

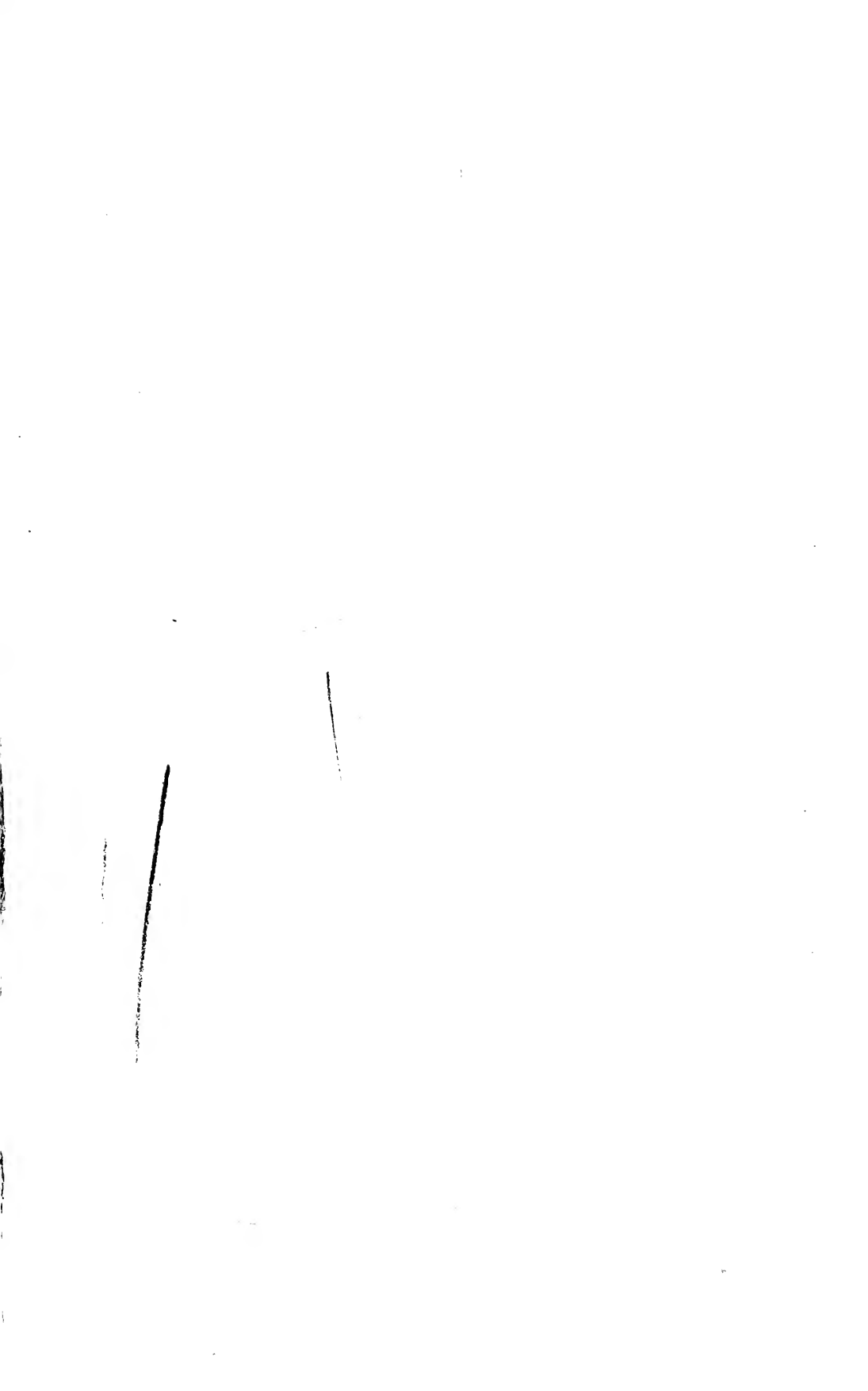
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JOHN BEAL OF HINGHAM,

AND

ONE LINE OF HIS DESCENDANTS.

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JOHN BEAL, the progenitor of the large family bearing his name and dwelling in Hingham, Cohasset, Weymouth and Abington, came from the parish of Hingham in Forehoe hundred in the county of Norfolk, England, which is situated about fourteen miles west-southwest of Norwich, the shire town, and about ninety-eight north-east of London. He came in the vessel called the Diligent, of which John Martin was master, arriving at Boston on the tenth of August, 1638. Daniel Cushing, one of the early town clerks of Hingham, who also came to New England in the abovenamed vessel, in a manuscript list of the early settlers of Hingham, which has fortunately been preserved, says of him, "John Beale, shoemaker, with his wife and 5 sons and 3 daughters and 2 servants, came from Old Hingham and settled in New Hingham."

Perhaps the inducement that led Mr. Beal to select Hingham as a place of abode was, that his wife, Nazareth, was daughter of Edmund Hobart, and consequently sister of Rev. Peter Hobart, the first minister of that town, who had chosen that place for his labors a few years previous. The five sons and three daughters of Mr. Beal who were brought over from England were, Martha, Mary, Sarah, John, Nathaniel, *Jeremiah*, Joshua and Caleb. Two other children, Rebecca and Jacob, were born in America.

Not long after his settlement at Hingham he became a landholder, as may be inferred from the following entry taken from the town's book of grants of land:—"Given unto John Beal for a house lot 6 acres of land butting upon the town street northward, and upon the common southward, bounded with the land of Jonas Austin eastward, and with the land of Thomas Hobart westward." The site of this homelot can be easily pointed out on the south side of the present South Street (which was the ancient Town Street), and west of Hersey Street, which was laid out through Mr. Austin's original lot.

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On the 13th of March succeeding his arrival, Mr. Beal was admitted to the freedom of the Massachusetts Colony, by taking the customary free-man's oath, which he did at the same time with several of his fellow townsmen; and in 1649, in company with Nicholas Jacob, he represented the town of Hingham in the General Court of the Colony.

His wife Nazareth died on the 23d of September, 1658; and, on the 10th of the following March, he married Mary, the widow of his old friend Nicholas Jacob, who had died on the 5th of June, 1657. By this wife he had no children; and she died on the 15th of May, 1681, as David Hobart, who continued his father's diary, has recorded the event, although the town record states that "Mary Beal, the wife of John Beal, Senior, died 15 of June, 1681."

Mr. Beal lived to a good old age; for under date of 1 April, 1688, Judge Sewall noted in his diary, "Father Beal of Hingham dies, æ 100," and David Hobart wrote under the same date, "My Uncle John Beal died suddenly."

All the sons of Mr. Beal married and had children, as did also all the daughters, except the youngest, Rebecca, who died unmarried.

MARTHA BEAL, daughter of the progenitor, was born in England, and married 1st, William Falloway, of Plymouth, 16 May, 1640, and 2d, Samuel Dunham, also of Plymouth, 29 June, 1649, who was burnt to death in his house at Plymouth, 24 January, 1687-8. She died 26 April, 1690, in the 78th year of her age.

MARY BEAL, another daughter, married James Whiton, 30 Dec., 1647, and died 12 Feb., 1696-7. Her husband survived her, and died 26 April, 1710. From these descended all of the large family of Whiton, sometimes spelled Whiting, in Hingham and its neighborhood.

SARAH BEAL, another daughter, married 1st, Thomas Marsh, of Hingham, 22 March, 1648-9. Mr. Marsh died 2 September, 1658, and she married 2d, Edmund Sheffield, of Braintree, 5 Sept., 1662. She died at Braintree, 9 November, 1710, aged about 86 years.

JOHN BEAL, JR., oldest son of the progenitor, married Elizabeth, his first wife, 6 Jan., 1658-9, and had Elizabeth, born 19 Nov., 1659. Mrs. Beal died 1 Feb., 1659-60, and he married Mary Gill, daughter of Thomas, 14 Nov., 1660, and had:—Mary, born 7 Sept., 1661, died 19 same month; another Mary, bapt. 26 Oct., 1662, married 1st, John Stowell, 19 Sept., 1685, who died 10 November, 1689, aged 31 years, and she married 2d, Nathaniel Hobart, 31 May, 1695, who died 3 July, 1734, aged 70 years, and she died 7 June, 1748, aged 86 years; John, born 26 March, 1665, died 6 Dec., 1666; another John, born 17 Sept., 1667, died 2 Oct., 1668; another John, born 19 Dec., 1669, married Elizabeth Hersey, daughter of William, 18 May, 1695, who died 4 Jan., 1717-18, in her 46th year, and he

died 26 Aug., 1731; Thomas, born 15 March, 1671-2, married Jael Remington, daughter of Thomas, 13 June, 1710; and Hannah, born 13 March, 1675-6, married John Ward, 24 May, 1698, and died 16 Feb. following. Mr. John Beal, Jr., died 12 Sept., 1694, aged about 67 years; and Mary his widow died 27 June, 1701.

NATHANIEL BEAL, the 2d son of the progenitor, by wife Martha, who died 10 May, 1692, had the following children:—Martha, bapt. 2 Aug., 1646, married 1st, John Chubbuck, 2 Dec., 1668, who died 26 November, 1690, and she married 2d, Samuel Stodder, 10 Jan., 1698-9, who died 16 September, 1731, aged 92 years; Nathaniel, bapt. Oct., 1648, married Elizabeth Joy, daughter of Thomas, 3 March, 1676-7; Mary, married 1st, Samuel Engs, 21 Feb., 1672-3, 2d, Joshua Lee, of Boston, 14 Dec., 1688; John, bapt. 25 Aug., 1650, died 23 Nov., 1655; Christian, born 19 Nov., 1654, married Thomas Baker, of Boston, 6 Nov., 1674, and died 20 Sept., 1677; Hannah, married John Fearing, 15 Dec., 1676, and died 14 Sept., 1717; John, born 7 Dec., 1659, died before his father, without posterity; Sarah, born 18 Dec., 1662, died young; another Sarah, bapt. 7 Oct., 1667, married Joseph Greenleaf, of Boston, and died in Boston 4 June, 1690; Susanna, born 3 March, 1664-5, married Benjamin Jones, 14 Dec., 1686, and died 22 June, 1689. Mr. Nathaniel Beal was a cordwainer, and died 20 Dec., 1708.

JEREMIAH BEAL, son of the progenitor, was born in England; dwelt on the present South Street in Hingham, and married at Boston, Sarah Ripley, daughter of William, of Hingham, 18 Nov., 1652, and had the following children:—*Jeremiah*, born 13 May, 1655, married Hannah Lane, 22 May, 1677, had many children, and died at Hingham, 21 April, 1703, aged nearly 48 years; John, designated as a carpenter, bapt. 8 March, 1656-7, married Hannah, his wife, about 1686, and died 30 Dec., 1735; Sarah, bapt. 3 July, 1659, married John Lane, 21 Jan., 1679-80, and died 13 Dec., 1693, her husband surviving and dying 12 March, 1729-30, aged 83; Lazarus, born 7 Sept., 1661, married Susanna Lewis, 18 Feb., 1689-90, at Barnstable, and died 18 Aug., 1723, his wife surviving and dying 28 Sept., 1748, aged 73; Phebe, born 2 March, 1663-4, died 12 July, 1665; Mary, born 6 May, 1666, married John Orcutt, of Bridgewater, 23 Dec., 1702, and died 22 May, 1719; Elizabeth, born 16 May, 1669, married Ephraim Lane, son of Andrew, 29 Dec., 1708, and died 30 July, 1716, her husband having died 1 Dec., 1715, aged 65. Mr. Beal was styled Lieutenant, having been commissioned to that office in the Hingham train-band 20 May, 1683. He died 10 August, 1716, aged 85, and was consequently born in England in 1631. His wife Sarah died 20 June, 1715.

JOSHUA BEAL, son of John, the progenitor, married Elizabeth, his 1st wife, about 1660, and had a daughter born 4 Dec., 1661, who died young; Elizabeth, born 23 May, 1663, died 4 June, 1663; a son, born 25 Jan.,

1664-5, died 10 April, 1665; another son, born 13 July, 1668, died 18 July, 1668; Abigail, born 26 April, 1671, married Stephen French, 26 September, 1691. Mrs. Elizabeth, wife of Joshua Beal, died 12 January, 1688-9; and he married 2d, Mrs. Mary Stowell (widow of Samuel, and daughter of John Farrow), 10 April, 1689, and she died 24 Oct., 1708. Mr. Joshua Beal died early in the year 1718.

CALEB BEAL, the youngest of the children of the progenitor born in England, was born in 1636. He married Elizabeth Hewett (or Huet), the daughter of Thomas, 30 Dec., 1644, she having been baptized 3 March, 1644-5. Their children were:—a daughter, born 30 March, 1666, died 22 April, 1666; Caleb, born 17 March, 1669-70, married Ruth Hersey, 4 Feb., 1695-6, and died 21 Feb., 1755, aged 85, and she died 29 April, 1756, aged 83; Joseph, born 7 Jan. 1671-2, married 1st, Patience Andrews (widow of John, and daughter of Thomas Nichols), 12 Feb., 1695-6, and she died 16 Oct., 1709, aged 49, having been born 25 Dec., 1660, and he married 2d, Deborah Thaxter (daughter of Samuel), 27 Aug., 1717, she having been born 24 July, 1679, and she died 15 July, 1753, he having died 12 Sept., 1737; Solomon, born 28 June, 1673, died 3 Oct., 1673; Elizabeth, born 18 Nov., 1674; Josiah, born 31 May, 1676, died 17 June, 1676; another Josiah, born 24 Oct., 1677, married Rachel Hersey (daughter of James), 1 Jan., 1701-2, removed to Weymouth, where he was styled Sergeant, and died in Weymouth, 10 June, 1743, his wife dying on the 3d of the same month; Joshua, born 6 Nov., 1678, died soon after; another Joshua, born 5 Aug., 1679, died 14th of the same month; another Joshua, born 6 Sept., 1680, married Susanna Nichols, 16 Dec., 1701, and died 10 March, 1723-4; Ruth, born 25 Feb., 1682-3, married Benjamin Johnson (son of Benjamin, born 15 July, 1685), 4 Feb., 1719-20; Benjamin, born 2 June, 1687, died 25 March, 1688. Mr. Caleb Beal died 18 June, 1716, in his 79th year, and Mrs. Elizabeth Beal, his wife, died 31 Dec., 1721, aged 76 years.

REBECCA BEAL, daughter of the progenitor, was born in Hingham, where she was baptized in Feb., 1641-2. She died, unmarried, 13 Dec., 1686, in her 45th year.

JACOB BEAL, youngest son of the progenitor, was also born in Hingham, where he was baptized 3 Oct., 1642. He married Mary Bisbee (daughter of Elisha of Scituate), 15 January, 1678-9, she having been born in Scituate in 1648. Their children were:—Jacob, born 8 Sept., 1680, married Deborah Stodder, 21 Feb., 1705-6, and died 9 June, 1748, and his wife died 28 Dec., 1757, aged 85; David, born 31 Jan., 1684-5, married 1st, Rebecca Stodder (daughter of Daniel) sometime before 1712, who died 6 Oct., 1721, married 2d, Abigail Maevarto (daughter of Purthe), 21 June, 1722, who died 16 April, 1742, aged 49, having been born 10 Feb., 1683-4, and married 3d, Zerviah Howe, 21 April, 1743, who died 21 April, 1774,

aged 79, and he died 20 March, 1767, aged 82; James, born 9 Dec., 1686, married Sarah Lincoln (daughter of Daniel), 29 Jan., 1712-13; Elisha, born 18 Oct., 1690, died, unmarried, 5 April, 1761. Mr. Jacob Beal died 7 Jan., 1717-18, and on the town record is mentioned as son of John and Nazareth; and Mary, his wife, died 13 January, 1717-18.

Thus far the account has been confined to John Beal, Sen., the forefather, and his children and their immediate families. It is now proposed to give the genealogy of a single line, the one that furnished the first settlers of the name to the town of Weymouth, and thence to Abington. This line commences with Lt. Jeremiah, the third son of the patriarch John. Lt. Jeremiah had for wife Sarah Ripley, whose father William came to this country at the same time with old Mr. John Beal, in the *Diligent* in 1638, bringing with him his wife, two sons, John and Abraham, and two daughters, Sarah and her sister, whose name does not appear in the records of Hingham. Mr. Ripley married, for second wife, Elizabeth, the widow of Thomas Thaxter, 29 Sept., 1654, and died 20 July, 1656; and his widow married John Dwight of Dedham, 20 Jan., 1657-8, and died, being drowned in a well, 18 July, 1660.

JEREMIAH BEAL, 2d, son of Jeremiah, the first of the name, was born in Hingham, 13 May, 1655, and was a blacksmith by trade. On the 22d of May, 1677, he married Hannah Lane (daughter of Andrew and Tryphena), who was born 30 Sept., 1658. Mr. Lane was in Hingham as early as 1635, and died there 1 May, 1675, and his widow died 2 June, 1707, being about 95 years of age. The children of Jeremiah and Hannah Beal were:—*Jeremiah*, born 2 May, 1678, married Esther Farrow (daughter of John, Jr., and Mary Hilliard, daughter of William), 2 Jan., 1700-1, and removed to Weymouth after the birth of his children; Sarah, born 5 March, 1679-80, married Christopher Wheaton, 3 Dec., 1707-8; Hannah, born 31 Dec., 1681, died 9 May, 1750; Jael, born 21 Nov., 1683, married John Pratt, of Weymouth, 23 Feb., 1723-4; Andrew, born 27 Jan., 1685-6, married Rachel Bates (daughter of Joshua), 14 Dec., 1715; Jedediah, born 4 Nov., 1688, married Mary Whiton (daughter of Enoch), 2 Dec., 1714, and she died 7 Nov., 1733, and he died 1 May, 1766; Abraham, born 26 Oct., 1690, removed to Weymouth, where he married Deborah Shaw in April, 1714, and died in 1749; Bathsheba, born 19 Feb., 1692-3, married Samuel French (son of Stephen), 8 April, 1724, who died 20 Jan., 1772, aged 75, she having died 28 May, 1759; Rebecca, born 8 April, 1695; Benjamin, born 8 April, 1697, and died 14 Oct., 1723; Abigail, born 13 Dec., 1699, married Robert Townsend, 24 Nov., 1720. Mr. Jeremiah Beal died at Hingham 21 April, 1703, aged 48 years, and his wife died 19 Sept., 1719, aged 61 years.

JEREMIAH BEAL, the third of the name, was the oldest son of Jeremiah and Hannah, and was born in Hingham, 2 May, 1678. His wife Esther (daughter of John Farrow, Jr., by his wife Mary Hillard, daughter of William) was born 28 June, 1675; her parents were married 14 Aug., 1664, and her father, who was bapt. 6 June, 1639, died 27 Jan., 1715-16, leaving a second wife Frances, but her mother Mary died 13 Sept., 1689. The father of John Farrow, Jr., was John Farrow, and he came to New England in 1635, with his wife Frances, and daughter Mary (who married Samuel Stowell and Joshua Beal); he died 17 July, 1687, and his wife died 29 January, 1688-9. The children of Jeremiah and Esther Beal were:—Bethia, born 28 Jan., 1701-2, married Isaac Pool of Weymouth, 2 Jan., 1733-4; Mary, born 23 April, 1703, married Enoch Lovell of Weymouth, 20 Feb., 1723-4; Jael, born 21 March, 1704-5, married John Pratt, of Weymouth, 25 March, 1723; *Jeremiah* 4th, born 25 Dec., 1706, married Mary Colson (daughter of John and Susanna), 18 Nov., 1729, and died about the year 1752, and his widow died about the year 1780; Isaac, born 9 Oct., 1711, married 1st, Hannah Eager, 11 Apr., 1734, and she died 14 June, 1750, and he married 2d, Sarah Bates, 11 Jan., 1753, and she died 1 May, 1760. Mr. Jeremiah Beal died before the year 1752, in Weymouth, to which town he removed about 1715, and his wife Esther died there 21 Jan., 1760.

JEREMIAH BEAL, the fourth of the name in succession, was son of Jeremiah and Esther, and was born in Hingham, 25 Dec., 1706. On the 18th of November, 1729, he married at Weymouth, whither he had removed with his father, Mary Colson (daughter of John Colson and his wife Susanna, the daughter of Thomas Lincoln), who was born at Hingham, 7 Oct., 1708. Her parents, John and Susanna, were married at Hingham, 29 May, 1706; and on her mother's side her grandfather was Thomas Lincoln, son of Thomas Lincoln (distinguished as the "husbandman") by his wife Margaret the daughter of Richard Langer,—and she was descended also by her grandfather Lincoln's wife (Sarah Lewis) from James Lewis of Barnstable and his father George, and from Sarah Lane (daughter of George Lane),—the four families of Lincoln, Langer, Lewis and Lane being amongst the earliest of those who settled in Hingham. The children of Jeremiah and Mary Beal were:—Abijah, born in Weymouth 17 Aug., 1730, married Ann Canterbury, of Weymouth, 7 March, 1748-9, dwelt in Abington, where his children were born, and finally removed to Plainfield, where he died; *Benjamin*, born in Weymouth 9 Dec., 1731, married Mary Porter, of Weymouth, 18 Feb., 1753, and died in Abington, (to which town the family had removed soon after his birth), 30 Aug., 1805, and she died in Abington, 3 Jan. 1806, in the 72d year of her age; Chloe, born in Abington, 2 Feb., 1739-40, died unmarried; Levi, born in Abington in

1741, married Jane Asken in 1761, had many children born in Abington, and died at Boston, whither he had removed, in November, 1794; Priscilla, born in Abington, in 1746, married Captain Abraham Shaw, of Abington, and died 5 May, 1813, her husband surviving her about two weeks and dying 23 May, 1813. Mr. Jeremiah Beal died about the year 1752, and his wife about 1780, both in Abington.

BENJAMIN BEAL, son of Jeremiah and Mary, was born in Weymouth 4 Dec., 1731, but removed in a few years with his father to Abington, where he passed the remainder of his days. He was a farmer, and very thriving for one of his day; and was styled "Lieutenant" in consideration of a position he held in the military company of the town. On the 18th of February, 1753, he married at Weymouth, Mary Porter, (daughter of Richard Porter and his wife Ruth Whitman), who was born at Weymouth 25 Sept., 1734. Her father, Richard Porter, was son of John and Mary, grandson of John and Deliverance, and great-grandson of Richard, one of the very early settlers of Weymouth; and her mother, Ruth Whitman, was daughter of Samuel Whitman and Mary Richards, grand-daughter of John and Abigail Whitman and Joseph and Sarah Richards, and great-grand-daughter of John and Mary Whitman, and William and Grace Richards, all also residents of Weymouth. The children of Benjamin and Mary, all of whom were born in Abington, were:—Chloe, born 3 Dec., 1753, died young; Mary, born 11 Oct., 1755, married Ebenezer Kingman Hunt, of Abington, 5 Nov., 1778, and died 14 Feb., 1835, and he died 26 July, 1831; Benjamin, born 30 Oct., 1757, married Mary Noyes, 21 June, 1787, and removed to Turner, Maine; Chloe, born 8 Oct., 1759, died, unmarried, 1 Jan., 1848; Samuel, born 8 Oct., 1761, married 1st, Susanna Cobb, 6 March, 1782, and she died 4 May, 1785, aged 24, married 2d, Sarah Remington, 7 Oct., 1785, and she died in Templeton, 4 May, 1804, aged 40 years, having been born 9 June, 1764, married 3d, at Winchenden, Eunice Boynton, 17 Dec., 1806, and she died in Boston, 23 April, 1842, aged 63; Ruth, born 14 Sept., 1763, married Noah Hersey, and moved to Minot, Me., and finally to Bangor; Priscilla, born 14 Feb., 1766, died unmarried; Zelotes, born 23 Feb., 1768, married Sarah Burrill, 2 March, 1797, and died in December, 1841, and she died 12 March, 1854, aged 81; Lydia, born 13 Feb., 1770, married David Trufant, of Weymouth, 6 Dec., 1792, and died 4 July, 1834, and he died in April, 1835; Sarah, born 11 November, 1772, married Nathaniel Tirrell, 4 Jan., 1795, and died in 1842; Nathaniel, born 11 Feb., 1775, married Tamar Hobart in January, 1807, and died 3 Feb., 1820, and his widow died 31 Dec., 1837, aged 51; Mehitable, born 1 May, 1777, married Abner Holbrook, of Weymouth, 1 March, 1796, and died 12 January, 1851, and he died 23 Feb., 1847. Mr. Benjamin Beal died in Abington, 30 Aug., 1805, and his widow Mary died in the same town, 3 Jan., 1806. The descendants

of Samuel, Zelotes and Nathaniel are quite numerous in the town of Abington at the present time.

The children of Lieut. Samuel Beal were:—by 1st wife, Susanna Cobb, Abigail Shaw, born in Abington, 9 Dec., 1783, married Joseph Faxon and both died in N. Bridgewater; by 2d wife, Sarah Remington (daughter of Thomas and Rachel), Jeremiah, born in Abington, 10 June, 1786, married 1st, Eunice Stone, and 2d, Susan Stone, and died in Brattleboro', Vt.; Samuel, born in Abington, 5 April, 1788, married, at Boston, Nancy Steal, 24 Sept., 1809, died at Boston, 10 May, 1812; Susan, born in Abington, 9 Jan., 1790, married Daniel Lazel, 2 May, 1816, and died in Abington; Sarah, born in Abington, 4 May, 1792, married, at Boston, Hiram Smith, 10 June, 1812, and died, at Boston, 28 April, 1853; Elizabeth, born in Abington, 12 March, 1794, married, at Boston, Charles Bowers, 5 Nov., 1815; Thomas, born in Abington, 8 May, 1796, married, at Abington, Ruth Faxon, 22 Oct., 1823, and died 5 June, 1862; Benjamin, born at Templeton, 18 May, 1798, married, at Abington, Charlotte Melvin, 6 June, 1820; David, born at Templeton, 29 Dec., 1800, married at Brattleboro, Vt., Sophia Nichols, 22 Aug., 1825, and died at Boston, 22 Apr., 1841. By 3d wife, Eunice Boynton, he had the following children born at Winchenden:—Jonathan, born 19 Sept., 1807, married Mary Boynton, and died 2 Jan. 1837; Madison, born 22 Feb., 1809, married Tryphena B. Martin, 14 June, 1829; Wilder, born 4 March, 1811, married 1st, Emeline Taylor of Newton, 2 March, 1837, married 2d, Adeline Henderson, 18 Nov., 1840; Eunice Adams, born 25 July, 1813, married Adam Shaler; Samuel, born 25 June, 1815, married ——— Alger; Mary Porter, born 22 Aug., 1817, married at Lexington, Frederick Johnson; Nathaniel, born 26 March, 1820, married Abigail Newell, at Kennebeck, Maine, 17 Sept., 1844; Ruth, born ———, married, at Lexington, Elbridge Johnson.

The children of Zelotes, all born in Abington, were:—Nelson, born 14 Aug., 1797; Benjamin, born 14 Sept., 1799; Ruth, born 4 April, 1801; Zelotes, born 19 March, 1803; John A., born 4 March, 1805; Sally, born 23 Sept., 1806; Micah, born 18 Nov., 1808; Gridley, born 10 Dec., 1811; Samuel C., born 22 May, 1813; Mary P., born 22 Aug., 1818,

The children of Nathaniel, all born in Abington, were:—Nathaniel, born 2 Dec., 1807, married Nancy T. Winsor, of Duxbury, 2 Dec., 1831; Tamar, born 18 March, 1810; Asahel, born 14 Oct., 1812; Lucy, born 12 Jan., 1815; Henry, born 8 Feb., 1817, and died in Abington; Ezekiel, born 14 May, 1819.



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