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HISTORY AND GENEALOGY

OF THE

TRASK FAMILY;

INCLUDING THE

LINEAL ANCESTORS,

AND ALL THE

DESCENDANTS

OF THE

REV. NATHANIEL TRASK.

With a Brief Mention of the other branches  
of the Trask Family in New England.

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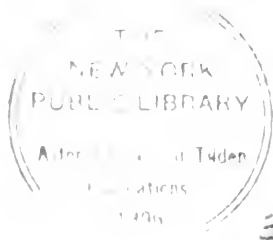
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THIS VOLUME  
IS  
*Respectfully Dedicated*  
TO  
THOSE OF THE FAMILY  
WHO HAVE SO KINDLY ASSISTED AND ENCOURAGED  
THE AUTHOR  
IN HIS WORK.



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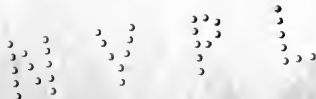
# PREFACE.

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The object of this work is to collect and present in durable form a record of the Trask Family. It is intended to be a memorial to the dead; a complete guide for those living, who wish to explore the field of consanguinity; and a deliverance to all, in generations following, who wish to trace back the line of their lineal ancestors to the Pilgrim Fathers, from the perplexing examination of volumes of almost obliterated Records, pertaining to the Ancient Towns in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In the preparation of this work, I have had numerous difficulties to contend with.

On consulting the oldest living members of the family in Maine, I found that not only their stock of knowledge in facts was very limited concerning our ancestry, but that their knowledge in traditions was ditto. However, guided by the tradition that our family originally came from Brentwood, N. H., I visited that town, where, by the aid of the Record, and information derived from the desendants of Par-

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son Trask, now living there, I made certain the correctness of the tradition. From Brentwood, I traced the family to Lexington, Mass., and thence to Beverly. At the above named towns, also at Boston and Salem, I collected all the data and information that I could for the work. I regret that I have been able to gather no more historical facts concerning our earlier ancestors; but I feel that I have exhausted what resources have been within my reach. The members of the family living are so scattered that I have with difficulty obtained necessary data and information concerning them; and there are a few families from which I have been wholly unable to obtain material for a record of them in detail. Concerning the dates which appear in this work, the utmost pains has been taken for their accuracy; and when possible information has been obtained from several sources, in regard to the most important ones. To all who have sent me information, I take this opportunity to express my thanks. I also desire to express special thanks to Wm. B. Trask, Esq., of Boston, a descendant of Capt. Wm. Trask, of Salem, for the general information I have received from him. I would now suggest that the heads of families keep a continuous record of their immediate branches, so that, should it ever be desired to extend this work, the material for it will be at hand. I now submit this volume to my friends, hoping it may in some degree meet their approval.

R D. TRASK.

PORTLAND, Aug. 14, 1877.



## INTRODUCTION.

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<sup>v13</sup>  
The name of Trask, though it has not been known to fame, is nevertheless a name of which we may justly feel proud. We believe that the degree of family pride, which inspires each member with a determination to make his or her record in life such as will do honor to the family name, is commendable. The Trask family have ever been characterized for their industrious habits. The family has never represented a large amount of wealth; but, as far as we have been able to ascertain, the most of our ancestors accumulated considerable estates. As a rule, those who have borne the name thus far, have been examples of sobriety, energy, and enterprise. (This rule, however, like others, has its exceptions.) The name Trask first appears in this country in the early history of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. Capt. Wm. Trask was a friend and companion of Gov. John Endicott; and as Endicott's party came over to this country, and settled at Salem, in the year 1628, it is probable that Capt. Wm. came over the same year; however, he settled at Salem, and

from him descended the Trask family known as the Salem branch. Osman Trask came to this country probably about 1645, and settled in Beverly, Mass., situated north of Salem. It appears that Osman, though much younger, was a brother of Capt. Wm.; and all the conclusion we can arrive at is, that they had the same father, but not the same mother. From Osman descended the Beverly branch; and, as far as can be ascertained, all the Trasks in this country descended from one of the above mentioned branches.

Henry Trask was contemporary with Capt. Wm. and Osman, (he may have been a brother): but his only son, Henry, died at about 21 years of age, so there appears to be no male descendants from him.

Nathaniel Trask, grandson of Osman, settled in Lexington, Mass., in 1715, and he is the head of the Lexington branch. His son Nathaniel, or Parson Trask, as he was called, settled at Brentwood, N. H., in 1748; and the greater number of the Trasks in Maine are his descendants. There are a number of scattering families of the name in Maine, all of which, I think may be traced back to either the Salem or Beverly stock. The most important of these are living in the Kennebec valley, south of Augusta.

There is one other branch to be mentioned, known as the Braintree branch of Braintree, Mass., which is either of the Salem or Beverly stock.

It is probable that Capt. Wm. and Osman Trask came from Somersetshire, Eng., though from correspondence with Trasks now residing there, conducted by Wm. B. Trask, nothing has been ascertained to that effect, or to show, what is probably

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the fact, that we and they were descended from the same common ancestor. It is unnecessary to add that the Trasks are of pure English stock.

We will now proceed to take up the family by generation. It will be seen that the name of each person is preceded by a number. These numbers are to distinguish the person, and they run consecutively through the Genealogy, from the first name to the last.

Where a name appears the second time it has the same number.

Where persons died while young, or where nothing is known of them, their names only appear in the record of their father's family. The small numbers at the right of names denote the generation to which the person belongs, and the names following, enclosed in parenthesis, are the lineal ancestors.

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# THE TRASK FAMILY.

## First Generation.

### 1. OSMAN TRASK.

He was born in the year 1625, probably in Somersetshire, England, which is situated south of Bristol Channel. He came to this country about 1645, and settled at Beverly, Mass. He had seven sons; but we cannot name them in the order of age, for we know the date of the birth of only one.

- \*2. John, born August 15, 1653.
- 3. Edward.
- 4. William.
- 5. Samuel.
- 6. Benjamin.
- 7. Joseph.
- 8. Jonathan.

## Second Generation.

### 2

### JOHN,<sup>2</sup> (OSMAN.<sup>1</sup>)

He was born in Beverly, August 15, 1653. Married Hannah —. The record at Beverly shows that they had four children:

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\*Shows the name is taken up again. Refer to large number.

- 9 Elizabeth, } ~~Stephen Hill b 1670, of Beverly~~  
 10 Hannah, } Twins, born 1681.  
 11 John, born 1687.  
 \*12 Nathaniel, born January 20, 1695.

### Third Generation.

#### 12

#### NATHANIEL,<sup>3</sup> (JOHN,<sup>2</sup> OSMAN,<sup>1</sup>)

born January 20, 1695, in the town of Beverly; he moved to Lexington about 1715, and located on the northwesterly side of the meadow, beyond Capt. Reed's, near the Bedford line. Married Anna

Hudson's Genealogical Register of Lexington Families, says of him: "He was chosen a highway surveyor in 1720; and was also one of the assessors in 1726, '39, and '40. He was a man of considerable property, standing on the tax bill for 1729 the tenth in point of amount. His property at his death was inventoried at £7.59<sup>6</sup>. He had two hundred acres of land, and was a proprietor in Narraganset Township, No 6, now Templeton." Died August 4, 1753, aged 59. His wife was living in Lexington, and was taxed in 1779. Their children were all born in Lexington, as follows.

- 13 Anna, born May 20, 1716; married  
Joseph Hill, of Billerica.  
 \*14 John, born February 8, 1717.  
 15 Mary, born November 19, 1719.  
 \*16 Nathaniel, born March 18, 1721.  
 17 Elizabeth, born April 21, 1725; married  
1751, James Robinson.  
 18 Lydia, born November 27, 1730; married November  
6, 1760, Wm. Morris, of Brentwood, N. H.  
 19 Hannah, born March 28, 1733; married  
Samuel Stearns, of Billerica.  
 \*20 Jonathan, born December 12, 1735.

## Fourth Generation.

### 14

JOHN,<sup>4</sup> (NATHANIEL,<sup>3</sup> JOHN,<sup>2</sup> OSMAN,<sup>1</sup>)

born in Lexington, Mass., February 8, 1717; married Mary Green, of Conn.; and they lived at one time in Woburn. He died November 20, 1786, aged 69. Their children were as follows.

- 21 Mary, born November 7, 1742.
- \*22 Isaac, born January 3, 1744.
- 23 John, born February 28, 1746.
- 24 Sarah, born April 3, 1748.
- \*25 Joseph, born June 28, 1751.
- \*26 Nathaniel, born about 1753.
- \*27 Elijah, born about 1755.
- 28 Lucy, born about 1758; married May 26, 1786, Daniel Bemis, of Boston, to which place they moved.

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REV. NATHANIEL,<sup>4</sup> (NATHANIEL,<sup>3</sup> JOHN,<sup>2</sup>

OSMAN,<sup>2</sup>) born in Lexington, Mass., March 18, 1721. He graduated at Harvard College in 1742; studied theology; and settled at Brentwood, N. H., in 1748. He was ordained pastor of the Congregationalist church at Brentwood, December 12, 1748. He was dismissed from the Lexington church to the Brentwood; and, to show their respect for him, Capt. Wm. Reed, Capt. Benjamin Reed, and Mr. Jonathan Lawrence, three of his old neighbors, were sent as delegates, to his ordination. June 15, 1749, he married Miss Parnel Thing. The town of Brentwood, in which the Parson spent the most of his life, is situated in the county of



Rockingham, west of Exeter. The Exeter river runs through the town. It is quite a thickly settled town, but has no regular village. It contains about 1 000 inhabitants: was incorporated in 1742. The farm on which the Parson lived is situated near the center of the town. An old fashioned two story house, built by him, still stands, and is occupied by his great grandchildren. The church is near by, and is situated 6 miles from Exeter, and 16 miles from Haverhill, Mass. The church edifice, which the Parson occupied, gave place to a new one in 1811, which is the present church edifice of Brentwood. He was the first minister of the Congregational church, and in 1751 it numbered 49 members. The following is an extract from the agreement of settlement entered into by the Parson and Parish of Brentwood, taken from page 47, Old Record of Brentwood.

" We, the undersigned, Committee of the Parish of Brentwood, in the Province of New Hampshire, do hereby agree and covenant with the Rev. Nathaniel Trask :

1st. To pay him the said Trask the sum of 600 lbs. sterling, as settlement money, in consideration that he settled as pastor over the church and parish of Brentwood. The said 600 lbs. to be paid within two years of the date of this agreement.

2d. To pay him the said Trask an annual salary of 500 lbs. sterling.

3d. That the said salary shall be paid as follows, to wit : in corn at 20 shillings per bushel, pork at half a crown per pound, and beef at 16 pence per pound : the corn to be delivered in the month of February, the pork in December and January, and the beef in November.

4th. We further agree with the said Trask, that in addition to the salary hereinbefore mentioned, he shall have hauled to his door, in the months of December and January annually, 20 cords of good wood.

(Signed by the Rev. Nathaniel Trask, and the members of the Committee of the Parish.)

Done at Brentwood, in the Province of N. H., this 15th day

of May, Anno Domini 1752, and in the 25th year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord and King, George II."

He died December 12, 1789, on the 41st anniversary of his ordination; and was buried in the old cemetery near the church, where he preached so many years.

The following is the inscription on the headstone at his grave.

REV. NATHANIEL TRASK,

FIRST MINISTER OF THE CONGREGATIONALIST  
CHURCH,

ORDAINED DECEMBER 12, 1748.

DIED DECEMBER 12, 1789, AGED 68 YEARS.

Was possessed of respectable talents.

Was highly esteemed amongst his brethren in the ministry.

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There were seven children, as follows :

- 29 Elizabeth, born July 20, 1750.
- 30 Parnel, born July 2, 1752,  
died September 8, 1756.
- 31 Nathaniel, born September 8, 1754,  
died September 8, 1756.
- 32 Mary, born September 14, 1756.
- 33 Parnel, born August 27, 1759,  
died July 21, 1762.
- \*34 Samuel, born September 10, 1762.
- \*35 Jonathan, born December 12, 1764.

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JONATHAN,<sup>4</sup> (NATHANIEL,<sup>3</sup> JOHN,<sup>2</sup> OSMAN,<sup>1</sup>)  
born in Lexington, Mass., December 12, 1735;  
married Chloe ———. He died April 10, 1768,  
aged 33, and she married April 16, 1781, Robert  
Harrington. She was admitted to the church in  
1775, when the two children mentioned below were  
baptized.

<sup>36</sup> Lydia, born in 1767.

\*<sup>37</sup> Jonathan, born 1768.

## Fifth Generation.

## 22

ISAAC,<sup>5</sup> (JOHN,<sup>4</sup> NATHANIEL,<sup>3</sup> JOHN,<sup>2</sup>  
OSMAN,<sup>1</sup>) born January 3, 1744; married

April 6, 1767, Elizabeth Humble.

He was a soldier in the French war.

## 25

JOSEPH,<sup>5</sup> (JOHN,<sup>4</sup> NATHANIEL,<sup>3</sup> JOHN,<sup>2</sup>  
OSMAN,<sup>1</sup>) born June 28, 1751; married March  
26, 1776, Eunice Tufts, of Medway. He resided  
at first in Lexington, but afterwards moved to Bil-  
lerica, where he died. They had children as fol-  
lows:

<sup>38</sup> Nathan.

<sup>39</sup> Katharine.

<sup>40</sup> Eunice Tufts.

<sup>41</sup> Joseph, went south, where he died.

## 26

NATHANIEL,<sup>5</sup> (JOHN,<sup>4</sup> NATHANIEL,<sup>3</sup> JOHN,<sup>2</sup> OSMAN,<sup>1</sup>) born 1753; married November 14, 1780, Nancy Reed, daughter of Swethern Reed, of Burr. He resided first in Lexington, then in Charlestown, where he died.

She died July 20, 1789. They had children,  
 42 Nathaniel, lost one of his hands in a mill.  
 43 Nancy.  
 44 Lydia.

## 27

ELIJAH,<sup>5</sup> (JOHN,<sup>4</sup> NATHANIEL,<sup>3</sup> JOHN,<sup>2</sup>, OSMAN,<sup>1</sup>) born 1755; married September 8, 1793, Sally Benney. They moved to Boston, where he died at an advanced age.

## 34

SAMUEL,<sup>5</sup> (REV. NATHANIEL,<sup>4</sup> NATHANIEL,<sup>3</sup> JOHN,<sup>2</sup> OSMAN,<sup>1</sup>) born Sept. 10, 1762, in Brentwood, N. H.; married Miss Leavitt. He died at Brentwood, Feb. 7, 1833, aged 71. They had four children.

45 Sarah.  
 46 Samuel.  
 \*47 John, born 1794.  
 48 Nathaniel.

## 35

JONATHAN,<sup>5</sup> (REV. NATHANIEL,<sup>4</sup> NATHANIEL,<sup>3</sup> JOHN,<sup>2</sup> OSMAN,<sup>1</sup>) born December 12,

1764 in Brentwood, N. H.; married Elizabeth Leavitt. Moved to Mount Vernon, Me., in 1806. He died at Industry, October 12, 1835, aged 71. She died May 16, 1843, aged 84. Their family were born as follows at Brentwood.

- \*49 Nathaniel, 1785.
- \*50 Jonathan, September 1, 1787.
- \*51 Timothy, \_\_\_\_\_.
- \*52 James, 1791.
- \*53 Betsy 1793.
- \*54 Rebecca, 1798.
- \*55 Asa, 1800.
- \*56 Annie, 1803.

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JONATHAN,<sup>5</sup> (JONATHAN,<sup>4</sup> NATHANIEL,<sup>3</sup> JOHN,<sup>2</sup> OSMAN,<sup>1</sup>) born 1768; married Ruth Wood, of Woburn; they had children as follows:

- 57 Jonathan.
- 58 Charles, settled in Charlestown.
- 59 Chloe, married David Fisk.
- 60 Ruth, died unmarried.
- 61 Josiah, settled in Philadelphia.

## Sixth Generation.

## 47

JOHN,<sup>6</sup> (SAMUEL,<sup>5</sup> REV. NATHANIEL,<sup>4</sup> NATHANIEL,<sup>5</sup> JOHN,<sup>2</sup> OSMAN,<sup>1</sup>) born in Brentwood, N. H., 1794; married Hannah Gordon. He died at Brentwood, in 1855. They had three daughters and they are all living together in the house built by the parson, on his old place at Brentwood.

- 62 Julia A., born 1833; unmarried.  
 63 Hannah F., born 1841; married Charles L. Fifield.  
 64 Laura M., born 1847; unmarried.

## 49

NATHANIEL,<sup>6</sup> (JONATHAN,<sup>5</sup> REV. NATHANIEL,<sup>4</sup>  
 NATHANIEL,<sup>3</sup> JOHN,<sup>2</sup> OSMAN,<sup>1</sup>) born in Brentwood,  
 N. H., 1785; and died at Mount Vernon, Maine,  
 1866.

His first wife was Sally Leighton, and they had two sons.

- 65 Samuel, born about 1808; died while returning from  
 the Mexican war, where he had served as a soldier,  
 about 1848.  
 66 Oliver, born about 1812; died 1862. His second wife  
 was Lydia Williamson, sister of Levi Williamson, of  
 New Portland. Their children were born in Mount  
 Vernon, as follows:  
 67 Sarah, born 1830; married J. A. Soaper.  
 68 Nathaniel, born 1832; married Betsy Wills.  
 69 Elizabeth, born 1834; married R. A. Huse.  
 \*70 Levi W., born 1837.  
 71 Caroline, born 1840; died 1870, aged 30.  
 72 Ann D., born 1844; married John Wyman.  
 73 Laura E., born 1850; married J. Batchelder.

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JONATHAN,<sup>6</sup> (JONATHAN,<sup>5</sup> REV. NATHANIEL,<sup>4</sup>  
 NATHANIEL,<sup>3</sup> JOHN,<sup>2</sup> OSMAN,<sup>1</sup>) born September 1,  
 1787, in Brentwood, N. H. He married June 4,  
 1810, Martha Jewell, who was born September 8,  
 1791. Settled in that part of Industry, Maine,  
 which was annexed to New Sharon May 5, 1852.  
 He died September 27, 1838, aged 51. She died  
 February 10, 1855, aged 64. Their children were  
 born on the homestead farm, as follows:

- \*74 James, December 1, 1811.  
 \*75 Leavitt D., June 7, 1813.  
 76 Adaline, February 7, 1815. Died March 7, 1820.  
 \*77 Jonathan, May 25, 1817.  
 \*78 Robert, October 9, 1818.  
 \*79 Harriet, July 16, 1821.  
 \*80 Jacob J., February 19, 1823.  
 \*81 Mary C., February 20, 1825.  
 \*82 Peter H., February 9, 1827.  
 \*83 P. Mellen, May 9, 1829.  
 \*84 Albion K. P., June 1, 1831.  
 \*85 Olando W., April 29, 1833.  
 \*86 J. Ruggles, December 13, 1836.  
 \*87 E. Victoria, July 7, 1838.

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TIMOTHY,<sup>6</sup> (JONATHAN,<sup>5</sup> REV. NATHANIEL,<sup>4</sup>  
 NATHANIEL,<sup>3</sup> JOHN,<sup>2</sup> OSMAN,<sup>1</sup>)

Married Louise Scott.

They had the following children.

- \*88 James.  
 89 Eliza, married Leavitt D.  
 90 Ansel.  
 91 Mary.  
 92 John.  
 93 Elijah.  
 94 Alfred.  
 95 Clarrissa.  
 96 George.

## 52

JAMES,<sup>6</sup> (JONATHAN,<sup>5</sup> REV. NATHANIEL,<sup>4</sup>  
 NATHANIEL,<sup>3</sup> JOHN,<sup>2</sup> OSMAN,<sup>1</sup>) born in Brentwood,  
 N. H., 1791; married Polly Prescott, who was  
 born in 1799; he died at his place of residence,  
 Mt. Vernon, A. D. 1845. Their family were born  
 at Mt. Vernon, as follows:

- 97 Adaline, 1821; died in 1836.  
 \*98 Jonathan P., 1827-  
 99 Elbridge N., 1829; died in 1833.  
 \*100 Henry C., 1831.  
 \*101 James E., 1834.  
 102 David R., 1835; died 1836.  
 103 Betsey M., 1842; unmarried.

## 53

## , BETSEY.

born 1793; married Jeseo Jewell; she died at their residence in Aroostook County, Me., 1875.

## 54

## REBECCA.

born in Brentwood, N. H., 1798; married Levi Williamson. They are now both living, on his farm in New Portland.

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ASA,<sup>6</sup> (JONATHAN,<sup>5</sup> REV. NATHANIEL,<sup>4</sup> NATHANIEL,<sup>3</sup> JOHN,<sup>2</sup> OSMAN,<sup>1</sup>) born in 1800, in Brentwood, N. H.; married Martha Willard. He died at Mt. Vernon, his place of residence, 1866. They had the following children.

- 104 Ezra.  
 105 Susanna.  
 106 Jonathan T., born 1826.  
 107 Elizabeth.  
 108 Emily.  
 109 Marcellus.  
 110 Martha Ann.



## 56

ANNIE,

born in 1803; married 1820, James Dolloff, of Mt. Vernon where they now reside.

## Seventh Generation.

## 70

LEVI W.,<sup>7</sup> (NATHANIEL,<sup>6</sup> JONATHAN,<sup>5</sup> REV. NATHANIEL,<sup>4</sup> NATHANIEL,<sup>3</sup> JOHN,<sup>2</sup> OSMAN,<sup>1</sup>) born in Mt. Vernon, Me., 1837; married Hannah A. Hitchcock; occupation, manufacturer; residence, New Vineyard, Me. They have one child.

111 Etta Faustina, born Aug. 1869.

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JAMES,<sup>7</sup> (JONATHAN,<sup>6</sup> JONATHAN,<sup>5</sup> REV. NATHANIEL,<sup>4</sup> NATHANIEL,<sup>3</sup> JOHN,<sup>2</sup> OSMAN,<sup>1</sup>) born in Industry, Me., December 1, 1811; married November 14, 1833, Sarah Greenleaf, of Stark. He settled at Etna, where he now lives. Their family were born as follows:

112 Nancy, January 2, 1835; died May 25, 1849.

113 Levi, March 23, 1836; died September 15, 1836.

\*114 Manly G., October 9, 1837.

\*115 Wm. H. H., September 25, 1840.

116 Luther, June 16, 1842; died September 8, 1860.

\*117 Elbridge K., August 27, 1844.

118 Charles A., January 18, 1847; died October 16, 1865.

He was a soldier in the war of '61, belonging to the 15th Regiment, Maine Volunteers.

\*119 Mellic A., March 23, 1850.

\*120 Francis A., May 30, 1854.

121 Sadie Lilla, January 28, 1859;

died December 18, 1876, aged 17 years.

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LEAVITT D.,<sup>7</sup> (JONATHAN,<sup>6</sup> JONATHAN,<sup>5</sup>  
REV. NATHANIEL,<sup>4</sup> NATHANIEL,<sup>3</sup> JOHN,<sup>2</sup> OSMAN,<sup>1</sup>)  
born June 7, 1813; married Eliza Trask. He  
died at Stark, July 4, 1838, aged 25 years. They  
had one child.

\*122 Peleg B., born 1838.

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JONATHAN,<sup>7</sup> (JONATHAN,<sup>6</sup> JONATHAN,<sup>5</sup>,  
REV. NATHANIEL,<sup>4</sup> NATHANIEL,<sup>4</sup> JOHN,<sup>2</sup> OSMAN,<sup>1</sup>)  
born May 25, 1817. Owing to a difficulty between  
himself and his father, he left his home in 1834, at  
the age of 17 years and never returned. It is  
known that he first went to Penobscot County, but  
whither he went afterwards is uncertain. O. W.  
Trask met a man in Talcahuana, Chili, S. A., who  
we have reason to believe was Jonathan. He re-  
fers to the meeting, as follows: "In the year 1852,  
while in port at Talcahuana, Chili, I fell in with  
a man by the name of Trask. He seemed to be  
speculating in cattle and horses at the time, and ap-  
peared to be a man of means. Said he was raised  
in Kennebec County, Maine. He inquired all  
about my family, who my father was, and in short,  
questioned me very closely. I gave him full infor-  
mation, but could get no satisfactory information as

to his family. The manner in which he questioned me betrayed that he knew the family concerning whom he was making inquiries. He was a large, muscular man, and in stature bore a close resemblance to my ideal of my brother." It is of course very uncertain whether he is living or dead at the present time, even if he was living in 1852.

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ROBERT,<sup>7</sup> (JONATHAN,<sup>6</sup> JONATHAN,<sup>5</sup>  
REV. NATHANIEL,<sup>4</sup> NATHANIEL,<sup>3</sup> JOHN,<sup>2</sup> OSMAN<sup>1</sup>)  
born October 9, 1818, in Industry, Maine. On the death of his father, in 1838, he was called to act as head of the family. Soon after he was of age, he went to Aroostook County, with a view to take up land for a farm, but an early frost that year caused him to abandon the enterprise, and he returned to the homestead farm, after six months absence. He then undertook to pay for the homestead farm, which, by untiring labor, he succeeded in doing. He spent a life of constant labor, improving his farm in the interim between the busy seasons of the agricultural year. A monument to his ceaseless toil may be seen in the walls of stone upon the homestead farm in New Sharon. There probably is not another farm in Maine with as much stone wall upon it; the number of rods is estimated at about 1000, and it was nearly all built by him. He was a man that always had a word to offer in behalf of christianity and morality.

October 30, 1845, he married Zelpha H. Drew, of Stark, who was born December 16, 1822. He

died October 19, 1860, aged 51 years. His property at his death was inventoried at six thousand dollars. The family were born as follows:

- \*123 Annie M., February 17, 1851.
- \*124 R. Dana, August 14, 1852.
- \*125 James E., March 2, 1855.
- 126 Fred R., June 6, 1862.

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## HARRIET,

born in Industry, July 16, 1821; married October 3, 1841, Asa Brown, of Stark, who was born 1816. In 1865, they moved from Stark to Portland. He died June 28, 1874, aged 58, and she died February 25, 1876, aged 54. They had children born as follows:

- 127 Ann, born April 1843; died August 17, 1851.
- \*128 Theodore, October 19, 1844.
- 129 Rose, September 28, 1846.
- 130 Ellen M., May 24, 1848.
- 131 Emma, June 28, 1850.
- 132 Charles A., November 30, 1851;  
died February 14, 1865, aged 13.
- 133 Sarah, November 16, 1853.
- 134 Hattie M., December 18, 1859.

## 80

JACOB J.,<sup>7</sup> (JONATHAN,<sup>6</sup> JONATHAN,<sup>5</sup>

REV. NATHANIEL,<sup>4</sup> NATHANIEL,<sup>3</sup> JOHN,<sup>2</sup> OSMAN,<sup>1</sup>  
born February 19, 1823, in Industry; married Sarah E. Sawyer, of New Sharon, who was born May 13, 1831. In 1853, they went to California, where they settled. They now reside in Compton, Los Angeles County. They have three children.

- 135 Nellie Maria, born May 26, 1854 ; married  
 136 Frank Eugene, born January 6, 1856.  
 137 Laura, Maud Beatrice, born October 5, 1861.

## 81

MARY C.,

born February 20, 1825 ; married Nov. 16, 1853 ;  
 James Madison Sawyer, of New Sharon ; they  
 immediately went to California, where they settled.  
 She died at Columbia, in June, 1861.

## 182

PETER H.,<sup>7</sup> (JONATHAN,<sup>6</sup> JONATHAN,<sup>5</sup> REV. NA-  
 THANIEL,<sup>4</sup> NATHANIEL,<sup>3</sup> JOHN,<sup>2</sup> OSMAN,<sup>1</sup>) born  
 February 9, 1857 ; married Rachel Fogg, of Bath.

They first lived in Bath, then in Portland, and  
 in 186—, they went to California, where they now  
 reside. Nothing is known of their family, save  
 that they have three children.

- 138 Frank O. J.  
 139 Stella G.  
 140 Alice.

## 83

P. MELLEN,<sup>7</sup> (JONATHAN,<sup>6</sup> JONATHAN,<sup>5</sup> REV.  
 NATHANIEL,<sup>4</sup> NATHANIEL,<sup>3</sup> JOHN,<sup>2</sup> OSMAN,<sup>1</sup>) born  
 May 9, 1829 ; married about 1853, and settled in  
 Columbia, Cal., where he now resides. Have been  
 unable to learn anything of his family.

## 84

ALBION K. P.,<sup>7</sup> (JONATHAN,<sup>6</sup> JONATHAN,<sup>5</sup> REV. NATHANIEL,<sup>4</sup> NATHANIEL,<sup>3</sup> JOHN,<sup>2</sup> OSMAN,<sup>1</sup>) born in Industry, Maine, June 1, 1831; he went to Bangor about 1850; married October 17, 1852, Jane L. M. Stockwell, who was born in East Eddington, February 14, 1835. They settled in Bangor, where they resided until 1863, when they moved to Philadelphia, where they now reside. He is a photographer by trade, and has a thorough scientific knowledge of his business. They have two children.

\*141 Clarence A., born December 2, 1855.

142 Lillian S., born August 28, 1869.

## 85

CAPT. OLANDO W.,<sup>7</sup> (JONATHAN,<sup>6</sup> JONATHAN,<sup>5</sup> REV. NATHANIEL,<sup>4</sup> NATHANIEL,<sup>3</sup> JOHN,<sup>2</sup> OSMAN,<sup>1</sup>) born April 29, 1833. After he was six years of age, he had no advantages of attending summer school; and he attended school in winter, only about two months in the year. He left home to earn his own living at an early age. In 1852, at the age of 19 he worked his passage around Cape Horn, in the bark Gold Hunter, to California. He worked in the mines the most of the time at Columbia, Toulumne County, until 1856 when he returned to Maine. August 24, 1856, he married Miss Nancy B. Rich, of Atkinson, who was born October 13, 1831. They lived in Bangor two years, then settled in Atkinson, where they now reside. In the fall of 1861, when men were receiving no

bounty, and while recruiting was the most difficult, he took out recruiting papers for the 14th Regiment of Maine Volunteers; and notwithstanding he had only 28 days in which to raise a company, greatly to the surprise of the Governor, and Adjutant General, he went into camp with 65 men, that passed the mustering officer, and was the first company of the 14th Regiment organized, while the most of the other officers had been at work three months. He was in five engagements; the first was at Baton Rouge, La., August 5, 1862; the last at Port Hudson, La., May 27, 1863, in which he received a wound in his left shoulder and chest (supposed at the time to be mortal), from which he has ever since been a sufferer. He was acting in the capacity of major at the time, and had been for more than three months. He was with his regiment every time it was under fire, until he was wounded, and always in all engagements had command of the skirmish line. He was an efficient officer, and his promotion would have been certain, had not his wound obliged him to close his services in the army. He was one of the selectmen of the town of Atkinson, for the years '73, '75 and '76. He has a good farm, and is a model farmer.

## 86

J. RUGGLES,<sup>7</sup> (JONATHAN,<sup>6</sup> JONATHAN,<sup>4</sup> REV. NATHENIEL,<sup>1</sup> NATHANIEL,<sup>3</sup> JOHN,<sup>2</sup> OSMAN,<sup>1</sup> born December 13, 1836. In 1853, he went to California, where he has since resided, a part of the time at Columbia, Toulumne County, and a part at San

Francisco. He has an interest in mines in California and Mexico, also in lands in Lower California and Costa Rica, and is a partner of the brother of Gen. Schofield, U. S. A. Is unmarried.

## 87

## E. VICTORIA,

born July 7, 1838; married October 4, 1857, Harrison Woodcock, of Mercer, who was born in May, 1836. They have two children.

- 143 Ernest E., born September 20, 1858; he is a student of the Boston High School.  
144 Laforest R., born January, 1862.

## 88

JAMES,<sup>7</sup> (TIMOTHY,<sup>6</sup> JONATHAN,<sup>5</sup> REV. NATHANIEL,<sup>4</sup> NATHANIEL,<sup>3</sup> JOHN,<sup>2</sup> OSMAN,<sup>1</sup>) married Martha Brown, of Stark, sister of Asa Brown. They had six children. He and four of the children are living but she is dead.

- 145 Martha, dead.  
146 John, resides in Dover, N. H.; has a family.  
147 Charles, died in the war of '61.  
148 Mary, married Levi Moore, of New Sharon.  
149 Sarah, Married Charles Knowlton, of Farmington.  
150 Flora, married M. Johnson, of Bangor.

## 98

JONATHAN P.,<sup>7</sup> (JAMES,<sup>6</sup> JONATHAN,<sup>5</sup> REV. NATHANIEL,<sup>4</sup> NATHANIEL,<sup>3</sup> JOHN,<sup>2</sup> OSMAN,<sup>1</sup> born 1827; married Olive Ann Chick. He is a farmer in Mt. Vernon. They have two children,



- 151 Addie E., born June 27, 1876.  
 152 Eugene C., born March 6, 1874.

**100**

HENRY C.,<sup>7</sup> (JAMES,<sup>6</sup> JONATHAN,<sup>5</sup> REV. NATHANIEL,<sup>4</sup> NATHANIEL,<sup>3</sup> JOHN,<sup>2</sup> OSMAN,<sup>1</sup>) born 1831; married Abbie Brown. He is a manufacturer and lives in Vienna, They have two children.

- 153 Fred P., born 1865.  
 154 Helen, born 1868.

**101**

JAMES E.,<sup>7</sup> (JAMES,<sup>6</sup> JONATHAN,<sup>5</sup> REV. NATHANIEL,<sup>4</sup> NATHANIEL,<sup>3</sup> JOHN,<sup>2</sup> OSMAN,<sup>1</sup>) born 1834; married Laura Ladd. He is a manufacturer, and they live in Vienna. They have one child.

- 155 Maurice H., born 1872.

**Eighth Generation.****114**

MANLEY G.,<sup>8</sup> (JAMES,<sup>7</sup> JONATHAN,<sup>6</sup> JONATHAN,<sup>5</sup> REV. NATHANIEL,<sup>4</sup> NATHANIEL,<sup>3</sup> JOHN,<sup>2</sup> OSMAN,<sup>1</sup>) born Oct. 9, 1837; married Maria Leighton. They reside in Bangor. Have one child.

156. Martha L., born 1866.

**115**

WILLIAM H. H.,<sup>8</sup> (JAMES,<sup>7</sup> JONATHAN,<sup>6</sup> JONATHAN,<sup>5</sup> REV. NATHANIEL,<sup>4</sup> NATHANIEL,<sup>3</sup> JOHN,<sup>2</sup>

OSMAN,<sup>1</sup>) born Sept. 25, 1840; married Louisa M. Ferguson. They reside in Etna, Maine. No children.

## 117

ELBRIDGE K.<sup>5</sup> (JAMES,<sup>7</sup> JONATHAN,<sup>6</sup> JONATHAN,<sup>5</sup> REV. NATHANIEL,<sup>4</sup> NATHANIEL,<sup>3</sup> JOHN,<sup>2</sup> OSMAN,<sup>1</sup>) born Aug. 27, 1844; he served seven months with the Maine Volunteers, in the war of '61. Married Emma Leitch of Philadelphia. They reside in Mansfield, Penn. Have two children.

157 Carrie.  
158 Lena May.

## 119

MELLIE A. born Mar. 23, 1850; educated at the Eastern Normal School, Castine. She is an experienced teacher; unmarried.

## 120

FRANCIS A.,<sup>8</sup> (JAMES,<sup>7</sup> JONATHAN,<sup>6</sup> JONATHAN,<sup>5</sup> REV. NATHANIEL,<sup>4</sup> NATHANIEL,<sup>3</sup> JOHN,<sup>2</sup> OSMAN,<sup>1</sup>) born May 30, 1854; educated at the Eastern Normal School; married in 1876, Mrs. Ada Simpson. They reside at Etna.

## 122

PELEG B., M. D.,<sup>8</sup> (LEAVITT,<sup>7</sup> JONATHAN,<sup>6</sup> JONATHAN,<sup>5</sup> REV. NATHANIEL,<sup>4</sup> NATHANIEL,<sup>3</sup> JOHN,<sup>2</sup> OSMAN,<sup>1</sup>) born 1838; married Laura Emery, of

South Berwick. He is a graduate of the Eclectic Medical School, of Philadelphia, and resides in St. John, New Brunswick. They have a daughter.

159. Mabel, born May, 1863.

### I23

ANNIE M., born Feb. 17, 1851; educated for teaching, and taught several years. She married Mar. 28, 1870, Charles H. Cox, who was born Aug. 7, 1846. He was a soldier in the war of '61; served one year in the 28th Regiment of Maine Infantry, and thirteen months in the 2d Maine Cavalry. They reside in Haverhill, Mass. Have a son.

160. C. Arthur, born Sept. 30, 1876.

### I24

R. DANA,<sup>8</sup> (ROBERT,<sup>7</sup> JONATHAN,<sup>5</sup> REV. NATHANIEL,<sup>4</sup> NATHANIEL,<sup>3</sup> JOHN,<sup>2</sup> OSMAN,<sup>1</sup>;) born Aug. 14, 1852, in New Sharon, Me.; married Aug. 14, 1872, Ettie E. Sawyer, of Stark, who was born Aug. 30, 1853, and died Jan. 25, 1877. He left the homestead farm in New Sharon at the age of 21; finished a practical course of study in Waterville in 1875, and commenced to read law with F. A. Waldron; entered the office of H. & W. J. Knowlton, of Portland, in April, 1877.; in May, 1877, entered the Law department of Boston University, a year in advance; and Aug. 13, 1877, was admitted to the bar, at Augusta, Kennebec county, Me. He entered upon his studies at the University, Oct. 3. Has taught seven terms of Common School, and two terms of High School.

## 125

JAMES E.,<sup>8</sup> (ROBERT,<sup>7</sup> JONATHAN,<sup>6</sup> JONATHAN,<sup>5</sup> REV. NATHANIEL,<sup>4</sup> NATHANIEL,<sup>3</sup> JOHN,<sup>2</sup> OSMAN,<sup>1</sup>) born Mar. 2, 1855. He left the homestead farm at the age of 18; graduated from Waterville Classical Institute in 1876, and entered Colby University; he is now a member of the Sophomore class of that institution.

## 128

THEODORE BROWN, son of Harriet (Trask) Brown, born Oct. 19, 1844; married Mar. 11, 1875, Miss Clara A. Spaulding, of Hollis, N. H., who was born Dec. 8, 1863. They reside in Portland.

## 141

CLARANCE A.,<sup>8</sup> (ALBION K. P.,<sup>7</sup> JONATHAN,<sup>6</sup> JONATHAN,<sup>5</sup> REV. NATHANIEL,<sup>4</sup> NATHANIEL,<sup>3</sup> JOHN,<sup>2</sup> OSMAN,<sup>1</sup>) born in Bangor, Me., Dec. 2, 1855; educated in Philadelphia at the City Schools and Polytechnic College of Penn. He studied Civil Engineering one year; he is now a Photographer in Philadelphia.

## *Directory of the Trask Family.*

Showing occupation and residence, as far forth as we are informed, of the male members. (We begin with the eldest living, and give the names in the order of seniority.)

NAMES.	OCCUPATION.	RESIDENCE.
James, .....	Farmer,.....	Etna.
Jacob J. ....	Farmer,.....	Compton, Cal.
James,.....	Shoemaker, .....	Bangor,
Peter H. ....	Hair Dresser,.....	San Francisco, Cal.
Jonathan P. ....	Farmer,.....	Mt. Vernon.
P. Mellen,.....	Fruit Grower,.....	Columbia, Cal.
Henry C. ....	Manufacturer,.....	Vienna.
Albion K. P. ....	Photographer,.....	Philadelphia, Penn.
Capt. Olando W. ...	Farmer,.....	Atkinson.
James E. ....	Manufacturer,.....	Vienna.
J. Ruggles. ....	Land & Mining Bus.,	San Francisco, Cal.
Levi W. ....	Manufacturer,.....	New Vineyard.
John, .....	Shoemaker,.....	Dover, N. H.
Manly G. ....	Merchant,.....	Bangor.
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William H. H. ....	Farmer, .....	Etna.
Elbridge K. ....	Photographer,.....	Mansfield, Penn.
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