

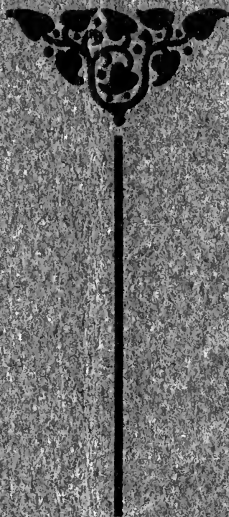
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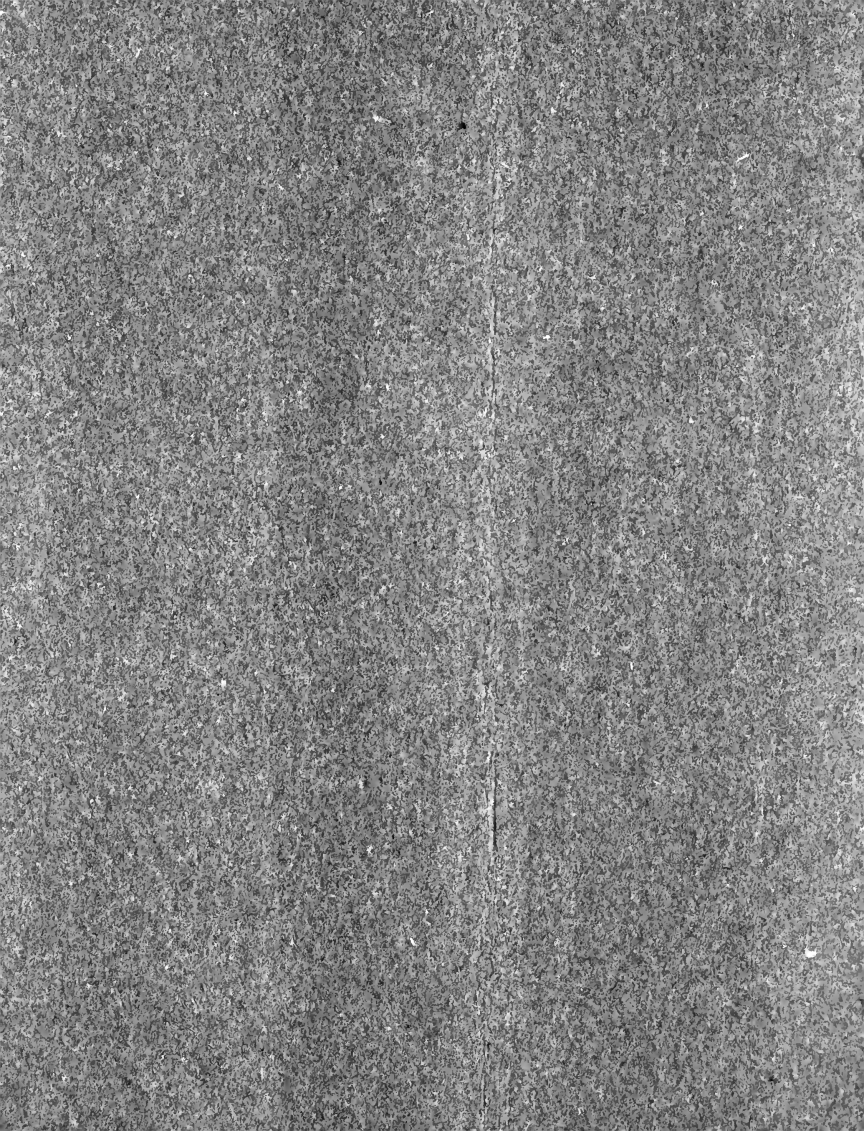
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A History

Of the

Leading Branch Families
in America

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With much love this little Booklet
Is Dedicated to
AUNT LAURA G. B. HILLS
Of Oberlin, Ohio.

PREFACE

My dear cousins:—In putting this little booklet in your hands, understand I have not done so with any thought of remuneration, as it costs you only what the printers charge me, (plus postage). Neither have I done it through pride in the work, as it is nothing to be proud of. I possess neither the education nor ability to make it so. I did it because of pride in the ancestral name and history, and with a heart-felt desire that it be handed down to future generations unsullied. I have not been able to travel, interview people, and search records, consequently I have been almost entirely dependent upon the cousins for dates and other information; and well have they done their part. I must especially mention Wm. S. Mills, L. L. B. of Brooklyn, N. Y., the noted genealogist, author of "Leaves from Genealogical Trees," "Foundations of Genealogy," and "The Story of the Western Reserve," etc., to whom I am greatly indebted for much valuable data and information. Also Mrs. L. G. B. Hills, of Oberlin; Mrs. Chas. Griswold, of Castleton, Vt.; and others, who, to the best of their knowledge, have patiently answered my many inquiries. After much solicitation and faithful search, I have been able to gather a few items of interest with regard to the achievements of a few of the cousins. I would have been glad of more but a spirit of modesty forbade them, personally, giving such information. I am truly thankful to all who have so kindly assisted me in this work; I realize that my part is but poorly done; there are doubtless some mistakes in the dates, etc. However, I have done as well as I could under the circumstances. Many of you have the education, time and ability to do better, and if you so desire, there is all the opportunity in the world for you to exercise the same. I am very respectfully and with cousinly affection, yours truly,

A. E. BRANCH PAULSON.

A HISTORY

Of the Leading Branch Families of America.

More than two centuries and a half ago, stirring scenes were being enacted in the colonies of King Charles I. There were disputes and despotism of the mother country to be overcome; war with the Indians at home and dissensions among the colonists themselves. Notwithstanding all this, the people grew in strength, knowledge, and a love of liberty, especially the latter.

At that time came the first printing press among them. They founded colleges and indulged in heated religious debates. Women's rights were also discussed quite vigorously.

In the meantime, England was growing jealous of her colonies, and decided to stop emigration. Therefore, in 1638, when eight ships were preparing to sail for America, laden with supplies and passengers, it was reported that they were to be detained. The captain of one of these ships, called the "Castle," hearing the report, hastened his passengers aboard and set sail, before being officially detained.

Among the passengers on board this ship was Peter Branch of Holden, Kent county, England, a carpenter, born there in 1601; his wife, Elizabeth Gillame, whom he married January 13, 1623, and their son John. On the journey from England, Peter Branch died on shipboard, leaving the son, John, to the care of his mother. He also made his will, it is recorded, in Boston, Mass., first book of Suffolk wills, page 16; dated June 16, 1638. It is supposed they landed, on reaching the shores of the New World, at Scituate, Mass.

I have no means of knowing how they managed to subsist and get a start, but their "stick-to-it-iveness," which is a Branch characteristic, and the God whom they came here to worship as they saw fit, carried them through.

There were two heads of families of Branch in New England before 1640: Arthur, who settled in Connecticut, and William Branch, who settled in Springfield, Mass. There was also one Christopher Branch, who came to Jamestown, Va., about 1623. He left a long line of descendants.

Foxe, in his "Book of Martyrs," mentions a Branch who, as a priest, was excommunicated in 1555, for some cause, real or imaginary. He married a Fulton, and left descendants. It is not impossible that the American emigrants may have been his grandsons or great-grandsons.

John Branch, son of Peter and Elizabeth, who was left an orphan by the death of his father on shipboard, was born in 1628, probably in High Holden, Kent, England. He died at Marshfield, Mass., May 17, 1711. Married December 6, 1652, Mary Speed of Marshfield, Mass. To them were born six children:

John, b. 1654; killed at Reboboth, Mass., in 1676, in King Philip's war.

Elizabeth, b. Oct. 14, 1655; married June 22, 1677, Abel Cook of Preston, Conn. *JOHN COOK*

Peter, b. May 28, 1659; married Hannah Lincoln.

Thomas, b. Feb. 18, 166 $\frac{1}{4}$; died 168 $\frac{3}{4}$, at Boston, Mass.

Mercy, b. Nov. 28, 1664; married Ebenezer Spooner.

Expereance died Nov., 1669; married Lydia ———, who died Nov., 1699.

Peter Branch, fourth child of John and Mary, born May 28, 1659; died Dec. 27, 1713. He was born on Branch island, eight miles north of Plymouth Rock. Occupation, farmer. When 21 years of age, he went to Taunton, Mass., where, in about 1681, he married Hannah, daughter of Thomas Lincoln, born in Taunton March 15, 1662; died in Preston, Conn., Jan. 16, 1732; buried there. They went from Taunton, Mass., about 1682, to Norwich, Conn., where he bought the Branch Hill property of Oraneco, Sachem of the Mohegan Indians.

A copy of the original deed is in the possession of the family of Mrs. R. Branch Follett of Hartford, Conn. It has the signature of the chief; his mark was a drawing of a turkey. In this deed the property is described as "Skunk hung amuck hill."

The frame of the second house built by the Branch family in Preston, Conn., was re-covered some sixty years ago and is still used as a habitation, having been built about one hundred and fifty years ago. The Preston, Conn., records contain the following: "Peter Branch departed this life Dec. 27, 1713. Hannah Branch, widow of ye above Peter Branch, dyed Januarie ye 16-173 $\frac{1}{2}$." *165*

Children of Peter and Hannah Branch: Mary, June 28, 1865; Hannah, b. July 12, 1688; Elizabeth, b. March 15, 169 $\frac{1}{2}$; John, b. March 31, 1694, married Martha Williams; Thomas, b. Dec. 25, 1698, died Nov. 1, 1778, at Preston, Conn.; married Zipporah Kinnie, Nov. 9, 1726; Samuel, b. Sept. 2, 1701; married Ann Lamb; Sarah, b. Sept. 16, 1704; Joseph, b. Sept. 20, 1707, married Jan. 27, 1731, Zerviah Tracy.

John Branch, fourth child of Peter and Hannah, born March 31, 1694, in Preston, Conn.; married Oct. 20, 1726, Martha Williams of Preston, Conn., born Dec. 22, 1706, at Wenham, Mass. Their children: Olive; John, born 1729, lived at Pittsfield, Mass., married Jan. 5, 1758, (new style) Pracilla

N. B.—It will be seen I have taken the oldest child in each family and followed their descendants as far as possible, then the next in order. Address and occupations will be found in the latter part of the book.

Tracy; Dorcas, married, July 30, 1752, (old style.) Solomon Story; Zilpha; Hulda; Hezieriah; Amariah, bap. July 26, 1741; Ash, bap. April 1, 1744, married Elizabeth Tracy; Abel, bap. March 8, 1747.

The above John Branch, second child of John and Martha, bought 80 acres of land in Pittsfield Jan. 22, 1772. He sold 100 acres there Feb. 18, 1774. John and his brother Asa served five days in the Revolutionary war from Pittsfield, Mass.

Asa, eight., child of John and Martha, bap. April 1, 1744, at Preston, Conn.; married Sept. 18, 1766, Elizabeth Tracy, born April 28, 1743. Children six: Hezeiah, died aged 13 years; Ziboa; Olive; Lucretia, born April 13, 1775, married Wm. Branch; Asa; Betsy, died 1846, unmarried.

Peter Branch, fifth child of Peter and Hannah, born March 30, 1696, at Preston, Conn., died Aug. 20, 1759, (old style;) married March 31, 1719, Content Hows, born March 31, 1718; children nine: Zepharriah, b. March 20, 1720; Peter, b. Feb. 20, 1723, died in childhood; Dessie, b. Aug. 20, 1725; Temperance, b. Sept. 7, 1728; Mary, b. March 28, 1731; Zerwerith, b. Nov. 23, 1733; Content, b. March 29, 1736; Seth, b. April 12, 1739; Peter, b. Aug. 8, 1743.

Thomas Branch, sixth child of Peter and Hannah, born Dec. 25, 1698, died Nov. 1, 1778; married Nov. 9, 1726, Zipporah Kinnie, children 1.: Eunice, b. Dec. 7, 1727; Thomas, b. July 3, 1729; Zipporah, b. Feb. 25, 1731; Moses, b. March 13, 1733; Kesiah, b. May 15, 1735; Daniel, b. April 15, 1737; Louis, b. Dec. 17, 1739, married a Tracy; Hannah, b. Jan. 15, 1742; Stephen, b. April 1, 1744; Nathan, bap. 1745; Esther, b. March 21, 1748.

Stephen, 9th child of Thos. and Zipporah Branch, born April 1, 1744; married Dec. 10, 1767, Hannah Starkweather. Children seven: Selah, b. March 11, 1770; Sanford, b. May 13, 1772; Susa, b. Aug. 17, 1774; John, b. Oct. 11, 1776; Seth, b. March 31, 1779; Sabina, b. March 9, 1782; Elisha, b. June 15, 1785.

Seth Branch, 5th child of Stephen and Hannah, b. March 31, 1779; died in Cleveland, O., Aug. 11, 1825; married Rachel Hurd and located in Cleveland, O., where he owned a farm that now is South Cleveland.

He held numerous offices of public trust. To the couple were born 8 children, all of whom but two died many years ago. One son, Francis, died November, 1877; married Sarah Sleight, one child, Mrs. Jacob Hartzell. Also one daughter of Seth Branch survived, is now living; Susan, b. 1833, married — Gillette, children two: F. H. Gillette; Mrs. R. H. (Gillette) Clark.

Nathan Branch, 10th child of Thomas and Zipporah, born June 26, 1745; died Nov. 14, 1823; married Polly —, born 1748; died Oct. 30, 1820. This couple resided in Worthington, Hampshire Co., Mass. To them were born nine children, most of whom settled in York, O., on what is now known as Branch road, or South street, about 1830, owning among themselves all the land on that street from the Medina line west to the B. & O.

crossing. Names of the family: Lucinda, Daniel, Nathan, Levi, Betsy, Hannah, Elisha, Elias, Lucy; all of whom were born in Worthington, Mass.

Lucinda, first child of Nathan and Polly, b. March 17, 1772; married — Bruce; children, five: Nathan, Ezekial, Harvey, Joseph, Elisha. Harvey left two children: Caroline and George. These people located near what is now the northeast corner of the South street cemetery.

Daniel Branch, second child of Nathan and Polly, b. Dec. 24, 1774; died 1835; married Polly Parker of York, Ohio; children, ten: Alfred, Daniel, Amelia, Calvin, James, Mary, Martha, Dexter, Catherine, Elizabeth.

Alfred, first child of Daniel and Polly, b. Oct. 30, 1799; married Mary Brewster of York, Ohio, children six: Charles, b. 1826, died 1849; Franklin, b. 1828, died 1852; Dexter, b. 1830; Daniel, b. 1833, died 1852; George, b. 1835, died 1852.

Martha Branch, sixth child of Alfred and Mary Brewster Branch, born 1837; married Wilbur F. Pierce, children six: Lola, b. 1864, dec'd; Nina, b. 1865; married — Reck; Alfred, b. 1865; Mary Rosilla Pierce, b. 1872; John Crillond Pierce, Finney L. Pierce.

Nina Pierce married — Reck, children three: Wilbur Reck, Alfred Reck, — Reck.

Dexter Branch, third child of Alfred and Mary, b. 1830; married (?); children, three: Harry, William, Carl; all dead.

Daniel Branch, second child of Daniel and Polly, b. Jan. 26, 1802.

Amelia, third child of Daniel and Polly, b. Jan. 12, 1804; died 1805.

Calvin, fourth child of Daniel and Polly, b. June 10, 1806; died 1808.

James, fifth child of Daniel and Polly, b. April 26, 1809.

Mary, twin of Martha, sixth child of Daniel and Polly, b. Sept. 15, 1811; died 1837.

Martha Branch, one of twins of Daniel and Polly, born Sept. 15, 1811; died 1893; married — Stickney of Cleveland, O., children, five: Erastus (dec'd); Lucia, George, Jennie, Addie. Jennie married — McLaughlin; Addie married — Coburn, children two.

Dexter Branch, eighth child of Daniel, b. Aug. 30, 1813; died 1822.

Catherin Branch, ninth child of Daniel, b. Aug. 10, 1816; died 1824.

Elizabeth Branch, tenth child of Daniel and Polly, b. Sept. 12, 1820; died 1897; married Henry Gardner, children four: Clark, Frank O., Darwin B., William H.

Clark D. Gardner married Sarah Root. Children eight, all musicians: Lynn, Belle, Earl, Madge, Gale, Blanche, Rex, Berah. Belle Gardner married Chas. Canfield; children, two: Doris and Jack.

Madge, Earl, Blanche married, one child each.

Frank O. Gardner married Carrie Reeves; children, seven: Almeda, (dec'd), Frank, Lulu, Wade, Merlin, Vera, Altha.

Darwin B. Gardner married Emma Brenner; one child born

William H. Gardner, married; several children.

Dr. Nathan Branch, third child of Nathaniel and Polly, b. April 27, 1777;

children, seven: Electa, Nathan, Elijah, Lydia, Truman, Elizabeth, Mary.

Electa Branch, first child of Dr. Nathan, married Deacon Asa Nash of York, Ohio; children, four: Asa, Irwin, George K., Mary.

Asa Nash, Jr., married Eliza Hall; children, three: Clara, Asa, Ernest. Clara and Ernest died. Asa Nash married, resides in California.

Irwin Nash, second child of Deacon Asa, died.

George K. Nash, ex-governor of Ohio, third child of Deacon Asa, married Mrs. — Deshler; one daughter, Mary.

Mary, fourth child of Deacon Asa, died; married Henry Camp, two sons.

Nathan Branch, second child of Dr. N., married twice; by first marriage, two daughters, Ursula, Minerva; by second marriage, several sons. Ursula married Thomas Irvine, several children. Minerva married Frank Clark, one child. Eugene Clark married; has several children.

Elijah Branch, third child of Dr. Nathan, dec'd, married; children, five: Alice, Laura, Jewett, William, Harvey. Alice dec'd.

Laura married M. C. Burdoin; children, two: Rudolph and Ralph. Rudolph married; children, three.

Jewett Branch, married, dead.

William Branch, married, resides in California.

Harvey Branch, married; children, two: Harvey, Edna.

Lydia Branch, deceased; fourth child of Dr. Nathan. Married Silas Miller. Lived and died in Wellington, O.; children, three; Nathan, George, Lucinda. Nathan Miller, married; children, nine. George Miller, deceased. Lucinda Miller married Jerry Whitehead.

Truman Branch, fifth child of Dr. Nathan, b. 1817 in New York state; died Feb., 1884. Married Amealia Pearson; children, five: Addie, Azra, Achsah, Lucinda, Orlando. Addie Branch married M. Fritz; children, three: Myrta, Ina, Pearl. Ina Fritz married Parker; children, two sons.

Azra Branch was a soldier in the Civil War. Died at Frankfort, Ky., 1862.

Achsah Branch married Charles Ayliff; children, six: Mattie, Ora, Grace, Luella, Edward, Jessie. Ora Ayliffe, married; children, two. Luella Ayliffe, deceased.

Lucinda Branch, fourth child of Truman, married Elmer Maydole; children, two. (One died in infancy.) Eva.

Orlando, fifth child of Truman, married Mary Holcomb; children, three: Arthur, Carl, Harry.

Elizabeth Branch, sixth child of Dr. Nathan; married — Smith.

Mary Branch, seventh child of Dr. Nathan, married Edward Avarill; children, five: David, Loretta, Lucius, Rose, Ursula.

Levi Branch, fourth child of N. and P., b. Sept. 27, 1779 in Worthington, Mass., died 1855 in York, Medina Co., Ohio. Married Mary Parker. Levi Branch came from Sweden, N. Y., to Medina, O., in 1830 with his wife and several children. There was but one cabin in the town at that time. The first election was held in Levi's barn; the first religious meeting was in his

house; the first school was in part of his house, his son Theodore being the teacher. He owned the only team in the town and was kept busy making roads and hauling provisions from Wooster and Portage. He brought a small stove with him from New York and set it up in his house; it being the only one in the community, it created no little curiosity. To Levi and Mary were born six children: Lawson, Theodore, Levi, Elisha, Mary, Edwin.

Lawson Branch, first child of Levi and Mary, b. March 3, 1804, in Sweden, N. Y., died in Medina, O., 1868. Married Cordelia Phillips; children, nine: Fanny C., John E., Julia M., Ellen A., James C., Miles, Almyra, Levi, Eveline.

Fanny C. Branch, first child of Lawson, was the first white child born in York township; b. 1831. Married C. B. Abbot.

John E. Branch, second child of Lawson, b. 1833. Married Sarah C. Crust; children, four: Eveline A., Mary E., Fred E., Cora M. Eveline A. Branch, first child of John E. and Sarah, b. 1856; married Charles Berrington. Mary Branch, second child of John E. and Sarah, b. 1858; married H. R. Carpenter. Fred E. Branch, third child of John E. and Sarah, b. 1867; married Effie Richards. Cora M. Branch, fourth child of John E. and Sarah, b. 1870; married Charles H. Jewell.

Julia M. Branch, third child of Lawson, b. 1835; married C. P. Hall.

Ellen A. Branch, fourth child of Lawson, b. 1837; married N. C. McOnell; children, two: Burt, Jay; both married.

James C. Branch, fifth child of Lawson, b. 1839; married Maudona Berrill; children, three: Frank, married Ona Frost, children, two: Burt, Louie. Burt married; one child.

Anna Branch married Orlo Thatcher; children, five. Mabel (died), Carl, Evelyn, Florence, Harrold.

Ernest Branch married Nellie Foster; children two: Foster James, Olive.

Miles Branch, sixth child of Lawson, b. 1841; died 1861.

Almira, seventh child of Lawson, married James C. Cross; children, five: Nellie, Minnie, Pearl, Bertha, Roy. Nellie Cross married Charley Lenard; one child, Blanch. Minnie Cross died. Pearl Cross married Lewis Frase, children, two: Ruth, b. 1899; Ralph, 1901.

Levi Branch, eighth child of Lawson, b. 1845; married Marion Gardner; children, three: Fred M., Merton E., Ethlyn. Fred M., b. Sept. 20, 1868; married Lorena Rounds; children, two: Dorothy S., b. Oct. 8, 1893; Marion F., b. Aug. 16, 1895. Merton married. Ethlyn married, died 1903.

Evaline, ninth child of Lawson, b. 1847 (died); married — Alexander, children, two: Orlo, Herbert.

Theodore, second child of Levi and Mary, married Sarah Ann Welton; children, three: Samuel, Chester (both dead); Mary, married Henry Burton.

Levi H. Branch, third child of Levi and Mary, b. July 28, 1816; died 1872; married Mary Ann Bowen; children, eight: Alvin, Sidney, Nelson T., Henry M., Hilar R., Milo E., Caleb B., Mary E.

Alvin L. Branch, first child of L. H. and Mary Ann, born April 29, 1840; killed in the battle of the wilderness, 1864.

Sidney S. Branch, second child of L. H. and Mary Ann; born Feb. 20, 1842; married Anna Hudson; children, three: Edna E, Edith, Nelson L. Edna E. married Frank Stout; children, two: Hudson, Shirley; Edith Branch died.

Nelson L. Branch, third child of L. H. and M. A., b. March 26, 1844; died at Chattanooga, Tenn., 1865.

Henry M. Branch, fourth child of L. H. and M. A., b. Aug. 3, 1846; married Agatha C. Gardner, (dead); married second time, Mary L. Beard; children, three: Ethel, Mabel, Hilda. Ethel, b. Oct. 3, 1878; married Fred H. Benedict; children, two: Loretta, b. June 3, 1899; Clyde, b. Feb. 9, 1901.

Hilas R., fifth child of L. H. and M. A.; b. March 16, 1849; married Josie Barager; children, three: Alvin L., Lena H., Clara M. Alvin L. married Robena Hill; one child, Margaret, b. 1903.

Milo E. Branch, sixth child of L. H. and M. A., b. Feb. 22, 1852; married Alma Gardner, Mallet Creek, O.

Caleb, seventh child of L. H. and M. A., b. Oct. 15, 1854; married Ida M. Wilbur; one child, Adah B. Branch.

Mary E. Branch, eighth child of L. H. and M. A., b. Aug. 31, 1857; married Clark Dickerman; children, two: Charley, Bessie.

Elisha Branch, fourth child of Levi and Mary; born Sept. 3, 1818; died 1898; married Sarah Gardner; children two: Emelia and Ella. Emelia, b. Nov. 24, 1847; married Lyman Watkins; children, six: Frank, Perry, Willis, Cora, Ella, Henry. Ella Branch, b. May 26, 1851; married Mason Gardner; children, two: Oma, died 1875; Gertrude Gardner married Ed Gower; children, two: Thelma Gower; Mason Edward Gower, b. June 25, 1903.

Mary Elizabeth Branch, fifth child of Levi and Mary, born Jan. 19, 1822; died Oct. 17, 1882; married Aug. 9, 1840. Reuben Gardner, b. Dec. 6, 1816; died Sept. 1, 1901; children, eleven: Polly, Chas. T., Mary A., Lucretia, Fanny A., Chloe M., Lydia L., Evangeline A., Harry R., Martha H., Willie.

Polly, b. April 27, 1841; died Oct. 16, 1878; married Oct. 1, 1867. Daniel Miles Gardner; children, eight, five of whom died in infancy: Reuben Gardner, b. June 21, 1872, married 1900; Clayton, b. Nov. 19, 1873, married 1898; Elon M., b. July 9, 1877, married 1900.

Charles Theodore, b. Dec. 24, 1842; married May 22, 1866, Lydia Ann Athorp; died March 25, 1900.

Mary Amelia, b. Sept. 29, 1844; married Feb. 14, 1866, Chester Henry Pond; children, four: Louisa Corolyn, b. April 17, 1867; married 1903; Grace Lillian, b. Nov. 12, 1870; died Aug. 3, 1875; Mary, b. June 29, 1873, died Jan. 9, 1874; Alice Gardner, b. Dec. 15, 1878, married 1902.

Lucretia, b. Nov. 6, 1846; married Aug. 19, 1871, Birney Samuel Hale; died July 6, 1894; children, two: Homer J. and Fannie A. Homer Jerome, b. Nov. 5, 1872, married 1900; children, two: Vernon C., b. Jan. 16, 1902; Frances M., b. April 23, 1902.

Fannie Adealie Hale, b. Feb. 22, 1877; married 1900, one child, Dorothy Hale Dickson, b. Dec. 15, 1902.

Chloe Melvina Gardner, b. Dec. 20, 1850; married June 12, 1876, Edmond L. Philips, children, two: Eva, b. 1887, died 1887; Ray Edmond, b. Sept. 3, 1889.

Lydia Lovina Gardner, b. Feb. 16, 1853; died Dec. 7, 1883; married March 11, 1875, Homer F. Comings; children, three: Mary B., b. Feb. 13, 1876, married 1900; one child, Homer Norton, b. 1901.

Evangeline Adella Gardner, b. Jan. 11, 1856; died Feb. 8, 1885; married April 1, 1877, John Deloss Holcomb; died.

Harry Reuben Gardner, b. Dec. 24, 1859; married Oct. 2, 1886, Emma Chase.

Martha Hellen Gardner, b. Sept. 2, 1862; died March 5, 1865.

Willie Gardner, b. Nov. 1, 1868; died 1868.

Edwin Branch, sixth child of Levi and Mary, married Mary Van Bleet.

Betsy Branch, fifth child of Nathan and Polly, b. Dec. 20, 1781, in Worthington, Mass.; married — Stone; children, eight: Serepta, William, Orson, Levi, Emila, Artemisia, Emily, Lucy.

Serepta Stone, first child of Betsy, married — Hubbard.

William B. Stone, second child of Betsy Branch Stone, born Sept. 23, 1808; died Jan. 26, 1900; married Melissa Brintnal; children, five: Milton, Harriet, Amelia, Sarah, Myra, George, ,

Milton, b. Oct. 28, 1842, married Esther Rice; one child, William Stone.

Harriet Stone, b. Aug. 22, 1846; married George Seeley; children, three: Wesley, George, Mary. Wesley Seeley, b. Feb. 5, 1863, married Dora Webb; children, four: Orva, b. June 20, 1884; Walter, b. Dec. 19, 1886; Pearl, b. March 8, 1889; Grace, b. April 25, 1892.

Joseph Seeley, b. Aug. 25, 1864, married Emily Wood; children, six: Bertha, b. Jan. 1, 1887; died July 3, 1889; Homer, b. June 5, 1892; Delwyn, b. March 19, 1894; Myron, b. Dec. 19, 1896; Ruth, b. Jan. 28, 1900.

Mary Seeley, b. April 4, 1868, married Edward Clifford; children, two: Leona Clifford, b. June 8, 1885; Hazel Clifford, b. Nov. 8, 1896.

George Seeley, b. Sept. 21, 1869; married Eliza Wylie; one child, Clyde Wylie, b. Nov. 17, 1888.

Charles Seeley, b. July 14, 1870; married Lena McCarl; children, two: Front Seeley; Lena Seeley, b. Jan. 26, 1901; died.

Hattie Seeley, b. March 13, 1876.

Orson, third child of Betsy Branch Stone, born 1811; died March 24, 1892; married Asenath Kimber 1841; children, three: Gilbert, William, Levi; Gilbert, b. 1843, married Miranda Patterson; children, six: Robert, Lillie, Walter, Roy, Clarence, Pearl.

William, b. April 22, 1849; died Dec. 4, 1896; married May 22, 1873, Clara Knapp; children, two: Jay, died; Alice, b. July 24, 1874, married June 17, 1894, Schuyler Hoff; one child, Dorothy, b. July 2, 1903.

Levi Stone, b. 1851, married Della Bowman; children, five: Minnie, mar-

ried Paul Williams; two children, Leola and Viola; Hattie, Homer, Robert, Thrada.

Emily Stone, seventh child of Betsy Branch Stone, married William Welton; one child, Lucias Welton.

Lucy Stone, eighth child of Betsy Branch Stone, died 1904; married Lorenser Firman; children, two, both dead; Nathan Firman married Elizabeth Cook; Darwin Firman married Sarah Miller; one child, Earl.

Hannah Branch, sixth child of Nathan and Polly, b. June 3, 1784, in Worthington, Mass.; died 1844 in Medina, Ohio; married Jan. 20, 1805, Nathan Prentice; lived in Chester, Mass.; went from Chester to Medina, O., 1836; children six: Barney, Phineas, Lucy (married —Robins); Calvin, Ashel, Daniel.

Elisha Branch, seventh child of Nathan and Polly, born April 9, 1787, married Oct. 3, 1810, Sarah Thompson, "who was a descendant of James Thompson, who came from England with a large colony under the lead of Gov. Winthrop, in June, 1630. James Thompson, a descendant of James, the Colonist, had four sons: James, Jonathan, John and Joseph; and eight grandsons in the war of the revolution. Two of the sons had previously served in the French and Indian wars."

To Elisha and Sarah were born nine children: Emaline, Betsy, Edwin, Cecelia, Cordelia, Nathan, Sarah, Hannah J., Mary J.

Emaline, b. July 30, 1811, died Sept. 23, 1885; married Sept. 23, 1835, Lorenzo N. Pierce.

Betsy, b. Nov. 7, 1813, died April 11, 1903; married Dec. 8, 1841, T. B. Hudson.

Rev. Edwin T., b. April 12, 1816, died Jan. 28, 1901; married Dec. 24, 1847, Lauretta Turner.

Cecelia, b. Dec. 20, 1818, died Jan. 27, 1887; married Sept. 6, 1838, A. C. Bowen.

Cordelia, b. Dec. 20, 1818; married Sept. 6 —Silas Judson; one child, L. P. Judson, living; perhaps more.

Nathan, b. March 20, 1821, died Jan. 11, 1887; married Dec. 20, 1844, Lura Chappell.

Sarah, b. April 9, 1823; married Jan. 7, 1847, Albert Mead.

Hannah J. Branch, eighth child of Elisha and S., born Dec. 23, 1824, at Worthington, Mass.; died March 29, 1898, in Madison, Ohio; married Nov. 21, 1844, John Williams, b. May 14, 1809, in Vermont; died Sept. 11, 1893, at Mallet Creek, Ohio; children, six, Elisha W., Lauretta T., Sarah C., Florence J., John F., Hattie C.

Lauretta T. Williams, b. Feb. 23, 1847, at Lafayette, O.; married Feb. 22, 1865, D. C. Thompson; children, five, b. at Mason, Mich.: Calista, b. Nov. 17, 1867, married Milo Lyman; Josephine, b. Aug. 2, 1869, married Will Starr; Grace, b. July 13, 1871, died; Royal C., b. Dec. 6, 1877; Florence M., b. Sept. 5, 1882.

Sarah Clark Williams, b. April 28, 1848; married Aug. 24, 1881, Robert

L. Brewster of Oberlin, O.; children, two: John Wadsworth, b. Oct. 14, 1882; Ethel May, b. Nov. 28, 1883, at Madison, O.

Florence Williams, b. April 7, 1855; married Geo. W. Swartz; children, four: John W., b. at Mallet Creek, O.; Amy C., b. Jan. 4, 1883, married Dec. 31, 1902, A. J. Waltz, one child, Florence, b. Oct. 5, 1903. Winnie B., b. Oct. 1, 1887; Ada G., b. Sept. 30, 1889.

John Fred Williams, b. Oct. 18, 1857; died in infancy.

Hattie C., b. Aug. 27, 1859; married March 31, 1885, Chas. E. Clark at Oberlin, O., children, three: Stella E. Clark, b. July 3, 1886; Maud S., b. July 12, 1890; Rebah A., b. June 19, 1895.

Mary Jane Branch, ninth child of Elisha and Sarah, b. March 22, 1827, at Worthington, Mass.; died Nov. 25, 1903, at Maquoketa, Ia.; married November 21, 1844, Garret Spitzer of Medina, Ohio; b. Nov. 7, 1817, at Glenville, N. Y.; died Jan. 3, 1891, at Medina, O. Both buried in the family burying ground at Medina, O. Mr. Garret Spitzer was a noted financier, an excellent business man, of good judgment; he was for over twenty years advising director of the Ohio Farmers' Insurance Co. To this couple were born eight children: Alice A., Evelyn M., Amherst T., Aaron E., Adelbert L., Francelia J., Luetta M., Bessie M.

Alice Arabella, b. Sept. 4, 1845, in Medina, O., married Aug. 9, 1868, Capt. Aaron Milo Loomis, b. April 30, 1831, in Rodmon, N. Y.; children, four: Mabel I., Milo M., Arthur T., Flora A. Mabel Ina Loomis, b. Sept. 10, 1871, in Wyoming, Ia., married in 1890, John Wilson Kirkpatrick, M. D.; children, five: Clara Loomis, b. Sept. 29, 1892, died in infancy; Alice, b. Oct. 27, 1893; Loomis Arthur, b. April 23, 1897; Anna Maria, b. Oct. 20, 1898; Martha Mary, b. July 15, 1902.

Milo Mason Loomis, b. Feb. 20, 1874, in Wyoming, Ia.; married Dec. 14, 1898, Isabel Anson; no children.

Arthur Timothy Loomis, b. Oct. 16, 1877; died 1879.

Flora Aristene, b. Oct. 21, 1881; died in infancy.

Evalyn Matilda Spitzer, b. April 8, 1874, in Medina, O., married June 7, 1868, Capt. Wm. Cotter Lyon, b. July 7, 1841, in Wooster, O.; one child, Maud Evalyn, b. Sept. 7, 1870, in Gronville, Ohio; married April 2, 1891, William Albert Galloway, M. D.; children three: Evalyn Hellen, b. Feb. 8, 1893; Lyon William, b. March 29, 1895; Elizabeth Mary, b. May 21, 1902.

Amherst Thompson Spitzer, b. Oct. 31, 1848, in Medina, O., married Oct. 15, 1873, Ruth Aristene Calkins, b. Sept. 25, 1850, in Richland, Mich.; children, three: Elbert B., Cornealia, Evalyn, Elbert Benjamin, b. Aug. 29, 1875, in North Amherst, O., married Aug. 2, 1900, Lillian Hemmester, b. Jan. 27, 1874, in Medina, O.; one child, Elizabeth Kuhn, b. Sept. 19, 1891. Cornealia Spitzer, b. March 4, 1877, in North Amherst, Ohio; married May 20, 1903, Ernest J. Newton, b. Feb. 22, 1877, in Hinkley, O. Evalyn Spitzer, b. May 9, 1880, in Medina, O., married March 12, 1902, Frank W. Woods of Chatham, O.

Aaron Elihue Spitzer, b. Aug. 14, 1850, in Medina, O.; married Nov. 14,

1872, Flora A. Cochran, b. March 11, 1852; children, two: Clifton James, b. Sept. 20, 1879; Raymond Garrett, b. Jan. 26, 1883; died Jan. 14, 1886.

Adelbert Lorenzo Spitzer, b. Aug. 15, 1852, in Medina Co., Ohio; was educated in the local schools and Lodi, O., Academy. At the age of 20 he entered the Exchange bank of Seville, O., and became cashier. In 1873, in company with his brother, Amherst T., he established the banking house of Spitzer Bros. in North Amherst, O. In 1882 he sold his interest there and went to Toledo, O., and is associated with his cousin, Ceilan M. Spitzer, in the banking and investment business. Mr. Spitzer is a stockholder and director in five other banks. He is a member of the Toledo, Country and Polo clubs of Toledo; is president of the latter. Is also a member of the Middle Bass club of Put-in-Bay and the Triton Fish and Game club of Canada. He is a well known horseman and an excellent whip. He has a large stable of horses and has won numerous blue ribbons at different horse shows. He married Oct. 20, 1875, Sarah Strong, b. Aug. 13, 1850, in Seville, O.; children, four: Carl Bovee, b. Feb. 7, 1877; Lyman Strong, b. Feb. 2, 1880; Luetta Ruth, b. March 14, 1882; Roland Adelbert, b. Sept. 21, 1885.

Francellia Josephine Spitzer, b. July 3, 1854, in Medina, O.; married Oct. 11, 1883, David M. Loose, M. D., b. Feb. 6, 1855, in Myerstown, Pa.; no children.

Luetta Miriam Spitzer, b. March 10, 1862, in Medina, O.; married Oct. 2, 1884, Geo. L. Seeley, b. May 2, 1853, in Lancaster, Mich.; children, two (twins): Morton Cloud, Clifton Moore, b. July 10, 1885.

Bessie May Spitzer, b. Jan. 1, 1869, in Medina, O.; married Dec. 30, 1891, Hudson D. Bishop, M. D., b. Oct. 7, 1866, in Smithville, O.; one child, Robert Spitzer Bishop, b. June 20, 1893.

Elias Branch, eighth child of Nathaniel and Polly, born July 20, 1789; children, two: Wolcott, Delia. Lucy Branch, ninth child of Nathaniel and Polly, born Dec. 27, 1791; married —Eastman; one child, Eunice Eastman.

Samuel Branch, seventh child of Peter and Hannah, b. Sept. 2, 1701, in Preston, Conn.; died and was buried there in 1756; married May 23, 1728, Ann, daughter of Asa Lamb, of Groton, Conn.; children, six: Samuel, Solomon, Cyprian, Ann, Isaac, Vine.

Samuel, first child of Samuel and Ann, b. Aug. 6, 1729, in Preston, Conn., died there Feb. 15, 1773; married May 17, 1752, Hannah, daughter of Joseph Witter, born in Preston, Conn., Oct. 8, 1730; died Oct. 4, 1774, in New York state; children, eleven: Elizabeth, b. May 3, 1853, married March 15, 1784, Samuel Booth, Solomon, b. April 10, 1755, died Feb. 13, 1776, at sea. Walter, b. Nov. 14, 1757, married Eunice Shaw; lived at Stephentown N. Y. Eunice, b. Nov. 15, 1758, died Aug. 18, 1764; William, b. Sept. 3, 1760, married Lucretia, daughter of Asa Branch; Hannah Draper, b. June 8, 1762, married Nov. 24, 1791, William Witter; Sarah, b. May 21, 1764, died 1826; married June 12, 1786, at Norwich, Conn., Newcomb Kinnie. Eunice, b. April 12, 1768; married —Bacon. Samuel, b. March 7, 1768; married Ruth Chitzy. Joseph Witter, b. May 26, 1770, died in Ohio of cholera, 1832; mar-

ried Ann Buel. Happy, b. June 14, 1772; lived in Norwich, Conn.; married Ralph Bolles.

William Branch, fifth child of Samuel and Hannah, enlisted April 1, 1777, when but 17 years of age, in Washington's army, under Capt. Jedediah Hyde, in Col. John Durkee's regiment. He was in the following battles: Germantown, Pa., Oct. 4, 1777; Mud Fort, Nov., 1777; at Monmouth, N. J., June 28, 1778; and at other engagements and skirmishes. He participated in the siege of Yorktown, Va., and was present at the surrender of the British army under Lord Cornwallis, Oct. 19, 1781. He was with General Washington in the historic camp at Valley Forge in the winter of 1777-78. He was one of the guards detailed by Washington to take the body of Maj. Andre from the gallows. July 7, 1783, he was discharged from the army. At that time he was a member of Capt. Samuel Clift's company, Col. Zebalou Butler's, Connecticut regiment, stationed at West Point, N. Y. He was honored with a badge of merit received from the hands of Washington, which bore the following: "For six years' faithful service in the Army."

William Branch, fifth child of Samuel and Hannah, born Sept. 3, 1760, in Preston, Conn.; died April 13, 1849, in North Madison, Ohio. Occupation, farmer; married Nov. 27, 1796, Lucretia, daughter of Asa Branch of New York State; born April 13, 1775, at Pittsfield, Mass.; died Dec. 5, 1857, at North Madison, Ohio. Children, five: William W., Olive, Samuel G., Erasmus, Ambros.

William Witter Branch, first child of Wm. and Lucretia, born Aug. 31, 1804, in Aurelius, N. Y.; died May 25, 1887, at North Madison, Ohio; occupation, farmer, lawyer. Came from New York state to Kirtland in 1829; from Kirtland to North Madison, O., 1837. Married July 3, 1834, Lucy J. Bartram, daughter of Uriah of Madison, O., b. May 25, 1816, in Huntington, Conn.; died May 17, 1897, at North Madison, O.; buried there.

Of the above William Branch, I quote the following from "The Western Reserve," a recent publication, by William S. Mills of Brooklyn, N. Y., (a volume which should be in every home on the Reserve): "W. W. Branch was Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Lake county, Ohio, in 1845. In 1848 he began a work which entitles him to a place among the foremost ranks of public benefactors. At that time the lines of railway between Toledo and Buffalo lacked the connecting link, from Cleveland to Erie; the idea of making this connection was strenuously opposed by those who were interested in lake traffic. Judge Branch held meetings in school houses and other available quarters along the proposed route and made eloquent appeals to the people. * * * The Judge fought for three years, and as the outcome of his labors, the charter for the Cleveland, Painesville and Ash-tabula railroad was secured." An example of Branch perseverance. Children of above William W. and Lucy, nine: William W., John L., Cornelia, Ida A., Martha L., Oliver E., Mary Alma, Charles C., Happy E.

William Wirt, first child of William W. and Lucy, b. Sept. 5, 1835, in Kirtland, Ohio; came to Madison 1837; went from Madison to Charleston,

W. Va., in 1885; occupation, manufacturer; married Jan. 5, 1876, Annie Lewis, daughter of Ebenezer of Marcy, N. Y., b. Aug. 22, 1848; children, three: Wirt Lewis, b. Oct. 31, 1876, died July 8, 1878; Mary Lucy, b. June 22, 1880; Wm. Lewis, b. Oct. 3, 1885.

John L. Branch, second child of William W. and L., b. Oct. 4, 1837, in Madison, O.; went from Madison to Painesville, O.; from Painesville to New York City. Occupation, lawyer. Married April 21, 1869, Mary L. Bolles, of New London, Conn.; children, two: John Bolles, b. Oct. 29, 1871 died Sept. 29, 1888, in New York City; Anna Hempstead, b. March 18, 1875.

Cornelia, third child of Wm. W. and Lucy, b. Sept. 19, 1839; died April 20, 1891, unmarried.

Ida A., fourth child of Wm. W. and Lucy, b. Aug. 27, 1842, in North Madison, Ohio; married Aug. 14, 1878, Wm. S. Mills, L. L. B., son of Wm. Mills of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, b. Nov. 14, 1850; went from Joliet, Ill., to New York City in 1880. Present occupation, principal of School 75 of Brooklyn, N. Y.; children, two: Wm. Branch, b. Jan. 19, 1880; died Jan. 22, 1880; Lucy Marjorie, b. Feb. 16, 1883; died July 30, 1887.

Martha Lucretia, fifth child of Wm. W. and Lucy, born March 19, 1845, in Madison, O.; married June 8, 1871, Edward Elisha Lyman of Sunderland, Mass.; went from Sunderland to Greenleaf, Mass., children, four: Edward Branch Lyman, b. June 7, 1872; Ethel, b. Aug. 27, 1875; Henry Wm., b. April 1, 1877; Hellen, b. Feb. 6, 1881.

Oliver E. Branch, sixth child of Wm. W. and L., born July 14, 1847, in Madison, Ohio; occupation, lawyer; married Oct. 17, 1878, Sarah Maria Chase, daughter of Winslow of North Weare, N. H.; children, four: Oliver Winslow, b. Oct. 4, 1879; Dorothy Witter, b. Dec. 6, 1881; Frederick William, b. Sept. 18, 1886; Rudolph Wellington, b. Nov. 26, 1890.

Mary Alma, seventh child of Wm. W. and Lucy, b. Oct. 2, 1850, in North Madison, O., unmarried; went to Parkersburg, W. Va., 1886; from Parkersburg to Charleston, W. Va., 1890. Married Dec. 23, 1889, Luella Layman of Parkersburg, W. Va., children, two: Regina L., b. Jan. 5, 1891; Lucy Amelia, b. Oct. 5, 1896.

Chas. C. Branch, eighth child of Wm. W. and Lucy, b. July 25, 1852, in North Madison, Ohio.

Happy Ella Branch, ninth child of Wm. W. and Lucy, b. June 17, 1854, in North Madison, O., unmarried.

Olive Branch, second child of Wm. and Lucretia, b. Nov. 21, 1806; died April 15, 1875, at Madison, Ohio, unmarried.

Samuel Gore Branch, third child of Wm. and Lucretia, born June 23, 1809, in New York state; died Nov. 19, 1863, in Marshalltown, Ia.; buried at North Madison, Ohio; occupation, carpenter; married Nov. 26, 1840, Arvilla Crocker, daughter of Roswell of Madison, b. Dec. 1, 1820; died Aug. 1, 1901, in Cleveland, O.; buried at Madison, O., children, five: Edward P., Albert, George R., Fannie, Wm. S. Edward Payson, b. Feb. 22, 1844, mar-

ried Sept., 1875, Abbie Clark. Albert C. Branch died, aged 14 years. George Roswell, b. Aug. 24, 1848; died March 29, 1849.

Fannie Mary, b. July 6, 1851, in Madison, O., married Nov. 20, 1872, Chas. M. Parsons; children, four: Edward Charles, b. April 6, 1874; married Dec. 14, 1899, Minnie Morck; one child, Lucile Minnie, b. March 17, 1901; Albert M. Parsons, b. Oct. 14, 1877; Jessie May, b. July 28, 1879; Harold Branch Parsons, b. Jan. 24, 1882.

William Samuel Branch, fifth child of Samuel G., b. Jan. 15, 1854, in Madison, Lake county, Ohio; married Nov. 16, 1881, Jessie F. Johnson of Rochester, Minn., b. Aug. 30, 1859, at Lost Creek, Va.; children, three: William Samuel, b. March 18, 1884; Payson L. P., b. Dec. 17, 1886; Berta Louisa, b. Jan. 27, 1893.

Erastus Witter Branch, fourth child of William and Lucretia, born Sept. 5, 1811; died Oct. 17, 1873, at Madison, O., unmarried.

Ambrose Branch, fifth child of William and Lucretia, born Feb. 19, 1815, died Nov. 30, 1876, at Madison, O.; married Jan. 1, 1839, Chloe Curtiss.

Solomon Branch, second child of Samuel and Ann, b. Oct. 13, 1730; died Nov. 9, 1745. Cyprian, third child of Samuel and Ann, b. June 5, 1732, died May 13, 1748. Ann, fourth child of Samuel and Ann, b. Feb. 17, 1731; married May 15, 1745, Joshua Gates of Preston, Conn. Isaac, fifth child of Samuel and Ann, b. Aug. 27, 1737, lived in Pittsfield, Mass.; married March 5, 1760, Suzana Weakley. Vine, sixth child of Samuel and Ann, b. Jan. 31, 1743, lived in Richmond, Mass.; married Dorothy Partridge. The following is from Berkshire county land records: "Vine Branch bought 50 acres of land in Lenox, Mass., May 6, 1769." Several years later he "bought 70 acres adjoining." He also "bought 12 acres in Richmond, Mass., Nov. 13, 1786. This land is now owned by his grandson, Wm. H. Branch. Vine Branch made a will, in Richmond, Mass., March 17, 1819; also another in Great Barrington, Mass., Sept. 13, 1825. In this will he mentions a grand-daughter, Lucy Ulty; also a grandson, Henry Branch Stevens. Children of Vine and Dorothy, seven: Cyprian, Levi, Eunice, Lucy, Welthy, Roswell, Rufus.

Cyprian, first child of Vine and Dorothy, married Phebe Raymond; lived in Pittsfield, Mass.; children, three: Harry, Orson, Parmy. Parmy married William Stevens; lived in Pittsfield.

Levi, second child of Vine and Dorothy, married Electa Lyman; children, twelve: Elmira married Isaac Brown; Eunice married Renslor Waldo; Sally married Lewis Smith; Levi Branch; Lucy, married Edward Chapman; Mandy, married Ansel Hammond. Harriet, married Seth Porter; Harry Branch; Fanny, married Josephine Dennison; Henry Branch; Mary Branch, Levis; family lived in Central New York.

Eunice Branch, third child of Vine and Dorothy; married Israel Leadbeater.

Lucy, fourth child of Vine and Dorothy, married — Ulty; one child, Lucy, married Norm Hatch.

Welthy Branch, fifth child of Vine and Dorothy, married Calvin Kendall.

Roswell, sixth child of Vine and Dorothy, married Theodocie Wright; lived in Pittsfield, Mass.; children, 7: Grove W., Vine P., Mary, Orson A., Rufus W., Salome, Albert.

Grove W., born in Pittsfield, Mass., 1803, died in Dalton, Mass., 1891; married Parmealia Sprague, children, five: Caroline A., married Dr. Henry Farre; Permealia married Samuel Hubbard; Hayden Branch died in Florida, 1902; Lucy married Ensign Smith; Ellen married — Chamberlin; George Branch lives in Pittsfield, Mass.; Robert Mason Branch married Martha J. Ross; children, two: Caroline, b. 1873, married Edward P. Wassonneau; one child: Caroline. Grove Ross, b. 1880, unmarried.

Vine P., second child of Roswell, died, unmarried.

Mary, third child of Roswell, married Alonzo Goodyear; children, three: Sarah, Seymour, Mary. Sarah married Jones Smith, children, two: Lucy, Charles, Seymour married Jennie Perchere, children, two: Wm. G. Perchere, dec'd; Mary S. Perchere married — Hoover.

Mary Branch Goodyear married Thomas Leah, children, two.

Orson A. Branch, fourth child of Roswell, married Mary Ann Harmon, one child, deceased.

Saloma Branch, fifth child of Roswell, married Artemas Cutter of Florence, Mass.; children, two: Henry, George.

Rufus W. Branch, sixth child of Roswell, b. Sept. 10, 1812, in Pittsfield, Mass., died Jan. 21, 1863, in Washington, Mich. Married Oct. 8, 1840, Phebe D. Cornell, b. Aug. 13, 1819, died Jan. 3, 1888; children, four: Abigail, Theodocia W., Mary U., Winifield S.. Abigail Thurston, b. Sept. 30, 1841, died Nov. 30, 1890; married Nov. 14, 1867, Royal Walker. Children, two: Elvin, Rufus B.; both deceased. Theodocia Wright Branch, b. Oct. 25, 1844, unmarried. Mary Underhill Branch, b. Oct. 20, 1848, died Jan. 11, 1883; married Floyd Van Risser; one child, Cora, born April 11, 1873. Winifield Scott Branch, b. June 9, 1855; went west in 1872; whereabouts unknown.

Rufus Branch, seventh child of Vine and Dorothy, b. 1787, died 1864, in Pittsfield, Mass.; married Jerusha Hotchkiss of Richmond, Mass.; one child, William Hubbard Branch, who owns the farm bought by his grandfather 136 years ago. He has the musket carried by Vine Branch in the war of '76.

Joseph Branch, ninth child of Peter and Hannah, b. Sept. 20, 1707, on Branch Hill, Preston, Conn., married Jan. 27, 1731, Zerviah Tracy, daughter of David and Sarah, b. Sept. 12, 1714, at Preston, Conn. Children of Joseph and Zerviah, six: Joseph, bap. Oct. 26, 1735; Asa, bap. Feb. 22, 1736; Zerviah, bap. May 21, 1738; Rufus, bap. March 16, 1740; Elizabeth, bap. Aug. 12, 1744; Amasa, bap. Dec. 1, 1745.

Rufus Branch, fourth child of Joseph and Zerviah, b. Feb. 5, 1739, on Branch Hill, Preston, Conn., died 1821, in Castleton, Vt.; buried there. Married, 1760, Abigail Mason, b. 1742, in Preston, Conn.; died in Castleton, Vt., 1835; buried there.

As it is the descendants of this couple that I am mostly acquainted with, I

will note a few items of their history. Perhaps we can better understand some of the facts connected with the lives of the following generations:

Rufus Branch was a minute man during the war of '76, and as such fought at the battle of Hubbardton and White Hall. When the signal sounded announcing the approach of the British on Bennington, he dropped his sickle in the wheatfield, mounted his horse and rode away. Joining Stark's forces he fought through the battle and with the rest of the victors followed Baum's retreating "Redcoats" to Stillwater. While in the vicinity of Stillwater he fell in the hands of the British. He was taken many days' march in the wilderness to a prison camp from which, after long weeks, he made his escape with the assistance of a British officer who furnished him with a musket, a few rounds of ammunition, a chunk of salt pork and last, but not least, a compass to guide him through the forest. This compass was for many years in the possession of the writer, but mysteriously disappeared some years ago. It is useless to remark a very liberal reward would be given for its return. It was of brass, very heavy, about $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch thick, three inches across, had a screw cover. It contained a sun dial, so in addition to telling the direction it told the time, in sunshine; on the cover was rudely scrawled the letters R. B. After making his escape from the British camp, Great Grandfather Rufus returned to his home near Bennington, where his wife with six children awaited him. During his absence she had, with the help of her daughter, finished harvesting the wheat, butchered their hogs, gathered much wood and otherwise made preparations to care for her family, in case her husband did not return.

Great-Grandmother Branch was a small woman, but a very resolute one. Many are the stories told of her bravery and wit. At the time of the battle of Bennington, several women gathered at the Branch home, it being near the mountains, so in case the British were victorious they could flee among the hills, thinking the "Red Coats" would not follow them there. The women had brought their "valuables," such as they could carry, the collection consisted of several strings of gold beads, fancy snuff boxes, books and a side saddle. Fear and consternation reigned. However, Great-grandmother sat carding flax; at last, at the earnest entreaty of the women, she tied her infant son Seth up in her "linsey" apron so as to be ready for flight if necessary. Still she pulled the cards, declaring she would not stir until she could see "what color the British eyes were." Years after, her husband persisted in keeping a large dog, she very much disliked. One day he poked his nose too near a shortcake she was baking on the hearth. Grandmother seized the brute and choked him until his tongue protruded and his mouth was covered with froth. She then let him out of doors, and rushing to the shop door, a few steps distant, she shouted "Rufus! Rufus! the dog is mad!" He, seeing the dog running about the yard with his mouth all froth seized his gun and shot the dog, saying "Too bad, too bad, such a good hunter." In telling the story to her grandchildren, Great Grandmother

said, "I told no lie, the dog was undoubtedly real mad, any dog would be to be choked as I choked that one."

To Rufus and Abigail were born 10 children: Margaret, Zerviah, Darius, Abigail, Mason, Rufus, Seth, Wait, Ruth, Ruba.

Margaret Branch, first child of Rufus, b. June 24, 1762, in Lenox, Mass.; married — Clark and went to Cleveland, O., probably before the war of 1812-14.

They came from Vermont to Buffalo, where they procured a small scow boat to get to Cleveland with. They poled it along the shore Gays and camped on the shore nights. They had several children at the time. About the year 1816 she, with her oldest son, started back to Vermont on a visit, on horse-back. On the way, the son was drowned. About six weeks was the time required to make the journey. After she returned to Cleveland a daughter married — Dockstader, another married — Carther. I have not been able to get any further trace of the family.

Zerviah Branch, second child of Rufus, b. Feb. 7, 1765, at Lenox, Mass.; died in Fletcher, Vt., 1843; married, 1786, Lemuel Scott, b. 1765, in Bennington, Vt.; died in Fletcher, Vt., April 21, 1821; children, nine: Jonathan, Lemuel, Seth, Levi and Abigail (twins), Anna, Emily, Jefferson, Wait.

Jonathan Scott, first child of Z. and L., b. 1788, in Bennington, Vt., died 1838 in Fletcher, Vt.; married Almira Ward, children nine: Madison, Harrison, Elvira, Maria, Alma, Chauncy, Chandler, B. Franklin, Zerviah. Madison Scott married Hannah Beach; children, two: (twins) Don Eugen, Hannah Rogene, supposed to live in Cal. Harrison Scott, married in Ohio; one son, Clarence, lives in Cal. Elvira Scott, married Rufus Montague; died in Fletcher, Vt., 1888. Maria Scott, married Aaron Drew of Fairfax, Vt., children five: Daniel, Truman, Reuben, John, Alma; Daniel Drew married Sarah Farnsworth of Fairfax, Vt.; last heard of in Cal.; Truman Drew married Sophrona Sanderson, both dec'd; Reuben Drew died unmarried; John Drew died in Randolph, Vt.; Alma Drew lived and died in Amherst, Mass., unmarried.

Nelson Drew, a Congregational minister, married; lived in Amherst, Mass.; died 1893; one child.

Alma Scott, fifth child of Johnathan, died in 1896, in Fletcher, Vt.

Chauncy, sixth child of Johnathan, married Prudence Chase; lived and died in Fletcher, Vt.; no children.

Chandelar married in Iowa; nothing learned of his family.

Benjamin Franklin, eighth child of Jonathan, married in Louisiana in 1854; still resides there.

Zerviah, ninth child of Johnathan, married Emmerson Lovegrew; one son living in Texas.

Lemuel Scott, second child of Zerviah and Lemuel, b. in Fletcher, Vt., 1790, the first white male child born in the town; married Elizabeth Montague of Fletcher, Vt., children, nine: Darius, Marcus D., Seth, Abigail, Lemuel, Anna, Rufus, Emily; another daughter, name not learned. Darius Scott married Anna Larabee, children three: A daughter, name not learned, William, Marcus, both married. Seth Scott, second child of L. and E., married Lucy Ferrier, live in New York City; children, ten: unable to locate them. Marcus D., third child of L. and E., married; resides in Canada, Abigail, fourth child of L. and E., married Henry Bromhamm, member of the Oneida Society of Perfectionists; no children. Lemuel Scott, fifth child of L. and E., married Mary Danforth; one son, Clarence. Anna Scott, sixth child of L. and E., married E. Payson Tyler, a Congregational minister; both died; unable to locate their children, a daughter living in Dakota. Rufus, seventh child of L. and E., married Jane Powell; one son, Geo. V. Scott, now living in Mass. Emily, eighth child of L. and E., married David Carlton of Watertown, N. Y.; children three: Henry, Lute, Frank.

Seth Scott, third child of Zerviah and Lemuel, b. in Fletcher, Vt., Feb. 2, 1792; died Aug. 4, 1868; married Oct. 16, 1825, Charlotte Rice; died July 8, 1869; children, five: George M., C. C., C. H., Wm. N., Wait. George M.,

born in Fletcher, 1826, married Lucretia Bell; died June 26, 1870. Second wife, Susan Shandley, dec'd; one child, Loretta B., married W. N. Parsons; children, two, Winona Mae, b. 1897; Evalyn Inez, b. 1901. C. C. Scott married Nellie Boyd; no children. C. H. Scott married Bertha Bushby, no children. William Scott, born in Fletcher, Vt., July 24, 1835, married Nettie Proctor, 1856, died 1863. Married second wife, 1866, Sophia Roby, died 1897; married third wife, Jennie Holbrook, 1900; children, four: Two by first wife, two by second wife. Wait Scott, fifth child of Seth, b. Sept. 29, 1836, in Fletcher, Vt., died there Aug. 2, 1901; married Joan Smith, children, four: Winona M., Don J., Lottie W., Frank N.; daughter dead; sons live in Conn., unable to locate them.

Levi and Abigail, twin children of Zerviah and Lemuel: Levi Scott, b. 1795, in Fletcher; married Eunice Nichols, children five: Henry W., Olive, Lynn, Martin, Avaline. Henry W. married Maria Spaulding, no children. Olive married Winfield Scott, no children. Lynn married — Reynolds, no children. Aveline married S. E. Montague, (dec'd); married second husband, Oates Sherman, children two: Clarence Montague, Cora Sherman. Abigail, twin of Levi, b. 1795, in Fletcher, Vt., married Icabod Chase, children two: Abigail and Wait. Abigail married P. O. Wetherby, children four: Belinda (dec'd), Byron P., E. J., Luna. Byron Wetherby married Edna Fox, children six: Alistair, Herman, Fluella, Willie, Lena, Natalia. E. J. Wetherby married Jennie Cox; children two, (twins): Lena and Lulu. Lena married Charles Johnson.

Anna Scott, sixth child of Zerviah and Lemuel, b. 1797, in Fletcher, Vt.; married Cornealia Higgins; one child, Lucy Higgins, married E. W. Law, children four: Florence, Solace (died), Olive, Phebe. Olive married Levi Stickney, one child, Cyrus Stickney of Massachusetts. Phebe Higgins married R. W. Bailey, dec'd. She resides in Fletcher.

Emily Scott, seventh child of Z. and Lemuel, b. 1800, in Fletcher; married Guy Kingsley; settled in North Brookfield, Vt., no children.

Jefferson Scott, eighth child of Z. and Lemuel, b. 1803; married Mary Kingsley, settled in N. Brookfield, no children.

Wait Scott, ninth child of Z. and Lemuel, b. 1805, in Fletcher, Vt.; married a woman from Kentucky, children four: Newton, John, Edward, Martin; unable to locate them.

Darius Branch, third child of Rufus, b. June 4, 1767, in Lenox, Mass., died May 9, 1851, in Castleton, Vt. Married, 1798, Triphena Goodwin, born March 20, 1772; died April 3, 1876, at Castleton, Vt.; children, ten: Elijah, Zerviah, Clarissa, Almeron, Olive, Ruby, Darius G., Fannie, Philena, Norris M., Lucy.

Elijah Branch, first child of Darius, b. Nov. 14, 1790, in Castleton, Vt.; died May 14, 1869, in Mentor, O.; married July 15, 1815, Sophia Frisbie, b. Nov. 14, 1795; died Nov. 7, 1888; children nine: Fayette, Henry, Clarissa, Darius G., Salome O., Marcia S., Elsa M., Abby F., Bruce W.

Fayette, b. June 28, 1816; died Aug. 26, 1884; married Jan. 27, 1836, George B. Jester; no children.

Henry, b. July 9, 1819; died March 18, 1848; married April 14, 1844, Eliza A. Beeman; no children.

Clarissa, b. Nov. 8, 1820; died March 27, 1850; married Jan. 11, 1846, George Force; one child, Frank Force, supposed to have died of smallpox in the west.

Darius G., b. Oct. 23, 1822; died Sept. 10, 1897; married May 3, 1850, Sally J. Moore; children two: Henry and E. D. Henry Branch died Feb. 4, 1903, in Chardon, O.; married Olive Smith; no children. E. D. Branch married Nov. 19, 1891, Mary Woods.

Salome O., fifth child of Elijah, b. Aug. 7, 1825; died Dec. 9, 1899. Married May 18, 1850, Otis Haskell; no children.

Marcia A., sixth child of Elijah, b. April 12, 1828; died Dec. 5, 1892; married July 4, 1876, C. W. Munsell; no children.

Elsa M., seventh child of Elijah, b. Aug. 16, 1830, died Nov. 15, 1890. Married Jan. 31, 1850, D. W. Newell; children two: Nettie Newell married — Summers, children three: Berta, Eddie, Ethel. Frank E. Newell married Nettie Mack; no children.

Abby F., eighth child of Elijah, b. Oct. 30, 1833; died Dec. 3, 1875; married, March 27, 1857, C. W. Munsell; children, three; George J., Lillie and Willie. George J. married Kate Mack, died 1890; one child, Marcia; Lillie married Thomas Whitman; Willie married Maggie Henderson; died 1898.

Bruce W., ninth child of Elijah, b. July 11, 1835; married July 11, 1867, Emma L. Forbes, dec'd; married second time, Minerva Hattersly; children three: Earl B., Claud M., Oliver W. Earl B., b. April 14, 1868; married July 17, 1890, Margia Finch; one son, Harrison B., b. Feb. 9, 1891. Claud M., b. Oct. 6, 1869; Oliver W., b. Sept., 1876; married Oct. 18, 1899, Blanche Follett; one daughter, Marcia, b. March 11, 1902.

Zerviah Branch, second child of Darius, born Aug. 15, 1792; died Oct. 23, 1795.

Clarissa, third child of Darius, b. Aug. 28, 1795, died Oct. 4, 1796.

Almeron, fourth child of Darius, b. Sept. 8, 1797, in Castleton, Vt.; died there May 8, 1875; married Alma Northrup, resided in Castleton, Vt.; children three: Albert, died aged 22 years; Willie, died aged 10 years; Caroline died 1884; married Prof. R. M. Wright, died 1904; one child, Alma G. Wright, unmarried.

Olive Branch, fifth child of Darius; b. Nov. 22, 1799, in Orwell, Vt.; died May 12, 1892; married Rev. Urie Maynard; children five: Rosamond F., Mathew H., Frances A., Darius G. Rosamond and Frances died in infancy.

Mathew H. Maynard, b. April 10, 1832; married Oct. 17, 1856, Mary Eudocia Foote of Cleveland, O.; children three: Alfred F., Cornealia L., Gardner. Alfred Foote, b. Aug. 17, 1857; married June, 1882, Hellen Pickands Goodwin of Marquette, Mich.; children one, James P. Maynard, b. Nov. 20,

1887. Cornealia Louisa, b. July 31, 1860; married Sept. 4, 1887, Wm. David Rees; children three: Dorothy, b. Dec. 15, 1888; Henry Maynard Rees, b. Nov. 17, 1890; Marian Rees, b. Feb. 20, 1892.

Frances Amealina Maynard, b. Dec. 31, 1836, in Castleton, Vt.; married Aug. 8, 1860, Rev. George F. Hunting; children six: William P., George A. Bernice, Mary O., Henry G., Merrill M., Wm. Pitt and Geo. Albert Hunting died in infancy; Bernice, b. May 15, 1865; Mary Olive, b. Aug. 21, 1867; Henry Gardner, b. Sept. 2, 1870; married April 20, 1900, Edyth Jenny, of Ann Arbor, Mich.; Merrill Maynard, b. July 1, 1875; married Dec. 23, 1903, Kate Hamilton of Saginaw, Mich.

Darius Gardner Maynard, fifth child of Olive, b. July, 1839, drowned at Marquette, Mich., July 17, 1867. He served three years as a soldier in the Civil War, as Lieutenant, Adjutant, and finally as Captain in the First Michigan Cavalry; was wounded and discharged. Married, 1864, Cornelia Elizabeth Foote of Cleveland, O.; one child, Nellie G., b. March 16, 1866, married 1890, Eugene Van Horn of Charlottenburg, Germany; children, three: Helmuth, b. 1891, died 1895. Vera, b. 1893. Gard, b. 1895.

Ruby Branch, sixth child of Darius, b. Nov. 26, 1801, died Dec. 3, 1826, at Castleton, Vt.

Dr. Darius G. Branch, seventh child of Darius, b. March 14, 1805, in Castleton, Vt.; died Dec. 23, 1880, in Cleveland, O. married; children, two: Clara Branca, b. in Cleveland, O., died Nov. 3, 1903, in Painesville, O., unmarried. Willie Branch, b. in Cleveland, O.

Fanny, eighth child of Darius, see Dr. Isaac Branch, son of L. and A.

Philena, ninth child of Darius, b. Jan. 9, 1809; died Dec. 3, 1879; married May 31, 1846, Elijah White of Ogdenburg, N. Y.; lived and died there; no children.

Norris M. Branch, tenth child of Darius, b. Oct. 12, 1811, in Castleton, Vt.; died April 27, 1881; married — Smith. Two sons, Burton A. Branch, William S. Branch; both reside in Chicago, Ill.

Lucy Branch, 11th child of Darius, born March 7, 1816, in Castleton, Vt.; died there March 26, 1886; married July 18, 1843, Aaron Griswold; children two, Charles H. and Rosamond. Charles H., b. Sept. 21, 1844, in Castleton, Vt.; married Feb. 18, 1882, Eliza Otis; no children. Rosamond, b. Feb. 12, 1847; died Dec. 27, 1895; married Oct. 19, 1876, Walter Barnard. One child, Lillian, b. May 28, 1879; married June 29, 1898, Seward E. Westfall; one child, Ruth, b. May 7, 1901.

Abigail Branch, fourth child of Rufus and Abigail, b. Dec. 4, 1769, in Lenox, Mass.; died Aug. 11, 1810, in Benson, Vt.; married 1790, Luther Branch (a very distant relative unable to trace his ancestors) b. at Preston, Conn., Oct. 15, 1765. Luther Branch's second wife, Mary Burbank, b. June 16, 1767, in Hartford, Conn.; died Nov. 26, 1829, in Lenox, N. Y. Children four: Mason, Samuel, Isaac, Abigail.

Mason, b. Oct. 16, 1791, in Benson, Vt.; died March 8, 1864, at Stockbridge, Mich.; married Nov. 20, 1813, Maryette Burbank, b. 1795, in Gran-

ville, Mass.; died Feb., 1874, at Jackson, Mich. Children five: M. D. Lafayette, Jerome C., Henry M., Edward H., Isaac. Marquis De Lafayette, b. May 15, 1815, in Burlington, Vt.; died Jan. 8, 1904, at Owasso, Mich.; married, Oct. 20, 1839. Rebecca Jane Young of Saline, Mich. Children two: Mariette, married Robert McKensie; second daughter married A. W. Johnson, children two: Edward M., married Kate Dryer of Lansing, Mich.; B. E. Johnson, unmarried. Jerome C. Branch, second child of Mason, b. March 28, 1822, in Vernon, N. Y.; married Lovina Wood. No children. Henry M., third child of Mason, b. June 23, 1825, in Lenox, N. Y.; died March 4, 1891, at Owasso, Mich.; married Elizabeth Gilbert, children two: Mason M., married Ida Halleck, children five: Mariette, married Charles Magee of Jackson, Mich. Edward H., fourth child of Mason, b. Oct. 30, 1833, in Benson, Vt.; married Evalyn Chase; one child, Edward Chase. Edward Chase Branch, married Alice Thornhill; one child, Chase Thornhill Branch, b. May, 1902. Isaac N. Branch, fifth child of Mason, b. July 14, 1838; married Aug. 8, 1858, Helen E. Fisher; no children. They adopted a boy and gave him their name; that he is an honor to it is shown by the fact that he is a member of the legislature from Jackson, Mich. He married Jannie Dibble; children four: Josephine, b. 1892; Mildred, b. 1894; Marion, b. 1894; Harriet, b. 1897.

Samuel Branch, second child of Luthur and Abigail, b. April 30, 1797, in Benson, Vt.; was killed by Jessie Adams in a riot in Abbeville, S. C., July 19, 1840; married Jan. 11, 1821, Elizabeth Wilson of Abbeville, S. C.; children nine: Mary A., Sarah A., John L., Isaac B., Daniel W., Robert M., James L. P., Frances C., William A.

Mary Ann Branch, first child of S. and E., b. Oct. 27, 1821; married Eli Holliday; both dec'd. Children eight: Augusta Holliday married Robert L. Rhodes; children two: Lulu, Fanny, Sullie E. Holliday married Lois R. White; no children. Wm. Holliday married Julia ——— of Urbana, O.; one son, William. Elizabeth Holliday never married. Alice Holliday married Horace Rhodes. Charles Holliday never married. Lucy Holliday never married. Benjamin C. Holliday never married; dec'd.

Sarah Abigail Branch, second child of Samuel and Elizabeth, b. Feb. 25, 1824, in Abbeville, S. C., married Francis L. Menkey; children six: Henry Alton Menkey married Mary Swann; children two: Frank, William, Ella Louisa Menkey never married. Elizabeth Hurdamen Menkey never married. Kate Queen Menkey married Goodman S. Johnson; children two: Lawrence Branch Johnson, married Frances Butte; James Frederick Johnson. Francis Barstow Menkey married Julia Le Gett; two children: Lawrence and Francis B. Isadore G. Menkey married Hellen S. Norris; children four: Kate, Marvin Branch, Lawrence, Norris.

John Luthen Branch, third child of Samuel, b. Aug. 27, 1825; married Margaret Inglesby; died 1868; children three: Married second wife, Nattia Guchel; children two: John L., Jr., Samuel R., Benj'n F., Lavina, Edwin.

Isaac Branch, fourth child of Samuel, b. Dec. 16, 1828; married Lou C. Cocqueroff; both dead; no children.

Daniel Webster Branch, fifth child of Samuel, b. June 3, 1831; married Annie Cocqueroff; children five: Clarence, Mary E., Ida C. (married George Branch Londley), Wm. W., Geo. C.

Robert Mason Branch, sixth child of Samuel, b. Jan. 18, 1833; died many years ago in Kentucky.

James Lewis Pettigrew Branch, seventh child of Samuel, b. Sept. 26, 1834; died in childhood.

Frances C. Branch, eighth child of Samuel, b. Nov. 24, 1836; married John Queen; children two: John, William; reside in Urbana, O.

William A. Branch, ninth child of Samuel, b. Oct. 9, 1838; married Anna Fitz; children eight: Frank, Rose, Mary, Kate, William, Clifford, Tully, Navy.

Isaac Branch, M. D., third child of Luthur, b. Dec. 18, 1800, in Benson, Vt.; died in Atlanta, Ga.; married Nov. 8, 1829, Fanny Branch, daughter of Darius and Triphena, b. Nov. 24, 1806, in Castleton, Vt.; died Nov. 28, 1871; children ten, only three grew to man and womanhood: Mary F., Louisa H., W. T. Mary Frances, b. July 15, 1833, in Abbiville, S. C., died there April 19, 1872; married Jan. 27, 1853, David Londley, children seven (three died in infancy): George B., Harriet R., Virginia A., William, George B. Londley, b. Dec. 17, 1854; married Feb., 1889, Ida Branch, grand-daughter of Samuel H., son of Luthur; no children. Harriet Rebecca Londley, b. July 16, 1857; married Nov. 3, 1876, J. C. Hadden; children six: Lulu B., Clifford S., Irwin J., Virginia Mae, Salla, Mary G.; all born in Due West, S. C. Virginia Aetna Londley, b. Jan. 27, 1863; a trained nurse. William Tully Londley, b. Feb. 16, 1866; married Mary Skinner of Huntsville, Ala.: one child, Hazel.

Louisa H. Branch, child of Dr. Isaac, b. June 29, 1842, died 1871; married 1871. —Haddon.

William Tully Branch, child of Dr. Issac, b. April 23, 1845, in Abbiville, S. C., died Nov. 6, 1903. Married June 7, 1870, Anna Wilson; died June 7, 1890. No children.

Abigail Branch, fourth child of Luthur, b. March 28, 1807, in Benson, Vt.; died 1873, at New Haven, Mich.; married May 30, 1827, George Wallace; children eleven: George A., Samuel, Mary, Alonzo and Lorenzo (twins), Frances, Daniel, Nancy, Sarah A., John M., Lydia, George Alva Wallace, first child of Abigail, b. July 29, 1828, in Lenox, N. Y.; married Jan. 23, 1850, Nancy Ann Rose of Lyndon, Mich.; died May 16, 1875, at St. John's Mich. George A. married second wife Oct. 3, 1876, Cynthia G. Dorman; children six: Sarah A., Nancy Jane, Marion R., Samuel Bion, Cora A. Eva Mary, Sarah Abigail, b. March 26, 1851; died Sept. 14, 1851. Nancy Jane Wallace, b. Feb. 28, 1853; married June 1, 1870, John G. Booth; children three: Cynthia, b. April, 1876; Maud Leona, b. 1879; Wallace Branch, b. April 10, 1882; married March 15, 1903, Gertrude Herron, b. Feb. 22, 1904. Marian Rose Wallace, third child of George and Nancy, b. July 19, 1855;

died July 31, 1898, at Seattle, Wash.; married July 4, 1876, Forrest J. Raymond; no children. Samuel Bion Wallace, fourth child of George and N., b. Dec. 12, 1857, unmarried. Cora Adealia, fifth child of George and N., b. August 15, 1862; married June 30, 1891, Winsor Earl; children two: Stanley Bion, b. Feb. 3, 1895, in Saxon, Wis.; Eva Rose, b. Oct. 30, 1896. Eva Mary, sixth child of George and N., b. April 27, 1866; married June 22, 1887, Geo. F. Howe; children two: Hazel Marion, b. Oct. 4, 1889, in Hurley, Wis.; Chauncy, b. July 26, 1892, in Saxon, Wis.

Samuel Branch Wallace, second child of Abigail, b. Sept. 25, 1830; married Oct. 18, 1872, Elizabeth M. Barton, b. March 9, 1845; children six: Bernice C., Carrie M., Bertha B., Ernest S., Ethel G., S. Branch. Bernice, b. Aug. 19, 1873, died March 7, 1883; Carrie M., b. Jan. 10, 1876; Bertha B., b. Aug. 10, 1878; married Sept. 17, 1897, George L. Ayers, b. March 13, 1878, children two: Viola A. Ayers, b. May 30, 1898; Arnold B. Ayers, b. Feb. 19, 1902. Ernest S. Wallace, b. May 3, 1881, died March 4, 1883. Ethel L., b. Dec. 18, 1883; S. Branch, b. Aug. 16, 1886.

Mary Wallace, third child of Abigail, b. April 15, 1833; married Nov. 1, 1854, Spencer Boyce, b. June 4, 1829; children six: Loyal, Ella, Samuel, George, Mary A., Sarah. Loyal, b. Sept. 4, 1855, died Feb. 6, 1875. Ella, b. May 8, 1857, married Nov. 2, 1881, Allen Skidmore; children two: Alta May, b. Dec. 28, 1883; Mary Ethel Skidmore, b. Jan. 29, 1889. Samuel Boyce, b. Nov. 21, 1859, married Dec. 30, 1885, Anna Hadley; children three: Calista, b. 1887; Floyd, b. 1892; Howard, b. 1894. George Boyce, b. July 15, 1862; married Oct. 16, 1889, Mary Behm; children six: Spencer, b. 1892; Frances, b. 1894; John, b. 1895; Eliza, b. 1898; Leoritta, b. 1900; Mary, b. 1902. Mary Abby Boyce, b. Oct. 3, 1872; married Nov. 13, 1895, Lois Roepcker; children three: Mary, b. 1897; Irene, b. 1898; Pearl, b. 1901. Sarah Boyce, b. May 9, 1875; died March 19, 1900; married April 10, 1897, Charles Daley; one child, Adornia, b. 1900.

Alonzo Wallace, twin of Lorenzo, child of Abigail, b. June 25, 1834, married Oct. 12, 1855, Elizabeth M. Ott, of Grand Haven, Mich. Alonzo Wallace was a soldier in the Civil War; was a prisoner six months. Children of Alonzo, eleven: Chester, William, Alonzo, Charley, Annie, Mamie, John, Loyal, Mirta, Golda, Blanch, Chester, b. Aug. 17, 1856, married Ella Richards. William, b. June 5, 1859, married; has several children. Alonzo, b. 1861, deceased. Charley, b. May 4, 1863, married; several children. Annie, b. May 10, 1866, married — Austin; several children reside in Maine. Mamie, b. May 10, 1866; deceased. John, b. Nov. 28, 1870, married Ida Jewett; children, four: Leon, Mandie, Jewett, Boby, (the two latter deceased.) Loyal, b. Aug. 15, 1874. Mirta, b. Oct. 31, 1882. Golda, b. Oct. 26, 1883, married Sirvus Orth. Blanch Wallace, eleventh child of Alonzo, b. Dec. 1884.

Lorenzo Wallace, (twin of Alonzo), b. June 25, 1834; married, March 25, 1859, Anna M. Clapp, b. June 6, 1839; one child, Frank Eugene, b. Feb. 23, 1861, died Feb. 14, 1901.

Francis Wallace, sixth child of Abigail; unable to learn of his or her descendants.

Daniel Wallace, seventh child of Abigail, married, 1860, Emma Love; children, four: Della, Arthur, George, Emma. Della, b. Oct. 11, 1864, married ——— McEntire; several children. Arthur, b. Dec. 18, 1866, married.

Nancy Wallace, eighth child of Abigail, died in childhood.

Sarah Abigail Wallace, ninth child of Abigail, b. Oct. 11, 1844, in Lyndon, Mich., married, Dec. 18, 1860, Alvin Evans, b. June 7, 1830, in Troy, N. Y.; died April 8, 1900, at Owasso, Mich.; children, four: George Truby, b. April 3, 1867, died Feb. 26, 1871. Wallace A., b. March 10, 1877, in Owasso, Mich., died there, March 3, 1881. Albert B., b. Oct. 9, 1880, in Owasso, Mich., married, Nov. 19, 1902. Nettie Wood, of Owasso, Mich. Vernon A. L., b. June 9, 1887, in Owasso, Mich.

John M. Wallace, tenth child of Abigail, b. 1846.

Lydia Wallace, eleventh child of Abigail, b. Aug. 17, 1848, married, 1869, George Sawyer, deceased.

Mason Branch, fifth child of Rufus, b. 1772, drowned in Castleton pond, Vt., 1788.

Rufus Branch, sixth child of Rufus and A., b. Sept. 7, 1774, in Bennington, Vt., died Nov. 30, 1845, in Mesopotamia, O. Married, Nov. 9, 1796, Sylvia Goodwin, b. March 6, 1774, died at Castleton, Vt., Feb. 6, 1804; married, June 5, 1804, second wife. Abi Joslyn; children, ten: Polly, Asa, Mason, John, Sylvia, Polly, Margaret, Ruby, F. L., Angeline. Polly, first child of Rufus, Jr., b. July 6, 1798, died Aug. 6, 1800. Asa, second child of Rufus Jr., b. Sept. 2, 1800, died Jan. 5, 1813. Mason Branch, third child of Rufus Jr., b. Feb. 9, 1802, in Castleton, Vt., died July 3, 1882, in Kingsville, O.; buried in Saybrook, O. A grand old man. John, fourth child of Rufus, Jr., b. Feb. 1, 1804, in Castleton, Vt., died Feb. 27, 1876, in Schodak, N. Y.; married, Dec. 19, 1832, Mary Lewis, died March 3, 1843, in Schodak, N. Y.; children, three: J. G. W., R. Huntington, Lewis. J. G. W. Branch, b. Nov. 16, 1833, in Chatham, N. Y., unmarried; was well educated, a lawyer by profession; became blind through an accident in a mine in New Mexico in his early manhood. R. Huntington, b. May 8, 1838, in Chatham, N. Y., married, Nov. 6, 1862, Elizabeth C. See, died Feb. 28, 1898; children, two: Edwin, John. Edwin, b. July 17, 1877, in Schodak, N. Y., unmarried. John, b. Dec. 6, 1878, in Schodak, N. Y., married, Oct. 30, 1895, Carrie E. Brooks; one child, John R., b. Nov. 29, 1899, in N. Y. City. Lewis Branch, b. March 23, 1842, in Chatham, N. Y., married, March 22, 1863, Estella Travis; children, two: Charles J., Carrie E. Charles J., married, Aug. 8, 1888, Alida Beardsley; one child, Adealia, b. June 7, 1889. Carrie E., b. July 23, 1867, in Schodak, N. Y., married, Aug. 1, 1895, John A. Patterson.

Sylvia, fifth child of Rufus, Jr., b. July 17, 1805, in Castleton, Vt.; died in Saybrook, Ohio, Oct. 5, 1862; married Hiram Hickox; died Oct. 12, 1862; children two: Hiram Malon, Lucy.

Hiram Malon, b. July 11, 1832, in Mesopotamia, Ohio; killed Dec. 13,

1878, by being thrown from his wagon by his team running, while moving from Defiance county, Ohio, to St. Joseph, Mich.; married Sept. 18, 1853. Fanny Converse of Saybrook, died May 11, 1864, in Royalton, Mich. H. Malon Hickox married second wife, Nov. 17, 1867, Betsy Arliff, b. Sept. 6, 1837; died March 28, 1898; children six: Evaline, Gertrude, Myrta, Bertha A., Rachel A., Arthur. Evaline, b. June 11, 1857, in Saybrook, O., married Nov. 28, 1878, Francis Mock, children nine: Walter, b. Dec. 17, 1879; married Dec. 25, 1903, Carrie Fouts; Earl, b. May 13, 1882; Margaret Pearl, b. March 14, 1884, died July 11, 1898; Willis, b. March 1, 1886; Curtis, b. May 7, 1889; Hazel, b. May 10, 1893; Charles, b. March 27, 1895; Evaline, b. Nov. 22, 1897; Virgil, b. March 22, 1903. Gertrude Hickox, b. May 25, 1860, died Sept. 28, 1865, in St. Joseph, Mich. Myrta, b. April 23, 1864, married Wm. Swadling; one child, and one adopted: Bertha Adella, b. Jan. 31, 1870, married Chas. Wesley Flickenger; one child, Wesley Lindon, b. May 30, 1903. Rachel Angeline, b. Aug. 25, 1873; married William Paris; died Feb. 1, 1904; one child, William Lesta, b. Sept. 27, 1902. Arthur, b. June 26, 1876; married Ivy Kellogg, died Aug. 3, 1899.

Lucy Hickox, b. March 19, 1835, in Mesopotamia, Ohio; died in Pierce City, Mo., Nov. 19, 1889; married, 1856, Fenner Cook of Saybrook, O., deceased; married second husband, Philetus Farr of St. Joseph, Mich; children, six: Etta, Louis, Albert, Alvy, Fred, Maud. Etta Cook, b. Nov. 30, 1859, in Saybrook, Ohio; married James Loder of Pierce City; he died there April 12, 1890; one child, Odessa Jeanette, b. Dec. 22, 1889, in Pierce City, Mo. Louis Elbert Farr, married Cordealia Hite; children two: May, L. 1893; Oscar, b. 1896. Alvy Farr married, 1900, Louisa Paul; one child, b. 1901. Fred Farr died 1890. Maud Farr married James Howard; one son, b. 1898.

Polly Branch, sixth child of Rufus, Jr., b. May 20, 1808, in Castleton, Vt.; died near Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 3, 1843; married Smith Jones; children three: Alf, Wakeley, Mary J. Alfred died many years ago, unmarried. Wakley Jones married; one daughter living near Boston, N. Y., at last accounts. Wakley Jones married second wife, Mate German of New Boston, N. Y., had one son; find no trace of them. Mary Jane Jones married — Woodward; children, three boys; nothing learned of her or her descendants.

Margaret, seventh child of Rufus, Jr., b. 1811; died March 3, 1813.

Ruby, eighth child of Rufus, Jr., b. June 21, 1814, in Castleton, Vt.; died Dec. 9, 1850, at Mesopotamia, Ohio; married Oct. 9, 1834, Benj'n Bowers; children six: Sylvia M., Cornealus, Henerette, Henry, Ellen A., Ruby A.; Sylvia M., b. Feb. 3, 1836, in Mesopotamia, O.; died March 12, 1889, at Grafton, S. D.; married, June 9, 1856, William Phillips of Waterloo, Wis.; children four: James, unmarried; Ella, married John Wilson of Lake Mills, Wis.; Myrtle married — Reeves of Howard, S. D.; Willie Phillips, Cornealus Bowers, b. Aug. 4, 1838, in Mesopotamia; died there in 1853. Henrietta, b. Jan. 3, 1846, in Mesopotamia; married John Wilson of Lake Mills, Wis.; children three: Etta, Claud, Lee. Henry Bow-

ers, b. Sept. 5, 1841, in Mesopotamia, Ohio; died on Vicksburg battlefield May 28, 1863. Ellen Abi, b. Sept. 9, 1844, in Mesopotamia, O.; married E. C. Campbell of Clay Center, Kan.; children two: Myrtle, Azel. Ruby Abby Bowers, b. Sept. 1, 1849, in Mesopotamia, O., married Dec. 29, 1868, Chester A. Hosmer of Parkmon, O.; children three: Sylvester B., Lee, Stella. Sylvester B., b. Nov. 7, 1870, in Middlefield, O., married Sept. 28, 1898, Norma Kohlrose; children, two: Chester A., b. Sept. 24, 1900; Herbert C., b. Oct. 10, 1902. Lee, b. July 3, 1872, in Mesopotamia, O.; married Sept. 2, 1903, Janie Forrest.

Stella G. Hosmer, b. Aug. 14, 1877, in Middlefield, O.; married May 29, 1898, R. D. Cone; children two: Paul C., b. Jan. 28, 1900; J. Merle, b. March 15, 1903.

Frederick Linsey Branch, ninth child of Rufus, Jr., b. Oct. 23, 1819, in Castleton, Vt.; died Aug. 13, 1890, in Saybrook, Ohio; married Oct. 19, 1851, Sophia P. Proud; children three: Angeline, Hellen M., Ernest W. Angeline, b. Feb. 11, 1853, in Saybrook, O.; died there April 19, 1896. Hellen M., b. July 1, 1855, in Saybrook, O.; married Dec. 3, 1873, Alfred Hanna Stewart; children four: Paul, b. Sept. 9, 1876, in Saybrook, O.; Alfred, b. May 30, 1880; Alma, b. May 30, 1880, in Saybrook, O.; married Nov. 8, 1902, Frank Warren Richmond; one child, Harrold Warren, b. Sept. 20, 1903, in Saybrook, O. Marc Stewart, b. June 16, 1883, in Saybrook, Ohio. Ernest W. Branch, b. Jan. 16, 1863, in Saybrook, O.; married June 27, 1891, Estella Smyth; children two: Grace, b. Aug. 6, 1892, in Cleveland, O.; Marjorie, b. Nov. 8, 1894, in Cleveland.

Angeline Branch, 10th child of Rufus, Jr., b. July 29, 1823, in Castleton, Vt.; died Aug. 23, 1878, in Mesopotamia, O.; married May 28, 1846, Lemuel Higby; children three: Isodene A., Perlia E., George. Isodene A., b. Nov. 11, 1847, in Mesopotamia, O.; married Dec. 25, 1867, Edmond Knapp; children two: Perlia Agnes, b. May 6, 1883, in Garrettsville, O.; Howard Higby, b. July 4, 1886, in Garrettsville, O. Perlia Etta Higby, b. March 22, 1851, in Mesopotamia, O.; married Sept., 1869, Reuben Daniels; one child, George Ellis Daniels, b. May 30, 1873, in Garrettsville, O. George Higby, b. Feb. 6, 1853, in Mesopotamia, Ohio; married June 1, 1878, Eliza Curtis; no children.

Seth W. Branch, seventh child of Rufus and Abigail, b. 1777, in Bennington, Vt.; died Sept. 16, 1854, in Shalersville, O., where he came in 1833. Married, 1798, Polly Demming, b. 1779; died Jan. 27, 1864, in Shalersville, O.; children, seven: Benjamin H., Mary, Martin D., Ferrand M., Eliza, Seth P., Laura G.

Benj. Holton, b. 1800, in Castleton, Vt., died 1824 at Monkton, Vt.; married Rozilla Branch, daughter of Elijah Branch of Monkton, Vt. (a very distant relative); no children.

Mary, b. Dec. 30, 1801, in Castleton, Vt.; died Sept. 2, 1887, in Indianapolis, Ind.; married Hector Hickox Hall; died in Indianapolis, Ind.; 1888;

children three: Ann Eliza, Jane Adealia, Eliza Frances; all died in young womanhood.

Martin D., b. Feb. 16, 1804, in Castleton, Vt.; died March 8, 1881, in Orwell, Vt.; married, June 25, 1831, Luna Tenney, b. Aug. 27, 1803; died May 31, 1892, in Orwell, Vt.; children, two: Isaac T. and Vernon H. Isaac Tenney, born Feb. 15, 1822, in Orwell, Vt.; died there Feb. 24, 1902; married Feb. 15, 1857, Mary Italy Churchill, b. 1838 in Milwaukee, Wis.; died Dec. 27, 1864, in Orwell, Vt. Isaac T. married second wife, Emma Sabina Moffit, b. April 20, 1847; died June 15, 1903, in Orwell, Vt.; children five: Walter T., Vernon H., May E., Jay E., Anna L. Walter Tenney Branch, b. July 25, 1859; married, May 19, 1887, Minnie Bell Campbell of Sewall, W. Va.; children three: Carlton Campbell, Churchill, Tenney. Vernon Harris Branch, Jr., b. Feb. 3, 1863, in Milwaukee, Wis.; married Oct. 20, 1885, Luella Brown of Milwaukee, Wis.; one child, Hazel Branch. Jay Ernest Branch, b. July 19, 1875, in Orwell, Vt. May Emma Branch, b. July 19, 1875, in Orwell, Vt. Married Sept. 28, 1893, Glenn Chas. Phelps, b. April 13, 1873, in Orwell, Vt. Children four: Roy Glenn, b. July 13, 1894; Mildred May, b. Feb. 21, 1898; Effie Emma, b. Feb. 15, 1901; Luella Anna, b. May 3, 1903. Anna Luna Branch, fifth child of Isaac T., b. Dec. 10, 1880, in Orwell, Vt. Vernon Harris Branch, second child of Martin, b. Feb. 3, 1838; died 1880, unmarried.

Ferrand Madison, fourth child of Seth and Polly, b. Feb. 8, 1806, in Castleton, Vt.; died Nov. 28, 1874, in Saybrook, Ohio; came from Sudbury, Vt., to Shalersville, O., in 1833; from Shalersville to Saybrook, O., in 1855; married, 1840, Sophia Phila Fairbanks, b. Nov. 26, 1817, in Augusta, N. Y.; died June 10, 1896, in Saybrook, O.; children two: Benjamin Holton, b. March 10, 1842, in Shalersville, Ohio; died Oct. 11, 1862, in Saybrook, O. Ann Eliza, b. Jan. 22, 1852, in Shalersville, Ohio; married C. J. Slocum, 1868; married John Cartner, 1877; died Dec., 1890; married Nov. 4, 1897, John Paulson, b. Oct. 10, 1842, in Trolenas, Sweden. Children three: Charles Ferrand Slocum, b. Jan. 23, 1869, in Saybrook, Ohio. Zylpha Viola Slocum, b. June 21, 1871, in Saybrook, O.; married Aug. 3, 1898, George Franklin Ober of Denver, Colo.

Ruth Ann Cartner, b. Dec. 28, 1879, in Ashtabula, Ohio; married Jan. 24, 1896, Arthur W. Corlew; one child, Zylpha Viola Corlew, March 24, 1897, in Saybrook, Ohio.

Eliza Branch, fifth child of S. and P., born in Castleton, Vt., Feb. 27, 1808; died in Oberlin, O., Aug. 15, 1898; married Rev. George Clark, died in Oberlin, Ohio, Dec. 15, 1888; children, two; both died in early childhood. This couple deserve more than a passing notice. Mr. Clark was a Congregational minister, an evangelist. His field was from Massachusetts to Wisconsin and south to Kentucky. He was an ardent worker for the Master, being constantly in the field unless it be a few months in summer. His wife was truly a helpmate to him in every sense of the word; working hard keeping boarders in the college town of Oberlin, Ohio, at \$1.00 per week. She used

to bake a large loaf of brown bread in a brick oven all night; in the morning at breakfast it would melt the butter. The boarders sometimes said: "Why, Mrs. Clark, you must get up very early to give us warm bread for breakfast." She said years after, "I did not feel called upon to explain, but took the compliment for what it was worth." She sometimes accompanied her husband on his journeys, helping him much in his labors. Truly they gathered in many sheaves and have gone home to their reward, which is sure.

Seth Perry Branch, sixth child of S. & P., b. in Benson, Vt., March 7, 1816; died in Ravenna, O., Sept. 3, 1893; married May 13, 1845, Rebecca Sharp, born in Sharon, N. Y., April 26, 1818; died in Ravenna Nov. 12, 1899; children two: Mary E. Elsie L. Seth P. Branch came from Rutland county, Vt., to Ohio in 1833, but subsequently returned to Vermont and learned the mason's trade. On his return trip to Ohio, after serving an apprenticeship, he formed the acquaintance of Miss Rebecca Sharp, who was traveling with her father. This acquaintance culminated in their marriage, after he had prepared a home for his bride to be. He lived in Shalersville and worked at his trade for many years in the neighboring towns. He was noted for his fearlessness in expressing his opinion on all subjects at all times, if called upon to do so. He was highly esteemed and respected. He held numerous offices of trust in his town and county. He was a witty man and very quick at repartee. It was said of him he was never known to be at a loss for an answer but once. He then lived with his brother Ferrand. One day, as the family larder was getting low, the latter decided to go out and shoot a deer (it being a usual thing in those days). Seth had a large dog that he set great store by. As Ferrand started out with his gun, he gave orders that the dog be kept shut up, and went on his way to the fallow. After traveling through the snow for over two miles, he got sight of a fine buck; he took aim and just as he was about to pull the trigger, the dog came running up and scared the game. Ferrand took aim again, this time at the dog; he was a good marksman. As there was no chance to get sight of more game that day, he retraced his steps. Arriving home, Seth inquired "if he found any game." Ferrand related his experience. Whereupon Seth said: "I would have shot the flamber-gasted dog." His brother replied, "I did." Although feeling his loss keenly, he had not a word to say, but it was the first time, and probably the last. Mary Evelyn Branch, b. in Shalersville, O., April 26, 1849; married George C. French, May 18, 1871; Elsie L. Branch, born in Shalersville, O., April 26, 1856.

Laura Geraldine Branch, seventh child of S. & P., born in Sudbury, Vt., Dec. 15, 1817; married, 1850, Samuel Stacy Hills; died Jan. 25, 1853; one child, Chas. Stacy Hills, born Oct. 15, 1852; died Jan., 1853. At the present writing Mrs. Hills lives in Oberlin, Ohio; she is the oldest living member of the Branch family. After the death of her husband, she always made her home with her sister, Mrs. Clark, until the death of the latter five years ago. She still occupies the old home, with a companion. She is a very ardent

worker in the missionary cause, especially the foreign branch. Many are the missions she has helped in many ways, and many are the hearts her letters have cheered. May she be spared many years yet to promote the cause. Mrs. Hills is a graduate of Oberlin College, class of '45. She taught school at \$1.75 per week to earn the money to help herself through college. Another instance of Branch perseverance.

Wait Branch, seventh child of R. & A., born in Castleton, Vt., 1779; died in Orwell, Vt., 1868; married July 13, 1800, Lucy Hyde; in Orwell, Vt.; 1850; children three: Wait, Orson, Franklin. Wait Branch was a colonel in the war of 1812-14, and as such led his regiment at the battle of Plattsburg. The sword he used is in the possession of his grandson, Major C. F. Branch.

Wait Branch, Jr., born in Orwell, Vt., 1801; died in Wilmington, Ill., 1854; married Feb. 13, 1823, Abigail Fuller; children three: Cynthia, William, James. Cynthia Branch, born in Licking county, Ohio, June 26, 1827; married April 12, 1852, James Wright; children six: Porter, Darwin, James M., Emory M., G. Charles, Minnie S. Porter Wright, born in Granville, O.; married June 22, 1881, Zelta Vanfosser; children three: Elsie Wright, b. 1885; Lewell Wright, b. 1887; Ralph Wright, b. 1890. Darwin Wright died in childhood; James M. Wright, married April 27, 1887, Mary E. Smith; children two: Paul Wright, b. 1890; Dorothy Wright, b. 1897. Emory M. Wright, married Sept. 11, 1888, Elma Smith; children four: Walter E. Wright, b. 1889; Laura J. Wright, b. 1891; Foster and Lester Wright, b. 1893. G. Charles Wright married Aug. 9, 1888, Belle Holler, children two: Abigail May Wright, b. 1889; Grant Gage Wright, b. 1893. Franklin Branch, b. 1805, in Orwell, Vt.; died in Atlanta, Ga., it is supposed. Has one daughter, Lucy, now living there; unable to communicate with her.

Orson Branch, third son of Wait Branch, Sr., b. in Orwell, Vt., 1812; died there May 11, 1872; married Rodilla Felton, died in Orwell, Vt., 1882; children seven: Lelia, Julia, Anna, Mary, Chas. F., Henry D., Albert H. Lelia, Julia, Anna, Mary died in childhood. Charles F. Branch, born in Orwell, Vt., Dec., 1845, married Emma Cook, died August, 1876; married Ida Burbank, died Jan., 1890; married Clara H. Greenwood, 1895; children five. Charles F. Branch, fired by the spirit of his ancestors, answered his country's call by enlisting in the ninth Vermont Infantry, Col. Stannard, in June, 1862, when but 16 years and six months of age. He was twice promoted on the field; he served in the 18th army corps under Gen. Butler; also in the 29th under Gen. E. O. C. Ord. Took part in the following battles: Battle of Winchester, Va., Harper's Ferry, Siege of Suffolk, W. Va., Nansemond, Edenton Roads, Blackwater, Yorktown, Gloucester, C. H. Young's X Roads, Newport Barracks, N. C., (where he was wounded), Swansboro, N. C., Jacksonville, Fort Harrison, Sept., 64, Redoubt Dritton, Oct. and Nov. 8 weeks under constant fire; led 100 picked men to support a battery, and brought out but 43; wounded; promoted at the siege of Rich-

mond; at the capture of Richmond was one of the first soldiers to enter the city. Promoted again. Came home at the head of the remnant of his regiment, three days before he was 21 years of age. Soon after he entered college and after graduating, became a physician. That he was and is a popular one, is shown by the fact that he was professor of hygiene in the Medical college of Burlington, Vt.; president of the State Medical society of Vermont, 1894; surgeon general of Vermont; medical examiner for several life insurance companies, and a member of three live medical societies. The major has a young son who delights in a gun, sword and helmet, and an opportunity to parade. Yea, the spirit still lives.

Children of Dr. Charles F. Branch: James Branch, b. 1866; died 1886; Mary Branch married Frank R. Kinsman; Lillian Branch married Sherman Campbell; Hellen Branch, born in Newport, Vt., 1884; Charles F. Branch, Jr., born in Amherst, Mass., Aug. 6, 1897.

Ruth Branch, eighth child of K. and A., b. in Castleton, Vt., 1783, died in Portland, Mich., 1879; married, 1804, Noah Arms, b. 1782, died 1842; children, six: Nelson T., Hiram H., Wait B., Selah R., Fanny L. R., William H.

Nelson Temple Arms, first child of N. & R., born Aug. 14, 1805; died at E. Nassua, N. Y., July 16, 1865; married, 1830, Hannah Otterburn, died 1831; married, 1836, Eliza Beals, died 1837; married, 1839, Sarah Hancox, died May 19, 1886. One daughter, Frances E. Arms, b. Sept. 22, 1846, married Oct. 25, 1865, Carlos Ambler; children, two: Harriet Ambler, b. Oct. 16, 1868; Carlos Ambler, b. June 6, 1879.

Hiram H. Arms, b. 1807, died 1847. Married Eliza Williams; no children.

Wait B. Arms, third child of N. and R., b. Sept. 18, 1809, died at Le Roy, N. Y., Nov. 11, 1876. Married, Oct. 16, 1833, Julia Sheldon, June 11, 1811, died 1899; children, four: I. Frances, Horace S., Nelson T., L. Eliza. I. Frances Arms, b. Nov. 20, 1834, married, Dec. 31, 1862, Emory Coe, b. Dec. 17, 1826; children, three, Nellie A., Fanny L., J. Florence. Nellie A. Coe, b. Dec. 19, 1873, at LeRoy, N. Y. Fanny L. Coe, b. Aug. 18, 1875, married, March 28, 1888, Chas. Lawson. J. Florence Coe, b. Aug. 3, 1877, married, Nov. 7, 1894, Ernest L. Waid; children, two: Frances Emogene Waid, b. Oct. 15, 1889; Doris Elizabeth Waid, b. April 28, 1900. Horace S. Arms, b. Oct. 5, 1837, died Nov. 30, 1890, unmarried. Nelson Temple Arms, Jr., b. Sept. 24, 1839, married, May 7, 1873, Tillie Carr, died Oct. 1878; married, Oct. 15, 1885, Clara DeHaas, died Aug. 11, 1886; children, two: Paul, Emma. Paul Arms, b. April 19, 1875; married Mae Smith; one son, b. July 14, 1901. Emma died in infancy. L. Eliza Arms, fourth child of Wait and J., b. June 11, 1842, married Jan. 13, 1863, E. Louis Snow, died Feb. 13, 1893; children, five: Rose, Pere, Belle, Fred, Louis. Rose Snow married, Dec. 16, 1892, Fred B. Taft; children, two: Louis Taft, b. May 11, 1894; Hilda Taft, b. April 12, 1899. Pere Snow married, March 12, 1901, Belle Snow, married Nov. 19, 1900, Frank Pierson. Freddie and Louis Snow died in infancy.

Selah Arms, fourth child of N. and R., b. in Vermont, 1810, died in Port-

land, Mich., 1865. Married Margaret Ritter, died; married Maryette Griffin, b. 1810, died in Portland, Mich., 1862; children, four: George M., James, Ruth, Selah. George M. Arms, b. in Portland, Mich., married Alvira King; children, two: Frank C., Lottie M.

George M. Arms was a soldier in the Civil War and deserves more than a passing notice. He was brought up on a farm but at his country's call, true to the spirit of his forefathers, he enlisted in the Third Michigan Infantry, Co. E. At the Battle of Bull Run he received a wound which resulted in the loss of a leg. After being confined in a hospital a year, he was discharged. He has a silver medal presented him by Philip Kearney. The history of its giving, loss and recovery are best told in his own words, as condensed from the Portland Review of July 26, 1903.)

"It was two days after the battle of Fair Oaks, a chum and myself were going over the battlefield looking for wounded soldiers, when Phil Kearney rode up to us and said he wished to locate the Confederate picket line, as he wished to advance his own pickets as far as possible. We told him we would volunteer to find them. He said, "Boys, do you realize that it is a desperate undertaking? You will be in danger of being shot at every step." We replied that we would as soon chance it with a picket post as a rebel division. He then said, "Arms, you are the smallest and can get through the brush better; will you go alone?" I said I would try it. He took my name, company, regiment and home address. He then took me to the extreme left of his division, at the upper end of a white oak swamp. This swamp was composed of a dense growth of underbrush, while the water was from two to twelve inches deep. On leaving our picket line, I laid down and crawled along; the brush was so thick I could not walk, if I had been disposed to. On my way I thought I would never be able to find my way back, although I was plowing quite a furrow. At length I reached dry land and with the point of my bayonet I marked the brush so as to be able to find my way back. I almost wished I was out of the job. I soon saw a light ahead. At about that time a lonely mule set up one of his long drawn "He, Haws" so close to me that I thought I must have passed the picket. About this time you may guess I was taking short steps. All at once, not twenty feet away, just over the fence, I caught sight of a lonely vidette. It seemed I had come a long way but probably had not traveled over 60 rods. I had the advantage of the Johnnie as I was in the brush while he was running along the edge of the woods. He heard me but could not see me, so I had the drop on him. I whispered him to keep still, remove the cap from his gun and come over the fence. Seeing he could not do otherwise, he surrendered at once. I felt somewhat relieved when I had his gun in my hands. Looking along the fields on the other side of the fence I could see a long line of infantry drawn up in line of battle. I asked him to whom they belonged. He told me they were Gen. John B. Magruder's corps. I made better time getting back. On reporting at head quarters you can imagine how I looked after crawling through that swamp of

mud, dead leaves and frog spittle. After reporting and delivering up my captive, I was ordered back to my regiment. This was on June 1, 1862. On June 30, was the battle at Charles City X roads. The next morning after the battle Kearney handed me the medal done up in a scrap of paper. I slipped it in my cartridge box. This was the sixth day of the seven days' fight before Richmond. The next day was the battle of Malvern Hill, during which a shot struck my cartridge box, scattering medal, ammunition and all to the four ends of the earth for all I knew. I never expected to see the medal again. It was picked up by a colored man while plowing on Malvern Hill in 1903. To get the medal again, Mr. Arms had to use much diplomacy, and pay the finder \$5.00." When the trophy was plowed up it was reported to the editor of the Richmond News and Leader, who, getting the address from the medal, wrote Mr. Arms, who immediately opened communications with "Square Guy," the owner of the land and thus regained his lost treasure, upon the receipt of which Mr. Arms first made known to his friends the story of his bravery and its reward.

Frank C. Arms, son of the above, b. in Portland, Mich., 1849, married Lottie Vance; one child, Gladys Arms, b. 1895. Lottie M. Arms, b. in Portland, Mich., married Herbert Knight; one child, Allen Knight, b. 1896. James Arms, second child of S. and M., b. in Portland, Mich., 1842, died there, 1895. Married Mary Martin; children, one son, Ruth Arms, third child of S. and M., b. in Portland, Mich., 1844, married Chas. Hastings; children, one daughter. Married J. Vangeison. Selah Arms, Jr., b. in Portland, Mich., 1855, married Louisa Durling; children, three: Hillman Arms, b. 1882; Tina Arms, b. 1884; Joe Arms, b. 1888.

Fanny D. R. Arms, fifth child of N. and R., b. in Vermont, 1812, died at Fair Haven, Vt., 1842. Married Foster Wilder; no children.

William H. Arms, sixth child of N. and R., b. in Vermont, 1815, married; children, six, unable to locate them.

Ruba Branch, tenth child of Rufus and Abigail, b. 1786, in Castleton, Vt., died there July 16, 1801.

The following are some Branches that I have been unable to trace. (Probably all are branches of one common tree).

Daniel Branch, b. Aug. 24, 1724, died Nov. 7, 1804, married, Nov. 27, 1755, Johanna Jinks, b. June 18, 1730, died April 10, 1811; children eight: Nicholas Branch, b. Nov. 25, 1756, died Feb. 11, 1811; Abaliah Branch, b. March 24, 1759, died Feb. 16, 1831; Joanna Branch, b. Oct. 18, 1760, died Sept. 7, 1800; Joseph Branch, b. Feb. 2, 1762, died Sept. 18, 1762; Jane Branch, b. May 4, 1763, died April 24, 1829; Olive Branch, b. July 19, 1765, died Aug. 25, 1846; Nathaniel Branch, b. Aug. 24, 1767, died Aug. 24, 1851; Lydia Branch, b. Sept. 1, 1770, died Jan. 21, 1851.

Nicholas Branch, first child of Daniel and Johanna, b. in Providence, R. I., Nov. 25, 1756, died Aug. 25, 1846; married Aug. 8, 1781. Thankful ——— b. Dec. 28, 1753, died April 7, 1795. Nicholas Branch, second wife, married Oct. 15, 1795. Rhoda Crandall, died July 14, 1840; children, eleven;

Mary, b. Nov. 1, 1783, died June 22, 1826; Nancy, b. Nov. 20, 1784, died Oct. 4, 1785; Nicholas, b. Dec. 28, 1785, died Feb. 17, 1811; Stephen, b. March 31, 1789, was Judge Branch of Providence, R. I.; Fanny, b. May 2, 1792, died Sept. 12, 1793; William, b. Oct. 30, 1798, died Dec. 15, 1880; Elvira Branch, b. July 21, 1800, died Sept. 3, 1800; John, b. Oct. 21, 1802, died March 25, 1872; Nancy, b. June 7, 1804; Rebecca, b. April 27, 1807; George W., b. July 4, 1810.

William Branch, sixth child of Nicholas and Thankful, b. Oct. 30, 1798, died Dec. 15, 1880. Married, 1819, Mary Lee; children, seven: Abby L. Branch, b. Feb. 4, 1821, now living, married Joseph Peckham; no children. William M. Branch, b. July 15, 1823, died June 22, 1887. Married Abby Ann Harris; one daughter, Ella, married, James A. P. Branch, b. Aug. 9, 1825, died Jan. 20, 1826. Alpheus Branch, b. Aug. 9, 1826; married Lizzie Titcomb of Hampstead, N. H., deceased; children, three, two sons and one daughter: one son, Philip N. Branch, Mary Jane Branch, b. May 12, 1828, died 1829. Charles H. Branch, b. March 17, 1830, died March 7, 1889; married Adelaide Hubbard. Edwin Branch, b. Sept. 19, 1833, married, Aug. 5, 1860, Sebela Mansfield, whose great-grandfather settled Mansfield, Mass. Mary Branch, b. June 21, 1835, married S. M. Vose, children, six, two dead.

Lemuel Branch, b. in Onondaga Co., N. Y., married ——— Johnson children, four: Deodatus, Elias, Johnson, Flavial. Deodatus had six children, the oldest now lives at Summer Hill, N. Y., George and Jay, whereabouts unknown; Cornealia, dec'd; Elvira Branch married Frank Pickett; Elias died at Summer Hill, N. Y.; Flavial was in the Mexican war and never heard from afterward.

Johnson Branch, b. Aug. 24, 1811, in Onondaga Co., N. Y., occupation, blacksmith, died Jan. 31, 1890, in Kingsville, O. Married Ann Greer of Albany, N. Y.; dec'd. Married second wife, Jan. 8, 1840, Eliza Ann Black, of Cortland, N. Y.; children, six: Ann E., Sarah, Frances, William H. (dec'd), Elnora, Homer J. Ann Eliza Branch married Henry Gee of Monroe, O.; children two: Jennie, Fred. Jennie married Albert Morse, children, three; oldest daughter married Charles Clark; son and daughter at home, aged respectively 17 and 11.

Homer J. Branch, b. April 23, 1853, married Dec. 31, 1874, Inez L. Colgrove; children, three: Mary E., Homer G., Harold L. V. Mary Elnora Branch, b. 1879, in Kingsville, O., married, Jan. 1, 1900, Chas. A. Brown. Homer Glenn Branch, b. 1882, in Kingsville, O. Harold LaVerne Branch, b. 1895, in Kingsville, O.

Nephews of Lemuel Branch were William, Marcus, John; the two former reside in Tobias, N. Y.; John, deceased, one son, Charles F. of Tully, N. Y.

Eathon Branch, Jephtha, Joseph, David, Asher, and two sisters whose names are not known, were probably children of Masa Branch, whose ancestors are not known. There is no authentic record to show that they

were children of Masa; all that is known is from reminiscences of one Lafayette Branch of Moors Forks, N. Y., b. 1811.

Masa's name is mentioned in the records of deeds in Richmond, Mass. He bought 70 acres of land in Lenox, Mass., May 25, 1769. He was from Richmond, Mass. On Feb. 12, 1785, he sold this land in Lenox. At that time he was a resident of Bennington, Vt. From the records in Benson, Vt., Jephtha Branch married June —, and had six children: Ashsah, b. Oct. 4, 1794; Enoch, b. Oct. 28, 1796; Expin, b. Oct. 29, 1798; Caleb, b. Sept. 7, 1799; Abigail, b. July 15, 1802; Olive, b. Nov. 30, 1804.

Joseph Branch, supposed son of Masa, married — Flaggs; children, six: Melauton, Fayette, Almeda, Mariette, Julius, Henry. Fayette was living at Moores Forks, Clinton county, N. Y., 1896, age 85 years. His children: Sidney, living in Illinois; Nelson, of Belmont, N. Y.; Julius, of Redmont, Vt.; Charles, of Connecticut; James, of Eellenburg, Vt.; Chauncey, of Minneapolis, Minn.; one daughter living in Connecticut.

Asher Branch, b. at Benson, Vt.; lived some time at Moors Forks, Clinton county, N. Y. When 18 years of age enlisted in army of 1812-14. Married April 22, 1821, Nancy D. Kulbeth, daughter of Wm. and Mary Robinson Kulbeth, at New Haven, Gallatin Co., Ill. Asher died April 18, 1875; Nancy died April 1, 1880. They had eight children: Geo. W., Norman B., Oliver C., Mills R., Lafayette, Marion, Virginia, Sarah.

Geo. W. Branch, first child of A. & N., b. 1827, died Nov. 15, 1874. Married Feb. 22, 1852, Rebecca Harrison Sowell, at Hopeton, Mariposa Co., Cal.; children, five: Leonidas C., Eugene F., Virginia A., John L., Josephine I.

Leonidas Clay Branch, first child of G. W. and R., married, June 25, 1879, Mary Jane Maddox, daughter of Rev. James H. Maddox, at Modesto, Cal.; children, three: Lulu Maddox Branch, b. May 5, 1880, died Dec. 12, 1898; Leona Lois Branch, b. Oct. 19, 1882; Kenneth Melrose Branch, b. March 2, 1890.

Eugene Francis Branch, second child of G. W. and R., b. May 2, 1854; married Feb. 5, 1877, Ella, daughter of Hon. Miner Waldon; children five: George Waldon Branch, b. Nov. 10, 1878; Clara Belle Branch, b. Sept. 3, 1880; Jessie Mabel Branch, b. July 25, 1882, died April 9, 1891; Eugene Francis Branch, b. May 23, 1884; Louis Miner Branch, b. Dec. 30, 1887.

Virginia Arabella, third child of G. W. and R., b. Oct. 23, 1855, died July 27, 1891; married July 22, 1873, Hon. J. J. Scriener; children three: Georgia Branch, Eugene Belle, Florence May. Georgia Branch Scriener, b. Oct. 6, 1874; married July 5, 1894, George E. Daborich; children, two: John Shelby, b. Sept. 19, 1896; Carlisle Nelson, b. July 19, 1898. Eugene Belle Scriener, b. Aug. 16, 1877. Florence May Scriener, b. Dec. 30, 1879; married Feb., 1898, C. E. Hoppe; one child, b. Jan. 8, 1900.

John Lafayette Branch, fourth child of Geo. W. & R., b. May 15, 1858, married; one child, Lafayette.

Josephine Irene Branch, fifth child of George W. and R., b. June 1, 186—; married Aug. 29, 1882, Edward Williams, b. Dec. 22, 1857; children,

six: Horace Allison, b. May 12, 1884; Eugene Blaine, b. Aug. 7, 1887, died Aug. 16, 1888; Deola Lorena, b. Dec. 19, 1890; Hellen Louisa, b. Jan. 13, 1893; daughter unnamed, b., died 1886; Virginia May, b. Dec. 5, 1902.

Norman Bowditch Branch, second son of A. and N., b. Jan. 15, 1830, died June 30, 1886. Married, Oct. 8, 1853, Nancy Allen; children, four: Elbert Clinton Branch, b. Aug. 6, 1860; Norman Hood Branch, b. Feb. 2, 1864; Kline Polk Branch, b. Sept. 19, 1871; Ella May Branch, b. June 3, 1873, died Oct. 13, 1892.

Oliver Cromwell Branch, third child of A. and N., b. Sept. 2, 1831, married, May 13, 1852, Margaret E. Woolwine, died Jan. 1859. Married second wife, July 25, 1860, Margaret Burns; children, seven: Laura A. Branch, b. Jan. 15, 1856; Mary Emily Branch, b. May 4, 1858; James Monroe Branch, b. Aug. 12, 1860, died Jan. 3, 1898; Gennetta Branch, b. Sept. 29, 1865; Asher Branch, b. Aug. 24, 1872, died Sept. 19, 1872; Mattie Branch, b. Aug. 24, 1872, died Oct. 1, 1872; Alice Branch, b. Oct. 31, 1877.

Mills Robinson Branch died unmarried, fourth child of A. & N.

Lafayette Branch, fifth child of A. and R., b. Jan. 17, 1843, died Jan. 8, 1895. Married, Sept. 22, 1869, Mary Elizabeth Childers, b. Feb. 3, 1847. Children five. Betta Dealla, born Oct. 23, 1871; Vaulton J., b. Nov. 28, 1873; Eugene Edgar, b. Aug. 3, 1876; James Oscar, b. Aug. 9, 1879; Emily Florence, b. Aug. 17, 1881.

Marion W. Branch; nothing heard of her; sixth child of A. & R.; Virginia Branch, seventh child of A. & R., died; Sarah Branch, eighth child of A. & R., deceased.

Another Branch, John, born in Swanton, Vt., Aug. 2, 1805; died in St. Albans, Vt., July 4, 1881; children three: John Branch, b. July 12, 1842, in St. Albans, Vt.; one son, John, Jr., b. Sept. 23, 1884, in St. Albans, Vt., Harriet Branch, b. April 24, 1847; Horace Branch, b. Sept. 24, 1848.

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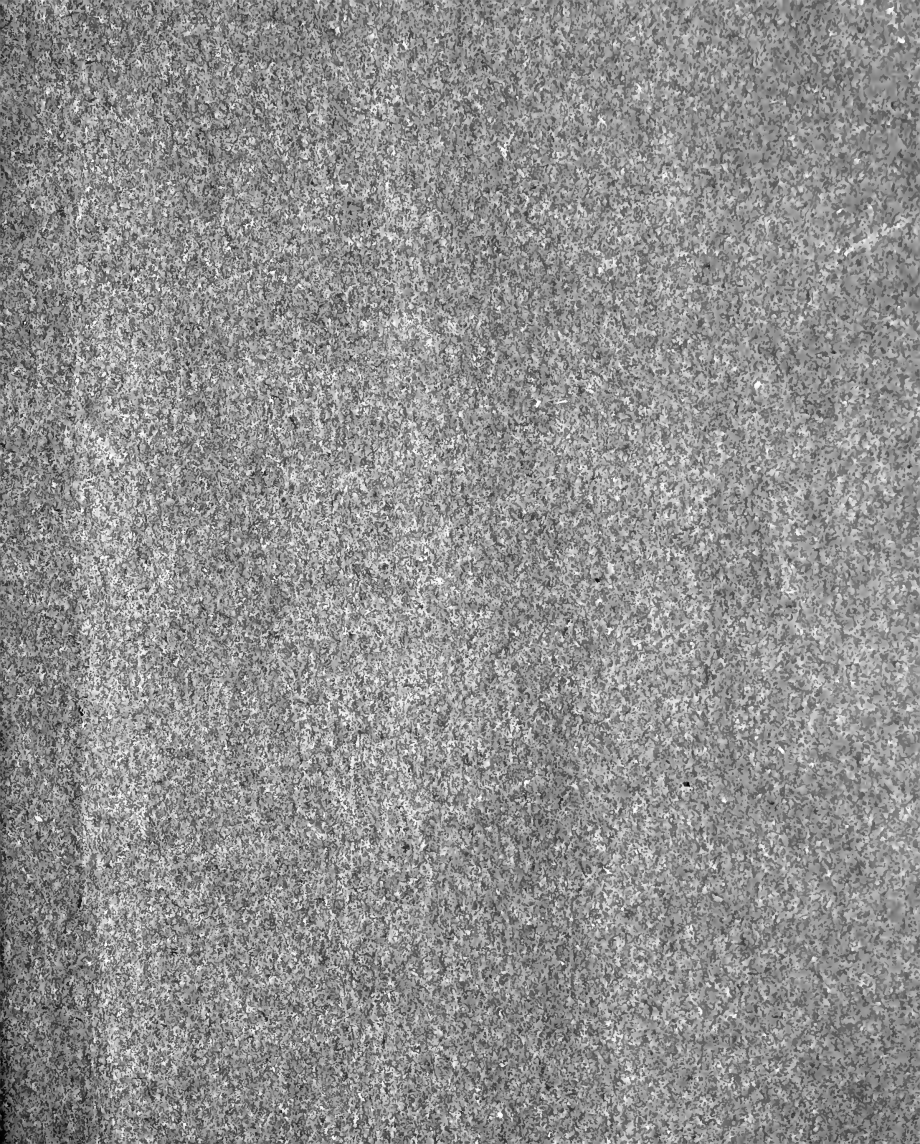
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