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# Kingsley Genealogy

With a Brief History of Joseph Kingsley and Family, with  
Records and Sketches of His Ancestry  
and Descendants

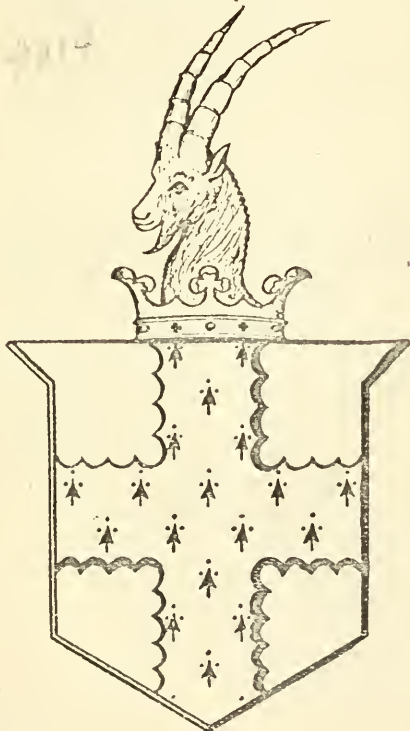
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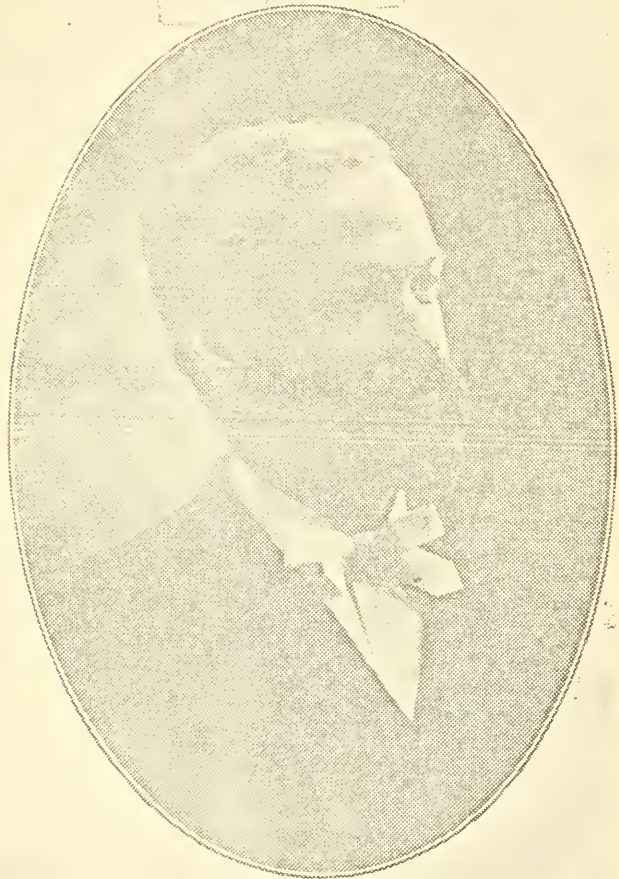
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Dedicated to My Mother

(Elizabeth) Betsey Ann Kingsley-Brown

And All Her Kindred

## PREFACE.

The following records have been collected and arranged for publication not alone for our present gratification but that they may be the better preserved for descendants and future generations. I wish to acknowledge my indebtedness to the Minnesota State Historical Society and their Officials for their kindness in allowing me the use of their extensive Library of History and Geneology from which I gleaned much of the information concerning our ancestry. I am also indebted to Henry Stoddard Ruggles of Wakefield, Mass., a descendant of John Kingsley and from whose book along another line of Kingsley descendants, and through whose personal correspondence and suggestions I was enabled from various sources and researches to trace our connection with John Kingsley who came to America about 1635. I am indebted also to Gen. Levi G. Kingsley of Rutland, Vt., whose name was furnished me by H. S. Ruggles and whom I found to be a great grandson of Salmon Kingsley. He has given me valuable information as did also Frank P. Fenton, the present town clerk of Windham, Conn., where our ancestors lived for several generations.

I must not forget to mention my mother, Betsey Ann Kingsley Brown, the oldest living descendant of Salmon Kingsley, to my knowledge, who has given much valuable information. I wish to thank all the present generation of Kingsley descendants for the valuable information and records furnished me which has made this collection possible.

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 1, 1907.

## ORIGIN OF THE FAMILY AND NAME OF KINGSLEY

Tradition says that as William II of England or William Rufus (the Red King) was one day hunting in the New Forest, he became separated from his companions and attendants, and wandering aimlessly about through forest and glade, became hopelessly lost. But just as night was closing in with its darkness and gloom, he espied a friendly light gleaming from the cabin of one of the yeomen who lived on the confines of the forest. Hastening thither, he begged shelter for the night, without making his identity known. He was kindly received and hospitably entertained so far as the means at hand in the humble abode would allow. The man of the house at once slaughtered a young goat from which, with other means at hand, his good wife prepared a savory repast, whose delightful odors reached the nostrils of the hungry King and whose delectable flavors greatly pleased his palate.

The King of course being weary from the arduous sports of the day, the humble couch provided him brought most refreshing slumbers, from which he awoke to partake of another bounteous repast, which the wife had prepared (such as her female descendants have ever since been noted for preparing).

In going abroad by the light of day he discovered that he was in his own meadow or Lea, as it was anciently called in England.

He was so delighted with the hospitality he had received that he bestowed the whole of that portion of his domain known as the King's Lea upon his host and made him a Baron. The recipient took the name of the land bestowed upon him, Kyngesleigh (or Kingsley), and the family crest or coat of arms contains the King's crown surmounted by a goat's head.

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### KINGSLEY ANCESTRY.

#### Direct Line of Ancestors From John to Joseph.

John Kingsley came from Hampshire, England, to Boston, Mass., and settled at Dorchester in 1635. He afterwards removed to Rehoboth where he died in 1679. His third son

Eldad Kingsley, born in Mass., 1638, married Mehatible Mansey, daughter of Roger Mansey. He died at Rehoboth, Mass., in 1679. His first son

John Kingsley born at Rehobeth, Mass., May 6, 1665, died at Windham, Conn., May 17, 1732. He married Sarah Sabin, daughter of Samuel Sabin. His fourth son

Ezra Kingsley, born at Windham, Conn., Dec. 10, 1698. He married Elizabeth Wright Dec. 31, 1719. His son

Salmon Kingsley the 1st, born at Windham, Conn., Sept. 27, 1723, was married to Lydia Burg, Jan. 24, 1743. His son

Salmon Kingsley the 2nd, born at Windham, Conn., Sept. 17, 1755, married first Alatheia Smith who died at Ira, Vt., Oct. 16, 1792, age 36. He married second Betsey Farge, a widow whose maiden name was Chubb. He was a soldier in the war of the American Revolution. He moved from Vermont to Mich. in 1825 and died at Livonia, Wayne County, Mich., Sept. 23, 1827.

Joseph Kingsley, son of Salmon and Alatheia Smith, born at Hartford, Conn., Feb. 15, 1780. He married first Lucinda Winchester who died at Ira, Vt., Jan. 31, 1808, age 23. Second he married Lucy Farge, daughter of his father's second wife. He moved to Mich. in 1825, and died at Livonia Oct. 20, 1855. His second wife (Lucy) died at Plymouth, Mich., Sept. 19, 1880. She was born in Mass., March 10, 1786.

### JOHN KINGSLEY.

In Vol. VI American Ancestry on page 207, we find the following: "John Kingsley of Dorchester, Mass., born at Hampshire, Eng., emigrated from there to Taunton, Mass., where he was one of the original purchasers. Removed to Dorchester 1635. His ancestors spelled the name Kyngesley, and bore these arms: Vert, a cross engrailed ermine, crest in a ducal coronet gules a goats head argent. Descended from Randulphus de Kyngesleigh of Chester 1120."

In the history of Dorchester, Mass. By the Committee of the antiquarian and Historical Society (Page 125) we also find the following: "John Kinsley or Kingsley was here as early as 1635. He was a grantee of land in 1635 and one of the original signers of the covenant in 1636. He had a share in the great lots in 1646, was a rater in 1648 and a free-man in 1651. He had a son named Eldad born in Dorchester in 1638 and a daughter, Renewed, born Jan. 19, 1644. He had a son Enos who went to Northampton and a daughter who married Samuel Jones, son of Richard Jones. John Kingsley married a daughter of William Daniels of Milton and lived there in 1670."

From the vital statistics of Rehoboth, Mass., where he lived during the later years of his life, we learn that John Kingsley was buried Jan. 6, 1678. Also that Alice the wife of John Kingsley was buried Jan. 14, 1673.

He was one of the seven original members who organized the Church at Dorchester in 1636 and signed the Covenant. Rev. Richard Mather the grandfather of Cotton Mather was the first pastor under the covenant. Kingsley was the last of the seven to survive.

He was a man of strong religious convictions and was obliged to leave England on account of his religious principles.

The first letter in the appendix gives us an insight into the character of the man. It is taken from the Public Records of the Colony of Conn. Vol. covering Records from 1665 to 1678. Pages 445 to 447.

Following is an extract from the Atlas of Portage Co. Ohio in connection with the history of Walcott Chafee who married Abigail Kingsley, a descendant of John Kingsley.

"They were members of the colony of New Plymouth and arrived in 1630, the first bearing the family name in this country being John Kingsley junior. The family name was continued in the person of Eldad who had a son John, etc."

Following is a list of the children of John Kingsley of Dorchester, Mass., as taken from Henry Stoddard Ruggles' Geneology of the Kingsley family. He says that we can not feel at all sure that the list is a complete one.

Sons: John, Samuel, Eldad, Enos, Edward.

Daughters: Renewed, Freedom.

### Eldad—Second Generation.

Eldad Kingsley, son of John Kingsley, born 1638 and died at Rehoboth, Mass., Aug. 30, 1679. He is spoken of as being an Elder of the Church at Rehoboth. He married Mehittable Maury, daughter of Roger and Bithie (Tibitha) Maury. The following are from Birth Records at Rehoboth:

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#### CHILDREN OF ELDAD AND MEHITTABLE KINGSLEY.

Elizabeth, Jan. 29, 1662, at Rehoboth, Mass.  
John, May 6, 1665, at Rehoboth, Mass.  
Samuel, June 1, 1669, at Rehoboth, Mass.  
Johnathan, Feb. 21, 1671, Rehoboth, Mass.  
Mercy, Oct. 7, 1675, at Rehoboth, Mass.  
Nathaniel, Feb. 5, 1678, at Rehoboth, Mass.

### John—Third Generation.

John Kingsley, eldest son of Eldad Kingsley, was born at Rehoboth, Mass., May 6, 1665 and died at Windham, Conn., May 17, 1732. In 1686 he married Sarah, daughter of Samuel Sabin. The latter was a soldier in King Philip's war and engaged in the Naraganset Expedition under Major Bradford. (See his name page 117 in History of Rehoboth, Bristol Co., Mass., by Leonard Bliss, Jr., 1836.)

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#### CHILDREN OF JOHN AND SARAH KINGSLEY.

Mary, born 1686.  
Tibitha, born Sept. 23, 1688.  
Sarah, born Oct. 9, 1690.  
Elizabeth, born Dec. 29, 1692.  
John, born Feb. 26, 1694.  
Josiah, Jan. 18, 1696 or 7.  
Amoss, Jan. 18, 1696 or 7.  
Ezra, born Dec. 10, 1698.  
Mary.  
Eliphalet, born Feb. 2, 1704.  
Eldad, born Jan. 8, 1707.  
By second marriage to Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_, her last name is not known.

Ebenizer, born April 15, 1714. Died young.

Lydia.

The first 8 Births are taken from the Records of Births at Rehoboth. The remainder are from H. S. Ruggles' Genealogy of the Kingsley Family. They were probably born at Windham, Conn.

The two following Family Records were taken from the town records of Windham, Conn., on file at Willimantic, Conn., in the office of Frank P. Fenton, Town Clerk of Windham, Conn.

#### Ezra—Fourth Generation.

Ezra Kingsley, fourth son of John Kingsley and Sarah Sabin, his wife, was born at Rehoboth, Mass., Dec. 10, 1698, and died at Windham, Nov. 1, 1733. He married Dec. 31, 1719, Elizabeth Wright, probably a daughter of Able Wright, who was living at Windham at this time. She died at Windham, Mar. 19, 1735.

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#### CHILDREN OF EZRA AND ELIZABETH KINGSLEY.

Ezra, born at Windham, Conn., Aug. 15, 1721.

Salmon, born at Windham, Conn., Sept. 27, 1723.

Elizabeth, born at Windham, Conn., June 18, 1727.

Mary, born at Windham, Conn., Aug. 6, 1730.

#### Salmon—Fifth Generation.

Salmon Kingsley, son of Ezra Kingsley, and Elizabeth Wright, was born at Windham, Conn., Sept. 27, 1728. He married Lydia Burg, Jan. 24, 1743.

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#### CHILDREN OF SALMON AND LYDIA KINGSLEY.

Nathan, born at Windham, Conn., Jan. 23, 1743 or 4.

Unice, born at Windham, Conn., July 9, 1745.

Ebenezer, born at Windham, Conn., April 26, 1747.

Elizabeth, born at Windham, Conn., Feb. 7, 1749.

William, born at Windham, Conn., July 15, 1751.

Jonathan, born at Windham, Conn., May 15, 1751.

Salmon, born at Windham, Conn., Sept. 17, 1755.

Lydia, born at Windham, Conn., April 24, 1760.



Jerusha, born at Windham, Conn., Sept. 29, 1766.  
Oren, born at Windham, Conn., Aug. 21, 1764.  
Stephen, born at Windham, Conn., June 3, 1768.

### Salmon—Sixth Generation.

Salmon Kingsley, fifth son of Salmon Kingsley and Lydia Burgess his wife, was born at Windham, Conn., Sept. 17, 1755, and died at Livonia, Mich., Sept. 23, 1827. He married Alathea Smith, daughter of Nathaniel Smith and Hannah Walden his wife. She was born at Windham, Conn., Mar. 14, 1757, and died at Ira, Rutland Co., Vermont, Oct. 16, 1792.

He married second Betsey Farge\* a widow whose maiden name was Chubb. She was born in Mass. in 1766 or 7 and died at Livonia, Mich., Aug. 9, 1829, aged 62. He was a soldier in the War of the American Revolution. Was in Capt. John Kingsley's Co. of Minute men who marched from Windham, Conn., for the relief of Boston at the Lexington Alarm April 1775. Was in the war at various times till its close. Was at one time a sergeant. He is said to have settled on a piece of land in the Hampshire Grants as early as 1776 in what afterwards became Ira, Rutland Co., Vt. Here he moved his family at the close of the war and remained there till 1825, when he moved to Michigan and lived with his son Joseph in Livonia. Several of his children moved to Michigan about this time, besides Joseph there was Salmon, who lived near Kalamazoo. Dennis near Northville, Alathea and Betsey who lived in Livonia and his youngest daughter Adaline who married Ira Hough soon after her arrival with her parents. Hers was the first wedding in the Township. They settled on a farm in Canton. He (Salmon Kingsley) died Sept. 23, 1827, and was buried on his son's farm in what is now called Newberg Cemetery and was the first person laid to rest there.

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### CHILDREN OF SALMON AND ALATHEA KINGSLEY

William, married, lived and died at Ira.

Joseph, born at Hartford, Conn., Feb. 15, 1780.

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\*Betsey Chubb Farge had three children by her first husband. He was a Frenchman. He started for Vermont to look for land and perished in a burning hotel. Her children were Mary (called Polly) who married Adam Blackman, Lucy who married Joseph Kingsley, and Frederick, who died young.

Chester, married Rhoda Weeks, Mar. 7, 1804.  
Salmon, married Nancy Anderson.  
Horace, born 1784, died at Ira, Vt., Mar. 26, 1806, aged 22.  
unmarried.  
Alathea, married Norton Noble, died at Livonia, Mich.  
Jane, married Gilbert Smith.

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### CHILDREN OF SALMON AND BETSEY CHUBB FARGE KINGSLEY.

Dennis married Delia Bayne, lived near Northville, Mich.  
Orrin, married and moved to Mississippi.  
Hiram, no history. Left home young. Never heard from  
after.  
Frederick, died Sept. 22, 1807, at Ira, Vt., aged 13.  
Lester, born May 22, 1804. Married Belinda Winship. Was  
a physician and practiced at Moretown, Vt., and died there.  
Betsey, who married Elisha Gates.  
Adaline married Ira Hough. Lived many years at Canton  
and afterward at Plymouth, Mich. Died there.  
Fidelia, died at Ira, Vt., Mar. 14, 1809, aged 9 mos.

#### Joseph—Seventh Generation.

Joseph Kingsley, son of Salmon Kingsley and his first  
wife, Alatha Smith, was born at Hartford, Conn., Feb. 15,  
1780. He married first Lucinda Winchester who died Jan.  
31, 1808 at Ira, Rutland, Co., Vt., aged 23. By this union  
one child, Lucinda, was born. She died at Ira, Vt., Mar. 29,  
1813, aged 6 years.

He married second, Lucy Farge, the daughter of Betsey  
Farge, his father's second wife. She was born in Mass.,  
Mar. 10, 1786.

Joseph Kingsley was a soldier in the War of 1812, having  
enlisted Sept. 17, 1812, in Capt. Mason Ormsbee's Company  
in the First Regiment of Vermont Militia, Col. Martindale  
commanding, according to records in the War Dept. at  
Washington, D. C.

In 1825 he migrated to Michigan with his family. They  
started from Ira on the morning of May 2nd, in a wagon  
with a white linen cover, the cloth for which had been spun  
and woven by his wife from flax raised on their farm. They

traveled in their wagon to Buffalo, N. Y., and then sent their horses back to Vermont by his brother, who thus far accompanied them. Here they loaded all their belongings into a Schooner and sailed across Lake Erie and up the river to Detroit. The whole journey which can now be made by train in less than 24 hours, took them four weeks.

Leaving his family in Detroit, a short time, he struck westward through the forests about 18 miles into what is now the township of Livonia. There on the extreme western outskirts of civilization, he built a log house. Into this when only partly finished and before the doors and windows were in place or the spaces between the logs "chinked" he moved his family, bringing them from Detroit over rude roads in their wagon yoked to oxen. The Indians were at first more numerous than white neighbors. The first night of their arrival, at their new home, a large band of Indians on their annual journey to Detroit to get their pay for lands sold to the government, encamped in the little clearing surrounding the Kingsley Home and in the forests all around them. Many of these red natives of the forests peered into the open spaces between the logs of the new house at the pale faced strangers with children almost awe-struck sitting around the big fire in the large open fire place.

There was little sleep for the older members of the family that night, as the good wife, the mother of five small children, was sick and not accustomed to such strange surroundings. Besides that the bells on the Indians' horses, the barking of their dogs and the howling of the wolves, made so much noise that there was little rest for the tired family. The Indians, however, proved peaceable and harmless, never giving any trouble, although for many years they often camped near by on account of the fine spring water on the Kingsley place. It was this fine spring that induced him to settle in that particular locality. There were at first no white neighbors to the westward, but during that year, houses were built in Plymouth and also at Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor. He assisted in laying out the road known as the Territorial Road but which is now known as the Ann Arbor Road. The family of course had to endure all the privations of pioneers on the frontier and all suffered much from fever and ague, each summer for a few years.

They soon had the log house fixed up comfortably and lived there ten years. In 1835 they built a comfortable and commodious new frame house which was considered quite elegant in those days. It is still standing on the old farm half a mile east of Newberg Village. Here he died Oct. 21, 1855. His wife survived him nearly 25 years and died Sept. 19, 1880, at the residence of her son, Albert Kingsley in Plymouth Township. She was beloved by all who knew her for her sterling qualities and Christian Graces. She never failed to read her Bible every day as long as she could see and during the latter years of her life, after she became entirely blind, she loved to have her children and grandchildren read her the scriptures as she always termed it. She also had the misfortune to break her leg a few years before she passed away, so that during her later years, she was unable to walk, but she bore her misfortune uncomplainingly and with great fortitude, spending a large portion of her time in knitting.

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#### CHILDREN OF JOSEPH AND LUCY KINGSLEY.

Frederick, born at Ira, Vt., died Aug. 13, 1811, aged 1 year.

Emila, born at Ira, Vt., died Mar. 1, 1813, aged 2 mos.

Salmon, born at Ira, Vt., June 16, 1814, died at Livonia, Mich., Oct. 8, 1838.

Mary Blackman, born at Ira, Vt., April 28, 1816.

Albert, born at Ira, Vt., May 14, 1818.

Betsey Ann, born at Ira, Vt., Sept. 14, 1820.

Lydia Burg, born at Ira, Vt., Jan. 14, 1823.

Lucy J., born at Livonia, Mich., Jan. 10, 1826.

#### Albert—Eighth Generation.

Albert Kingsley, son of Joseph Kingsley and Lucy Farge, his wife, was born at Ira, Rutland Co., Vermont, May 14, 1818. He removed to Michigan with his parents in 1825 when they settled on a farm in Livonia, Wayne Co., 18 miles west of Detroit, buying the land direct from the U. S. Government. Here on Mar. 24, 1844, he married Mary Jane McConnell, daughter of Joseph McConnell and Susan Gilson, his wife. He remained on the Old Kingsley Homestead for over 40 years and then moved to the western part of Ply-

month where he resided till May 13, 1890, when he emigrated west again, settling at Tillamook, Oregon, where he died Mar. 5, 1895. His oldest son Theodore who never married still resides there. His wife now lives with her oldest and only surviving daughter, Lydia Bussey.

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#### CHILDREN OF ALBERT AND MARY JANE KINGSLEY.

Adaline, born at Livonia, Mich., Sept. 30, 1845, died Oct. 30, 1848.

Theodore, born at Livonia, Mich., Nov. 24, 1846.

Lydia, born at Livonia, Mich., May 7, 1852.

Emma, born at Livonia, Mich., June 15, 1854, died Aug. 16, 1889.

Evaline, born at Livonia, Mich., Mar. 4, 1856, died Mar. 8, 1884.

Lester, born at Livonia, Mich., Nov. 27, 1864.

#### Lester—Ninth Generation.

Lester Kingsley, youngest son of Albert Kingsley and Mary Jane McConnell, his wife, was born at Livonia, Wayne Co., Mich., Nov. 27, 1864. He married Feb. 14, 1887, Lillie Josephine Stephens, daughter of David S. Stephens and Maria J. Cox, his wife. He moved to Oregon, Feb. 15, 1887, and Mar. 13, 1897, to California, where he now resides at Angels Camp, Calaveras Co., and conducts a hardware store.

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#### CHILDREN OF LESTER AND LILLIE KINGSLEY.

Martin L. Kingsley, born at Hubbard, Or., July 19, 1888.

Emma J. Kingsley, born at Tillamook, Or., Jan. 28, 1890.

Forest M. Kingsley, born at Tillamook, Or., Nov. 23, 1892.

Howard Albert Kingsley, born at Angels Camp, Cal., Mar. 16, 1903.

#### Lydia—Ninth Generation.

Lydia Kingsley, daughter of Albert Kingsley and Mary Jane McConnell, his wife, was born at Livonia, Wayne Co., Mich., May 7, 1852. She married in 1871, Luther Bussey,

born Dec. 12, 1848, son of Thomas Bussey and Harriett Kelly, his wife. He was born at Salem, Mich. They still reside on the old Bussey Homestead at Salem, Mich.

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#### CHILDREN OF LUTHER AND LYDIA BUSSEY.

Mertie Lydia Bussey, born at Salem, Mich., Aug. 20, 1872.

Calvin Luther Bussey, born at Salem, Mich., Nov. 16, 1874.

John Walter Bussey, born at Salem, Mich., Aug. 4, 1878.

Edgar Bussey, born at Salem, Mich., Oct. 17, 1883. Died April 17, 1904.

#### Mertie L. (Bussey)—Tenth Generation.

Mertie Lydia Bussey, daughter of Luther Bussey and Lydia Kingsley, his wife, was born Aug. 20, 1872, at Salem, Washtenaw Co., Mich. She married at Salem, May 10, 1893, Arthur Carlisle Wheeler, son of Stephen Calvin Wheeler and wife, Mary Caroline Kingsley, daughter of Charles Kingsley. He was born at Salem, Mich., Nov. 23, 1870. They reside at Salem, Mich.

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#### CHILDREN OF ARTHUR C. AND MERTIE L. WHEELER.

Calvin Luther, born at Salem, Mich., Nov. 13, 1894.

William Gleason, born at Salem, Mich., Sept. 15, 1898.

#### Calvin Bussey—Tenth Generation.

Calvin Luther Bussey, son of Luther Bussey and Lydia Kingsley, his wife, was born at Salem, Mich., Nov. 16, 1874. He married May 10, 1896, Anna Lynne, daughter of James Lynne McCormick and Helen Antoinette Briggs, his wife. She was born Aug. 22, 1873, at Salem, Mich. They reside at 17 Pontiac St., Detroit, Mich.

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#### CHILDREN OF CALVIN L. AND ANNA L. BUSSEY.

Lydia Helen, born at Salem, Mich., Feb. 17, 1898.

Harold James, born at Detroit, Mich., Nov. 7, 1899.

Ralph Luther, born at Detroit, Mich., Sept. 4, 1901.

### John Bussey—Tenth Generation.

John Walter Bussey, son of Luther Bussey and Lydia Kingsley, his wife, was born at Salem, Mich., Aug. 4, 1878. He married Dec. 24, 1902, at Saginaw, Mich., Emma Beatrice, daughter of Rev. John David Boegner and Catherine Craig, his wife.

She was born Jan. 20, 1877, at North Branch, Lapeer Co., Mich.

They reside at 629 Calumet Ave., Detroit.

### Emma—Ninth Generation.

Emma Kingsley, daughter of Albert Kingsley and Mary Jane McConnell, his wife, was born at Livonia, Wayne Co., Mich., June 15, 1854, and married Frank Rider, son of John Rider and Arderina Eldridge, his wife, Dec. 28, 1876, at Plymouth, Mich. He was born at Livonia, Mich., Sept. 27, 1853. She died at Salem, Mich., Aug. 16, 1889. He still resides at Salem, Mich.

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### CHILD OF FRANK AND EMMA RIDER.

Albert Rider, born at Salem, Mich., Jan. 7, 1879.

### Evaline—Ninth Generation.

Evaline Kingsley, daughter of Albert Kingsley and Mary Jane McConnell, his wife, was born at Livonia, Wayne Co., Mich., Mar. 4, 1856. She married Mar. 18, 1875, at Detroit, Mich., William K. Bussey, of Salem, son of Thomas Bussey and Harriett Kelley, his wife. He was born at Salem, Washtenaw Co., Mich., Sept. 15, 1842. She died at Salem, Mar. 8, 1884. He died at Ypsilanti, Mich., Dec. 18, 1905.

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### CHILDREN OF WILLIAM AND EVALINE BUSSEY.

Thomas Bussey, born at Salem, Mich., July 5, 1876.

Mamie Alice, born at Salem, Mich., Aug. 27, 1878.

Cora Belle, born at Salem, Mich., May 11, 1882.

Eva Jane, born at Salem, Mich., Feb. 20, 1884.

### Mamie A. (Bussey)—Tenth Generation.

Mamie Alice Bussey, eldest daughter of William K. Bussey

and Evaline Kingsley, his wife, was born at Salem, Washtenaw Co., Mich., Aug. 27, 1878. She married Sept. 17, 1898, at Salem, Mich., Fred James Sober, M. D., son of Sylvester C Sober and Lydia Dennis, his wife. He was born at Salem, Washtenaw Co., Mich., July 20, 1876. They now reside at Detroit, Mich., where Dr. Sober practices his profession at 272 Jos. Campau Ave.

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#### CHILDREN OF FRED J. AND MAMIE A. SOBER.

Dorothy W. Sober, born at Detroit, Mich., June 14, 1903.

Frederick Donald Sober, born at Detroit, Mich., Sept. 12, 1905.

#### Cora B. (Bussey)—Tenth Generation.

Cora Belle Bussey was born at Salem, Washtenaw Co., Mich., May 11, 1882. Is the daughter of William K. Bussey and Evaline Kingsley, his wife. She was married at Ypsilanti, Mich., Aug. 29, 1901, to Joseph Fred Webb, son of James Harvey Webb and Emma Marriott. He was born at Pittsfield, Washtenaw Co., Mich., April 22, 1871. He graduated from the Law Dept. of the University of Mich., 1892, and practices his profession at Ypsilanti, Mich., where they now reside.

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#### CHILDREN OF JOSEPH F. AND CORA B. WEBB.

Infant born at Ypsilanti, died Nov. 19, 1902.

James Craven Webb, born at Ypsilanti, Nov. 18, 1903.

Ruth Mildred Webb, born at Ypsilanti, Aug. 25, 1905.

#### Eva J. (Bussey)—Tenth Generation.

Eva Jane Bussey, youngest daughter of William K. Bussey and Evaline Kingsley, his wife, was born Feb. 20, 1884, at Salem, Washtenaw Co., Mich. She married at Detroit, Mich., April 5, 1904, Vincent Arnet, son of Wenzel Arnet and Josephine Pittermann, his wife. He was born at Pilsen, Bohemia, in the Austrian Empire, Aug. 15, 1881. They reside 1106 S. 10th St., Tacoma, Wash.



## CHILDREN OF VINCENT AND EVA JANE ARNET.

Josephene E. Arnet, born at Ypsilanti, Mich., Sept. 4, 1905, and died March, 1906.

### Mary B.—Eighth Generation.

Mary Blackman Kingsley, daughter of Joseph Kingsley and wife, Lucy Farge, was born at Ira, Rutland Co., Vt., April 28, 1816, removed to Mich. in 1825, with her parents, who settled in Livonia, Wayne Co. Here she was married Nov. 27, 1839, to William P. Adams, son of Capt. Elishu Adams and wife, Lucy Chapman. He was born at Preston, Conn., Aug. 28, 1812, and died at Canton, Mich., July 19, 1856. He was descended from Henry Adams, who came from Braintree, Eng., to America in 1632. This same Henry Adams was great great grandfather of Pres. John Adams. Mary B. Adams, died at Pontiac, Oakland Co., Mich., Mar. 16, 1903.

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## CHILDREN OF WILLIAM AND MARY ADAMS.

William Henry, born at Canton, Mich., April 12, 1841, died April 24, 1858.

Lydia Celestia, born Nov. 9, 1843.

Lucy Eva, born at Canton, Mich., June 21, 1853. She now resides at Wilson, N. Y.

### Lydia Celestia (Adams)—Ninth Generation.

Lydia Celestia Adams, eldest daughter of William P. Adams and wife, Mary B. Kingsley, was born at Livonia, Wayne Co., Mich., Nov. 9, 1843. She married at Plymouth, Mich., Aug. 21, 1862, Isaac Burroughs Merritt, son of Thomas Wilson Merritt and wife, Hannah Denton, of Somerset, N. Y. He was born Mar. 11, 1842, and died at Pontiac, Mich., Jan. 6, 1896. She also died at Pontiac, Mich., Nov. 4, 1897.

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## CHILDREN OF I. B. AND CELESTIA MERRITT.

Herbert Burroughs Merritt, born at Plymouth, Mich. Jan. 2, 1864.

Edward Adams Merritt, born at Plymouth, Mich., Jan. 8, 1866.

### Herbert B. Merritt—Tenth Generation.

Herbert Burroughs Merritt, eldest son of Isaac Burroughs Merritt and Celestia Adams, his wife, was born at Plymouth, Wayne Co., Mich., Jan. 2, 1864. He married at Pontiac, Oakland Co., Mich., Mar. 14, 1900, Edith Mae Kelly, daughter of Elbert James Kelly and Eunice Stowell, his wife. Edith Mae was born at Pontiac, Mich., Feb. 1, 1878. They now reside at Pontiac, Mich.

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#### CHILDREN OF HERBERT B. AND EDITH MAE MERRITT.

Ronald Kelly Merritt, born at Pontiac, Mich., Aug. 30, 1903.

Eunice Merritt, born at Pontiac, Mich., July 31, 1906.

### Edward Adams Merritt—Tenth Generation.

Edward Adams Merritt, second son of Isaac Burroughs Merritt and wife, L. Celestia Adams, was born at Plymouth, Mich., Jan. 8, 1866. He married at Northville, Mich., Feb. 12, 1901, Ella Norine Clarkson, daughter of Eugene Clarkson and Evelyn Nash. She was born at Northville, Mich., July 12, 1881. They reside at Northville, Mich.

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#### CHILDREN OF EDWARD A. AND ELLA N. MERRITT.

Clarkson Merritt, born at Northville, Mich., Mar. 5, 1904.

### Betsey Ann—Eighth Generation.

Betsey Ann Kingsley, daughter of Joseph Kingsley and Lucy Farge, his wife, was born Sept. 14, 1820, at Ira, Rutland Co., Vt., in sight of the Green Mountains. In 1825 her parents moved to Michigan where for several years they endured all the privations of frontier life. Her educational advantages were limited. She attended district school at Newberg and later a Select school at Northville, Mich., for a few months. At the age of 13, she united with the Presbyterian Church, her Pastor being the Rev. George Worthington. The church was built on her father's farm. It still

stands there but is now occupied by the Methodists. She began teaching school at Livonia Center in the summer of 1838. She next taught in Nankin School District No. 3, the same district where she afterward lived for many years and where most of her children were born. She also taught at Coopers Corners in the town of Plymouth and two terms in Canton where her uncle Ira Hough lived, and lastly in her old home district at Newberg. She spent some of her time when not teaching in Detroit, where she learned the trade of cap-making and trimming men's hats. She was married Mar. 20, 1845, at the home of her parents in Livonia, to Reuben J. Brown. Rev. George Eastman performed the marriage ceremony, in the presence of a large company of relatives and friends. Her husband, Reuben J. Brown, son of Reuben Brown and Rosanna Sherwood, his wife, was born at Homer, Courtland Co., N. Y., Feb. 1, 1819. He came west to Mich. in 1842, where he taught school before being married and at various times for many years after. They first lived in Nankin, one year and then moved to Redford, where they bought a farm and while there built a new house. Four years later they sold out and moved back to Nankin where they bought a farm and built a new house on Sec. 6. They lived here over 20 years, then they traded farms and moved to Superior, Washtenaw Co., Feb. 12, 1873. In 1885 they built a new house on the farm 6 miles southwest of Plymouth. Here he died Aug. 27, 1893. She still owns the farm but resides with her youngest daughter Mrs. Lydia King, near Ypsilanti in the same township.

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#### CHILDREN OF REUBEN J. AND BETSEY A. BROWN.

Harriet Alice Brown, born Nov. 29, 1845, at Nankin, Mich.

Mary Adelaide Brown, born July 10, 1847, at Plymouth, Mich.

John Randolph Brown, born Sept. 11, 1850, at Redford, Mich.

Lucy Amelia Brown, born Nov. 3, 1852, at Nankin, Mich.

LeRoy Brown, born Feb. 24, 1855, at Nankin, Mich.

Lydia Ann Brown, born May 29, 1858, at Nankin, Mich.

Henry Frances Brown, born June 1, 1861, at Nankin, Mich.

### Alice H. (Brown)—Ninth Generation.

Alice H. Brown, eldest daughter of Reuben J. Brown and Betsey Ann Kingsley, his wife, was born at Nankin, Wayne Co., Mich., Nov. 29, 1845. She attended school in her home district and later in the village of Wayne and also of Plymouth. She began teaching when quite young at the village school in Wayne, when her father was Principal there. She afterward taught in Nankin, Livonia, Canton, Salem, Newberg and again in Wayne. She also learned the millinery business at Ypsilanti, Mich. She married Andrew Miller, son of James and Sarah Miller. He was born in Augusta, Washtenaw Co., Mich., 5 miles southwest of Ypsilanti, July 6, 1831, and was the first white child born in that township. He died on the farm near where he was born, Jan. 12, 1904. She and her daughter reside at Ypsilanti, Mich.

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### CHILDREN.

May Brown Miller, born at Nankin, Mar. 14, 1870.

J. Allen Brown Miller, born at Augusta, Aug. 15, 1884.

### Allen Brown (Miller)—Tenth Generation.

J. Allen Brown Miller, son of Andrew Miller and Alice H. Brown, his wife, was born at Augusta, Washtenaw Co., Mich., Aug. 15, 1884. He married June 15, 1905, at Northville, Mich., Lizzie Edith Tiffin, daughter of Charles Harrison and Carmazelle (Foster) Tiffin. She was born at Northville, Wayne Co., Mich., July 21, 1884. They reside at Plymouth, Mich.

### Mary A. (Brown)—Ninth Generation.

Mary Adelaide Brown, second daughter of Reuben J. Brown and Betsey Ann Kingsley, his wife, was born at Plymouth, Wayne Co., Mich., July 10, 1847. In childhood she lived in Redford and afterward in Nankin where she received a common school education. She began teaching school in Salem, Mich., and taught afterward at Coopers Corners in Plymouth township, also at Newberg and lastly at Plymouth, her native village. Here she was teaching when her parents moved to Washtenaw Co. in 1873. She married July 1, 1874,

Clarence S. Sayles, son of Royal and Margaret (Carpenter)-Sayles, of Canton. He was born Mar. 26, 1847, at Lenox, Madison Co., N. Y. They now reside at Canton, Wayne Co., Mich. They have one child.

Edith Sayles, born June 13, 1875, at Canton, Mich.

#### Edith (Sayles)—Tenth Generation.

Edith Sayles, only daughter of Clarence S. and Mary A. (Brown) Sayles, was born at Canton, Wayne Co., Mich., June 13, 1875. When 17 years old she began teaching school in her home district, Canton No. 2, where she always attended school. After two years of successful work in teaching, she entered the State Normal school at Ypsilanti, Mich., from which she graduated in 1896. The same year she began teaching in the public schools of Jackson, Mich., and continued there till 1898 when she was obliged to give up the work and resign on account of trouble with her eyes. While attending the Normal school in 1894, she first met Elam W. Moyer, who was also a student there and a son of Jacob and Mary (Shank) Moyer. He was born at Samaria, Monroe Co., Mich., June 3, 1872. They were married at her home in Canton by the Rev. H. A. Field, of Detroit, Aug. 8, 1906. They reside on a farm in a new home just built for them at Samaria.

#### John Randolph Brown—Ninth Generation.

John Randolph Brown, eldest son of Reuben J. Brown and Betsey Kingsley, his wife, was born at Redford, Wayne Co., Mich., Sept. 11, 1850. Moved with his parents when an infant to Nankin in the same county. Here he grew to manhood, attending district school winters and working on the farm the rest of the year. On Feb. 12, 1873, he moved with his parents to the N. E. quarter of Sec. 12, Superior, Washtenaw Co., Mich., the east portion of which he now owns but lives on the old homestead where he has continuously resided over one-third of a century. Dec. 31, 1884, he married at the home of his wife's parents, Canton, Mich., Clara Eugenia Truesdale, eldest daughter of Lemuel Truesdale and Frances Carver, his wife. She was born at Geneva, Van Buren Co., Mich., June 14, 1864.

## CHILDREN OF RANDOLPH AND CLARA BROWN.

Reuben Clyde, born Dec. 21, 1885, at Superior, Mich.

Lewis Alger, born Jan. 15, 1888, at Superior, Mich.

Lloyd Allan, born Feb. 4, 1891, at Superior, Mich.

Albert Reed, born Feb. 9, 1894, at Superior, Mich.

Mary Grace, born Aug. 29, 1896, at Superior, Mich.

Clara Frances, born July 21, 1900, at Superior, Mich.

### Lucy A. (Brown)—Ninth Generation.

Lucy Amelia Brown, third daughter of Reuben J. Brown and Betsey Ann Kingsley, his wife, was born at Nankin, Wayne Co., Mich., Nov. 3, 1852. She attended school in her home district and the Michigan State Normal school at Ypsilanti. She taught school for several years in Nankin and Superior. She married Dec. 27, 1880, Charles Frederick Smith, youngest son of Frederick Smith and Sarah Ann Gott, his wife, of Canton, Mich. He was born at Canton, Sept. 8, 1849. They resided on the Smith Homestead a few years and then purchased a farm near Plymouth, Mich., where they now reside. Plymouth is their P. O. address.

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## CHILDREN OF CHARLES AND LUCY SMITH.

Ada Parson Smith, born at Canton, May 20, 1883.

Roscoe Brown Smith, born at Plymouth, Sept. 19, 1886.

Helen Elizabeth Smith, born at Plymouth, May 1, 1894.

### Ada P. (Smith)—Tenth Generation.

Ada Parsons Smith, eldest daughter of Charles Frederick Smith and Lucy A. Brown, his wife, was born at Canton, Wayne Co., Mich., May 20, 1883. She spent her girlhood on the farm near Plymouth with her parents. She is a graduate of the Plymouth High school. She married April 1, 1905, at Detroit, Mich., Daniel Franklin Murray, son of John Reeves Murray and Malinda Campbell Penny, his wife. He was born at Superior, Washtenaw Co., Mich., April 13, 1881. They reside at Plymouth, Mich.

### Leroy Brown—Ninth Generation.

LeRoy Brown, M. D., second son of Reuben J. Brown and Betsey Ann Kingsley, his wife, was born at Nankin, Wayne

Co., Mich., Feb. 24, 1855. He moved with his parents to Superior, Washtenaw Co., Mich., in Feb., 1873. Began teaching school in Newberg near his old home in Nankin in 1876. In 1878 he graduated from the Michigan State Normal School at Ypsilanti and the following year went to California where he taught for over three years. Returning to Ann Arbor, Mich., in 1882, where he entered the University of Michigan, receiving the degree of M. D. in June 1885. He then returned to California, remaining one year, when returning to Chicago, he took Post Graduate and Hospital work during the summer of '86 and then settled in St. Paul, Minn., where he practices his profession. On June 26, 1887, he was married by Rev. J. T. Sunderland to Mina, daughter of John Allan and Margaret Finlayson, his wife. Mina Allan was born at Hamberg, Ontario, Canada, Jan. 19, 1863, but moved to Ann Arbor, Mich., with her parents when one year old. They now reside at 934 Clark St., St. Paul, Minn.

#### CHILDREN OF LEROY AND MINA BROWN.

Elmer Allen Brown, born at St. Paul, Minn., May 16, 1888; died June 11, 1888, St. Paul.

Ammon Brown, born at St. Paul, Minn., Mar. 30, 1890, died Jan. 16, 1892, Windom, Minn.

Irving Hudson Brown, born at Windom, Minn., Dec. 21, 1891, died at St. Paul Park, Jan. 27, 1892.

Lucia Rebecka Brown, born at Heron Lake, Minn., Feb. 28, 1894.

Henrietta Mariea Brown, born at Heron Lake, Minn., June 1, 1897.

Marguerite J. Allen Brown, born at St. Paul, Minn., May 25, 1903.

#### Lydia A. (Brown)—Ninth Generation.

Lydia Ann Brown, youngest daughter of Reuben J. Brown and Betsey Ann Kingsley, his wife, was born at Nankin, Wayne Co., Mich., May 29, 1858. She attended District school in her home district and later in Superior where she moved with her parents Feb. 12, 1873, and where she has since resided most of the time. She married Frank King, son of Charles King and Frances Johnson, his wife, Nov. 8, 1899. He was born at Ypsilanti, Mich., Sept. 24,

1865. They now reside in Superior on a farm near the Brown Homestead and her mother lives with her. P. O. Address, Ypsilanti, Mich., R. F. D.

#### Henry F. Brown—Ninth Generation.

Henry Francis Brown, youngest son of Reuben J. Brown and Betsey Ann Kingsley, his wife, was born at Nankin, Wayne Co., Mich., June 1, 1861. He lived on the farm in his boyhood and attended country school in Nankin and Superior. He later attended high school at Plymouth and also at Ypsilanti and taught a short time in Canton. He then learned the photography business which he has since followed. He now has a popular Art Studio of his own at 79 Washington Ave., Detroit, Mich. He married Nellie Raymond, July 4, 1885, while living at Ann Arbor, Mich. She died at Northville, Mich., Nov. 23, 1890. He married second at Northville, Mich., June 16, 1897, Genevieve Babbett, daughter of Rufus Babbett and Ellen Cady, his wife. She was born April 25, 1870, at Salem, Mich. They now reside at 840 Trumbull Ave., Detroit, Mich. He has one daughter by his first wife, Elizabeth Marie Brown, born Feb. 26, 1887, at Iowa City, Ia.

#### Elizabeth M. (Brown)—Tenth Generation.

Elizabeth Marie (known as Daisy) Brown, only daughter of Henry Frances Brown and wife Nellie Raymond, was born at Iowa City, Iowa, Feb. 26, 1887. When she was just four months old, her parents moved back to Michigan with her and she has since resided there continuously, first at Ann Arbor then at Northville and afterwards at Detroit. When only three years old she lost her mother while they were living at Northville. She was married May 17th, 1906, at Windsor, Ont., to Frederick Louis Courville, son of Joseph and Isabella (Wilson) Courville. He was born at Detroit, Mich., Feb. 6, 1887. They reside at Detroit, cor. of 14th and Bagg.

#### Lydia B.—Eighth Generation.

Lydia B. Kingsley, daughter of Joseph Kingsley and Lucy Farge, his wife, was born at Ira, Rutland Co., Vt., Jan. 14, 1823. Removed to Michigan with her parents in 1825 and lived at Livonia, Wayne Co., where she was married Jan. 25, 1843, to Major Daniel Gorton, who was the



youngest of the 13 children of Thomas and Hannah (Straight) Gorton. His father was a Baptist minister, who preached at the Baptist Church at Schwartzberg, in Livonia Township for many years when the country was first settled. Major Gorton was born in the town of Henrietta, Monroe Co., N. Y., Jan. 4, 1823. Having sold his farm in Livonia in 1854, they moved to Salem, Mich., and settled on the Carpenter farm on Wheelock Plains. Here he carried on farming very successfully for 21 years. In 1875 they moved to Northville, Mich., where he died Sept. 8, 1901. She still resides at Northville, Mich., and still owns the fine farm in Salem.

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### CHILDREN.

Hannah Gorton, born Livonia, Mich., Aug. 7, 1847, died June 6, 1851.

William Gorton, born Livonia, Mich., Sept. 23, 1852.

Lucy Gorton, born Salem, Mich., Nov. 4, 1858.

#### Lucy (Gorton)—Ninth Generation.

Lucy Gorton, daughter of Major Daniel Gorton and Lydia Kingsley, his wife, was born at Salem, Washtenaw Co., Mich., Nov. 4, 1858. Removed to Northville, with her parents, where she married Sept. 17, 1878, George Phelps of Corfa, N. Y., a son of Cyrus Phelps and Sarah Bailey, his wife. He was born Sept. 5, 1848, and died at Corfa, N. Y., Dec. 6, 1881. One child was born to them, April 16, 1880. It died very young unnamed.

She married second at Northville, Mich., Arthur D. Brooks, son of Lewis Brooks and Azuba Johnson, his wife. He was born July 17, 1859, and married Nov. 25, 1885. They reside at Northville with her mother.

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### CHILDREN OF ARTHUR D. AND LUCY GORTON BROOKS.

Georgia L. Brooks, born May 30, 1887, died Sept. 5, 1887.

Lora M. Brooks, born Sept. 17, 1888, died Dec. 14, 1890.

Bessie A. Brooks, born Aug. 25, 1890.

Carrie L. Brooks, born July 29, 1892.

Ferolin Gorton Brooks, born April 28, 1895.

#### Lucy J.—Eighth Generation.

Lucy Jane Kingsley, youngest daughter of Joseph Kingsley and Lucy Farge, his wife, was born Jan. 10, 1826, at Livonia, Wayne Co., Mich., and was the first white child born in the township. She was united in marriage at her home in Livonia, Sept. 6, 1846, to Clinton Sheldon of Livonia. He was born at Ogdensburg, N. Y., Oct. 12, 1819, and died at Livonia, Nov. 23, 1851. She died in Livonia, Aug. 23, 1850. They both rest in the Newberg Cemetery on her father's old Homestead only a few rods from where she was born. They left an only daughter then an infant.

Sarah A. Sheldon, born June 7, 1849, at Livonia.

#### Sarah A. (Sheldon)—Ninth Generation.

Sarah A. Sheldon, only daughter of Clinton Sheldon and Lucy J. Kingsley, his wife, was born June 7, 1849, at Livonia, Wayne Co., Mich. When only a year old, she was left motherless and a year later her father died. She was adopted into the family of her Aunt Lydia Gorton, who a short time before had lost the only child they then had. In 1854 she was taken with her uncle's folks to Salem, where they lived on the Wheelock Plains. Here she grew to womanhood and married at her home April 12, 1870, Charles Wheelock, son of Royal and Mary Ann (Pinkney) Wheelock, who was born at Salem, Sept. 28, 1841. They lived on the old Wheelock Homestead for many years but now live at Plymouth, Mich.

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### SUMMARY OF DESCENDANTS OF JOSEPH KINGSLEY.

Joseph Kingsley had nine children. Of these five were married and reared families. Two are still living, Betsey Ann Brown and Lydia B. Gorton, of the children who married.

Mary B. Adams had three children, one married and one is now living.

Albert Kingsley had six children, four married and three are now living.

Betsey Ann Brown had seven children, seven married and seven are now living.

Lydia B. Gorton had three children, two married and two are now living.

Lucy J. Sheldon had one child, one married and one is now living.

He had twenty grandchildren, fourteen are now living, fifteen were married.

He had forty great grandchildren, thirty-three are living and twelve are married. He had fourteen great-great grandchildren, twelve are living. He has had therefore nine children, twenty grandchildren, forty great grandchildren and fourteen great-great grandchildren, making a total of eighty-five descendants. These, with the husbands and wives of the thirty-two who married, makes a grand total of one hundred and fifteen in the family of descendants. There are now living two children, fourteen grandchildren and thirty-three great grandchildren and twelve great-great grandchildren, making a total of sixty-one living descendants. These, with the twenty-five husbands and wives still living, make a family of eighty-six.

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### SUMMARY BY FAMILIES.

Mary B. Adams had three children, one (Eva) is still living, and one (Celestia) was married. She had two grandchildren, both are living, and three great grandchildren, all living. She therefore had a total of eight descendants with six living.

Albert Kingsley had six children, three are living and four were married. There were thirteen grandchildren, twelve are living and six are married, and eleven great grandchildren with nine living. There was a total of thirty descendants with twenty-four living.

Betsey A. Brown has seven children all living and all were married. Nineteen grandchildren with sixteen living, making a total of twenty-six descendants, with twenty-three living.

Lydia B. Gorton had three children, two are living, and six grandchildren with three living, making nine descendants with five living.

Lucy J. Sheldon had one child. She is now living and the only descendant. To Albert Kingsley and wife Mary Jane McConnell who is still living, therefore belongs the honor of having the largest number of descendants, thirty, with twenty-four living. This honor, however, they divide with his sister Betsey A. Brown, who has seven children, all living, and nineteen grand children with sixteen living.

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 1, 1907.

## APPENDIX

At a meeting of the Councill Hartford May 26 1676. Major Robert Treat, Esq., Dep. Gov.; Captain John Allyn and Mr. John Wadsworth.

Whereas the General Court ordered that there should be 600 bushels of wheat rased upon the county of Hartford, to be proportioned by the Authority of this county, upon the severall plantations, to be improved and baked into bread for the country's use, which is thus proportioned: upon Hartford, 174 bush.; Windsor, 152; Wethersfeild, 134; Farmington, 74; Middleton, 46; Hadam, 20, which is to be rased forthwith and brought to Hartford, to be ground into flour and baker pr the baker, all except Windsor proportion, which is to be baked there. The Secret'y to send out warrants to the respective townes, accordingly.

May 30, 1676. To all Christian friends, the good people unto whome these present writings shall come greeting: Whereas we have received a letter bearing date May 5. '76. from one John Kingsley, of Seaconek or Rehoboth, whereby we are credibly informed of the great straits, difficulties and wants, not onely of \*o' Christian friends there but of very many of o' dear friends the Lord's people in that Colony of New Plimouth and cleewhere, by reason of the prevayleing of the cruell enemy, by burning, killing and destroying people and places not a few; and being called upon for releife, we have thought fit to recommend it to your pious consideration to remember the poore and them that are in bonds, as bownd with them; it being a worke that even nature, God and man calls for of us, to extend o' compassion and charity for the supply of o' distressed freinds' necessities, whose lowd cryes of their misery doth answerably call for o' liberallity and mercy, least the Lord should justly turn his hand from them to vs. We desire that you would appoynt one in each congregation, to receive your liberality and to take care for the speedy and effectuall sending the same to Boston and Seaconek, to be distributed to those in necessities. Deacon Walker of Seaconek is recommended to vs as a suitable person to receive

and distribute what shall be sent to Seaconck and the rest may be sent to Mr. Thatcher and Mr. Mather of Boston, to be by them put into some faythfull hands, to be distributed amongst the people in necessity in the Massachusetts and Plimouth Colony. Mr. Shepherd, added.

\*Read "our."

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(JOHN KINGSLEY'S LETTER. Doc. 68.)

Ser. I sallvte you with al' that cal on the Lord Jesus, thayer Lord & oweres. I did despach a few lines to New Noriage & so to you & the rest on your river, but fearing it should not com to your hand & those which it concernes, I nowe in my sickness that the Lord hath laid on vs as hee did on Job—I am now in an fever or ague, yet I doe judge I folow Pale (Paul). I can say truly that since ovr wares begun my flesh is so gon with feare, care & grife & now this sickenes, my skin is redey to cleave to my bones. Now being vnknowne to you beloe on the river, I say I am the 1 (one) man & onely left of those that gathered the Chvrch that is now in Dorchester, yet of lat have lived at Rehoboth or Seconke & hath sufered deepe, with my neighborres. Now to tel you what wee have & how wee are like to sufer, my hart wil not hould to write & sheetes would (not) contayne. I am not able to beare the sad stories of ovr woeful day, when the Lord made ovr wolfish heathern to be our lordes, to fier our towne, shout & holow, to cal to us to com out of our garisones. Som did goe out alife, with suceses; but had not ovr God restrayned them, they were enow to have swalowed vs all vp. They burnt our milles, brake the stones, ye, our grinding stones; & what was hid in the erth they found, corne & fowles, kild catel & tooke the hind quarters & left the rest, yea, all that day that the Lord gave lisones (license) they burnt cartes wheles, drive away our catel, shipe, horses, in a word had not the Lord restrayned thay had not left won to have tould of our woful day.<sup>1</sup> Wee lost but on siley man that day.<sup>2</sup> Wee are shut vp in our garisones & dare not goe abroad far to our outlandes, without som strength. Som of our souldiers are removed. Nobodey comes to say, how doe ye. Counsel from Bost. & Plimouth was to stay, uncles all had gon that could

and left the rest to perish, yet now every rod of ground neare garison is broaken vp & where house and barne stood now put in beanes & sqvashes; but alase, what wil doe against famin?

Now to leave all ovr danger, fear of sword, famen stares vs in the face. Now to my comfort I heare you have store of corn, ye, tho you doe not sow in som yeares. Now misery cales for mersey but I consave is distres.\* The truth is my hart wil not beare to write. Ah, the burden that I beare night & day, to see the blesed and loving God thus angrey, & wee have not a Profet to tel how long, & to say this or these are New Englandes sinn. For general sin cales vseley (usually) for generall plagve; which is now. Deare brethern, if there be power in your handes, doe not say, goe away & com agayne. It is betur to die by serd than famen. Therefore I beg in my Lourds (Lord's) name, to send vs som meal; for if wee sent it (to) Road Island there is won wolf in the way, & hee wil have monecy, which won of 40 hath not it to pay, tho thay starve; yea 1-sh (one shilling) for 1 bushel, caring & bringing. There is another, that is the miller, & hee takes an 8 part. O New Ingl. when wilt thou leave off opresing. It may be in som of your mindes to say, why doe not the hed men write, but onely this ould pore man. I say onely, I wil lay a mantel on my shoulder & goe pakewardes (backwards). There is but too (two) that knowes of my writing, & the won descoriged me, but I know how earnest Pal (Paul) beged prayefes that which hee cales grase might be expekted.

I pray if this com in to the hand of aney that fere God, doe against famin?

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1. The Indians assaulted Rehoboth, on the 28th of March. They burnt thirty barns and near upon forty dwelling houses, thereby as it were threatening the utter desolation of that poor town.

2. Robert Beers, slain ye 28th March, 1676. It is said that he was a religious, but eccentric and superstitious man, and that on the approach of the Indians, he refused to go into the garrison house, but sat down in his own house, with the bible in his hand, believing that while he continued reading it, nothing could harm him. He was shot through the window, and fell with his bible in his hand.—Bliss History of Rehoboth, p. 56.

\*This is believed to be the reading of the original; but the meaning is obscure. Probably one or more words necessary to complete the sentence, were omitted by the writer.

have a wiling mind may hav a hand to save vs from famen. I doe not beg for money to bild houses. Ah noe. noe. If any wil send meale, pray let deacon Walker distribut it. I knowe no man like minded.

It would be a dishoner to such a people as you, to vse argements to stir you vp to such a worke. I leave this & you all to the good hand of God, throw Jesus Christ, who is the define head of that blessed Covenant of Grace & foyntayn of all good. Bere with my writing, who came of (off) my sicke bed to make an end of these lines.

JOHN KINGSLEY.

4 or 5 of 3 Mon. (Mar. 3rd) 1676.

If aney that here or recede wil tryst mee won harel of indien meal & won of wheat, I do promise to pay, I or mine, when the Lord shall tyn to his people with peace.

If aney know or here that Enoes Kingsley be alive, at Northampton, lett (him) know that I his father am a live tho no shelter for my grey head, onely with won swine God left when hee sent our enemyes to be our lordes, & blessed be his holy name; hee gave & hee tooke. I prayed seven yeares, to be sited to suffer common calamity, so the thing I peared (feared) is com on mee; but alas I am redey to fant in the day of adversetey & show my strength is smal.

(Directed) For this much honored friend, the preacher of the gospel at Hartford, Conn., these, with speed, as consernes maney.

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Copy of Letter from Harvey Kingsley, Rutland, Vt., to J. S. Kingsley.

Mr. J. S. Kingsley,

Rutland, Vt., Mar. 9, 1889.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of Feb. 25th to my son L. G. Kingsley was handed to me to be answered. I will do the best I can. I am an old man over 81 years of age. You must make allowancees accordingly.

It has been handed down to me that my grandfather, Salmon Kingsley, came from Wapping, Conn., to Ira, Vermont, very soon after of the War of the Revolution. His wife, Alathea Smith (whose father died in Becket) came with him. She died in Ira, Vt., Oct. 16, 1792, aged 36 years.



Unto them was born William, Joseph, Chester (my father), Alathea, Jane, Salmon and Horace. His second wife was a widow Farge. They had Dennis, Orrin, Hiram, Betsey, Adaline, Lester and Fedelia.

Grandfather moved to Michigan 1825 and died there in 1827. William, his oldest son died in Ira in my boyhood. Betsey died in Castleton. Orin died in Mississippi. Dr. Lester practiced his profession in Moretown, Vt., some 50 years, and died there. The rest of the family except Chester, my father, moved west in 1825. Their history to me since that date is very limited.

Chester Kingsley was married to Rhoda Weeks (who came to Clarendon from Washington, Conn., Mar. 7, 1804): They had Eliza, Horace, Harvey, Henry, Alathea, Harrison, Chester, Jr., Amos, Rhoda, Jane, Sabrice, William, John, Helen, Frances and William 2nd.

Eliza died Oct. 4, 1874. Had three children, all dead. Horace died July 17, 1886, had 5 children living. Alathea July 7, 1843, one child living. John died Feb. 1, 1852, unmarried. The two Williams died in childhood. Seven of us boys grew to manhood. None of us used profane language, none drank rum, but two used tobacco and all of us, both boys and girls were communicants in different churches except two (a good record).

Harvey Kingsley married Alvira Gleason (died Dec. 11, '84) May 18, 1831. We had Levi G., Nahum P. and Elizabeth.

L. G. Kingsley has two children. He is in the hardware and furniture business in Rutland, Vt. Nahum P. has no children, resides in Rutland and deals in Western lands. Has handled some 50,000 acres. Elizabeth married A. W. Higgins, no children, resides in Rutland, is a wholesale and retail druggist.

I think the Vermont branch of the Kingsley family ought to feel somewhat proud of their war record. Grandfather Salmon Kingsley, I think, was in the entire Revolution. Was orderly sergeant and was at one time in command of the Fort at New London, Conn., and was, I am told, a good soldier and never had a pension. The first pension act gave pensions I believe to only those who were not worth over \$500. He died before the law was altered, giving one

to the whole rank and file who were honorably discharged. Uncle Joseph Salmon, and Dennis were in the war of 1812. Salmon (who died in Kalamazoo, Mich.) was in a company of Rangers (a hard service) and was badly wounded. Uncle Orrin had two sons in the Rebel Troups from Arkansas. One a Lieutenant. Both were taken prisoners at Fort Donaldson and taken to Chicago for exchange. Horace Kingsley had one son Henry, who now lives in Rutland. In the war he was discharged as a Brevet Major, was wounded. My son Levi G. went out in the 1st Regt. three months men as a Lieutenant and again went with the 12th Regt. as Major and has since been elected by the legislature of the State of Vermont, a Brig. General.

HARVEY KINGSLEY.

### A REMARKABLE FAMILY.

The Kingsleys, Formerly of Clarendon and Brandon, All Lived to Great Age.

The members of the Kingsley family, an exact record of the ages of whom has been prepared by Newman Weeks, lived as a whole, to remarkably old age. Three members of the family are now living, and one was killed by accident. The records follow:

Chester Kingsley, senior; born in 1782, died in 1855, aged 73.

Rhoda Weeks Kingsley, senior; born in 1786, died in 1852, aged 66.

Their children: Eliza Kingsley Spencer of Sudbury, born in 1805, died in 1874, age 69; Horace Kingsley of Clarendon, born in 1806, died in 1887, age 81; Harvey Kingsley of Rutland, born in 1807, died in 1892, age 85; Henry Kingsley, of Middlebury, born in 1809, died in 1894, age 85 years; Alathia Kingsley Gorham of Orwell, born in 1811, died in 1843, age 32; Harrison Kingsley of Clarendon, born in 1813, died in 1901, age 88; Chester Kingsley, jr., of Salisbury, born in 1815, died in 1889, age 74; Amos W. Kingsley of Minneapolis, born in 1816, died in 1902, age 86; Rhoda Kingsley Rust of Brandon, born in 1818, died in 1897, age 79; Jane Kingsley Barrett of Chicago, born in 1819 and now living, age 85; Sabra Kingsley Blackmer of Brandon, born in

1821 and now living, age 83; William Kingsley, first, of Clarendon, born in 1824, died in 1827, age three; John W. Kingsley of Brandon, born in 1826, killed by accident in 1852, age 26; Helen Kingsley Morrill, formerly of Brandon and Chicago, born in 1828, died in 1900, age 72; Frances Kingsley Burr of Broad Aubin, N. Y., born in 1829 and now living, age 76, and William Kingsley, second, of Clarendon, born in 1832, died in 1834, age two.—From Rutland, Vt. Daily Herald, May 24, 1905.

### WAR RECORD OF SALMON KINGSLEY.

See Conn. Men in the War of the Revolution, page 26, published at Hartford, Conn., in 1889, by the General Adj. Board, the name of Salmon Kingsley, private in Captain John Kingsley's Company of minute men who marched from Windham, Conn., for the relief of Boston in the Lexington Alarm list, April 1775.

The above documentary evidence is published for the benefit of any of the descendants of Salmon Kingsley who might wish to join the Sons or Daughters of the American Revolution.

Inscriptions on the Tombstones in the Kingsley family burying ground on the old homestead at Ira, Vt.

1st. In memory of Mathea, wife of Salmon Kingsley, who died Oct. 16, 1792, age 35 years.

2nd. Horace, son of Salmon and Alathia Kingsley, died March 26, 1806, age 22 years.

3rd. Frederick, son of Salmon and Betsey Kingsley, died Sept. 22, 1807, age 13 years.

4th. Fidelia, daughter of Salmon and Betsey Kingsley, died March 14, 1809, age 9 months.

5th. In memory of Lucinda, wife of Joseph Kingsley, died Jan. 31, 1808, aged 23 years.

6th. Frederick, son of Joseph and Lucy Kingsley, died Aug. 13, 1811, in second year of his age.

7th. Emila, daughter of Joseph and Lucy Kingsley, died Mar. 1, 1813, aged 2 months.

8th. Lucinda, daughter of Joseph and Lucinda Kingsley, who died Mar. 29, 1813, aged 6 years.

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