-  
lished April 9, and married Aug. 14, 1812, Mary Whitte-  
more, of Charlestown, Mass. She was baptised, "at her  
own request," Sept. 26, 1813. Jonathan C. P. and his wife  
Mary, were admitted to the "Shepherd" Church, Cambridge,  
July 1, 1827.†

Children.

(390) I. ABIGAIL LOGAN,<sup>7</sup> b. —; bap. — 26, 1813.\*

(391) II. MARY WHITTEMORE,<sup>7</sup> b. —; bap. June 22,  
1817.

(392) III. NATHANIEL,<sup>7</sup> b. —; bap. Aug. 12, 1821.  
A Nat. P.'s office was 43 South Market street, Boston;  
house, Cambridge, 1850; since gone west. J. C. P. follows  
the same trade as his father. He is a very stout man, full  
face, fine health, and resembles his brother, Nat. S. Mr. P.  
resides, 1850, nearly opposite "Porter's" tavern, Cam-  
bridge, and he and Nat., his son, were the only voters of the  
name in Cambridge, 1850.

(369) VIII. JONAS PRENTISS,<sup>6</sup> son of Nat. (344)  
and Abigail, born March 27, 1789. Married Ellen Whitte-  
more, of West Cambridge, (a daughter of the Card Inventor,)  
published Jan. 2, 1807.‡

Children.

(393) I. ELLEN,<sup>7</sup> b. —; bap. Sept. 4, 1808.\*

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\* First Church records, Cambridge.

† Church records.

‡ Cambridge Town records.

(394) II. JONAS WHITTEMORE,<sup>7</sup> b. — ; bap. Nov. 25, 1810.

(395) III. HENRY,<sup>7</sup> b. — ; bap. Sept. 6, 1813.

(67) VIII. NATHANIEL PRENTICE,<sup>8</sup> son of Henry (50) and Mary (Gove)?\* born in Cambridge, Mass. (1696)? Nathaniel, son of Henry, bap. Dec. 11, 1698,† H. U. 1715. “Died in Dunstable, Mass., Feb. 27, 1737, Æ. 40.”‡ Married Mary, daughter of Judge and Major William Tyng, of Nashua, in 1724. Ordained, 1718,|| as “successor,§ in Dunstable, to Rev. Mr. Wells, who was not ordained, but preached as the first minister there.” “He was a man of wit, and a good sermoniser.”¶ “His abode in Dunstable\*\* was during the celebrated exploits in the Indian wars of Lovewell, a principal inhabitant of D.” But little is known of Mr. P.’s history.¶ Mary, wife of Rev. Nat. P., was a courageous and smart woman, and a “good shot;” †† good traits in the Indian wars on the borders. At a shooting match for a gun, she took the gun from her husband’s hands, hit the mark, and won the prize, which has been handed down in the family, and is now, 1851, in possession of William H. Prentice, Esq., Boston. It is a fowling piece, with the original stock. Sarah Tyng, of Dunstable, Spinster, and Mary Prentice, wife to Nat. Prentice, of D., clerk, joined by

\* Cambridge Town records.

† L. R. Paige, City Clerk of Cambridge.

‡ Per Farmer; other accounts say, Feb. 25, 1735 or 37. Also, Feb. 27, 1737, in the 17th year of his ministry.

|| N. H. Repertory says, ordained in 1720.

§ Ward’s History of Shrewsbury.

¶ History of Dunstable.

\*\* Farmer & Moore’s Hist. Col., Concord, N. H., Vol. 2, 1823.

†† Wm. H. Prentice’s account.

THE PRENTICE OR PRENTISS FAMILY.

Nat. P., deed to John Tyng, of Woburn, for £500, their rights by heirship, &c., to their late honored father, Major Wm. T., of Chelmsford, deceased, in a farm of 3900 acres, in D., Feb. 7, 1728. [Middlesex Co. records.] Rev. Lucius R. Paige, Town Clerk, Cambridge, says the Church records of Cambridge say, Nat., son of Henry Prentice, was baptised Dec. 11, 1698. The minister, Nat., of Dunstable, "died Feb. 1737, *Æ.* 40," per one account, but his will is dated Dec. 6, 1736, and presented for probate by his widow, Mary, Executrix, March 24, 1736, probably 1736-7, gives his daughter Mary, sons William Henry and Nathaniel, daughter Lucy and son John, £20 each, when of lawful age to be married, at the rate of 27s. per ounce of silver — all the rest of his property, real and personal, to his wife Mary, "as I had of her 6 or £700, which she let go to pay my debts, and the rest spent in the family to keep us alive; and I think I am in conscience bound to give her an equivalent." Inventory, 27 March, 1738: house, &c., and 25 acres, £500; other, £140, including "negro woman," £80; then follows "other cattle," as cow, heifers, sheep, &c.—total estate, £890 5s. 0d.

Children\* of Rev. Nathaniel and Mary Prentice.

(396) I. MARY,<sup>4</sup> b. Jan. 2, 1725.

(397) II. WILLIAM HENRY,<sup>4</sup> b. Dec. 2, 1726, "Engineer;" died at Littleton, 1797.\*

(398) III. NATHANIEL,<sup>4</sup> b. May 29, 1729. Went to England and died there, single.\* Left considerable property there, which his relations tried to get, but could not. May 1, 1770, Ab'm Watson, Jr., yeoman, of Cambridge, was appointed administrator to Nat. Prentice, late of Dunstable, since employed as an officer in the navy (of England,) "Gentleman," deceased, intestate. Bond £1000. Mansfield Tap

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\* Per Wm. H. Prentice, Boston.

ley, of Cambridge, "currier," and James Prentice, of Charlestown, innholder, sureties.

IV. LUCY,<sup>4\*</sup> b. —.

V. JOHN,<sup>4</sup> b. —.

(397) II. WILLIAM HENRY PRENTICE,<sup>4</sup> Engineer, son of Rev. Nat. (67) and Mary, born in Dunstable, Dec. 2, 1726; died in Littleton, 1797. Married Sarah, daughter of Edward Edes,† the baker, an Englishman, who settled in Boston, Mass., and died, 1805, Æ. 80.

Children.‡

(399) I. SARAH,<sup>5</sup> b. March 30, 1754. Married Paul Hoar, twin brother of Silas H.

(400) II. NATHANIAL,<sup>5</sup> b. Dec. 15, 1755.

(401) III. MARY,<sup>5</sup> b. May 7, 1760. Married first, Archibald McFarland, of Littleton and Lowell. Married second, Silas Hoar.

(402) IV. HENRY,<sup>5</sup> b. April 10, 1762.

(403) V. LUCY,<sup>5</sup> b. March 18, 1764. Married Dr. — Watson.

\* These two children I have added since numbering, Dec. 1851; as Wm. H. P. does not name them, they probably died young.

† Edes resided in the house at the corner of Bennet and Salem streets, Boston, which was supposed to have been built and occupied by Spencer Bennet, who had his name altered to Spencer Phipps, when he was adopted by Lt. Gov. Phipps. The house is now demolished, but a portrait, supposed to be that of S. Phipps, in N. E. Hist. Genealogical Society, Boston, 1849, has a good view of the house, which Mr. Charles Ewer, President of the Society, says he remembers to have seen. Wm. H. Prentice, of Boston, has a good portrait, which resembles this one.

‡ Per Wm. H. Prentice, to whom I am indebted for the account of his branch, from Rev. Nat. P. down.

(404) VI. MARTHA,<sup>5</sup> b. March 20, 1766. Married Ebenezer Adams. She is alive, 1850.

William H. Prentice laid out the first canal in this country, round Pawtucket Falls to Dracut, into Concord river.\*

(400) II. NATHANIEL PRENTICE,<sup>5</sup> "Clothier," son of Wm. H. (397) and Sarah (Edes,) born Dec. 15, 1755, in Boston; died at Peterboro', N. H., March 22, 1825, Æ. 69, 3, 7. He went to New Ipswich, N. H., in 1798, and was the first one in that business there. Married Anna, daughter of Benjamin Hoar, the third settler in New Ipswich, N. H. She was born there, Feb. 25, 1760, and died in Peterboro', Nov. 8, 1824, Æ. 64, 8, 14.

Children.

(405) I. WILLIAM HENRY,<sup>6</sup> b. Jan. 22, 1781. Married Sally Whipple. Residence, Boston.

(406) II. NANCY,<sup>6</sup> b. Feb. 22, 1783. Married Isaac Packard, of Stoughton.

(407) III. POLLY,<sup>6</sup> b. May 12, 1785. Married — Salter; died in 1826.

(408) IV. NATHANIEL,<sup>6</sup> b. April 2, 1787.

(409) V. ALFRED,<sup>6</sup> b. Sept 2, 1789; died Jan. 18, 1790.

(410) VI. JOHN,<sup>6</sup> b. Feb. 18, 1791; died Nov. 21, 1802.

(411) VII. ALFRED,<sup>6</sup> b. May 5, 1793.

(412) VIII. PATTY,<sup>6</sup> b. Sept. 27, 1795. Married — Holbrook. Died April 15, 1838.

(413) IX. SUMNER,<sup>6</sup> b. April 28, 1798; died Sept. 18, 1843.

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\* Per Wm. H. Prentice, Boston.



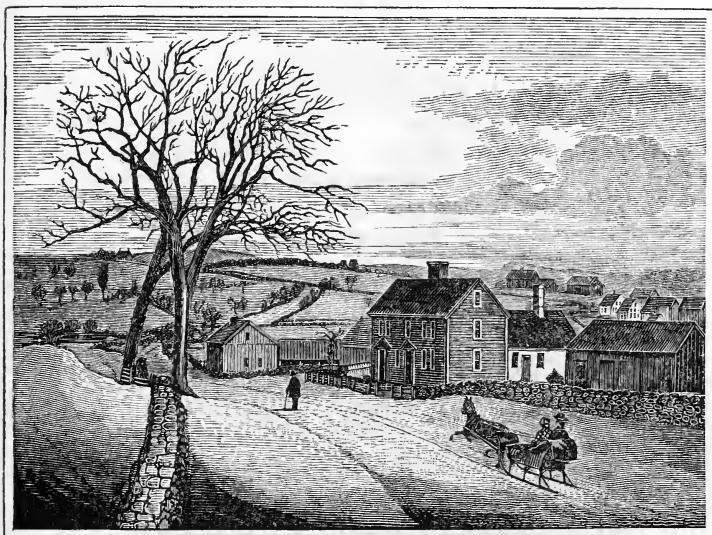


*Tappan & Bradford Lith.*

*M<sup>r</sup> H. D. Brewster*



- (414) X. LONA,<sup>6</sup> b. Sept. 18, 1800. Married —  
Perham. Died June 18, 1846.
- (415) XI. LUCY,<sup>6</sup> b. June 20, 1803 ; died, Aug. 1806.



The old house in New Ipswich, N. H., in which Wm. H. Prentice, of Boston, was born — the old part in the rear, erected in 1700, by Ben. Hoar, Innholder — the front part in 1750.

(405) I. WILLIAM HENRY PRENTICE,<sup>6</sup> son of Nathaniel (400) and Anna, born in New Ipswich, N. H., Jan. 22, 1781 ; came to Boston in 1803. Married Sally Whipple, in Boston, 1804, who was born Nov. 24, 1784, in Boston. Mr. P. is the senior partner of the firm of Wm. H. Prentice & Sons, on Prentice's wharf, Boston, is an extensive and highly respected Coal Dealer.

Children born in Boston.

(417) I. WILLIAM HENRY,<sup>7</sup> b. April 13, 1806 ; farmer, Bristol, Maine.

(418) II. GEORGE WASHINGTON,<sup>7</sup> b. Feb. 22, 1808. Firm of W. H. P. & Sons. Married Lydia Brownell, of Lowell, Mass., Aug. 5, 1845. She was born in L. Oct. 22, 1825. Children. (419) 1, George B.,<sup>8</sup> b. May 29, 1846. (420) 2, Lucy Young,<sup>8</sup> b. Dec. 9, 1849; died July 13, 1850, Æ. seven months.

(421) III. JANE WHIPPLE,<sup>7</sup> b. Aug. 19, 1809.

(422) IV. LUCY YOUNG,<sup>7</sup> b. Dec. 25, 1810; died March 25, 1845.

(423) V. JOHN TYNG,<sup>7</sup> b. June 8, 1812; died July 18, 1819.

(424) VI. SARAH ANN,<sup>7</sup> b. April 6, 1814.

(425) VII. ADALINE,<sup>7</sup> b. Jan. 22, 1816.

(426) VIII. THEODORE,<sup>7</sup> b. Sept. 8, 1817. Firm of W. H. P. & Sons. Married Maria O. C. Wiley, at Lynn, Mass., Nov. 12, 1844. She was born April 9, 1824. Children. (427) 1, Theodore,<sup>8</sup> b. March, 1837.

(428) IX. SUSAN TUTTLE,<sup>7</sup> b. June 8, 1819.

(429) X. MARY YOUNG,<sup>7</sup> b. March 11, 1821.

(430) XI. ANN SOPHIA,<sup>7</sup> b. Nov. 23, 1823.

(431) XII. LAURA WRIGHT,<sup>7</sup> b. June 2, 1826.

(417) I. WILLIAM HENRY PRENTICE,<sup>7</sup> son of William H. (405) and Sally, born in Boston, April 13, 1806; is a farmer, in Bristol, Maine. Married Cynthia Kenna, Boston, Feb. 29, 1828. She was born in Boothbay, Maine, Feb. 8, 1807.

Children.

(432) I. LUCY JANE,<sup>8</sup> b. Dec. 29, 1828, in Boston; died, in Bristol, Nov. 3, 1847.

(433) II. JOHN TYNG,<sup>8</sup> b. Aug. 17, 1830.

(434) III. SARAH ELIZABETH,<sup>8</sup> b. May 22, 1832.

(435) IV. JOSHUA THORP,<sup>8</sup> b. Aug. 14, 1835 ; died, in Boston, Aug. 28, 1836.

(436) V. SOPHIA AUGUSTA,<sup>8</sup> b. April 19, 1837.

(437) VI. GEORGE WASHINGTON,<sup>8</sup> b. Dec. 23, 1828, Boothbay.

(438) VII. SIMON HANDLEY,<sup>8</sup> b. July 23, 1841, Bristol.

(439) VIII. LONA,<sup>8</sup> b. Nov. 4, 1843, Bristol.

(440) IX. MARY ADALINE,<sup>8</sup> b. July 28, 1845, Bristol.

(441) X. WILLIAM HENRY,<sup>8\*</sup> b. June 9, 1848, Bristol.

(60) I. JOHN PRENTICE,<sup>3</sup> son of Henry (50) and Mary (Gove) ? born 6, 1, 1683. Married Mary Smith, Jan. 5, 1704.

Children.†

(442) I. MARY,<sup>4</sup> b. Oct. 8, 1705 ; bap. Oct. 14.‡

(443) II. JOHN,<sup>4</sup> b. July 18, 1708 ; bap. July 20, 1707-8.

(444) III. HENRY,<sup>4</sup> b. April 4, 1711 ; bap. April 16, 1710-11.

(445) IV. SUSANNAH,<sup>4</sup> b. Oct. 20, 1713 ; bap. Oct. 26, 1712-13.

(446) V. ABIGAIL,<sup>4</sup> b. May 24, 1716 ; bap. July 22.

(447) VI. ISHMAEL,<sup>4</sup> } twins, b. Sept. 11, 1718. Smith

(448) VII. SMITH,<sup>4</sup> } bap. March 6, 1725-6. "Smith Prentice married Mary Learned, Oct. 13, 1743. Both of Watertown."||

\* The names Mary, Lucy, Henry or Wm. Henry and John, are in each family, from Rev. Nat. to Wm. H., of 1806.

† Cambridge Town records.

‡ Cambridge First Church records.

|| Watertown records. Reuben Prentice, of Cambridge, "Labourer," will, May 24, 1758, now going into His Majesty's Service,

(449) VIII. LYDIA,<sup>4</sup> b. March 16, 1721-2; bap. April 8, 1722.

(450) IX. REUBEN,<sup>4</sup> b. June 14, 1726; bap. June 19. A Reuben Prentice,\* married Martha Hubbard, March 1, 1757.†

(451) X. TABITHA,<sup>4</sup> b. Oct. 8, 1728; bap. Oct. 14.

(444) III. HENRY PRENTICE,<sup>4</sup> 3d.,\* a cooper, and called "Cooper Henry,"‡ son of John (60) and Mary (Smith)? born April 4, 1711? Lived near Deacon Prentice, Cambridge.‡ Married first, Sarah Hill, Aug. 19, 1735.‖ She died July 8, 1736, Æ. 21, and was daughter of Jacob and Susanna H.§ Married second, — — —.

Children.

(452) I. JACOB,<sup>5</sup> b. July 2, 1736; bap. July 4.‖

(453) II. JOSEPH,<sup>5</sup> b. — — ; bap. April 15, 1739.

(454) III. ABIGAIL,<sup>5</sup> b. — — ; bap. May 25, 1740.

(455) IV. JOHN,<sup>5</sup> b. — — ; bap. Oct. 7, 1744. Attorney General, &c., Londonderry, N. H.

(456) V. JACOB,<sup>5</sup> b. — — ; bap. March 23, 1745.

(457) VI. WILLIAM,<sup>5</sup> b. — — ; bap. Dec. 26, 1746-7; died of dropsy, in Cambridge in 1813, Æ 66.\*

(458) VII. HENRY,<sup>5</sup> b. — — ; bap. Jan. 22, 1748-9.

(459) VIII. SARAH,<sup>5</sup> b. — — ; bap. Oct. 21, 1751. Married Jonas Prentice, (342) son of Jonas and Mercy P.

in the present expedition against Canada — wife Martha, Executrix, presented Oct. 17, 1764, for probate. Inventory £14 8s. 2d. "boots, shoes, and leather apron." Mentions Caleb P.

\* Cambridge Town records.

† Watertown records. See last note on page 91

‡ Per Dr. Nat. S. Prentiss.

‖ First Church records, Cambridge.

§ Harris's Epitaphs.

(58) VII. DEA. HENRY PRENTICE,<sup>3</sup> "Brickmaker," &c., son of Solomon, Sen., (47) and Hepzibah, born in Cambridge, 1693. Will, dated Cambridge, Jan. 20, 1776. Died in Holliston, Oct. 18, 1778,\* in his 85th year, at the house of his son, Rev. Joshua P. Married Elizabeth, daughter of William Rand,† of "Milk Row," Charlestown, near Cambridge, Mass.‡, She died || March 13, 1748, Æ. 52. "Henry Prentice and his wife Elizabeth, owned the covenant Nov. 22, 1718."§ He was deacon of Dr. Nathaniel Appleton's Presbyterian Church, Cambridge, many years, and "removed to his son's, in Holliston, when the revolutionary army occupied Cambridge."¶ In the settlement of his father's estate, he was allowed for four and a half years services, £60 in the "new house," and his share of his father's estate in lands was £92, at Westfield gate, &c.

Children.\*\* All deceased previous to 1815.††

(460) I. JOSHUA,<sup>4</sup> b. April 9, 1719; bap. Nov. 22,§ 1719. The Church records say "Joshua of *Thomas* Prentice, baptised Nov. 22;" this is no doubt meant, "of Henry." He settled as minister in Holliston, Mass.

(461) II. CALEB,<sup>4</sup> b. Feb. 21, 1721-2; bap. Feb. 25.

\* Per Henry J. Prentiss, Boston, 1850, who has a lock of his hair, long, white and fine.

† Capt. Henry Prentiss's memorandums.

‡ Wm. Rand died 1747, and wills his daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Prentice, &c. Dea. Henry is called brickmaker in a deed, 1722.

|| There were two Dea. Henry Prentices in Cambridge at the same time, as Harris's Epitaphs says Elizabeth, wife of Dea. Henry Prentice, died April 7, 1775; or perhaps the above Dea. Henry married a second wife.

§ Cambridge First Church records.

¶ Mrs. Mercy S. Davis's letter, Medfield, April 24, 1850.

\*\* Cambridge Town records.

†† Wm. Prentiss's manuscripts.

(462) III. MARTHA,<sup>4</sup> b. June 27, 1724; bap. June 28. Married John Ware, of Sherburne, Mass.

(463) IV. ELIZABETH,<sup>4</sup> b. Oct. 17, 1727; bap. Oct. 26, 1726-7. Married Rev. Amos Adams.

(464) V. THOMAS,<sup>4\*</sup> b. —; bap. Sept. 30, 1730. Died young.

(465) VI. HEPZIBAH,<sup>4\*</sup> b. —; bap. Jan. 23, 1732. Married Rev. Jacob Foster, who settled at Berwick, Maine, afterwards at Packersfield, Conn. A numerous offspring are settled in New Hampshire and Vermont. One is Jacob, cabinet maker, Charlestown, Mass.

(466) VII. THOMAS,<sup>4</sup> b. —; bap. Oct. 6, 1733-4. †

(467) VIII. NATHAN,<sup>4†</sup> b. April 8, 1738; bap. April 9. Married first, — Spencer; second, — Davis.

(468) IX. SARAH,<sup>4</sup> b. —; bap. Jan. 25, 1741. Sarah Prentice married Charles Hill, Sept. 15, 1757,\* of Brunswick, Maine; afterwards removed. Henry and Prentiss Hill, Charlestown, 1850, grocers, are her descendants.

Henry Prentice owned the Fresh Pond property in Cambridge. A valuable document, written and signed by him, instituting the first prayer meeting, is in possession of Rev. Mr. Albro, of the "Shepherd" Congregational Church, Cambridge, and claimed as Church property. It was once in possession of Henry J. Prentiss, Boston. In his will, dated Cambridge, Jan. 20, 1776, he is called "Husbandman;" witnesses, John and Sarah Stone and Simeon Newton; proved Jan. 5, 1779; he gives his daughter, Martha Ware, £70, with what she before had; to heirs of his daughter, Elizabeth Adams, deceased £40 13s. 4d., and what she before had; to his daughter, Hepzibah Foster, £60, and what she before had; to his daughter, Sarah Hill, £20, and what she before had; to the

\* Wm. Prentiss's manuscripts.

† Camb. First Ch. records.





HOUSE OF REV JOSHUA PRENTISS.

Holliston, Mass.



HOUSE OF REV THOMAS PRENTISS.

Medfield, Mass.



*Thos. Prentiss*



children of son Nathan, deceased, £100, equally to Nathan, Henry and Mehitable, when of age; £228 to children of son Caleb, deceased, viz.: to Caleb the eldest son, £28, Samuel £28, William £28, Henry the youngest £48; to Elizabeth, eldest daughter, £28, less £3 paid her mother; to Lydia the youngest daughter, £48, all to be paid within three years — but as I am bound for various sums of money for my deceased son, (Caleb) if my estate has to pay them, they are to be deducted from the legacies to his children. Son Joshua executor, if he is alive, if not, then his son Henry. After the debts are paid, son Joshua and his heirs have all the rest, real and personal. Dea. Henry Prentice was a tall and very grave looking man, sat in the Deacon's Seats in Church, directly in front of the minister, and in cold weather when he took his hat off in Church, he put on a green woolen cap with a tassel on the top to keep his head warm, it being bald on top. Dr. Nat. S. Prentiss remembers his appearance, and that he always wrote his name *tice*. His house remains in Cambridge, about forty rods from the Washington elm, corner of road to arsenal. [See Appendix L.]

(460) I. JOSHUA PRENTISS,<sup>4\*</sup> son of Deacon Henry (58) and Elizabeth (Rand) born in Cambridge, April 9, 1719.† Graduated, H. U., 1738; ordained minister of Holliston, Mass., May 18, 1743.‡ Married first, Mrs. || Mary Angier, of Cambridge, Nov. 9, 1743, who “died Jan. 4,

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\* William P.'s manuscript says, “Rev. Joshua was the first to alter his name to *tiss*, about the year 1773, and since that, many of the families in New England have changed theirs.”

† Rev. S. H. Merrill's letter to John P., of Keene, N. H.

‡ Topographical History of Holliston, His. Society, Boston, and Cat. H. U., 1848.

|| Cambridge Town records.

1754, Æ. 35."\* Married second, Margaret, daughter of Rev. Dr. Nat. Appleton, of Cambridge, Jan. 9, 1755. Married third, Mary Hayley, Jan. 9, 1770,† who died in Holliston, May 21, 1804, Æ. 81.‡ Rev. Joshua P. was pastor in H. 34 or 42|| years,§ and died there at 4½ P. M., April 24, 1788, Æ. 70.¶ This makes his pastorship near 45 years.

Children by first wife.

(469) I. JOSHUA,<sup>5</sup> b. Sept. 9, 1744. Merchant, settled in Marblehead.

(470) II. THOMAS,<sup>5</sup> b. Oct. 27, 1747, minister, Medfield.

(471) III. HENRY,<sup>5</sup> b. March 7, 1749. Married Ruth Freeman. (His Bible record.)

(472) IV. MARY,<sup>5</sup> b. Nov. 9, 1752. Died at the age of 9 months.

(473) V. MARY,<sup>5</sup> b. —, 1753; died Aug. 30, 1759, Æ. 6 years.

By second wife.

(474) VI. APPLETON,<sup>5</sup> b. —, 1756; died June 16, 1758, Æ. 2 years, 5 months.\*

(475) VII. MARGARET,<sup>5</sup> b. —. Married Rev. Timothy Dickinson, of Holliston; had four sons and three daughters; three survive, 1850: Joshua P., M. D., Bangor, Me.;

\* Capt. Henry P.'s memorandums.

† Cambridge Town records.

‡ Columbian Sentinel, Boston, 1804.

|| Mrs. Mercy S. Davis's letter, Medfield, 1850.

§ Topographical Hist. Holliston, His. Society, Boston, and Col. H. U., 1848.

¶ Henry J. Prentiss, Boston.

Irene, wife of H. J. Wood, Barre, Mass., and Esther, of Holliston, Mass.

(476) VIII. ELIZABETH,<sup>5</sup> b. —, 1763. Single, Holliston; religious and benevolent; \* died in Holliston, Dec. 13, 1835, Æ. 72.

(477) IX. APPLETON,<sup>5</sup> b. —, 1761. Married Silence Conant.

No children by third wife.

The will of Joshua Prentiss, "Clerk," of Holliston, March 22, 1786, gives to wife Mary, one-third of houses, &c., and lands in Holliston, and stock, and to have out-door movables and all the furniture she brought, and that was her mother's; and in one year £13 6s. 8d. To daughters Margaret and Elizabeth, equal parts of the other two-thirds of above-named in Holliston, and furniture and in-door movables, wearing apparel, &c., that was their mother's, except plate, and all plate not appropriated by marks to be equally divided to them and their brother Appleton, except one of the old *silver cans* to daughter Elizabeth; and use of the other, and one large porringer and four teaspoons to my wife, for life; then to my two daughters—the can, and porringer, and spoons to my three eldest sons. After wife's death, all her use lands, furniture, &c., to his two daughters, and to have paid them same as wife, £13 6s. 8d., in two years from my decease. To son Joshua, in three years, £150, and son Thomas, in two years, £100; rest furniture, &c., not mentioned, to wife and daughters. After wife's death, to three oldest sons; and my wearing apparel to sons Henry and Appleton. My farm at Cambridge and all the rest of my property not disposed of, to their two equal parts, and they to

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\* William P.'s manuscripts.

be joint executors. Mrs. M. S. Davis sent me to examine a coat of arms; it was worked in satin by Mrs. Margaret Appleton, now owned by Miss Esther Dickinson, her cousin. Crest, a vizer closed, over it a ring *ar* with three mitres (?) crossed *sa*, shield, *ar*, with three battle axes *sa*; motto — “Deus Tutamini est Nobis,” which they think was the Prentiss arms.

(461) II. CALEB PRENTICE,<sup>4</sup> “yeoman,” son of Dea. Henry (58) and Elizabeth, (Rand) born Feb. 21, 1721–2, bap. Feb. 25, 1722;\* died in Cambridge Nov. 19, 1772, Æ. 52.† Married first, Lydia, daughter of Dea. Samuel Whittemore, of Cambridge, Sept. 17, 1744.‡

Children.‡

(478) I. CALEB,<sup>5</sup> b. April 17, 1745; died Aug. 14, 1745.

(479) II. CALEB,<sup>5</sup> b. Nov. 14, 1746; bap. Nov. 16; minister, Reading, Mass.

(480) III. ELIZABETH,<sup>5</sup> b. Sept. 24, 1748. Married Benaiah Davenport, Oct. 4, 1769; left one daughter, Elizabeth; deceased after 1776.

(481) IV. SAMUEL,<sup>5</sup> b. Feb., 1749–50; bap. Feb. 11; died young.

(482) V. SAMUEL,<sup>5</sup> b. May 26, 1753; bap. May 27. Married Rebecca —; settled in Gorham, Me.

(483) VI. WILLIAM,<sup>5</sup>|| b. Dec. 1, 1754; bap. Dec. 8. Had three wives. Died in Lexington, Ky.

\* First Church records, Cambridge.

† Wm. P.'s manuscripts and grave stone, Cambridge.

‡ Cambridge Town records.

|| This Wm. P. was the compiler of the Wm. P. manuscripts referred to previously.

(484) VII. HENRY,<sup>5</sup> b. Feb. 4, 1757; bap. Feb. 6. Abraham Watson, Jr., was guardian to Henry P., son of Caleb P., June 8, 1773; Caleb P. of Reading, Clerk, surety.

(485) VIII. LYDIA,<sup>5</sup> b. Jan. 27, 1759; bap. Jan. 28. Married Sargent Smith, of Gloucester, Mass., and died, 1786 to 1788. Left one daughter, who died, Æ. 14.

(486) IX. HENRY,<sup>5\*</sup> b. Dec. —, 1759; bap. Dec. 30; "Saddler," died single, 1794.

Caleb married for second wife, widow Rebecca Rockwell, Dec. 20, 1768, of Milk Row, Charlestown, now Somerville, Mass., whose name was Kent. She survived Caleb from 1772 to 1807, upwards of thirty-five years. His son Caleb, for his third wife, married her daughter, Rebecca Rockwell. Caleb P. altered his name from *tice* to *tiss*. Miss Ellen Frothingham, of Belfast, Maine, has an obituary notice of Caleb Prentiss and wife Rebecca. His will is dated Jan. 14, 1770, and presented for probate, Dec. 11, 1772, gives legacies, &c., to children, rest to William and Henry — Samuel's education at college to be paid. Inventory, £1541 14s. 8d., including "Shoemakers shop," and "potash works." Rev. Caleb, Executor. His dresses were a "Cinnamon colored coat, Bear skin coat, old flowered Jackcoat, Leather breeches, Kersy G. coat, Banyan, 2 old wigs," &c.

(462) III. MARTHA PRENTICE,<sup>4</sup> daughter of Dea. Henry (58) and Elizabeth, born in Cambridge, June 27, 1724; died in Sherburne, about 1805. Married, June 16, 1743, John Ware, "a respectable farmer,† of Sherburne, Mass." A numerous offspring settled in Sherburne, Newton,

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\* Henry was apprenticed to Nathaniel Prentice, Cambridge, Saddler.

† Wm. Prentice's manuscripts.

Farmington, &c. Children. 1, Joseph, of Sherburne. 2, John, paper manufacturer, Newton. 3, Benjamin, of Sherburne. 4, Henry, D. D., Cambridge, Professor of Theology in Harvard University, left a large and educated family, one of whom is the talented and skillful John Ware, M. D., Boston. Several of the sons were clergymen, all eminent in their callings. Mrs. Putnam, wife of Rev. Dr. P., of Roxbury, is a daughter. 5, Azariah, of Sherburne and Mason, died in Barre, Mass. Joseph, John, and Benjamin, are on the "Lexington alarm list,"\* who "turned out" April 19, 1775. "John Ware and his brother-in-law, Holbrook, were in range together at the battle of 'White Plains;' a chain shot killed Holbrook and took off an arm of John. Benjamin was also wounded by a grape shot, in crossing the neck, at the battle of Bunker Hill."† Wm. P.'s manuscript says "Aunt Ware, in Oct. 1804, had 101 offspring, of whom 80 were then living."

(463) IV. ELIZABETH PRENTICE,<sup>4</sup> daughter of Dea. Henry (58) and Elizabeth, born Oct. 17, 1727. Married Rev. Amos Adams, Oct. 18, 1753, who settled in Roxbury. She died before Jan. 20, 1776. Children. 1, Elizabeth, married Rev. John Ballard, of Pepperell, Mass.; had a large family. 2, Sarah, married Mr. Giles Richards, Dedham, Mass.; their daughter, Sarah, was the first wife of Amos Lawrence, Esq., and their daughter, Mary, married John R. Adan, Esq., Counsellor, Boston. 3, Joseph, married —, and settled in Litchfield, Conn. An obituary notice, in the Boston Gazette, Oct. 16, 1775, says, "Died, last Thursday night, after a short illness, in Dorchester, Rev. Amos Adams, pastor of the First Church of Christ, in Rox-

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\* Original lists, in State House, Boston.

† Per Charles E. Ware, M. D., Boston, brother to Dr. John.

bury, Æ. 48, and in the twenty-third of his ministry. His family, as well as his Church and people, now driven into various parts of the country, refuse to be comforted." By this, it appears, that the Church in Roxbury was scattered by the revolutionary war, as well as the Church of Rev. Thomas Prentice, of Charlestown.

(467) VIII. NATHAN PRENTICE,<sup>4</sup> son of Dea. Henry (58) and Elizabeth, born April 8, 1738;\* Harvard University, 1756; died in Cambridge, July 29, 1769, Æ. 34? † Married Mehittable Spencer, of Berwick, Me., afterwards widow Davis, of Boston. ‡ N. P. settled as a trader in Berwick, but removed to, and died in Cambridge, Mass.

Children.

(487) I. WILLIAM,<sup>5</sup> b. —; died young, in Cambridge.

(488) II. MEHITTABLE,<sup>5</sup> b. —; died young, in Cambridge.

(489) III. HENRY,<sup>5</sup> } twins, b. July 25, 1767, in Ber-

(490) IV. NATHAN,<sup>5</sup> } wick. Henry, blacksmith, went to Princeton, 1787; ‡ died in Hubbardston, Mass. || Nathan, cabinet maker, lived in Petersham, Mass.; one child now in Cohasset, N. Y. Rev. Joshua P., of Holliston, guardian to Henry and Nathan P., April 14, 1779.

(491) V. MEHITTABLE,<sup>5</sup> b. —; bap. June 4, 1769. § Married Joseph Fosdick, sailmaker, Boston; he died 1820. She is alive, 1849, aged 80. ¶ Has eight children — Nat., Henry, Charlotte, Augusta, Julia, Ann, who married Frede-

\* Cambridge Town records.

† Harris's Epitaphs. An error.

‡ Letter of Henry P., of Hubbardston, June, 1850.

|| Mrs. Mercy S. Davis's letter, Medfield, April, 1850.

§ Cambridge First Church records.

¶ John Prentiss's letter, Keene, N. H., July 30, 1849.

rick Hayden, of Lincoln, Mass., and Elizabeth, who married Charles T. Murdock, of Cambridge.

(469) I. JOSHUA PRENTISS,<sup>5</sup> son of Rev. Joshua (460) and Mary, of Holliston, born Sept. 9, 1744, O. S.; died in Marblehead, June 22, 1837, Æ. 92, 9, 24.† Married first, Grace Bubier, of Marblehead. She died in M., Oct. 1789,\* Æ. 46. Married second, widow Dolly Jean, of M. Mr. P. was a merchant in Marblehead, sold out for Continental money, which depreciated, and he lost the whole. He moved to Marblehead in 1762, where he was a merchant and owner of fishing vessels. Served, as lieutenant, eight months, in Cambridge, in Capt. John Merritt's company from Marblehead, in the revolutionary army, for which he had a pension. Was the Surveyor and Inspector of the port of Marblehead from the establishment of the office, (commissioned in 1804,) and for twenty-five years, until 1829, when old age prevented his attention to its duties. Representative to Massachusetts Legislature in 1810.‡ Was Town Clerk over thirty years. During the revolutionary war he removed his family from Marblehead to Andover, Mass., for safety. Mr. P. was of a lively disposition, full of joke and fun — and was highly respected. Among his papers, in possession of his son, Caleb P., of Danvers, was found, dated Feb. 12, 1773, his Commission as a Lieutenant in a military Company of Foot, in Marblehead, under command of Capt. Thomas Pedrick, issued by Thomas Hutchinson, Governor-in-Chief of the Province of Massachusetts Bay, with the Seal of England, 13th of Geo. III. attached; and his Commission, 1804, as Surveyor and Inspector of Marblehead, by Thomas Jefferson, President, one of renewal, in 1821, by President Monroe, and also

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\* Mass. Mag. 1789.

† Caleb Prentiss's record.

‡ And for several years.





Joshua Prentiss



one of renewal, in 1829, by President Jackson ;— also his Commission as Justice of the Peace for the County of Essex, by Caleb Strong, Governor of Massachusetts, 1802 ; again, 1816 ; renewed by Gov. Brooks, 1823 ; again by Gov. Lincoln, 1830.

Children,\* all by Grace.

(492) I. JOSHUA,<sup>6</sup> b. Sept. 14, 1766, 10 A. M., — a sea captain from Marblehead, Boston, and New York ; died at sea, near New York, in 1833, on his passage home.

(493) II. MARY,<sup>6</sup> b. Jan. or July\* 14, 1768, 1 P. M. Married Capt. Thomas Haskell of Marblehead. She died in Lynn Nov. 17, 1839. He survives (1852) — had three sons and three daughters.

(494) III. JOHN BUBIER,<sup>6</sup> b. March 14, 1770, 11 P. M. Sea captain ; died in West Indies, 1817.

(495) IV. HENRY,<sup>6</sup> b. Jan. 17, 1772, 9 P. M. Merchant, Marblehead ; died Sept. 30, 1813.

(496) V. MARGARET,<sup>6</sup> b. Jan. 17, 1774, 1 P. M. Married William and Joseph Ingalls, brothers. Joseph had three daughters and one son. She is alive in Marblehead, 1852.

(497) VI. ABIGAIL BIGELOW,<sup>6</sup> b. in Andover, Mass., Mar. 12, 1776 ; died in Medfield, Nov. 9, 1851. Married Capt. Edmund Lewis, of Marblehead, who was born Feb. 11, 1772, and died in New Orleans Oct. 28, 1820. Children — 1 Edmund, b. March 25, 1793 ; lost at sea in 1810. 2 Joshua, b. Sept. 26, 1795 ; died Sept. 23, 1796. 3 Joshua, b. Jan. 31, 1797 ; died at sea in 1823. 4 John, b. Feb. 25, 1799. Married Mary Haskell ; has three sons and one daughter. She died Dec. 1, 1851. 5 Abigail, b. Dec. 7, 1800 ; died

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\* Town Clerk of Marblehead. Marblehead Town records, and family record of Caleb, of Danvers.

Oct. 3, 1801. 6 Prentiss, b. Oct. 26, 1802 ; died Feb. 23, 1803. 7 Philip Bessom, b. Jan. 25, 1804. Married first, Maria Bonney, of New Bedford ; married second, —. 8 Abigail, b. June 22, 1805. Married July 4, 1829, George Cummings, formerly of Cambridge, where he was chosen Alderman for several successive years, and to other important offices ; now resides in Lancaster. Mr. C. was very successful as a merchant in Boston, and has retired from business with a competency, which he bestows with a liberal hand on his less fortunate friends. 9 Henry Prentiss, b. June 21, 1807. Married June 10, 1830, Ann Chaffin, of Buckfield, Me. Has one son and two daughters. 10 William R., b. May 16, 1809 ; died young. 11 Harriet E., b. May 9, 1813. Married May 2, 1837, William Chenery, of Medfield, Mass. Has one son. 12 William E., 13 Tabitha R, (twins) b. Aug. 14, 1815. William was instantly killed by falling from aloft, at sea, March 14, 1842. Tabitha married David Simpson, formerly of Stratham, N. H., now of Roxbury, Mass. Has six daughters and one son. 14 Charlotte C., b. May 6, 1819. Married Horatio Simpson, brother to David ; resides in Roxbury. Has two sons and three daughters—two sons deceased.

(498) VII. GRACE,<sup>6</sup> b. Feb. 27, 1778, 8 A. M. Married Thomas Calley ; removed to Carthage, Ill. She died Aug. 9, 1843 ; had three sons and three daughters, all dead.

(499) VIII. RUTH,<sup>6</sup> b. Aug. 16, 1779, 11 P. M. ; died in Marblehead Sept. 13, 1781.

(500) IX. THOMAS,<sup>6</sup> b. Aug. 25, 1780, 4½ P. M. ; sea captain, Providence, R. I.

(501) X. CHRISTOPHER,<sup>6</sup> b. Aug. 11, 1782, 5½ P. M. ; died July 24, 1783, in Marblehead.

(502) XI. CHRISTOPHER,<sup>6</sup> b. Dec. 9, 1783, 10½ A. M. ; removed to Baltimore. Deceased.

(503) XII. CALEB,<sup>6</sup> b. Jan. 31, 1786, 10½ A. M. ;

resides in Danvers, (1852) the only male survivor of the family.

(504) XIII. RUTH FREEMAN,<sup>6</sup> b. Oct. 10, 1789, 7 A. M.; died in Marblehead Sept. 16, 1790.

Most of the children lived in Marblehead, and had numerous descendants.

(470) II. THOMAS PRENTISS,<sup>5</sup> son of Rev. Joshua (460) and Mary (Angier) of Holliston, born in Holliston, Oct. 27, 1747, H. U. 1766, D. D. 1808; died in Medfield, Mass., Feb. 28, 1814, Æ. 67, in the 44th year of his ministry there,\* where his name is ever mentioned with respect. He studied at the grammar school in Cambridge, Mass., for which purpose he was sent to reside at his paternal grandfather's\*; studied theology with his father, in Holliston. "Thomas Prentice, a student at Holliston, admitted to Rev. Thomas Prentice's church, Charlestown, Mass., Sept. 25, 1768." Taught school one year in Berwick, Me., in 1766; began to preach July, 1769, ordained pastor of the church in Medfield, Oct. 30, 1770,† at the age of 23. Previous to the call of Rev. Thomas Prentice to settle in Medfield, a *Town* meeting was called April 3, 1770. After religious services, a committee was raised to unite with the church. Afterwards £160 was voted him as "encouragement," and a salary of £71 9s. 4d. per year. His original letter of acceptance is dated Aug. 26, 1770, and is preserved. Married first, Abigail Bigelow of Weston, Oct. 31, 1771, who died Nov. 2, 1786,\* by whom he had no children. Married

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\* Mrs. Davis's letter.

† A Sermon at the Ordination of Rev. Pitt Clark, at Norton, July 3, 1793, by Rev. Thomas Prentiss, is in the Hist. Society's Collections, Boston.

second, Feb. 9, 1789,\* Mary, daughter of Dr. John Scollay, † of Boston. She died Sept. 23, 1841, Æ. 82.

Children.

(505) I. MARY,<sup>6</sup> b. April 18, 1790. Married Rev. Rufus Hurlbut, of Sudbury, Dec. 17, 1817, who died June, 1838; she died July 14, 1849, Æ. 59. [See obituary, &c. Appendix E.] Left five sons and one daughter, who survive: Thomas, Mary Scollay, Wm. Rufus, Stephen Henry, John Luther, James Douglass. Her daughter, Mary Scollay, has since died.

(506) II. ABIGAIL,<sup>6</sup> b. May 19, 1791. Married Jeremiah Baker, of West Dedham, 1822; died Oct. 3, 1848, Æ. 57; had three children; one son and one daughter survive: Francis Whiting and Mary Elizabeth.

(507) III. THOMAS,<sup>6</sup> b. Jan. 11, 1793, H. U. 1811. Settled as minister of 2d Congregational Church and Society in Charlestown, Mass., March 26, 1817; died Oct. 5, 1817, Æ. 25, six months after his settlement there. A sermon by Henry Ware, minister of Second Church in Boston, on the occasion was published, in which he is spoken of as possessing fine talents. He was engaged to Amelia, daughter of Hon. Abraham Bigelow. She mourned him twenty years, and then married Dr. George C. Shattuck, of Boston. Rev. Thos. Prentiss previously preached as a candidate in Leominster. In Rev. Mr. Walker's address on leaving his Society in L., July 11, 1839, and a note in Rev. R. L. Stebbins's discourse at Leominster, is this reference to Rev. Thomas Prentiss: — "To a sound mind and singular amenity of tem-

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\* Mass. Magazine, 1789.

† "Mr. Scollay was Town Clerk of Boston over 40 years, and for several years the first civil officer."

per, he united a devotedness to his profession, which makes it as certain as anything of this nature can be, that if he had lived, he would soon have gathered around him a large and prosperous congregation. He was there but little over six months. After a distressing illness of little over eleven days, contracted as supposed by the over assiduous discharge of his professional duties," he departed this life Sunday morning, 5th Oct., 1817.

(508) IV. ELIZABETH,<sup>6</sup> b. Oct. 7, 1795.\* Married Israel Trask, merchant, of Beverly, Mass., July 7, 1835; has one daughter, Catherine Prentiss, b. June 29, 1836.

(509) V. CATHARINE,<sup>6</sup> b. May 22, 1796. Married Dr. Thomas Stearns, of Sudbury, Sept. 30, 1828; died Jan. 30, 1833; had two children, Catherine Prentiss, b. May 15, 1830, died 1831, and Francis, b. Feb. 14, 1832.

(510) VI. HENRY,<sup>6</sup> b. Feb. 26, 1798, H. U., 1817, M. D. Settled as physician at Gloucester, Mass. Married Caroline H., daughter of Daniel Staniford, A. M., Boston, June 18, 1825. Dr. P. died in Gloucester, Oct. 13, 1839, Æ. 41. Children living 1852. (511) 1, Henry. (512) 2, Mary. (513) 3, Thomas Melville, clerk with Jas. Vila & Co., Boston, 1852. Mrs. P. resides in Roxbury, Mass.

(514) VII. JOHN,<sup>6</sup> b. Aug. 10, 1799, H. U., 1818. Studied for the ministry, but ill health prevented his preaching. Settled at Baltimore. Married Amelia F. Kennedy of Baltimore. John P. was President of Baltimore College. He now resides at his place, "Medfield," near Baltimore, where he prepares lads for College. Children. (515) 1, Thos. Melville, now with James Lefferts & Co., New York. (516) 2,—a physician in Baltimore. (517) (518) (519) —three daughters deceased. The account of this family is

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\* Another account says Elizabeth was born in 1794.

very imperfect. We hope to supply the deficiency in the Appendix to this work.

(520) VIII. MERCY S.,<sup>6</sup>\* b. Nov. 10, 1800. Married G. Davis; resides in Medfield, Mass. Children. William Prentiss, b. April, 1843; died Sept., 1846. Mary Catherine, b. Feb., 1846.

(521) IX. WILLIAM,<sup>6</sup>† b. July 31, 1805, H. U. 1825. Teacher. Studied law in Baltimore from 1829 to 1832; died in Boston, April 25, 1834. [See his obituary notice by Seth, son of Fisher Ames, Appendix F.]

A long notice of Dr. P. from a funeral discourse by Joshua Bates, A. M., of Dedham, gives an excellent character of him, and says:—“He was active in his attempts to promote the spiritual good and eternal salvation of his fellow-men. In this cause, he devoted his zeal and spent his strength.” In the full exercise of his reason, and sensible of his approaching dissolution, he was calm, submissive, and full of hope. He said, “I have viewed this as my closing sickness, from its commencement.” Being asked if he felt reconciled to the will of God, and supported by the promises of the gospel, he answered “Yes;” and after a short pause added, “If the question of life or death were submitted to me for decision, I should say that there are many things which would seem to

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\* I am indebted to Mrs. Davis for much information of her branch, and she refers to a genealogy of the family that Mrs. Irene Woods of Barre, daughter of Rev. Timothy Dickinson and wife Margaret Prentiss, collected for herself. Mrs. D. adds, “I am very glad that those who have a record on high, and in the heart of hearts of those who remain below, are to be kept in remembrance in the way you propose.”

† A Wm. Prentiss, of Baltimore, in 1800, and a Wm. Prentiss, of Petersburg, Va., were subscribers to Rowlett's Interest Tables. (List of subscribers in it.)



render the continuance of my life desirable; but it is not a question for me to decide. I know not what is best; I give myself no anxiety on the subject; the Judge of all the earth will do right; I have perfect confidence in Him, and willingly leave the decision with Him." Mr. Bates adds, if I believe any of the fallen race of Adam ever attained to a state of perfect holiness below the heavens, I should have believed that our deceased friend was one of the highly privileged number.

——— "For smitten friends

Are angels, sent on errands full of love;

For us they languish, and for us they die,

And shall they languish, shall they die in vain?"

Mrs. Davis writes, that Rev. Dr P., her father, owing to the insufficiency of his salary, of £70, to support his family, adopted a very simple style of living, and usually had from four to six lads in his family to fit for college; among them were the late Jonathan Mason, and John G. Rogers, Esq.; two sons of D. S. Greenough were there at the time of his death; several from New York, the Carolinas, &c., of whom one was James Hamilton, Esq., late Governor of South Carolina. He was a member of the Massachusetts Humane Society, in 1810; the Massachusetts Congregational Charitable Society; the Society for Propagating the Gospel among the Indians, and others, in North America; and the Massachusetts Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge — of the last, a Director for several, and Vice President for two or three years. Fifteen printed discourses of his are mentioned in Mr. Bates's published discourse. Mrs. Samuel Phipps informs me that Rev. Dr. P.'s hair, in his old age, was white as snow, which he wore in long, natural curls on his shoulders, while the hair of his widow, at her death, at the age of eighty-two, was jet black. No portrait of him is known, ex-

cept a rough profile, sketched with a pencil by one of his children.

(471) III. HENRY PRENTISS,<sup>5</sup> son of Rev. Joshua (460) and Mary, born March 7, 1749, in Holliston, Mass. ; died in Medfield, August 31, 1821, in the 73d year of his age. His remains were deposited in King's Chapel burial ground, Boston. Married, by Rev. Dr. Cooper, to Ruth, daughter of Capt. Jonathan Freeman, Sept. 11, 1775.\* She was born Nov. 24, 1754 ; died Jan. 6, 1800, † Æ. 45. Mr. Prentiss was a Captain in the Revolutionary Army all the war. His name is on the Revolutionary Rolls, at the State House, Boston, from 1775 to 1780. Was at Cambridge, Long Island, and crossed the Delaware at Trenton. He was a prominent man in Boston — Selectman and Overseer of the Poor, March, 1784 ; ‡ member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, 1786 ; one of the memorable "Tea Party," in 1773 ; and once a sea captain. Was a prosperous merchant in Boston, in 1790, of firm of Prentiss & Skinner. Mr. Skinner was an Englishman, and took advantage of his confidence to defraud him of his property. He resided afterwards for several years, and until his death, with his friends in Medfield, except about a year in Marblehead. He lived, when in Boston, in a stone house he built, said to have been one of the first stone houses built in Boston, near the head of Hanover street, south side, (now the site of White's Bonnet Saloon, 1852,) and was at one time quite wealthy. Henry and his brother Appleton, were both merchants in Boston, and probably together previous to 1790. They were the first ones who introduced the art of printing calico in New England, a coarse blue and red article, on India

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\* Boston Gazette, Oct. 16, 1775, by Benj. Edes, Watertown.

† Cambridge First Church records.

‡ Newspaper.



*Henry Prentiss*



cotton, a specimen of which was given me by H. J. Prentiss, Boston, cut from a quilt made by Appleton P.'s sister over fifty years ago. A specimen of it was exhibited by Abbot Lawrence, Esq., at the large Fair and exhibition in Washington, a few years since, as a contrast to the prints of the present day. It is now in the Patent Office, Washington. Their print shop was at the corner of Butolph street, Boston, and is now standing. He resided also, and spent his leisure in horticulture, at the beautiful Fresh Pond estate, formerly belonging to Dea. Henry P., which he and Appleton bought. He afterwards bought out Appleton's part of it. A blue and gilt china pitcher, with the inscription, "Success to Henry Prentiss and his Employ, 1789," in gilt letters, was ordered by his crew, and presented by them to him as a token of respect, in Liverpool. A good portrait of him, taken in 1791, in the peculiar costume of that day — said to have been painted by a fellow collegian — is in possession of his daughter, Miss Eliza F. Prentiss, Cambridge, the only survivor of the family. The following anecdote is related of him : — While at Fresh Pond, he lost many melons by the students at college. One year, when near ripe, he inserted in them a strong dose of tartar emetic. Soon after, the melons went again. The next day an express from the college requested his presence, as many of the students were very sick, and as he was acquainted with diseases, they wished him to come. He asked the messenger what the symptoms were. "They were exhausted by constant throwing," &c. He asked if they threw up any melon seeds ! He went to see the sick, told them the melons were of a peculiar unwholesome kind, the seed steeped in a West India poison, and they were raised for *thieves*. He gave them medicine, but told the faculty of the cause. After that, he had plenty of melons. The old clock, in the old Henry Prentice house, in Cambridge, mentioned in Appendix L., Miss Bartlett says, belonged to this Henry

Prentiss, and came through his wife, Freeman, whose mother was first, Hatch, second, Freeman, third Stone; when the latter died, Henry's wife had the clock of her mother, Freeman. It was purchased by Mr. Bates at the sale of Capt. Henry P.'s effects.

Children.

(522) I. ELIZA FREEMAN,<sup>6</sup> b. Jan. 8, 1781.\* Member of the "Shepherd" Church, 1801.† Single, resides 1852, with the Misses Bartlett, in Cambridge. She has been an invalid for several years, and is confined to her room. Her friend and medical attendant is Dr. George C. Shattuck, Boston.

(523) II. SUSAN,<sup>6</sup> b. Sept. 3, 1785, bap. Sept. 4,\* admitted a member of the Shepherd Church, Cambridge, April 29, 1804. Her name is spelt *tice*.† She died, Aug. 21, 1807, Æ. 22.‡

(477) IX. APPLETON PRENTISS,<sup>5</sup> son of Rev. Joshua, (460) of Holliston, and Margaret, (Appleton) born about 1761. H. U. 1781. Died April 17, 1821,|| or 1822, Æ. 60.§ Married Silence Conant, June 14, 1785, daughter of Col. C. of Boston, a Colonel in the Revolutionary Army. She died Thursday, March 5, 1829, Æ. 66, at

\* Brattle Street Church records, Boston, and Henry P.'s Bible record.

† The Shepherd Congregational Church records of Rev. Mr. Albro, Cambridge.

‡ Much of the account of Capt. Henry and family is from Henry J. P., of Boston, who has the Cornelian Seal of Capt. P., a Dove with a branch in his mouth. It is now set in a Pin.

|| Per Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Woods, and Mr. J. A. Prentiss.

§ Catalogue H. U.

Mr. Prouty's, her son in law.\* A. P. was once a wealthy merchant in Boston. He lived in Roxbury after Dr. N. S. Prentiss moved there in 1801. Removed to Holliston in 1812.† In a tax on wheel carriages in 1798, Appleton Prentiss is taxed in Medfield.

Children.

(524) I. EMILY,<sup>6</sup> b. May 12, 1786. Married Dr. Holbrook, of Charleston, S. C., where he lived 1850; he previously married her sister Maria.

(525) II. NATHANIEL APPLETON,<sup>6</sup> b. Sept. 2, 1787, bap. Sept. 9.‡

(526) III. CAROLINE,<sup>6</sup> } twins, b. Jan. 30, 1789, bap.

(527) IV. MARIA,<sup>6</sup> } Feb. 8. || Caroline went to Charleston, S. C., and died there Sept. 12, 1819. Maria married Dr. Holbrook,§ of Charleston, S. C., 1809. She was his first wife, and died June 11, 1820.

(528) V. POLLY CONANT,<sup>6</sup> b. Sept. 2, 1790, bap. Sept. 12. Married Jonas Prouty, of Boston. Deceased June 20, 1831.

(529) VI. CHARLOTTE,<sup>6</sup> b. May 14, 1792, bap. June 11. Married George Clark, 1821; deceased. She resides, 1852, in Boston or Roxbury.

(530) VII. ELLEN,<sup>6</sup> b. Jan. 18, 1794, bap. Feb. 3. Deceased Aug. 29, 1795.

\* "From the late dwelling of Mr. James Prentiss, Temple St., Boston." — [Columbian Centinel, Saturday, March 7, 1829.] Mr. H. J. Prentiss says this is an error; it was Mr. Jonas Prouty's house. I also learn that Appleton P. had a coat of arms from his aunt, Elizabeth P., of Holliston.

† Per Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Woods, and Mr. J. A. P.

‡ Brattle Street Church records.

|| These baptisms are from Brattle Street Church records.

§ Dr. Holbrook went from Sherburne to Charleston, S. C.

(531) VIII. HELEN,<sup>6</sup> b. Sept. 1, 1795, bap. Sept. 6. Deceased Sept. 9, 1813.

(532) IX. WM. CONANT,<sup>6</sup> b. Sept. 13, 1797, bap. Oct. 1. A painter. Residence Northampton, Mass. Married A. Sanford.

(533) X. MARY ANN,<sup>6</sup> b. April 29, 1799. Died Jan. 19, 1815.

(534) XI. HENRY,<sup>6</sup> b. June 25, 1801, bap. July 25. Music Store, Court Street, Boston, 1852.

(535) XII. SARAH,<sup>6</sup> b. Jan. 29, 1803. Married, 1821, Orpheus Holmes, formerly firm of Bixby, Valentine, & Co., Boston, now on Long Wharf. She died March 27, 1829.

(536) XIII. FRANCIS,<sup>6</sup> b. Sept. 14, 1805. Hardware merchant, Boston. Sailed in Schooner Atlantic for Texas; the vessel was lost with all on board, Sept. 1844. Some boxes, &c., were found afloat.

(525) II. NATHANIEL APPLETON PRENTISS,<sup>6</sup> son of Appleton (477) and Silence, born —, 1787, bap. Sept. 9. Married first, Eliza Cobb Paine, daughter of R. T. P. of Boston, June 10, 1822. She died. Married second, Abby Welch Payson, daughter of Samuel P. Esq., of Charlestown, April 16, 1836. Mrs. Eliza C. P. Prentiss and five children died in 1834, in Boston and Charlestown, all within eight and a half months, of a species of Marasmus.

Children by first wife, who survived.

(537) I. MARY ANN PAINE,<sup>7</sup> b. Feb. 20, 1824. Married, about 1843, Rev. Erastus B. Clagget, who settled in Lyndeboro', N. H.; has a family. R. T. Paine, Boston, was her guardian till 1845, when she became of age, and came in possession of a small property.\*

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\* Received of Elisha Clapp's Estate.







*Caleb Brentiss*

By second wife, had

(538) II. SAMUEL PAYSON,<sup>7</sup> b. June 3, 1838. Student Andover Academy, 1850.

(539) III. NATHANIEL APPLETON,<sup>7</sup> b. Aug. 20, 1840. At school in South Andover. N. A. P. followed the seas from the age of fifteen, and entered the U. S. Navy as sailing master in the War of 1812. Commissioned as Lieutenant 1818. He received a severe wound on the head by a fall on board of the "Independence," at the Navy Yard, Charlestown, Mass., which prevented active service. He has a pension and two-thirds pay, and now resides in South Andover, Mass.

(479) II. CALEB PRENTISS,<sup>5</sup> A. M., son of Caleb (461) and Lydia, (Whittemore) born in Cambridge, Mass., Nov. 14, bap. Nov. 16,\* 1746. H. U. July 1765. Ordained minister First Church First Parish of Reading, Mass., Oct. 25,† or 29,‡ 1769. Published || in Second Parish of Lancaster, (now Sterling,) Mass., Nov. 22, 1770, and married by Rev. John Mellen,§ the pastor, Jan. 1, 1771, to his daughter, Pamela, by his wife, Rebecca, who was daughter of Rev. John Prentiss, of Lancaster, a grandson of Capt. Thomas Prentice of Newton; thus uniting the Cambridge and Newton branches. The death of Rev. C. Prentiss was

\* Cambridge First Church records.

† Manuscripts of Wm. Prentiss and Prentiss Mellen. Began by the latter in 1795. (Appendix O.)

‡ Centennial celebration, Reading, in which is a letter from John P., with extracts of his father's diary, kept thirty years in almanacs.

|| Church records, Lancaster.

§ Rev. John Mellen was born in Hopkinton, Mass. See manuscripts of "Mellen Family" in the N. E. H. Gen. Society, Boston.

caused by consumption. His remains were deposited in the burial ground, adjoining the meeting house, in Reading. The following inscription is on the tombstone erected by the Parish in South Reading. " Sacred to the memory of Rev. Caleb Prentiss, late Pastor of the First Church in this town, who passed into the world of spirits Feb. 7, 1803, in the 34th year of his ministry, and the 57th of his age. Faith, Piety, and Benevolence, with a kindred assemblage of Christian graces and moral virtues, adorned his public and private character, endeared his memory to a bereaved family, a mourning flock, his brethren in office, and all acquainted with his merits.

" He tried each art, reprov'd each dull delay,  
Allured to brighter worlds and led the way.  
Though gone, he is not dead — no good man *dies* —  
But like the day-star, only sets to rise."

" Like Daniel of old, an excellent spirit was in him."\*

" His religion was of the heart, not sectarian."\*

The following verse is from a poem by his daughter, Sophia, published in the account of the Reading Centennial Celebration.

" A new built church now meets my eyes,  
Whose top aspires to reach the skies,  
Where PRENTISS mild with kindly word  
ENTREATS his friends to love the Lord."

Rev. Caleb P. wrote, Oct. 26, 1802, to his daughter, Sophia, " This is probably the last letter you will receive from me. My disorder has put on all the appearance of a fixed hectic which must put a period to my life. \* \* I am in the hands of God who will do what is best. I feel myself

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\* See note † on page 115.

resigned, and possess that hope which is an anchor to my soul, being persuaded that death will introduce me to realms of light and joy. Fixed is the foundation of my hope. \* \* You have the prayers and blessing of an affectionate father declining to the grave."

Like other Patriots of the Revolution, at the Lexington Alarm, which spread over New England with electric speed, Rev. Caleb P. turned out with his musket, and was in the running fight from Lexington to Charlestown. On the route he came across a dead British Pioneer, and took his gun and sword, one side of which was a pioneer's saw. These were long preserved in the family, as remembered by John P. of Keene, N. H. Rev. Caleb also marched, with the militia, to Salem, on an alarm of the landing of the British there to seize arms, &c.\* Like many ministers in the country with a large family and small salary he received pupils into his family to educate.

Children.

(540) I. CALEB,<sup>6</sup> b. Nov. 22, or 23, † 1771. Deacon, Paris, Me.

(541) II. THOMAS MELLEN,<sup>6</sup> b. March 29, 1773; died in Lexington, Ky., since 1819.

(542) III. CHARLES,<sup>6</sup> b. Oct. 8, 1774. Poet and Editor. Died in Brimfield, Mass.

(543) IV. PAMELA,<sup>6</sup> b. April 21, 1776. Married Col. John Orne, of Lynnfield.

(544) V. JOHN,<sup>6</sup> b. March 21, 1778. Editor, &c., Keene, N. H.

(545) VI. HENRY,<sup>6</sup> b. Dec. 10, 1779. Died in Paris, Me., 1845.

(546) VII. SOPHIA,<sup>6</sup> b. January 5, 1782. Poetess.

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\* Per John, of Keene.

† Wm. P.'s manuscripts.

Died of Consumption, in Reading, Mass., Oct. 12, 1805. Unmarried.\*

(547) VIII. CLARISSA,<sup>6</sup> b. April 4, 1784. Married Benjamin Johnson, widower, of Boston, March, 1805. Died in Cambridge, 1813, buried in Reading. Children, Benjamin, 1807; Clara Sophia, 1809; married Solomon Parsons, Esq., of Bangor, Me. George, 1810; died, 1811.†

(548) IX. WILLIAM,<sup>6</sup> b. Feb. 20, 1786. Died in Reading, March 15, 1806, of Consumption. Buried near Mr. Emerson's church.

(549) X. GEORGE,<sup>6</sup> b. Dec. 1, 1787. Died in Reading, May 17, 1787.

(550) XI. LYDIA,<sup>6</sup> b. April 11, 1790. Married Rev. Wm. Frothingham, of Belfast, Me., in 1821. Children; 1, George Prentiss, 1824; died 1824. 2, George Prentiss, 1826; died 1827. 3, Ellen Prentiss, 1828. 4, Caroline Mellen, 1830. Mrs. F. resides in B. 1849.‡

(551) XII. GEORGE WASHINGTON,<sup>6</sup> b. July 21,|| 1792. Settled first in Wiscasset, Me., in 1813, as partner of Thos. Nickels, merchant. Left W. for Keene, N. H., in 1816, where he remained till 1821, then went to New York as junior editor of the "Daily Columbian," in connection with the late Professor Carter. They commenced and continued the "N. Y. Statesman," several years. He was a nervous political writer, and a warm friend of the late Gov. DeWitt Clinton.

\* Her brother John erected a marble slab to her memory, in 1846, the old one being broken.

† Mr. Johnson died at Natchitoches, La., March, 1819.

‡ Mrs. F., Rebecca P. of Belfast, and John Prentiss, of Keene, N. H., are the only survivors of Rev. Caleb's family in 1852. I am indebted to Mrs. F. and family for information, and a copy of "Remains of my Early Friend," a collection she published of her sister Sophia's poetry. (See Appendix J.)

|| Wm. P.'s manuscripts, which say Rebecca was born Aug. 26.

He died in Keene, N. H., Feb. 28, 1829,\* and was buried there. He was much beloved by his numerous friends.

(552) XIII. REBECCA,<sup>6</sup> b. Aug. 25, 1794. Single. Was in Keene, N. H., 1825-6. Since 1835, resided in Bangor, Me., with her niece, Mrs. Parsons. Since 1845, she has resided in Belfast, Me.

Mrs. Pamela Prentiss, widow of Rev. Caleb, married second, Col. John Waldron, (son of Richard W.) Sept. 14, 1809; he was an officer in the Revolutionary Army, Justice of the Peace, Representative from Dover, N. H., and also State Senator, and an independent farmer. Mrs. P. died in Dover, N. H., July, 1823, Æ. 73, full of years, having exemplified in her life, in the midst of unremitting cares and anxiety for her family and friends, the character of a Christian. Her memory is blessed. She was buried with the three former wives of Col. Waldron, under the elms near his house, in the corner of his orchard.† There are several published sermons of Rev. Caleb P. in the Antiquarian Society, Worcester, and the New England Historical Geneological Society, Boston. His son John, of Keene, N. H., has an excellent portrait of him, in his gown, ruffles, and bands, from which he has furnished me the portrait for this work.

(482) V. SAMUEL PRENTISS,<sup>5</sup> son of Caleb (461) and Lydia, (Whittemore) born in Cambridge, March 26, 1753; H. U. 1771; died about 1814 or 1815, in Gorham, Me., where he settled. He was postmaster in Gorham, Cumberland County, Me., 1808. Married Rebecca ——. Mrs. Rebecca, widow of Samuel Prentiss, Esq., formerly of Gor-

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\* Columbian Centinel, Boston, March 7, 1829.

† A note on page 206 of Hist. Gen. Register, Boston, Vol. 5, April, 1851, erroneously calls her Mary.

ham, Me., died, 1844, Æ. 88, in Bridgton.\* One account says he had a previous wife.†

Children.

(553) I. WILLIAM,<sup>6</sup> b. Oct 11, 1778. Sea captain, Portland, afterwards a farmer, in Gorham, Me. Married Abigail Lewis. Had three daughters, names unknown.‡

(483) VI. WILLIAM PRENTISS,<sup>5</sup> son of Caleb (461) and Lydia, (Whittemore) born in Cambridge, Dec. 1, 1754; bap. Dec. 8; died in Lexington, Ky. Married first, Mary, daughter of Col. David Gorham, of Barnstable, Mass., Nov. 1778. Married second, Eunice Payne Greenleaf, daughter of Joseph G., Esq., of Boston, May 15, 1790. She died April 11, 1803. Married third, Rebecca, daughter of Ebenezer Rockwell, whose widow, the father of Wm. Prentiss married. This Wm. P. was the author of the Prentiss manuscript account of the family. He was a merchant, and served his time with Mr. Scott, Boston; was a traveller, and a man of extensive information, and of good personal appearance.||

Children by first wife.

(554) I. DAVID,<sup>6</sup> b. —; died.

By second wife.

(555) II. WILLIAM HENRY,<sup>6</sup> b. Oct. 23, 1796, in Wash-

\* Christian Mirror, Portland, Me., Feb. 22, 1844.

† G. L. Prentiss's letter, May 9, 1850.

‡ Miss Ellen P. Frothingham's letter, Belfast, May 21, 1850, says "the three daughters reside in Oxford County, Me." The information received of this family is small.

|| Dr. Nat. S. P. remembers him.



ington, D. C., where he resides, and is employed in the Secretary of State's Office. Has had fifteen children. He has a portrait of his father, Wm. P., painted in London. He sent me a copy of his father's manuscripts of the family.

(77) VIII. DANIEL PRENTICE,<sup>4</sup> "Yeoman," son of Solomon (52) and Lydia, born in Cambridge, May 17, 1717; died in 1776. Married Deborah Wyeth, Dec. 29, 1743.\* March 4, 1776, his widow, Deborah, and son, Daniel P., "housewright," were his administrators. Inventory £99 16s. 5d., "boards, &c., in the mill-house, gun, sword, powder and bullets."† Daniel P. lived on the spot of the present botanic garden, Cambridge. He was a relative of Jonas P., who married Mercy Pierce, and Dr. Nat. S. P. called him uncle, and says he and his son Daniel were farmers and brickmakers. During the Lexington alarm, Dr. Nat. S. P. says his mother took him and the other children and fled to Daniel P.'s house for safety; and he recollects that Daniel, Sen., came in, took down his gun, powder-horn, &c., picked his gun-flint, and started off to harrass the retreating British troops. Samuel, Jonathan, and Daniel P., on the alarm list, were probably his sons.

Children.

(556) I. DANIEL,<sup>5</sup> b. —; bap. Dec. 30, 1744; ‡ housewright. Dr. Nat. S. P. says he died in his father's house, in Cambridge, while Mrs. Bracket, a grand-daughter of Daniel, Sen., thinks he removed to Harvard, with his mother, and joined the Quakers. She visited Daniel in H. He left the Quakers, and, when in advanced life, married — Capen.

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\* Cambridge First Church and Town records.

† Middlesex County records.

‡ Cambridge First Church records.

(557) II. SARAH,<sup>5</sup> b. — ; bap. Sept. 14, 1745-6.

(558) III. JONATHAN,<sup>5</sup> b. — ; bap. Aug. 19, 1750.

(559) IV. MARY,<sup>5</sup> b. — ; bap. Oct. 15, 1752 : died young.

(560) V. HEPZIBAH,<sup>5</sup> b. — ; bap. March 14, 1756. Married Thomas Goddard, Cambridge, Dec. 11, 1777.

(561) VI. SAMUEL,<sup>5</sup> b. — ; bap. May 21, 1758 ; “died Sept. 25, 1795, Æ. 38.”\* Married Mary Todd, of Cambridge, June 18, 1782,† who “died April 27, 1832, Æ. 82,”\* both on one gravestone. Children. (562) 1, Samuel,<sup>6</sup> b. April 12, 1783 ; bap. April 27 ; “died in Cambridge, Sept. 6, 1807, aged 25 years, of bilious fever.”‡ (563) 2, Daniel,<sup>6</sup> b. Sept. 15, 1787 ; bap. Oct. 28 ; “died March 1, 1796, of throat distemper, Æ. about 9 years.”‡ (564) 3, Elizabeth,<sup>6</sup> b. April 6, 1794. Married Joseph Bracket, sexton, Cambridge, April 2, 1819 ; has a family there. (565) 4, Joseph,<sup>6</sup> b. Nov. 12, 1797. Went to North Carolina and not since heard of.

(566) VII. BEULAH,<sup>5</sup>|| b. — . Married Timothy Tufts, May 9, 1784.

(540) I. CALEB PRENTISS,<sup>6</sup> son of Rev. Caleb (479) and Pamela, born in Reading, Mass., Nov. 22, 1771. Married Mary Webber Morgan, Jan. 16, 1798. She was born in Gloucester, Mass., Dec. 16, 1775. Caleb removed to Paris, Maine ; was in trade, June, 1796 ; Justice of the Peace, 1802 ; previously Postmaster, and removed by a

\* Gravestone, Cambridge.

† Church and town records, Cambridge.

‡ First Church records, Cambridge.

|| Dr. Nat. S. P. says Daniel had a daughter Beulah, and he thinks also sons Solomon and John, and that these two last went to and died in Harvard, Mass.

change of administration. In 1808,\* removed to his farm in the east part of the town. In 1818, he was chosen deacon of First Congregational Church, Paris, Me. "He died Oct. 1838, on his homestead, in P. As he lived a pious and conscientious Christian, so his end was peace and full of faith in a happy immortality."†

Children.

(567) I. POLLY,<sup>7</sup> (MARY) b. Dec. 27, 1798 ; died Nov. 16, 1836, in Bangor, Me. For the beautiful obituary notice by Ex-Gov. Kent, and her verses, "A Spirit at Mt. Hope," (Cemetery,) see Appendix JJ.

(568) II. CAROLINE,<sup>7</sup> b. Oct. 4, 1800. Married Mr. America Thayer.

(569) III. A SON,<sup>7</sup> b. Nov. 8, 1801 ; died same day.

(570) IV. MIRANDA,<sup>7</sup> b. Oct. 8, 1802. Married Alonzo King.

(571) V. A DAUGHTER,<sup>7</sup> b. Nov. 14, 1804 ; died same day.

(572) VI. CALEB,<sup>7</sup> b. Jan. 9, 1806. Married, Jan. 1833, Almira Wheeler, of Garland, Me. Settled in Foxcroft ; died, of quick consumption, 1846, Æ. 40, while on a visit to Paris, Me. The following is taken from a newspaper of that date :— "Died in Paris, on Wednesday, 18th, Caleb Prentiss, Esq., merchant, of Foxcroft, Me., Æ. 40. His remains were brought to Foxcroft for interment, and were attended to the grave by a large concourse of citizens, attesting their sympathy and respect for the deceased. As a man of business, he was extensively known and esteemed. The firm friend of whatever is pure and upright—a good citizen, a kind friend, and a true Christian. He was one of the Trus-

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\* Per Register, 1808, was in office then.

† Memorandum of John P., of Keene, N. H.

tees of Foxcroft Academy, and was an esteemed member of the Congregational Church.”

(573) VII. ARTHUR,<sup>7</sup> b. Feb. 1, 1808. Married Lucinda Blaisdell. Settled in Lee, Me.

(574) VIII. HORATIO,<sup>7</sup> b. Nov. 2, 1809; died of consumption, Dec. 11, 1832.

(575) IX. AUGUSTA LOUISA,<sup>7</sup> b. Feb. 4, 1812. Married Sylvanus S. Herring, June, 1833. Settled in Bangor. Died June 1, 1847.

(576) X. ADDISON,<sup>7</sup> b. June 13, 1814. Attorney, in Worcester, Mass., in 1849.

(577) XI. JOSEPH WEBBER,<sup>7</sup> b. Sept. 8, 1816.

(578) XII. GEORGE MELLEEN,<sup>7</sup> b. Jan. 23, 1819. Was in the Probate Office, Worcester, Mass., 1849, with Charles G. Prentiss, Esq.

(541) II. THOMAS MELLEEN PRENTISS,<sup>6</sup> son of Rev. Caleb (479) and Pamela, born in Reading, March 9, 1773; died July 11, 1823,\* in Lexington, Ky. Postmaster, Portland, Me., 1804, was removed Feb. 1805, and soon after settled in Kentucky. Entered upon the practice of the law there in 1807. Married first, Abby Ruggles, June 4, 1802, in Falmouth, Me.,† who was born in Boston, Dec. 22, 1781. He had one child by her, a daughter, born and died Feb. 1, 1803; his wife died ‡ at Portland, Me., March 4, 1804, where she was buried. Married second, Nancy Bartholemey Craig, Dec. 26, 1807. She was born in Virginia, Oct. 29, 1780, and was daughter of John Craig, one of the first settlers of Kentucky.

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\* John Prentiss, Keene, N. H.

† Falmouth records.

‡ Of dysentery, Æ. 22, per Falmouth (formerly Portland) records; the date there is 13th March.

## Children.

- (579) I. ELIZA PAGE,<sup>7</sup> b. Nov. 3, 1808.  
 (580) II. WILLIAM MELLEN,<sup>7</sup> b. Sept. 4, 1811.  
 (581) III. PAMELA ORNE,<sup>7</sup> b. Feb. 8, 1814.  
 (582) IV. AUGUSTA ANN,<sup>7</sup> b. Sept. 13, 1816.  
 (583) V. THOMAS CRAIG,<sup>7</sup> b. May 7, 1819.

(542) III. CHARLES PRENTISS,<sup>6</sup> son of Rev. Caleb (479) and Pamela, born in Reading, Oct. 8, 1774; Harvard University, 1795; died in Brimfield, Mass., Oct. 19, 1820, Æ. 46. Married, Nov. 19, 1795, Sophia, daughter of Rev. Francis Gardner, of Leominster, Mass., where she was born March 27, 1778. Mr. P., settled in Leominster, Mass., as editor of a newspaper, Oct. 1795. Between 1800 and 1810, he was editor of the Washington Federalist, a political paper at Richmond, Va., and in 1805, of the Virginia Gazette, Richmond; also editor of the Anti-Democrat, and the Child of Pallas, a literary publication, both at Baltimore, Md. He also published the Thistle, in Boston. In 1811, he settled in Brimfield, Mass. Feb. 22, 1813, he delivered before the Washington Benevolent Society, of Brimfield, a strong political poem, called "New England Freedom," published by E. Newman, Brookfield, March, 1813. (Copy in New England Hist. Gen. Soc., Boston.) His Poem, "Distinction," at his graduation, and one on "Imagination," at a previous exhibition, were much admired, and published in the Columbian Centinel, Boston. He was the author of the first "School History of the United States" ever published, and which had a great sale in 1819. In 1816, he was the biographer of Gen. William Eaton, published, and partly also of that of the celebrated American poet, Robert Treat Paine, Jr., Esq. He was the author of various productions in prose and

verse, in several periodicals, &c. In the words of a writer, he was a Poet Author, Editor, Historian, and Politician.

Children.

(584) I. SOPHIA,<sup>7</sup> b. Sept. 1, 1796. Married Thos. J. Lobdell, of Boston. Had nine children; three of whom survive, Sophia Prentiss, Elizabeth Salisbury, and Anne Louisa.

(585) II. CHARLES GARDNER,<sup>7\*</sup> b. Oct. 1, 1798, in Leominster. Register of Probate in Worcester, Mass. † Single, 1849.

(586) III. CALEB MELLEEN,<sup>7</sup> b. Sept. 24, 1802, in Baltimore; died about 1829 in Leominster; had been to sea; since that in Mr. Lobdell's office in Boston. In J. T. Buckingham's 2d volume of Biography of Editors, &c. is a short and highly commendatory account of Mr. Charles Prentiss.

(543) IV. PAMELA PRENTISS,<sup>6</sup> daughter of Rev. Caleb (479) and Pamela, b. in Reading April 21, 1776. Married Col. John Orne, May 9, 1799. He was born in Lynnfield or "Lynn End," Jan. 2, 1777, and was son of John and Bridget Orne. On his marriage he settled as a farmer on the paternal estate, and died of consumption at L., Dec. 1, 1812, and was buried there. Mrs. Orne died of rapid consumption Oct. 10, 1810, and was buried at L. Children. 1, Pamela, b. May 13, 1800. Married Dr. James F. Starr,

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\* Charles G. Prentiss is taxed in Boston in 1850, on \$6,600 real estate, and the heirs of Margaret Prentiss on \$13,000 real estate.

† Charles G. Prentiss settled in Oxford from his admission to the bar, 1821 to 1829. Removed to Worcester; was Town Treasurer; Secretary of Hist. Society of Worcester in 1832; appointed by Gov. Everett Register of Deeds for Worcester County; Clerk of Courts, 1847. It is said Chas. G. P. has altered his name to Prentice as the correct way.

of Georgia ; he removed to Texas and died there June, 1837. 2, Harriet, b. Oct. 12, 1801. Married Hubbard Emerson of South Reading, in 1825. He bought the Orne farm at Lynnfield, where they resided in 1838. Children. Harriet Ellen died — ; Pamela, 1832 ; Harriet Orne, 1836 ; Mary Challie, 1838 ; Rufus Hubbard, 1840. 3, Emily, b. April 13, 1805. Married George W. Hall, New York ; she died in 1841 at Ballston Spa ; no children. 4, Sophia Bridget Parker, b. Aug. 25, 1807. Married Judge Amasa Spencer of Georgia, 1829 ; died in 1848 at Lynnfield. Children. Emily Orne, 1831 ; Wm. Blanchard, 1833 ; Eliza Crayton, 1835 ; Caroline Sophia, 1838 ; the two last died in infancy. Judge S. died in Alabama. 5, John, b. May 30, 1809. 6, Eliza Ford, b. Sept., 1810 ; died Nov. 23, 1840.

(544) V. JOHN PRENTISS,<sup>6</sup> son of Rev. Caleb (479) and Pamela, b. in Reading, Mass., March 21, 1778. Settled at Keene, N. H., as printer in 1799, where he yet resides, 1852. His opportunities for education were the common winter town school, and some private instruction. When 14, in May, 1792, he was placed apprentice to Mr. Thomas Adams, publisher of the "Independent Chronicle." In 1795, left the Chronicle office to assist his brother Charles, who had established a newspaper in Leominster, Mass., remaining there till March, 1799, when he removed to Keene, N. H., at the age of 21, and established the New Hampshire Sentinel, under many embarrassments, and with only seventy subscribers, which paper [connected since 1802 with a book establishment] he edited forty-eight years ! and then resigned his business to his son, John W. Prentiss. His first printing office was in a low building where Mrs. Macomb's tavern now stands, and since in the new building south of Dr. Edwards's tavern. In 1808 he built his homestead and planted the fine elms in front, and now enjoys under their shade a sufficiency

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of this world's goods, acquired by his own industry and exertions.\* He has held several town offices. In 1820 he was chosen Representative, and in 1838-9, Senator to the New Hampshire Legislature. After retiring from business in 1847, at which time he was one of the oldest editors in the United States, he presented to each of the fourteen districts of Keene a set of the Mass. School Library of thirty-eight volumes. In 1819 he visited his brother, Thomas M. Prentiss, in Lexington, Ky., and in 1850 travelled over Europe and Great Britain, and attended the Peace Convention at Frankfort on the Main, the only delegate † from New Hampshire. His letters from abroad were published in the New Hampshire Sentinel. Mr. P. had his portrait painted by Alexander, Boston, in 1850, which is in possession of his daughter, Mrs. Thos. Hopkinson, Boston. Mr. P. married Feb. 2, 1803, Diantha, daughter of Gen. Aldrich, of Westmoreland, N. H. She was born at W. Feb. 14, 1782.

Children.

(587) I. DIANTHA,<sup>7</sup> b. Nov. 25, 1803. Married Rev. Charles Robinson, of Groton, Mass. Jan. 1, 1830; she died suddenly at Medfield, May 18, 1843.

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\* Mr. P. has the Wm. Prentiss manuscripts, begun in 1810, and continued by Prentiss Mellen and himself. I am indebted for much information, especially in his line, to Mr. P.

† Mr. John P. writes that while at Frankfort on the Main, he found a fellow lodger of his name from Suffolk county near London, who said that Prentice was a very common name there. From Suffolk county and Norfolk county adjoining, there were great emigrations to America. Mr. Manning Prentice, Suffolk county, father and mother English, grandfather Manning, English, father's mother half Scotch, grandfather's father, John Prentice, of Bungay, Suffolk co., England. Reference, Samuel Prentice, London, father's uncle; A. Prentice, lecturer.



(588) II. CORRINA ALDRICH,<sup>7</sup> b. March 25, 1805, Married Nov. 1, 1836, Thomas Hopkinson, Esq., Attorney at Law in Lowell. Representative from Lowell 1844; Senator 1846; Judge of the Court of Common Pleas 1848; President Boston and Worcester Railroad Co. 1850, which office he now holds. Residence, Boston.

(589) III. JOHN WILLIAM,<sup>7</sup> b. Feb. 28, 1806. Successor to his father's business in Keene, N. H. Married May 28, 1851, in Boston, Elinor, daughter of George May, Esq., of Evesham, England.

(590) IV. PAMELA MELLEEN,<sup>7</sup> b. June 8, 1807; died Oct. 9, 1820, Æ. 13, of a disease of the heart.

(591) V. GEORGE ALDRICH,<sup>7</sup> b. Jan. 25, 1809; entered the U. S. Navy Aug., 1825; Lieut., 1835.

(592) VI. ELLEN SOPHIA,<sup>7</sup> b. May 5, 1811; died Dec. 28, 1825.

(593) VII. EDMUND SEWELL,<sup>7</sup> b. May 22, 1820; died at Keene, N. H. May 3, 1846, of an affection of the heart.

(594) VIII. PAMELA MELLEEN,<sup>7</sup> b. Oct. 27, 1821.

(545) VI. HENRY PRENTISS,<sup>6</sup> son of Rev. Caleb (479) and Pamela, born in Reading, Dec. 10, 1779; died in Paris, Me., Nov. 2, 1843, on his farm, where he removed from Portland, after residing there a year. Smith's Diary, Falmouth, now Portland, Me., in 1798, mentions "Prentiss's shop." Representative from the shire town of Paris, 1822 and 1823; Justice of the Peace in 1822. Married, Feb. 13, 1804,\* Mary, daughter of Dr. John Hart, of Reading. She was born in R. Feb. 13, 1779.

Children.

(595) I. MARY,<sup>7</sup> b. Oct. 17, 1804; died Feb. 12, 1805.

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\* Columbian Centinel, March 1, 1804.

(596) II. MARY HART,<sup>7</sup> b. Jan. 26, 1807. Married Whitney Cummings, of West Sumner, Me. Has 1 daughter and 2 sons.

(597) III. HENRY EPAMINONDAS,<sup>7</sup> b. Feb. 12, 1809; Married Abba Rawson \* Sept. 30, 1836.† Graduated at West Point; in the U. S. Army two years. Settled as Attorney at Orono, 1835-6; removed to Bangor in 1839, where they now reside.

(598) IV. EMILY,<sup>7</sup> b. Dec. 27, 1810; died July 1, 1812.

(599) V. LUCINDA,<sup>7</sup> b. July 7, 1812. Married Henry Howe, Sept. 1834.

(600) VI. PAMELA,<sup>7</sup> b. —; died Feb. 1817.

(601) VII. EMILY,<sup>7</sup> b. —; died —.

(602) VIII. JULIA,<sup>7</sup> b. March 13, 1815. Married Elbridge Tobes, Jan 12, 1840. Children. Lucetta Catherine, b. Sept. 20, 1840.

(603) IX. SARAH JANE,<sup>7</sup> b. Nov. 29, 1819.

Henry's father writes, Oct. 26, 1802, to Sophia, just before his death, "We depend upon Henry to keep the school and take care of our afflicted family."

(489) III. HENRY PRENTISS,<sup>5</sup> "Blacksmith," ‡ son of Nathan (467) and Mchittable, (Spencer) born in Berwick, Me., July 25, 1767; died in Hubbardston, March 6,

\* Daughter of Capt. Samuel and Polly (Freeland) Rawson, who was a daughter of Dr. Freeland, of Sutton, Mass. James Freeland R. is a partner with Henry E. Prentiss, Bangor, Me.

† Memorial of Rawson family. A Lucy Prentiss married Alpheus Rawson, who was born March 31, 1797; lived in Uxbridge, Mass.; he died July 8, 1837.

‡ Henry Prentiss's letter, Hubbardston, June, 1850, son of the above Henry.

1843. Married Elizabeth Gill, March 6, 1800, who was born in Princeton, March 24, 1780. He removed to Princeton, Mass., in 1787, thence to Hubbardston, April 7, 1819. \* "Henry Prentice, a Gentleman of some distinction, resided in Princeton many years; had nine children born in P. He removed from P. to Hubbardston, about thirty years ago, and died a few years since at an advanced age."† "The pastor, Rev. James Murdock, shall have the privilege of purchasing, for \$1200, the farm heretofore occupied by Rev. William Russell and Henry Prentiss, which the town purchased of Lieut. Bartholomew Cheever, April 5, 1802."‡

Children.

(604) I. HITT<sup>y</sup> S.,<sup>6</sup> b. April 17, 1801. Married Peter Richardson, merchant, opposite Worcester Depot, Boston.

(605) II. HENRY,<sup>6</sup> b. July 18, 1802. Married —; had 8 children, names unknown.

(606) III. GEORGE W.,<sup>6</sup> b. July 8, 1804; died Oct. 13, 1805.

(607) IV. REBECCA,<sup>6</sup> b. March 1, 1806; died Sept. 13, 1812.

(608) V. GEORGE,<sup>6</sup> b. May 21, 1808; died June 19, 1830.

(609) VI. ELIZABETH,<sup>6</sup> b. March 28, 1810. Married — Nichols; has 3 children.

(610) VII. AUGUSTA,<sup>6</sup> b. July 7, 1812. Married first, —. Married second, — Morse; has 1 child.

(611) VIII. REBECCA,<sup>6</sup> b. May 28, 1814. Married — Greenwood; has 1 child.

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\* Charles Russell, Town Clerk, Princeton, letter, March 2, 1849.

† Henry Prentiss was an attorney, Princeton, Worcester Co., 1808. (Mass. Register, 1808.)

‡ Charles T. Russell's History of Princeton.

(612) IX. SPENCER,<sup>6</sup> b. Feb. 6, 1818. Married — ; has 2 children ; resides in Hubbardston.

(613) X. MARY D.,<sup>6</sup> b. in H., March 2, 1820. Married — Colman ; has 2 children.

(614) XI. SARAH P.,<sup>6</sup> b. April 24, 1822. Single.

(615) XII. EMILY,<sup>6</sup> b. March 23, 1824. Single.

(490) IV. NATHAN PRENTISS,<sup>5</sup> Cabinet maker, son of Nathan (467) and Mehitable, (Spencer) born July 25, 1767, twin brother of Henry ; died in Indiana, in 1843.\* Married, 1791, Lydia Lincoln, of Petersham, " whose ancestors came from Lincolnshire, England."\* He removed to Indiana in 1833.† Mrs. P. survives in 1850.

Children.

(616) I. PAMELA,<sup>6</sup> b. Aug. 2, 1792. Married Anthony Van Bergen, of Coxsachie, N. Y. ; no children.

(617) II. ELIZA,<sup>6</sup> b. June 18, 1794. Married, April, 1821, Jared Weed, Esq., attorney, Petersham. Children. 1, Elizabeth Otis, b. 1822. 2, Lydia Pennoyer, b. 1823. 3, Mary Jane, b. 1827. Mr. W. resides on Nathan Prentice's place in Petersham.

(618) III. LYDIA,<sup>6</sup> b. Sept. 7, 1796. Married Samuel Wescott, of N. Y. City, Sept. 26, 1826, and died July 26, 1842 ; no children.

(619) IV. WILLIAM SPENCER,<sup>6</sup> b. Sept. 4, 1798. Resides in Springfield, Lagrange County, Indiana.

(620) V. MARY,<sup>6</sup> b. Sept. 11, 1800. Married Hollis Tidd, New Braintree, Mass., farmer. Children. 1, Ellen Augusta, b. 1831. 2, Charles Spencer, b. 1833.

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\* Hollis Tidd's letter, New Braintree, June 24, 1850, with an account of Nathan's family.

† Letter of Mrs. Mercy S. Davis, Medfield, Mass., 1850.

(621) VI. FANNY,<sup>6</sup> b. Oct. 22, 1802.

(622) VII. REBECCA,<sup>6</sup> b. April 1, 1805. Single. A teacher for twenty years past in N. Y. city.

(623) VIII. LUCRETIA,<sup>6</sup> b. March 5, 1807. Resides in Springfield, Indiana, with her brother. Has taught music and drawing.

(624) IX. AMANDA,<sup>6</sup> b. June 17, 1809; died in Cohacoe, N. Y., March, 1823.

(619) IV. WILLIAM SPENCER PRENTISS,<sup>6</sup> son of Nathan (490) and Lydia, (Lincoln) born Sept. 4, 1798. Resides in Springfield, La Grange Co., Indiana. Married in 1832, Mary Jane Clark, of Sheffield, Mass. Mr. P. was in a store in his native town, Petersham, Mass., from the age of fourteen to twenty-one. Having acquired a love of study during the many leisure hours to be found in a country store, he decided, at the age of twenty-two, to relinquish trade and fit for college, for which he applied himself with great vigor and energy, and being a good scholar he entered Harvard University after one year's study, but owing to ill health from too close application, he was obliged to leave for a time and taught a Classical School in Virginia. He returned and entered the Theological School, at Cambridge, but, after a trial, finding his health forbid his pursuing his studies, he relinquished it entirely, and engaged under Col. Baldwin in making the first survey of the Western Railroad. He practiced surveying for several years in Connecticut and New Jersey. In 1832, he purchased the farm where he now resides, then a wilderness inhabited by Indians of the Pottawatomie tribe, with whom he lived on friendly terms until their removal, by Government, in 1840. His house, built of logs by his own hands, was the second in the County. His present occupation is farming and attending to a saw-mill, and he has been Judge of Probate for the last nine or ten years.

## Children.

- (625) I. MARY JANE,<sup>7</sup> b. Oct. 1833.  
 (626) II. WM. PRESTON,<sup>7</sup> b. 1835.  
 (627) III. ELIZABETH,<sup>7</sup> b. 1837 ; died 1841.  
 (628) IV. RODERIC,<sup>7</sup> b. 1840.  
 (629) V. KATE,<sup>7</sup> b. 1846.

(492) I. JOSHUA PRENTISS,<sup>6</sup> son of Joshua (469) and Grace, of Marblehead, born Sept. 14, 1766 ; Sea Captain, died at sea, 1826. Married Elizabeth, daughter of Col. Orne, of Marblehead. Once captured by the Algerines, and once by Napoleon's cruisers. He followed Napoleon over Europe until he obtained payment for his vessel and cargo. He was Senator to Massachusetts Legislature 1819. Was a fine looking and portly man.

## Children.

(630) I. JOSHUA,<sup>7</sup> b. ——. Married Ellinor Horton ; he died and left one daughter, Ellen.

(631) II. JOHN E.,<sup>7</sup> b. 1793. Married the above Ellinor, widow of his brother Joshua. He was commissioned in 1824, as Lieutenant in the Navy. His last voyage was in the " Vincennes." Many of the crew and all the officers but himself were sick, and his great exertions\* then broke his health. Children. (632) 1, John.<sup>8</sup> (633) 2, Joshua.<sup>8</sup> (634) 3, Samuel H.<sup>8</sup>† (635 to 638) three girls. One son, a midshipman, died in the Mediterranean.

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\* Ellinor H., widow of Lt. John E. Prentiss, is on the list of U. S. pensioners, 1850. Date April 1, 1847.

† Samuel H. P. arrived at Boston, Oct. 1851, master of a vessel, the captain and mate having died. He was promoted, to each berth, by turns.

(639) III. SUSAN,<sup>7</sup> b. ——. Married a Mr. Barker. Resides in Brooklyn, N. Y.

(640) IV. ELIZA,<sup>7</sup> b. ——. Married Capt. John Proctor. Has a family. They reside in Marblehead, 1852.

(641) V. AZOR ORNE,<sup>7</sup> b. ——. He and John, (646) son of John B. Prentiss, (494) went off together and were never heard from.

(642) VI. WILLIAM,<sup>7</sup> b. ——. Deceased.

(643) VII. THOMAS HICKLING,<sup>7</sup> b. ——. Master of a schooner; died, 1850, on his passage home from California.

(644) VIII. WARREN.<sup>7</sup>

(494) III. JOHN BUBIER PRENTISS,<sup>6</sup> son of Joshua (469) and Grace, born in Marblehead, March 14, 1770; a sea captain. Died in the W. I. 1817. Married first, Sarah, daughter of Col. Orne, of M. Married second, ———, of New York.

Children.

(645) I. MARIA,<sup>7</sup> b. 1801. Married Samuel Benson, of Salem; has a family. Mrs. B. has a portrait of her father, taken while young, in Liverpool.

(646) II. JOHN,<sup>7</sup> b. 1803. Went off with A. O. Prentiss.

(647) III. SUSAN,<sup>7</sup> b. 1805. Married Ephraim Gray, Printer, Salem. He died and left six daughters.

(648) IV. ELIZABETH,<sup>7</sup> b. 1809. Married Henry, son of Col. Ropes, of Salem. As agent of the Wenham Ice Co. he went, with his family, to Liverpool, England, where he now resides.

(649) V. TIMOTHY DICKINSON,<sup>7</sup> }  
 (650) VI. JOSHUA,<sup>7</sup> } twins, b. 1811.

(651) VII. HENRY,<sup>7</sup> b. ——. Resides in New York.

(495) IV. HENRY PRENTISS,<sup>6</sup> son of Joshua (469) and Grace ; born in Marblehead Jan. 17, 1772 ; died Sept. 13, 1813. Merchant in Marblehead. Married Mary Calley Dec. 18, 1791, who was born July 17, 1770, and died Feb. 11, 1821.

Children.

(653) I. JOHN,<sup>7</sup> b. March 26, 1793. Married Hannah Collyer.

(654) II. MARY,<sup>7</sup> b. July 26, 1795 ; died single, Jan. 24, 1817.

(655) III. GRACE,<sup>7</sup> b. April 13, 1797. Married 1836, John Clarrage, of Lynn ; he died Oct. 1, 1851. Children. 1, Sarah Lydia, b. September, 1837. 2, Mary Prentiss, b. July, 1839 ; died 1841. 3, Ann Elizabeth, b. Sept. 1840.

(656) IV. ELIZABETH C.,<sup>7</sup> b. March 26, 1799. Single, resides in Lynn ; is an invalid.

(657) V. HENRY,<sup>7</sup> b. March 10, 1801. Seaman ; died in Charleston, S. C. Oct. 10, 1818.

(658) VI. JOSHUA,<sup>7</sup> b. Jan. 23, 1803. Seaman ; died on board brig Neva, on the passage from Sumatra for Salem, June 23, 1823.

(659) VII. MARY TABITHA,<sup>7</sup> b. May 26, 1805. Married at Holliston, April 16, 1833, Francis Humphrey, of Portland, Me. ; resides in Hingham, Mass. Children. 1, Elizabeth Prentiss, b. March 14, 1834. 2, William Boyd, b. April 15, 1836. 3, George Archibald, b. Sept. 3, 1838.

(660) VIII. HENRY JAMES,<sup>7</sup> (altered from Richard James Calley\*) b. July 17, 1807.

(661) IX. ABIGAIL ANN,<sup>7</sup> b. April 27, 1809. Married Breed Batcheller, of Lynn, 1830. Children. 1, Henry Breed, b. Jan. 1831. 2, Francis Humphrey, b. Jan. 1833.

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\* By Act of the Legislature.



3, Rufus, b. July, 1835. 4, Celestia Ann, b. Dec. 1837. 5, James Prentiss, b. March, 1840. 6, John, b. 1842; died Dec. 1843. 7, Mary Prentiss, b. 1844. 8, Sarah Abby, b. 1847. 9, Martha Jane, b. Dec. 31, 1851.

(662) X. RUTH FREEMAN,<sup>7</sup> b. June 11, 1811. Married George West, of Lynn, 1840. No children.

(500) IX. THOMAS PRENTISS,<sup>6</sup> son of Joshua (469) and Grace, of Marblehead, born Aug. 25, 1780; died 1832. Married ——. Removed to Providence, R. I. with his family.

Children.

(663) I. THOMAS,<sup>7</sup> b. ——. Residence, Providence.

(664) II. EDMUND,<sup>7</sup> b. ——. Residence, Providence; cigar maker. Edmund was in Boston in the Sons of Temperance procession, July, 1850.

(665) III. CALEB,<sup>7</sup> b. ——. Was first officer of ship Endeavor of New Bedford, in 1850.

Thomas Prentiss, the father of the above, was a sea captain. He was also a licensed Baptist clergyman. There were two or three daughters, who married in Providence.

(502) XI. CHRISTOPHER PRENTISS,<sup>6</sup> son of Joshua (469) and Grace, born Dec. 9, 1783; died at Providence, R. I., 1830. Married —— Getchel.

Children.

(666) I. CHRISTOPHER,<sup>7</sup> b. ——. Lost at sea.

(667) II. SAMUEL GETCHELL,<sup>7\*</sup> b. ——. Master of ship Superb, of Baltimore, in the Rio trade, 1850.

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\* "The Prentiss family you speak of as here, is a northern family from about Marblehead. This Capt. P. (of ship Superb of Balti-

(668 to 671) Four other children, names unknown.

(503) XII. CALEB PRENTISS,<sup>6</sup> son of Joshua (469) and Grace, born Jan. 31, 1786. Merchant. Was Captain of Artillery in the Mass. militia in the war of 1812. Removed to his farm in Danvers, Mass., in 1840, where he now resides, the only male survivor of Joshua's family. He has his father's bible, with his family genealogy in it, and a small profile of his father with his wig on. Married, 1811, Elizabeth, daughter of Benj. Knight, a State Representative from Marblehead. She was born July 27, 1790.

Children.

(672) I. CALEB,<sup>7</sup> b. July 5, 1812. Married Hannah Lecraw, of Marblehead, Feb. 15, 1835.

(673) II. ELIZABETH KNIGHT,<sup>7</sup> b. Dec. 13, 1813. Married Elisha Hide, of North Danvers, Feb. 19, 1851.

(674) III. GRACE BUBIER,<sup>7</sup> b. Dec. 15, 1815. Married Capt. Eleazer Graves, March, 1839, who died July 5, 1847, at North Danvers. Had three children; 1, Eleazer, b. Mar., 1840; died May, 1840. 2, Sarah Elizabeth, b. Mar., 1842. 3, Grace, b. August, 1846.

(675) IV. JOHN SELMAN,<sup>7</sup> b. Oct. 6, 1817; died May 14, 1818.

(676) V. MARY ABIGAIL,<sup>7</sup> b. Sept. 8, 1819. Married Hiram Hook of North Danvers, 1845; has three children.

(677) VI. EMILY HELEN,<sup>7</sup> b. Sept. 27, 1821. Mar-

more, in the Rio trade, &c.) is Capt. Samuel Prentiss; his mother is a sister, I believe, of Capt. John Getchell, of Marblehead, and this G. is, I think, some relation to my mother. She had two brothers, John and Joseph, and I have heard her speak of 'Aunt Prentiss,' when I was young." [Extract of a letter from Capt. Joshua Binney, Jr., of Baltimore, 1850.]

ried Kimball Hutchinson of North Danvers, 1847 ; has one child.

(678) VII. HENRY,<sup>7</sup> b. August 14, 1823 ; trader and shoe manufacturer. Married Charlotte Briggs, of Scituate, 1850. Resides in North Danvers.

(679) VIII. SARAH CHINN,<sup>7</sup> b. April 16, 1825. Married W. Austin Wilkins of North Danvers, 1850.

(680) IX. JOSHUA,<sup>7</sup> b. Jan. 11, 1827 ; shoe maker. Married Augusta Skinner, of South Reading, 1849. Has two children born Jan. 8, 1851.

(681) X. BENJ. KNIGHT,<sup>7</sup> b. Dec. 8, 1828 ; Teacher. Married Ann Swett, of Marblehead, 1851 ; has one child.

(682) XI. JOSEPH GALLISON,<sup>7</sup> b. Aug. 24, 1831 ; shoe manufacturer.

(683) XII. WILLIAM KNIGHT,<sup>7</sup> b. March 10, 1834 ; died March 24, 1834.

(630) I. JOSHUA PRENTISS,<sup>7</sup> son of Joshua (492) and Elizabeth, of Marblehead, b. about 1791 ; died at sea. Married Ellinor Horton, of M. He left one daughter, Ellen, the wife of Capt. Cressey, master of ship Flying Cloud, at present on a voyage to India, with her husband.

(631) II. JOHN ELDREDGE PRENTISS,<sup>7</sup> son of Joshua (492) and Elizabeth, of Marblehead, b. 1793 ; died in M. ——. Married Ellinor, widow of his brother Joshua. See (631.)

Children.

I. JOHN,<sup>8</sup> b. —— ; died at sea. Midshipman, U. S. N.

II. JOSHUA,<sup>8</sup> b. ——.

III. SAMUEL,<sup>8</sup> b. ——. A shipmaster.

IV. V. VI. Three daughters, names not known.

(653) I. JOHN PRENTISS,<sup>7</sup> son of Henry (495) and Mary, (Calley) born in Marblehead, March 26, 1793. Married Hannah, daughter of Isaac Collyer, Esq., of M., March 19, 1826. She was born Sept. 26, 1806.

Children.

I. MARY ELIZABETH,<sup>8</sup> b. Dec. 28, 1826. Married, Sept. 12, 1849, William P. Lecraw.

II. HANNAH COLLYER,<sup>8</sup> b. July 15, 1829. Married, Dec. 26, 1849, George B. Bartlett.

III. SARAH HOLMES,<sup>8</sup> b. March 18, 1831. Married, May 8, 1849, Joseph L. Brown.

IV. JOHN HENRY,<sup>8</sup> b. Dec. 7, 1833.

V. ABBY MARIA,<sup>8</sup> b. May 30, 1836.

VI. ISAAC COLLYER,<sup>8</sup> b. Feb. 9, 1838; d. April 28, 1848.

VII. SAMUEL COLLYER,<sup>8</sup> b. Oct. 2, 1839; died Sept. 3, 1840.

VIII. RUTH ANN STEVENS,<sup>8</sup> b. June 17, 1841.

IX. FRANCES ELLEN,<sup>8</sup> b. Aug. 12, 1844.

(660) VIII. HENRY JAMES PRENTISS,<sup>7</sup>\* son of Henry (495) and Mary, (Calley) born in Marblehead, July 17, 1807. Married first, Sarah Richards Jewett, daughter of Eliphalet Jewett, formerly of Salem, Mass., May 12, 1833. She was born June 12, 1809, and died Jan. 5, 1849, Æ. 39 years, 6 months, 24 days. Married second, Jan. 12, 1852, Martha W., daughter of the late Obadiah Dickinson, Esq. of Northfield, Mass.

Children.

(684) I. ANDREW MORGAN,<sup>8</sup> b. Sept. 1, 1834; is clerk in the house of Morgan & Smith, Cliff Street, New York.

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\* Mr. H. J. P. furnished me with several facts of his ancestors and others.

(685) II. ELIPHALET JEWETT,<sup>8</sup> b. May 29, 1836; died March 23, 1842, Æ. 5 years, 9 months, 23 days.

Mr. H. J. P. is a Printer in Boston, firm of Prentiss & Sawyer, whose execution of the printing of this work entitles them to much credit. He has several articles which belonged to the Prentiss family:—the pitcher and watch seal of his great uncle, Capt. Henry P., several papers, a bound volume of discourses, by Rev. Dr. P., of Medfield, and an obituary of his son, Rev. Thomas P., of Charlestown.

(672) I. CALEB PRENTISS, JR.,<sup>7</sup> son of Caleb (503) and Elizabeth, born in Marblehead July 5, 1812. Married, Feb. 15, 1835, Hannah Lecraw, of M., who was born July 31, 1814. Removed to East Boston June 7, 1847.

Children.

I. CALEB PRENTISS, 3d,<sup>8\*</sup> b. Feb. 11, 1836.

II. MARY JANE KNIGHT,<sup>8</sup> } twins, b. March 15, 1837.

III. AMY KNIGHT,<sup>8</sup> }

IV. HANNAH LEE,<sup>8</sup> b. Feb. 4, 1839.

V. WILLIAM PRENTISS,<sup>8</sup> b. March 6, 1841; died June 27, same year.

The following account of a "John Prentice, of Marblehead,"<sup>2</sup> is from Sabine's "Loyalists," and is inserted here, though it is not known whose son he was; he was not a son of Joshua of Marblehead. "He was an addressor of Gov. Hutchinson," (when H. left for England May 25, 1774.)

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\* Caleb Prentiss, 3d, when born, had two grandfathers and two grandmothers, two great-grandfathers and three great-grandmothers, and one great-great-grandmother.

The following is from a note in Lincoln's History of Worcester, in Worcester Hist. Collections, page 99, and is taken from a print of the time: — "Marblehead, Oct. 24, 1774. Whereas, I the subscriber, signed an address to the late Gov. Hutchinson, I wish the Devil had had said address before I had seen it.  
JOHN PRENTICE."

(334) V. SOLOMON PRENTICE,<sup>4\*</sup> son of Nathl. (57) and Hannah —, born Jan. 31, 1720–21. Resided in Watertown, Mass.† Married Hannah ‡ — "Fillebrown."|| Children.§

(686) I. SOLOMON,<sup>5</sup> b. Aug. 11, 1745, bap.¶ Aug. 18, died Sept. 18, 1765, Æ. 21.\*\*

(687) II. HANNAH,<sup>5</sup> b. July 27, 1748, bap. July 31.

(688) III. ISAAC,<sup>5</sup> b. Dec. 11, 1750, bap. Dec. 16; probably settled in Watertown, Mass.; on Lexington Alarm List from there.

(689) IV. SARAH,<sup>5</sup> b. July 18, 1761, bap. July 19.

Dr. Nat. S. Prentiss says, Solomon (334) was a farmer, and kept bees. Dr. Nat. P. frequently walked over to see them in Watertown, when a lad, and Mrs. P. treated him to new honey. Mr. George Prentice, senior, of W. Cambridge,

\* He is called *Jr.* on the Cambridge Town records, where his son Isaac's birth is recorded.

† Per Dr. N. S. Prentiss.

‡ Dr. Nat. Shepherd Prentiss says that the wife of Solomon P. of Watertown, was deranged, and committed suicide. She was a very large woman.

|| Per George Prentice, of West Cambridge, 1852.

§ Cambridge Town records.

¶ Cambridge First Church records.

\*\* Harris's Epitaphs.

1852, says one of Solomon's sons who died, left a daughter, Hannah, and her grandfather brought her up. She married Ebenezer Swan, of West Cambridge.

(553) I. WILLIAM PRENTISS,<sup>6</sup> son of Samuel (482) and Rebecca, of Gorham, Me., born Oct. 11, 1778, died Feb. 23, 1826.\* Married Abigail, (b. Jan. 12, 1782) daughter of Deacon and Counsellor George Lewis, of Barnstable, Mass., † Dec. 12, 1804. ‡ Mr. L. was at Bunker Hill battle, and was one of the founders of Gorham, Me. Mr. P. was a sea captain, and sailed from Portland, Me.; afterwards retired to a farm in Gorham, Me. Mrs. P. resides in Newburyport, Mass., 1850.

Children.

(690) I. CAROLINE,<sup>7</sup> b. Dec. 29, 1805; died May 6, 1810.

(691) II. WILLIAM,<sup>7</sup> b. Aug. 5, 1807. Married Angelina Hunt, of Gorham, Me., Sept. 29, 1834; has nine children living in 1850; residence New York city.

(692) III. SARGENT SMITH,<sup>7</sup> b. Sept. 30, 1808 — the orator and lawyer of New Orleans; died 1850.

(693) IV. SAMUEL,<sup>7</sup> b. April 29, 1811.

(694) V. MARY CAROLINE,<sup>7</sup> b. March 16, 1813; died March 9, 1815.

(695) VI. ABBY LEWIS,<sup>7</sup> b. Nov. 3, 1814; died Jan. 30, 1847.

(696) VII. GEORGE LEWIS,<sup>7</sup> b. May 12, 1816; Presbyterian minister.

\* In Falmouth, Me., Town records is his death there, *Æ.* 45.

† Connected with the Thatcher and Davis families of Cape Cod. Mr. Thatcher, of Saco, has a full account of the Lewis families.

‡ *Columbian Centinel*, Boston, 1804.

(697) VIII. HANNAH SMITH,<sup>7</sup> b. Feb. 21, 1818. Married Nov., 1843, Rev. Jonathan F. Stearns, of Newburyport, son of Rev. Mr. S. of New Bedford, Mass., now of Newark, N. J. ; has two children, Sargent Prentiss and Lewis French.

(698) IX. MARY SMITH,<sup>7</sup> b. Jan. 10, 1821.

(692) III. SARGENT SMITH PRENTISS,<sup>7</sup> son of Capt. William (553) and Abigail, born Sept. 30, 1808, in Gorham, Me. ; died in Natchez, Miss., July, 1850, Æ. 42. Married, 1841 or 1842, Mary Jane Williams, of Natchez, whose mother was a Percy, connected with the English Percys, and with the Cadwallader and Sargeant families of Philadelphia, Pa., and Natchez, Miss. Mr. P. fitted for college at Gorham Academy, under the Rev. Reuben Nason. Graduated at Bowdoin College in 1826. Studied law a year with Hon. Josiah Pierce, of Gorham, Me., then with Judge Burnet, of Cincinnati, then went to Natchez, "the City of the Bluff's," where he finished his studies, devoting the night to law, the day to teaching. Here he entered into a short partnership with Gen. Felix Houston. Soon after he removed to Vicksburg, "the City of the Walnut Hills," where he was soon overwhelmed with business. From his first entry in Court, he took a high position. His reading was extensive : his favorite works were, Shakspeare, Scott, and especially the Bible. His absorbing sentiment was Patriotism. Clay, his political idol, Webster and Crittenden his favorite statesmen, believing their principles tended to preserve the Union. In 1836, he was elected to the Mississippi Legislature, and in 1837, to Congress, where, Jan. 17, 1838, he made a speech, which was considered one of the most eloquent and powerful productions of the time, on the famous "Mississippi contested election," his own case. By the casting vote of the Speaker, afterwards President Polk, the contestants were sent back to the people. It was at this time, while canvassing his State,



the amusing event occurred, as related by himself at the New England Supper in N. O., as published in the Boston Journal, Jan. 11, 1850, copied from the N. O. Picayune. [See Appendix P.] The result of the new election was that Mr. P. was returned to Congress by an immense majority. Dec. 28, 1828, he delivered a spirited and effective speech on the "Defalcations of Government." In the Presidential Campaign of 1840, he came North, and made a great number of speeches for Harrison. His talents for popular oratory, and "stump speaking," were extraordinary, in which, no man in the South or West ever surpassed him. His power of *originating* forcible and beautiful natural images of abstract truths was marvellous; but he was quite as much distinguished at the bar for vigorous *logic* and solid Yankee *sense*, as for splendid rhetoric. His best speeches have rarely been reported, never perfectly. A good specimen of his style is his speech in the Boston Daily Times, Feb. 18, 1847, at the great New Orleans meeting in favor of the starving population of Ireland, when Hon. Henry Clay and Mr. Crittenden also spoke. Another address is in the New Orleans Picayune, Dec. 23, 1845, before the New England Society of New Orleans, and a speech to the returned volunteers from Mexico, in the same paper, June 12, 1847. He waged energetic, relentless war against Mississippi "Repudiation," denouncing it everywhere as downright dishonesty. He gained an important suit, involving a large amount of "Commons of Vicksburg," said to be one million of dollars in value, his commissions on which were large. His lameness was produced by sickness in infancy. A near relative speaks of his extraordinary filial piety, and unbounded generosity in aiding him to secure a liberal education, at home and abroad. Unfortunately, there is no good portrait of him. An engraving, in the Sept. (1851) number of the American Whig Review, New York, is not considered correct. In one of his last speeches, noticing the sunset, he said, "Friends!

that glorious orb reminds me that the day is spent, and that I too must close. Ere we part, let me hope that it may be our good fortune to end our days in the same splendor, and that when the evening of life comes, we may sink to rest with the clouds that close in our departure, gold tipped, with the glorious effulgence of a well spent life." His funeral took place July 2, and his remains were placed in the burial ground of the Sargeant family, near Natchez, with those of Gov. S., and other relatives of Mrs. P., in presence of a large number of the best and most prominent men of the county. His brother, Rev. George L. Prentice, of New York, is preparing a memoir of him.

Children.

(699) I. MARY JANE,<sup>8</sup> b. ———.

(700) II. GEORGE,<sup>8</sup> b. ———.

(701) III. SARGENT CADWALLADER,<sup>8</sup> b. ———.

(702) IV. EUNICE PERCEY,<sup>8</sup> b. ———.

(696) VII. GEORGE LEWIS PRENTISS,<sup>7</sup> son of Capt. William P., (553) born in Gorham, Me., May 12, 1816. Ordained pastor of Trinitarian Church, New Bedford, Mass., April 9, 1845. Accepted a call to Newark, N. J., in 1850. In 1851, was pastor of the Mercer Street Presbyterian Church, New York city. Married Elizabeth, youngest daughter of the late Rev. Edward Payson, D. D., of Portland, Me., April 22, 1845.

Children.

(703) I. ANNA LOUISA,<sup>8</sup> b. Dec. 4, 1846.

(704) II. EDWARD PAYSON,<sup>8</sup> b. Oct. 22, 1848; died in New York, Jan. 22, 1852.

Rev. Mr. Prentiss fitted for college at Gorham Academy.

Graduated at Bowdoin College in 1835. By the liberality of his brother, S. S. P., he completed his theological studies at the Universities of Halle and Berlin, and visited Italy, France, and England, and returned home in 1842. Was a Representative to the Massachusetts Legislature, 1848, from New Bedford. Aug. 5, 1850, he delivered the Eulogy, in New Bedford, at the obsequies of President Taylor.

(455) IV. JOHN PRENTICE,<sup>5</sup> son of "Cooper" Henry P., (444) of Cambridge, Mass., born in Cambridge, —, and baptised Oct. 7, 1744. Harvard University, 1766. Died May 18, 1808. Commenced practice as an attorney, 1770.\* Was a member of the first Court held in the County of Hillsboro', N. H., at Amherst, Oct. 1771.\* Attorney General from 1787 to 1793. Representative and Speaker of the House of Representatives, N. H. Appointed Judge of the Supreme Court, but declined. Subscriber to the declaration made at Londonderry, 1776, to oppose Great Britain, "vi et armis."† Married Ruth, daughter of Dr. Joseph Lemmon, of Marblehead.‡

Children, as far as known.

(705) I. (RUTH?)<sup>6</sup> "A daughter married Moses L. Neal, attorney, Derry, N. H., who moved to Rochester, then to Dover, in 1829."\*

(706) JOHN PRENTICE,|| of Cambridge, son of —, born —. Married Sally|| —.

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\* New Hampshire Hist. Soc. Collection.

† The original, with his signature, is in N. E. Hist. Gen. Soc., Boston.

‡ "The Swett Family," in the N. E. Hist. Gen. Reg., Jan. 1852.

|| First Church records, Cambridge.

## Children.\*

(707) I. JOHN, b. — ; died \* Aug. 17, 1817.

(708) II. JULIAN, b. — ; died \* Aug. 19, 1817.

(709) ABIGAIL PRENTISS, "of Sherburne, Mass.," daughter of —, born —, 1745. Married David, son of Nat. Haven, of Hopkinton, April 3, 1761, who was born in H. June 14, 1734. Five or six years after marriage, removed to Natick, and died Sept. 5, 1805, Æ. 71. His widow married Zedekiah Haven, of Hopkinton, whom she survived many years, and died Oct. 1837, Æ. 92. Had nine children by her first husband.† She may be a sister to Benjamin and Stephen Prentiss, of Sherburne, on the Lexington Alarm List.

(710 or 240) V. JOEL PRENTICE,<sup>6†</sup> of Lincoln, Mass., son of Daniel, (232)? b. April 2, 1788? admitted to the church, Feb. 5, 1832. Married Harriot — ; admitted to the church, 1830.

## Children.

(711) I. JOHN WATSON,<sup>7</sup> b. — ; bap. Feb. 5, 1832. Whalebone worker, house rear 58 Tyler street, Boston, 1850.

(712) II. NATHAN JONES,<sup>7</sup> b. — ; bap. Feb. 5, 1832. Grain Store, Boston, 1849.

\* First Church records, Cambridge.

† Genealogy of Richard Haven and descendants, p. 20.

‡ Church records, Lincoln, Mass., 1832. Mr. — Rice, hotel keeper, of Lincoln, told me, in 1849, that Joel P. died in Illinois, Aug. 1839, and was a very tall, strong man, the largest one in L., and he believes came from Princeton, and his wife from Concord, Mass., where she then resided.

(713) III. SARAH WATSON,<sup>7</sup> b. — ; bap. Feb. 5, 1832.

(532) IX. WILLIAM CONANT PRENTISS,<sup>6</sup> Painter, son of Appleton (477) and Silence, born Sept. 13, 1797. Resides in Northampton, Mass. Married Asseneth Sanford, of N., Jan. 3, 1822.

Children.

(714) I. HELEN MARIA,<sup>7</sup> b. Sept. 30, 1822 ; died —.

(715) II. CAROLINE REBECCA,<sup>7</sup> b. Dec. 25, 1824. Married James H. Searl, of Southampton, Jan. 28, 1846 ; died March 9, 1849.

(716) III. WILLIAM FRANCIS,<sup>7</sup> b. March 16, 1827.

(717) IV. JOHN APPLETON,<sup>7</sup> b. Nov. 18, 1829, Watchmaker, Boston.

(718) V. HENRY CONANT,<sup>7</sup> b. April 10, 1832.

(719) VI. SARAH HOLMES,<sup>7</sup> b. March 9, 1837 ; died Sept. 7, 1838.

(534) XI. HENRY PRENTISS,<sup>6</sup> son of Appleton (477) and Silence, born in Boston, June 25, 1801 ; baptised July 25.\* Married first, in 1828, Mary Ann Dickenson, of Cambridgeport. She died in 1833. Married second, in 1840, Harriet J. Ferrin, of Charlestown. Mr. P. keeps the well known Musical Instrument Store, Court Street, Boston.

Children.

I. HENRY,<sup>7</sup> b. 1829 ; died 1832.†

II. CHESTER,<sup>7</sup> b. 1832 ; died 1832.

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\* Brattle Street Church records, Boston.

† "Henry, son of Henry Prentiss, died Jan. 1833." [Boston newspaper.]

By second wife.

III. HENRY FERRIN,<sup>7</sup> b. July 3, 1841; died Nov. 13, 1841.

IV. ALBERT FRANK,<sup>7</sup> b. July 17, 1848.

(720) or (301) IV. WILLIAM PRENTICE,<sup>6</sup> "of Shutesbury,"\* (Shrewsbury? Mass.,) son of Henry P., Jr., (297) and Mary? born ——. Married Mary ——.

Children.

(721) I. POLLY,<sup>7</sup> b. ——; bap. June 14, 1795.

(722) II. LOUIS,<sup>7</sup> b. ——; bap. June 14, 1795.

(723) III. HENRY,<sup>7</sup> b. ——; bap. June 14, 1795.

(724) IV. WILLIAM,<sup>7</sup> b. ——; bap. June 14, 1795.

(725) V. CLARISSA,<sup>7</sup> b. ——; bap. June 14, 1795.

(726) VI. WATSON,<sup>7</sup> b. ——; bap. Sept. 24, 1797, "son of William and Mary P., of Shutesbury."\*

(727) "WILLIAM PRENTICE, and Lydia, his wife, were received to full communion, June 12, 1796."\* This may have been the above William, with a second wife, and Watson P., baptised in 1797, may be their son.

(448) VII. SMITH PRENTICE,<sup>4</sup> son of John (60) and Mary, (Smith) born in Cambridge Sept. 11, 1718; settled in Watertown, Mass. Married Mercy Learned, Oct. 13, 1743.†

Children.†

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\* Wendell Church records, per Rev. R. M. Chipman.

† Watertown records. Hannah Prentice Sanderson, daughter of Isaac and Hannah S., born in Watertown, June 10, 1775.

(728) I. BENJAMIN,<sup>5</sup> b. Feb. 17, 1744-5. Married Ruth Worthylake, Dec. 10, 1767, of Watertown.\*

(729) II. MARY,<sup>5</sup> b. May 8, 1747. Married Benj. Bird, of Watertown, Nov. 9, 1775.\*

(73) IV. SAMUEL PRENTICE,<sup>4</sup> son of Solomon (52) and Lydia, of Cambridge, born May 5, 1707. Married Elizabeth —; died in Watertown; will, Sept. 30, 1749; Samuel P.'s uncle, Dea. Henry P., executor; witness, Lydia Kidder, &c.

Children.\*

(730) I. LYDIA,<sup>5</sup> b. March 11, 1737-8. Married Samuel Whitney, Jan. 15, 1765, of Watertown.\*

(731) II. ELIZABETH,<sup>5</sup> b. April 2, 1741; died single, in Cambridge, Aug. 10, 1817. [See note on page 79. (370)] She was probably the one who kept house for Ben. Goddard in Cambridge, and left her property to him.† In 1758, Eben. P. was guardian to Samuel's two children.

(732) The THOMAS PRENTICE, on Lexington Alarm List, of Watertown, was son of —, and was married and had a daughter (733) in W. The Selectmen addressed a letter to a Thomas Prentice, dated Sept. 2, 1793, "to abate the disorderly conduct in his family, and the abuse of his daughter, and to place his daughter in some good family."‡

(734) RUTHY PRENTICE, of Watertown, married Amos Munroe, of Cambridge, Dec. 18, 1803.

(735) ELLIS PRENTICE, of Cambridge, married Lydia Haynes, of Watertown, March 23, 1806.

\* Watertown records.

† Per Mrs. Elizabeth (P.) Bracket, Cambridge, who was named for this Elizabeth P.

‡ A loose copy in Watertown book of records.

(320) IV. JOHN MELLEEN PRENTISS, son of Capt. John (310) and Anna, (Cook) born 1786; merchant, Baltimore, till 1818; went to Hindostan, Ind., and died there in 1820. Married Sally Mackay, sister to Samuel Hunt, of Boston.

Children.

(736) I. ANN ELIZA, b. ——. Married —— Tuckerman, resides in Brooklyn, N. Y.; has three children.

(737) II. JAMES MACKAY, resides at Savannah, Ga.

(738) III. JOHN THOMAS, b. ——

Feb. 20, 1826, Sally Mackay Prentiss, of Boston, widow, was their guardian; owned a house in Belknap Street, and part of store No. 30 Long Wharf.

(739) ISAAC PRENTISS, shipwright, Boston, son of ——, born ——. Married Margaret (Bateman?) he died in 1823. Margaret Prentiss, his widow, was executrix of his will of May 8, 1846, proved June 15, 1846.

Children.

(740) I. CAROLINE B.

(741) II. ISAAC A.

(742) III. CHARLES HENRY EUGENE. Died 1833, a minor. Inventory of property "expectant on decease of Margaret Christina, widow of Capt. George C. Bateman," in Essex Street, Boston, and farm in Westford, Mass.; his part valued at \$1800. Thomas Larkin and George B. Prentiss, appraisers.

(743) IV. GEORGE B.; deceased. Married ——; one child, (744) Margaret Louisa. George B. Prentiss was deceased when his father's will was proved.

(745) Maria Louisa, daughter of ——; a minor in 1833,



and also had same right in the Bateman estate, \$1800, as children of H. E. P. had ; she was deceased in 1846.

(555) II. WILLIAM HENRY PRENTISS,<sup>6</sup> son of William (483) and Eunice, (P. Greenleaf) born Oct. 23, 1796, in Washington, D. C., his residence. Married first, Sarah Stockwell, July 7, 1818 ; she died Jan. 8, 1831. Married second, Sarah Ann Cooper, Sept. 29, 1831, who was born 1807.

Children by first wife.

(746) I. WILLIAM HENRY,<sup>7</sup> b. Nov. 22, 1822.

(747) II. MARGARET JANE,<sup>7</sup> b. Feb. 2, 1824. Married Chas. J. Canfield ; has one daughter, Mary Anna.

By second wife.

(748) III. EUNICE ANN,<sup>7</sup> b. Sept. 25, 1832.

(749) IV. CHARLES APPLETON,<sup>7</sup> b. Feb. 12, 1837.

(750) V. DANIEL WEBSTER,<sup>7</sup> b. May 21, 1843.

(751) VI. ISAAC COOPER,<sup>7</sup> b. Oct. 21, 1846.

(752) VII. JULIET VIRGINIA,<sup>7</sup> b. Aug. 2, 1849.

(457) VI. WILLIAM PRENTICE,<sup>5</sup> son of Henry, (444) the Cooper, born Dec. 26, 1746-7 ; " died 1813, Æ. 66, of dropsy.\* Married —.

Children.

(753) I. WILLIAM.<sup>6</sup> Was a hackman in Boston ; afterwards florist in South Boston or Dorchester.

(754) II. SUSAN ;<sup>6</sup> born about 1790 to 1800. Married — Pond. Deacon Moore, carpenter, who lived in the old

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\* Cambridge Town records.

house at the "Washington Elm," Cambridge, took her, when a child, at the death of her parents, to bring up.\*

(755) III. JOHN,<sup>6</sup> b. —.

This William P. lived on the site of house now occupied by Judge Fay, in Cambridge. His house was in such a dilapidated condition that it decayed over the family, who finally lived in the cellar part. He was fitted for College, but did not enter. Mr. Ireland built on the site of the house. Mrs. Ruth Freeman Prentiss called this William cousin. Mrs. Bracket thinks he may be a son of Daniel, of the Botanic Garden, Cambridge. Miss Munroe says this William had a brother Henry. J. C. P. says William's parents were respectable, and he was once in good circumstances, and dressed well.

(75) VI. EBENEZER PRENTICE,<sup>4</sup> son of Solomon P., Jr., (52) and Lydia, born in Cambridge, May 29, 1712; bap. June 1.† Settled in West Cambridge. Married Sarah Pierce, of Charlestown, Aug. 2, 1735.‡ He died in West Cambridge, Aug. 30, 1790, Æ. 78.∥ She died Nov. 9, 1772, Æ. 60.§

Children.

(756) I. EBENEZER,<sup>5</sup> b. March 4, 1736-7. An Ebenr.

\* Most of the account of this family is from Mrs. Bracket.

† First Church records, Cambridge.

‡ Charlestown records.

∥ West Cambridge gravestone, and his son, Geo. Prentice's, (760) bible, now owned by Geo. P. (768); it was bought by Ebenezer Prentice in 1768.

§ Bible record, from which the births and deaths of George of 1746 and family, and George of 1774 and family, and John of 1789 and family, are taken.

P. of Cambridge, married Abigail Hovey, of Newton, Dec. 9, 1762; an Ebenr. P. occupied a farm in Watertown, 1798.\*

(757) II. SOLOMON,<sup>5</sup> b. April 24, 1739; died "24 May next."

(758) III. SARAH,<sup>5</sup> b. Aug. 20, 1741.

(759) IV. SOLOMON,<sup>5</sup> b. May 14, 1744.

(760) V. GEORGE,<sup>5</sup> b. Sept. 27, 1746.

(761) VI. MARY,<sup>5</sup> b. Oct. 16, 1747.

(762) VII. ELIZABETH,<sup>5</sup> b. Mar. 4, 1748-9; died 1750.

(763) VIII. MARY,<sup>5</sup> } twins, b. Jan. 1, 1751-2. E.

(764) IX. ELIZABETH,<sup>5</sup> } died in infancy.

(765) X. LOVE,<sup>5</sup> born Mar. 28, 1755. A Love Prentice married Moses Hovey, Mar. 11, 1776.†

(760) V. GEORGE PRENTICE,<sup>5</sup> son of Ebenezer (75) and Sarah, born Sept. 27, 1746; died in West Cambridge, Oct. 6, 1819, Æ. 73.‡ Married Lydia Hill, June 21, 1770,† daughter of Zechariah Hill, who died 1772;|| she died Sept. 3, 1822, Æ. 76.‡

Children.

(766) I. LYDIA,<sup>6</sup> b. April 17, 1771. Married Jonas Pierce; had a family; she is alive, 1852, he deceased.†

(767) II. SARAH,<sup>6</sup> b. Feb. 10, 1773; died March 5, 1774.

(768) III. GEORGE,<sup>6</sup> b. May 24, 1774.

(769) IV. SARAH,<sup>6</sup> b. Nov. 24, 1775; died March 22, 1797, Æ. 22.†

\* U. S. Tax, 1798.

† Cambridge Town records.

‡ Gravestone West Cambridge, per T. B. Wyman.

|| Ebenezer and Ebenezer Prentice, Jr. were witnesses to a receipt of Geo. P. and wife, Lydia, (Hill) on the settlement of her father's estate, Feb. 11, 1772. [Middlesex County records.]

(770) V. EBENEZER,<sup>6</sup> b. June 26, 1778. Single; died July 28, 1801, Æ. 23.\*

(771) VI. ELIZABETH,<sup>6</sup> b. Sept. 20, 1780. Married Joseph Stearns. She died 1835.

(772) VII. ZECHARIAH,<sup>6</sup> } twins, b. Oct. 16, 1782;

(773) VIII. REBECCA,<sup>6</sup> } died 3d and 4th Nov., 1782.

(774) IX. ZECHARIAH,<sup>6</sup> b. Jan. 1, 1784; died Sept. 21, 1784.

(775) X. POLLY,<sup>6</sup> b. Nov. 24, 1785. Married Abijah Pierce. She is dead.

(776) XI. REBECCA,<sup>6</sup> b. October 22, 1787. Married Ebenezer Warren. She died about 1840.

(777) XII. JOHN,<sup>6</sup> b. Sept. 12, 1789. Married Sarah Hall; had seven children.

(778) XIII. JOSEPH,<sup>6</sup> } twins; b. May 27, 1792;

(779) XIV. BENJAMIN,<sup>6</sup> } Benj. died Nov. 19, 1795,  
and Joseph in 1836, by a fall from a wagon, in New York.

(768) II. GEORGE PRENTICE,<sup>6</sup> Farmer, of West Cambridge, son of George (760) and Lydia, born May 24, 1774. Married Susanna Adams, of Cambridge, June 6, 1804.

Children.

(780) I. SUSANNA,<sup>7</sup> b. Sept. 2, 1806. Resides with her father, 1852.

(781) II. GEORGE,<sup>7</sup> b. March 13, 1809. Married Mary M. Cook, Dec. 18, 1848. Farmer; lives near his father; has one child, (782) George Azro.

(783) III. SARAH,<sup>7</sup> b. Sept. 24, 1811. Married Albert Winn, Dec., 1837; has four children.

(784) IV. LYDIA,<sup>7</sup> b. April 11, 1814; alive 1852.

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\* Gravestone, West Cambridge, per T. B. Wyman.

(785) V. CAROLINE AUSTIN,<sup>7</sup> b. Aug. 22, 1816 ; alive 1852.

(786) VI. ELIZA BRADLEE,<sup>7</sup> b. Oct. 26, 1819 ; alive 1852.

An infant of George and Susanna P. died Feb. 10, 1805.\* Mr. George P. and his son George P.'s farms are high up on the east side of the hill above Spy Pond, West Cambridge, commanding a fine view of Boston, &c. Their loss by the "tornado" which swept over West Cambridge and Medford in 1851, was \$1,000.†

(777) XII. JOHN PRENTICE,<sup>6</sup> son of George (760) and Lydia, born Sept. 12, 1789. Married Sarah Hall.

Children.

(787) I. JOHN JACKSON,<sup>7</sup> b. 1815 ; died in 1850, of cholera, on his return from California.

(788) II. SARAH ALMENA,<sup>7</sup> b. 1817. Single, 1852.

(789) III. LYDIA HILL,<sup>7</sup> b. 1819. Single, 1852.

(790) IV. ABIGAIL HALL,<sup>7</sup> b. 1821. Married Warren Maynard. She died in 1851. Left one child.

(791) V. ELIZABETH,<sup>7</sup> b. — ; died —, Æ. 3 years.

(792) VI. MARY,<sup>7</sup> b. — ; died —, Æ. 5 months.

(793) VII. GEORGE WASHINGTON,<sup>7</sup> b. 1827 ; died —, Æ. 4 months.

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\* Gravestone, West Cambridge.

† The whole damage in both towns was \$20,000.

### Newton, Mass., Branch.

(794) CAPT. THOMAS PRENTICE,<sup>1</sup> of Cambridge Village, (Newton,)\* born in England about 1620. Freeman, May 26, 1652, in Cambridge.† Died in Newton, his residence, July 6, 1710, Æ. 89,‡ in consequence of a fall from his horse, when returning from public worship on Sunday. Married in England, Grace —, about 1648; she died Oct. 9, 1692.||

Children.

(795) I. GRACE,<sup>2</sup> b. 1648, in England. Married Capt. and Dea. Thomas, son of John Oliver, 29, 9, 1667, of that part of Cambridge, now Brighton. She died 31, 7, 1681, Æ. 33. Married second, Mary Wilson, 19, 9, 1682. T. O. was Representative of Cambridge, 1692. Died Nov. 1, 1715, Æ. 70.||

\* Cambridge Town records. Newton was altered from Cambridge, or Cambridge Village, in 1697 or 1698.

† Records of the General Court, State House, Boston.

‡ Town records, Newton. The Hyde manuscripts state that he was buried under arms, by the Company of Troop, on the 8th of July, 1710 — while his large, thick gravestone, still to be seen, near the north corner of the hollow, where the old Church stood, on the hill, of the graveyard, has this inscription, in capital letters: "Here lies ye body of Capt. Thomas Prentice, Dec'd July ye 7th, 1709, in the 89th year of his age." The foot stone has "Capt. Thomas Prentice." The "disputed verse" is on the gravestone of his *grandson*, Capt. Thomas P., near his.

|| Francis Jackson.

- (796) II. THOMAS,<sup>2</sup> } twins, b. 22, 11, 1649.\*  
 (797) III. ELIZABETH,<sup>2</sup> } Thos. married Sarah Stanton.  
 (798) IV. MARY,<sup>2</sup> b. ——.   
 (799) V. JOHN,<sup>2</sup> b. 2, 12, 1653; \* died 10, 1, 1654.†  
 (800) VI JOHN,<sup>2</sup> b. 10, 5, 1655.\*  
 (801) VII. HENRY,<sup>2</sup> b. —; died 9, 4, 1654.‡  
 (802) VIII. HANNAH,<sup>2</sup> b. 1661; died 1738, Æ. 77.  
 [Hyde manuscripts.]

Lt. Col. Roger Harlakenden, a man of note, “died of small pox, in Cambridge,” || in 1638, and wills “to Anna my mayde servant 40s., to Mary my mayde 30s., to Gowlding & Thomas Prentice 30s., each of them.” If this was the above Thomas P. he was then about seventeen years of age, and in some kind of service to H., and may have come over with H.’s family, in 1635, and from him imbibed his military spirit. There is a tradition that this Thomas, or some one of the Prentice name, was in Cromwell’s life guard, or army; if it was this Thomas, he must have returned to England, served in the army of the Commonwealth, married in 1648, and came back to Cambridge in 1649, with his wife and child, Grace.

The earliest certain record of Thomas P. in America, is in the “Records of the Church in Christ at Cambridge, in N. E.,” which record was begun Nov. 1658, viz.: “Thomas Prentice and Grace his wife both in full Comm: their Children, Grace, baptised in England, and about 4 years old at her parents joining, (in 1652, when he was made Freeman,)

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\* Cambridge Town records in Probate Court, E. Cambridge, and Town records, Cambridge.

† Cambridge Town records, and Harris’s Epitaphs.

‡ A. H. Ward, and Cambridge Town records, in Probate Court.

|| Winthrop.

Thomas, Elizabeth, Mary, John." Capt. Thomas P. probably came over between 1648 and 1649. He resided in the east part of Newton, where the Boston Water Works tunnel passes. The old well of his house remains, but the house is down.

In 1653, "Thomas Prentice hired Mr. Haynes farm."\* In 1656, he was chosen Lieutenant of the troop of horse, at the age of thirty-five, and Captain in 1662.† His brilliant exploits with them in "King Philip's war," are matters of history.‡ In 1661, Stephen Day deeds Thomas P., Sen., 300 acres of land in the "Pequod Country."§ In the Massachusetts General Court records, this land, bounded South by the Sound, West by Capt. Gookin, North East by college land, is ordered to be laid out to Lieut. Thomas Prentice. A part of this land is probably that on which his grandson, Samuel Prentice, Sen., settled in Stonington, Ct., about 1710.

In 1668, he was appointed one of the persons to proceed to Quinsigamond, (Worcester,) and view the plantation, with an object of its settlement, and signed the report Oct. 20, 1668.§ He is named as one of the owners of the first fifty-eight houses with sixty acres of land, in Worcester. His name appears as an active and conspicuous personage for many years on its records, and in 1684, he is called "of Woburn," and had fifty acres of land in Worcester, on the division of the land, "for his public services;" he also had land, by grant and purchase, in Billerica and other places. In 1672, he represented Newton in the General Court. In 1675, he and his troop is mentioned nineteen times in the Massachusetts Colony Treasurer's (John Hull) books. In 1675, he made a desperate

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\* Affidavit relative to John Baker. Middlesex County records, per T. B. Wyman.

† Francis Jackson.

‡ Hubbard's Indian Wars.

§ Middlesex County records.

§ Lincoln's Hist. Worcester.



charge with his troop, and brought off Vincent Duce, one of them, seriously wounded, in one of the Indian fights; Duce died in 1777, and Capt. P. witnessed his will Nov. 29. In 1675, he bought of Edward Frost, and his wife Thomazin, 85 acres of land south side of Charles river, in Cambridge, bounded by James and Thomas P. (the 2d?) Oct. 7, 1679, Capt. Thomas Prentice, Dea. John Stone, and William Bond were appointed a committee by the General Court, under a law then in force, to rebuild Lancaster, Mass., the inhabitants of which, in King Philip's war, after destroying all their own houses but two, deserted the place. After Philip's death, Aug. 1676, it was uninhabited for three years.\* In 1705-6, he settled his estate himself, by deeds of gift: one to his grand-son, Thomas Prentice, of a house and eighty acres of land, in Newton; one to his grand-son, Samuel Prentice, (since of Stonington, Ct.,) of his mansion, and one hundred acres of land in the southerly part of Newton — acknowledged it Feb. 1705-6.† No will, inventory, or other paper is on record.

(790) II. THOMAS PRENTICE, Jr.,<sup>2</sup> son of Capt. Thomas (794) and Grace, born in Cambridge Village, (Newton,) 22, 11, 1649. Died April 19, 1685, Æ. 36.‡ Married Sarah Stanton, 20, 1, 1675. *dan. Thomas Stanton*  
Children.

(803) I. THOMAS,<sup>3</sup> b. 13, 11, 1676. Married Elizabeth, daughter of Edward Jackson, Jr. ||

\* Worcester Magazine, Vol. 2, p. 294.

† Middlesex County deeds.

‡ Francis Jackson.

|| Elizabeth Jackson, of Newton, in 1709, wills to her grandchild, Elizabeth Prentice, daughter of Edward Jackson.

(804) II. GRACE,<sup>3</sup> b. —.

(805) III. SAMUEL,<sup>3</sup> b. about 1680. Married Esther Hammond, and removed to Stonington, Ct., 1709 or '10.

(806) IV. JOHN,<sup>3</sup> b. about 1682. Minister, Lancaster, Mass.

The inventory of Thomas Prentice, Jr., of Newton, is dated May 4, 1685, by Thomas Prentice and John Ward; mentions house, barn, &c., £120; one pair "pistoles," carbine, "cutlash," belt, saddle, pair boots, and other furniture for his horse, £6. Total in N. £245. Inventory of his estate in Stonington, Ct., taken May 26, 1685, by Nehemiah Palmer and Thomas Stanton, mentions cattle, part of an ox, one half part of one yearling, some horse kind in the Narraganset country and other woods, particular number unknown; 100 acres in the King's Province, £15; tract of 230 acres of land lying in Stonington, £65; total in Ct., £109 5s. 0d. Charlest. Court, 16, 4, 85, Sarah Prentice, Administratrix.\* Thomas P., Jr., was probably a trooper in his father's company of horse.

(800) VI. JOHN PRENTICE,<sup>2</sup> son of Capt. Thos. (794) and Grace, born 10, 5, 1655. Will, March 11, and died March 14, 1689, Æ. 34. Married Elizabeth, daughter of Edward, Sen., and Elizabeth Jackson, † 28, 4, 1677. She was born April 28, 1658. No children. Nov. 24, 1678, Noah Wiswell deeds land to John Prentice, "planter," both of Cambridge. Elizabeth, widow of John, was Executrix to his will. She had all the property for life, and to dispose of one half of his estate at her death. The other one half at her death, and a legacy of £10, at his marriage, "to my cousin John, son of my deceased brother, Thomas Prentice." Inventory, £316. "Musket, two guns, sword and belt, &c. Books, £2." Witness to will, James Prentice. John's

\* Middlesex County deeds.

† Cambridge Town records.

widow, Elizabeth, was married second, to Jonas Bond, Boston, Nov. 13, 1698-9, by Samuel Sewell, Esq.\* Mrs. Elizabeth Bond died Jan. 25, 1740, *Æ.* 83,† and wills property to her cousin, (her first husband's brother's son) Rev. John Prentice, of Lancaster; and also to Elizabeth, widow of Capt. Thomas Prentice, 2d, the daughter of Edward Jackson, Jr.‡

(803) I. CAPT. THOMAS PRENTICE,<sup>3</sup> (Capt. of Infantry,) son of Thomas, Jr., (790) and Sarah, (Stanton) born 13, 11, 1676; died Feb. 16, 1729-30, in Newton, *Æ.* 53 years 1 month. Married Elizabeth, daughter of Dea. Edward Jackson, Jr. She was born Feb. 23, 1687, and died Oct. 19, 1753, *Æ.* 67. This Capt. P. was a prominent man in town affairs, and a Slave owner, and left a large estate. A nuncupative will, on his death bed, gives his daughter, Sarah, £20 more of his personal estate than his other children were to have. Will proved by John and Samuel Jackson, witnesses, April 13, 1730. His inventory was, personal, £513 12s. 6d.; real estate, £2,988; books, £7 15s. 0d.; gun and sword, £1 8s. 0d.; negro slave, £90; servant boy, £15; gain in sale of latter, £10; gravestones, £7. Widow Elizabeth P. and Samuel Jackson, administrators.

The following verse so often and erroneously quoted as on the gravestone of old Capt. Thomas P., the trooper, in Barber's History of Towns in Mass., in Rev. Dr. Homer's History of Newton, and also by Rev. Dr. Wm. Jenks, who discovered it about fifty years since and cleaned off the moss, and by others, is on the gravestone of this Capt. Thomas Prentice, (803.)

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\* Boston Town records.

† Gravestone, Newton old ground.

‡ Middlesex County records.

“He that’s here interred, needs no versifying,  
 A vertuous life will keep ye name from dying,  
 He’ll live, tho’ poets cese their scribbling rym,  
 When that this stone shall mouldered be by time.”

The stone is a small smooth one, with no name, date, or inscription, except the verse. It is now six paces Northwest of the old Capt. Thomas Prentice’s gravestones, (which remain in their original position and entire.) Mr. Francis Jackson, of Boston, well acquainted with the history of Newton, says, that he discovered, in 1851, to whom this stone belonged, and that it had been removed some feet from its true position to straighten the walks. He has urged the Selectmen to replace it in its original position. The male descendants of the old Capt. Thomas P., in Newton, ended with Capt. Thomas P. of the third generation. In 1719, he owned 30 acres of land in Worcester, of which he and wife Elizabeth, of Newton, in 1725, deed to Simon Gates a house lot in Worcester, “formerly of Capt. Thomas Prentice, deceased.”

Children of Capt. Thomas and Elizabeth.

(807) I. DELIVERANCE,<sup>4</sup> b. May 19, 1704.

(808) II. ABIGAIL,<sup>4</sup> b. June 4, 1707. Married Samuel Wilson, 1734.

(809) III. EBENEZER,<sup>4</sup> b. March 3, 1708.

(810) IV. JERUSHA,<sup>4</sup> b. —, 1709. Married Isaac Brown, 1733. Mrs. Elizabeth P. was guardian to Jerusha and Elizabeth P., 1730. Samuel Jackson, surety.\*

(811) V. ELIZABETH,<sup>4</sup>† b. Aug. 26, 1714. Married Joshua Hammond, 1739.

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\* Middlesex County records.

† Dr. Homer’s Hist. Newton says, “Mrs. Elizabeth, his (Capt. Thomas P., Sen.) grand-daughter, died April 12, of this year (about 1798 or 9.)”

(812) VI. SARAH,<sup>4</sup> b. Nov. 3, 1719. Married Timothy Cheeney, 1737. The administrator's account of Capt. Thos. P. says, "paid subsistence three years of deceased youngest daughter, being weakly." \*

The children of this Capt. Thomas were well educated.† There was at one time in Newton the old trooper, Capt. Thos. P.; Thomas P., who wrote his name Jr., and afterwards Thomas P., 2d, when the trooper's son Thomas came on the stage; and when his own son, Thomas P., grew up, he wrote his name Thomas P., Sen.‡ All these confuse.

(806) IV. REV. JOHN PRENTICE,<sup>3</sup> son of Thomas (790) and Sarah, (Stanton) born in Newton, 1682. H. U. 1700. "His health began to fail in 1746," and he died Jan. 6, || 8, § or 9, ¶ 1748, Æ. 66.\*\* Married Dec. 4, 1703, †† Mary, widow of Rev. John Gardner, predecessor of Mr. P. in Lancaster, who was shot by the guard on the night of Oct. 26, 1704, Æ. 30, while descending from a look out, being mistaken for an Indian enemy. She was admitted to the church in Lancaster, 1708, and Rev. J. P. admitted into the church Newton, March 14, 1708, and same day dismissed to the church in L. He preached in Lancaster, May 1705 to

\* Middlesex County records.

† Dr. Homer says of Mrs. Elizabeth Hammond that she was acknowledged to be one of the most virtuous, amiable, and sensible women who ever adorned Newton. She is supposed to be the authoress of the lines above quoted.

‡ Then there were James P., Sen., and James P., Jr., with an imperfect account of their families.

|| Catalogue Harvard University.

§ Lancaster Church records.

¶ Hist. Lancaster, Wor. Mag., Vol. 2.

\*\* Hist. Lancaster, Mass.

†† Roxbury Town records.

1707, previous to his settlement there. Ordained, as a Congregational minister, Lancaster, March 29, 1708, where he remained until his death. Mrs. P. died about 1716 or 17. Married second, Mrs. Prudence Swan, widow, mother of Rev. Josiah S. Her maiden name was Forster, of Charlestown.\* She died July 10, 1765, in L.† Member of the church in 1748. Several published sermons of Rev. J. P., of 1724, 1731, and 1735, are in Worcester Antiquarian Society. He was a member of the Marlboro' Association of Ministers, organised June 5, 1725. His gravestone is yet standing in Lancaster. On his church records he always omitted to cross the letter *t* in his name, and spelt it *Prenlice*. "He was highly esteemed for his piety, probity, peaceableness, and for his commendable steadiness in these uncertain times. He was of great dignity and severity of manners. God gave him the tongue of the learned." His uncle John left him £10, to be paid him at marriage, and, at his widow's death, one half of his estate, of £316, was to be paid him. His uncle's widow, in her will, also left him property. His salary in 1717, was £70; in 1718, £85; in 1728, £100; in 1731, £130; in 1737, £210, O. T.; same 1744 to 46. Baptisms by him, 1,593; admitted by him, 321.

Children.

(813) I. MARY,<sup>4</sup> b. —, 1708. Married Rev. Job Cushing, of Shrewsbury, March 16, 1727, who was born in Hingham, Mass., July 19, 1694. H. U. 1714. Ordained first minister in S. Dec. 4, 1723. He died Aug. 6, 1760. His widow died May 24, 1790, Æ. 90, and had six children.‡

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\* Charlestown Town records and T. B. Wyman.

† Lancaster Church records.

‡ Ward's Hist. Shrewsbury.

(814) II. JOHN,<sup>4</sup> b. ——. Married Anna Bailey, in Roxbury, 1748.

(815) III. THOMAS,<sup>4</sup> b. ——, bap. Sept. 3, 1709–10, in L. Married first, Abigail Willard, of Lunenburg. Published June 15, 1737. He was admitted to the church in L. May 26, 1728.\* 1729, Thomas Prentice was master of the Grammar School in L., and also in 1736.† Thomas Prentice, Esq., dismissed to the church in Newton, Sept. 23, 1750.\* In 1746, Thomas P., "Gentleman," and wife Abigail, "of Lunenburg," deed land in L. April 5, 1749,‡ Thos. P. gives a well written receipt for renewing Mr. Foxcroft's third division bounds of land in Lunenburg.¶ He was probably a surveyor. He married second, in 1751, Mrs. Borodel, daughter of John, and widow of Samuel Jackson, Esq., of Newton, who died Dec. 3, 1742.§ March 14, 1757, Thos. Prentice, Esq., of Newton, was appointed administrator to Borodel Prentice, late of Newton, deceased. Ebenezer Stedman, of Cambridge, and Ephraim Sherman, of Grafton, sureties.

On a gravestone, Cambridge old burying ground, is a "Thomas Prentice, died Nov. 14, 1775, Æ. 67." This may be the above Thomas P.

(816) IV. STANTON,<sup>4</sup> b. ——, 1711. Physician, Lancaster.

(817) V. ELIZABETH,<sup>4</sup> b. ——, bap. Nov. 22, 1713.\* Admitted to Lancaster Church, Aug. 24, 1735. Married first, Daniel Robbins, of the West Parish of L. Married second, Capt. —— Curtis, Worcester.

(818) VI. SARAH,<sup>4</sup> b. ——, bap. March 11, 1715–16. Admitted to the Lancaster Church, June 6, 1736.\* Married

\* Lancaster Church records.

† Lancaster Town records.

‡ Worcester County records.

¶ Foxcroft manuscript papers.

§ Jackson Chart.

Dr. Joshua Smith, of Shrewsbury, Mass., 1742.\* He was admitted to the church in S. 1742. A good penman, in various town offices, and died Jan. 20, 1756, Æ. 37. Children, John Prentice and others. His widow, Sarah, married Col. Timothy Brigham, of Southboro', April 12, 1759.

By second wife, Prudence.

(819) VII. DOROTHY,<sup>4</sup> b. —, bap. Jan. 12, 1717–18. Admitted to the church, June 6, 1736.

(820) VIII. PRUDENCE,<sup>4</sup> b. —, bap. Nov. 29, 1719. Admitted to the church, June 19, 1737. Married Josiah Brown. H. U. 1735<sup>6</sup>. Of the West Parish, Lancaster.

(821) IX. RELIEF,<sup>4</sup> b. —. Member of the church, 1745. Married Rev. John Rogers, March 27, 1750. Born in Boxford, settled in Leominster, and had seven children. There was but one of his descendants in Leominster in 1843, a grand-daughter, the surviving daughter of the late Rufus Kendall.†

(822) X. REBECCA,<sup>4</sup> b. Sept. 22, 1727, bap. Sept. 24. Member of the church, 1745. Married, Nov. 30, 1749, Rev. John Mellen, of "Choxit," Lancaster. Born in Hopkinton, 1722. H. U. 1764. Had three sons. John, H. U. 1770. Henry, H. U. 1784. Prentice, 1764, H. U. 1784, Chief Justice, Maine; and five daughters. Settled in Sterling, till 1778; in Hanover, Mass., 1784, where Mrs. M. died Jan. 16, 1802.‡ His eldest daughter, Pamela, married Rev. Caleb Prentiss, of Reading, Mass. [Appendix O.]

\* Ward's Hist. Shrewsbury.

† Rev. L. Stebbins's Centennial Discourse, Leominster, Mass., 1823. This Rogers family claim descent from the martyr John Rogers, of Smithfield memory, and have his Bible.

‡ There is a monument to their memory.

Feb 24, 1775  
Sterling Mass



(823) II. THOMAS PRENTICE, the 2d, formerly written *Jr.*, and after his own son, Thos. P., grew up, written Senior, the old Trooper Captain Thomas, being dead. Brother to James Prentice, Senior, perhaps connected with Robert Prentice, who died in Roxbury in 1665; born about 1632 to 1633; died in Newton "at great age."\* In 1713, in an affidavit, he says, "About 60 years ago (1653) I held the end of a chain to lay out a highway in Newton." This would make his birth 1633, and his age about 91 at death, if 20 in 1653. On the "1st day of 1st month, called March, 1650," Thos. Danforth, attorney to Thos. Parish and wife Mary, of Naylond, county of Suffolk, England, deeds to James and Thos. Prentice, *Jr.*, † both of Cambridge, 400 acres of land in C., which was given to P. by the inhabitants of C., per Town books. In 1657, same to same, 100 acres, "that farm that James Prentice now dwells on," bounded by John Jackson on North East, William Clementh on South West, price £61. This Thomas P. ‡ and James Prentice, senior, bought their farm together in 1659, (1657?) They and others were the first settlers of that part of Cambridge now called Newton. Thomas P. married Rebecca, daughter of Edward Jackson, senior; (by his first wife) she was born in England, about 1632-3.

. Children.

(824) I. THOMAS, (2d) b. about 1669. Married about 1690, Elizabeth —; he died Dec. 11, 1724.

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\* This may be the Thomas who died as stated in Willard's History of Lancaster, Nov. 6, 1722, Æ. 93, he erroneously calls him *Father* to Rev. John Prentice of Lancaster.

† Capt. Thomas Prentice, the Trooper, was then in Cambridge Village (Newton.)

‡ There is an error in E. Thayer's Jackson Family Memorial, page 110, relative to this Thomas and Capt. Thomas P.

(825) II. JOHN, b. —; alive after 1721. In his father's deed of gift in 1714, he is called "cordwainer."

(826) III. EDWARD, b. about 1685. Married Sarah Osland about 1705.

(827) IV. JAMES, b. —. Married Elizabeth Bartlett.

(828) V. REBECCA, b. —.

(829) VI. HANNAH, b. —. Married John Hyde.

(830) VII. ENOS, b. —. Married Lydia —, and probably died before 1713; 1 child (831) Ebenezer, b. Nov. 10, 1710.

(832) VIII. EBENEZER, b. —. Ebenezer P. was Constable in Newton, 1687.

May 13, 1713, Thos. P. Sen.,\* makes a deed gift to his son, Thomas P., *Junior*, of Burnt Hill in N., adjoining to the new dwelling house of said Thos. P., except what I have allowed to my son-in-law, John Hide, and reserving two-thirds of the cedar swamp to my sons, John and Edward P.; acknowledged May 4, 1714; recorded Jan. 24, 1724.

(833) II. DR. JOHN PRENTICE, Physician, of Newton, son of —, born —. "Dr. John Prentice died Jan. 4, 1720-1." Married first, Hannah Osland, 1696. Married second, Bethiah —. She died before 1754, when Dr. John's property was divided among his children.†

Children.

(834) I. HANNAH, b. Oct. 25, 1697. A Hannah P. married Thomas Soden, or Soten, March 19, 1723-4. She

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\* The neglect in recording Births, Deaths and Marriages of several Prentice families in Newton, makes it very difficult to be accurate.

† Middlesex County Probate Records.

died Feb. 19, 1761, Æ. 66 ; he died Feb. 23, 1770, Æ. 71.\* Her age would make her birth about 1695.

(835) II. EXPERIENCE, b. Sept. 26, 1700.

(836) III. REBECCA, b. March 27, 1704.

Children by wife Bethiah.

(837) IV. ELIZABETH, b. ——. Married John Knapp, 1727.

(838) V. BETHIAH, b. Aug. 16, 1713.

(839) VI. ANNA, b. Nov. 17, 1717. Married Nathl. Hide, 1740.

John Prentice, of Newton, petitions the General Court in 1710, "for payment of his services in the war at the Eastward," (about Wells, Me.) Vol. i., p. 642, Pub. Docs., State House, Boston. He was probably a Surgeon in the Army. The John P., "cordwainer," son of Robert and Rebecca, lived in Newton after the death of Dr. John P., in 1720-1. Dr. John P. left a will; gave his wife, Bethiah, her thirds, and names six children as above. His Inventory, 29th Jan., 1721-2, total, £321. There is a possibility that this Dr. John P. may be the son of Thomas and Rebecca, and that the shoemaker John may be of another family.

(826) III. EDWARD PRENTICE, son of Thomas (823) and Rebecca, born about 1685; died Sept. 16, 1724. Married Sarah Osland, sister to Dr. John Prentice's first wife. She was administratrix on his estate, Oct. 9, 1724. Inventory £619. He was constable † of Newton at his death. ‡ In her administration account are gloves, £2 12s. 6d.

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\* Harris's Cambridge Epitaphs.

† The office of Constable was different then from now — they were collectors of rates, &c.

‡ Middlesex County records.

Dea. Williams for wine, £2 2s. 7d. Bethiah Prentice, Executrix of Dr. John P., £16, for his services to Sept. 18, 1725? Paid Capt. Thomas Prentice for trouble collecting balance last rates of Deceased as Constable, which Thomas P. undertook, at request of the deceased in his last sickness. Sept. 6, 1728, the property was divided, one-third to the widow, and two-thirds to Edward, "the only child." Land bounded by John Prentice, deceased, by Capt. Thomas P., by Mrs. Elizabeth Bond, (widow of John Prentice,) by Hannah and Sarah Prentice and Timothy Whitney. Total real estate £706. In the settlement of Humphrey Osland's estate, 1723, Edward Prentice and wife Sarah are mentioned.\*

-Children.

(840) I. EDWARD, b, Nov. 19, 1706. Married Abigail Burridge, 1729.

(827) IV. JAMES PRENTICE, son of Thomas (823) and Rebecca, born — ; died, 1719. Married Dec. 9, 1710, Elizabeth, daughter of Henry Bartlett, of Marlboro', Mass.† She died in 1724. His widow, Elizabeth, and Capt. Thomas Prentice, were the administrators on his estate, April 1, 1719. Inventory £127. Dec. 22, 1719, the estate was settled by grant to the widow, £32 15s. 11d. ; to the three children, £65 12s. 0d. ; paid to S. Prentice, H. Prentice, Edward Prentice, &c. In 1719, Capt. Thomas P. of N., "Gentleman," was guardian to Robert, eleven, and James, six years, and widow Elizabeth, guardian to Mary, four years, till her death, 1724, when Jeremiah Willard, "Bloomer," of N.,

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\* T. B. Wyman.

† L. Bigelow, Town Clerk of M., writes, that John Prentice married Elizabeth B., both of Newton, that date. This no doubt, is an error.

was guardian to Mary. On the death of Capt. Thomas P., in 1729, James, then 18, chose Ebenezer Ward his guardian, whose account, Aug. 1, 1736, of £39 3s. 5d., charges 5s. "for putting James out to apprentice." On the death of Elizabeth, the widow, in 1724, to Capt. Thomas Prentice, of Newton, her husband's administrator, was committed the settlement of her estate, by consent of her father, Henry Bartlett, of Marlboro', at whose house she died. Her inventory, Jan. 29, 1724-5, £60, personal; house, buildings, &c., £445; 5 acres in Great Baldpate Meadow, £40.

Children of James and Elizabeth.

(841) I. ROBERT, b. April 19, 1714. Married first, Rebecca Smith; second, Eunice Hammond.

(842) II. JAMES, b. March 1, 1715.

(843) III. MARY, b. Nov. 29, 1716.

To these three children, her "cousins," Sarah Prentice, of Newton, "Spinster," wills, Aug. 14, 1738, the balance of her property; to each £100, and to Robert her real estate. Thomas Greenwood and Robert Prentice, Executors — Witnesses, John Spring, Edward and Abigail Prentice, — mentions a tailor's goose; her inventory £900.

(824) I. THOMAS PRENTICE, son of Thomas (823) and Rebecca, born in Newton, (about 1669?) died Dec. 11, 1724.\* Married Elizabeth — (about 1690?) His widow, Elizabeth, was administratrix on his estate, June 9, 1725; Nat. Healy and William Ward, sureties — Ward, guardian to Ebenezer P., son of said Thomas P., late of Newton, deceased, June 12, 1728. John Prentice, of Preston, Ct., husbandman, and Ebenezer Prentice, of Newton, Mass.,

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\* Francis Jackson.

blacksmith, heirs of the late Thomas Prentice, convey land and house in Newton.

Children.

(844) I. JOHN, b. March 16, 1691. Settled in Preston, Conn.\*

(845) II. REBECCA, b. Dec. 22, 1693.

(846) III. EBENEZER, b. 1706? blacksmith.† Married Elizabeth —.

(847) IV. THOMAS, b. —. Selectman, in Newton, 1753-54.

(840) I. EDWARD PRENTICE, JR., son of Edward (826) and Sarah, born Nov. 19, 1706. Married Abigail Burridge, Jan. 8, 1729.

Children.

(848) I. SAMUEL, b. Nov. 28, 1729. Married — Cook.

(849) II. THOMAS, b. Oct. 30, 1732. Removed to Lexington, Mass. Married Esther Muzzy, May 4, 1758.

(850) III. ABIGAIL, b. Dec. 16, 1734.

(851) IV. JOHN, b. June 6, 1736.

(852) V. EDWARD, b. Oct. 14, 1738. Married Mary Kilecup, of Boston, 1760.

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\* "John Prentis, of Preston, County of New London, Colony of Ct., 'husbandman,' and Ebenezer Prentis, of Newton, blacksmith, convey to Timothy Whitney, of N., husbandman, land and Dwelling house in Newton, S. W. by Thos. Hastings, S. by John Hide, S. E. by Caleb Ward, and by Wm. Ward, and Edward Prentice — Elizabeth 'our mother' also joins. Edward Prentis to have a way through the land. Witness, John Hide, &c., June 12, 1728." [Middlesex County records.]

† This Ebenezer P. may be the same Ebenezer P., blacksmith, mentioned in note, page 18.

(853) VI. WILLIAM, b. March 9, 1744.

(854) VII. RUTH, b. Sept. 30, 1746.

(841) I. ROBERT PRENTICE, son of James (827) and Elizabeth, born April 19, 1714; died in 1783. Married first, Rebecca Smith. Married second, Eunice Hammond.

Children.

(855) I. ROBERT, b. —; died 1744.

(856) II. JAMES, b. June 4, 1740. Married Sarah Seger, 1778.

(857) III. SARAH, b. Dec. 15, 1745. Married Daniel Morse, 1767.

(858) IV. ROBERT, b. April 6, 1747. Married Mary Mason, 1775.

(859) V. ELIZABETH, b. Dec. 29, 1748.

(858) IV. ROBERT PRENTICE, JR., son of Robert (841) and Rebecca, (Smith) born April 6, 1747. Married Mary Mason, Nov. 23, 1775.

Children.

(860) I. SAMUEL, b. Nov. 5, 1777.

(861) II. MARY, }  
 (862) III. POLLY, } twins, b. March 30, 1779.

(863) IV. JOSHUA, b. Feb. 14, 1781.

(864) V. ESTHER, b. March 26, 1786.

(865) VI. CATY, b. July 18, 1788.

(856) II. JAMES PRENTICE, son of Robert (841) and Rebecca, (Smith) born June 4, 1740. Married Sarah Seger, 1778.

## Children.

- (866) I. EBENEZER, b. Aug. 18, 1779.  
 (867) II. ELIZABETH, b. Aug. 12, 1780.  
 (868) III. AMASA, b. June 7, 1781.  
 (869) IV. ARTEMAS, b. March 8, 1783. Settled in  
 Portland, Me.\*  
 (870) V. SARAH, b. Jan. 19, 1787.

(871) JAMES PRENTICE, Sen., † son of — (supposed Robert of Roxbury, who died in 1666,) born 1629? Brother to Thomas P., 2d., with whom he bought his farm in common, in Newton, 1657 or 1659. ‡ James was made Freeman March 26, 1690. In the account of the expense of the survey to the head waters of the Merrimac, during the union of Massachusetts and New Hampshire, John Sherman of Watertown, and Jonathan Ince, resident graduate of Cambridge, Mass., were appointed by the General Court to ascertain the latitude and the Northern boundary of the Colony, in 1652, is this "Item to James Prentise, for the journey, £3." James P. is called "Yeoman" in his inventory, amounting to £286 14s. 0d. — 1, 2, 1673: testimony of James Prentis, Æ. 44, that widow Smith had land of Jos. Bartlett; this gives his birth in 1629. James P. died March 7, 1710. James, "the eldest son," administered on his father's estate with his mother, Susana, in 1710, and in 1711 sold out his interest for £60, in his father's estate, to his five sisters, "all single women," and probably left Newton. April 8, 1664. The

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\* In Portland Directory, 1804, is Artemas Prentiss.

† A James Prentiss was a householder in Cambridge, 1658, and a witness in a case on records of the Court at E. Cambridge, Middlesex County, copied by T. B. Wyman. J. P. lived near Jonathan Hyde, and others. This was probably the above James P., Sen.

‡ Francis Jackson.



testimony of Samuel and Elizabeth Eldred, taken at Weckford, Narraganset, that *James Prentiss, of Cambridge*, was to serve James Betes (Bates) and wife one year more than he had done ; could get more wages from Capt. Pendleton, but Bates being his *Townsmen* and *Countryman*, and having no kindred in the Country related to him, he engaged to give him (Prentiss) £20 at his marriage. Also 4 mo. 11 day, 1664 — is a writ of James Prentize *vs.* goods of John Betts and wife Elizabeth, of Cambridge, deceased, in hands of Dea. John Bridge and Thomas Cheesholm, Executors.\* Married Susanna —.

Children.

(872) I. JAMES, b. 11, 1, 1655-6.\* The last of James, Sen.'s, male line in N.

(873) II. SUSANNAH, b. 29, 4, 1657.\* Her father's inventory says, "to Susannah, £2 3s. 0d."

(874) III. HANNAH, b. 24, 2, 1659.\*

(875) IV. ELIZABETH, b. 25, 6, 1660.\*

(876) V. SARAH, b. 1662? A Sarah Prentice's will, late of Newton, deceased, date Aug. 14, 1738, Robert Prentice one of her Executors,\* leaves her property to Robert, James, and Mary. [See page 88.]

(877) VI. ROSE, b. 1663? Her father's inventory says, "to Rose, £1 0s. 0d.," April 17, 1710.

The settlement of his estate in 1711, mentions his six children in the above rotation. The sisters agree, April 9, 1711, to leave their parts of their father's estate together until their mother's death.

(814) II. JOHN PRENTICE,<sup>4</sup> son of Rev. John

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\* Middlesex County records.

(806) of Lancaster, Mass., born about 1705; died March 12, 1737-8.\* Married Anna Bayley, in Roxbury, Oct. 11, 1728.†

Children.‡

(878) I. JOHN,<sup>5</sup> b. Sept. 23, 1729; bap. Sept. 28.\*

(879) II. SAMUEL,<sup>5</sup> bap. Sept. 5, 1731. Married Prudence Osgood.

(880) III. ANNA,<sup>5</sup> b. June 17, 1734; bap. June 23. Married Capt. Abijah Willard, Nov. 15, 1752.‡

(881) IV. JOSHUA,<sup>5</sup>\* b. —; bap. Oct. 2, 1737.

(816) IV. STANTON PRENTICE, M. D.,<sup>4</sup> son of Rev. John, (806) of Lancaster, Mass., born, 1711, in Lancaster; died Dec. 1, 1769.\* Married first, Mercy† Jenison,|| June 26, 1740. She died Oct. 26, 1756. Married second, Rebecca Stevens, of Groton, published in Lancaster, Dec. 9, 1757. Mrs. Rebecca P. married second,\* Dr. Isaac, or Israel, Atherton, Sept. 6, 1772, of L.

Children.

(882) I. JOHN,<sup>5</sup> b. —; died Sept. 1760, "at the Lake."\*

(883) II. THOMAS,<sup>5</sup> bap. Oct. 27, 1743;\* died May 1, 1752.

(884) III. STEPHEN,<sup>5</sup> b. Feb. 3, 1746;‡ bap. March 29, 1747,\* by Mr. Mellen, in J. P.'s church.

(885) IV. MARY,<sup>5</sup> b. 1749; bap. March 5, 1748-9, by Mr. Mellen; died Oct. 6, 1756.\*

\* Lancaster Church records.

† Roxbury Town records.

‡ Lancaster Town records, per Rev. George Bartol.

|| Watertown Town records.

(886) V. STANTON,<sup>5</sup> b. Nov. 17, 1750;\* bap. Nov. 18.

(887) VI. DANIEL,<sup>5</sup> b. —; bap. March 15, 1752; died Sept. 26, 1756.

(888) VII. WILLIAM,<sup>5</sup> b. Oct. 9, 1753;\* bap. Oct. 14.

(889) VIII. MERCY,<sup>5</sup> b. —; bap. April 27, 1755.

By second wife, Rebecca.

(890) IX. MARY,<sup>5</sup> b. —; bap. Dec. 10, 1758. "A child of Dr. P. died Jan. 12, 1759."†

(891) X. PETER,<sup>5</sup> b. —; bap. Dec. 15, 1759; died July 9, 1765.†

(892) XI. JOSIAH,<sup>5</sup> b. —; bap. —; died (after Nov.) 1760.†

(893) XII. JOHN,<sup>5</sup> b. July 31, 1761;† bap. Aug. 30.‡

(894) XIII. SAMUEL,<sup>5</sup> b. June 1, 1763;† bap. June 19.

(895) XIV. CEPHAS,<sup>5</sup> b. Jan. 2, 1765;† bap. Jan. —. A physician; studied with Dr. Atherton. Settled in East Sudbury, now Wayland; died young and single; was much esteemed. || Member Massachusetts Medical Society, 1813.

(896) XV. JAMES OTIS,<sup>5</sup> b. —; bap. Aug. 14, 1768. || Physician; studied with Dr. Atherton; died young and single. Member Massachusetts Medical Society, 1813.

(897) XVI. PETER,<sup>5</sup> b. Sept. 10, 1766;† bap. Sept. 21.

(898) HENRY PRENTICE, son of —, born —. Married Sarah Blocket. Published in Lancaster, June 21, 1770.†

\* Lancaster Town records, per Rev. George Bartol.

† Lancaster Church and Town records.

‡ A John Prentice dissolved partnership, Boston, 1804, with Aaron Bridge, of Sudbury, and William Bridge, of Boston, and formed a new one with Charles Bridge, firm, "Prentice & Bridge." [Boston Centinel, July 24, 1804.]

|| Per Dr. Nat. S. Prentiss.

(899) JEFFRY OTIS PRENTISS, son of —, born —. Married Sarah H. Reynolds, both of Lancaster, March, 24, 1811, by Rev. Nat. Thayer.\* (J. O. Prentiss, Augusta, Geo., was a subscriber to Marshall's Life of Washington.)

(879) II. SAMUEL PRENTISS,<sup>5</sup> son of John Prentice (814) and Anna Bayley, born in Lancaster in 1731; removed from Sterling, (formerly the second parish in Lancaster,) to Winchendon, Mass., where he died, Æ. 70. He was one of the signers to a Young Men's Religious Improvement Society in L., 1748. Married first, Prudence Osgood, of L., Feb. 18, 1755, by Rev. Timothy Harrington, in L.\* She died March 1778. Married second, —.

Children.†

(900) I. PRUDENCE,<sup>6</sup> b. Feb. 6, 1756.

(901) II. ANNA,<sup>6</sup> b. June 23, 1758. One of the daughters married Laban Burr, of Langdon, N. H., and died about 1804 or 1805.

(902) III. JOHN,<sup>6</sup> b. Dec. 17, 1760. Married Hannah Redington, of Lunenburg, March 4, 1788. Settled in Langdon, N. H., and died Feb. 2, 1840, Æ. 79.

(903) IV. SAMUEL,<sup>6</sup> b. July 11, 1763. Settled in Claremont, N. H. ? † Samuel Prentiss, of Winchendon, Mass., was Representative in the Massachusetts Legislature, in 1812, and died Sept. 28, 1828, Æ. 65: deacon first Church, Winchendon.‖

\* Town records, Lancaster.

† All seven on Lancaster Town records. Samuel Prentiss's letter, Langdon, N. H., Feb. 7, 1850, son of John, who was son of the above Samuel. A Samuel Prentiss, of Acton, married Lydia Dickson, Charlestown, Oct. 17, 1765. [Charlestown records.]

‡ Per John P., of Keene, N. H.; this is an error.

‖ History of Winchendon, p. 44.

(904) V. THOMAS,<sup>6</sup> b. Feb. 11, 1766; died March 2, 1845, in Langdon, N. H., Æ. about 79.

(905) VI. LEVI,<sup>6</sup> b. April 19, 1768. Settled in Pennsylvania, where he died, June, 1828, Æ. about 60. Was a deacon of First Church, Winchendon.\*

(906) VII. LUKE,<sup>6</sup> b. July 17, 1770. Resides with his large family, in Greenwich, N. Y.

(902) V. JOHN PRENTISS,<sup>6</sup> son of Samuel (879) and Prudence, born in Sterling, (formerly 2d Parish, Lancaster,) Dec. 17, 1760; died in Langdon, N. H., Feb. 21, 1840, Æ. 79. Married Hannah Redington, Lunenburg, Mass., March 4, 1788. Went with his father from Sterling to Winchendon, Mass., when John was young. At the age of sixteen, he enlisted in the revolutionary army, and served in various parts of the country for three years, till the close of the war, and suffered the hardships and privations incident to that campaign. He was one of the first settlers in Langdon, N. H., in 1789, then a wilderness, and died on the same farm he commenced. He received a pension from government for a few years, in his old age.

Children.

(907) I. JOHN,<sup>7</sup> b. March 26, 1789; died Aug. 12, 1790.

(908) II. HENRY,<sup>7</sup> b. Feb. 18, 1791; died July 7, 1813.

(909) III. JOHN REDINGTON,<sup>7</sup> b. Feb. 6, 1793; died March 29, 1797.

(910) IV. FANNY,<sup>7</sup> b. July 1, 1795. Married Asa Locke, of Rockingham, Vt., a farmer; resides there, and has 11 children.

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\* History of Winchendon, p. 44.

(911) V. GEORGE,<sup>7</sup> b. March 17, 1798 ; died Jan. 27, 1800.

(912) VI. SAMUEL,<sup>7\*</sup> b. Oct. 15, 1800. Married Almira A. Seaver, of Walpole, N. H., Nov. 13, 1828. Has 5 children.

(913) VII. THOMAS REDINGTON,<sup>7</sup> b. March 19, 1803. Married first, Betsey Garfield, of Langdon, in 1830. Married second, Sophia Thayer, in 1840.

(914) VIII. ANN,<sup>7</sup> b. Oct. 25, 1805 ; died May 25, 1831.

(915) IX. MARY ELIZABETH,<sup>7</sup> b. Nov. 18, 1808 ; died Jan. 30, 1810.

(916) X. HANNAH STEARNS,<sup>7</sup> b. Oct. 29, 1811.

(912) VI. SAMUEL PRENTISS,<sup>7</sup> farmer, son of John (902) and Hannah, of Langdon, N. H., born Oct. 15, 1800. Married Almira A. Seaver, of Walpole, N. H., Nov. 13, 1828. Resides on the same farm his father began.  
Children.

(917) I. HENRY,<sup>8</sup> b. Nov. 8, 1829.

(918) II. HARRIET LUCIA,<sup>8</sup> b. Sept. 23, 1831.

(919) III. MARY,<sup>8</sup> b. Nov. 4, 1833.

(920) IV. JOHN REDINGTON,<sup>8</sup> b. Nov. 29, 1836.

(921) V. ELIZABETH BARSTOW,<sup>8</sup> b. Aug. 27, 1839.

(913) VII. THOMAS REDINGTON PRENTISS, son of John (902) and Hannah, of Langdon, N.H. born March 19, 1803. Married first, Betsey Garfield, of L., 1830. She died April 1839, Æ. 28. Married second, Sophia Thayer, January, 1840. He resides in Paper-Mill Village, Alstead, N. H., and is a paper manufacturer.

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\* Resides in Langdon, N. H. He wrote me the account of his family, in 1850.

Children by first wife.

- (922) I. CHARLES REDINGTON.
- (923) II. GEORGE.
- (924) III. LEWIS MERRIAM.
- (925) IV. THOMAS ELBRIDGE.

By second wife.

- (926) V. FREDERICK LEROY, and three who have died.

(849) II. "THOMAS PRENTICE, Esq., of Newton, Mass.,"\* son of Edward P., Jr., (840) born Oct. 30, 1732. "Married Esther Muzzy, May 4, 1758. Admitted to the church, by letters from Newton, June 24, 1759. Died April 4, 1760."

Mrs. Esther Prentice widow of Thomas Prentice, Esq., late of Lexington, Mass., deceased, was appointed administratrix on his estate Aug. 22, 1760. Inventory, £495 15s. 0d. "Sundry small articles in ye shop, tobacco, &c. Lot lumber, timber, staves, &c. Forty acres land, Lancaster. Cash, bonds, &c. To Dr. Prentice, for doctoring, £7 or £8. Grave-stones, £2 2s. 8d. Expenses of the family one year, £36. To Benjamin (927) and Bethia (928) Prentice, rent of place. Lost in sale negro Nero," &c. Account rendered, Sept. 3, 1763.

The Dr. P. is probably Dr. Stanton P. of Lancaster.

Sept. 3, 1763, Esther Whittemore, lately widow of Thomas Prentice, late of Lexington, deceased and administratrix on

\* Lexington, Mass., Old Church records, per Rev. F. Barrett, 1852. Also, Solomon Prentice admitted to the church May 28, 1738. Tabitha Prentice married Eleazer Russell, Jan. 10, 1738-9. These two may have been from Cambridge.

his estate, presents an additional account. "Paid to Prentice, of Newton, for boarding a child named Hide, due from deceased as guardian to said Hide, £2 8s. 0d. Six silver spoons of said deceased's *former wife* given to the accountant before her intermarriage with Mr. Prentice; for loss on shop goods," &c.

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### Stonington, Conn., Branch.

(805) III. SAMUEL PRENTICE, Sen.,<sup>1</sup> (third generation from old Capt. Thomas P., of Newton, but of the first of the Stonington branch,) son of Thomas Prentice (790) and wife Sarah, (Stanton) of Newton, Mass., and grandson of old Capt. Thomas P., (794) of Newton, Mass., where he was born about 1680. "Died April 24, 1728, Æ. 48," in Stonington, Conn. Married Esther Hammond, in Newton,\* daughter of Nathaniel H., of Newton. Three of their children were born in N. namely, Samuel, Praise, and Mary. "He owned a large tract of land in Stonington, Conn., (now N. Stonington,) † before 1700, and removed there about 1709 ‡ or 1710. Most of the land remains in the family

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\* Francis Jackson's memorandum.

† North Stonington, formerly part of Stonington, settled 1658, is near Preston City.

‡ Samuel Prentice (grandson of Capt. Thomas Prentice, Sen., of said Newton, Mass.) deeds land to Capt. Thomas P., Sen., in Newton, 1706.



now, having been handed down by inheritance from one generation to another. The descendants of John, Joshua, and Thomas Prentice, are all that now remain, in Connecticut, of the earliest settlers of the Prentice family. There is now living, in North Stonington and its vicinity, twelve males of the Prentice family.



The old house of Samuel Prentice, Sen., of Stonington, Conn., about 1709 or 1710, who was born in Newton, Mass., 1680.

The room of the Old House in which I write this, says Henry Prentice,\* is the one in which Col. Samuel Prentice, the grandfather of Judge Samuel Prentiss, of Montpelier, Vt., died. One part of the house is over 130 years old; the other part was erected immediately after the Revolutionary War. It is two stories high, 42 by 28 feet, built in the ancient style, on an elevation sloping regularly every way. Mr. Henry P. has owned and occupied it the past eleven years.

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\* Henry Prentice's letter, Stonington, Conn., Jan. 10, 1850. He furnished me much information of this branch, which spell the name "Prentice."

He procured the sketch of it for the cut which Judge Samuel P. furnished for this work.

Children of Samuel Prentice, Sen., and Esther.

(929) I. SAMUEL,<sup>2</sup> b. Nov. 25, 1702.\* Lived and died in Stonington, Conn.

(930) II. PRAISE,<sup>2</sup> b. Jan. 26, 1704.\*

(931) III. MARY,<sup>2</sup> b. April, 1708.\*

(932) IV. JONAS,<sup>2</sup> b. Sept. 28, 1710, in S.† Married Lucy Dennison.

(933) V. ESTHER,<sup>2</sup> b. Dec. 12, 1713.† Married Christopher Palmer.

(934) VI. OLIVER,<sup>2</sup> b. ——. Minister, supposed went West.

(935) VII. EUNICE,<sup>2</sup> b. Dec. 8, 1717.†

(936) VIII. THOMAS,<sup>2</sup> b. Oct. 25, 1719.† A Captain.

(937) IX. DOROTHY,<sup>2</sup> b. Dec. 13, 1723.†

(929) I. SAMUEL PRENTICE,<sup>2</sup> "Deacon," son of Samuel (805) and Esther, born in Newton, Mass., Nov. 25, 1702. "Samuel Prentice, Esq., died Oct. 11, 1773," in S. He was Town Clerk of Stonington over thirty years. Married Abigail ——. She died Oct. 30, 1789.

Children.

(938) I. DOROTHY,<sup>3</sup> b. Jan. 7, 1727.

(939) II. SAMUEL,<sup>3</sup> b. May 24, 1729. Died Jan. 15, 1734.

(940) III. EBENEZER,<sup>3</sup> b. Oct. 25, 1731. Married Lucy Crary, April 22, 1762. Children. Three daughters; names unknown.

(941) IV. JOHN,<sup>3</sup> b. May 13, 1733.

\* In Newton, Mass.

† See note \* on page 185.

(942) V. ABIGAIL,<sup>3</sup> b. Dec. 11, 1734. Married Eleazer Williams, about 1754.

(943) VI. JOSHUA,<sup>3</sup> b. July 2, 1737. Married Elizabeth Stanton. Second, Polly Shepherd.

(944) VII. PHEBE,<sup>3</sup> b. Feb. 22, 1738. Married Henry Hewitt, of Stonington, about 1760.

(945) VIII. ASA,<sup>3</sup> b. Sept. 7, 1740; died Sept. 7, 1742.

(946) IX. JONAS,<sup>3</sup> b. Feb. 9, 1741.

(947) X. JESSE,<sup>3</sup> b. Jan. 24, 1743. Married ——— Belcher.

(948) XI. ESTHER,<sup>3</sup> b. Jan. 31, 1745; died March 25, 1751.

(949) XII. AMOS,<sup>3</sup> b. April 24, 1748. Dr. Amos P. went "West."

(950) XIII. GRACE,<sup>3</sup> b. Dec. 4, 1750. Married ——— Shepherd, about 1769.

(932) IV. JONAS\* PRENTICE,<sup>2</sup> son of Samuel (805) and Esther, born Sept. 28, 1710; died † June 7, 1766, Æ. 56. ‡ Married † Lucy Dennison, Nov. 29, 1733; born Oct. 13, 1714, "daughter of Daniel D., whose wife was Mary Stanton. Daniel D. was son of George D., whose wife was Ann Borodil, daughter of an Irish nobleman."

Children.

\* A Jonas P. graduated at Yale College in 1784.

† Henry Prentice's letter, N. Stonington, 1850.

‡ Wm. Williams's letter, Norwich, Ct., 1847, to John Prentiss, Keene, N. H., who says, that both our grandmothers were Prentices, of different branches. We feel a just pride in this, for the virtues of the sex have always, in this region, been awarded to the name, and can appropriate Chevelier Bayard's motto, "Sans peur et sans reproche."

(951) I. MARY,<sup>3</sup> b. Sept. 6, 1734. Married Capt. John Swan, of Stonington.

(952) II. SAMUEL,<sup>3</sup> b. Oct. 4, 1736. [Col. Saml. P.]

(953) III. ESTHER,<sup>3</sup> b. Sept. 1, 1738.

(954) IV. DANIEL,<sup>3</sup> b. Jan. 7, 1740.

(955) V. THOMAS,<sup>3</sup> b. April 7, 1743.

(956) VI. NATHAN,<sup>3</sup> b. May 4, 1745.

(957) VII. LUCY,<sup>3</sup> b. March 22, 1747. Married Capt. Thomas Wheeler, grandfather to Wm. and Thos. Williams, of Stonington.\* She died, 1792, Æ. 45.

(936) VIII. CAPT. THOMAS PRENTICE,<sup>2</sup> son of Samuel (805) and Esther, born Oct. 25, 1719; died March 30, 1783, Æ. 64.† Married Elizabeth Baldwin, Feb. 1, 1743, who was born 1724, and died Dec. 21, 1777, Æ. 53.‡

Children.‡

(958) I. EUNICE,<sup>3</sup> b. June 20, 1746. Married William Williams, grandfather to Wm.\* and Thos. W. She died, 1770, Æ. 24.

(959) II. REBECCA,<sup>3</sup> b. Sept. 30, 1748; died July 25, 1752.

(960) III. ELIZABETH,<sup>3</sup> b. July 25, 1751.

(961) IV. ESTHER,<sup>3</sup> b. Jan. 14, 1754; died Feb. 2, 1761.

(962) V. MARY,<sup>3</sup> b. Sept. 30, 1756.

(963) VI. MARTHA,<sup>3</sup> b. Oct. 4, 1759.

\* Thomas Williams, Esq. is said to be quite wealthy, and as good and generous as he is rich. The more he gives, he thinks, the richer he is. Both brothers are highly esteemed.

† Wm. Williams's letter, Norwich, Ct., 1847.

‡ Henry Prentice's letter, N. Stonington, 1850.

(964) VII. THOMAS,<sup>3</sup> b. Aug. 25, 1765; died, 1839, Æ. 74.\* Capt. Thos. P. was a Justice of the Peace many years, when but five persons in the town. "Capt. Thomas P. was County Surveyor, New London, Ct., 1730, where resided several others of the name."†

(964) VII. THOMAS PRENTICE,<sup>3</sup> son of Capt. Thomas (936) and Elizabeth (Baldwin) born August 25, 1765; died ——. Married Anna Downer, April 17, 1789. Children.

(965) I. SOPHIA,<sup>4</sup> b. May 30, 1791. Married Samuel Browning, Nov. 28, 1811. She died Oct. 2, 1825; had three children. Charles D., b. 1812, died 1834; Wm. G., b. 1815, Samuel P., b. 1823.

(966) II. THOMAS,<sup>4</sup> b. July 7, 1793; died Nov. 22, 1847.

(967) III. CHARLES,<sup>4</sup> b. April 26, 1797; died August, 1843.

(968) IV. HENRY,<sup>4</sup> b. Sept. 7, 1802; Justice of the Peace, &c. Married Eliza Hewitt, Nov. 30, 1824. Children, (969) Wm. H.,<sup>5</sup> b. May 12, 1832. Two others died young.

(970) V. ELIZA ANN,<sup>4</sup> b. Nov. 6, 1804. Married Samuel Browning, May 30, 1827. Children. Alphonso, b. 1828, Sophia P., b. 1831, Charles D., b. 1835.

(971) VI. WILLIAM ROBINSON,<sup>4</sup> b. May 21, 1807. Firm of Prentice & Avery, large Flour and Grain Dealers, Norwich, Ct. Two of these sons died a few years since, and left families in Hartford, Ct.‡

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\* Wm. Williams's letter. † Rev. R. M. Chipman, Athol, Mass.

‡ Henry P., Esq., of N. Stonington, Ct., called on the writer, Dec. 20, 1851. He has taken pains to write over the State of Con-

(941) IV. JOHN PRENTICE,<sup>3</sup> son of Samuel (929) and Abigail, born May 11, 1733; died June 21, 1810. Married first, Mary Haskel, Dec. 1, 1757, who died July 8, 1784. Married second, Rebecca ——. She died, about 1831.

Children by first wife, Mary.

(972) I. SAMUEL,<sup>4</sup> b. Oct. 8, 1758; died, 1776, while serving in the Revolutionary Army, in New York.

(973) II. JOHN,<sup>4</sup> b. June 22, 1761.

(974) III. ASA,<sup>4</sup> b. Sept. 5, 1763.

(975) IV. ASHER,<sup>4</sup> b. Jan. 29, 1769.

By second wife, Rebecca.

(976) V. OLIVER,<sup>4</sup> b. about 1793; died, 1826.

(977) VI. JOSHUA,<sup>4</sup> b. about 1797; died ——

(978) VII. PHEBE,<sup>4</sup> b. about 1800.

One son was alive in 1850.

(943) VI. JOSHUA PRENTICE,<sup>3</sup> N. Stonington, son of Samuel (929) and Abigail, born July 2, 1737; died Sept. 9, 1794. Married first, widow Elizabeth Stanton, Jan. 14, 1776. She died Dec. 10, 1776. Married second, Polly Shepherd, April 25, 1787. She died Aug. 27, 1840.

Children.

(979) I. SAMUEL,<sup>4</sup> b. April 22, 1788.

necticut for information of the descendants of the branches of the Stonington Prentices, to preserve the records of them when he is gone. He has been Justice of the Peace since his father's death, and is much occupied with Justices Courts. He has also spent much time in examining records, &c., for the families.

(980) II. POLLY,<sup>4</sup> b. April 24, 1791.

(981) III. AMY,<sup>4</sup> b. Sept. 10, 1792. Married Thomas Browning, Nov. 22, 1812. Nine children.

(947) X. LIEUT. JESSEE PRENTISS,<sup>3</sup> son of Samuel (929) and Abigail, born Jan. 24, 1743; died July, 1810, or '11. Married — Belcher.

Children. [No record found of their births.\*]

(982) I. JOSEPH,<sup>4</sup>

(983) II. FANNY,<sup>4</sup>

(984) III. ALFRED,<sup>4</sup>

(985) IV. JESSEE,<sup>4</sup>

His family removed to New York State. He served as Lieut. in the Revolutionary Army; was in the engagement at Yorktown, and several others.

(952) COL. SAMUEL PRENTICE,<sup>3</sup> † son of Jonas (932) and Lucy, (Dennison) born Oct. 4, 1736; died in Stonington, Ct., July, 1807, Æ. 70, † at the old residence. John H. P., his grandson, calls him of *North* Stonington. Married Phœbe Billings. She died Dec., 1829, Æ. 91. She was born in 1738, daughter of Ebenezer and Phœbe Billings; her mother was Phœbe Dennison, daughter of John and Phœbe Dennison. Samuel Prentice was Major, and Capt. of 3d Co., and 6th of the Revolutionary Regiments

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\* Henry Prentice.

† This account of Col. Samuel P.'s family, and Dr. Samuel P.'s family, is from the manuscripts sent me by Judge Samuel Prentice of Montpelier, Vt., January, 1850.

‡ Wm. Williams's letter to John P., of Keene, N. H. There was a "Capt. Prentice, afterwards Col. P., of the Provincial Militia, who was Capt. of Grenadiers at the capture of Port Royal," Acadia, Aug. 16, 1654. [Mrs. Lee's Life of Buckminster.]

raised by Connecticut, in 1775.\* “Major Prentice (per Wm. Bond’s manuscript list †) was one of the field officers, according to the new estimate, in the Continental Army, in Cambridge, Nov. 4, 1775.”

Children.

(986) I. SAMUEL,<sup>4</sup> b. —, 1759; Surgeon and Physician. Married Lucretia Holmes.

(987) II. LUCINDA,<sup>4</sup> b. —. Married Jan. 19, 1786, Dr. Elijah Herrick, Physician, of Lansingburg; next, of Grand Isle, Plattsburg; lastly, of Buffalo. She died several years since, and left several children in P.

(988) III. BETSY,<sup>4</sup> b. —.

(989) IV. NANCY,<sup>4</sup> b. —. Betsy and Nancy lived and died in Stonington, Ct.; one of them married a Hewitt.

(990) V. SALLY,<sup>4</sup> b. —. Married David More. She died March 3, 1817.

(991) VI. REBECCA,<sup>4</sup> b. —, 1765; died Jan. 27, 1786, Æ. 21.

(992) VII. PHEBE,<sup>4</sup> b. —, 1769; died June 20, 1786, Æ. 17.

“Major, and Col. Samuel Prentice was in the Revolutionary Army, and commander of a regiment during the war. As a commander, he was stern, fearless, and brave; as a civilian, he was greatly beloved and esteemed; as a husband and father, kind and affectionate. He was of a powerful muscular frame; his common weight over 200 lbs., though not corpulent, and about six foot high.” — “Since the days of Samuel P., Sen., of Stonington, there has been no time but some of his descendants have held office, civil or military, down to

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\* History of Revolutionary War, published in Connecticut; and Genealogy of the Herrick family, Bangor, 1846.

† In N. E. Hist. and Genealogical Society, Boston.



the present time.”\* Col. Samuel Prentice spelt his name *Prentice*, as did his son, Dr. Samuel P., until some of the sons arrived at the age of manhood, when at their suggestion, the name was changed to *Prentiss*, and has been so continued to the present time by all of his family.†

(986) I. DR. SAMUEL PRENTISS,<sup>4</sup> Physician and Surgeon, son of Col. Samuel (952) and Phœbe (Billings) born in the old house, in Stonington, Ct., in 1759; “died at his residence in Northfield, Mass.,” 1818,‡ *Æ.* 59. Married Lucretia Holmes, daughter of Capt. John H., a large and wealthy farmer. She died Sept. 20, 1841, *Æ.* 83, at Judge P.’s, in Montpelier, Vt.

Lincoln’s History of Worcester, says, “Dr. Samuel Prentiss; a man of talents, and eminent in his profession; came from Stonington, Ct., (to W.) in 1783, was Secretary of a Medical Society in Worcester County, 1785, but which was not sustained. He removed to Keene, N. H. (?) about 1786, thence to Saratoga, N. Y.” Dr. P. received a good academical education, and studied Medicine with Dr. Philip Turner, of Norwich, Ct., one of the best American Surgeons of the age in which he lived. Dr. Prentiss entered the Army quite young, as military waiter to his father, Col. Samuel P., and soon after returned to civil life. After studying Medicine and Surgery, he engaged in the Army as Assistant Surgeon,

\* Henry Prentiss, and Judge Samuel P.’s manuscript of Montpelier, Vt., who spells his own and father’s name, *tiss*, and I so write it, though different from the Stonington way.

† J. H. P.’s letter, Cooperstown, N. Y.

‡ Biography of Dr. Samuel P., in Dr. S. W. Williams’s Medical Biography, 1843, page 507; but the Catalogue of Mass. Med. Society says, Dr. Samuel P., “of Bernardston, Mass.,” died, 1818. He was of Bernardston in 1810, when admitted a Fellow of the Med. Society, of which he was a member until his death.

where he acquired a great deal of practical knowledge of his profession. At the close of the war he married, and soon removed to Worcester, Mass., where he resided several years. About the time of Shay's rebellion, he removed to Northfield, Mass., and was zealous and active on the side of government. His practice of Surgery was very extensive in N., and for many years he was the principal operator in that part of the country, his rides extending to the West part of Massachusetts, and far into the States of Vermont and New Hampshire. He was almost the only operating Surgeon, for twenty years, in this part of the country."

Children.

(993) I. JABEZ,<sup>5</sup> b. ——. Settled and married in Newbern, N. C., as a shipmaster; deceased; left one son and two daughters—names unknown.

(994) II. SAMUEL,<sup>5</sup> b. March 31, 1782. Judge, Montpelier, Vt.

(995) III. JOHN HOLMES,<sup>5</sup> b. 1785. Printer and Editor. Settled in Cooperstown, N. Y., 1808. "Colonel," &c.

(996) IV. HENRY,<sup>5</sup> b. 1787. Printer. Resides at Cooperstown, N. Y. Served his apprenticeship with John Prentiss, of Keene, N. H.

(997) V. BETSY,<sup>5</sup> b. ——; died young.

(998) VI. FRANCIS,<sup>5</sup> b. ——; died at the age of 21.

(999) VII. LUCRETIA,<sup>5</sup> b. ——; died at the age of 21.

(1000) VIII. WILLIAM A.,<sup>5</sup> b. 1800. Bred a merchant; resided in Jericho, Vt., and was representative to the Legislature several times. Removed to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in 1836, and after a short term of study of the law, commenced practice. Has been much occupied as a land agent; sometime a member, as well as President of the Legislative Council of that Territory. Is married, and has a family of five or six children—names unknown.





*Sam. Prentiss*

The following obituary notice of Mrs. P. is from the Vermont Chronicle, Sept. 29, 1841 :— “ Died in Montpelier, Vt., 20th inst., at the residence of her son, Lucretia Prentiss, relict of Dr. Samuel Prentiss, of Old Hampshire County, Mass. It has been her peculiar fortune, after having passed through the trying scenes of the revolution, to see two of her sons at the same time taking part in the Government which was one of the fruits of that revolution ; the one, Col. John H. Prentiss, of Cooperstown, N. Y., twice a member of the House of Representatives of the United States, the other, Hon. Samuel Prentiss, of Montpelier, Vt., a member of the United States Senate. In her long life, she possessed the high esteem of her numerous relatives and friends, and in her death, was sustained by the consolations of Christianity.”

(994) II. HON. SAMUEL PRENTISS,<sup>5</sup> Judge, son of Dr. Samuel (986) and Lucretia, (Holmes) born March 31, 1782, in the old house in Stonington, Ct. He received the degree of LL. D. at Dartmouth College, 1832.\* Married Oct. 3, 1804, Lucretia, eldest daughter of Edward Houghton, of Northfield. She was born March 16, 1786. The writer has heard the highest eulogy of Mrs. P. as a lady, wife, and mother. Judge P. studied law, with Solomon Vose, of Northfield, and John W. Blake, Esqrs., of Brattleboro', Vt. Admitted to the bar in 1802. Commenced practice in Montpelier, Vt., May, 1803. In 1822, was appointed a Judge of the Supreme Court of Vermont, but declined giving up a lucrative profession so early, with a large family. In 1824 and 1825, he was a member of the Vermont Legislature. In 1825, he was appointed an Assistant Justice of the Supreme Court, under a new and improved organization of the Judiciary System, and held it till 1829,

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\* Catalogue of Dartmouth College.

when he was appointed Chief Justice. In 1830, he was elected Senator to Congress for six years, and re-elected in 1836, for the same period. In 1842, he was nominated and confirmed "unanimously," and so ordered to be entered on the Journal of the Senate, as Judge of the District Court of the United States for the District of Vermont, which office he now holds.

The following extracts from the papers of the day, relative to events of some importance in his life, will show the estimation in which Judge P. was held when he retired from the Senate. The *Washington Statesman*, then edited by Rev. Mr. Gurley, since for several years Chaplain of the House of Representatives, at Washington, says of the existing act relative to duelling in the District of Columbia, which Mr. P. drew up, introduced and carried through the Senate:— "The course of Mr. Prentiss on this bill, and his most able speeches on that subject, give him the highest reputation both for moral and intellectual power. Our respect has been raised to admiration by his strength of principle, perfection of argument, and calm but finished and subduing eloquence, on this bill. Vermont never sent forth from her green mountains a representative better entitled to her confidence, her esteem, and her brightest honors."

His appointment to the Judicial Chair was thus noticed at the time:— "He was *unanimously* confirmed by Senators of all parties, who vied with each other in expression of their opinion of his eminent fitness for the office, and regrets that a man so pure and firm, and of so much soundness of mind and views, of so much and so rare delicacy and conscientiousness,— a man as necessary in the Senate as he will be useful on the bench, was to be removed from them." — *Boston Daily Atlas*.

"His letter to the Senate apprizes us of his retirement from that trust, which he has so many years discharged with

such uprightness, firmness, moderation, and urbanity, as has secured to him the universal respect and esteem of his associates, and which was freely expressed by Senators of all parties, when his letter of resignation was read, and which have equally inspired all who have known him here, who we know will cordially unite with us in the wish, that the remainder of his life may be as serene and happy, in his new station, as its prime has been useful and honorable in that he has vacated.” *National Intelligencer*.

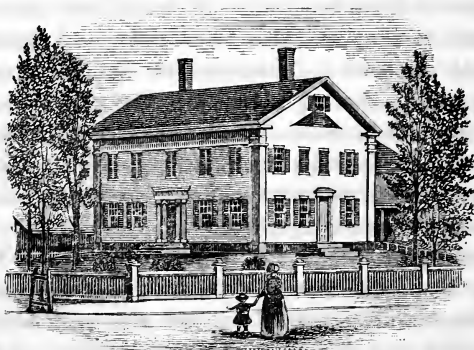
“ There is not, we presume, a member of that body, of any party, who will say that Samuel Prentiss, during the period of eleven years, ever uttered a sentiment, or gave a vote, in opposition to his own conscientious convictions. He is a man of clear and strong intellect, of comparatively few words, and has shown himself on all occasions too well informed to be deceived by the designing, and too stern to be biased by factions. The President, in tendering him the office of United States District Judge, has performed an act which even party animosity will never impugn.”—*Philadel. North American*.

“ Judge P. is a distinguished gentleman, well known and universally respected in New England, both as an eminent Jurist and accomplished politician. While in Congress he was an exceedingly active and influential member, yet had but few enemies, and was warmly admired by all parties for his judgment and moderation, and was of unquestioned integrity.”—*Cleveland (Ohio) paper*.

In reference to Judge Prentiss as Judge of the District Court of the United States for the District of Vermont, the *Law Reporter*, a periodical of high repute, published in Boston, Vol. ii., p. 422, N. S., thus speaks:—“ It may not be amiss to allude somewhat to the character of the decisions of Mr. Justice Prentiss. They display great learning and legal acumen, and clearly entitle him to a high rank among the jurists of the country. It is one of the most grati-

fyng reflections suggested by the operation of our republican system, that gentlemen who have been distinguished in the elevated position of Federal Senators, can retire to a less conspicuous position on the bench of a local Court, and there, protected from party clamor, vindicate by their learning and uprightness, their claim to the unqualified respect of all classes of our citizens. In confirmation of this, we can proudly refer to the popular estimation of the District Judges of Vermont and Massachusetts."

"He would not be understood as undervaluing popularity, because he disclaimed it as a rule of conduct; but he was quite too humble and unpretending an individual to count greatly upon it, or to seek for or desire any which did not arise from the pursuit of right ends by right means. Whatever popularity that might bring, might be as grateful to him as to any one, but he neither coveted nor was ambitious of any other." — *Extract from his Speech in the U. S. Senate, March 2, 1841.*



Judge Prentiss's residence, Montpelier, Vermont.

The writer has a large lithograph likeness of Judge P., taken while Senator. The copy, reduced for this work, furnished at my request, was from that.



## Children.

(1001) I. GEORGE HOUGHTON,<sup>6</sup> b. June 25, 1805; educated at West Point; commissioned as Lieut. in U. S. Army, July 1, 1827; resigned on account of ill health; studied and commenced the practice of Law; died Sept. 3, 1833, Æ. 28.

(1002) II. SAMUEL BLAKE,<sup>6</sup> b. Jan. 23, 1807. Married Jane Abbot Russell, April 15, 1851. Entered the University of Vermont; after the College was burnt, studied Law with his father; admitted to the bar, 1828; to the Supreme Court, 1831; practiced in Montpelier, until 1840; then settled in Cleveland, Ohio, in company with his brother, already there. In the *Plain Dealer*, published at Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 25, 1851, is the following:—“There are few men at our Bar, and indeed but few at any Bar in the State, who have acquired a more enviable reputation as a Lawyer than Mr. P. Mild and unassuming in manner, quiet and retiring in his disposition and habits, adverse to anything like ostentation and display, wedded to his calling, and asking no honors but those which are to be won strictly within the pale of his profession. He has been the architect of his own fortune, won at the expense of great toil and unwearying labor. From his father he inherited those high principles of honor and rectitude which have always marked his character, both in professional and private life. With an uncommon sound mind, talents of a high order, indomitable resolution and determination to master whatever he undertakes — though not exactly a popular orator, he is a speaker of very high order — too quick of temperament and with voice not strong enough for masses, but when addressing a Court or Jury, he is a chaste and beautiful speaker; — in arguing, without excitement, always cool and collected, clear and precise, ingenious, forcible, and logical, perhaps over fond of drawing nice and delicate distinctions upon legal questions. He is gentle-

manly and courteous to opponents, and never attempts any dishonorable or unfair means to gain a suit—presses his points with great pertinacity, and “backs them up” with every authority and precedent—his legal opinion deliberately and carefully formed, is not to be lightly questioned. In person, he is about five feet ten in height, neat and careful in dress, has a finely shaped head, broad and high forehead, large blue eyes, regular features, and pleasing expression of countenance; dark hair, slightly mixed with gray, and is polite and affable in manner.”

(1003) III. EDWARD HOUGHTON,<sup>6</sup> b. Dec. 28, 1808.

(1004) IV. JOHN HOLMES,<sup>6</sup> b. Feb. 10, 1811. A merchant seven years in Boston; returned to Montpelier; studied law, and now resides in Irasburg, Vt. He received the premium of the Society for the Diffusion of Useful Knowledge, in Boston, for the best Essay on the Tariff, which was delivered him by Mr. Webster, the President, in a public meeting.

(1005) V. CHARLES WILLIAM,<sup>6</sup> b. Oct. 18, 1812.

(1006) VI. HENRY FRANCIS,<sup>6</sup> b. Nov. 27, 1814.

(1007) VII. FREDERICK JAMES,<sup>6</sup> b. Oct. 18, 1816.

(1008) VIII. THEODORE,<sup>6</sup> b. Sept. 10, 1818. Left the north of Vermont on account of ill health, and spent two years South. Studied law, and was admitted to the bar, in 1844; removed to Watertown, Wisconsin; was a member of the Territorial Legislature, and member of first and second Convention for forming a Constitution there.

(1009) IX. JOSEPH ADDISON,<sup>6</sup> b. Aug. 31, 1820. A lawyer, and assists his father in his affairs in M.

(1010) X. AUGUSTUS,<sup>6</sup> b. Feb. 16, 1822; died May 19, 1822.

(1011) XI. LUCRETIA,<sup>6</sup> b. June 13, 1823; died July 23, 1823.

(1012) XII. JAMES,<sup>6</sup> b. July 19, 1824. Graduated at University of Vermont, read law, and was admitted to the

bar in 1848 ; went to Watertown, Wis., and is a partner of his brother Theodore.

(995) III. COL. JOHN HOMES PRENTISS,<sup>5</sup> son of Dr. Samuel (986) and Lucretia, born in 1785, in Stonington, Conn. ; served a regular apprenticeship as a printer ; removed to Cooperstown, N. Y., Oct. 8, 1808, and there established a weekly political newspaper — the Freeman's Journal — favoring the Democratic party, and which he continued successfully over forty years, until he sold out his interest, Jan. 20, 1849 ; having during all this time, (except four years service as Representative in the Congress of the United States, during the whole of President Van Buren's term,) given his personal attention in the printing office, to the mechanical department, and also being sole editor of the paper, and attending to the financial department. The paper had a large circulation, and its political character exercised an influence in the County of Otsego, which made it one of the strongest Democratic counties in the State of New York. Gov. Clinton conferred on him a Commission as Colonel in the Militia, by holding the appointment of Division Inspector — this he resigned under Gov. Yates — since which, he is designated by the title of " Colonel " Prentiss. At the good age of sixty-six, he now enjoys a competency, and a freedom from the cares and anxieties of business, thankful to a kind Providence for his blessings, and for such an extraordinary degree of good health, never having been visited by disease of any kind, which he mainly attributes to constant and regular employment, having made it a rule to be engaged in his business from ten to twelve hours daily, by which he acquired the enviable notoriety of working more hours in a day, during forty years, than any man in the county. Many young men of eminence, in the profession, served their time in his office, one of whom was Col. Wm. L. Stone, deceased, editor of the

New York Commercial Advertiser, and of high repute also as an author. Col. P. married first, on the 18th of Jan. 1815, Catherine Cox Morris, aged nineteen years, youngest daughter of Gen. Jacob M., of Butternuts, Otsego County, N. Y. His father was one of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence, and Gen. M. was aid to Major Generals Lee and Greene, in the revolution, was a gentleman of the Old School, and died at the age of 83. Mrs. P. died June 28, 1818. Ten years after, Col. P. again married Urilla Shankland, aged twenty-six years, daughter of Thomas S., Esq., of C., June 3, 1828.

Children by first wife.

(1013) I. MARY MARTHA,<sup>6</sup> b. Aug. 15, 1816. Married Cyrus Strong, Jr., Esq., of Binghamton, Broome County, N. Y. Has one child, Cyrus Strong, 3d.

(1014) II. CATHERINE LUCRETIA,<sup>6</sup> b. June 23, 1817. Married John C. Dodge, Esq., of Chicago, Ill., formerly of Salem, Mass. Has one child, John H. Prentiss.

By second wife.

(1015) III. ALEXANDER S.,<sup>6</sup> b. 1829. Graduated at Hamilton College. Studied, and now practices law at Chicago, Ill.

(1016) IV. JOHN H., Jr.,<sup>6</sup> b. 1831. Is a partner in a mercantile firm at Cooperstown.

(1017) V. RACHEL ANN,<sup>6</sup> b. 1833. At school in Virginia.

(1018) VI. CHARLOTTE O.,<sup>6</sup> b. 1837. At school in Cooperstown.

(954) IV. DANIEL PRENTICE,<sup>3</sup> son of Jonas (932) and Lucy, born Jan. 7, 1740. Married Mary Billings, Jan 10, 1765.

## Children.

(1019) I. NATHAN,<sup>4</sup> b. Feb. 5, 1766.

(1020) II. MARY,<sup>4</sup> b. Sept. 2, 1769.

(973) II. JOHN PRENTICE,<sup>4</sup> son of John (941) and Mary, (Haskel) born June 22, 1761. Married Sarah Leonard, July 7, 1787.

## Children.\*

(1021) I. JOHN,<sup>5</sup> b. May 31, 1789.

(1022) II. AVERY,<sup>5</sup> b. April 29, 1791.

(1023) III. MARY,<sup>5</sup> b. 1792; died Aug. 1809, aged about 17.

(1024) IV. WILLIAM,<sup>5</sup> b. 1795; died Aug. 1809, Æ. about 14.

(1025) V. GEORGE,<sup>5</sup> b. ——. Married Olive A. Mott, of Preston, Ct., Dec. 10, 1820.

(1026) VI. ABBY.<sup>5</sup>

(1027) VII. ORIN.<sup>5</sup>

(1028) VIII. SALLY ANN.<sup>5</sup>

(1029) IX. EBENEZER.<sup>5</sup>

(1030) X. MARY ANN.<sup>5</sup>

(974) III. ASA PRENTICE,<sup>4</sup> son of John (941) and Mary (Haskel) born Sept. 5, 1763. Married Lucy Park, 1791.

## Children.

(1031) I. ASA,<sup>5</sup> b. Feb. 13, 1792.

(1032) II. SAMUEL H.,<sup>5</sup> b. May, 31, 1794.

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\* No record of births of this family found after 1791. [Henry Prentice's letter, Stonington, March, 1850.]

(1033) III. LUCY,<sup>5</sup> b. Aug. 23, 1796. Married John D. Wheeler, Dec. 11, 1814. Had two children, Austin and Mary.

(975) IV. ASHER PRENTICE,<sup>4</sup> son of John (941) and Mary, (Haskel) born Jan. 29, 1769. Married Lucy Rix, about 1797.

Children.

(1034) I. ELIZA,<sup>5</sup> b. Oct. 19, 1799. Married Ephraim G. Hewitt, Dec. 4, 1823. Children, Elizabeth, Harriet P., Mary E., Emily A., and Giles.

(1035) II. ASHER,<sup>5</sup> b. Jan. 1, 1802. Married Mary Hewitt, Dec. 25, 1828. Four children, died in infancy. She died May 6, 1849.

(1031) I. ASA PRENTICE,<sup>5</sup> son of Asa (974) and Lucy, (Park) born Feb. 13, 1792. Married Anna Browning, Feb. 15, 1818.

Children.

(1036) I. ASA B.,<sup>6</sup> b. Dec. 31, 1818; died Oct. 20, 1819.

(1037) II. LUCY ANN,<sup>6</sup> b. Aug. 15, 1822; died Nov. 9, 1823.

(1038) III. CATHERINE B.,<sup>6</sup> b. July 12, 1824; died Nov. 8, 1847.

(1039) IV. AUGUSTUS,<sup>6</sup> b. Sept. 31, 1826.

(1040) V. WILLIAM A.,<sup>6</sup> b. Aug. 17, 1833.

(1032) II. SAMUEL H. PRENTICE,<sup>5</sup> son of Asa (974) and Lucy, (Park) born May 31, 1794. Married Susan Baldwin, Nov. 27, 1814.

## Children.

(1041) I. DAVID N.,<sup>6</sup> b. June 28, 1817. Married Margaret Rathburn, April 27, 1846. Children. (1042) 1, Susan E.,<sup>7</sup> b. April 6, 1847; (1043) 2, Dwight N.,<sup>7</sup> b. July 31, 1848.

(1044) II. SAMUEL,<sup>6</sup> b. Aug. 4, 1819. Married Sophia P. Browning, Dec. 31, 1849.

(1045) III. PAUL P.,<sup>6</sup> b. Sept. 2, 1821.

(1046) IV. ALEXANDER S.,<sup>6</sup> b. March 9, 1824. Married Maria Pulsifer, Nov. 14, 1847.

(1047) V. DEWITT C.,<sup>6</sup> b. July 30, 1830.

(1048) VI. SUSAN R.,<sup>6</sup> b. Sept. 2, 1834.

(979) I. SAMUEL PRENTICE,<sup>4</sup> son of Joshua (943) and Polly, (Shepherd) born April 22, 1788; died May 25, 1837. Married Amy Smith, Dec. 23, 1810.

## Children.

(1049) I. SAMUEL S.,<sup>5</sup> b. Oct. 28, 1814; died July 7, 1815.

(1050) II. CHESTER S.,<sup>5\*</sup> b. Aug. 15, 1816. Married Lucy Crary, Dec. 13, 1843; appointed Justice of Peace, 1848.

(1051) III. CHARLES F.,<sup>5</sup> b. Aug. 8, 1820; died Sept. 5, 1831.

(1052) IV. MARY E.,<sup>5</sup> b. Sept. 16, 1822.

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\* Chester S. Prentice copied the accounts of the families of Thomas, son of Capt. Thomas; of John, son of Samuel and Abigail; of John, son of John and Sarah; of Asa, and Asa, Jr.; of Samuel H.; of David N., son of Samuel H.; of Asher, and Asher, Jr.; of Samuel, son of Joshua; of Chester S.; of William H.; of Samuel, son of Joshua, — which Mr. Henry P. sent me, March, 1850.

(1053) V. WILLIAM H.,<sup>5</sup> b. Aug. 26, 1825. Married Maria D. Meechum, Feb. 4, 1850.

Mr. Samuel P. was a Lieutenant in the State Militia, and served at Stonington during the bombardment of that place, in 1813, and also at New London.

(1003) III. EDWARD HOUGHTON PRENTISS,<sup>6</sup> son of Samuel (994) and Lucretia, born Dec. 28, 1808. Married ——. Several years a Merchant in Montpelier. May, 1842, appointed Clerk of the Circuit and District Courts of Montpelier, Vt.; Director of the Bank of Vermont.

Children.

(1054) I. CHARLES C.,<sup>7</sup> b. Feb. 27, 1835.

(1055) II. EDWARD W.,<sup>7</sup> b. Feb. 6, 1837.

(1056) III. SAMUEL F.,<sup>7</sup> b. Feb. 8, 1842.

(1057) IV. MARY L.,<sup>7</sup> b. May 1, 1844.

(1058) V. JAMES HERBERT,<sup>7</sup> b. Feb. 18, 1847.

(1059) VI. NATHANIEL D.,<sup>7</sup> b. May 26, 1849.

(1005) V. CHARLES WILLIAM PRENTISS,<sup>6</sup> son of Samuel (994) and Lucretia, born Oct. 18, 1812; graduated at Dartmouth; settled at Irasburg, shire town of Orleans County, Vt.; twice a Representative of that town; removed to Montpelier, and is devoted to his profession, the Law. Married ——.

Children.

(1060) I. LUCRETIA HOUGHTON,<sup>7</sup> b. Oct. 5, 1837.

(1061) II. CAROLINE SOPHIA,<sup>7</sup> b. Jan. 8, 1842.

(1062) III. CHARLES WILLIAM,<sup>7</sup> b. Sept. 11, 1844.

(1063) IV. MARY JUDITH,<sup>7</sup> b. Nov. 4, 1849.



(1006) VI. HENRY FRANCIS PRENTISS,<sup>6</sup> son of Samuel (994) and Lucretia, born Nov. 27, 1814; studied Law; removed to Derby, Vt.; has been State's Attorney for Orleans County; is now Deputy Collector of Customs, and practices Law. Married —.

Children.

(1064) I. HENRIETTA,<sup>7</sup> b. Sept. 28, 1851; and one child previously, died young.

(1007) VII. FREDERICK JAMES PRENTISS,<sup>6</sup> son of Samuel (994) and Lucretia, born Oct. 18, 1816; studied Law; commenced practice, 1829, in Cleveland, Ohio; since 1840, in company with his brother. Married —.

Children.

(1065) I. FREDERICK J.,<sup>7</sup> b. Feb. —, 1843.

### Preston, Conn., Branch.\*

As the City of Preston is near Stonington, probably there will be found a connection between that and this Branch.

(1066) JOSEPH PRENTICE, son of —, born, about 1704. Married Mary Wheeler, Nov. 10, 1725.

Children.

(1067) I. JOSEPH, b. Aug. 24, 1727.

(1068) II. PRISCILLA, b. Jan. 20, 1729.

(1069) III. ELEAZER, b. Sept. 28, 1735.

(1070) IV. ELISHA, b. Jan. 1, 1737.

(1071) V. JONATHAN, b. May 28, 1740.

(1072) VI. MARY, b. June 19, 1744.

(1073) VII. HANNAH, b. March 27, 1747; died Feb. 26, 1789.

(1074) VIII. MANASSAH, } twins; b. July 22, 1749.

(1075) IX. EPHRAIM, }

(844) JOHN PRENTICE,\* "Husbandman," son of Thomas (824) and Elizabeth, of Newton, Mass., † born Mar. 16, 1691. † Married, Sept. 29, 1715, — Elizabeth. † Children.\*

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\* Forwarded by Henry Prentice, Esq., of North Stonington, Ct. Joseph, John, and Elihu were probably cousins; (?) and it is also probable that John, and perhaps all three, were sons of Thomas Prentice the 2d, and wife Rebecca, of Newton, Mass., or sons of Capt. Thomas the 2d, and wife Elizabeth, of Newton, Mass., as by deed. [Middlesex County, Mass., Records, Vol. ii., p. 363.] See note \* on page 174.

† Francis Jackson, Esq., Boston, from Newton records.

- (1076) I. MARY, b. June 22, 1716.  
 (1077) II. ELIZABETH, b. June 21, 1719.  
 (1078) III. SAMUEL, b. Nov. 3, 1721.

(1079) ELIHU PRENTICE, of Preston, son of —, born, about 1717. Married Abigail Jamison, of Stonington, Conn., Nov. 8, 1738.

Children.

- (1080) I. WILLIAM, b. Sept. 5, 1739.  
 (1081) II. JAMISON, b. Oct. 5, 1741.  
 (1082) III. ELIHU, b. Sept. 6, 1743.  
 (1083) IV. NATHANIEL, b. May 24, 1745.  
 (1084) V. ABIGAIL, b. May 23, 1747.

(1069) III. ELEAZER PRENTICE, son of Joseph (1066) and Mary, (Wheeler) born Sept. 28, 1735; died\* in Preston, Dec., 1805, Æ. 70. Married Sarah Stanton, Oct. 19, 1758.

Children.

- (1085) I. SARAH, b. March 8, 1759.  
 (1086) II. LUCY, b. March 27, 1761.  
 (1087) III. OLIVER, b. Oct. 9, 1763.  
 (1088) IV. JOHN, b. Sept. 1, 1766.  
 (1089) V. DESIRE, b. June 16, 1771.  
 (1090) VI. NATHAN, b. Aug. 4, 1773.  
 (1091) VII. RUFUS, b. Dec. 24, 1776.

(1088) IV. JOHN PRENTICE, son of Eleazer, (1066) and Sarah, (Stanton) born Sept. 1, 1766. Married Betsy Clift, Dec. 25, 1791.

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\* Boston Repertory, Dec., 1805.

## Children.

(1092) I. AMOS, b. Aug. 5, 1792. Married Lucy Wylie, Jan. 16, 1816. Children, (1093) 1, Amos W., b. Dec. 20, 1816. (1094) 2, Samuel T., b. Jan. 9, 1820.

(1095) II. SALLY, b. May 21, 1794.

(1096) III. FREDERICK,\* b. May 14, 1796. Married Caroline Lord, Jan. 23, 1823. Children, (1097) 1, Harriet Backus, b. Dec. 25, 1826; died Sept., 1828. (1098) 2, Sarah Breed, b. Dec. 18, 1829.

(1099) IV. JOHN, b. Nov. 28, 1800. Married Elizabeth C. Lord, Feb. 13, 1826; b. Nov. 8, 1805. Children, (1100) 1, Henry L., b. Jan. 9, 1827. (1101) 2, George L., b. March 18, 1828. (1102) 3, Ann E., b. Feb. 22, 1829; died April 4, 1845. (1103) 4, Edward S., b. May 12, 1832. (1104) 5, John L., b. May 11, 1834. (1105) 6, Alfred M., b. March 27, 1836. (1106) 7, Martha C., b. April 11, 1838. (1107) 8, Frederick, b. Sept. 2, 1840. (1108) 9, Frances C., b. Sept. 30, 1843; died July 29, 1845. (1109) 10, Frank, b. June 14, 1846.

(1110) V. CHARLOTTE, b. Oct. 20, 1802.

(1111) VI. BETSY CLIFT, b. April 15, 1805. Married James Lord, March, 1839, and had Elias, 1840; Lydia, 1843.

(1112) VII. WILLIAM C., b. March 6, 1807. Married Harriet Ann Kibbe, daughter of Gen. K., of Somers, Ct., Jan. 10, 1842. He resides in Norwich City. Children, (1113) 1, Emma Louisa, b. March 9, 1843. (1114) 2, Arthur Clift, b. Nov. 9, 1844. (1115) 3, Lucy Adelaide,

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\* Frederick P., Esq. is City Sheriff of Norwich, Conn. He informed Mr. Edward P. that his father, one of the early settlers of the Preston Prentice families, had a coat of arms, but it cannot now be found, or described.

b. Dec. 27, 1846. (1116) 4, Harriet Augusta, b. May 15, 1849.

(1117) VIII. FRANCES, (H.?) b. March 5, 1809. Married Hezekiah Boardman, 1832, and had Joseph, 1833; John, 1836; she died 1846.

(1118) IX. CAROLINE ABBY, b. March 12, 1812. "Died, in Norwich, Ct., Miss Caroline A. Prentice, Æ. 28."\*

(1090) VI. NATHAN PRENTICE, son of Eleazer (1069) and Sarah, (Stanton) born Aug. 4, 1773. Married Abigail Clift, "both of Preston," Nov. 6, 1794.

Children.

(1119) I. HEZEKIAH, b. July 16, 1795.

(1120) II. NATHAN, b. June 16, 1800.

(1121) III. MARY ANN, b. Aug. 20, 1802.

(1122) NATHANIEL PRENTICE, of Preston, son of —, born, about 1767. (?) Married Lucy Campbell, of Voluntown, Feb. 7, 1788.

Children.

(1123) I. CHARLES, b. Nov. 22, 1790.

(1091) VII. RUFUS PRENTICE, son of Eleazer (1069) and Sarah, (Stanton) born Dec. 24, 1776. Married Sarah Stanton, † ("both of Preston") Dec. 28, 1800.

\* Congregational Observer, Jan. 2, 1841.

† This is the third Sarah Stanton, all of whom married a Prentice, viz. : Sarah, the wife of Thomas, the son of Capt. Thomas P., Sen., of Newton, Mass. ; Sarah, wife of Eleazer P., of Preston ; and this one, wife of Rufus P.

## Children.

(1124) I. RUFUS, b. Oct. 13, 1801. Married Welthea Starkweather, Aug. 7, 1823; is in the General Post Office at Washington, 1850. Children, (1125) 1, Laura, b. June 19, 1826. (1126) 2, Harriet, b. July 17, 1838. (?)

(1127) II. GEORGE DENNISON, b. Dec. 18, 1802. The talented and witty Editor and Poet of the Louisville, Ky., Journal. By his ability, firmness, and intrepidity, he has won the highest position in the South and West, and throughout the United States. He is the Biographer of Henry Clay. Graduated at Brown University, 1823. Married Harriet Benham, b. about 1819. Children, (1128) 1, Courtland, b. about 1837. (1129) 2, Clarence, b. 1842.

(1070) IV. ELISHA PRENTICE, son of (probably) Joseph (1066) and Mary, born Jan. 1, 1737. Married Lydia —.

## Children.

(1130) I. JOSEPH, b. Jan. 23, 1761.

(1131) II. LYDIA, b. Oct. 5, 1762.

(1132) III. ELISHA, b. August 30, 1764. Married Deborah Weeden.

(1133) IV. DANIEL, b. July 5, 1768.

(1134) V. DEBORAH, b. Dec. 14, 1770.

(1135) VI. BETSY, b. March 30, 1780.

(1136) NATHANIEL PRENTICE, of Preston, son of —, born about 1746. (?) Married Mercy Green, of Canterbury, Feb. 18, 1767.

## Children.

(1137) I. ELIHU, b. Jan. 31, 1768; died June 30, 1768.

(1138) EBENEZER PRENTICE, of Preston, son of —, born about 1738. (?) Married Sarah Eccleston, of Stonington, Dec. 27, 1759.

(1139) SAMUEL PRENTICE, son of —, born about 1750. (?) Married Anna Benjamins, (both of Preston) Aug. 19, 1771.

Children.

(1140) I. ABIGAIL, b. Nov. 12, 1777.

“Hannah Prentice, (probably wife to Samuel P.) died Jan. 21, 1786.”

(1074) VIII. MANASSAH PRENTICE, twin son of Joseph (1066) and Mary, (Wheeler) born July 22, 1749, at Preston, where he resided, and died there, about 1825. Married first, Asseneth Burton, Nov. 19, 1772, who died March 29, 1790. Married second, Mehittable Preston, of Lisbon, Dec. 2, 1790.

Children.

(1141) I. EPHRAIM, b. Sept. 27, 1773. Lived in Plainfield, Ct.; removed to Ohio, where he died several years since.

(1142) II. ABIGAIL, b. August 18, 1775; died Oct. 20, 1775.

(1143) III. ABBY, b. Sept. 16, 1776. Married Mr. Hart, and removed to the West.

(1144) IV. MANASSAH, b. Nov. 25, 1778. Married —. Has a family, and resides in Cazenovia, New York.

(1145) V. JOSEPH, b. April 2, 1781; of Plainfield, Ct.; then Episcopal Clergyman, of Catskill, N. Y.

(1146) VI. HENRY, b. Sept. 20, 1783. Resided in Plainfield, Ct.

(1147) VII. STEPHEN, b. April 17, 1786, in Griswold, Ct. ; resides in Plainfield.

(1148) VIII. JOHN DOW, b. Aug. 19, 1788 ; died Sept. 11, 1789.

(1145) V. REV. JOSEPH PRENTICE, son of Manassah (1074) and Asseneth, born April 2, 1781 ; died in Catskill, N. Y., Jan. 7, 1836, Æ. 54, by the overturn of a stage coach. He spelled his name in his letters to his family, Prentice, till after 1809, when he wrote it *tiss*.\* He married, Jan. 1, 1804 or 1805, Sarah Morgan, of Preston City, Ct. Children.

(1149) I. CAROLINE, b. Aug. 22, 1806. Married H. K. Sanger, of Canandaigua, N. Y.

(1150) II. ANN VAN BUSKIRK, b. Feb. 10, 1809. Married Peter S. Smith. She died —.

(1151) III. ABBY JANE, b. July 6, 1812. Married Peter Hubbell, Esq., of Charlestown, Mass., Sept. 15, 1830, and died Aug. 12, 1843, Æ. 31.

(1152) IV. HENRY HOBART, b. Aug. 22, 1814 or '15.†

(1153) V. SARAH LOUISA, b. May 11, 1817. Married her deceased sister's husband, Mr. Peter Hubbell, of Charlestown, Mass., June 4, 1846.

(1154) VI. FRANCIS CORNELIA, b. Sept. 15, 1827. Resided with her sister, Mrs. Hubbell. Married, at Charlestown, June 10, 1850, Rev. C. E. Swope, Rector of Grace Church, Chicago, Ill., 1852.

Mrs. P., widow of Rev. Joseph P., resided with Mrs. Hubbell, in Charlestown, in 1850. She gave me part of the

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\* Manuscript letters in Mrs. Hubbell's family.

† See note on page 43.





Joseph Prentiss



above verbal account, and says Preston, Plainfield, and Stonington, Ct., are near each other. Mr. H. resides opposite the east side of the Bunker Hill Monument, in Charlestown, Mass., and has a small painted portrait of Rev. Joseph P., said to be correct, a copy of which he furnished for this work.

(1146) VI. HENRY PRENTICE, son of Manassah (1074) and Asseneth, born Sept. 20, 1783. Married Sophia Morgan.

Children.\*

(1155) I. ROBERT, b. ——. Married Martha Pease, Jan. 1, 1832.

(1156) II. ELIZA, b. ——. Married James M. Sterry, Feb. 1832.

(1157) III. SOPHRONIA, b. ——. Married James Martin.

(1158) IV. MARY ANN, b. ——. Married Henry Smith.

(1159) V. LAURA, b. ——. Married Renssalaer O. Hovey.

(1160) VI. SUSAN, b. ——. Married Robert W. Hooper.

(1161) VII. SOPHIA, b. ——. Married Edwin Hall.

(1162) VIII. HENRY MASON, b. ——. Married Elizabeth Lyman.

(1163) IX. CAROLINE, b. ——. Married Philip Wilson.

(1164) X. ABBY, b. ——. Married Ira Vaughn.

(1147) VII. STEPHEN PRENTICE, son of Ma-

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\* Per Henry Prentice's letter, Stonington, Ct., June 10, 1850, who had the information from Frederick P., Esq., of Norwich, Ct.

nassah (1074) and Asseneth, born in Griswold, Ct., April 17, 1786. Married Welthea Ladd, Jan. 1, 1810. She was born in Franklin, Aug. 15, 1788.

Children.\*

(1165) I CAROLINE SAMANTHA, b. Oct. 23, 1812. Married Edward Perry, Oct. 23, 1833.

(1166) II. CHARLOTTE ABBY, b. Aug. 10, 1815. Married Lyndes E. Bushnell, Sept. 11, 1836.

(1167) III. JOSEPH BURTON, b. July 25, 1817. Married Caroline E. Tarbox, Dec. 21, 1840.

(1168) IV. ASAHES LE ROY, b. Oct. 29, 1820. Married Eunice W. Spaulding, June 9, 1844. She died Dec. 4, 1847.

(1169) V. FIDELIA ANN, b. June 29, 1823. Married James Lawton, May 20, 1843.

(1170) VI. ERASTUS LADD, b. Aug. 20, 1825.

(1132) III. ELISHA PRENTICE, son of Elisha (1070) and Lydia, born Aug. 30, 1764.† Married Deborah Weeden, ("both of Preston,") April 6, 1786.

Children.

(1171) I. NANCY, b. June 22, 1787.

(1172) II. ABBY, b. Dec. 13, 1788.

(1173) III. DANIEL, b. Oct. 11, 1790.

(1174) IV. ELISHA b. July 22, 1792.

(1175) V. DEBBY, b. Sept. 5, 1794.

(1176) VI. SALLY, b. July 28, 1796.

(1177) VII. CHARLES, b. July 27, 1798.

\* Per Henry Prentice's letter, Stonington, Ct. June 10, 1850.

† This Elisha was probably the one on the Revolutionary Pension Roll, aged 74, in 1840, in Griswold, New London County, Ct.

(1093) I. AMOS W. PRENTICE, son of Amos (1092) and Lucy, (Wylie) born Dec. 20, 1816. Married Hannah Eliza Parker, in Middletown, May 18, 1840. She was born Dec. 31, 1822.

Children.

(1178) I. MARY TYLER, b. Oct. 26, 1841.

(1179) II. GRACE CAROLINE, b. Aug. 5, 1847.

(1094) II. SAMUEL T. PRENTICE, son of Amos (1092) and Lucy, (Wylie) b. Jan. 9, 1820. Married first, Sarah R. Woodward, March, 1843. She died May, 1848. Married second, Mary Mason, Aug. 1849.

Children.

(1180) I. MARY BROWN, b. 1844.

(1181) II. SARAH HELEN, b. 1847 ; died April, 1849.

(1100) I. HENRY L. PRENTICE, son of John (1099) and Elizabeth, (Lord) born Jan. 9, 1827. Married Eliza Whitaker, Sept. 6, 1849.

Children.

(1182) I. ANN E., b. June 6, 1850.

(1183) JOHN PRENTICE, son of Eleazer and ———, born ———. Married Betsy Huntington, Nov. 1814.

Children.

(1184) I. ANDREW, b. April, 1816.

(1185) II. LUCY, b. 1817 ; died Nov. 1844.

(1184) I. ANDREW PRENTICE, son of John

(1183) and Betsy, (Huntington) born April, 1816. Married Clarissa V. Hutchinson, 1842.

Children.

(1186) I. SARAH, b. 1844.

(1187) II. —, a son, b. 1850.

## Addenda.

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(20) I. \*MARY PRENTIS,<sup>5</sup> daughter of Capt. John (19) and Elizabeth. Married first, Peter Harris; by him she had two children: 1, Peter B.; 2, Mary. Mrs. Harris married second, Richard Deshon, and had eight children by him; 3, Richard; 4, Christopher; 5, Susan; 6, John; 7, Peter; 8, Lucy; 9, Sally; 10, Joseph.

(22) III. SARAH PRENTIS,<sup>5</sup> daughter of Capt. John (19) Married Wm. Coit, and had eight children. 1, Sally; married Wm. Black; 2, Hitty; 3, Daniel; 4, Esther; 5, Ann; 6, William; 7, Betsy; married Mr. Bocarge; 8, Leonidas.

(23) IV. ANN PRENTIS,<sup>5</sup> daughter of Capt. John (19) had ten children: 1, John; 2, Richard; 3, Jonathan; 4, Benjamin; 5, Ann; 6, Lyman; 7, Mary; 8, Christopher; 9, Prentis; 10, William.

(34) I. JOHN PRENTIS,<sup>7</sup> son of John, (30) b. June 16, 1796; died in Cheraw, S. C., Aug. 25, 1822.

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\* The corrections and additions here, from (20) to (43) inclusive, were owing to the omissions in the account sent me at first, and were ascertained after the account of their families had been printed.

(35) II. MARY A. PRENTIS,<sup>7</sup> daughter of John, (30) b. Sept. 5, 1797. Married C. F. Daniels; no children.

(36) III. DAVID F. PRENTIS,<sup>7</sup> son of John, (30) b. Sept. 23, 1799; died at St. Pierre, Nov. 13, 1816.

(37) IV. SARAH A. PRENTIS,<sup>7</sup> daughter of John, (30) b. Aug. 21, 1801. [See page 10.]

(38) V. FRANCES PRENTIS,<sup>7</sup> daughter of John, (30) b. May 7, 1803. [See page 10.]

(39) VI. CAROLINE B. PRENTIS,<sup>7</sup> daughter of John, (30) b. June 24, 1805; died Aug. 20, 1824. Her infant son died March 3, 1825. [See page 10.]

(40) VII. WILLIAM PRENTIS,<sup>7</sup> son of John, (30) b. April 14, 1807; died April 1, 1847.

(41) VIII. ADAM F. PRENTIS,<sup>7</sup> son of John, (30) b. May 23, 1809.

(42) IX. CHARLES PRENTIS,<sup>7</sup> son of John, (30) b. March 3, 1811.

(43) X. EDWARD PRENTIS,<sup>7</sup> son of John, (30) born May 10, 1813. Married Sept. 3, 1844, Caroline L. Mulford, of Long Island, N. Y.

Children.

(1188) I. MARY DANIELS,<sup>8</sup> b. —.

(1189) II. CHARLES,<sup>8</sup> b. —.

(1190) III. JOHN MULFORD,<sup>8</sup> b. —.

(1191) IV. EDWARD,<sup>8</sup> b. —.

Page 4. Valentine Prentice was made Freeman, (per Mass. General Court records) Aug. 7, 1632; either there is an error there of the month, or in his widow's marriage, April 3, 1632, to John Watson, in the Roxbury Town records.

Page 64, &c. For *Kettel* read *Kettell*; this was noticed after printing that part.



Page 53. After printing the family of John H. Prentice, (121) I was informed that he had two more children, born since 1849, viz. :

(1192) XVI. MARTHA HOWARD,<sup>8</sup> b. Jan. 3, 1851.

(1193) XVII. WILLIAM SATTERLEE PACKER,<sup>8</sup> b. Jan. 25, 1852.

Page 37. Sartell P. (93) died Sept. 25, not Oct. 25.

John J. Prentice (145) was born in Worcester, Mass., not in Mount Vernon, and married Mary Ann Parker ; practised in *Henniker*, not Herkimer ; and Henry (146) was born, 1823 ; died at the age of four years.

Note on page 43. Bishop Hobart resided in *Catskill*, where H. Hobart P.'s father, Rev. Joseph Prentice, lived.

John P. (103) removed from Worcester to *Gloucester*, Mass. ; was Cashier of Amherst Bank eighteen years. H. H. P. says that his father is not connected with him in business. These errors arose from not answering my letters.

On p. 161, No. (790) should be (796).

The following is a correct list of the family of John Prentiss, (514) who married Amelia F. Kennedy, of Baltimore, Dec. 22, 1825, and which was received after the account on page 107 was printed.

(1194) or (516) I. JOHN H.,<sup>7</sup> b. Nov. 26, 1826. Physician ; resides with his father at his country seat, three and a half miles from Baltimore, and practices in the vicinity.

(1195) or (514) II. THOMAS MELVILLE,<sup>7</sup> b. Oct. 26, 1829. With James Lefferts & Co., merchants, New York.

(1196) or (517) III. MARCIA K.,<sup>7</sup> b. Sept. 1, 1831 ; died June 30, 1832.

(1197) IV. WILLIAM SCOLLAY,<sup>7</sup> b. July 10, 1833 ; died Jan. 25, 1836.

(1198) V. CLIFTON K.,<sup>7</sup> b. June 16, 1835.

(1199) VI. AMELIA,<sup>7</sup> b. May 2, died May 7, 1838.

(1200) VII. WILLIAM SCOLLAY,<sup>7</sup> b. May 29, 1839.

(1201) or (518) VIII. MARY AMÉLIA,<sup>7</sup> b. Aug. 26, 1841; died Dec. 11, 1845.

(1202) or (519) IX. MARCIA GRAY,<sup>7</sup> b. Aug. 25, 1844; died Dec. 4, 1850.

The two youngest lads are at school with their father.

John Prentiss, (514) of "Medfield," his residence, (named for his native town) three and a half miles from Baltimore, studied at home until his father died, and then at Phillips Academy, Andover. Entered Harvard University, 1814, at the age of sixteen; taught school in the winter of 1814-15, at East Sudbury, now Wayland, Mass., and in 1816-17, in Medfield. Graduated at H. U., as A. B., 1818. The principles of pure religion and the precepts of the best of mothers were his shield from the usual temptations of so early an age in College. To repay his collegiate expenses and those of his intended theological studies, he took charge of the Female High School in Charlestown, Mass., as its first master, with the aid of one female assistant only, to three hundred pupils; he relinquished it in 1819-20, having accomplished his object, and entered the Divinity School of Harvard University, remaining till 1822. While there, he took charge of the Female High School of the late Rev. Henry Colman, during his illness of several months, and while in his family acquired in him a fast friend, to his death. In 1823, Mr. Prentiss accepted the appointment of a tutorship in Baltimore College, and subsequently, in 1824, he was chosen Principal of one of the Maryland State Academies, at Garrison Forest, about ten miles from Baltimore. In 1825 he opened a private school for boys in Baltimore, which he resigned from ill health in 1841, and returned to his farm. In 1833 he was elected President of the Collegiate and Principal of the Academic Department of Baltimore College, and governed by moral suasion with eminent success, eight years, when he returned finally to his farm, combining the management of that, with

fitting a few lads for College, thus giving them useful instruction, with what is of as much consequence to them, a sound constitution.

On page 5, &c., John Prentice, (2) of New London, Ct., is called the "Smith," to distinguish him from other Johns, "though he pursued that calling for so short a time after he settled in New London, and spent so many years in other pursuits, that that designation is somewhat inappropriate."

Page 6, (9) Mercy, daughter of John and Esther Prentice, died in 1689.

Page 6, (13) Ralph died unmarried.

Page 6, note, "There is no doubt that the tombstone was set up for Capt. John Prentis, (19) and that the inscription was neglected to be cut." The date named there, 1630 to 1640, should be 1730 to 1760.

Page 7. Jonathan Prentis (5) *was* the (3d) son of John the "Smith," and Capt. John Prentis (19) *was* the Breton Capt., and *was* son of Jonathan and Elizabeth, and there is *no* link wanting in the regular chain of descent from John (2); therefore the remainder of the note on page 7, beginning, "He thinks with," &c., to foot of the page, should be omitted. Capt. John, it now appears, died in London, after his return there from a visit to the seat of the Edgewombs, in Cornwall, of small pox, contracted while there.

Page 8, &c., read *Christophers* for Christophus. (21) Read *two sons*, for one son. (24) Read *Mellally* for Maloney.

Page 9, (26) read *John* for George Hallam. (28) Read The Right Rev. John Prentis K. Henshaw,\* of Providence,

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\* One of Bishop H.'s sisters married Charles H. Richards, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; one married Rev. A. L. Baur, of Boston, and Newton Lower Falls; one married J. S. Bushnell, of Middlebury, Vt. Mrs. Richards has a cabinet likeness of her mother, by her son-in-law, Huntington, and a miniature of her grandmother, Sarah (Christophers) Prentiss.

is now Bishop of Rhode Island, for was, &c. (29) Read, had a number of children.

(30) pages 9 and 10, read Eunice *Frink* for Fink, and John Prentis, her husband, born *March* 18, 1773; she was born April 23, 1774.

Page 10, (43) read *has*, for had two, &c.; and the double star note to Caroline, was for some other family. Edward's wife, Caroline, is alive and well, and like many ladies, she objects to give her daughters ages.

Page 61. Rev. Thomas Prentice (282) of Charlestown; settled in Arundel, (now Kennebunk) Nov., 1730. "Sept. 19, 1738, there was a Committee to-day about Mr. Prentiss leaving his people," "dismissed 1738." [Smith's Diary, Falmouth, now Portland, Me.]

Page 31. Daniel Brigham was in the Army under Gen. Amherst, in the Expedition against Ticonderoga and Crown Point, in 1759, and died at T.

Page 98. Since printing, Mrs. Humphrey, of Hingham, says, that coat of arms belongs to the Gibbs family. Elizabeth P., daughter of Rev. Joshua Prentiss, of Holliston, had one copy, and Joshua Prentiss, Sen., of Marblehead, had the other copy of the Prentiss arms.

(482) V. SAMUEL PRENTISS,<sup>5</sup> (see pages 119 and 120) married *first*, Dolly Day, of Kennebunk, Me.; dates unknown.

By her he had,

(553) I. WILLIAM,<sup>6</sup> b. —.

(1203) II. —,<sup>6</sup> a daughter, b. —. Married — Freeman.

(1204) III. —,<sup>6</sup> a daughter, b. —. Married first, — Partridge; married second — Shaw.

(1205) IV. —,<sup>6</sup> a daughter, b. —; died single.

By second wife, Rebecca.

(1206) V. REBECCA,<sup>6</sup> b. —.

(1207) VI. JOAN,<sup>6</sup> b. —.

(1208) VII. BETSY,<sup>6</sup> b. —. Married Jas. Deering, Esq., of Denmark, Me.

(1209) VIII. FANNY,<sup>6</sup> b. —; now deceased; her other three sisters alive, 1852.

This information of Samuel and family was received of Rev. Geo. L. Prentiss, of New York, March 6, 1852, after printing Samuel's family, page 119.

Page 137. Christopher Prentiss (502) married *Annis* Getchel; his *second* son was Joshua, (668) first officer of a ship; was accidentally killed on board a vessel in Baltimore harbor.

Pages 139 to 142. The children of John E. Prentiss (631) should be numbered from (1210) to (1215); those of John Prentiss, (653) from (1216) to (1224); and those of Caleb Prentiss, Jr., (672) from (1225) to (1229.) Their names were misplaced, in printing that signature.

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#### FAMILIES NOT ASCERTAINED.

The following turned out, April 17, 1775, at the "Lexington Alarm." Taken from the original "Lexington Alarm" rolls, State House, Boston:—

BENJAMIN and STEPHEN PRENTISS, of Sherburne. Benj. eleven, and Stephen nine days service in Capt. Ben. Bul-  
lard's Company of Minute Men, Col. Pierce's Regiment.

BENJAMIN PRENTICE, of Newton, one day's service, in Capt. Amaziah Fuller's Company.

THOMAS, NATHANIEL, DANIEL, SAMUEL, and JOHN PRENTICE, of Watertown or Cambridge — probably the latter. Thomas, one ; Nathaniel, one ; Daniel, four ; Samuel, three ; and John, two days service, in Capt. Samuel Thayer's Company, Col. Gardner's Regiment. Twenty-eight miles travel, out and home.

THOMAS and ISAAC PRENTICE, of Watertown. Thomas, two, Isaac, four days service in Capt. Samuel Barnard's Company. Twenty miles travel, out and home.

JONATHAN PRENTICE, of Withington, six days service in Capt. Eben. Webber's Company.

NATHANIEL PRENTICE, of Westford, four days service ; Oliver Bates, Capt., James Prescott, Col.

NATHANIEL PRENTICE, Westford, (?) Joshua Parker, Capt. (See Oliver Bates's roll ; probably the same, enlisted again.)

ROBERT PRENTICE, of Newton, three days service, Phineas —, Capt., John Marean, Capt. Lt.

THOMAS PRENTICE, of Shrewsbury, nine days service in Capt. Job Cushing's Company, Col. Artemas Ward.

WILLIAM PRENTICE, twelve days service ; John Holmes, Capt., Samuel Bullard, Col.

Dr. Nat. S. Prentiss says, 1851, that he was ten years old at the time of the running fight from Concord and Lexington ; heard the firing, and after the fight he remembers to have seen five dead bodies of Americans in one house, one of whom was Raham Richardson, and one by the name of Hicks. Ebenezzer, Solomon, and George Prentice were on the Alarm List, or Minute Men — so says George, son of George P., of West Cambridge, (1852.) They lived in West Cambridge, about a mile south of the road from Lexington, which the British soldiers took on their retreat to Boston. " Many of

them were so exhausted when they reached Spy Pond, in West Cambridge, that they threw themselves on the ground, and lapped the water like dogs, and several of them were shot there.”

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Frances Prentice, of Cambridge Village, (Newton, Mass.) was married there, by Thomas Prentice, Esq., Nov. 13, 1687, to Joseph Palmer, of Stonington, Ct.\*

Benjamin Prentice died in Somers, Ct., Jan. 19, 1851, Æ. 54.

French capture claims, 1803, settled 1835.

John Prentiss, Sch. Ellinor, Capt. Glover, Edward Johnson, administrator.

John E. Prentiss, administrator, Thos. Williams, (Horton & Williams,) Sch. Ellinor, Williams.

Joseph Prentice was an attorney in Douglass, Worcester County, Mass. He was from some town near Colchester, Ct. Not succeeding in D., he returned to Connecticut, and from there went South or West.†

James G. Prentiss, of New London, Ct., married, April 13, 1851, in San Francisco, Cal., Miss Helen J. May, of Astoria, Oregon.

Elisha Prentice, Æ. 74, in 1840, of Griswold, New London County, Ct., (born in 1766.) (List U. S. Pensioners.)

Samuel and Jonathan Prentice, of Connecticut Colony, subscribers to Brainerd's Life, 1745.

Mary Prentice, Windham, Ct., July 13, 1742. Married

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\* Nehemiah Palmer and Thomas Stanton, of Stonington, Ct., were appraisers, in 1685, of the estate of Thomas Prentice, Jr., who died that year, and was son of Capt. Thomas Prentice, Sen., who gave his son land in Stonington. [Middlesex Co. Mass. records.]

† Per Charles G. Prentiss, of Worcester, Mass., and a List of Attorneys in Worcester County.

Asa Peabody, from Boxford, Mass., who settled in Pomfret, next in Norwich, Ct.

Ann Prentiss, Hartford, Ct., married, Sept. 20, 1720, Thomas Hosmer.

Charles C. Prentice, minister, Easton, Ct., 1849.

D. M. Prentice, Commission Merchant, Norwich, Ct., 1849.

Prentice & Leonard, Lumber Dealers, New London, Ct., 1849.

Charles Prentice, graduated 1802 ; David Prentice graduated, 1812 ; Charles T., graduated, 1832. [Catalogue of Yale College.]

Cyrus Prentice, President Cleveland and ——— Railroad, 1856.

George Prentiss, painter and glazier, Boston, deceased ; his widow, Henrietta P., administratrix, per first account, April 3, 1849. (Daily Advertiser.)

William Prentiss, Illinois, appointed Indian Sub-Agent, on the Joachim and Sacramento Rivers, Cal., April 10, 1849.

Archibald Prentice, London, April, 1849, published his "Tour in the United States," of 1848 ; well written ; a member of the Free Trade League. (Daily Advertiser, April 30, 1849.)

Lydia Prentiss, and Bond & Prentiss, signatures on the Signature Book of the late U. S. Branch Bank, Boston. Also Prentiss & Co., by T. Boston Campbell.

The following names are found on the Cambridge Town records : —

Hannah Prentice married John Warland, March 12, 1776.

Jonas Prentice married Sarah Prentice, Nov. 12, 1777.

Margaret Prentiss, of Cambridge, married Nehemiah Rand, of Lyndesboro', N. H., by James Winthrop, Esq., Justice of the Peace, Oct. 21, 1791.



Nat. Prentice Watson married Lydia Fillebrown, Feb. 9, 1797.

Hannah Prentiss married Samuel Worth, March 21, 1800.

Sally Prentiss married Nat. Ireland, of Boston, Nov. 18, 1802. A Mr. Ireland, blacksmith, who married a Prentice, lives near Mt. Auburn, Cambridge, 1851.

John Prentiss married Sally Collier, of Cambridge, Nov. 1, 1807.

Fanny Prentice, of Watertown, married Aminadab H. Mansfield, of W., Oct. 16, 1808.

Sarah Prentice married John Smith, Cambridge, 8, 4, 1676.

Elizabeth Prentice died May 14, 1727.\*

Thomas Prentice, son of Thomas and Elizabeth, died March 12, 1735-6.

Mr. Thomas Prentiss died Nov. 8, 1800.

Mr. John Prentiss, (346?) Æ. 54, died Feb. 23, 1802.

Hannah Prentiss, widow of Solomon, died Aug. 26, 1805.

Mr. John Prentiss died Jan. 2, 1806.

Jonathan C. Prentiss and his son Nat. were the *only* voters of the Prentice name in Cambridge, in 1850 † — the ancestral home of the Cambridge Branch.

James Otis Prentiss, M. D., received an honorary degree, at H. U., 1791. It is supposed he went to Georgia.

James O. Prentiss, M. D., degree 1813, H. U. ‡

Abigail Prentiss, of Sherburne, Mass., married David Haven, of Natick. After 1805, she married Zedekiah Haven, of Hopkinton, Mass., whom she survived many years, and

\* Her gravestone, Cambridge, says, Mrs. Elizabeth P., Æ. 43, which makes her birth in 1684.

† L. R. Paige, Town Clerk, Cambridge.

‡ Medical Journal, Boston, 1813.

died Oct. 1837, Æ. 92. Had nine children by first husband.\* She may be sister to Ben. and Stephen, on Lexington Alarm List.

— Prentice, † about 60 years old, a master paper maker, was in Shirley, or Leominster, about 1836.

Hepzibah Ware married — Prentiss. [See April No. of N. E. Hist. and Genealogical Register, 1852.] Children, Ben, Stephen, Hannah, Hepzibah, Samuel.

Francis J. Prentiss, New Orleans. [List Letters, N. O., April, 1850.]

Widow Martha Prentiss, died Sept. 22, 1790. ‡

Mrs. Prentiss, wife of Jonas, or Samuel, died 1783. ‡

Lydia Prentice and John Cooper married April 6, 1721. ‡

Elizabeth Prentice and John Hastings married April 20, 1780. ‡

Ebenezer Prentice and Experience Williams married Nov. 24, 1785. ‡

Sarah Prentice, daughter of Solomon, baptised Oct. 20, 1717. ‡

James Prentiss, son of Nat., baptised April 11, 1781. ‡

Esther (Elizabeth?) Prentiss married Joseph Brackett April 4, 1819.

John Prentiss married Joanna Forrester, Nov. 30, 1820.

Susanna Prentice has property by Wm. Brown's will, Waltham, in 1753, as his daughter. ||

Samuel Prentice, of Acton, married Lydia Dickenson, of Charlestown, Oct. 17, 1765. §

Nathaniel Prentice, surveyor, New York City. [List of letters there, May 13, 1850.]

\* Haven Genealogy.

† Per T. B. Wyman, of Charlestown.

‡ First Church records, Cambridge.

|| Middlesex records. Per T. B. Wyman, of Charlestown.

§ Charlestown Town records. Per T. B. Wyman.

Lt. Ichabod Prentice, in pay roll of Capt. Gorton's Company, Sept. 1776, Rhode Island.\*

Brigadier-General Prentice Sabine, of Putney, Vt., member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, Boston, 1829.

Miss Sophia G. Prentiss, Roxbury, married Joseph H. Converse, of Boston, at Jamaica Plain, Roxbury, July 10, 1849.

Nat. Prentice Russell married Betty Williams, April 3, 1780.†

Ben. Prentiss married Candace Hapgood, April 23, 1800, daughter of Shadrach H., killed by the Indians at Brookfield, 1775.†

James Prentice resides in Newton, 1849.

Reuben Prentiss, Westminster, Vt., member of the American Tract Society, 1850.

Charles Prentice, Dec. 23, 1851, arrived at New York, a prisoner, with two others, under a charge of mutiny on board a whale ship.

Hannah Prentiss was a member of the "Shepherd" Cong. Church, (Rev. Mr. Albro's) Cambridge, Mass. [List of present members, 1842.] This Church separated from the First Church, (now Rev. Mr. Newell's) in 1829, but it was decided that the Old Church records, plate, organ, &c., were to remain with Mr. Newell's Church. The first manuscript page of the Shepherd Church records, has this memorandum, probably in Rev. Dr. Holmes's writing:— "Settlement of Mr. Hooker's Church and Society at Newtown, (Cambridge) and instalment of Mr. Hooker. The Braintree Company (from Braintree, England) which had begun, 1632, to settle

\* B. Covel's "Spirit of '76," Providence, R. I., 1851.

† Marlboro' Town records. Per A. H. Ward.

down at Mt. Wallaston, by order of Court, removed to Newtown, and were Mr. Hooker's Co., which were under Mr. Thos. Hooker's ministry, who to escape imprisonment for non-conformity, fled to Holland. After their settlement in N. E. sent for Mr. Hooker, who left Holland and obtained Mr. Samuel Stone, a lecturer at Forcester, Northampshire, as an assistant in the ministry, and arrived at Boston Sept. 4, 1633; went to Newtown, where he was received with open arms by an affectionate and sincere people, and was chosen pastor, and Stone teacher, and on the 11th of Oct., after solemn fasting and prayer, were ordained to their respective offices. They both removed to Hartford, Ct., early in the summer of 1636. Thomas Hooker died July 7, 1647, Æ. 62. Samuel Stone died July 20, 1663."

Elizabeth Prentice, Æ. 74, (the head of the family is Joseph Prentice) in Berkshire, Tioga Co., N. Y., (born 1766.) [List U. S. Pensioners, 1840.]

Providence, R. I., Directory, 1832, Daniel, John, Nancy, and Thomas Prentiss.

John Prentice, housewright, Sutton, Mass., 1741. (Middlesex County deeds.)

Samuel Prentice, husbandman, Sutton, Mass., 1746. (Middlesex County deeds.)

Daniel Prentice, 1802, Findsbury Division, Parish St. Sepulchre, Middlesex Co., England, — list of voters, — and also a householder and owner.

In the U. S. General Tax List of Oct., 1798, are the following names of owners and occupants of land, &c., in Watertown, Mass. : —

Thos. Prentice, occupant; Benj. Prentice, owner, (1 lot.)

Ebenr. Swan, occupant; Solomon Prentice, owner, (4 lots, 1 barn, &c.)

Solomon Prentice, occupant; Solomon Prentice, owner, (2 lots.)

Ebenezer Prentice, occupant ; Ebenr. Prentice, owner, (farm, 1 lot.)

Geo. Prentice, occupant ; Geo. Prentice, owner, (farm, 6 lots, mill, house, &c.)

John Prentice, occupant ; John Prentice, owner, (farm, 2 lots, barn, &c.)

Wm. Prentice, occupant ; John Prentice, owner, (1 lot.)

Some of the above are supposed to be children of Solomon, son of Nat. and Hannah Prentice, of Cambridge ; and perhaps of Daniel Prentice.

Also, on the same Tax List :— John Prentice, Mendon, South Parish ; James and Calvin Prentice, Oxford, (resided in Sutton ;\*) Samuel, William, James and Calvin Prentice, Sutton ; John and George Prentice, Cambridge ; John Prentice, Southboro' ; Otis Prentice, Ward ; Isitch (Isaac ?) Prentice, Lanesboro' or Hancock, in John Tien's house.

In John Hull's original manuscript Treasurer's book of receipts and expenditures, Mass. Colony, 1675-6, in N. E. Hist. and Geneological Society, Boston, is Henry Prentice on ten different pages, (†probably the Planter, Cambridge ;) Capt. Thomas Prentice and his Troop, on nineteen different pages, (Capt. P., of Newton ;) Samuel Prentice, of Cambridge, on five different pages, (son of the Planter Henry ;) James Prentice, under Lt. Oakes, on one page, (probably son of James, Sen., of Newton ;) John Prentice, on two pages, per John Walley, Constable and Collector ; John Prentice, in maratime disbursements, " Dr. to John Prentice for transporting prisoners, ‡ £1 10s. 0d.," (probably son of Capt. Thos., Newton ;) Solomon Prentice, on two pages, (probably son of 1st Henry, Cambridge.)

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\* Per Josiah S. P., of Oxford.

† Those in parenthesis are by the writer of this.

‡ In King Philip's war.

A Capt. Prentiss, master of ship *Corea*, from Connecticut for San Francisco, arrived at Rio May, 1850, (probably of Baltimore.)

Died, in Bangor, Lydia, wife of Charles E. Prentiss, Æ. 30, 1843.\*

Died, in Bethlehem, of apoplexy, Mrs. Salina Prentiss, Æ. 65, 1841. "In her usual health in the morning, before night, a corpse."

Died, in Portland, Me., Sept. 1, 1846, Mrs. Julia A. Prentice.†

New-Town altered to Cambridge, Mass., 1638. "Cambridge Village," now Newton, set off from Cambridge before 1697 or '98; Lexington, 1716; W. Cambridge and Brighton were a part of Cambridge.

Deaths in Cambridge, per Cambridge First Church records. Infant of Samuel Prentiss, July, 1794; Henry Prentiss, Æ. 24, bilious putrid fever, Oct. 15, 1796; (perhaps the Henry Prentice, per Cambridge Town records, son of Ben. and Ruth P., died same date;) Ruth Prentiss, Æ. 43, purpureal fever, March 25, 1797; Mary Prentiss, consumption, May, 1797; Ruth Prentiss, January, 1800; Thomas Prentiss, at Mason's, N. B., Æ. 17, polypus on lungs, Nov., 1806; — Prentiss, Feb. 26, 1807; Susan Prentiss, Æ. 22, consumption, Aug. 2, 1807; Elizabeth Prentiss, Æ. 77, typhus fever, Aug. 10, 1817; Sarah Prentice, Æ. 40, convulsive fits, June 19, 1818.

Deaths, on Cambridge Town records. Mary, wife of John Prentice, May 11, 1797; Mr. John Prentice, Jan. 2, 1806; Mrs. Elizabeth Prentiss, widow, Feb. 24, 1807; she was the daughter of Samuel Phillips,‡ (born 1729) son of Col. and Dea. John P., of Boston; she married Henry Prentice, of

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\* Christian Mirror, Nov. 30, 1843.

† Christian Mirror, Sept. 10, 1846.

‡ Wendell Phillips, Esq., Boston.

Cambridge, "Taylor," before 1778; he died November 12, 1806.

Deaths, on gravestones in old burial ground, Cambridge.\* Mrs. Abigail Prentiss, died 1825; Samuel Prentiss, died July 25, 1795, *Æ.* 38, and Mrs. Mary, wife of Samuel P., (both on one stone) died April 27, 1832, *Æ.* 82; Mrs. Elizabeth Prentice, died May 14, 1727, *Æ.* 43.

On a lithographic map of Grafton, made by Charles Brigham, Jr., 1831, are the names of householders, Charles, Joseph, Robert, Solomon L., Rufus, Samuel, Solomon, and Joel Prentice. Number of inhabitants, 1830, 1889. Grafton was incorporated 1735, bought of the Indians, by forty proprietors, 1728.

Life Members of American Tract Society, 1850 — Reuben Prentice, Westminster, and Elizabeth Prentice, of Holliston, Mass.

Thomas Prentiss, *Æ.* 81, Weathersfield, Windsor County, Vt., (born 1759.) [U. S. Pension List, 1840.]

Stephen Prentice married Abigail, daughter of Joseph Frost, July 8, 1708.†

Prentice Field married Mary Ann Mitchel, North Andover, Oct. 26, 1800.

Prentiss Hobbs, coal merchant, Boston, 1850.

Thomas Prentiss, Elizabethtown, N. J., and Mr. Nathl. Prentiss, Philadelphia, were subscribers to the American Museum, in 1788.

Henry Prentiss, Cambridge, married Sarah Wyman, Nov. 9, 1843.†

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\* In 1636 the Town of Cambridge ordered the burial ground fenced in, and let for a sheep pasture! There are now many gravestones and monuments of the Prentices in the old ground, opposite the College.

† T. B. Wyman.

Henry Prentiss, boot maker, Charlestown Directory, 1848.

Major H. L. Prentiss, Quincy, Illinois, murdered Dec. 24, 1849—Austin West, arrested as the perpetrator.\*

Lucy Prentiss, Cambridge, and John Frost, of Newton, published Dec. 9, 1800.†

Solomon Prentiss, Jr., and Elizabeth Wyeth, of Charlestown, published March 25, 1803.†

George Prentiss and Hannah Smith, both of Cambridge, published Sept. 2, 1810.†

Caleb Prentice and Margaret Winship, of Cambridge, published July 14, 1816, married Aug. 1.†

Elizabeth Prentiss and Moses Bracket, of Cambridge, published March 20, 1819.†

John Prentiss and Joanna Forrester, of Cambridge, published Nov. 11, 1820.†

Mary Prentice married Francis Kidder, ‡ both of Cambridge, Feb. 13, 1717–18.† This Mary is probably Mary, (281) daughter of Thomas (53.) [See page 60 for receipt, &c.]

Elizabeth Prentice married Mathew Johnson, May 9, 1726.†

Samuel Prentice married Elizabeth Cook, December 23, 1736. ||

\* Boston Journal, Jan. 12, 1850.

† Cambridge Town records.

‡ Son of Dea. Samuel K. Francis K. died Jan. 21, 1724, Æ. 32. Children, Mary, Samuel, James, and Francis. His widow married Philip Cook, 1725; her brother was appointed guardian to the above children, 1726. In 1729, Mary, widow of Philip Cook, administratrix's account mentions Elizabeth Cook, now Prentice. [Middlesex County records, per T. B. Wyman.]

|| Cambridge First Church records.



Henry, son of Benjamin and Ruth Prentice, died Oct. 15, 1796.\*

Stephen Prentice married Lydia Prentice, Nov. 10, 1743.\*

Lucy Prentice married Abraham Watson, Mar. 28, 1751.†

Mrs. Abigail Prentice married Rev. Bunker Gay, Sept. 2, 1763.† (He resided in Hinsdale, N. H., in 1778; a manuscript sermon of that date is in N. E. Hist. and Genealogical Society's Library, Boston.)

Sarah Prentice married John Robbins, May 14, 1761.\*

John Prentice married Mary Scripter, April 3, 1772.\*

Lydia (Elizabeth?) Prentice married James Fillebrown, June 5, 1774.\*

Solomon Prentice married Rebecca Frost, April 13, 1775.\*

Charles Morris Prentiss, died in Boston, June 30, 1834.‡

Lydia Prentice, of Hopkinton, published to Jeremiah Batchelder, of Grafton, Mass., Oct. 4, 1786. ||

A Thomas Prentiss was a candidate for the ministry, at Cambridge, in 1815.

E. Prentiss, Detroit, N. Y., 1849.

Mrs. Charles C. Prentiss, Rochester, N. Y.§

Thaddeus Prentiss, Rochester, N. Y.§

Rebecca Prentice, in Mendon, married Wm. Brown, (by Rev. Joseph Dorr, Oct. 13, 1719.¶)

Wm. Prentice, merchant tailor, 157 Broad Street, Boston, 1850, from England, who says the name is common in Bury St. Edmund's, Eng. [John Prentiss, Esq., of Keene, N. H., has written to a Mr. Prentice, in England, for some account of these families. If received in season, it will be added to this.]

Charles H. E. Prentiss; in 1851, clerk with Weeks &

\* Cambridge Town records. † Cambridge First Church records.

‡ Boston Courier. || Grafton Town records.

§ Rochester List Letters, June 18, 1849.

¶ Records of births and marriages, Supreme Court, Boston.

Ives, 71 Kilby Street; said to be connected with Appleton P.'s family.

Rose Prentiss, house 6 May Street.\*

Henrietta Prentice, widow of George, 1 Hamblin Place.\*

Henry Prentice, 67 Pearl Street, house Roxbury.\*

Caroline B. Prentice, 11 Carver Street.\*

John Prentice, carver, boards 11 Lagrange Place.\*

Thomas Prentiss, boards 15 Somerset Street.\*

John H. Prentice, house 47 Mount Vernon Street.\*

Abby P. Prentiss, teacher, 8th division Washington School, Roxbury, Mass., 1850.

Alexander Prentiss married Sarah Jane Barr, in Lowell, Mass., June 20, 1850.†

John O. Prentiss, (List Letters,) Scituate, Mass., July, 5, 1850.‡

J. F. Prentiss, farrier and shipsmith, Cohasset Harbor, Mass., 1850.

Died at Wethersfield Vt., Jan 9, 1840, Lucia Prentice, wife of Barnabas Deane, and daughter of the late Thomas Prentice, Æ. 40.∥ She was probably a daughter of the Thomas P. in list U. S. Pensioners, 1840.

List of pensioners published first session, 16th Congress of the U. S., March 18, 1818. Elkanah Prentice, Massachusetts, private, Massachusetts line. Valentine Prentice, Maine, Sergeant, Massachusetts line. This latter is the only instance found of the name of Valentine, since the first Valentine in Roxbury, 1631.

From Burke's Commoners of Great Britain, "—— Moore, of Carswell, intermarried, about 1750, with professor Swin-

\* Boston Directory. † Boston Journal.

‡ Hingham Journal. — John M. Prentiss, Publisher, (formerly Davis & Prentiss,) Cornhill, Boston; lived in Lowell, and Sherburne.

∥ Vermont Chronicle.

son's half sister, Agnes S. Their fourth son, John Swinson, married Agnes, daughter of John Prentice, merchant of Glasgow, Scotland."

Joseph Prentiss, of Virginia, Surveyor and Inspector of Suffolk, Va., 1811 to 1825. [U. S. Documents.]

Samuel H. Prentiss married, in Marblehead, Sarah Leavitt.\*

Hon. Azariah Prentiss, of Romeo, Michigan, married Miss Mary Ann Dyer, of Lowell, at St. Paul's Church, Boston, May 15, 1851.\*

Henry Prentiss, Æ. 29, died in Cambridgeport, March 2, 1851.†

Mary Prentice died in York, Me., Nov. 20, 1792, Æ. 77.†

Prenties's Narrative of a Shipwreck on the Island of Cape Breton, on a voyage from Quebec, in 1780; 2d ed., London, 1783; No. 716 Catalogue Library Co., Philadelphia, 1789.

John Prentice, Armagh, Ireland, subscriber to a book, in 1800?

A Luke Prentice is said to reside in Northbridge, Mass.

A — Prentice is said to reside in Charlton, Mass., 1850.

Page 168. A Josiah Brown graduated at H. U. in 1735, and one in 1736; the former died in 1774.

Page 177. For "see page 88," read "see page 173."

Page 150. 1798, Feb. 4, recommended Wm. P., (727) and his wife Lydia, to the Church of Christ in Lebanon. [Wendell Church records.]

Page 201, (995) read "Holmes" for "Homes."

Page 116. For "his daughter Sophia," read Hon. L. Eaton.

Page 125. For "Richmond, Va." read Georgetown, D. C.

Page 127. For "1838," read 1852. For "Macomb's tavern," read Newcomb's house.

\* Boston Journal, May 26, 1851.

† Gravestone, copied by J, S. Fogg. [See Gen. Reg. 1851.]

Page 128. In the \* note, omit "Prentiss Mellen."

Page 193. Dr. Samuel Prentiss did *not* remove to Keene and Saratoga; he was in Bernardston only from 1808 to 1811.

Page 199. For "Jane Abbot Russell," read "Jane Atwood R."

Page 200. Joseph A. Prentiss married Rebecca D. Loomis, of Montpelier, Vt.

Page 206. Edward H. Prentiss married Laura H. Doane, of Middle Haddam, Ct.

Page 206. Charles W. Prentiss married Caroline Kellogg, of Peacham, Vt.

Page 207. Henry F. Prentiss married Ruth F. Colby, of Derby, Vt.

Page 207. Frederick J. Prentiss married Adeliza D. Hurd, of Middle Haddam, Ct. For "1829" read "1839."

Page 187. Read "Daniel D. was *grandson*."

Page 188, (957) and note. Read "Thos. W. Williams," for "Thos."

Page 188, (958.) Hon. Noyes & Wm. W. Billings, and Mrs. Eunice, wife of Dr. Farnsworth, are also grandchildren.

Page 189. Read five "Justices," for "persons."

Page 191. For "Dennison," read "Denison."

Page 209, (1069.) Sarah, his wife, died 1834, Æ. 96.

Page 210, note. For "father," read "grandfather."

Page 210, (1112.) 5, Lucy Caroline, b. Aug., 1851.

Page 211, (1117.) For "she," read *he* died 1846, and George, b. May, 1846.

Page 211, (1118.) Had children, Andrew, b. 1816. Lucy H., b. 1818; died 1844.

Page 211, (1090.) Had IV. ABBY C., b. Feb., 1809.

Page 213, (1145.) For "of Plainfield," read "born at Preston."

Page 213, (1146.) Read "Preston," for "Plainfield."

The following is a corrected list (see p. 84.) of the family of

(369) VIII. JONAS PRENTICE,<sup>6</sup> son of Nat. (344) and Abigail, born March 27, 1789. Married Helen Whittemore of West Cambridge, (a daughter of the Card Inventor,) published Jan. 2, 1807.

Children.

I. ELLEN,<sup>7</sup> b. July 31, 1808 ; bap. Sept. 4, 1808. Married, June 7, 1831, William Peirce, of Andover, Mass. ; Clerk in Custom House, Boston, 1852. Has had seven children, five of whom are living.

II. JONAS WHITTEMORE,<sup>7</sup> b. 1810 ; bap. Nov. 25, 1810, Married Lydia Withington, of Medford. Has a family. Resides in Concord, N. H., 1852.

III. LETETIA WHITTEMORE,<sup>7</sup> b. 1812. Married George E. Morse, of Cambridge. Has a family.

IV. HENRY,<sup>7</sup> b. 1815 ; bap. Sept. 6, 1815. Married — Horton. Has a family. Resides in Charlestown, 1852.

V. HARRIET WEARE,<sup>7</sup> b. 1818. Married Edwin C. Ray, in 1837. Resides in Dayton, Ohio, 1852.

Page 10. Andrew Jackson Prentis, (44) son of John, (30) was born April 27, 1815.

Page 220. (1190) For "John" read "Julia" Mulford.

LIST OF GRADUATES OF NEW ENGLAND  
COLLEGES TO 1835.\*

PRENTICE.

- JOHN, Mr., H. U., 1700, Cong. Min., Lancaster, Mass.  
 NATHANIEL, Mr., H. U., 1715, Cong. Min., Dunstable,  
 Mass.  
 THOMAS, Mr., H. U., 1726, Cong. Min., Arundel, Me.,  
 and Charlestown, Mass.  
 SOLOMON, Mr., H. U., 1727, Cong. Min., Grafton, Mass.  
 JOSHUA, Mr., H. U., 1738, Cong. Min., Holliston, Mass.  
 NATHAN, H. U., 1756, Berwick, Me.  
 JOHN, Mr., H. U., 1766, Att. Gen., Londonderry, N. H.  
 JONAS, Mr., Yale, 1784,—Connecticut.  
 JOSIAH, Mr., Dart., 1795, Orthodox Min., Northwood,  
 N. H.  
 CHARLES, Yale 1802.  
 DAVID, Yale, 1812.  
 GEO. DENNISON, Brown, 1823, Editor, Louisville, Ky.  
 CHARLES T., Yale, 1832.

PRENTISS.

- JAMES, Mr., H. U., 1761, Cape Ann and Boston, Mass.  
 CALEB, Mr., H. U., 1765, Cong. Min., Reading, Mass.  
 THOMAS, Mr., H. U., 1766, D. D., 1808, Cong. Min.,  
 Medfield, Mass.  
 SAMUEL, H. U., 1771, Mr., 1776, Gorham, Me.  
 APPLETON, H. U., 1781, Boston, Mass.

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\* Farmer's published list, in Antiquarian Soc., Worcester, Mass.

NATHANIEL SHEPHERD, M. D., H. U., 1787, Town Clerk, &c., Roxbury, Mass.

JAMES OTIS, M. D., H. U., 1791, Honorary Degree, 1791, Augusta, Geo. (?)

CHARLES, Mr., H. U., 1795, editor, poet, &c., Brimfield, Mass.

JOSEPH, Dartmouth, 1809.

THOMAS, Mr., H. U., 1811, Minister 2d Parish, Charlestown, Mass., 1817; died same year.

JAMES, Mr., H. U., 1815; died 1828.

HENRY, Mr., H. U., 1817, M. D., 1822; died, 1839.

JOHN, Mr., H. U., 1818, President Baltimore College, Maryland; teacher, &c.

WILLIAM, H. U., 1825, died 1834, Lawyer, Baltimore.

SARGENT S., Bowdoin, 1826, Attorney, New Orleans.

CHARLES W., Dartmouth, 1832.

GEORGE LEWIS, Bowdoin, 1835, Presbyterian Minister, New York City, 1851.





## Appendix.

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A. (p. 42.)

### THE OLD SARTELL BIBLE, &c.

The following is a copy of the memorandum written by Nat. Sartell, when he was shipwrecked; it is on the last cover of the Bible, inside:—

“Feb. ye 14, 1718. I was cast on the rocks of Quibberone, near Bellisle, in the bay of Resimea, all my men lost. N. SARTELL.”

He then put the Bible in a cask, and threw it overboard, expecting to be lost himself. When the vessel went to pieces, he took the cabin boy on his back and swam to a rock, where he remained all night, much bruised and exhausted. The boy died in the night; he was rescued next morning. The Bible was also saved. This was one of the voyages he made to New England. He was gone so long one trip, probably this, that his wife, in England, sent a vessel over in search of him; but on her arrival, he had returned to England. He is supposed to have brought his family over soon after. They first settled in Charlestown; next in Groton, Mass., where he died, Jan. 16, 1741, *Æ.* 60.\* When he was shipwrecked, besides vessel and cargo, he is said to have lost a large quantity of silver, &c. He was wealthy, and brought over many costly articles of furniture; brocade, and other dresses, for his daughter Sarah, then about nine years of age. The writer has

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\* Inscription on Sartell tomb, Groton, Ms. “From death’s arrest no age is free.”

a piece of a rich brocade silk dress ; one of the embossed, stamped, and gilt leather covers for high back chairs, painted with high and variously colored flowers, (mentioned in his wife's will;) also a piece of her silk christening blanket, of needlework, the figures stalks of cherries with leaves, and birds, the colors quite bright ; also, a very large, deep pewter platter, nearly two feet in diameter. Mrs. N. Copeland, Boston, had one of Sarah Sartell's high back chairs.\*

The Bible above-mentioned, (title-page gone,) date, printed in 1707, for the Translators ; time, Wm. Rex. ; date of the Psalms, of Sternhold and Hopkins, at the end, is 1702. The covers are of half inch oak, with stamped leather outside, and large wrought brass clasps ; the covers project an inch, which has preserved the leaves. The family record, on the first cover inside, is in Nat. Sartell's hand writing till 1740, nearly faded, then continued by Rev. Solomon Prentice. On the blank leaf, before the New Testament, is a record of John Prentice's family, by himself, and continued by his son, Josiah Sartell Prentice, Esq., of Oxford, Mass., who gave me the Bible a few years since.

When Rev. Solomon Prentice married Sarah Sartell, her brother, Josiah, and some of her family, disliked her marriage to "a poor country minister," and refused to allow her share of her father's property. It was supposed that Josiah's wife, a Green, influenced him ; but before Josiah died, he told the sons of his sister Sarah, that he would give them property to educate them. And it was believed he made a second will in their favor, but on his death, only the first will was produced by his wife, in which he left her the property for life, and at her death, to "the Town of Groton, Mass.," the income to support "the minister" and a school, "but not to sell the property."

Just before his widow died, a long while after his death, she became frightened, and told some of the Prentice family, that her husband *did* make a second will, in their favor, but "*that she buried it under his head in his coffin!*" It was too late then to get it. The property was afterwards contested by the Prentice and Brigham heirs, in the name of Sarah (Prentice) Brigham, daughter

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\* Sarah Sartell, in 1750, widow of Nat., wills to her daughter Sarah, wife of Solomon Prentice, this gilt leather, &c. [Middlesex County records.]

of Rev. Solomon P., of Grafton, (see Vol. 10, Pickering's, Mass. Reports,) "for a deviation from the will," the town of Groton having sold the lands. But they had possession too long; and the decision was, that if the property belonged to any one besides the town, it would belong to the executors as residuary legatees. Daniel Webster was one of the counsel for the town. The heirs then alive, shared the expense of suit. This Bible was produced in Court on account of the record.

The old house on the farm in Groton, north of the burial ground, still remains. The ministerial fund is now held by the Unitarian Church, but has been a bone of contention with new societies ever since. Butler's History of Groton gives an account of the funds and donors to church and school. The families of Prentices, descended from Rev. Solomon P., learned to read out of this Bible; and he always read from it in his pulpit, after the reading of the Bible was introduced as part of the regular services, which was not the case at first. Nathaniel Sartell's will, (on record at East Cambridge Probate Office, Middlesex County,) was dated Aug. 2, 1710, at Gosport Co., South Row, Mar. England, when he was about sailing on a voyage to America, and he is called "of Gosport, sometime of Charlestown, in the Colony of New England." His name was written by the notary in it, Nath'l Sattel, omitting the letter *r*, and he so signed it, probably to save making a new copy. At his death, his wife, the Executrix, proved it, Aug. 2, 1742, who said "her husband gave it her at its date, and she had had it in her possession ever since." He leaves all his real and personal estate, at his death, to her and her heirs. His son Josiah disputed it on account of the signature, and length of time, supposing there was another will, but afterwards withdrew his objection. He left £3848 14s. 3d., property in Groton, and £1120 3s. 4d., in Charlestown, including "warehouse at town dock;" his silver ware was £47; fourteen gilt leather chair bottoms; books, surveying instruments, &c. The Judge allowed the will as to personal property only — the real estate in Groton, Townsend, and Charlestown, was divided, the lands in Groton and Townsend to Josiah.\* In 1750, March 8, Sarah Sartell, his widow, wills to her

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\* Nathaniel Sartell's Charlestown property, in 1757, was set off to Nat. S.'s granddaughter, Hannah, (daughter of Nat. S., Jr., deceased,) "now married to Hercules Bacon."

grand-daughter, Sarah Prentice, "my best suit of silk clothes and gold necklace;" to her daughter Sarah, wife of Rev. Solomon Prentice, half of all that gilt leather, (chair covers,) and half of all my velvetts, and all the notes and debts due her by her husband, Rev. Solomon Prentice. Several bequests to her children, the Sartells, and "all the rest of my property, real and personal, to my daughter, Margaret Gibbs."

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B. (p. 27.)

Family of John and Susan (Prentice) Banks (91.)

(1) PATTY, born April 17, 1777. Married John Warren, a farmer, and settled in Walpole, N. H.

(2) BETSEY, b. March 26, 1779. Remained single, and died in Alstead, Jan. 30, 1849.

(3) NATHANIEL P., b. Aug. 1, 1783. A mechanic, and resides in Waltham, Mass. Has seven children; his oldest son, a lawyer, is Nathaniel Prentice Banks, Jr.\*

(4) JOSHUA, b. July 20, 1785; died Jan 20, 1786.

(5) JOHN, b. July 2, 1787. Single, and still lives in Alstead.

(6) GARDNER, b. June 15, 1790. Died at Mobile, Alabama, Nov. 20, 1817.

(7) ANDREW A., b. Feb. 1, 1793. Married Fanny Livermore, in Alstead, May 2, 1815, and settled on the homestead farm. They had seven children; five are married, and all but one are settled in Alstead.

(8) PASCHAL, b. May 25, 1795; died Oct. 20, 1798.

(9) JABEZ, b. Dec. 30, 1797. Married and settled in Alstead, on a farm adjoining the homestead. Has six children.

(10) THOMAS GREEN, b. June 16, 1800. Married Rebecca Mann, and resides in Nashua, N. H., as a merchant. Has five children.

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\* Nathaniel Prentice Banks, Jr., was elected Speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives in 1851 and 1852, and gave so much satisfaction in 1851, that the members of all parties united in a subscription for a gold watch, with a suitable inscription, valued at \$150, which was presented him, with an address, to which he made an appropriate reply.

## C. (p. 27.)

Children and families of Martha (P.) Brooks, (91) daughter of Nat. Sartell Prentice.

(1) POLLY, born Sept. 19, 1779. Married Buckminster Wood, 1801, farmer, Orange, N. H.; removed to Massena, N. Y., then to Loraine County, Ohio, where she died, 1840. Had five children.

(2) JOHN, b. Feb. 13, 1782. Married Pamela Reed, Langdon, N. H.; went to Royalston, Vt. Married second, Abigail Clark, Langdon, N. H.

(3) OLIVER HOWARD, b. July 11, 1784. Married ——. Since 1841, Postmaster, Bethel, Vt.

(4) SOPHIA, b. March, 1787. Married ——.

(5) JOSHUA, b. Feb. 29, 1790. Merchant, Avon, Ohio.

(6) AUSTIN, b. and died 1793.

(7) SUSAN, b. Jan. 6, 1794. Married ——.

(8) JOSIAH PRENTICE, b. April 5, 1797; resides at Northfield, Vermont.

(9) AUSTIN, b. Aug. 4, 1799, farmer, Royalston, Vt.

(10) MARTHA, b. July 2, 1802; drowned 1811.

(11) OLIVE, b. May 5, 1805; died 1807.

## D. (pp. 51, 64.)

## COATS OF ARMS.



“Droit et Avant.”

Ezra P. Prentice, of Mt. Hope, Albany, has the Prentice coat of arms, on a seal, from the Herald Office, England. Gyrony of 8 az.

and *or.* on a chief *ar.*; a fleur-de-lis between two crescents, *gules*; crest, an eagle displayed; in his dexter claw a dagger, in his sinister claw a pistol; motto, "Droit et Avant." (Burke.)

Mrs. Stetson, grand-daughter of Rev. Thomas Prentice, of Charlestown, has at her residence in Dorchester, a picture by Doyle, Boston, of the Kettell and Prentiss coat of arms united, viz.: on the left half of the shield, divided by a perpendicular line, is the Kettell arms, viz.: upper and lower part of the shield, *sa.*, *chev.*, with three female figures in white, kneeling. The Prentiss half has the upper and lower part of the shield *ar.*, divided by a bar *gu.*, two greyhounds in the upper part, and one greyhound in lower part, all *sa.*; in the bar, a demi-lion rampant, *az.*

Prentiss, (Scotland,) *ar.* a *chev.* between three greyhounds courant, *sa.* Crest — a leopard's face, *gu.*, spotted *or.* (Burke.)

Prentisse, *az.* a *chev.* between three roses, *ar.* (Burke.)

Prentys, (Norfolk Co., England,) *per chev.*, *or.* and *sa.*, three greyhounds courant, counterchanged, collared. Crest — a demi-greyhound, rampant, *or.*, collared, ringed and lined, *sa.*; line coiled in a knot at the ends. (Burke.)

Caleb Prentiss, of Danvers, Mass., has a coat of arms, said to be Prentiss; crest, a huntsman with a gun by his side, and greyhound, *sa.*; below him a helmet, vizer closed; shield *ar.*, with a *chev. gu.*, a demi-lion rampant *az.*, in the middle of the *chev.*; above the lion, a greyhound on the left and one on the right side, and one greyhound on the lower part of the shield, below the *chev.*; greyhounds, *sa.* "By the name of Prentiss." This once belonged to Elizabeth, daughter of Rev. Joshua Prentiss, of Holliston.

Mrs. Humphrey, of Hingham, says that the arms mentioned on page 98, are the Gibbs arms.

Frederick Prentice, Esq., Sheriff of Norwich, Ct., wrote that his father had a coat of arms, but it disappeared.

A coat of arms, worked on satin and framed, is owned by Nathaniel Appleton Prentiss, of South Andover. It has a greyhound couchant, for crest; shield, three lozenges, two upper *sa.*, lower one *ar.*; three greyhounds couchant in the shield, two above, one below, *sa.*

## E. (p. 106.)

The following Obituary of Mrs. Mary P. Hurlbut, is from the Puritan Recorder, Boston, July 26, 1849, signed J. B. :—“Died, in Sudbury, 13th inst., Mrs. Mary P. Hurlbut, *Æ.* 59, relict of Rev. Rufus H., who died May 11, 1839, having been Pastor of the Church in S. twenty-two years. Mrs. H. was the daughter of the late Rev. Thomas Prentiss, Pastor of the Church in Medfield, and grand-daughter of the late Mr. John Scollay, of Boston, well known in Revolutionary history. Mrs. H. was truly a spiritual and prayerful woman, and like her godly mother, did much good in secret. Religion was her consolation and support through life, and in the hour of death. Her faith was strong to the end; the last enemy was easily overcome, and scarcely did the victory cost a struggle. She is lamented by the Church, of which she was an ornament, by those who found her a devoted mother, an affectionate sister, and a firm and confiding friend.”

## F. (p. 108.)

The following tribute to the memory of the late Mr. William Prentiss, of Baltimore, was written by his class-mate and personal friend, Seth Ames, Esq., of Lowell, son of the late Hon. Fisher Ames :—“Died, in Boston, April 25, 1834, Mr. William Prentiss, of Baltimore, aged 29, a native of Medfield, in this State, and a graduate of Harvard University. This gentleman, though of late years he had been a citizen of Maryland, and of course only an occasional visitor among us, has left behind him many friends in this, his native State, to mourn over his early death. No man ever lived more free from guile; his life was a constant example of the beauty of *truth*. The manliness of his character was reflected in the frankness of his manners; sincerity stamped her impress on his features, and spoke in every tone of his voice. But upon the qualities of his heart we dare not enlarge. His unwearied application, his extensive acquirements, his clear and vigorous intellect,

united with a character of unusual energy and resolution, seemed to promise him high distinction in his chosen profession, the law. Like many young men in this country, he was compelled to toil for support as a teacher, while he engaged in the still more arduous toil of a faithful study of his profession. He was too ambitious and high spirited to be satisfied with a superficial and imperfect knowledge of the law, and too conscientious to do less than his whole duty to the pupils under his care. His strength failed him in the midst of his labors. Sickness and death met him at the threshold of his profession. \* \* \* Short as his life has been, it was full of good example. To express all in one word, it was, (so far as human eyes could see,) irreproachable, and the blessing that is promised to 'the pure in heart,' will be his reward."

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H. (p. 159.)

John Prentiss, of Keene, N. H., writes me, March 30, 1849, "That our ancestors were 'Roundheads,' and of the Puritan family, there can be no doubt; that they belonged to the disbanded army of Cromwell, is probable, and that they were three brothers, (?) as all in New England can be traced to one of the branches; but there is certainly a difficulty in accounting for their leaving at the Restoration,\* when the records of Cambridge show the name in 1640, or thereabouts,"† [as well as the Church and Town records of Roxbury, in 1631.] Macauley, in his recent History of England, says, "The Royalists themselves confessed, that in every department of honest industry, the disbanded warriors of Cromwell's army prospered beyond other men; that none were charged with any theft or robbery, that none were known to ask alms, and that if a baker, mason, or wagoner attracted notice by his diligence and sobriety, he was in all probability one of Oliver's old soldiers." This is really worth more in our Republican country, than all the coats of arms preserved of the Prentice, Prentiss, or Prentys families. Our ancestors were no cavaliers, and of the Whig, rather than the Tory party, as they afterwards were designated.

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\* 1660.

† Charles I. was beheaded in 1649. Cromwell died, 1658.



## I. (p. 8.)

Louisburg was a very strong place. The Expedition was by New England troops, assisted by an English squadron. It was taken in a short time, on the 17th of June, 1745, (a memorable day in our annals.) The troops were obliged to haul cannon two miles through a morass. After the place capitulated, the combined forces kept the French flag flying as a decoy, and thereby captured several valuable prizes, which arrived from France. The weather was fine during the siege, but the day after they took possession, storms and rain set in, which continued for ten days. The names of the British fleet and commanders are mentioned in one account; also, several ships of twenty guns, from N. England, with others, and also several sloop-of-war from Connecticut, &c.; but no names in that account. [See published Journal of the Siege and map and plan, in Hist. Society, Boston, 1850.]

## J. (p. 118.)

The following beautiful lines, composed by SOPHIA PRENTISS, daughter of Rev. Caleb Prentiss, who died in 1807, at the age of twenty-five, are from a book entitled "Remains of My Early Friend," published by Mrs. Frothingham, of Belfast, Me., and also in the Reading Bi-Centennial Celebration, in 1844:—

## ADIEU TO READING.

By the last beams of parting day,  
 Let me this charming scene survey;  
 Trace every spot I loved so well,  
 The lofty tree, the lowly dell.  
 Dear, lovely landscape! now adieu;  
 When distant — I will think of you.

The enraptured eye beholds around,  
 Here verdant plains, there rising ground;

The flowery field, the fleecy fold,  
The mountain, tipped with blue and gold.  
Oft fancy shall these haunts pursue,  
And still, though distant, dwell on you.

The Village Church first greets my eyes,  
Aspiring, seems to meet the skies.  
There the beloved Pastor taught  
Each truth sublime, each noble thought ;  
Taught us a brighter world to view :  
When distant far — I'll think on you.

The humble school-house next appears,  
Where sweetly passed my early years ;  
There knowledge first with pleasing art,  
Conveyed her treasures to my heart :  
Then while that heart's to Virtue true,  
With pleasure, I will think on you.

Behold the venerable roof,  
Where I have felt each tender proof  
Of love paternal and sincere,  
Its pleasing smile or anxious tear ;  
Ah ! happy days, how fast ye flew !  
Yet I will often think on you.

The ancient elm that arches o'er,  
The cherries, shading it before ;  
The garden and its vine-wrought bower,  
Where passed the gay or serious hour,  
When little of the world I knew ;  
I'll quit that world to think on you.

The fields of cultivated land,  
The orchard, planted by that hand  
Which in the dust is mouldering laid,  
Now yields its blossoms, fruit, and shade ;  
'T was from his fostering care ye grew,  
And I shall love to think on you.

Fair lake, how oft I've wandered o'er  
 Thy grassy banks and pebbled shore,  
 While on thy surface sunbeams played,  
 And distant trees, in lengthened shade,  
 Met the mild sky's ethereal blue :  
 When can I cease to think on you ?

See the calm mansions of the dead,  
 Where some loved friends are peaceful laid ;  
 Long may'st thou be with rev'rence view'd,  
 And thy green turf with tears bedew'd ;  
 Till I shall sleep in silence, too,  
 And can no longer think on you.

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JJ. (p. 123.)

The following obituary notice of Mary Prentiss, daughter of Dea. Caleb P., written by His Excellency Governor Kent, of Bangor, appeared in a newspaper of Bangor, Me., in 1836, was sent me by Miss Ellen P. Frothingham, of Belfast, Maine :—

“ *To the Editor of the Mechanic and Farmer, Bangor* :— You may remember that soon after the dedication of Mount Hope (Cemetery,) in July last, I informed you that I had in my possession some stanzas composed by a lady of this city, which I intended to offer for publication. I am forcibly and sadly reminded of that promise, by the death of the author, Miss Mary Prentiss, daughter of Dea. Caleb Prentiss, of Paris, Me., who died in Bangor on the 16th inst. I will not attempt a formal newspaper eulogium on her character. To those who knew her, had witnessed her life of unobtrusive usefulness and conscientious discharge of duty, and had been blessed with her friendship and love, such an eulogium would be useless. Her friends will long remember her as one who, without adventitious and accidental advantages, had won her way to their hearts and affections, by the vigor and discipline of her mind, by the gentle kindness and disinterestedness of her life, by an almost excessive sensibility, tempered and subdued, that she might never shrink from duty, and an expansive benevolence, that em-

braced the whole human family, and a remarkable absence of that selfishness, which regulates and calculates not its actions, without a reference to personal comfort. At the time above alluded to, (the dedication of Mt. Hope,) she was deeply interested in the object and the occasion, and in a note to a friend, enclosing the annexed lines, she says, 'Ever since I heard of the arrangements for the dedication of Mt. Hope, I have imagined myself dead, and buried there. I send you the fruit of my strange imagination.' At that period, and until a short time before her death, her health was excellent. There is something in the lines and thought, of that mysterious and indefinable presentiment, that warning of the spirit, that far-reaching vision, dim and indistinct, and yet almost real, which we sometimes fancy is vouchsafed to the pure in heart, as they approach near to the Spirit-land."

#### A SPIRIT AT MOUNT HOPE.

I am no more a child of earth,  
 My spirit from its clay hath fled ;  
 And yet I linger round the spot,  
 Where they have made my low, last bed.

The strong deep wish to be beloved,  
 Has not departed with my breath ;  
 It had its origin in Heaven,  
 And was too pure to yield to death.

I see the tears the mourners shed,  
 I catch the murmur of their sighs,  
 And through their long and weary days,  
 I watch them with my spirit-eyes.

My home is in a better world,  
 Of ceaseless bloom and cloudless light,  
 And the soiled robe I wore below,  
 Is changed for one of spotless white.

Deck then my grave with earth's frail flowers,  
 And teach the mourning trees to bend,  
 But do not water them with tears ;  
 Plume the soul's pinions to ascend.

If it is bliss e'en here to mount,  
 Where we must bear the heavy chain,  
 Which checks us in our highest flight,  
 And drags us to the earth again —

Think of the Soul with nought to clog,  
 With nought to dim its eagle sight,  
 Forever drinking in new joy,  
 Forever catching some new light ;—

If this dark stream is beautiful,  
 Which waters but an earthly clod,  
 Think what must be that purer one,  
 Which sparkles from the throne of God.

Oh, dry your tears, no longer weep,  
 The grave is not a gloomy place ;  
 Religion sheds a radiance,  
 Which every lingering cloud should chase.

“ Beneath those venerable oaks, in that resting place of the dead, her mortal remains are deposited, and her pure spirit has gone onward to that world of ‘ ceaseless bloom and cloudless light ’ she so beautifully described, and if her spirit-eyes can look back to earth, she sees that the tears of many mourners have watered that grave, and that the memory of her good deeds and spotless example, will not pass away.”

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(p. 36.)

THE FAMILY OF MARY (PRENTICE) BINNEY. (89)

MARY, (Cushing) daughter of Amos and Mary (P.) Binney, of Hull, Mass., had a daughter Mary, b. Nov. 9, 1788, who married Gorham Lincoln ; he resides at Rocky Nook, Hingham, the old Cushing place. Mrs. L. died 1833, had seven children, four daughters survive, 1852. 1, Elizabeth Cushing, who married, in 1842,

Wm. Edward Doane, Surveyor, of Cohasset; has a family; went to California, 1852. 2, Sarah Binney, married Henry Ware Lincoln, Chemist and Apothecary, Boston, has one child. 3, Catherine Kilby Thaxter, and 4, Mary, reside with their father at Hingham.

NANCY, daughter of Amos and Mary (P.) Binney, married John Copeland, of Weymouth, 1799; he died, 1835, no children; she enjoys fair health, at the age of 77, waiting with Christian hope and resignation the summons to join her family above.

AMOS, son of Amos and Mary (P.) Binney, was born in Hull. Married Mary Dolliver, 1799, in Boston. He was an active, enterprising, and benevolent man, of the liberal Methodist Church; was Navy Agent for the port of Boston before, and many years after, the war of 1812. His exertions in that war to fit out the vessels of our then infant and unknown Navy, which was in bad repute with many, were great and unparalleled, both day and night. Without any, or scanty official funds, he was often obliged to pledge not only his own means and credit, but that of his brother and friends, among whom was the celebrated Boston Merchant, "Billy Gray," who was satisfied of the stability of the Government. By Mr. Binney's great and unceasing exertions, seconded by Com. Hull, he was enabled to fit out the frigate Constitution, ("Old Ironsides,") in time to capture the "Guerriere." Mr. B. did much to develop the mineral resources of the country, and was largely engaged in manufactures and lands in the vicinity of Boston, which rapidly increased in value. He was an efficient President of the Boston and Worcester Railroad Company, and President of the Market Bank, Boston. He was the means of preserving "Joy's Building," at the large fire in Washington Street, Boston, by obtaining, on his own responsibility, all the bales of Blankets he could procure, and having them nailed over the building, and kept wet—for which service due acknowledgment was made. His family possess a valuable service of plate, which was presented to him. He died at his residence in Boston, Jan. 11, 1833, *Æ.* 55. Mrs. B. died in Boston, Feb. 18, 1847. The family have excellent portraits of him, of his son, Dr. A. B. and wife, and others of the family. He left five children, (six others having died, one of whom was Henry Prentice,) viz:—

I. AMOS, b. 1803. Brown University, 1821, M. D., H. U., 1826. Studied Medicine with Dr. Geo. C. Shattuck, Boston. His health preventing practice, he travelled to Ohio, in 1824, on horseback.

At his father's death, he took charge of his affairs, and continued his place of business with success. He was elected President of the Hancock Bank, to wind up its affairs. He visited Europe in 1825, for health, and again, with his wife, in 1847, and died in Rome, Italy, Feb. 18, 1847, about the time his mother died here. He devoted much time to Natural History, and accumulated the most valuable Library on that subject, in this country. He collected many valuable specimens of Sculpture and Painting. He was one of the founders and President of the Boston Natural History Society. His costly and elaborate work in three volumes, with plates, on the "Terrestrial Mollusks of the United States," has been published by his direction, by Dr. A. A. Gould, Boston, with a Memoir of Dr. B. A splendid marble monument, by Crawford, was erected to his memory, by his widow, at Mt. Auburn, where his remains were interred. He married his cousin, Mary Ann Prentice, daughter of Capt. John Binney, Boston, and left five children. 1, Amos, who married, in 1851, Harriet, daughter of Hon. James Savage, Boston; they are now travelling in Europe. 2, John, died Oct., 1851, *Æ.* 20. 3, William Greene, Student, H. U., 1852. 4, Sarah Ann. 5, Henry Prentice. Mrs. B.'s residence is in Boston.

II. HANNAH.

III. MARY G. PRENTICE.

IV. JOHN ARMSTRONG.

V. EMELINE, — all of whom reside in Boston.

JOHN, son of Amos and Mary (P.) Binney, commenced business in Boston. Was Captain of an Artillery Company, Boston; also, Capt. of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Co.; was commissioned as Capt. of the 4th Regiment of Infantry, of the United States Army in 1808; Commander of the Forts in Wiscasset and vicinity, five years. In 1813, marched with his company to Burlington, and was in several skirmishes in the Chataque Woods, on the frontier. Resigned in 1814, at the close of the campaign, and the death of his wife in Wiscasset. Removed to Boston again, as a Merchant, and was a large ship owner; first, President of the North, and afterwards of the Granite Bank, and of the Tremont Insurance Company, Boston, all of which were started by him, and all of which were remarkably prosperous under his management; was an Alderman of the city, and member of the Legislature from Boston. He was projector of the Lease of the City Wharf,

made so valuable to the City. His information was very extensive, from reading and observation. He died at his residence in Boston, April 16, 1838, *Æ.* 58. He married first, in 1804, Sarah Ann, daughter of Joseph Callender, of Boston, whose wife was a Russell. Mrs. B. died at Wiscasset, Me., in 1814; her remains, with the rest of the writer's family and grandmother, Mary (P.) Binney, were removed, in 1840, to his Lot, 681, Mt. Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge. Capt. B. married second, in 1818, J. C. Russell, Boston, sister to Nat. P. R., deceased; she resides, 1852, with her son, Omar, in Dorchester. Capt. B.'s children by first wife, were

I. MARY ANN PRENTICE, b. April 16, 1805, who married Dr. Amos Binney.

II. CHARLES J. F., b. Oct. 2, 1806. Married, Oct. 29, 1829, Clarissa, daughter of Dea. George Loring, of Duxbury, Mass. Merchant, in Boston; residence, Oakland Place, Roxbury, Mass. Had children, 1, Isabella, b. Nov. 12, 1830 2, Charles Loring, b. July 21, 1832. 3, Emily, b. Jan. 6, 1835; died May 13, 1839, *Æ.* 4½ years. Her monument is in Lot 681, in Mt. Auburn Cemetery.\* 4, George Loring, b. Sept. 2, 1840. 5, Prentice, b. Sept. 21, 1842; died Sept. 25, 1849, *Æ.* 7. 6, Mary Prentice, b. May 1, 1850.

III. SARAH PRENTICE, b. April 19, 1808.

IV. MARIA LOUISA, b. Oct. 9, 1809. Married, 1834, Charles B. Wells, Boston. Children. 1, John Binney, b. Sept. 15, 1836; died 1837. 2, Charles Bartlett, b. Sept. 25, 1841. 3, Frank, b. Oct. 11, 1842. 4, Hannah Doane, b. Nov. 19, 1844. 5, George Doane, b. Jan. 1, 1847. Mrs. Wells has an excellent portrait of her father, by Harding, and a miniature of her brother, John C.

V. NANCY COPELAND, b. 1811; died in Boston, 1815, *Æ.* 7.

VI. JOHN CALLENDER, b. 1813; died 1840, *Æ.* 27.

By second wife.

VII. AMOS RUSSELL, b. Oct. 3, 1819; Surveyor and Engineer. Married Sarah Winkley, of Amesbury; residence, Roxbury.

VIII. WILLIAM CUSHING, b. April 24, 1823. Entered Brown

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\* The following lines are on the monument:—

“ Weep not for her the bitter tear,  
Nor give the heart to vain regret;  
’T is but the Casket that lies here—  
The Gem that filled it sparkles yet.”



University; graduated H. U., 1843; member of the Boston Bar; residence, Amesbury, Mass. Married D. Currier, of A., 1848, and has two children. 1, Emily, b. 1849. 2, William, b. 1850.

IX. OMAR, b. Oct. 23, 1825. Merchant, Boston; residence, Dorchester, Mass., 1852.

X. GERTRUDE, b. Aug. 23, 1827. Married, June 3, 1846, her cousin, Thomas B Pope, Attorney, Boston, son of Lemuel Pope, who deceased 1850. Residence, Appleton Place, Roxbury. Has one daughter, Gertrude, b. June 25, 1847.

XI and XII. NATHANIEL POPE RUSSELL and FREDERICK, died young.

The father of Amos Binney, who was born in 1745, died 1783, who married Mary Prentice, 1770, was Amos Binney, Sen., of Hull, born 1711, died 1778; he married Rebecca, daughter of Dea. Ben. Loring, of Hull, in 1731. Amos B. Sen.'s father was Dea. John Binney, of Hull, born 1680, died 1759, who married first, Hannah Paine, of Eastham, Mass., 1704; second, in his old age, Sarah Crosby, of Boston, in 1757. Dea. John's father was John Binney, died in Hull 1698, who with his wife Mercy, who died 1708-9, settled in Hull, about 1680, and was supposed to have come from Hull, England, or its vicinity, near where, "in Worksop, Nottinghamshire, the Binney family have buried from 200 to 250 years, and one or more of the name came to America early." [Per Thomas Binney's letter, Hull, England, 1850.\*] The Halifax, N. S., Binneys and their descendants there and in England, are descended from Hon. Jonathan, son of Thomas and Margaret Binney, born in Hull, Mass., Jan. 7, 1724-5, who left Boston in 1753, after the death of his wife, Martha, (Hall) and settled in Halifax, N. S.; their son, Stephen Hall Binney, died in Boston in 1760, aged eleven years.\* He was a member of H. M. Council, &c., and married his second wife, Hannah (Newton) there. One of his grandsons, Right Rev. Dr. Hibbert Binney, is now Bishop of Nova Scotia.†

Hon. HORACE BINNEY, H. U., 1797, LL. D., 1827, the distinguished Jurist, resides in Philadelphia, is son of Dr. Barnabas Binney, Brown University, 1774; a Surgeon in the Revolution-

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\* King's Chapel burial ground.

† This account is from an extensive manuscript Genealogy and History of the Binney family, collected by the writer of this.

ary Army; settled in Philadelphia as a Physician. His widow married Dr. Spring, a celebrated Physician of Watertown, Mass. Dr. B. was son of Barnabas Binney, Capt. and Merchant, born in Hull, Mass., son of Dea. John B., of H. Capt. B. owned a large estate, where he resided, opposite Church Green, Summer Street, Boston, and kept a store there. He died in Demarara, where he also owned plantations. Horace's son Horace graduated at Yale, in 1828.

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L. (p. 111.)

THE OLD HENRY PRENTICE HOUSE AND CLOCK.

This house stands by the tall elm, about forty rods north of the Washington elm, near Cambridge Common. The house fronts south, in a yard, the east end near the street, which runs by it, to the Botanic Garden, &c. It is now occupied by Miss Elizabeth Bates. The house was built of oak, and is in good preservation — the walls filled in with brick — the beams passing half-way through the ceiling of the room. It is of two stories, about thirty feet front, the front door in the centre, is time-eaten — rooms on each side of the entry — a very wide staircase — two windows in front below, three above. The chimney is a heavy, old-fashioned one, in the centre of the house, with a niche in the front at the top. This house was occupied by Dea. Henry, son of Solomon Prentice, Sen., and perhaps by Solomon, Sen., and the first Henry. Miss Bates says her father bought the house sixty or seventy years since, and it was then over one hundred years old. The old clock there was purchased at a sale of Henry Prentice's effects, by her father, a long time since. It belonged to Henry P.'s wife. It evidently was made before 1700.

In Solomon P.'s, (Sen.) inventory, and settlement of the estate, his son Henry had "the E. half of the house his father lived and died in," the widow the other half; and Henry had in payment of four and a half years' services to his father, in his brick yard, £60, which he was to have out of the new house. Solomon P., Sen., died in 1719, and the estate was settled in 1719-20. If the house was the new one, it is now 131 years old. The gravestones yet legible — of Solomon P., Sen., who died in 1719, Æ. 73; Hepzi-

bah, his 2d wife, died in 1741, Æ. 89; of Thomas P., died Nov. 14, 1775, Æ. 67; of Mrs. Elizabeth P., died May 14, 1727, Æ. 43; of Thomas P., died Dec. 7, 1709, Æ. 33, 3, 12, (should be 35); of Irene P.; of Mrs. Mary Lyon, previously the widow of Thomas P. — are all near each other, about the centre of the burial-ground, opposite the colleges, and near the north side, nearly overgrown with lichens.

M. (p. 11.)

INVENTORY OF HENRY PRENTICE, Sen., of Cambridge, deceased.

<i>Imprimus</i> —	£	s.	d.
The house, 5 acres of land and orchard, . . . . .	27	0	0
3 acres of land in the West field, . . . . .	7	10	0
3 acres of meadow at Ale-**** . . . . .	3	0	0
2 acres S. side of the river, . . . . .	2	0	0
1 bed, table, and 1 chayre, 6s., Bed, bolster, and 3 blankets, £2, . . . . .	2	6	0
1 pair sheetes, 12s., 1 new sheete, 3s., 1 coarse do., 4s., 6 napkines, 3s. 4d., . . . . .	1	2	4
2 iron pottes, 8s., 1 kettle, 6s., 1 chayre, 2s., 1 bec- tle, 2 wedges, and handsaw, 4s., . . . . .	1	0	0
1 little table, and a bowle, and 1 little Barrel, . . .	0	2	0
1 payle, 1 stoole, 1s., 1 pr tongs, 1 warming pan, and 1 how, (hoe?) 2s. 4d., . . . . .	0	3	4
2 cows, . . . . .	9	0	0
1 pewter dish, 1 "poor" (porringer?) 1 smoothing iron, . . . . .	0	2	0
1 townerite at Sudbury, . . . . .	1	0	0
	£54	13	8

Oct. 16, 1663.

Prized by GILBERT <sup>His</sup> + CRACBONE.  
Mark.

GREGORY STONE.

Administration to the Estate of Henry Prentice, deceased, is granted to Joane, his relict and widow, and to John Gibson, her now husband, who presented the above writing in Court, and attested, on oath, to the truth therein. Also, the Court ordered the estate to be divided—to the widow, £20; to ye childrën, ye remainder, except to the eldest son, doubl. Oct. 6, 1663.

## O. (p. 115.)

A yearly family gathering was begun by *all* the children of Rev. John Mellen and wife, Rebecca, (Prentiss) with their husbands and wives. It commenced in Concord, Sept 22, 1795, with choice of a President and Secretary. They met yearly, at each other's houses, recording the transactions then, and the occurrences in each other's families during the past year. In 1830, Death had made such inroads in their number, that, by general consent of the few survivors, the meetings were dispensed with.

In Oct. 1838, of the original members, including Rev. John Mellen and wife, and their seven children and their husbands and wives, sixteen in all, who met in 1795, but *two* then survived, Col. William A. Kent, of Concord, N. H., and Chief Justice Prentiss Mellen, of Portland, Me., both of whom were dead in 1840.

“Our Fathers — where are they?”

“From death's arrest — no age is Free.”\*

The Mellen and Prentiss families, who were connected for many years, “celebrated their marriages under an *oak tree*, in Hopkinton, Mass., which yet stands and flourishes, in a green old age,”— while we trust that all those, who are departed, are in that abode, where the broken links of affection are again united.

A gathering of the Prentice or Prentiss families, or as many of the members as could meet together, on a certain day of the year, at some convenient place, with choice of a President and other officers, book for signatures of all, and record of the proceedings and minutes of each family, with an Address and a Poem, and a collation, would be very interesting, and might be continued, in different locations, as often as wished, and called by public notice in the different papers, and by circulars. This suggestion is made for the consideration of those interested.

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\* This last line is over the tomb of Nathaniel Sartell and family, in Groton, Mass.

## P. (p. 145.)

S. S. PRENTISS. The following is the incident referred to as having occurred at the New England Supper in New Orleans, when the following toast was proposed:—

“*The State of Mississippi* — She has sent us her best *apprentice*.”

Judge Bullard moved as an amendment the addition of — “And we have made him a master workman.”

It is needless to say that the toast was drank with all the honors. Mr. Prentiss replied in his happiest style. He spoke with deep feeling of his attachment to Mississippi, of the honor and chivalry of its many gentlemen of all parties. In the course of his speech he told two of his electioneering reminiscences, which “set the table in a roar.” He said that six, or eight, or twelve years ago, he did not like to be particular about dates, he went to Washington, thinking he was a member of Congress, but he found out his mistake, and came home as fast as possible to get right. He made speeches in fifty-four out of the fifty-six counties in the State. He sent printed bills containing his appointment twenty-six days ahead of him. Now there was a caravan just at this time perambulating the State, and the proprietor availed himself of the gatherings collected by Mr. P.’s notices. This, by the way, said Mr. P., was quite in the ordinary course of things, as an observer of political excitements must have remarked, that a caravan of some kind or other usually follows in their wake.

The first time Mr. P. saw the elephant was in — county, in the northern part of the State, near the Alabama line. It is one of the most beautiful counties in Mississippi, its population chiefly from South Carolina, and though they had voted against him on the previous election, he hoped their State rights notions would bring them into his support at this contest, when he did not run so much the candidate of a party as the Representative of the State whose dignity and sovereignty had been outraged in his person. At the appointed hour he found over three hundred ladies and gentlemen assembled to hear him. He was in “high feather,” and began to speak with more than usual energy. The audience listened with marked attention, and he felt sure of bagging game. When he had spoken about an hour he began to observe some of the outsiders looking over their shoulders, and this movement was

gradually followed by most of his audience. He began to think he was growing dull, and endeavored to rouse himself up to more animation ; but it was no go. He at length looked in the popular direction, and there, to his horror, just coming over the hill, was the *elephant*, dressed in his scarlet trappings and oriental splendor, with a houdah on his back, occupied by the musicians, and in the rear came a long line of wagons and cages. A foolish feeling of vanity not to be outdone by the elephant, came over him, and he continued to talk, appealing to the people in the name of the State, their patriotism, &c., &c. ; but all in vain. A few well mannered persons remained, but evidently they were retained only by their politeness.

He found it was no use. So he said, " Well, ladies and gentlemen, I am beaten ; but I have the consolation of knowing that it is not by my competitor. I will not knock under to any two-legged beast, but I yield to the elephant." To be sure, he was at first provoked by the preference shown to the beast over himself ; but, on reflection, he was inclined to think the people were right. A Bengal tiger or an India elephant was an animal to be seen once in a lifetime, but politicians they could see every day.

He said, however, he had his revenge a few days after. He found that he must come to some understanding with the caravan. So he agreed with the proprietor that at Holly Springs he would address the people under the great awning for one hour, and then he would give way to the monkey and clown. He hoped this would not be charged on him as " bargain and corruption." At any rate, it was honestly carried out by both parties. Between himself and the caravan, a large assemblage was gathered under the immense awning.

One of the cages was converted into a rostrum. He heard a low sound, which resembled a growl, and learned that the hyena was the nearest listener. There were large augur holes in the top of the box for the admission of air. He commenced speaking, and when he reached the blood and thunder portion of his speech, he run his cane into the cage and called forth a most horrid yell from the enraged animal, at the same time he gesticulated violently with the other hand. The effect was electric ; he called down the house in a perfect tempest of enthusiasm. From this time he had it all his own way. He hurled his anathemas at his foes, and enforced them by the yells of his neighbor. The hyena was good for a hundred votes, and he thus converted a mischief into a profit.

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## E X T R A .

[The following account of the family of LUKE PRENTICE, of Northbridge, Mass., was received too late for insertion in its proper place, and is now printed, as an extra, at his request.]

(823) THOMAS PRENTICE, the 2d, (see page 169) born about 1632-3, probably in England, died in Newton at great age about 1722, *Æ.* 90 or 93. He married Rebecca, daughter of Edward Jackson, Sen., of Newton, by his first wife. She was born in England, about 1632-3. This Thomas (823) was brother (?) to James Prentice, Sen., (871) of Newton. He and James bought their farms together in 1657, in Newton. The connection, if any, between these two brothers, or the other first ones of the name in Roxbury, Cambridge, and Newton, from 1631 to 1640, is yet unknown.

Thomas Prentice (823) had eight children. 1, Thomas, (824) born about 1669. 2, John, called "cordwainer" in his father's deed of gift in 1714, and is probably the one who petitioned the General Court of Massachusetts, December 3, 1720, for an allowance for services when impressed, in Capt. Willis's company, several years before, in the public service; was wounded in the thigh and both arms, and incapable of husbandry work, indigent, &c. The Court granted him £6. He was alive, in Newton, after 1721. 3, Edward. 4, James. 5, Rebecca. 6, Hannah. 7, Enos. 8, Ebenezer, constable of Newton in 1687.

(824) THOMAS PRENTICE married Elizabeth ——. He died in 1725. Children, (844) 1, John, born March 16, 1691, settled in Preston, Ct. 2, Rebecca, born in 1693. 3, Ebenezer, born 1706, blacksmith, married Elizabeth ——. 4, Thomas, a selectman in Newton 1753-4.

(844) I. JOHN PRENTICE married September 29, 1715, Elizabeth —, in Newton. Children born in Preston. 1, Mary, born 1716. 2, Elizabeth, born 1719. 3, Samuel, (1078) born Nov. 3, 1721. John Prentis, of Preston, New London Co., Ct., "husbandman," and Ebenezer Prentis, of Newton, Mass., "blacksmith," deed land in Newton 1728. [See note page 174.] Luke Prentice, of Northbridge, Mass., has a bond of Daniel Elliot, of Sutton, Mass., to "John Prentis, of Canterbury, Windham Co., Ct., Oct. 9, 1737," and as John's wife, Elizabeth, did not sign the deed with him in 1728, he may have removed from Preston to Canterbury and again married and had other children; as Luke says he had four sons and one daughter, besides Samuel, namely: — John, Jonah, (or Jonas,) William, Rufus, and Dilly, and perhaps Ebenezer.

(1230) IV. JOHN PRENTICE, a "cooper." In two deeds, to John Prentice, in Sutton, 1740 and 1741, he is called "housewright." Born —. Married Mary McLellan. Children.

(1231) I. SHUBAEL.

(1232) II. ELKANAH.

(1233) III. THADDEUS, and several daughters who settled in Vermont.

John was in the revolutionary army under Col. Read, from Uxbridge, Mass. He was drowned in crossing a river in Uxbridge, when Luke Prentice was young.

(1234) V. JONAH (OR JONAS) PRENTICE, an "itinerant blacksmith" in Uxbridge, 1753 and 1759. Born —.

(1235) VI. WILLIAM PRENTICE, a "clothier," born —. Married — Darling, of Uxbridge. In 1755, went to "Chestnut Hill," Mendon, now Blackstone, Mass. Alive in 1785, and perhaps in 1806.

(1236) VII. RUFUS PRENTICE, born ——. In Douglass, in 1762.

(1237) VIII. DILLY PRENTICE, born ——. Married Mr. — Brown. "She lived to near 100 years of age."

Luke P. mentions a tradition from his father, James Prentice, that his ancestor, John Prentice, (?) came from near Coventry, England, (?) to Preston; that he was a carpenter, and was induced by high pay to enlist in that capacity in the expedition to Louisburg, Cape Breton, (in 1745) and there died; and that he left money to his heirs in the "Exchequer" in England, and that his son Samuel and others received gold from England. If this is correct, then there were two John Prentices; Capt. John Prentis, (19) of New London, Ct., and this John, in that expedition; and the Exchequer story probably related to his share of the large amount of prize money paid by England to those in that expedition. Luke also says his father told him that Ebenezer Prentice,\* brother to John, was a bachelor, and lived in Roxbury, or Newton, and died there at great age.

(1078) III. SAMUEL PRENTICE, son of John (844) and Elizabeth, called "housewright" and "husbandman" in fifteen deeds to him, 1745 to 1765, in Sutton, Mass., where he resided; was born in Preston, Ct., Nov. 3, 1721. Married first, Phœbe Rist, of Uxbridge, Mass. She died of consumption. Married second, in Sutton, Abigail Leland, of Providence, R. I. In 1801 he gave all his estate to his son-in-law, Clark, of Sturbridge, Mass., and removed and died at his daughter's there, July, 1804, Æ. 83. He was constable and collector of taxes from 1769 to 1772 in Sutton.

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\* An Ebenezer Prentice was in Uxbridge in 1724 and 1730, "from Walpolc." [See note, page 18.] Luke, in one place, calls him *brother* to Samuel.

Children, by Phoebe.

(1238) I. JAMES, born July 23, 1746, O. S.

By Abigail.

(1239) II. RHODA, b. ——. Married Erastus Clark, of Sturbridge, Mass.

(1238) I. JAMES PRENTICE, of Sutton, Mass.\* son of Samuel and Phœbe, born in Sutton, July 23, 1746, died in Spencer, Mass., at his daughter's, Sarah Wright, May 20, 1837, Æ. 91. Married, Dec. 21, 1770, widow Sarah Whiting, daughter of Nat. Draper. She died at her son Luke's, Dec. 8, 1831, Æ. 85.† He was a Lieutenant, in Sutton, in Capt. Marsh Chase's company. In the revolutionary war, was at Roxbury, Providence, and Newport, R. I., &c. Luke has his commission.

Children.

(1240) I. CALVIN, born Jan. 17, 1772.

(1241) II. LUTHER, born July 24, 1774; died Feb. 8, 1777.

(1242) III. DORCAS, born Feb. 2, 1777. Married Silas Batchelder, and settled in Cornish, formerly Corrydon, N. H. She died there Aug. 26, 1850, Æ. 70. Thirteen children. Dorcas, born 1794. Sarah, born 1797. Olive, born 1802. Diana, born 1810. Calista, Abigail, Harriet, James, Munroe, and others.

(1243) IV. LUKE, born Feb. 11, 1779.

(1244) V. LEVI, born Dec. 6, 1780. Married Rachel Darling. He died July 10, 1818. She died March 11, 1846.

\* This account of James and Nahum's families is from Luke's bible record and his account.

† Gravestone, Northbridge.



(1245) VI. NAHUM, born May 8, 1783, had three wives.

(1246) VII. SARAH, born Sept. 8, 1786. Married Joel Wright. Children, Emily, died; Lusatia, died; Emily, married Samuel B. Greene; Sarah, died; Abigail, married — Marsh; one of the daughters married — Snow.

(1247) VIII. MARY, born Dec. 7, 1790. Married Joseph Martin. Children, Mary, died; Luther; Sarah, married John Shaft; Joseph, Levi, Amory, Emily, and Mary.

(1240) I. CALVIN PRENTICE, of Sutton, son of James and Sarah, born Jan. 17, 1772; died June 20, 1831. Married Jemima Bundy, about 1795.

Children.

(1248) I. SAMUEL BUNDY, born Jan. 6, 1796. Married —. Children, (1249) 1, Harriet, born Sept. 2, 1819.

(1250) 2, Mary Thayer, born Dec. 4, 1821. (1251) 3, Elinor, born April 26, 1824. (1252) 4, Adson, born March 31, 1826; died. (1253) 5, Edward Jackson, born June 10, 1828. (1254) 6, Nancy Emeline, born July 12, 1833. (1255) 7, Charles, born April 4, 1834; died. (1256) 8, Charlotte, born Dec. 10, 1835. (1257) 9, Byram, born Oct. 1, 1846.

(1258) II. MARY, born Oct. 1802. Married Alpheus Rawson. The "Rawson Family Memorial" says, *Lucy* Prentice married A. Rawson. He was born in 1797, lived in Uxbridge, and died in 1837. [See page 130.] (597) H. E. Prentiss married Abby Rawson. Mary had children by Rawson. She married second, after 1837, Peter Goldthwaite, and had children by him.

(1243) IV. LUKE PRENTICE, son of James and Sarah, born Feb. 11, 1779. Resides in "Whitingsville," Northbridge, Mass., *Æ.* 73, in 1852. Married Azuba Adams, in 1805, in N. Her mother married second, Deacon

Nicholas Baylies. Luke P. kept school in Northbridge two years when young, then at May River, St. Luke's Parish, S. C., and, after his marriage, one year in Worcester, Mass. In 1806, was in business two years in N. with Charles Prentice, now town clerk of Grafton, Mass. Learned the watch-making business. Was in Savannah, Geo., trading in 1803 and 1826. Owns a farm in Northbridge of one hundred and fifty acres, which he cultivates himself. In April, 1852, he was in Boston, and the writer of this, at his request, wrote for him his application to the Legislature of Massachusetts for the reward of \$10,000 offered for the discovery of the cause and remedy of the Potatoe Rot, which he believed he had made. He has had twenty-four grand-children, and has buried eight of them.

Children.

- (1259) I. JAMES ADAMS, born Nov. 1, 1806.
- (1260) II. MINERVA, born April 17, 1810. Single, in Northbridge.
- (1261) III. LUKE, born March 28, 1812.
- (1262) IV. MARVEL, born March 17, 1814.
- (1263) V. MELLEEN, born Nov. 2, 1816.
- (1264) VI. ABIGAIL BAYLIES, born May 24, 1824. Married John D. Mowry, Sept. 25, 1845. He died April 4, 1851. Children, Azuba P., born in 1846. Ella D., in 1848. Irving, in 1850.

(1245) VI. NAHUM PRENTICE, farmer, son of James and Sarah, born in Sutton, Mass., resides at Cottage Hill, Ind. Married first, Nancy Whipple; second, Aeeneth Thayer; third, — Jones. Children, (1265) 1, Caroline M., born in 1807, married Elam Rogers; lives near Ballston Spa. (1266) 2, Corrydon, axe maker, E. Douglass, Mass., born March, 1810. Married Sarah P. Palmer, has one daughter, (1267) Georgia E., born Oct. 21, 1836. (1268)

3, Nancy, born Oct. 1812, deceased. Nahum had children by his other wives, names unknown.

(1259) I. JAMES ADAMS PRENTICE, son of Luke and Azuba, married Mercy Wallis, April 4, 1832, in Northbridge.

Children.

(1269) I. LUSATIA, born May 21, 1837 ; died Jan. 1838.

(1270) II. GEORGE WALLIS, born Jan. 29, 1839.

(1271) III. MARIETTA, born Oct. 1841 ; died Sept. 1843.

(1272) IV. ALTHEA L., born Dec. 1842 ; died in 1843.

(1273) V. ELTON A., born Dec. 1847 ; died Sept. 1849.

(1274) VI. LUTHER QUINCY, born July, 1850.

(1261) III. LUKE PRENTICE, son of Luke and Azuba, married Amy Joscelyn, March, 1836.

Children.

(1275) I. MENDRICK A., born Dec. 27, 1836 ; died Oct. 11, 1851.

(1276) II. LYDIA LEFALIA, born June 4, 1838.

(1277) III. ARTHUSIA M., born Sept. 8, 1839 ; died in 1842 or 1843.

(1278) IV. LYMAN JOSCELYN, born Aug. 17, 1841.

(1279) V. ANN V., born May, 1844.

(1280) VI. JOHN M., born March 27, 1846 ; died March, 1847.

(1281) VII. LUCIUS, born Feb. 22, 1848.

(1282) VIII. JEROME A., born Nov. 1850.

(1262) IV. MARVEL PRENTICE, son of Luke and Azuba, married Phoebe Wallis, Jan. 1841.

## Children.

- (1283) I. MARY DELINE, born Aug. 11, 1842.  
 (1284) II. WILLARD, born Aug. 2, 1845.  
 (1285) III. NEWTON, born Oct. 1847; died Aug. 1849.

(1263) V. MELLEEN PRENTICE, son of Luke and Azuba, married first, Julia Ann Elliot, March, 1838. Married second, Julia Ann Fuller, April 22, 1844.

## Children.

- (1286) I. MERRIL, born March 24, 1839.  
 (1287) II. PLEUMA ELLIOT, born June 9, 1841.  
 (1288) III. ADRASTUS, born May 4, 1845.  
 (1289) IV. AMOS W., born July 2, 1851.

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[The following list of WILLIAM A. PRENTISS'S (1000) family, (page 194) was sent me too late for insertion in its proper place, and I have continued the numbers (in parenthesis) from Luke P.'s family, as will be seen above.]

He married Eliza Sands, of Maine, Sept. 11, 1833. They have resided in Milwaukie, Wis., from its first settlement in 1836.

## Children.

- (1290) I. HELEN ELIZABETH, born Aug. 18, 1834.  
 (1291) II. WILLIAM A., Jr., born May 25, 1836.  
 (1292) III. SARAH ELLEN, born March 18, 1838.  
 (1293) IV. CHARLOTTE E., born Jan. 4, 1840.  
 (1294) V. GEORGE EVERETT, born Nov. 20, 1842.  
 (1295) VI. JAMES SANDS, born Sept. 20, 1844.

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