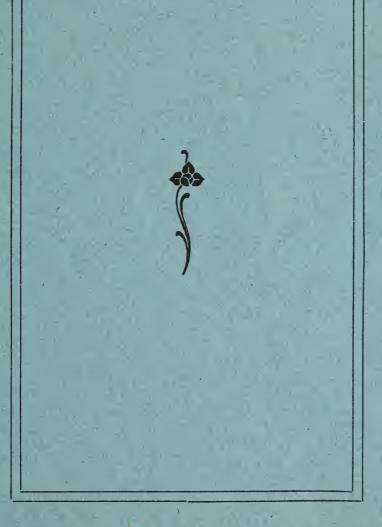
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NINTH REUNION OF THE PIKE FAMILY.

In 1914 the following notice was sent out to all members of the Pike Family Association to the addresses last known:

September 18, 1914.

To the Members of the Pike Family Association:

The regular biennial meeting of the Pike Family Association will be held on Wednesday, October 14, at the Methodist Church, Salisbury, Mass.

The business meeting will be called to order at 10.30 A. M. for the reading of reports, election of officers and transaction of any other business that may come before the meeting.

At noon the ladies of the Church will serve dinner in the vestry.

A program is being arranged for the afternoon and evening, details of which can not yet be given, but we believe it will be an interesting one.

It is earnestly hoped that a large number will be present and it is especially requested that if you can not attend you will send some word of greeting—and do not forget to enclose your dues unless you have already paid same to 1914.

To reach Salisbury, take a train from Boston at the North Station via Boston & Maine Eastern Division, to Salisbury, or Newburyport, where electrics connect by a ten minute ride. Cars leave Newburyport for Salisbury on the hour and half hour.

Address all communications regarding accommodations

to Mr. John Q. Evans, Salisbury, Mass. Send dues and letters of greeting to the Secretary at Pike, N. H., or from October 10th to 14th, in care of Mr. John Q. Evans, Salisbury, Mass.

Try to be present at the meeting if you can; at any rate let us hear from you.

Frances C. Dickerman,

Secretary.

A goodly number responded to this call and gathered at the Methodist Church in Salisbury, Wednesday, October 14th.

The meeting was formally called to order at eleven o'clock by the President, Mr. Herbert A. Pike of Worcester. A brief prayer by the President was followed by a few words of welcome to the members of the Association and then the Secretary's report was called for. This was read and accepted and is given in full below:

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the Members of the Pike Family Association:

Once again we have gathered in Salisbury, the home of many Pikes, and I am glad to greet you all.

Your Secretary might perhaps have a more extensive report should we try to tell you of what has not been done rather than of the things really accomplished during the past two years for it has been another period of inactivity so far as special work is concerned.

We are still without the genealogical records which were in Dr. Pike's hands and no new work has been yet undertaken in this line. Perhaps you will think there is too much delay in the matter and if there seems little possibility of securing the genealogical records already worked out it might be well to proceed now to get new records. We have

deferred genealogical work while waiting to learn definitely what might be available of the Pike history already searched out.

I have only two new members to report, Mrs. Sarah Pike Conger of Pasadena, Cal., and Mrs. Amy Wentworth Thomas.

One member, Mrs. A. W. French of California, has taken out life membership.

The following members have expressed their desire to withdraw from the Association:

Miss Grace W. Arnold Pike, N. H. Mrs. M. E. Bailey Troy, Pa. Mr. Bruce W. Belmore Brooklyn, N. Y. Mrs. Flora C. Belmore Princeton, Me. Mrs. Sarah E. Fisk Salisbury, Mass. Miss Abbie Mary Greenleaf Newburyport, Mass. Mrs. Benj. C. Lincoln Boston, Mass. Mrs. Victor S. Merritt Springfield, Mass. Mr. Doremus W. Pike West Chester, Pa. Miss Hattie F. Pike Danvers, Mass. Miss Mary Felton Pike Danvers, Mass. Miss Minnie Warren Pike Peabody, Mass. Mrs. Walter N. Pike Floral Park, N. Y. Mrs. Charlotte Sawyer Hudson, Mass.

It is my sad duty to report the loss of thirteen members by death:

Mrs. Elihu (Rhoda S. H.) Bingham
Mrs. J. Frank Child (Georgietta Pike)
Mrs. Amy F. Lewis Gorwaiz
Miss Annie Nichols
Mrs. Frank N. Parsons
Mr. Bemis Pike
Mr. Chas. M. Pike

Brattleboro, Vt.
Marlborough, Mass.
Newburyport, Mass.
Franklin, N. H.
Marshfield, Vt.
Worcester, Mass.

Mr. Willard Carlos Pike Mr. Wolcott Knapp Pike Mrs. Richard J. Thomas Mrs. Daniel E. Tilton Mrs. Eliza M. Pike Wetherbee Edwin S. Pike Minneapolis, Minn. New Hartford, Ct. Milwaukee, Wis. Newburyport, Mass. Lexington, Mass. Worcester, Mass.

There are at this time 210 members on our list and doubtless some of those now on the delinquent list will send in remittances before the end of November. One member whom we were obliged to drop from the list on account of non-payment of dues has since sent in membership fee with the request that she be reinstated.

It has been a matter of deep regret that it has been necessary to drop so many on account of non-payment of dues and it would perhaps be wise to make some alteration in the By-Laws regarding this so that such members can still be retained on the list but not be entitled to receive notices or reports until proper payments are made. We have no doubt that a good many would desire to retain their membership and in time would come into closer touch with the Association if we could keep them listed in this way. It would be in effect having an active and an associate membership list.

I have received letters from our far western members indicating that they are becoming more interested in the Association. Also I have received some letters of inquiry regarding genealogical matters and these will be published in the next report in the hope that some members of the Association may be able to give these inquiring members the information they seek regarding their family connections.

In accordance with instructions given the Secretary at the 1912 Reunion a small booklet has been published giving the Constitution and By-Laws and list of members,—that is, those who have kept their dues paid up. These booklets are available for any of the members who may desire them. They will be helpful, we think, in interesting new members.

As other members are added or delinquents pay up their dues their names can from time to time be printed on slips to be pasted in these books so the list can be kept up to date.

We regret to state that through error of the Secretary the name of Mrs. Elizabeth Currier Pike appeared among the list of delinquents; this should be among the members in good standing. Please make the change in your copy of list as printed in the 1914 records, and also cross out of the list of delinquents the names of Mrs. Amy Lewis Gorwaiz and Mrs. Mary Smith Lewis.

The Secretary has a good supply of the Official Badge of the Association, in form of pin or stud, and these can be procured at any time, also the Coat of Arms, either painted or lithographed, and the Coat of Arms stationery.

In accordance with suggestions made by some of the members through correspondence and at last Reunion we have made inquiry regarding cost of Membership Certificates but found these so expensive that it did not seem best to do anything in the matter without securing the approval of the Association. The expense of a suitable certificate engraved will be not less than \$70.00 for one thousand.

If these were procured it would be wise perhaps to sell them to the members at cost and in this way in due time the Association would be reimbursed for the outlay. They could be furnished for about 10 cents each. We have at the desk a design as submitted for this certificate by the manufacturers of our stationery.

We desire to thank those of the members who have thoughtfully informed us of changes in address and of other changes in their families. The number doing this is all too few yet we believe there is some improvement and we hope the germ may be kept actively alive until all shall have caught this fever of imparting information. Your Secretary will be grateful, I assure you, and the records will be of much more value.

You have been patient with me though I have been able to do so little for the Association and I desire to thank you for the courtesy and kindness shown me which have made my relations with you so pleasant. I do feel, however, as I know some of you do, that it would be for the good of the Association to secure the services of a Secretary who could devote more time to the work and perhaps engage in genealogical research. I therefore would ask that you no longer consider your present Secretary as eligible for that position but choose from among your numbers one with more leisure to devote to Association work. Be assured that my interest will always be with the Pike Family in the future, as it has been in the past and I shall rejoice in whatever success the Association may attain.

No words of mine are needed to arouse the loyalty and enthusiasm of this big Pike Family. You have but to look backward upon those who have ranked high for courage and uprightness in days of old, splendid examples of manhood and womanhood, and there you will find your inspiration to uphold the Pike Standard and raise it ever higher. If we are unable to accomplish all we would wish let us not feel that our union in this Association is in vain since it binds us closer together in these efforts for the good of the family. and therefore for the ultimate good of our Nation. We have a right to be proud of many Pikes who have lived in days gone by; let us do our part to make sure that we may find occasion for pride and rejoicing in the lives of the Pikes of today. Then we may be assured that the Pike Family of to-morrow shall not fail to uphold the honor of the name.

The Treasurer's report was then read and by vote of the Association accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Oct. 12, 1914.
To the Pike Family Association:
Your Treasurer begs to submit the following report:
Received for Membership Fees and Dues at 1912 Reunion\$ 39.00
Received for Dues since 1912 Reunion to Oct. 12, 1914 137.30
1 pin
Membership Fees, including one life membership 27.00
Coat of Arms
\$233.86
Expended.
Expense of Secretary attending 1912 Reunion \$ 8.78 For stamps, express, envelopes and incidentals 21.61 Check to
Courier Printing Co., 1912 Reunion notices 2.50
C. J. Ayer, Premium on Treasurer's bond 5.00 Wm. Freund & Sons, stationery
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approval
Courier Printing Co., for due notices and envelopes 1.50 Henry D. Washburn for printing 1912 reports, and
envelopes for same 59.60
The Commonwealth Press, for booklets of Constitution and By-Laws and list of members 31.50
Courier Printing Co., Reunion notices for 1914 2.00
158.74
Balance
\$387.75
On deposit in Capital Savings Bank & Trust Co \$376.54 On hand in currency
Respectfully submitted,
Frances C. Dickerman,
Treasurer.

The report of Special Committee regarding Genealogical Records was next called for. As the Chairman was absent the President, Mr. Herbert A. Pike, reported briefly, stating that efforts had been made to get into communication with Mrs. Clifford Pike but nothing satisfactory had been accomplished and the Committee had been unable to learn anything with reference to the records. As Mrs. Pike was expected at the Rennion later in the day the President suggested that a Committee be appointed to meet her and confer with her and report at the afternoon session what action they would suggest taking in the matter. It was the opinion of some that we had waited long enough and if we could not secure the old records we ought to proceed along other lines and secure new records. This was offered merely as a suggestion and the matter was left open for further conference and suggestions. An interesting discussion followed. Mr. Evans moved that a committee of three be appointed by the President, the Chairman to constitute one of that committee, to find out something definite in regard to the records. Motion carried.

Sincere appreciation was expressed for Dr. Pike's great interest in the Association and his untiring efforts to complete the genealogical records of the Pike Family.

Rev. Ezra B. Pike, one of the charter members of the Association, was warmly greeted as he appeared before the gathering, and he brought his usual good word of wisdom.

The question was discussed as to how it would be best to arrange for the completion of the records and editing of the Pike Family History, supposing we secured the records already assembled, also as to plan of procedure supposing we have to begin now the collection of new records.

The Committee on Genealogy, appointed to confer with Mrs. Clifford Pike, consisted of Mr. John Q. Evans, Mrs. Jesse L. Chandler, Miss Elizabeth Davis.

In view of the increased correspondence that would be necessitated by taking up the genealogical work it was decided that the President should appoint an assistant to the Secretary, to be known as a Corresponding Secretary, and accordingly Miss Elizabeth Davis was appointed for this position.

The next question brought before the Association was that of a suggested alteration in the By-Laws. It seemed desirable that some plan be adopted for establishing two kinds of members,—active and inactive—so that those who have once joined the Association shall not be dropped from membership for non-payment of dues, as has been the rule heretofore, but merely enter a non-active list,—active members only to receive notices, reports, etc.

It was voted that a Committee be appointed to submit draft for alteration of By-Laws Nos. 1 and 2. This Committee was appointed by the Chair as follows: Rev. Ezra B. Pike, Mr. Frank C. Pike, Mrs. Chas. B. Gallond.

Moved by Mr. Evans that aged members, or those who have rendered special services, be entered upon an honorary list entitled to full privileges but without payment of dues.

Suggested by the President that the Secretary be instructed to write Mrs. Fisk that we dislike to have her withdraw from the Association and that it is the desire of the Association that she become a life-member without payment of any further dues. Motion made and carried that the Secretary be instructed to write Mrs. Sarah Fisk as suggested and send greetings of the Association.

Suggested that the Secretary write letter of greeting to Mrs. James Pike, also to Robert H. Pike of Union, N. II., who have been interested in the Association work but unable to be present at the meetings.

The President then announced the appointment of Committees as follows:

Committee on Nominations—Mr. Ralph N. Cheney, Mr. Frederick Pike, Mrs. Ellen R. Pauly.

Committee on Resolutions—Mr. John F. Smith, Mrs. Caleb Pike, Mrs. Joseph Hayes.

The meeting adjourned at this time for lunch and all were ready to partake of the good things provided by the ladies of Salisbury, having had previous experience of their success as hostesses.

The afternoon session was called to order in due time by the President.

The Committee on Genealogical Records not being ready to report the Committee on By-Laws was called on and the Chairman, Rev. E. B. Pike, presented the following recommendations:

Art. 1, Sec. 2. Members in arrears for two years or more will still be regarded as in good standing but may be removed to a secondary or inactive list; they may renew their active membership at any time on their request and payment of one dollar, which shall be regarded as their dues for the next two years. Inactive members shall receive notices of all meetings, the same as active members, also a copy of the records of the Association upon request to the Secretary and the payment of twenty-five cents.

Art. 1, Secs. 2 to 5 inclusive, shall be rendered null and void.

In accordance with Article II of the By-Laws, this proposed alteration in the By-Laws will be brought before the Association at the 1916 meeting and discussed and voted upon at that time.

The Committee on Nominations, Frederick Pike, Chairman, recommended that one vote be cast for the present Board of Officers. By vote of the Association this was done and the following were declared elected:

President—Mr. Herbert A. Pike, of Worcester, Mass. Vice-Presidents—E. Bertram Pike, Pike, N. H.; John Q. Evans, Salisbury, Mass.; William Day Pike, New York City; Warner Pike Simpson, Columbus, O.; Mrs. Virginia Pike Martin, Minneapolis, Minn.; Mr. Frank C. Pike, Keene, N. H.

Secretary and Treasurer—Miss Frances C. Dickerman, Pike, N. H.

Directors, (besides the President, First Vice-President and Secretary)—Miss Carrie Snow, Newburyport, Mass.; Mrs. Olive Pike Lincoln, Boston; Mrs. R. E. Cheney, Newburyport, Mass.; Elbridge N. Pike, Boston.

The Committee on Resolutions, John F. Smith, Chairman, presented their report as below:

Your Committee respectfully report that they have attended to their duties and would report as follows:

Whereas, in the providence of God there have been several of our members removed by death since our last meeting; and

Whereas, such an event has not only reduced our own membership but has also smitten our hearts; therefore

Resolved, That we put this resolution on record expressing our sorrow for the loss we have sustained, and also by this we extend our sympathies to those of the several families smitten, while we pray for the help of God to sustain us all in our loss.

Resolved, That we extend our heartfelt thanks to the Ladies' Aid Society of this Church, and also to the Church Society itself, for our generous entertainment, but especially for the bounteous dinner provided for our comfort, while we pray 'May their shadow never be less'."

JOHN F. SMITH, Mrs. CALEB PIKE, Mrs. JOSEPH HAYES. A number of members unable to be present at the Reunion sent letters of greeting which were read at the afternoon meeting and are given in part below:

From Mrs. Sarah Pike Conger, Pasadena, Cal.

"Dear Relatives:—Happy greetings to you all from beautiful California, the land of sunshine, flowers and fruitage! I have been looking forward with great anticipation to the gathering of the 'Pike Family' in October, 1914. I have hoped to be one with this family as well as one of it, to meet my kin people and to know them. Very little have I known of my Pike relatives aside from what my revered father has told me. This little knowledge has awakened a deep interest, a true pride, and a great desire to meet face to face,—to feel the warm clasp of hands and to be assured of a heart welcome that only the higher minded know how to extend. I deeply regret that I cannot meet with the 'Pike Family' gathering October, 1914.

Wishing you a joyous, united, profitable meeting, I am, Most sincerely,"

From Sophronia Bulfinch Pike, Western College, Oxford, Ohio.

"To the Members of the Pike Family Association, of Whom I am Proud to be One:

I wish for you all a most delightful meeting on the 14th of this month. I should like so much to be with you, but as I have the care of the meals in a Girls' School of over two hundred, it is out of the question for me to go. I wonder if you will not sometime meet in Cincinnati! I will go there if I am as well able to go the distance of forty miles as now. When you come to Cincinnati I will invite you to visit this College,—the best College for women in the world. I graduated here in 1875.

It has been a great blessing for me to have been a member of the Pike Family Association; I feel grateful to the late Dr. Clifford L. Pike for his persistence in calling the matter to my attention.

With best wishes for each and all, not only for October 14th, but for all life here and in the great beyond,"

The Secretary would especially call your attention to letters from three members of the Pike Family who are asking for information regarding their own line.

Mr. Isaac H. Cary, 200 Fulton St., Brooklyn, N. Y., writes as follows:

"Your circular announcing the regular meeting of the Pike Family Association at hand and I very much regret not being able to go to Boston at this time: I should very much like to meet this large family of Pikes. I am somewhat disappointed that you cannot refer to any authentic records where the history of Timothy Pike and Hannah, his wife, are recorded. We are very sure that Hannah's maiden name was Cary. She lived as a girl at Charlestown and later at Bedford; from either one of these places she must have been married. We know this: that our Hannah married a Timothy Pike and that they had a number of children, at least two of whom served in the Revolutionary War. I enclose a little memorandum and it would seem that some of the descendants of these people must have some records in this matter."

(COPY OF MEMORANDUM.)

Timothy Pike, and Hannah, his wife, are recorded in the history of Hardwick, Mass., as arriving in that town, previous to 1756, with three children, Hannah, Timothy and Jonathan. While in Hardwick, Sarah and Simeon (1756 and 1759) were born to them. They then moved to Charlestown, Mass., where Elizabeth was born to them, in

1763. (See Wyman's Genealogies and Estates of Charlestown, Mass.)

Questions:

1st. What was Hannah's maiden name?

2nd. When was she married?

3rd. When did she die?

4th. What was her age at time of death?

The following named persons signed a deed in 1806 conveying all their interest in the Cary Homestead, in Charlestown, Mass., as follows: Abigail Pike, widow, Boston; Timothy Pike, Boston, rope maker; Thomas Pike, Boston, rope maker; John Pike, Boston, rope maker; Abigail Pike, single, Boston; Sally Vincent Pike, single, Boston.

Questions:

1st. How were these Pikes related to the Carys?

2nd. Were they related to the Timothy Pike and Hannah, his wife, of Hardwick, Mass., in 1756?

Any information as to the above will be thankfully received by Isaac II, Cary, 200 Fulton St., Brooklyn, N. Y."

Mr. James F. Pike of Manitoba writes as follows:

"During my spare time this winter I have gone into the matter of my own particular branch of the Pike family and find as follows:

One of my sisters writes me that she has heard my father mention the fact that his grandfather was married twice or three times and that he was the father of twentynine children. From this it would appear that record in 1902 book would apply to our family wherein it says:

'George Pike of Marblehead came to this country prior to Dec. 5, 1663, for upon that date he purchased of Samuel Condy of Marblehead, fisherman, and his wife, Anna, one end of a dwelling house in which said Condy lived. In this deed he gives his occupation also as fisherman. He married

Hester, daughter of Thomas Atkins, formerly of Kennebec. Maine, and died in Mendon in the County of Suffolk, between April 2d and the 11th, 1716. I believe him to be the father of George Pike who married Tabitha and settled on Cape Cod and had a son George, born in 1694 and a son, Leonard, born about two years later. Leonard settled in Truro, Mass., where he married in 1723 Ann Snow and had eight children. His fifth child, Leonard, married, 1751, Sarah Case and for his second wife, Elizabeth Whitman, and by the two wives had a family of twenty-nine children most of them born at his home in Whitingham, Vt. Many of his descendants still reside in that place while others are scattered over the State of New York and the Western States.'

My Grandfather's name was Roswell Pike, who was born in 1785 and married Sally Wheeler. I have a will dated September 15, 1855, made out by Roswell Pike in which he mentions children as follows: Ruddy, George who lived at Renssalaer Falls, N. Y., Semanthe, Louisa, who married a man by the name of Goodnough, Ruth, who married a man by the name of Shippie, Sally, Susan and Deliverance, also my father, Leonard Whitman Pike. It would seem that my grandfather, Roswell Pike, was the son of Leonard Pike and Elizabeth Whitman, as he was given the two names, Leonard Whitman.

My father, Leonard Whitman Pike, married Almeda Clark, and had children as follows:

Mary Ellen, born March 24, 1857, at Rossie, St. Lawrence County, N. Y., now living in Alexandria, Minnesota. She married Louis S. Kaiser and had children: Frances Marie and Arthur Louis. Frances Marie Kaiser married George A. Robinson in November, 1897, and they have one child, Rio Sarah. At the present time Arthur Louis Kaiser is upmarried.

Emma Louise, born March 2, 1859, at Ropin, St. Lawrence County, N. Y., married Orrin M. Eaton; had children: Charles Leonard, who is married. He was born September 20, 1887. Elmer Louis, born May 28, 1890, and Gilbert Orrin, born May 19, 1892.

Arthur Henry Pike, born May 19, 1861, at Gouverneur, N. Y., married Gwendoline Thomas, March 10, 1895, and had children, Berniece, born June 26, 1896; Clifford Arthur, born November, do not know year; and Leonard Whitman, born April 13, 1902.

Laura Jane, born July 2d, 1864, at Concord, Jefferson County, Wisconsin, married Orlando J. Smith and have children: Jessie May, born December 28, 1889; married Arthur Stewart, September 15, 1909; and have one child, Elmer Goodrow, born May 18, 1911. Arthur Warren, born July 30, 1891, and Ernest Leonard, born May 10, 1894, both unmarried.

Harriet Almeda, born March 19, 1867, at Elk Grove, Wisconsin, died, December 25, 1871, at Lime Springs, Iowa.

Clara Luella, born January 10, 1870, at Lime Springs, Iowa. Died, December 25, 1871, at Lime Springs, Iowa. James Francis, born April 25, 1872, at Lime Springs, Iowa. Married Erna Littlefield, April 30, 1907.

Charles Leonard, born July 22, 1874, at Lime Springs, Iowa. Married Florence Herndon.

Alena Pearl, born March 4, 1877, at Lime Springs, Iowa, Married E. D. Tormey, had one child, Mildred Elizabeth, Mrs. Tormey died September 28, 1909, at Phoenix, Ariz.

I would be very much pleased to get into communication with descendants of Leonard Pike and Elizabeth Whitman with a view to finding out the names of the twenty-nine children mentioned. I am traveling most of the time and have no fixed address other than The Pas, Manitoba, Canada, care The Finger Lumber Co., Ltd., for whom I am

now traveling and who will forward any letters unless I have advised Miss Dickerman of change in my address.

I sincerely hope to meet you all at some future meeting but do not think it will be possible this year."

From Geo. W. Pike, Cleveland, Ohio.

"I have been unable so far to trace the family lineage back farther than my Great Grandfather, Samuel Pike, who, it is traditionally reported, died as a soldier in the Revoultionary War at or near Valley Forge, but from what point he went into the service I am unable to state.

My Great Grandfather, Samuel Pike, left two infant sons, namely, Sewall and Luther. My Grandfather, Sewall, according to an old family Bible, was born October 15th, 1777, in Massachusetts, and was married in 1806 to Parmela Beardsley of Connecticut, but in neither case is it stated in what town he was born or where married. (I have record of the Beardsley family dating back to 1605.) My Grandfather after marriage moved to Catherine, N. Y., and died there in 1833.

The other son of Great Grandfather Samuel Pike, namely Luther, we have no record as to what became of him.

It is further traditionally reported that Great Grandfather Samuel Pike came from England and settled in Massachusetts, and that after his death the two infant sons, Sewall and Luther, were bound out, and that the widow again married a man by the name of Pike, in no way related to my Great Grandfather.

I would like very much to secure authentic record . . and any data that you can give me will be very much

appreciated."

Among others who sent greetings and good wishes to the assembled family were: Mrs. Hammett D. Wright, Graniteville, Mass.; Mrs. Susan A. Pike Sanders, Bloomington, Ill.; Herbert Pike Senter, Columbus, Ohio; Miss Nellie F. Bennett, Boston; Miss Laura E. Bennett, Boston; Mr. Joseph B. Pike, Beaver Creek, Ill.; Mr. John A. Pike, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. W. A. Livingston, Fort Dodge, Ia.; Prof. Alfred W. Pike, Stamford, Conn.; Eben W. Pike, Cambridge, Mass.; Mrs. Lorena E. Day, Bellows Falls, Vt.; Mr. Sumner L. Pike, So. Amherst, Mass.; Mr. J. Trevett Pike, New York City.

A pleasant feature of the afternoon session was the reading of an original poem by Miss Elizabeth Davis.

SALISBURY, 1914.

'Twas in nineteen hundred one The Pike Family first did meet In ye ancient town of Salisbury, Whose walls echoed to the feet Of the earliest Pikes, who came From the land across the sea, To found upon these Western shores A Home for Liberty. All honor to those early Pikes Who came as pioneers To redeem the wilderness And to build for future years. For they laid the stones so well That in times of strain and stress, We have never lacked a leader To release us from duress. And when, all through the country Superstition riot ran, Here, in this town of Salisbury, There lived a famous man; Major Robert, you all know him, He who stood so firm and true, For that Liberty, God-given, Which is each man's due. "No lash," said he, "for women's backs, No slave to Churchman's zeal.

But this little town of Salisbury
Will give each one a fair deal."
So he kept this quiet village
From smirching its fair fame,
And for justice and fair dealing,
It has ever had a name.
Therefore we all do honor him;
May we ever have his like,
And may this quaint old town of Salisbury
Never lack a Pike.

It was expected that at the 1914 Reunion we would participate in the dedication of the Major Robert Pike Memorial but that is still in the unsettled stage.

The matter again came up for discussion and Dr. Spaulding, representing the Salisbury Town Committee, addressed the Association in his usual interesting way. After considerable discussion as to the cost of a Library Building, and the share the Town and the Association could and should take in this, the Association voted that the money raised by the Association and to be raised for a Robert Pike Memorial should be used for the purpose of a Memorial Library Building. Mrs. White of New York,—one of our older members whom we were glad to welcome at the Reunion,—announced that she would give \$500 for the Library Building at once and this generous contribution occasioned much rejoicing.

It was decided to appoint a Committee of five to take in hand the collecting of funds for this Memorial, and the President named the following: Mr. John Q. Evans, Miss Elizabeth Davis, Mrs. Benj. C. Lincoln, Mr. E. Bertram Pike, Mrs. Sarah Pike Conger.

After some discussion as to when the Association should hand over to the Town Committee the funds collected for the Library, it was voted by the Association that when the Salisbury Committee had its plans completed and the foun-

dations of the building put in and was ready to proceed with the erection of the building the funds for the Memorial in the hands of the Pike Family Association should be turned over to the Salisbury Committee.

The Committee on Genealogical Records, Mr. Evans, Chairman, were ready at this time with their report. It was to the effect that the Committee had held a conference with Mrs. Clifford Pike and discussed the whole matter quite thoroughly considering the limited time. They had come to an agreement of opinion that Mrs. Pike was entitled to some compensation, in one way or another, for the time given by the Doctor Pike and the sacrifice of his business in his zeal to complete these records for the Association; this matter, however, could not be decided at once as it was necessary to have the available records examined and the whole situation studied into carefully. The Committee, therefore, had come to the conclusion, which the Chairman presented in the form of a motion, that a Committee of three be appointed by the Chair, with power to add two others, to arrange with Mrs. Pike regarding these papers; also that this Committee be authorized to arrange for the completion of the records for publication if deemed practicable. motion was carried unanimously, and the President appointed as three members of this Genealogical Committee, Mr. J. O. Evans, Miss Elizabeth Davis, Mrs. Dr. Clifford L. Pike.

Mrs. Dr. Clifford L. Pike told something of her search for the records left by Dr. Pike in Reno, Nevada, and stated that so far as she knew she had now got them all together and they were at her home in Lynnfield.

After some further reference to the Major Robert Pike Memorial and a short period of informal discussion, the meeting adjourned. The remainder of the afternoon was spent in pleasant converse with kinsfolk until time for the trains which should bear the visiting members homeward.

Mr. Eugene F. McPike of Chicago had expected to attend the Reunion and present a genealogical paper, but he was unavoidably detained. He has, however, kindly sent his address to be printed with this report and you will find it immediately following.

SOME ENGLISH PYKES.

It has been stated by one American writer that "Robert, the brother of Henry Pike, was consecrated Bishop of Lichfield in 1127, and that Richard Pike was consecrated Bishop of Coventry in 1162."

Their real surname appears to have been Peche, variously spelt Peccator, Peccam and Pethe (or Pecthe), but there seems to be no documentary authority to establish any relationship to the family of Pyke or Pike as such. (A) It is often necessary to use a process of elimination in this way when considering genealogical problems.

Some enterprising student of the genealogy of the English families surnamed Pike or Pyke, may eventually succeed in tracing the line back to the Norman Conquest in 1066, or perhaps, to an earlier date. The purposes of this little sketch will be answered fairly well by commencing with the first quarter of the 14th century.

We find one Richard Pyke, of the Knights Companions of the Bath (K. C. B.) as of August 13, 1324.

Alexander Pyke, of London, made a will, November 25, 1329, in which he bequeathed "to Avice his wife his capital tenement in the parish of St. Dunstan (East), London, for life; remainder to Nicholas and John, his sons."

The will of Richard de Gaunt, March 3, 1340, names Nicholas Pyk, and Johanna, his daughter.

Johanna Pyk, relict of Nicholas, mentions: "S. Dunstan towards the tower"; August 10, 1361.

In 1350 appears Henry Pike, sub-dean of Exeter Cathedral.

There are records of a Nicholas Pyke, as sheriff of London, in 1332, and of his alleged descendant, Thomas Pike, holding a like office, in 1410, but no pedigree has been found to show the connection between the two. (B)

The genealogical studies of the late Dr. Clifford L. Pike, formerly Secretary of the Pike Family Association of America, developed some facts concerning one Sir Richard Pyke, living in the eighth year of reign of King Richard II (about 1385), who was granted a coat of arms. (C) He had issue and numerous descendants in Somersetshire.

It is evident that some of the early Pykes in London came from Somersetshire and Devonshire, where that family was not without distinction in the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries. A coat of arms was granted to one Edward Pyke, dyer, of Queenhithe Ward, London, living 1634, descended from Philip Pyke, of Barnwell, Somerset.

Dr. Clifford L. Pike once expressed the opinion, in some private letters, that the John Pike who emigrated to New England in 1635 and settled at Newbury, Mass., was identical with the John Pike baptized November 1, 1572, (presumably at Moorlich, in Somersetshire). Some of the Christian names were similar in the two instances. The registers of Moorlich date back only to 1652, and so, there may be some confusion as to the precise locality. There were, however, families of Pyke or Pike in other parts of England. We learn of one Dr. Pike who died about 1809 or 1810, and who is described as having descended from Pikes, country carpenters, who resided first at Marlborough and then at Lavington in Wiltshire, where they had a small inheritance and lived comfortably. A descendant went up to London in 1607 where he participated in re-building the city after the great fire. He also owned some houses in Portsmouth, where he died suddenly. His son remained at Lavington in Wiltshire and had a large family, including one son who became the father of the Doctor Pike who died about 1809 or 1810. The author who furnishes this material ventures the suggestion that this family of Pike in Wiltshire may have descended from John Picus, born in 1463, the celebrated Earl of Mirandula, a lordship in Italy, who was a very remarkable man in the fifteenth century and whose life was partly translated from the Italian by Thomas More. This John Picus died near Florence in 1494, being survived, it is said, by one son, who, coming to England, finally engaged himself to a carpenter at Marlborough in Wiltshire. He died there about 1564, according to the same author, and left several sons, one of whom was a carpenter. (D).

We give the foregoing material about the Pikes of Wiltshire for whatever it may be worth, pending verification or further investigation.

Miss Elizabeth French, of London, found the entries of John Pike as having married Dorothy Day, 17th of January, 1612/13 at Whiteparish (near Landford in eastern Wiltshire.) They had a son, John, who was baptized 8th November, 1613. Miss French expresses the conviction that the elder John was identical with the John Pike who came to New England in 1635 and settled at Newbury, Mass. His other children were baptized probably at Landford, where the registers before 1671 are lost. The Pike wills in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury and in the Sarum Courts do not show his parentage. He may have come from the adjoining county of Hauts for which there are some wills preserved at Winchester. (E)

Miss French, in a private letter, states that she is herself a descendant of the John Pike who came to New England in 1635. She doubts very much the statement that his wife's maiden name was Sarah Washington, and reiterates her belief that he was identical with the John Pike who married Dorothy Day, at Whiteparish, near Landford, Wiltshire, 17 January, 1612-13. Therefore, it would now be very interesting indeed to learn the authorities for any of the contrary statements.

We may, in passing, note that Christopher Pike and Katherin Washington were married 25 January, 1623, as shown in the register of St. Paul, Canterbury.

There were several English families of Pyke or Pike who may not have been related to each other, so far as any affirmative proof may be concerned.

In London and Greenwich, between the years 1694 and 1730, also, perhaps later, was a family of Pyke connected with those of Halley and Day. To this branch, the writer has confined most of his studies. A considerable amount of material relating thereto has appeared in the old London "Notes and Queries" (1903-1914), and in the "Magazine of History" (New York), between 1905-1913.

- (A) "Notes and Queries" (London) for April 5, 1913, eleventh series, Vol. VII, pages 277-278, et passim.
- (B) "Notes and Queries" (London), for March 15, 1913, eleventh series, Vol. VII, page 204.
 - (C) "Visitations of Somersetshire," by Weaver, page 64.
- (D) "Monthly Magazine" (London), for February 1, 1810, pages 21-26.
- (E) "New England Historic Genealogical Register" (Boston), for July, 1912, Vol. LXVI, whole number 263, page 261.

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