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THOMAS WEEKES

EMIGRANT TO AMERICA

1635

AND THE LINEAGE OF HIS DESCENDANT

THOMAS WICKES

OF

HUNTINGTON, LONG ISLAND.

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INTRODUCTORY REMARKS.

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The following record is compiled from notes and memoranda which I began to make about 1840. They are the result of careful researches into the history of the Plymouth, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island Colonies and of Long Island. Of many statements the authority is not given, as they were recorded without any expectation of compiling them. The sources are given where they were noted.

The events connected with the Revolutionary War in the lives of Thomas and Eliphalet Wickes were related to me by my uncle, Eliphalet, and my father. They were written down in form by me during their lives, and the record read and verified by them as correct about the year 1848. What follows these, is from authentic records in my possession, and from my own recollections.

The early settlers in America bearing the patronymic in New England and Maryland are noticed, to show their co-temporary emigration, and the probabilities of their kinship when they came to the colonies.

STEPHEN WICKES.

Orange, New Jersey, March 25, 1881.



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# DERIVATION OF THE FAMILY

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## THE PATRONYMIC

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Surnames to distinguish families and their tribes were not generally adopted in England till after the Norman Conquest.

In the earlier history of the language, little study and less attention were given to orthography. The first English dictionary (by Dr. Samuel Johnson) was only published in 1755, and it was not till the beginning of the present century that uniformity in the spelling of words and names was manifest. Our earlier fathers in America frequently spelled their names with variations, as may be observed in examining their signatures to legal documents.

The names Wyc, Wyke, Wikes, Weeks, Weekes, Wix, Wick, Wicks, represent families in English history as far back as the Conquest. One of the greatest habitats of the name was, and still is, in the neighborhood of Hastings, County of Sussex, England. The precise locality from which it is derived is unknown. The syllable Wick is found in the names of many places, as Marwick, Padwick, Wickham, Wickfield, etc. It is the Anglo Saxon *wic* or *wyc* and is of wide signification, implying dwelling-place, mansion, borough, village, street (Lat. *vicus*, with which it is doubtless connected), monastery, castle, camp, or military station. In local nomenclature it generally implies a habitation or village. Several parishes in England and Scotland are designated by this word without any qualifying addition. Gualterus Diaconus, the ancestor of the family DeHastings, lords of the barony of Hastings, held a knight's fee in Wikes at the making of Doomsday. (Lower on Patronymics.)

Prior to the Norman Conquest the "ancient and noble family of Wakes" is named in English history. This family, Lower says, claim from Hugh Wac Lord of Wilesford, County of Lincoln, (of the time of Henry I,) whose line



ended with Lord Wake. Other authorities claim their origin from Hereford Le Wake, who flourished under Edward I, 1041. Archbishop Wake disowns the Norman derivation, and considers the name Le Wake, or the Watchful, a title given to Hereford as characteristic of a skillful military commander.

The name Wake appears in some copies of the so-called Battel Abbey Roll. Of this Roll, Lower remarks, "a full investigation convinces me that the Roll of Battel Abbey is a nonentity; but like many other mythic things we may safely say that it ought to have existed." Various lists purporting to be the roll, are extant and of considerable antiquity, but all later than 1066. The surname Wickes, and its variations, is not found on any of them. It is therefore left in doubt whether the family is of Saxon or Norman origin.

The New England Genealogical and Historical Register, Boston, 1851, noticing George Weekes, Freeman, 1640, etc., says, "The name of Weeks or Weekes is said by good authority (Mr. Lysons) to have been originally Wray, but took the form of Wyke, on the settling of the family at North Wyke, County of Devon, in Rich. 2, 1377-95. Francis Weeks, the last male heir of that branch in England, died in 1611."

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NOTE:—Robert D. Weeks, in his "Genealogy of the family of George Weekes," published at Newark, N. J., in 1885 and in a second volume called "Genealogy of the family of George Weekes, Part 2," published in 1892, gives a long list of English families bearing the name Wickes, Weeks, etc., and refers to many coats of arms, and monuments, bearing the name in various forms, but nothing he says seems to prove the exact source of our family. I note however, one entry from the parish register at Hatherleigh, Devonshire, which might apply, viz: "William, gent., had Thomas, baptised Feb. 24, 1612; John, baptised May 3, 1613."

Robert D. Weekes seems to think that George Weekes of Dorchester, was from Devonshire, and Francis Weekes, of Oyster Bay is thought by his descendants to be from Broadwood, Devonshire. "Broadwood Kelley," Devonshire, and "Honeychurch," were the manors of one Francis Weekes, born 1590, a descendant of Sir Richard Weekes, 1450-1475.



## EMIGRANTS TO AMERICA

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Although we cannot be sure of the exact derivation of the family, we do know that those bearing the surname Weeks or Wickes, in its variations, emigrated to America from the south of England, and were from its yeomanry, of the Norman origin. They were men of enterprise and adventure and with worldly means. They early acquired positions of influence in the places of their settlement. They came between the years 1634 and 1640, representatives of different tribes of the name. The ties of kindred doubtless influenced the movement, occurring as it did within so short a space of time. No record or tradition has been met with which furnishes any clew to their particular family ties, and all that this record can do, is to note their arrival and settlements.

Francis, George, Matthew, Joseph (two of the name) and Thomas, embarked the same year (1635).

In Hotten's list of emigrants to New England, Virginia and Barbadoes, are found the following:

Embarked in the "Hopewell," Turner, Master, Sept., 1635, Jo. Weekes, aged 26, Maria Weeks, aged 28, Anna Weeks, aged 1.

Embarked on the "Expedition," Peter Blackley, Master, Nov. 20, 1635, Thomas Weekes, aged 23.

From another record is noted, "1634, Symon Weeks, a worsted weaver, aged 16, emigrant from Dartmouth, England."

July 27, 1635, embarked in the "Primrose," Jo. Wicks, aged 26.

A tradition, obtained by this writer from John M. Weeks, of Salisbury, Vt., in 1848, says that "Four brothers, young men not married, landed at Plymouth,\* at an early day and soon separated. One went 'down east,' one south west, and two remained in Plymouth, one of whom was drowned at the beach. The descendants of the survivor were chiefly settled in Dorchester, near Boston. These were my certain ancestors." Without adopting this as all verity, it outlines the settlements of Weekses in that part of New England. Four brothers came to Massachusetts Colony (Dorchester) in 1635, who are those probably referred to in the tradition. George Weekes remained at Dorchester, Francis settled at Oyster Bay, Long Island, and Thomas, our ancestor, at Huntington, Long Island, while Joseph was drowned.

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NOTE :—Plymouth Colony. There was no freeman of the name in Plymouth Town.





## SETTLERS IN MASSACHUSETTS

Dorchester was a favorite place of settlement to our early fathers for its supposed facilities of trade. It was afterwards found that its harbor and its other surroundings were not as good as those of Boston, and other places on the coast. For this reason its population, after a few years, considerably decreased.

Geo. Weekes was admitted freeman in Dorchester, 1640. His sons were freemen, Ammail, in 1657, Joseph, in 1672, William, in 1672.

Zachary Weeks was freeman in Middlesex, 1652.

In 1667-93 the patronymic is found in Sandwich and Barnstable.

Thomas Weeks was received an inhabitant of Salem, 1639. His habitancy was probably continuous, as his will was probated there in 1656. The will names wife Alice, daughters Bertha and Hannah.

In the Canada expedition of 1690, Dorchester furnished soldiers, Ammiel, Joseph and Thomas, the two latter are noted as brothers.

Louisburg soldiers from Massachusetts in 1744, Joseph and John Weeks.

Burial inscriptions in Dorchester :

Ammiel Weeks, aged 46 years, died April 20, 1679.

Elizabeth Weeks, wife to Ammiel Weeks, died April 10, 1723, aged 89.

Mary Weeks, wife to Joseph Weeks, died Sept. 17, 1692, aged 56.

(N. E. Gen. and His. Reg.)

## SETTLERS IN RHODE ISLAND

Francis Wickes who was in Salem in 1635, migrated with Roger Williams and four others to Providence R. I. in 1636. There they settled and became proprietors. In the annals of Providence it is stated, as traditional, that Francis was a minor when he came to Providence. His name appears for the last time in 1640 as a signer to a form of town government. Francis is seldom noticed in printed records. When he is, the spelling of his name is uniform. He migrated from R. I. to New York, and was married in R. I. to Elizabeth Luther. Three of his children were born in New York, a note of their baptism appearing in the records of the Dutch Church. He was granted a plantation lot in Gravesend, L. I., Aug. 10, 1648, was in Oyster Bay in 1650 and became a joint proprietor. His children, Samuel, Joseph, John, Thomas, James, Elizabeth (married Nicholas Simkins,) Ann, (married Joseph Carpenter,) and Daniel, with himself and sons-in-law were in 1683 "rated" as inhabitants of Oyster Bay. Pub. Doc. N. Y. His. Society. John A. Weekes, now of Oyster Bay, on the old homestead, claims descent from him.



John Wickes was in Plymouth Colony in 1635 and was made freeman in 1636. He was received an inhabitant of R. I. in 1639, and was one of the original purchasers of Warwick, R. I., in 1642. He was killed by the Indians in 1675 (King Philip's War,) "a very ancient man." He was from Staines, Middlesex County, England, and had in England brothers, Thomas, Robert and William. His son John migrated to Oyster Bay, L.I., and settled at Mosketto Cove, in that town. While here, he married Rose, a daughter of John Townsend. He then returned to R. I., and settled on the old John Wickes estate. His fifth son, Thomas, was co-temporary with Thomas Wickes of Huntington, 1776. He is described in Updike's History of the Narragansett Church, as "an accomplished planter of the old school, firm in purpose, courteous in manner, scrupulously exact in all his dealings and fond of social intercourse." He had for many years been a public man, and in public office prior to 1775. He withdrew to private life in that year owing to a difference of opinion in regard to the Revolution." Nothing has been found to show the relationship between Francis and John, but the family now in R. I. trace their descent from John.

John Wickes of R. I. was a follower of Samuel Gorton, who made himself obnoxious to the magistrates of the Massachusetts and Plymouth Colonies, claiming a transcendental enlightenment in spiritual matters. He called himself "Professor of the mysteries of Christ," taught that in himself and other true believers, "the child is born, a son is given," and blessed God that he was not brought up in the schools of human learning. (Hildreth's History.)

John Wickes with Gorton and others were condemned to severe punishment for being blasphemous disbelievers in Jesus Christ. They were afterwards pardoned. (Winthrop.)

It was because of their religious belief that they left the Massachusetts Colony and having purchased a tract at Shawomit, in R. I., in 1643, settled there, the laws of that Colony allowing freedom of religious opinion.

That John Wickes was a man of mild and conciliatory character appears from the tradition of his tragic death. John Callender (Historical Discourses) says of him, "He became one of the first victims, within the Colony of R. I. of the war of 1675. In relation to his death this tradition exists; that on the approach of danger, when the garrison had been provided and the inhabitants had generally repaired there, he could not be persuaded that he required any protection. From his past experience of the Indians, their good will and kindness to him personally, he doubted whether there was any danger. Notwithstanding the repeated admonitions of his friends, he ventured beyond the garrison.





He did not return. His fate was known to his friends by seeing his head set on a pole near his own dwelling. His body was found the succeeding day. The head and body were interred in distinct graves, and two hillocks that mark the spot are still shown as the grave of John Wickes." Callender in describing his death, in 1675, spells his name Weeks.

The Charter by Charles II, of the Colony of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations (1663) names John Weeks as a grantee.

Among officers chosen at a general election at Newport (1650) for Warwick, was John Wickes. (Annals of Providence).

Thus the spelling was not uniform in his own life. It became so in the generation succeeding.

### SETTLERS IN MARYLAND.

The records of the early emigrants to Maryland are few and imperfect. The Isle of Kent is called by the historian to be "the first focus of Anglo-Saxon civilization within the limits of Maryland." Joseph Wickes was a holder of lands there in 1650. We have no means of knowing how much earlier he was there. Joseph called his purchase Wickliffe and gave parts of it to others upon condition that they would occupy it and thus settle near him. Joseph's descendants are to this day in Kent County, and Samuel and Joseph are two of the oldest and most common Christian names among them. Lambert Wicks (Capt.) appointed Naval Commander Oct. 10, 1776, was of the Maryland family. For his exploits, the historian calls him a second Paul Jones. (Lossing II pp. 844-5.)

Capt. Benjamin Wickes, also of this family, is mentioned by Rev. Mr. Cary of the Baptist Mission, Serampore, 1805, as "Our much beloved brother in Christ." He was an India Trader. (Gen. Assem. Magazine, 1805).

A letter to this writer, dated July 18, 1848, from his daughter, Elizabeth W. Bradford, of Philadelphia, says that her father\* was born in Kent County, Dec. 10, O. S., 1746, the fifth of a family of six children. His father's name was Benjamin. Capt. Benjamin had twelve children, seven sons and five daughters. His second son was named Lambert. Capt. Benjamin was a ruling elder in the 6th Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia, an eminently pious man, also clerk at the Navy Yard, and held in such esteem by the Government, that he was retained notwithstanding his disabilities through the infirmities of age, having an assistant appointed to relieve him in his duties. (Letter of J. S. McMullin, June 1848).

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NOTE :—\*She supposed him to be a brother of Captain Lambert Wickes.



There is a tradition in the Maryland family that their patronymic as it was in England, was changed and "Wickes" adopted before leaving the old country for the purpose of distinguishing in all the future, the emigrating tribe to America.

Buckingham, Wickliffe and Bath are the names of the three oldest estates of the Maryland family.

## OBSERVATIONS ON KINSHIP.

Having noticed the representatives of the tribes bearing our patronymic, who came to America, six in the same year and all soon after, who settled in New England and Maryland, the probability of their origin and near kinship, may be appropriately considered before we make note of Thomas Weekes, or Wickes, the settler on Long Island.

In the "History and antiquities of the Town of Hastings," Sussex, England, by "G. W. Moss, draughtsman to His Royal Highness, Duke of Cambridge," is a drawing of a monumental stone on the pavement of a nave in St. Clements Church in Hastings, having brasses with the following inscription, "Here lyeth ye body of Thomas Wekes, late Juret of Hastings, and Margery, his wyf, which Thomas dyed the — day of November in the yere of ð Lord God, 1163. Thay had issue of hyr body ðn daughter Elizabeth." The brasses represent Thomas, Margery and besides the latter, the child. That of Thomas is perfect, those of the others have disappeared leaving the outlines of the figures.

Among those recorded as bailiffs of the Town of Hastings from A. D. 1500 to 1588 appear the names of Thomas Wykes, Bailiff, 1561.

In Barrett's History of Bristol, England, John Weeks is noted as Prebendary of Bristol, 1633.

It is reasonable to infer that the emigrants to the Colonies came from the south of England, and chiefly from the neighborhood of Hastings on the borders of Sussex and Kent Counties. Kent County in Rhode Island and Kent County in Maryland doubtless perpetuate the memories of their first founders for the homes they had left in old England.

The Christian names Thomas, John, Joseph, Samuel are family names in all the tribes in America.

The following incidents which have occurred in the experience of this writer, are not without interest as illustrative of the abiding nature of family lineaments through the generations.

In 1837 he was riding with his father in Troy, N. Y., when they met a farmer standing in one of the squares with his team, for the sale of apples



which he had brought in from the country. He was an aged man who sat holding the reins of his horses while his son sold the produce.

The writer's father left his carriage while the writer sat in full view of the old farmer's face. He was greatly impressed by it, in the fact that it distinctly recalled to his memory the face of his grandfather who died when he was six and one-half years old, and whose features had been obliterated from his memory. The apples were bought and about to be paid for when the question was asked, "Will you deliver them?" "Yes, what is your address?" The address was written and handed to the old gentleman. "Wickes" said he, "Why that is my name." Upon inquiry he proved to be a descendant of Daniel, of Huntington, Long Island, whose posterity is to be found in northern and western New York.

About 1843 a gentleman of Troy, N. Y., married a daughter of Joseph Wickes of Chestertown, Maryland. When he brought his bride to her new home, it was the universal remark of those who saw her, that she "looked like the Troy Wickeses." Her father who visited there about a year afterward most certainly bore a striking resemblance to the family in Troy.

The writer of this while a resident in Troy, visited the market place and purchased his supplies for the day at one of the stands, directing the same to be sent home. As he was going out of the market it occurred to him that the attendant, who was a young man, might not know him and returning, he said, "You know where to send them?" "O, yes, I know you, you are Doctor Wickes, I came from England, this spring, from Hastings, and the first time I saw you in the market, I asked if your name was Wickes. I knew your father too. There is a doctor Wickes in Hastings who attends my mother's family and you look just like him.

An item of business called the writer in 1876 to the office of an importer of English chemicals, in New York. He was referred to a person of about thirty years of age, seated at a desk, writing. With a politeness quite English, he said without raising his eyes from his paper, "Well, sir, go on, I can hear you." The object of the call was stated and the merchant, taking up a slip of paper asked the address. When he heard the name he dropped his pen and for the first time looked his visitor in the face. "Wickes," said he, "my mother's name was Wickes, and you look just like my grandfather—just like him." He said that he was from Hastings. The interview became quite cordial, and ended with his presenting his Yankee visitor with a little book, chiefly valuable for the artistic manner in which it was gotten up, and the occasion of the gift.





## SETTLERS ON LONG ISLAND

## OYSTER BAY

An attempt was made in 1640 to settle this town by a few persons from Linn, Mass. They abandoned it and returned to Massachusetts. In 1653 a company of ten, chiefly from Sandwich, in Plymouth Colony, commenced a settlement on the site of the present village. It increased with some rapidity so that in ten years there were more than fifty land holders. In the deed of purchase from the Indians (1653) the names of the ten settlers are given. There was no Weeks among them. (Thompson's History of L. I.)

In 1685 a conveyance was made by the Indians to forty-nine inhabitants of the Town of Oyster Bay. Among them are Daniel, Thomas, Samuel, Joseph and John Weeks. (Morton's History of Plymouth). (Smith's History of New York.)

These Weekses of Oyster Bay are not identical with those of the name who settled the adjoining town of Huntington. They were Francis (of R. I.) and his sons. Francis was a primitive proprietor in Oyster Bay. His will was dated June 25, 1687, and names the above sons except Daniel. He conveyed to them farms there by deeds dated 1673. (Oyster Bay Records).

The following notice is derived from N. E. His. and Gen. Register, Vol. 6, page 311. Daniel Weekes died at Ship Harbor, Halifax Co., Nova Scotia, Dec. 29, 1852, at the age of 117 years. He was born on Long Island on December 3, 1735. At the age of 24, he served in the British Army and was in the French and English war when Wolfe fell, September 12, 1758.

In the War of the Revolution he espoused the Royal cause and received from the British Government a grant of land at Ship Harbor, where he settled and spent the rest of his life. He brought up a family of twenty-one children, whose offspring to the third and fourth generation, settled around him, and scattered in many parts of the world, numbered some hundreds. In 1838 he received his second sight, and to within two years of his death was an active man, going at that time daily bareheaded into the woods to cut wood and timber, an occupation which he preferred above all others.

During the last two years of his life, and after he had become bed-ridden from the weakness of age, he retained full possession of his faculties, hearing, seeing and enduring but slight pains the two days before his death. (Nothing appears in our record to identify the above Daniel with the tribes of Oyster Bay or Huntington. It is quite probable that he belonged to one of them.)





## THOMAS WEEKES,

PATENTEE OF HUNTINGTON, LONG ISLAND.

This emigrant of Nov. 20, 1635, is first noticed as "one of the earliest settlers of Wethersfield," in the Connecticut Colony. (Hinman's Puritans.)

In 1640, Oct. 30, Thomas Weekes, John Jessup and Rev. Richard Denton,\* with seventeen others, having before purchased of the Indians, purchased of the New Haven Colony, Rippowanes (now Stamford) on condition that Rev. Mr. Denton should remove there by the following March, and the others by November, 1641. (Hinman.)

We know not how long these settlers remained at Stamford. That the years were few may be inferred from the fact that the broad acres of Long Island, easily subdued and more easily cultivated, were very inviting to the colonists of Massachusetts and Connecticut. We know that Richard Denton, the minister who accompanied the Stamford company in 1641, migrated in 1644 with a part of his congregation to Hempstead, L. I., and assisted in the organization of that town. Here he remained till 1650, his death occurring in 1662, in England.

Thomas Weekes did not accompany Mr. Denton to Hempstead, but he also went to Long Island and became a permanent resident there. He is first noticed as of Huntington, purchased of the Indians, in 1653, and settled by ten families. Savage in his N. E. Genealogies says. "Removed to Oyster Bay, before 1645, there died 1671." The latter is an error, as he was of Huntington, in 1662. Savage says, "It is probably he who married Isabel, daughter of Richard Harcut."

Upon the organization and reception by the Connecticut Colony of the towns of Huntington, Setauk and Oyster Bay, in 1662, Thomas Weekes was appointed constable of Huntington under the Charter of Connecticut, which claimed the eastern end of the island as its jurisdiction. In the May succeeding this appointment all the towns on Long Island were notified to attend the General Court of Connecticut by their representatives. Weekes appeared and took the oath with twenty-two others. After he returned to Long Island he "disavowed his allegiance and made great disturbance in Southold, to quiet which the General Court of Connecticut appointed William Allyn and S. Wyllys to go to L. I. and settle the affair." (Hinman.)

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NOTE:—\*Ancestor of the Dentons of Jamacia and of Nehemiah Denton, Gowanus, whose mother was also the mother by a first marriage of Elizabeth, wife of Stephen Herriman (3.) Through the Herrimans, he is an ancestor of all who are descended from either Van Wyck or Eliphalet Wickes (2.)



The people of L. I. were dissatisfied with the claim which the Connecticut Colony had set up under its Charter, of jurisdiction on Long Island. Many of them had left Connecticut because their rigid puritanism rebelled against the halfway covenant. The "disturbance in Southold," of which Weekes was the author, doubtless had its origin in his discontent at the claim of Connecticut jurisdiction, intensified perhaps, by his rigid puritanism.

That he was a stout puritan appears from the condition made upon the settlement of Stamford, that Denton should be the minister. That he was a man of influence among the people cannot be doubted.

In 1664, upon the issue of letters patent by the Duke of York, the Governor of Connecticut informed the English on Long Island that Connecticut had no further claims to the island, and, "Now that His Majesty's pleasure was fully signified by his letters patent, their jurisdiction ceased and became null."

The following entries in the early records of Huntington show the standing of Thomas Wickes and his sons Thomas and John in the pioneer settlement.

From Huntington Town Records, Vol. 1, page 6.

(Indian Deed Eastern Purchase) (1656, July 30.)

This indenture made in the yeare 1656, in or about the Laste days of July beetwixt Asharoken Montinwicok Sachem and the reste of the Indian owners with him, on the one parte, and Jonas Wood, William Rogers, Thomas Wilkes for themselves and the reste of theire associates, on the other parte; witnesseth that I, Asharoken, have solld unto Thomas Wood, William Rogers, Thomas Wilkes, all the medoe, freshe and salte, lyinge and beinge upon the north side of Longe Islande, from our fourmer bounds, Cowharber Brocke to Nessaquock river, all the medoe within these bounds, weste and easte, and to the north sayd to as far as Asharokens bounds goeth Southwards, as the necke called Eatons Necke, Crabmedoe, and all the reste of the medows within the aforesayde bounds with all the arbige that is or shal bee heareafter upon the woods, lands within the afore sayde bounds, to be the afore sayd Jonas is Williams and Thomas is, to them and there a sosiats, heeres and executors for ever, rasarvinge to the Indians Liberty to plante and hunte within these afore sayd



bounds, and that for and in consideration of 2 coates, fore sheetes, seven quart of licker and eleven ounces of powther in witness hereof wee have set to our hands.

JONAS WOOD,  
WILLIAM ROGERS,  
THOMAS WILKES.

ASHAROKEN X his mark  
MAKAMAH X his mark  
SYHAR X his mark  
FOGER X his mark  
POYNEPYA X his mark  
NAMEROWS X his mark  
MOHEMOS X his mark  
MAMAROD X his mark  
MANATERORYE X his mark

Entered in ye office at New York, the 15th day of Oct. 1666.

MATTHIAS NICOLLS, secr.

Footnote to the above in the printed volume of Records.

Besides this deed copied from page 6, three other deeds are referred to in the Huntington Records as follows :

1667, May 1, Wicks, Thomas, from John Mathews, page 99.

1669, April 19, Wicks, Thomas, from Noah Rogers, page 134.

1683, Sept. 17, Wicks, Thomas, from Indians, page 371.

From Huntington Town Records, Vol. 1, page 38.

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NOTE:—This has always been designated as the Eastern Purchase and as will be seen began where the first purchase ended at "Cow Harbour brooke," or as the Indians called it "Opkaltontycke," and running eastward to the Nesequaque or Smithtown River. The clause "To as far as Asharoken boundes goeth southward," is rather indefinite but it was understood to go as far south as the old country road where the premises joined the lands of the Sucetoque Indians of the south side of the island. It was claimed afterwards by Smithtown that the part of this purchase lying between Untherneck, Fresh Pond, and the Nesequaque or Smithtown River was not owned by these Indians, but was included in valid deeds by the Nesequaque Indians to the original proprietors of Smithtown, and Huntington lost this part of the territory by decree of the Court of Assizes in 1675.

This deed and the old purchase deed (April 2, 1653) to Richard Houldbroke, Robert Williams and Daniel Whitehead for land between Nachaquetok (west) and Opcatkontycke (east) are the only ones of much importance obtained of the Indians by the settlers of the north side of Huntington.

Thomas Wickes, one of the grantees left Wethersfield in 1635; was at Stamford, Conn., in 1641 and came to Huntington with Edmund Wood and others. Thomas Wood was son of Edmund Wood, and came here with Thomas Wickes about 1654 *via* Stamford.





Feb. 10, 1662. At a Town meeting it was ordered that the bootte (boat) should be sent to Comitucott Rivers Mouth to fetch Catherine Seely to this Town, upon the Townes choose, and that to be sent the first oportunity, Secondly, it was the same day ordered that Thomas Weekes and Thomas Joanes should do their best to by a house and land in the Towne to be and continue the Townes for the use and benefitt of ye ministrey therein to enter-tain a minisster.

In same Vol. are the following entries.

1681. The Town voted to pay the five men that were forced to go to New York and suffer imprisonment, together with their charges and loss of time, viz: Isaac Platt, Jonas Wood, Epenetus Platt, Samuel Titus and Thomas Wicks.

In 1664, Dec. 13, Thomas Weekes and Isaac Platt were chosen to gather Mr. Jones his rate and to be taken as fair, what may be for his comfort so far as consernes the Towne so long as Mr. Jones does stay or the Towne se case.\*

In 1663, April 6, Thomas Wickes, Capt. Seeley and Jonas Wood chosen to send their names to the Court at Hartford for the Court to elect two of them Magistrates.

1669. Thos., Jr. name appears as land owner, Thos. (1) died 1671.

1673. Thomas, Sen., mentioned at this date.

Thomas (1) in his will (1670) gives to Thos. the lot that was John Lums, and an allotment of meadow that he bought of Noah Rogers; to his daughter Rebecca 40s, and to her three children 20s each; to his daughter Martha £4, and to her child 20s. Isaac Platt and Thomas Powell, overseers. Witnesses, Jones Wood and Caleb Wood.

June 1671. Will Probated by the Court of Sessions held at Southold. The Widow Wickes and John Wickes, her son, made joint executors.

In the deposition of Thos. Wickes (2) 1676 in a matter of a quarrel and fight between Marke Meggs and Henry Soper, his age is given as about twenty-five years. Court Record.

1691. Joseph Whittemore, Sen. and Thomas Wickes, Sen., chosen to go to Southampton to join the rest of the county in choosing two assemblymen, on April 3, 1691.

NOTE:—(In Town Records.) Thomas Joanes married Catharine, widow of Henry Scudder, and was a brother of the Rev. John Jones, who was for many years pastor at Huntington.

\*This committee was to collect the minister's salary.





1696. John Wood, Esq., John Wickes, Esq., Thomas Wickes, Gent., Jonas Wood, Gent., Goodman Epenetus Platt, Gent., and John Adams, Carpenter, as trustees of ye freeholders and comonality of ye Town of Huntington, receive a deed from the Indians of land in the center of the island in the Town of Huntington.

The Nicoll's patent for the Town of Huntington from the Duke of York issued in 1666, ran to Thomas Weekes and six others. The second patent, Aug. 2, 1688, ran to Thomas Weecks and others and the third patent, 1694, issued after the death of the first grantee, ran to his sons, Thomas Wickes and John Weekes with others.

The name of Thomas (2) appears in deeds now in the possession of the writer, as Capt. Thomas Wicks, 1708, 1711, 1714 and 1725. We have no memorials of his brother, John, except that he married Hester Ketchum, and had a son, John Wickes, Jr., who was chosen collector in 1710. John appears as a contemporary of Thomas (2), and during his brother's life, was a justice of the peace, as late as 1730, taking acknowledgments of the deeds heretofore mentioned. In these deeds are the names of Jonathan, Philip, Samuel, Józeph, contemporaneous with Thomas (2) and John, and probably sons of the latter, perhaps of each of them.

Jonathan's will probated 1750, names Jonathan, Samuel, John, Hezekiah, Elizabeth, Dennice and Ruth (Stratton). The will of Jonathan Wickes, Jr., probated 1759 names Jonathan, Jonas, Elizabeth, Sarah and Mary.

Joseph's will probated 1746, names wife, Hannah, and Joseph, Daniel, Alexander, Ezekiel, Jesse and Hannah.

Daniel, son of Joseph, migrated to Charlotte precinct, Dutchess County, N. Y. His will probated 1784, names wife, Rebecca, sons, Joel, Jacob, Zapher, Silas, David; daughters, Rebecca, Elizabeth, Johannah, Hannah.

Of Daniel's sons, Silas lived at Hyde Park, perhaps Troy, and migrated in 1815 to Reading, Steuben County, N. Y., (those in Western and Northern N. Y., came from Daniel).

Wills are also on record of Robert Weekes, 1741. Joseph Wicks and William Weekes, 1746.

The posterity of Thomas (3) is clear, as will hereafter appear.



## ANCIENT DOCUMENTS

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There is in the possession of the writer (now belonging to Robert B. Wickes of Rochester, N. Y.,) an old cedar chest, about fifteen inches long, five inches wide and four inches high, hewn by hand out of a single piece of wood, which came down from the second or third Thomas, containing sundry maps of the neck of land on the south side of Long Island in Huntington, called Santapogue, and many deeds of land on Santapogue, and elsewhere in Huntington.

Among them is the following deed from our direct ancestor, Katherine Scudder:

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that I, Katherine Jones of Huntington on Long Island in New Yorkshar, New England, formerly wife to Henry Scudder, deceased, doe by these presents, assigne and make over unto my sonn, Jonathan Scudder, all my right, title and interest in and to that accommodation which was formerly my husband's, Henry Scudders, it being for and in consideration of an accommodation formerly given to ye said Jonathan by his grandfather, which my sonn, David Scudder hath in his possession. Therefore, I doe by these presents assigne and make over from mee, my heirs and assigns to the said Jonathan, his heirs and assigns, all and singular my right, title and interest in the above sd accommodations, yt is to say, all my holding (except my life time in ye old house which my husband, Hen. Scudder built) as alsoe homelot, outlands, meadow, orchard and all rights and previlidges yt at present doth or ever shall belong to to said accommodations to have and to hold forever, I say I doe as fully and amply assign and make it over to the said Jonathan as can be done by any deed or conveyance soe yt hee and his heirs shall peaceable enjoy it without any molestation from mee, my heirs or assigns forever as wittness my hand and seal this 22d. 8 mo., 1680.

Test: THOMAS POWELL  
JOHN CORE

O the mark of  
KATHAIRN JONES, (L. S.)



(Endorsed.) Jonathan Scudder's deed of gift, entered upon record on Town Book, 1680.

(Also endorsed.) These may certifie whom it may concern that Hadiell Titus did take away as many boards out of the old house of Jonathan Scudder as were judged by John Sammis and John Ketchum (being asked by Capt. Platt & \*Eliphalet Jones to judge of it) as amounted to four hundrd foot of boards besides hinges of doors; and the joice also and the hooks cutting ye posts to get them out; and hindering the sale of ye old house.

These may certifie any whome conserne that wee Moses and David Scudder disowne any right or title or claime to any inheritance yt did belong to our father, Henry Scudder, deceased, yt is to say, any lands or meadow in Huntington as wittness our hands this 22 of ye 8 mo., 1680.

Test: THOMAS POWELL

MOSES SCUDDER

X the mark of  
DAVID SCUDDER

Also in the chest is the following will :

### IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN,

The last will and Testament of Jonathan Scudder, of the Town of Huntington in the County of Suffolke, on Long Island as followeth :

I, being very weak in body, though of perfect understanding and memory, and not knowing the time of my death, do bequeath my Soul to God, who gave it, and my body to a Decent Burial, and as to what Estate God hath given me in the world, my debts being satisfied, the rest I give as followeth :

FIRST :—I give and bequeath to my son, Jonathan, all my lands that I am either at the present possessed of or have just right unto, to be possessed and enjoyed by my said son when he shall come to the age of twenty and one years, except his mother's right hereafter to be expressed.

SECONDLY :—I will and bequeath to my two younger daughters, Abigail and Rebecca, two-thirds of my moveable estate.

THIRDLY :—I will and bequeath to my beloved wife, Sarah Scudder, the use and improvement of all my lands during the nonage of my son, Jonathan, and the one-third of the said lands with the house during her natural life, and then the said house and lands to return to my son, Jonathan. Further as to my daughter Sarah who is not composmentis my will is that her mother, my

NOTE :—\*The minister of the Huntington church.





wife, take care of her and provide for her, and in case my daughter Sarah shall out live her mother, then that my son, Jonathan, se her provided for.

Further my will is yt my beloved wife be and I do constitute her sole executrix of this my will and testament, and further my will is that my estate be not divided (except my wife marry) till my daughter, Abigail, be sixteen years old. And I desire that Capt. Epenetus Platt and Eliphalet Jones, my loveing brother be overseers of this my last will and Testament.

Further my will is that if any of my children dye before they come of age that the sd deccasing child's part shall go to the surviveing children, equally.

That this may appear to be my last will and Testament, I the above said Jonathan Scudder have hereunto set my hand and seal this 9th day of December, 1690.

JONATHAN SCUDDER

Witnesses: EPENETUS PLATT  
ELIPHALET JONES  
JOHN WOOD

By the Tenour of these presents, Know ye that on ye 22 day of Oct., 1691 at Brookhaven in the County of Suffolke, on long Island, in the Province of N. York before Coll. William Smith, Judge of the Prerogative Court in the County abovesd, was Proved and approved the last Will and Testament of Jonathan Scudder, late of Huntington, in the County abovesd, deceased, on the 10th of December, 1690 and haveing by his sd Will and Testament nominated and appointed Sarah, his wife, his executrix (as by the copy of the sd Will hereunto annexed may appear) for the well and faithfull administration of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of the sd deceased, you shall a true and faithfull inventory of all the goods, chattels and credits that did any ways belong or of right appertain to the deceased aforesd, at the time of his death, bring in and deliver to me or such judge or judges as shall be appointed for this County at or before ye first day of May, next, ensueing, then and there to render a true, plain and perfect account of your haveing executed and performed your Duty herein, according to the Tenour of the sd Will and the Laws of this Province. Sworn before me the day and year abovesd.

Witness my hand and seal:

THOMAS HELME, Cler.

WILLIAM SMITH.

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NOTE :—The Eliphalet Jones, to whom this Will refers as the "brother in law" of the testatrix, was for many years Pastor of the Church in Huntington. His gravestone is still standing in the Huntington Graveyard, and his name Eliphalet is perpetuated in our family, although his history has been forgotten. He was the son of the Rev. John Jones, for whom the first Thomas Wickes (see page 21) collected subscriptions and built a parsonage.





There are also in said chest two deeds dated 1708 to Jonathan Scudder, evidently the son, one from John Powel, the other from Jacob Conkling, also returns of surveys of lands to "Jonathan Scudder, dec.," and to "Jonathan Scudder." Also a collector's warrant, probably as old as any in the State, to Jonathan Scudder, a copy of which is as follows :

Suffolk : to ye Collector, Jonathan Scudder, Huntington,  
Deser. ye 18th, 1684.

WHEREAS, their is ye sum of twelve pounds, twelve shillings, two p. one farthing levied upon this Town by the comittee for their proportion of the Counte share for the year past; these are in his Royall highness name to require you to gather ye said sum of twelve pounds, twelve shillings, two p. one farthing of ye persons ratted in this Town in ye Counte Ratte, according to their proportion; soe as you may bee able to render an account thereof to ye Counte Treasurer at or before ye fourth day of April next ensueing. Whereof, you are not to fail as you will answer ye Contrary.

Given under my hand ye day and year above written.

ISAAC PLATT.

There are also in the same chest a large number of surveyors certificates, showing lands laid out early in the 18th century to the several ownership of Thomas Wickes, and others, one or two of which I copy here to show the form of conveyance used in transferring land from the ownership of the Trustees of the Town to individuals :

" By virtue of an order from the trustees dated August the 18th, 1736, to lay out to the right held by Thomas Wickes 5 acres of land in the Eastern street in the town of Huntington we have laid out as followeth; the first piece to begin at a stone 6 rods west of Joseph Langdons garden and roning west 12 rods by the highway between said land and Joseph Leweses and on the east side by the highway to Philip Platts 16 rods and on the north by a highway from the end of the land roning southward between Thomas Wickeses and Joseph Leweses being 78 rods of ground and the second piece between Thomas Wickeses and Ezekiel Roberts hows southeast and 18 rods on the north side 35 rods to a steake 9 foots south sow west of a great whit oack tree near Ezekiel Roberts hows and on————— and the third piece near Johnathan Wickes hous on ————— 17 rods and on the north was and on the east side 11 rods. 4th parcel between John Wickes house and Ezekiel Roberts fenc to begin at a steake 6 rods west of Jonathan Wickes barn and roning by the highway 29 rods northward to a highway down from Mr. Prims watering,



nothing at the north end and ran 9 rod back and there 2 rods wid and from thence to Ezekiel Roberts land 8 rods west roning ——— Roberts fence 19 rods and on the south by the highway 8 rods being in all  $3\frac{1}{2}$  acres 18 rods laid out by us this 18 day of August 1736, the place affording no more.

JOHN WICKES

THOMAS BRUSH

This is recorded.

This return of survey was like a grant from the Town and is evidently the muniment referred to in the following deed of the "Huntington Green" which still lies open as a common in said Town:

WHEREAS there have been and are still divers persons belonging to the town who for private interests have been endeavoring to encroach on and lessen the street lands and highways in this town to the great damage of the near neighbors, for the preventing of which in the East street of s'd town the trustees of the freeholders and commonality of s'd town thought fit to order the s'd street to be laid out to the right held by Thomas Wickes (except so much as should be judged by the surveyors needful for a good highway and by him to be alienated to the neighbors living near and reserving the chief benefit of the same to lay open in common never to be fenced in or enclosed or any part thereof—therefore according to the trustees order dated the 18th August 1736 on the same day John Wicks and Thomas Brush being two Surveyors of the s'd town laid out to the right of Thomas Wicks three acres and 88 Rods of land in several pieces in the S'd Street as many more at large appear by the return of the S'd Surveyors on the town record. Therefore be it known unto all men by these presents that I Thomas Wicks for and in consideration of the sum of one pound 16 shillings current money of New York to me in hand Paid and for the use and uses above s'd and to and for no other use or uses Whatsoever have given, granted, bargained, sold, and by these presents fully, freely clearly and absolutely give grant bargain and sell unto John Wicks, Jonithan Wicks, Sam'l Stratton, Philip Platt, Joseph Lewis, Thomas Wicks Jr. and Eliphalet Wickes their heirs and assigns forever all that the above mentioned three acres and 88 Rods of land situate and lying and being in the East Street of the S'd Town as above said together, with all and singular the rights and priviledges thereunto belonging and all the Estate right title and interest possession, property, claim and demand whatsoever of me the s'd Thomas Wicks in and to the premises to have and hold all the before mentioned premises to them the Said John Wickes, Jonithan Wicks, Sam'l Stratton, Philip Platt—Joseph Lewis, Thomas Wickes and Eliphalet Wickes



their heirs and assigns as tenants in common without any maner of pretence of Survivorship from me the s'd Thomas Wicks my heirs Ex'rs and adm's unto the sole and only proper use benefit and behoof of them the Said John Wickes, Jonithan Wickes, Sam'l Stratton, Philip Platt—Joseph Lewis, Thomas Wickes Jr. and Eliphalet Wickes their and each of their heirs and assigns forever to lie in Common for the use of them the purchasers and never to be fenced nor enclosed nor any part thereof by any person or persons whatsoever but to remain according the true intent and meaning hercof forever. In witness whereof the said Thomas Wicks have hereunto set my hand and seal the 18 day of May Anno Dom. 1739. Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of

MATTHEW BUNCE

JOB HALSTEAD

THOMAS WICKES [Seal.]

Another document in said chest.

Febry the 25, 1712. To the surveyors of the Town of Huntington, these are to order you to lay out to the hundreds that were formerly Jonathan Hardneds now in the tenor of Thos. Wickes, Junior, four acres of land adjoining to the land of Thomas Brush, Junior, in the west neck on the hammack on the north side of the land of Thomas Brush.

April the 26, 1718, these are to order you to lay out to the hundreds holden by Thomas Wickes, Junior, 3 acres of land southeast from Ephrain Kaloms hollow near the hills.

JOHN WICKES,  
Pd.

A copy per me,

EPENETUS PLATT

Also in the chest are the following documents relating to slaves :

We, the subscribers, overseers of the poor of the Township of Flushing, do hereby certify that Dinah, a slave of Thomas Wickes of said town, appears to us to be under fifty years of age and of sufficient ability to provide for herself.  
October 7th, 1802.

BEN'J. T. KISSAM  
LAWRENCE ROE

Recorded in the Town Clerk's Office of the township of Flushing the 4th day of January, 1804.

By me, JOHN H. SMITH, T. Clk.





We, the subscribers, overseers of the poor of the Township of Flushing, do hereby certify that Seth, a slave of Thomas Wickes of said town, appears to us to be under fifty years of age and of sufficient ability to provide for himself.

Flushing, January 3rd, 1804.

BENJ'M T. KISSAM  
LAWRENCE ROE

Recorded in the Town Clerk's Office of the Township of Flushing the 4th day of January, 1804.

By me, JOHN H. SMITH, T. Clk.

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We, the subscribers, overseers of the poor of the Township of Flushing, do hereby certify that Michael, a slave of Thomas Wickes of said town, appears to us to be under fifty years of age and of a sufficient ability to provide for himself.

Flushing, January 3rd, 1804.

BENJ'M T. KISSAM  
LAWRENCE ROE

Recorded in the Town Clerk's Office of the Township of Flushing the 4th day of January, 1804.

By me, JOHN H. SMITH, T. Clk.

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We, the subscribers, overseers of the poor of the Township of Flushing, do hereby certify that Carline, a slave of Thomas Wickes of said Town, appears to us to be under fifty years of age and of sufficient ability to provide for himself.

Flushing, January 3rd, 1804.

BENJ'M T. KISSAM  
LAWRENCE ROE

Recorded in the Town Clerk's Office of the Township of Flushing the 4th day of January, 1804.

By me, JOHN H. SMITH, T. Clk.





To all whom it may concern, know ye that I, the subscriber, have obtained from the overseers of poor of the Township of Flushing, a certificate purporting that Carline, a slave of mine, is under fifty years of age and of sufficient ability to provide for himself; and that I do hereby manumit and set free the said slave, Carline.

Little Neck, January 5th, 1804.

THOS. WICKES

THOS. WICKES

Bt. of Mess. Cornelius Van Brunt & Stephen B. Williamson,  
Executors to the Estate of Albert Adriance

1	Negro woman about 50 years of age, named Mary	-	-	-	} \$300.00
1	Boy about 16 years of age, named Ned	-	-	-	
1	do. about 13 " " " Benjamin	-	-	-	

Flushing, June 16th, 1806.

Received payment.

CORN'S VAN BRUNT

Endorsed: Bill for Molly, Ned and Benjamin - - - \$300.00.

We, Abraham Hendrickson and Henry Mills, overseers of the poor of the Town of Jamaica in Queens County and State of New York, do hereby certify that Ned, the slave of Thomas Wickes, which said Thomas Wickes resides in said Town of Jamaica, appears to us to be under the age of forty-five years and of sufficient ability to provide for himself. Given under our hands the Fourth day of June in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fourteen.

ABRAHAM HENDRICKSON	}	Overseers of Poor.
HENRY MILLS		



The following will is in the said chest :

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN I, Eliphalet Wickes of the town of Huntington in Suffolk County on Nassaw Island Being this Thirtieth Day of June in the year of Our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and sixty-one Sick and Weak in Body but of Perfect Mind and Memory and well knowing that in a short time I must yield unto death therefore am willing to settle my outward affairs against my Final Change come whensoever it may happen do therefore make . . . . ordain and appoint this my last will and testament in the following manner and form. Imprimis I will and order all my just debts to be fully Satisfied and paid by my executors or One of them in Some Reasonable time after my decease. Item I give and bequeath unto my only son Thomas Wickes my desk one Bed and Furniture my best Cart and Wheelles one team and Tackling as he shall Choose one Plough & harrow of Each Sort & Indian Jonas his time of Service and my Negro Deag & my Negro boy Peter and my Fishing. Item I give and bequeath unto my Loving wife Jemima Wickes and to her Heirs and Assigns forever Sixty Pounds Current Lawful Money of New York two beds and furniture, One Lott of Land and Meadow which I bought of James Oakley Lying on a Neck Called Sentepogue and my Negro man Ceser and his wife Six Cows & Calves twenty Sheep Six Cattle as she shall Choose and So many Swine as shall be thought needful for the Family's use——and One Cart and Wheelles and Team and Tackling and utencels such as shall be needfull for her in carrying on Husbandry and my will is that my wife shall have for the Family's use all my English Hay all my Grain in the Houses and all that is growing of Every Sort Also I give to said wife my Negro Girl named Rachel after her time of service is Expired with Joseph Bapet Also my riding chair and young horse and my Silver Tankard and Six Silver Spoons and my Loom & Tackling & my watch. Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Mary Wickes and to her heirs and assigns forever Sixty Pounds Current Money of New York and the Following pieces of Land I order to be sold by my Executors and the money arising from such sale to be Equally divided between my wife and my three daughters without Exceptions Viz. One Piece of woodland lying between Cow harbour South path and the path that comes from Cornelius Hartts to town Lying in the Point be it more or less and one half of the Lott at the west end of the Town once Jonathan Scudders and all my Lands Rights and Interest in the Eastern Purchase also that piece of Land between the roads to Carlls and the road that goes to Cornelius Hartts & my will is that if my Daughter Mary should die without issue that her part shall be Equally divided between my wife and two Surviving daughters. Item I give and



bequeath unto my two Grandsons Eliphalet Brush and Samuel Allen One Piece of wood Land Joining to the Land of Jeremiah Sammis & butting upon the highway that comes down to Kellams to be Equally divided between them which I give to them and to their Heirs and Assigns forever & my will is that if Either of them two Should die without Issue that then his part should descend to the next male heir in the Family. Item I will and order my Executors hereafter named to Sell and dispose of all the rest of my Personal and moveable Estate wheresoever and whatsoever Excepting Seven Cattle which is fattening for the use of the Family and all the moneys arising from which sale with all the rest of my movable Estate after my Debts are paid Excepting which is above disposed of. I Order and give to be Equally divided between my wife and three daughters namely Margaret Allen Hannah Brush and Mary Wickes and if my daughter Mary should happen to die without issue then her part to be Equally divided as above mentioned and my will is that my Executors shall be reasonably rewarded for their troubles in Executing this my will And I do hereby Constitute and Appoint my Son in Law John Brush and my only Son Thomas Wickes to be my sole Executors of this my last will and testament giving and granting unto them Full power and Authority (or Either of them) to Execute this my last Will and Testament and Every Article and Clause therein Contained and to give good and Authentick Deeds for all Such Land as I have Ordered to be Sold & I do hereby utterly revoke all former wills ratifying and Confirming this and no Other to be my last will and Testament the day and year above written.

ELIPHALET WICKES (L. S.)

Signed Sealed Published Pronounced and declared By the said Eliphalet Wickes as his last will and Testament in presence of subscribers who signed as witnesses in the presence of the Testator

JOSEPH LEWIS ISRAEL PLATT SOLOMON KETCHAM

Also the following will :

I, Thomas Wickes, of Jamaica in Queens County and State of New York, do make and publish this my last will and testament, I give and bequeath to my daughter Harriet all my household and kitchen furniture and to her heirs. Also the interest of five thousand dollars during her life. The money to be retained in the hands of my executors and laid out in stock or placed at interest on bond and mortgage at the direction of my executors, and the interest paid to my said daughter as often as they receive the same, and after her death the said five thousand dollars to be equally divided between





her children, if she shall have any, but if she shall die unmarried she may dispose of the same by Will, if she shall die during coverture and without issue I give the said five thousand dollars to my surviving children equally to be divided, and to the issue of such of my children that may be dead, such issue to take the parent's share, the interest to be paid to my daughter altho she may be married as it is intended for her benefit, not to be subject to her husband's debts nor to his control in any way. I give and bequeath to my grand children, Joseph Lawrence Hewlett and Harriet Hewlett the sum of six thousand dollars equally between them, to be paid to them respectively when they arrive at lawful age or marry, and if either of them shall die before that period the survivor to have the whole, but if both shall die before they arrive at lawful age or marry then the said six thousand dollars and the unexpended interest (if any) to be equally divided between my children that may be living at that time, and the issue of such of my children who may be dead, such issue to take the parent's share, the said six thousand dollars to be retained in the hands of my executors and invested in six per cent stock of the corporation of the City of New York, or in any other stock or in mortgage security at the discretion of my executors and the interest arising from their respective shares to be exclusively applied to the education of my said grandchildren until in the opinion of my executors or the survivor of them, their education shall be finished, after which the interest to be applied in such other way for the benefit of my said grandchildren as my executors of the survivor of them may think best. I give and bequeath to the Theological Seminary at Princeton three hundred dollars to be added to the permanent funds of that institution for the support of the professors to be paid within One Year after my decease. All the rest residue and remainder of my estate I give and bequeath to my sons, Eliphalet and Van Wyck equally to be divided and to their heirs and assigns forever.

It is my will in case any or either of my said children die before I do leaving issue then and in that case what I have given to the parent I give to the issue, such issue to take the parent's share, and to the heirs and assigns of each issue. Lastly I hereby nominate make constitute and appoint my sons Eliphalet Wickes and Van Wyck Wickes executors to this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former and other Will or Wills by me at any time heretofore made and declaring this and this only to be and contain my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the thirteenth day of January in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and nineteen.

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Thomas Wickes as and for his last will and testament in our presence who have subscribed our names





as witnesses at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other.

JOHN FAULKNER.

THOS. WICKES.

BENJAMIN EVERITT.

JOHN S. MESSENGER.

Extracts from the records of the Presbyterian Church Huntington, made Sept. 2, 1881, for S. Wickes, by Dr. G. B. Banks, Clerk of Session.

Members by the name of Wickes when Rev. Mr. Prime was ordained, June 1723. Esther and Elizabeth Wickes.

Added during Mr. Prime's ministry and recorded by him.

1730, June 14, Elnathan,	1737, March 20, Josiah,
1724, April 19, Elizabeth,	1727, March 2, Elizabeth,
1743, June 2, Azariah,	1743, June 2, Anna,
1751, Aug. 1, Enoch,	1730, June 14, Miriam,
1739, Nov. 29, Mary,	1750, Nov. 29, Mary,
1762, July 29, Josiah, Jr.,	1764, Oct. 28, Phebe.

Baptisms of persons by name of Wickes during Mr. Prime's ministry.

1723, June 23, Phebe,	1728, June 5, John,
1724, Aug. 2, Daniel,	1728, Aug. 11, Stephen,
1724, Aug. 9, Silas,	1729, Nov. 23, Elnathan,
1725, April 26, Hezekiah,	1730, July 5, Ruth,
1727, March 2, Mary,	1730, March 8, Ambrose,
1731, May 9, Platt,	1743, June 26, Jonathan,
1731, July 28, Ananias,	1743, Nov. 20, Jonas,
1732, Aug. 27, Gilbert,	1743, Sept. 25, Mary,
1732, Jan. 16, Hannah,	1744, July 15, John,
1733, March 18, Hezekiah,	1744, Nov. 4, Elizabeth,
1733, July 29, Enoch,	1744, Nov. 11, Mary,
1734, May 26, Margaret,	1746, March 2, Sarah,
1735, April 13, Josiah,	1746, Nov. 9, Elizabeth,
1735, July 20, Elijah,	1747, Oct. 4, Martha,
1735, Feb. 16, Hannah,	1747, Oct. 21, Elizabeth,
1735, Nov. 2, Hannah,	1747, Nov. 5, Nathaniel,
1737, July 17, Jesse,	1748, Oct. 13, Esther,
1737, Sept. 11, Philip,	1748, Oct. 30, Daniel,
1738, May 14, Elizabeth,	1749, July 28, Ebenezer,



1739, April 22, Anna,	1750, May 3, Hanna,
1740, May 25, Silas,	1750, June 24, Margaret,
1740, Sept. 14, Thomas,	1751, Feb. 3, Epentus,
1739, Dec. 23, Elizabeth,	1752, Jan. 26, Jonah,
1741, June 21, Moses,	1752, June 14, William,
1742, May 16, Mary,	1752, Jan. 5, Phebe,
1742, Dec. 15, Deborah,	1752, June 17, Mary,
1751, Jan. 20, Sarah,	1762, May 2, Jonas,
1753, Sept. 30, Isaac,	1762, Aug. 8, Platt,
1754, May 12, John,	1762, Oct. 3, Gilbert,
1754, May 24, Samuel,	1763, March 31, Joel,
1754, Oct. 13, Hannah,	1763, Dec. 4, Josiah,
1755, April 20, David,	1763, Sept. 18, Anne,
1756, May 30, Nathaniel,	1764, April 12, Mary,
1757, March 13, Daniel,	1764, Sept. 2, Mary,
1756, July 11, Tappe,	1764, Sept. 2, Sarah,
1757, March 13, Elizabeth,	1764, Sept. 23, Sarah,
1757, March 13, Joanna,	1765, Sept. 7, Hannah,
1757, July 24, Conklin,	1765, Oct. 6th, Ruth,
1758, June 15, Stephen,	1768, July 24, Ebenezer,
1758, June 30, Isaac,	1769, Oct. 26, Seth,
1758, Oct. 22, Silas,	1769, Oct. 26, David,
1759, Sept. 30, Phineas,	1766, May 9, Elizabeth,
1760, Jan. 27, Mary,	1766, Nov. 2, Elizabeth,
1760, May 30, Martha,	1770, Oct. 7, Jubal,
1760, Oct. 5, Rebecca,	1770, June 24, Keturah,
1761, March 15, Elizabeth,	1773, July 25, Esther,
1762, March 7, Susanna,	1775, April 10, Freelove,
	1775, June 16, Moses.

Marriages of persons by name of Wickes during Mr. Prime's ministry.

- 1726, June 7, Cornelius Hart and Elizabeth Wickes.
- 1726, Oct. 24, John Wickes and Jemima Conklin.
- 1726, Nov. 30, Thomas Conklin and Mary Wickes.
- 1727, Jan 23, Silas Wickes and Sarah Rogers.
- 1728, March 8, Stephen Conklin and Martha Wickes.
- 1728, Dec. 27, Elnathan Wickes and Miriam Whitman.
- 1729, May 30, Josiah Weeks and Mary Conklin.
- 1730, March 26, Eliphalet Wickes and Hannah Platt.
- 1732, June 6, Samuel Smith and Esther Wickes.



- 1732, Dec. 8, Eliphalet Wickes and Jemima Scudder.  
1734, April 9, Philip Wickes and Mary Conklin.  
1734, Oct. 7, William Green and Ruth Wickes.  
1736, Oct. 15, Benj. Cornish and Anne Wickes.  
1737, March 29, Jonathan Wickes and Elizabeth Gates.  
1738, May 24, Jacob Miller and Susanna Wickes.  
1738, Dec. 4, Thomas Wickes and Mary Udall.  
1739, Feb. 13, Azariah Wickes and Anne Whitman.  
1741, Feb. 18, Nath. Wickes and Jemima Wood.  
1742, Feb. 2, Samuel Wickes and Bethiah Wickes.  
1744, Jan. 25, Timothy Biggs and Mary Wickes.  
1745, Nov. 28, Joseph Gould and Phebe Wickes.  
1749, Nov. 20, Joseph Wickes and Mary Platt.  
1750, Dec. 11, Daniel Wickes and Rebecca Wood.  
1751, July 24, Samuel Allen and Margaret Wickes.  
1751, Oct. 30, Samuel Ackerly and Hannah Wickes.  
1753, April 19, Jonathan Wickes and Anne Netherway.  
1753, May 29, Ambrose Wickes and Phêbe Russels.  
1754, April 16, Samuel Hart and Hannah Wickes.  
1755, Feb. 4, Hezekiah Wickes and Lois Jarvis.  
1756, March 28, Ezekial Wickes and Sarah Hevelon.  
1756, April 5, Jotham Wickes and Sarah Hughins.  
1757, July 27, Benajiah Wickes and Hannah Conklin.  
1760, Jan. 15, Samuel Ackerly and Elizabeth Wickes.  
1760, Oct. 27, Samuel Denton and Hannah Wickes.  
1761, Aug. 10, William Lysaght and Jemima Wickes.  
1761, Oct. 12, Cor. Stretton and Mary Wickes.  
1762, May 13, Thomas Wickes and Sarah Brush.  
1762, Aug. 18, Jesse Brown and Mary Wickes.  
1762, Dec. 16, Josiah Wickes, Jr., and Hannah Skidmore.  
1763, April 17, Joseph Townsend and Margaret Weekes.  
1763, Aug. 8, Jonathan Wickes and Eliz. Arthur.  
1764, June 17, Timothy Cornish and Mary Wickes.  
1765, Nov. 18, Silas Wickes and Esther Pine.  
1766, Jan. 14, John Close, A. B. and Mary Wickes.  
1767, Feb. 10, Josiah Wickes, Jr., and Mary Conklin.  
1770, April 29, Silas Hand and Sarah Wickes.  
1770, July 15, David Smith and Sarah Wickes.  
1770, Nov. 19, Lemuel Wickes and Anne Carpenter.





- 1772, June 4, Philip Skidmore and Margaret Wickes.
- 1774, Feb. 10, Isaac Kane and Rose Wickes.
- 1775, Jan. 1, George Wickes and Mary Kellum.
- 1778, Jan. 22, Metzger Carver and Phebe Wickes.
- 1779, Jan. 12, Jerial Tildēn and Eliz. Wickes.

Marriages by Rev. Mr. Close.

- 1776, Dec. 11, John Wickes and Eliz. Tucker.
- 1767, March 17, Penn Wickes and Ruth Valentine.
- 1767, Sept. 8, Thomas Wickes and Abigail Van Wyck.

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NOTE.—Rev. Ebenezer Prime was pastor of the Church from 1723 to 1779. Rev. John Close as his colleague from 1766 to 1773. D. 1813.



# MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS.

## HUNTINGTON GRAVEYARD.

The burial place at Huntington is the same now as that used by its earliest fathers. It is a beautiful, elevated site near the center of the village, and bounded on one side by the main street. During the Revolutionary War the Town was occupied by soldiers of Great Britain, under the command of Col. Benj. Thompson (Count Rumford). He erected block houses and barracks for his troops upon the burying ground. The graves were, many of them, leveled, and the tombstones used for building their fire places and ovens. The historian who records this, says that he "Has often heard old men testify from the evidence of their own senses, that they had seen the loaves of bread drawn out of these ovens, with the reversed inscriptions of the tomb stones of their friends on the lower crust." (Prime's History of L. I.)

This writer visited this twice-consecrated place of the dead Aug. 25, 1875, and copied the following inscriptions.

First row.

Here lieth the body of  
Eliphalet Wickes, Esq., died  
June ye 30 A. D.  
1761 in the 54th. year of his age.

Jemima, wife of  
Eliphalet Wickes, Esq. who departed  
this life Nov. 3, 1776,  
aged 68 years.

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NOTE.—These four stones evidently mark the burial place of Thomas Wickes (3) and his sons Thomas Wickes and Eliphalet Wickes of the fourth generation. There is a vacant space next to the grave of the elder Thomas Wickes and nearer to the top of the hill where possibly are the unmarked graves of Thomas Wickes (2) and his wife and Thomas Wickes (1) and his wife. The vacant space is about in the center of the graveyard.



Here lyes the body of Mr. Thomas Wickes, Jr.  
son of Capt. Thomas Wickes,  
who died Dec. 20, 1749  
in the 46th. year of his age.

Here lies buried the body of Capt. Thomas Wickes,  
who departed this life  
Oct. the 24th., A. D.  
1749, in the 74th. year of his age.

Another row.<sup>1</sup>

In memory of Bethsheba, wife of  
Capt. Thomas Wickes,  
She died Sept. 9, 1763,  
in the 39th. year of her age.

In memory of Capt. John Wickes, who  
died June 5, 1801, in  
the 79th. year of his age.

In memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Wickes,  
wife of Capt. John Wickes,  
who departed,———[stone broken].

Here lies the body of  
Hannah Wickes, wife to Eliphalet Wickes,  
who died ——— 1751,  
in the ——— of ——— age.

In memory of Ezekiel Wicks, who  
died March 26, 1808,  
age 78 years.

In memory of Sarah relict of Ezekial  
Wicks who died Dec. 7, 1808, age 72.

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NOTE.—<sup>1</sup> Deaths recorded by the Rev. John Close.

Margaret Wickes wife of to ye late Capt. Thomas Wickes Died Sept. 18, 1767, aged about  
85 years.

July 7, 1771, Nathaniel, son of John Wickes.

Jan. 8, 1773, the second wife of Josiah Wickes, Jr.



Another row.

In memory of Sarah,  
the wife of Gilbert Wickes,  
who died May 4, 1792, aged 62.

In Memory of Mrs. Sarah Wicks,  
wife of Gilbert Wicks, Jr.  
who died March 12, 1795, aged  
36 years and 12 days.

An old tombstone, looking as if it might be the oldest stone in the yard has Wickes upon it in full,—all else is obliterated.

The following inscription was copied by the writer, in Aug. 1875, from a well preserved tombstone in Bridgehampton, L. I. It stands in the exact middle of a cultivated field without the surroundings of a burial place.

Here  
was———layed  
The body of Mr.  
John Wicks, Esq., who died Jan.  
the 16, Anno, 1719 in the 59th. year  
of his age.

Nothing is known concerning him whose memory is thus perpetuated, except by the tradition which is accepted by the people. It is substantially as follows. That he was a man of property, and had a large amount of land, was a great hunter, kept a house of entertainment which was celebrated the country around for its good cheer, and was the resort for those from a distance who were fond of hunting sports. He was an infidel, and a reviler of religious things. He had no sons, but two daughters, who were to inherit his property upon the condition that he should not be buried in a churchyard, but in the center of the field where his dust now lies. The tradition further is that some years after his burial, the daughters, desirous of giving his remains a more christian sepulchre, made an attempt to remove them to the graveyard. After the excavation for the purpose had progressed to a few feet in depth, myriads of ants appeared which so riddled the earth that, as it was removed, it immediately fell from the sides and filled in again, by the action of the insects. Those engaged in the excavation, after a struggle to succeed in their work, were compelled to abandon it. Mythical as the story is, it





illustrates the readiness of the popular mind to accept the fact that somehow the devil takes care of its own.

The inscription reveals that he was born in 1661. He was therefore contemporary with Thomas and John Wickes, grantees of Huntington, by Fletcher's Patent of 1694. There is nothing in our record which forbids the possibility of his being the latter named John. We think the probabilities are against the supposition, as John, the justice, was in Huntington and took acknowledgments as late as 1730.

## INSCRIPTIONS AT JAMAICA, LONG ISLAND.

In  
memory of Thomas Wickes<sup>1</sup>  
who departed this life  
Nov. 30, 1819,  
in the 75th year of his age.

In  
memory of Abigail,  
wife of  
Thomas Wickes,  
who died March 15, 1816,  
aged 68 years.

In  
memory of Maria Wickes  
wife of  
Thomas S. Wickes,  
who departed this life April 9, 1821,  
aged 22 years, and 4 months.

For I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.—11 Tim. 1-12.

Martha Wickes,  
wife of  
Eliphalet Wickes  
died May 7, 1821  
aged 57 years, and 9 months.

In memory of  
Henry Walter  
son of  
Harriet and Henry Punnett  
who departed this life  
Sept. 20, 1831, aged 14 months.

Van Wyck Wickes  
born April 29, 1779  
died June 13, 1865.

Eliza  
wife of  
Van Wyck Wickes, born  
Dec. 15, 1789, died May 24, 1864.  
Entered into Rest.

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NOTE:—<sup>1</sup> He was born Aug. 10, 1744.



In memory  
of Harriet, daughter  
of  
Van Wyck and Eliza Wickes,  
who departed this life,  
Sept. 30, 1831, aged 2 years.

Elizabeth H., daughter  
of  
Van Wyck and Eliza Wickes,  
died at Troy  
Aug. 13, 1851, aged 26.

(Copied June 20, 1881.)

In memory  
of  
Lucius T. Rossiter  
born Oct. 2, 1809  
died Aug. 24, 1879.

Anna  
daughter of  
L. T. and Mary W. Rossiter,  
died Jan. 7, 1856,  
aged 2 years and 3 months.

Mary Wickes  
daughter of  
L. T. and Mary W. Rossiter,  
died Feb. 13, 1852,  
aged 2 years, 9 months, 15 days.

Arthur Lawrence  
son of  
L. T. and Mary W. Rossiter  
died Aug. 11, 1858,  
aged 9 months and 2 days.

Here lies the body  
of Stephen Herriman,  
who deceased July the 3,  
Anno dom. 1770 in ye 41 year  
of his age.

Here lies the body of  
Mrs. Martha, wife of Mr. Stephen  
Herriman, who afterwards married  
Mr. John Smith, and died Jan. 7, 1788,  
in the 57th. year of her age.

As fleeting shadows pass in haste  
On evening sun's decline  
So all the glory mortals have  
Will shortly be as mine.

Children weep not for me  
For all your tears are vain  
Think only on the Lord  
That we shall meet again.



In memory of  
Elizabeth Herriman,<sup>1</sup>  
died Dec. 29, 1847,  
aged 87 years, 11 months and  
26 days.

In memory  
of Sarah Smith,<sup>2</sup> who died Feb. 18,  
1857 in the 95th. year of her age.

Margaret Herriman  
born  
March 6, 1796  
died  
March 27, 1851.

In memory of  
James Herriman,<sup>3</sup> who  
departed this life Oct. 6, 1801,  
in his 40th year.

John Herriman<sup>4</sup>  
born July 30, 1797,  
died July 25, 1835.

Memory of Stephen Herriman, Jr.  
who died May 26, 1792, aged 35  
years, and 19 days.

Come hither all ye tender souls  
who know

The heights of fondness and  
the depths of woe,

All conquering death by his  
resistless power,

Has snatched a youth in an  
untimely hour.

Farewell vain world, I've had enough  
of thee,

And now am careful of what thou  
sayest of me,

Thy smiles I could not, nor thy  
frowns I fear,

My days are past, my head lies quiet  
here.

Magdalene Herriman<sup>5</sup>  
was born Nov. 27, 1769,  
died Nov. 19, 1841.

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NOTE:—<sup>1</sup> The widow of Stephen Herriman, Jr.

<sup>2</sup> A sister of Mrs. Eliz. Herriman ; she was unmarried.

<sup>3</sup> Son of Stephen (2).

<sup>4</sup> His widow, Mary Ann Bryer, died March 29, 1873, aged 73. Her monument is near her husband's.

<sup>5</sup> Wife of James.





John Yates Cebra,  
born April 8, 1786,  
died Sept. 14, 1855.

Mary Herriman Cebra,  
wife of John Yates Cebra,  
born Feb. 27, 1786,  
died May 8, 1855.

God is love and doeth all things well.

Martha  
wife of  
Benjamin Wright, and  
daughter of James and  
Magdalene Herriman,  
born Oct. 29, 1789,  
died Oct. 15, 1853.

The following are in one enclosure at Jamaica Graveyard; enclosed by an iron fence erected by Nehemiah Denton, of Gowanas, Brooklyn.

In memory  
of  
Janet (2) wife of Nehemiah Denton,  
died Dec. 8, 1862, aged 65 years.

Nehemiah Denton,  
died Dec. 27, 1844, aged  
71 years, 9 months and 24  
days.

Elizabeth  
(1) wife of Nehemiah Denton,  
died Sept. 2, 1799, aged  
24 years. No issue.

Mary, wife of Samuel D.  
Wilkins, and daughter of  
Nehemiah Denton, died April 9,  
1833, 35 years.<sup>1</sup>

Eliza, daughter of  
Elizabeth and Nehemiah Denton  
died Sept. 28, 1800, aged 9 months.

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NOTE :—<sup>1</sup> Issue of first marriage.



INSCRIPTIONS ON STONES IN LOT 90, SEC. F.  
IN OAKWOOD CEMETERY, TROY, NEW YORK.

<p>Eliza M. Allen widow of the late doct. Aldis Allen daughter of Eliphalet Wickes Died Sept. 9th, 1835 aged 34 years, 7 mos. and 4 days.</p>	<p>- Eliphalet Wickes born in Huntington, L. I. April 1, 1769 Died in this City June 7, 1850 in the 82d year of his age</p>	<p>Harriett wife of Henry Punnett and daughter of Eliphalet Wickes Died May 14, 1856 aged 28 years and 11 months.</p>	<p>Anna wife of Henry Punnett Died Jan. 9th, 1842 Aged 28 years and 4 months</p>
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<p>Henry Sylvanus son of Thomas S. and Julia Wickes Died at Albany Dec. 27, 1827 aged 2 years and 2 mos.</p>	<p>Cordelia P. daughter of Thomas S. and Julia Wickes Died in Ballston Dec. 16, 1845 aged 11 years and 8 mos.</p>	<p>Elizabeth, daughter of Henry and Harriet Wickes Punnett Died Aug. 27, 1831 aged 11 mos. 13 days</p>
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This lot is in the name of "Eliphalet W. Blatchford." The lot was selected and purchased by me, and the remains removed from the old cemetery in Troy, and here interred in 1896.

E. W. BLATCHFORD.



## IN MOUND CEMETERY, MARIETTA, OHIO.

Rev. Thomas Wickes, D. D.

Died

Nov. 10, 1870

aged

56 years

Asleep in Jesus.

Mary Antoinette

wife of

Rev. Thomas Wickes

Pastor of the

First Congregational

Church of Marietta

Died

May 30 1848

aged 31 years

Erected by the ladies of the  
1st Congregational Church of Marietta

Amelia

Daughter of

Thomas & M. A.

Wickes

Died Sept. 18 1851

Aged 7 years



COPY OF RECORD IN BIBLE FORMERLY IN  
POSSESSION OF THOMAS W. BLATCHFORD.

Harriet Wickes  
Presented by her father Thomas Wickes  
January 12th 1802

The record is written in one hand, all but Hannah's death. The record of the death of Thomas and Abigail Wickes is in my father's handwriting. The handwriting of the record, and the presentation as above, seems to be the same.  
H. W. B.

CHILDREN OF THOMAS AND ABIGAIL WICKES.

Scudder was born September 9th, 1767.  
Eliphalet was born April 1st, 1769.  
Francis was born October 25th, 1770.  
Van Wyck was born March 4th, 1773.  
Thomas was born March 25th, 1775.  
Francis was born March 30th, 1777.  
Van Wyck was born April 29th, 1779.  
Hannah was born December 5th, 1781.  
Thomas was born March 19th, 1784.  
Scudder was born May 27th, 1786.  
Harriet was born May 25th, 1789.

Thomas Wickes Sr.  
was born  
August 21st, 1744.  
Abigail Wickes  
was born Sept., 1748.

Abigail Wickes died  
15 March, 1816.

Thomas Wickes died  
30 November, 1819.

Scudder the elder died September 28th, 1776.  
Francis the elder died September 30th, 1776.  
Van Wyck the elder died October 2nd, 1776.  
Francis the younger died February 6th, 1778.  
Thomas the elder died August 14th, 1779.  
Scudder the younger died August 26th, 1787.  
Thomas the younger died October 12th, 1801.  
Hannah died March 8th, 1816. (in pencil).

(in pencil)  
at Norwalk, Conn.





## HISTORICAL NOTICES

### MAJOR THOMAS WICKES

Thomas Wickes (4) son of Eliphalet (1) and Jemima Scudder, born in Huntington, L. I., 1744, married Sarah Brush. She died in a year after their marriage without living issue. He married (2) Abigail, daughter of Barent VanWyck, of Oyster Bay. He inherited the real estate of his father, which he occupied till the war of 1776. He was in that year 32 years of age, and had acquired position and influence in the large County of Suffolk, which embraced as it does now, the eastern portion of the Island. At the breaking out of the Revolutionary War, he took an active and decided part in opposing the oppressive measures of the British Parliament. He was elected chairman of the committee of Safety for the Town of Huntington. His acquaintance with the people, his stoutness of purpose, and his devotion to promoting the rising liberties of his country were efficient in advancing the growth and steadfastness of the patriot party. His efforts were not confined to his own county, but were exercised for the cause of liberty throughout the island. He held the office of Chairman of the Committee of Safety till after the British had obtained possession of Long Island. He was in the company of General Woodhull, as captain of the 5th Company of Col. Smith's Regiment, in Jamaica just before the attack upon them by the light-horse of Col. De Lancy, by whom they were cut to pieces. Mr. Wickes urged Woodhull to leave Jamaica, as the enemy was in large numbers west of him, and rapidly advancing. He made efforts to show him the imprudence of exposing himself and his few men to certain destruction. The General replied that he had been ordered to the post by the convention at White Plains, and that he felt it to be his duty to remain till ordered to leave. Mr. Wickes finding his persuasions to withdraw ineffectual, resolved to remain with him and abide the result. The General urged that it was not his place, that he was needed in Suffolk County and must leave him, and look to the welfare of the



common cause and the safety of the people on the eastern end of the Island. Mr. Wickes accordingly left him about two hours before the attack upon the patriot band, and its tragic result.

Soon after this, abandoning all hope of doing anything for the cause of liberty by remaining on the island, and resolved not to accept the protection proffered by Lord Howe, by taking the oath of allegiance to the British Crown, he determined to abandon his estate and give himself to the service of his country. With his family and two wagon loads of moveables, and very little ready money, he embarked upon a boat in Huntington Bay just ready to cross the Sound to Norwalk, Conn., where a detachment of American troops was stationed, having abandoned all else that he possessed. He found himself within a few hours at Norwalk, with his wife and five young children, early in September 1776. (The Battle of Long Island was fought on the 27th. of Aug.)

The dysentery was prevalent in Norwalk in a mortal form among the soldiers and people when the family of our devoted patriot landed among them. His family were all affected by the disease. Three of his children fell victims to it within four days, and were buried in one grave, aged respectively 9, 5 and 3 years. His own life was in great jeopardy.

He soon removed from Norwalk to the headquarters of the American Army at Fishkill. He immediately entered the service in the Quartermaster's department, with a rank of major. Here he remained throughout the war and until the troops were formally disbanded in 1783. His wife and two remaining children (one of whom died soon after their arrival at Fishkill) exchanged their comfortable home in Huntington for the Barracks, where she boarded the soldiers till their final dispersion to their free homes in 1783.

\*The writer remembers his patriotic grandmother as she looked in 1816, a short time before her death. Though he was but three years old, she was photographed on his memory. With vivid distinctness he recalls her tall, erect, symmetrical figure, her delicate, expressive features, her head dressed in a close fitting (Quaker) cambric cap, a white kerchief around her neck laid in folds down the open front of her dress to the waist. Though her form and

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\*NOTE:—By S. Wickes, Aug. 8, 1881.

I had an interview a few days since with an aged lady whom I had not known before, Mrs. Van Wyck, widow of Joshua Van Wyck, of Long Island. She is a daughter of Whitehead Hewlett, deceased, who lived when she was young across the Bay and opposite Little Neck. She remarked to me that she well remembered my Grandmother Wickes, that she used to cross the Bay frequently when she was a girl, to visit Miss Harriet, and to



height were different, her features and form of face have been remembered by him as like those of her grand-daughter, Frances, daughter of Eliphalet (2).

Three children were born in the Barracks, viz: Frances, who died at 10 months, VanWyck and Hannah. The two latter with Eliphalet, returned with their parents to their old home in Huntington.

Major Wickes was a member of the State Legislature from the formation of the State government in 1776, to the close of the war. As elections could not be held on Long Island, and in the southern counties occupied by the enemy, representatives were appointed by special ordinance. They were called ordinance members. His acquaintance with the people of Long Island and their confidence in him made him a valuable aid to Washington and Governor Clinton, with each of whom he maintained confidential relations. He was frequently sent to Long Island to obtain such information as might be of service. He crossed the Sound from Norwalk at night, remained in concealment during the day, and at night visited those whom he knew to be the friends of the patriot cause. When the fact was made known to his co-patriots, that "Wickes" was there, they collected from many miles around, at night to see him and confer with him. During one of these visits, being desirous of learning of some of his wife's relations, all of whom were tories, he went one bright moonlight night to his own house in Huntington. His property after he left it had been taken possession of by his wife's brother, who was in the British service as captain of the King's Militia, who occupied it and appropriated all its emoluments during all the years of the war. Major Wickes was on horse back. He rode to the door and knocked upon it with the butt of his pistol. His brother-in-law appeared at the window and enquired who was there. Wickes replied and asked him to call up the family and come to the door. They did so, when he withdrew to a convenient distance and held a conversation with them. He was earnestly urged to dismount and spend the night with them, but not willing to risk his personal liberty, he declined their invitation.

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"Hear her play on the piano", a rare instrument at the time. "Did you read my description of my grandmother as I remember her when I was three years old?" "Yes, and it exactly describes her. It is just as I remember her. She was a woman of great decision and self reliance and of great influence over her family."

I did not feel at liberty to ask Mrs. Van Wyck her age, but I was satisfied that this testimony was authentic, when she said, "I knew your father. I was at the Neck one Sunday morning when your father drove from the house with his pair of bay ponies, before a little green wagon, and Miss Harriet and I laughingly joked him, as we knew that he was going to see his girl at Jamaica."





After a short interview in which he made such inquiries as he desired, he withdrew.

It is worthy of remark here that in the Presidential canvass for the second term of Jackson's Administration, the writer of this was living in New York, when a Democratic mass meeting was held in the park. A son of a (tory) brother of this British Captain was the Chairman of the meeting. One of the resolutions adopted at the same, boasted of their fathers who had fought and bled for their Country's cause, and gloried in being the sons of such patriot sires.

Wickes was also commissioned during these visits to Long Island by Governor Clinton to borrow money for the use of the Government, which he obtained to a very considerable amount.\*

At the close of the War our patriot ancestor returned to his estate in Huntington with his family. It was much run down, its stock greatly reduced and its attractions gone. He sold it and removed to a farm which he owned at Huntington South (now Babylon). He received from Governor Clinton, the appointment of High Sheriff of Suffolk County, being the first incumbent of the office in that County after the War. He held the appointment for eight years with an intermission of four years. During this term he held a high place in the esteem and confidence of the people.

He retired from public life in 1795, when he sold his property in Babylon and purchased Little Neck, a tract of three hundred acres in the Township of Flushing. Here he remained till 1813, when he sold this valuable property and removed to Jamaica where he lived till his death in 1819. He left an estate of \$40,000.

He made a profession of his faith in Christ in the later years of his life, and died in the peace of the Gospel. His remains with those of his faithful wife, who had three years preceeded him, repose in the old burial place at Jamaica.

(Newspaper Notice).

"Another Revolutionary patriot gone. Died at Jamaica, Nov. 30, 1819, Major Thomas Wickes, aged 80."

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\*NOTE.—Journals of the Provincial Congress, Vol. 1, page 471; Vol. 2, pages 141 and 173.



## MISCELLANEOUS EXTRACTS.

Huntington, Jan. 12, 1776.

Sir:—We are to inform you we received the powder sent over here by Col. Drake, but Mr. Smith has not yet come or sent for it. As there is a number of commissions wanting, please to convey them to us by the bearer Mr. Platt or some other safe hand, viz: John Buffet, Capt.; Isaac Thompson, First Lieutenant, Joseph Ketchem, Ensign, for the fourth Company, Platt Veal, Capt.; Mitchel Healt, First Lieutenant; Isaac Dennis, Second Lieutenant; Jacob Conklin Ensign, for the fifth Company, all of the 1st Regiment.

We are sir, your humble servant,

THOMAS WICKES,

Chairman.

To Pierre VanCortland, Esq.,

Chairman.

(Journal Pro. Congress, Vol. 2, p. 141 & 173.)

Huntington, April 8, 1776.

Gent:—

We have just received intelligence that there is a fleet of thirty sail of square rigged vessels been seen off between Cray Neck and Edens Neck and we thought it best to send you the earliest intelligence. We shall watch their motion, and as soon as we can discover their intention, we shall send you further intelligence. We are mustering our militia and shall do the best in our power.

We are Gent,

Your humble servants,

THOMAS WICKES,

Chairman.

P. S. About seven in the evening we received the intelligence.

June 3, 1776. Philip Youngs, Counterfeiter, was sent in care of Thomas Wickes and Eliphalet Brush, and in Nov. 1776, Thomas Wickes received from Congress £4, 16s, for apprehending the counterfeiters of continental currency at Cold Spring in the preceeding May. (Vol. 1, p 471).

After the War (1783), Rev. John Close, brother-in-law of Thomas Wickes, writes to Governor Clinton from Norwalk, Aug. 29: I am on my return to Long Island. On the 27 inst. a body of British troops came into Huntington headed by Israel Youngs, 250 foot and 30 horse—commanded



by a Major of the 336th. Regiment, named, I think Danzem. Youngs is taking up a number of the inhabitants under pretence that they had robbed and injured him and other tories. After Suffolk County had been evacuated, some of the tories that were left behind, and had cut off wood on Major Wickes' place and were disposing of their property, he demanded security, and took some of the goods for that purpose, making an inventory and giving it to the President of the Village Justices. A few nights after the Huntington men in a frolic impudently plundered some of their people, which greatly enraged them. The principal people in Huntington met and inquired into it, and did all in their power to suppress such proceedings. Mr. Wickes fears this last affair may be reported as being connected with what he did. He would not have taken that step but he supposed Civil Government would be established in a few days."

Major Wickes writes to Governor Clinton, from Huntington, Sept. 23, 1783:

"On the 19th of Aug., I was informed that (certain persons named had been plowing, sowing, and cutting my wood. These and other tories had collected at the Cove armed, so to oppose any who demanded satisfaction for the damages they had done. Information was now given that there were two noted villains with them, and the committee appointed to take up vagrants and disorderly persons got me to go with the inhabitants. I did so, but found not the two persons, but some property (of the persons alluded to above). I seized and inventoried it in presence of witnesses and deposited it with the President of the Justices of the Town. . . . I told the men to give me security to appear at Court, and they should have their things.

For the above proceedings the British Governor, Carlton, has ordered troops to Huntington, to arrest all those cognizant of the seizure. They put several on shipboard to send to New York for trial. Israel Youngs, as noted a villain as any on earth, says he was robbed and knocked down, and knows the people who did it, but no one believes him. He wants to extort money from those he accuses of it. Two are taken up but can prove an *alibi*, and yet they are confined on shipboard. Will you help them? You will have weight with Carlton. Mrs. Wickes' health does not permit me to wait on you."

"Suffolk County, in olden times." A newspaper sketch by Henry Onderdonk, Jr.





## ELIPHALET WICKES (2).

The second son of Thomas (4) was seven years of age when in 1776 he exchanged the quiet scenes of his native home for a seven years experience in the soldier's barracks at Fishkill. That he was a trusty boy and capable of assuming responsibilities appears from the fact that his father employed him as an express rider from headquarters to various points on the shore of Long Island Sound and east of it. He was favored with the confidence of the Commander in Chief by bearing on many occasions, important despatches from him.

He related to the writer of this the following incident: His father on a certain occasion sent him to Newburg for a purpose. He overtook on the road Washington and his suite. With boyish confidence he rode up beside the General and entered into conversation with him. The officers in the company looked with some surprise at the familiarity of the young stranger and the readiness of Washington to encourage it. He heard one ask, who that boy was? The General replied, "It is Major Wickes' son." After a short ride in the company of the officers he quickened his speed and left them.

At the taking of Stony Point (July 15, 1779) he was ten years old. He bore the news to General Gates at Providence, R. I. We have heard him say, alluding to his age on that occasion, that upon reaching a toll gate, the keeper refused to pass him. He represented that he was an express rider and had no money, but the toll gatherer was inexorable till overcome by his tears, when he opened the gate and told him to go, and to tell General Washington to send an express next time who would not cry.

His papers secured him relays of horses, and his saddlebags furnished by his careful mother with provisions supplemented by the milk obtained from the farmers on the road, gave him the necessary supply of food.

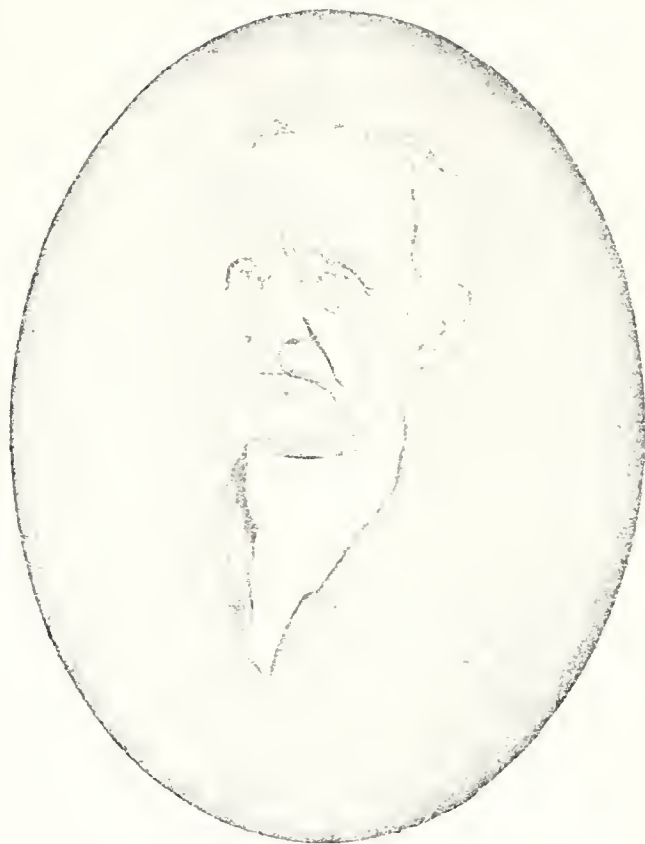
When he reached Providence, he sought the headquarters of Gen. Gates and delivered his despatches. The General was so much pleased with the news and the age of its bearer that he treated him with much attention, as did the officers, who made up for him a purse of \$130, Continental money.

At the close of the war he returned with the family to his native home, being then 14 years of age. He now gave himself to study, and soon entered the law office of Abraham Skinner, Esq., of Jamaica, and at an early age was admitted to the practice of his profession in that town.

He possessed many striking traits of character which made him during







ELIPHALET WICKES, born 1769.



all his life a man of mark. To a fine intellect and sound judgment was added a clear and accurate knowledge of his profession. His widely known reputation for unswerving integrity and his love of justice combined to secure for him an extensive influence throughout Long Island. It was his custom always to use his best efforts to suppress litigation. When applied to for counsel and to undertake a suit, it was his habit to obtain if possible a conference of the parties to the same, and effect, if it could be done, a settlement of the difficulties. It can not be known how far his influence contributed to the fact, but it is nevertheless true, that for many years prior to his leaving Jamaica and long after he had retired from practice there was no lawyer in the place and not enough business to encourage one to settle there.

As an advocate he was remarkable for his success. His pleas were always short. Seizing upon the strong points of his case he presented them with force and clearness. He held on Long Island the cognomen of "the honest lawyer." His statements thus had power with a jury. In a suit in which he was engaged in Suffolk County when the cause of his client was not favorable for success, the jury most unexpectedly rendered a verdict in his favor. One of the opposing counsel asked a jurymen soon after, how it was that the jury could bring in such a verdict, "Why" said he, "Mr. Wickes, said so."

The legal instruments of which he was the author were peculiar. He abandoned set forms, and made up a terse, concise, comprehensive instrument covering all the ground desired in simple and intelligible language. As he would write his checks on his bank on a strip of paper an inch wide when blanks were at hand and he was urged to use them, so he preferred his own form in legal matters, to any set for him.

The writer remembers handing to Mr. Lane, a banker, just such a check as the one above described. Mr. Lane turned the check in his hands. "Why," said he, "Does your uncle write his checks this way when we have blanks for the purpose?" The reply was, "He likes his own forms."

His love of justice was very remarkable. In all his intercourse with others this trait of his character was strikingly manifest. No man ever felt more keenly the act of another by which he was deceived or overreached. A lover of truth and exact justice himself, he abhorred their opposite in the character of another.

He represented his District in Congress in the earlier years of his life, (1805 to 1807, Jefferson's Administration), though he was not devoted to



politics nor ambitious of political preferment. He was the first postmaster of Jamaica, appointed by Jefferson and held the office through every administration till that of Jackson. He was also Master in Chancery.

It is not the memory of Eliphalet Wickes as an honorable and intellectual man which affords to his friends their richest legacy. His character as a Christian man was uniform and exalted. He professed his faith in Christ when he was about 48 years of age. A few years thereafter he was ordained a ruling elder in the Presbyterian Church in Jamaica. One of his characteristics as a religious man was his interest in sustaining and promoting the institutions of religion and Christian beneficence.

His hand was open to bestow liberally whenever an appropriate call was made upon him. He set apart for more than thirty years of his life a certain percentage of his income, which was large, to the cause of Jesus Christ. He was elected in 1839, a corporate member of the American Board of Commissions of Foreign Missions.

The scholarship bearing his name in Princeton Theological Seminary and founded by him about the year 1825, stands a monument of his interest in the cause of education.

The last few months of his life were marked by unusual physical activity and mental cheerfulness. Though 81 years of age, his mind was as clear and vigorous as it ever had been, and his interest unabated in all matters which had heretofore occupied his attention. He always kept in view and uniformly acted with reference to the fact that he must soon meet the summons to leave the scenes of earth. His business was posted up every day and his papers systematically disposed, at all times ready to be left to the care of his executor. One week before his death he visited in company with others, the proposed route of the Troy and Boston Railroad, 12 miles from Troy, an enterprise in which he had become interested. The exertion of that day proved too much for him. As an illustration of his uniformity as a Christian man, while actively employed in worldly business, it may be noticed that on that occasion when the company, which was quite large, had assembled for dinner, though a comparative stranger to many of them, he addressed himself to them, and craved the privilege of asking God's blessing upon their meal.

Upon his return home he was attacked with a chill, which was followed by a slow fever, terminating in a few days in apoplexy, and a peaceful death on the 7th of June, 1850. It had been his prayer to God for many years that he might be spared a lingering sickness. His prayer was answered. While





seated in his room during the days of his illness, he remarked to a friend that he did not know what might be the result of his sickness, "It may be," said he, "that I am now to be called home." "Well," added he, with emphasis, "*I have a good home to go to.*" The summons had then gone forth to call him to his rest.

He lived in Jamaica till 1835, when he removed to Troy, N. Y., where he lived till his decease. His mortal remains were laid in Troy.

Much of the above notice (which was prepared by this writer) was printed as an appendix to a sermon entitled "The Christian's nativity and death contrasted," by Ebenezer Halley, D. D., Pastor of the Second Street Presbyterian Church, Troy, N. Y., 1850.

From a Troy paper, June 8, 1850.

"In this City suddenly, last evening, died Eliphalet Wickes, Esq., aged 82 years. The funeral will be attended Sunday morning at 8 o'clock from the residence of Dr. Blatchford, Fourth Street.

Mr. Wickes has been in usual health during the past winter and spring. On Thursday of last week, he rode out to Schaghticoke to view the route of the Troy and Boston Railroad, in which he had become deeply interested. He returned in the evening highly gratified, though greatly fatigued. The exertion proved too much for him. On Saturday he was taken with a severe chill, followed by fever and although very sick was not considered to be in immediate danger, till yesterday noon, when diversion to the brain took place and he went into an apoplectic state, in which he continued till 8 o'clock, when he died.

His life had been one of much activity and usefulness. During the War of the Revolution he served his country by riding expresses, though only ten years of age, from Washington's Headquarters at Fishkill to Boston and other points on the eastern shore. After the War he went with his father to Long Island, where in the Town of Jamaica, he resided during the most of his life, engaged in the practice of law, having represented his District in Congress and filled other and important trusts. He removed to Troy in 1835. He was a warm hearted and benevolent Christian, and had for many years contributed largely to the benevolent enterprises of the day.

He has finished his work at a ripe old age, with his mental powers vigorous to the last, and has, no doubt, "gone to the rest which remaineth for the people of God."

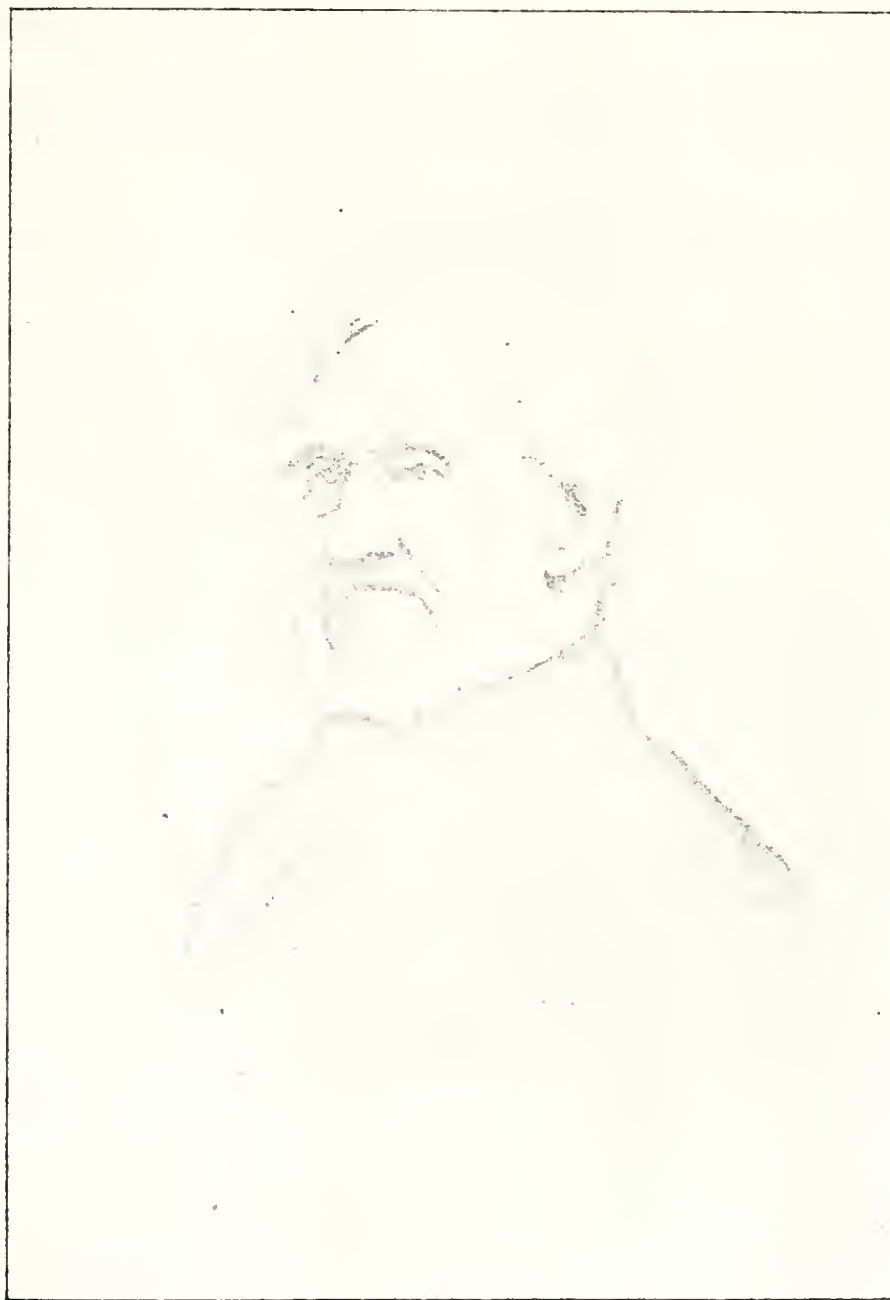


## GENERAL VAN WYCK WYCKES.

VanWyck Wickes, the fifth son of Thomas (4), who was for the most of his life contemporary with his brother Eliphalet, was born in the Fishkill Barracks during the Revolutionary War. He returned to Long Island with his father's family in 1783, being then in his fifth year, and remained with his father until he went to Jamaica to receive his education at the Academy there. After that he went to New York to fit himself for mercantile life. He remained there for several years, during a part of which time he was in business on his own account. He preferred, however, a life in the country, and returned to his father's beautiful estate on Little Neck, where he resided until 1813, when he purchased in Jamaica the homestead estate of Stephen Herriman on the corner of Academy lane from Eliphalet Wickes, Othniel Smith and Elizabeth Herriman executors of the Herriman estate. The consideration was \$5,500 for the 20 acres and two plots of woodland, 10 and 5 acres respectively. He was married Sept. 19, 1811, and after living a little over a year at the Neck moved to this house in Jamaica before Stephen's birth that Mrs. Wickes might be with her mother when that event occurred. He went to New York in 1816 to enter the ship chandlery business with James Foster, but returned to Jamaica the following spring.

He sold the 20 acres in 1835 to Henry Wilkes of New York, for \$18,000, and bought the old place of his brother Eliphalet, then owned by Henry Punnett, containing about fourteen acres. He bought it early enough in that year to make the garden and cultivate the land for crops. His purchase was made of Henry Punnett, who after selling his valuable property in Newtown, had bought the house in Jamaica of Eliphalet Wickes. Mr. Punnett removed to Troy after making this sale to VanWyck. Prior to all this VanWyck had determined to erect a new house on his property on the corner of Academy lane occupying the site of the old house there, and on the west line of his garden. He purchased the lumber for the same a year or more before he proposed to commence building that it might be thoroughly seasoned. By some pages of accounts in his "Journal" book I have, I find that he began to charge sundry persons for lumber in March 25, 1835. He had then doubtless sold his property and changed his plans. His entries for lumber sold continued to be made throughout the year 1835. The last was made Jan. 7, 1836. VanWyck's residence in his new house was short, as in the fall of 1836 he removed to Troy. The auction for the sale of





VAN WYCK WICKES, born 1779.



his effects was held October 25, 1836, and the succeeding month found him in Troy.

Here he lived for a short time in a hired house in Third Street, then bought a brick house No. 27 River Street, south side, where he lived until after his daughter Elizabeth's death.

He professed his faith in Christ, in the Church in Jamaica in or about 1817, and was ever after distinguished for earnest and consistent piety.

He was fond of reading and made himself familiar with the history of his own and foreign nations. He thus kept himself abreast of the events of his time, at home and abroad. That he valued education is illustrated by the fact that he sent five of his sons to college, four of whom became professional men. Three entered the ministry and one, the writer of this, the medical profession. He was for many years a trustee of Union Hall Academy and zealous in promoting its welfare. Very courteous in his manners, of good conversational powers, and of great amiability of character, he made his home memorable to his children and friends.

He was retiring in his habits and had no disposition to engage in the more stirring duties of life. He was notwithstanding, prominent in Queens County, as a valuable citizen and was active in the promotion of enterprises designed to advance the moral and religious interests of the community.

At his pastor's donations his load of wood would be good hard hickory from Success Woods. He was one of Dr. Nettleton's right hand men in the wonderful revival of 1826 and was also prominent in the early temperance movements, and for many years was Treasurer of the Long Island Bible Society. In Troy he was not as prominent in the Church, though there, as well as in Jamaica, he was urged to become an elder, but always declined. He was an earnest Anti-Jackson man and Whig but uniformly refused to assume political office though often solicited so to do. He preferred the quiet of a retired citizen, to the cares and anxieties of public life. He served as a Captain for six months in the War of 1812 (Sept. 1814, was in camp in Fort Green. Annual message of Governor Tompkins, 1814). He retained his commission at the close of the War, and was from time to time advanced through every grade until he attained the rank of Major General of the division which embraced the territory of Queens County and Suffolk County.

He removed from Troy in 1851 and soon thereafter with the wife of his old age, made his home with his oldest son in Orange, New Jersey, where he died full of years and in the Christian hope, June 13, 1865.





His remains and those of his aged partner, who died one year before, repose in the graveyard at Jamaica, with those of the earlier generations of each of them.

He was borne to his grave and laid in his last resting place by the loving hands of his six sons, all in the maturity of their manhood, in whose memories his steadfast paternal love had been cherished, and whose lives had been moulded by his pious teachings and godly example.

### EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS FROM STEPHEN WICKES TO HENRY WICKES, 1881.

"Did you ever know the circumstances connected with Dr. Blatchford's marriage to Aunt Harriet. Grandpa Wickes and she were living in their house in Jamaica on the corner, which you doubtless know. When the Dr. went to Jamaica in 1818, he took a room in the house with Grandpa, back room, second story (I remember its mystical paraphernalia well) and boarded in the family. He was engaged to be married when he came to Jamaica, to a Miss Beckman, daughter of a wealthy man in New York, who was opposed to the choice his daughter had made because he was a poor young Doctor. After a persistent pressing of his suit, the arrangements were finally made for the wedding, the day was appointed, and Aunt Harriet had made a wedding cake, among other appointments to receive the newly married pair. The Dr. left on the day appointed for the nuptials, and found to his dismay when he visited his expected bride that she had been persuaded to change her mind. The Dr. returned to Jamaica alone and forlorn, but he improvised a remedy. He offered himself immediately to Aunt Harriet. She had known enough of him to save any loss of time, accepted him and on the next day the wedding cake she had made for a stranger, graced her own nuptials. The Dr. wrote a long piece of poetry, a man of riches refusing the hand of his daughter to a worthy suitor because he was poor. It was funny, sharp and very telling. He published it in a New York paper, and had the satisfaction of seeing it widely copied in other papers. They were married Feb. 3, 1819. Grandpa died nine months after, Nov. 30, of the same year. During the last few weeks of his illness Dr. Blatchford and his wife slept in a trundle bed in his room to minister to his infirmities. It was a very happy marriage union for both of them. It is worthy of note that this Blatchford alliance changed the destiny of the families of Uncle Wickes and Father, and that of their posterity. No events are small and unimportant, for they are all a part of the divine plan."



"Grandma Herriman lived with Father for several years. I remember it well (so do I, Henry). When she left there she took rooms at James Herriman's, spending a considerable time in New York, and also at Uncle Denton's. After the death of Aunt Suydam, she and Aunt Sally went to Skidmore Smith's, their nephew, a son of their sister, Aunt Polly, who owned the place on the hill, and left it to her sons, Skidmore and Benjamin. The former was an inefficient and unsuccessful man, the latter was a successful and wealthy merchant, a partner of Uncle Denton. Benjamin supported his brother's family, so far as it was necessary, during his life. He died in 1834, leaving his wife and children rich. Grandma and the sisters above noted and Uncle Isaac, who lived and died at Hamburg Landing on North River (father of Ephriam) were children of a first marriage of their mother to a Smith. Uncle Denton and Aunt Wilkins were the issue of a second marriage to a Denton."

"Father was four years old at the close of the Revolutionary War, and about 16 when his father went to Little Neck. His boyhood was passed in Huntington, South, where the Saw Mill doubtless was. He went to New York as a clerk in a dry goods store, and was there till he was over 21, being for a short time in business for himself, in dry goods, I think. He then went to Little Neck working the farm till his marriage, Sept. 1811, remaining there after his marriage till his father came to Jamaica, mother going to her mother's to be confined there with her first born, probably in the room where she herself was born.

"About three years since, I was introduced to an aged lady named Van Wyck, daughter of a Hewlett. She expressed great pleasure in meeting me, said 'I knew your father when he lived at Little Neck and I lived across the Bay. I used to visit Miss Harriet, to hear her play the piano. I was there one Sunday morning when he drove up to the door in his little green wagon and pair of ponies, and we laughed at him as he was going off to see his girl.' I (Stephen) well remember that *green wagon*. It must have been sold to Mr. VanZant with the place as I many times saw him drive it through Jamaica to and from New York."

"Grandfather Herriman, died in 1792, aged 35. Grandma was then 33 years of age.

"I do not know how long before Grandpa Herriman's death he had lived in that house. I have an impression prompted by little items within my recollection that it was the Smith homestead and that our great grandparents of that name lived there. I have not succeeded in getting the



first name of grandmother's father. The homestead was very old when I first remember it, and must have been built before the middle of the last Century. While I am now writing, it seems to me that I never sought for the marriages and baptisms of the Jamaica Church records. They may be still preserved. I will try and find out."

"I remember when Father came back to the Jamaica place after his residence in New York in 1817. There was no orchard upon it then nor on either side of the lane. The old house on the corner was there with its open garden and was built, as I believe, early in the last Century, that is to say before 1750. When Father bought it, the barn stood quite near the house. I remember its removal to where we all now locate it in our memories. I have said above that the house was old when Father bought it. I was a small boy when improvements were made in it and painters were employed to paint the exterior. While they were engaged in the work, I heard one say to the other, "painting this house is like painting the bark of an old tree." The shingles had become so rough from their long exposure to the weather."

The following extract from the New York Evangelist was written about 1880, by Rev. Chas. E. Furman, D.D., of Rochester, N. Y.:

In the center of the village of Jamaica, L. I., in the middle of the street, the roads running round it, stood an old octagonal church. Seventy years ago Rev. Mr. Fatoute, grandfather of James Hackett the tragedian, was its pastor. In 1810 or '12 I knew a Mr. Lamberson, a merchant of that village from his youth. In the latter's early days Whitefield came to Jamaica to preach. There was an orchard not far from where the old church stood, that belonged (how long before or how long afterwards, I can't say) to Col. Van Wyck Wickes, and when Mr. Whitefield came there he preached in this orchard, as there was no room in the place large enough to hold the thousands who came to hear him. Among his hearers was this Mr. Lamberson. Then a youth, he climbed up in an apple-tree to listen to the wonderful preacher. Mr. Whitefield spoke of Zaccheus, who climbed up into a sycamore tree to hear the Saviour, who said to him "Zaccheus, come down, for salvation is come to thy house," and fixing his eye on and pointing his hand to young Lamberson, Mr. Whitefield said "I think I see Zaccheus in the tree above me, why not make haste and come down, and receive salvation at the hands of the Savior?"

The appeal was impressive, doubtless, upon the minds of the multitude, but on young Lamberson it was effectual. He went to his home, established his family altar, made a profession of his faith in the Saviour, and ever lived,







till the day I knew him, when he was very old, a very consistent, honest Christian, full of days and full of riches.

The orchard still remained, and was the play ground of the sons of Col. Wickes, John and Henry, so well known in this community, ministers in turn, of the church in Brighton."

Extracts from other letters of Stephen Wickes to Henry, referring to the above clipping :

"The church in Jamaica was in the midst of the Main street of the village directly opposite to a lane running south from the street known as "Meeting House Lane." When the Academy (Union Hall) was built upon it, on property purchased of Silas Roe, the owners on each side of the lane gave each ten or twelve feet, the length of one section of a post and rail fence, Roe on the west and father on the east side. Those twenty feet made the width it now is. It was then called "Meeting House Lane" and "Academy Lane" indiscriminately. In a few years the latter name was established. In the days of 1836, when streets were opened by speculators in building lots, it was elevated to the title of Academy Street, which it now retains.

The old building was not octagonal. It was square, built of stone, 1699. It stood one hundred and fourteen years, and was taken down in 1813.

The "Mr. Lamberson," must have been David Lamberson, the father of Judge L. who died in 1842, aged 64, one year older than Father. Both father and the Judge were born after Whitfield's death in 1770. Whitfield visited Jamaica in 1740 and again in 1764. McDonald in his history says, "he preached in the open air, standing, it is said, under an apple tree not far from the spot on which Union Hall Academy is now located."

I heard Grandma Herriman say a number of times that she was a girl when Whitfield preached in the open air and that she heard him, that he stood under a tree in the field east of Father's house (where the old pear tree was). This was indeed not far from the site of the Academy, but not near enough to make a point of it. I was interested in the fact and more than once talked with Grandma about it. My recollections of her statements are very definite. She had no impressions of the sermon. She remembered that he had a loud voice, flowing hair and much action as a speaker. She was about 7 years of age in 1764.

Judge Lamberson's father was a trustee of the church in 1791. Supposing him to have been 45 years old when elected a trustee, he was 18 years old in 1764. I think I remember his death, but not his appearance. He was



called *old* Mr. Lamberson. The fact of his going home from the preaching and "establishing his family altar," does not correspond with his being a "youth," nor is it consistent with what must have been his age, when he was converted by Whitfield's preaching.

The story as related by his sister has its origin in a fact, but like most traditions is rather mixed."

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## REV. THOMAS SCUDDER WICKES.

Engaged in Missionary work, 1819-22.

Ordained Evangelist by President, New York, Sept. 9, 1822.

Stated Supply West Farms, 1823-24.

Stated Supply Greenbush, N. Y., 1825-31.

Stated Supply Sand Lake, N. Y., 1831-36.

The eldest child and only son of Eliphalet (2) after a preliminary course of study in the Academy at Jamaica, entered Yale College, where he graduated in 1814. He then entered the Divinity School at Princeton, being among its earliest students. After a full theological course, he was licensed to preach the Gospel. His health had now become enfeebled and fearing the development of lung disease, he adopted a measure for its restoration, which in that day had become very popular, a long journey on horse back from Long Island into Virginia. He was also engaged for a short time in teaching in the Academy at Jamaica. His first ministerial work was as a supply for some months at West Farms, N. Y. He was next in the same relations at Greenbush, Renesselaer County and subsequently at Sand Lake, of the same County. He was a man of earnest piety and very desirous of preaching the Gospel, for which by his early training and intellectual endowments he was well fitted. His health however, was inadequate. A chronic weakness of his throat and vocal organs forbade the use of his voice in public speaking. He finally abandoned it and purchasing a property in Ballston, N. Y., retired to a quiet life in 1839. He remained there till 1851, when he migrated to Poughkeepsie, where he passed the remainder of his days, *ad coelum migrans*, 1876 ae. 81.



## "OBITUARY."

REV. THOMAS S. WICKES.

In the death of this gentleman, Poughkeepsie has lost one of its best and most honored citizens, a just and upright man, fearing God and keeping his commandments. Philanthropic and benevolent, his charities were many and without ostentation, while his piety was simple, warm, affectionate and constant. Intelligent in his convictions, he accepted and held to the policy of his Church with a strong and unwavering trust, but with great catholicity of feeling to all.

With a thorough classical and theological education he was qualified for any position to which the Church might call him, were it not for his marked modesty and delicate health. Safe in counsel, firm in friendship, he was held in universal respect. Amiable and loveable from disposition an unusual grace came upon him as the years passed, so that one felt that he walked with God. A prominent trait of his character was his integrity of purpose. He was just and true in all his actions, the very soul of honor, incapable of a mean thing. Domestic in his habits, he made his family the center of his joys and the recipients of his affections. Reverent and grave in the temper of his mind, he had the rare gift of gravity without moroseness, and dignity without repulsion. The children loved him and were tenderly drawn to him by his considerate kindness. The one pervasive thing of his character was his goodness, and out of this came the sweetest blossomings and the richest fruitage."

(Poughkeepsie paper.)

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Died in Poughkeepsie on Thanksgiving night (Nov. 30, 1876) from acute Pneumonia, Rev. Thomas S. Wickes, in the 82nd. year of his age. . . . He was a man of generous culture and pre-eminent for the purity of his life, a constant and large contributor to the charities of the church, and always ready with heart and hand to relieve the suffering and the poor. His love for the Lord Jesus was tender and strong, while his religious convictions were clear and firmly held. Among his friends his presence was ever a delight from his quiet humor and affectionate disposition. He was widely known and universally respected and beloved.





It has been our pleasure long to know and esteem this beloved and venerable servant of God,—The meekness and quiet beauty of his Godly life his consistent walk and conversation through years of patient work, waiting on the Lord's will, his right use of the means and opportunities of usefulness that were given him, always revealed to us in him a friend of God and of his fellow men. In his household what a father and husband should be, in society what a gentleman and christian may be, and in the Church a model of a living saint, he illustrated while he lived, and so has left a memory precious in the memories of all who knew him.

(Editors. New York Observer.)

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### THOMAS WICKES. D.D.

Thomas, the second son of Van Wyck, as a boy was studious and exemplary, and as devoted to youthful sports as he was to school duties. He was the best base ball player, and the surest shot at marbles of any among his fellows. It was the custom with the boys to play at the latter game "for fair" and "for fun," in the former case winning the marbles played for. At this game he accumulated the little treasures by the hundreds, the size of his marble bags increasing with his accumulating riches. Just here his moral courage was brought to its first test. He was led to reflect that it was not right to thus win and take possession of the property of others. When his mind was made up he notified the boys that he did not think it was right to play "for fair," and that he would do it no longer. His decision was laughed at by his associates, and his conscientiousness derided, but his purpose was fixed and he ever after played marbles "for fun," with a conscience at perfect peace. As he grew older his success in more advanced sports was equally manifest. He was the most successful fisherman and the best shot in the family. On one occasion he went out with the writer of this to shoot pigeons. A flock of birds passed over the ground where we were standing. Each of us fired into the flock. Only one bird fell. "That's mine," said he, "That is the very one I aimed at." The writer could not claim it as he had fired into the flock without selecting his bird. It was an index of his after life. With great deliberation he selected his object and took careful aim.

He entered Yale College in 1830 and graduated with great credit in 1834. He at once commenced the study of theology in Princeton Seminary, having made a profession of religion while he was in College. Upon entering the College, he connected himself with the First Presbytery of New York. While





at Princeton as a divinity student he resolved to give his life to the work of Foreign Missions, and placed himself in the hands of the American Board as its prospective Missionary. His devotion and self denial in this was manifested by his request to the Board that he might be sent to the degraded Zulus in Africa. He remained in the Seminary at Princeton for two years, and then being desirous of sitting under the instruction of Dr. Nathan Taylor of New Haven, he spent his last year at the Yale Theological School.

When his course of theological study was completed he applied to his Presbytery for examination and licensure. The members of the Presbytery were in their views very hostile to the teachings of New Haven. Their young candidate was believed to be sound in doctrine as they viewed it, but they shrunk from giving the endorsement of their stalwart Presbytery to one who had finished his divinity course at New Haven. The Presbytery did not refuse to examine him, but postponed his examination from time to time and put obstacles in his way to such a degree that he finally went to New Haven, and was licensed by the Congregational Association there.

The American Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions receiving a large part of its revenues from the Presbyterian Churches, was careful to pursue such a course in its appointment of Missionaries as would give no offense to any of the Presbyteries. Theological opinions were crystalizing into the form which ended in the disruption of the Presbyterian Church. To relieve the Board of any perplexity in regard to himself our excellent brother resigned his appointment. This action gave a new direction to the history of his after life.

A letter written to this writer from Princeton Seminary Aug. 18, 1835 exhibits the fullness of his purpose when he gave himself to the work of Foreign Missions. After alluding to some events which were likely to transpire, he says, "I shall be far beyond their influence. Shall I tell you why or how? I may be in Heathen lands. Yes, my brother, I think it my duty to go to the heathen and preach to them the story of the Savior. During the greater part of this term, I have revolved this subject most seriously in my mind. I have prayed over it, and in view of perishing millions, who are asking the bread of life from us, in view of the last command of my Savior, and his last promise too, I am willing to consecrate my talents and my life to this great work. It is since I have commenced this letter that I have come to this resolution. I tremble under the momentous decision. The flesh is weak, but may God grant me grace and prepare me for doing his whole will. When in College, my mind



was drawn to this subject, but then and since I have been afraid to examine it candidly, for fear that I should find it to be my duty to go abroad. But at the commencement of this term I read an essay on the subject of Missions, and my prejudices and fears seemed suddenly to give way and I could say, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do," and since that time I have enjoyed such a continued cheerful and happy frame of mind as never before. The path of duty is the path of peace and safety. I can trust the promises and they are a sure support."

Immediately after his licensure by the New Haven Association, he was called to supply the pulpit of the First Presbyterian Church in Troy, during the absence of its pastor, Rev. Dr. Beman, in Europe. Having accepted the call he took letters from the New Haven West Association to the Troy Presbytery, which at Salem, N. Y., Feb. 19, 1839, ordained him as a Presbyter. He was thus providentially and speedily restored to the Church of his fathers. He preached in Troy about sixteen months and till the return of Dr. Beman from abroad. He was successful in securing the interest and affection of the Church and in adding to its communion many who in a revival of religion were brought to a knowledge of the Savior through his ministrations.

In the spring of 1840 when his service in Troy was closed, his health was much broken. For the purpose of recuperation he resolved to make a western tour. A friend in Troy, knowing that he was going west, gave him letters to his kinsman in Marietta, Ohio, and advised him, if he found it convenient, to stop there and see him. He did so, and was invited to preach in the First Congregational Church which had just become vacant. He was solicited to remain a few Sabbaths and preach to the people. It resulted in a call to what proved to be his life work. After a long pastorate in Marietta, he resigned his charge and was settled for one year in Jamestown, N. Y. The new connection was not a pleasant one to him, and his health having begun to fail, he resigned. He was soon after called from his earthly labors. He died of a cancer of the stomach while on a visit to his brother in Orange, N. J. His remains were taken from there to Marietta, Ohio, and there laid beside those of the wife of his first love, to await the resurrection among the people whom he had so long served in the Gospel.

Dr. Wickes' doctrinal views were thoroughly Calvinistic. His preaching was logical, direct and impressive. He was very successful in leading sinners to Christ. His Church in Marietta during his ministry was distinguished by many powerful revivals of religion.



He was a severe student of the Scriptures, the results of which appeared in an "Exposition of the Apocalypse," published in 1851, pp. 437. "The Son of Man," published by the American Tract Society, Boston, 1868, pp. 382, and "Economy of Ages," 1869, pp. 562. His eschatology as laid open in the first and last of these writings is pre-millennial. His views were clearly defined. They controlled and gave a quiet peace to his godly life. When his brother at whose house he died, informed him that he could not live, he asked, "How long shall I live?" "If you fail as you have for the last week, you will not live for more than two days." "Is it possible, I do not feel so." "Have you any arrangements to make or anything you want to say?" He remained silent for a moment and then with the most serenity replied, "No, I long since gave all to my Savior and if He thinks my work is finished, I am ready. I have hoped to see His face on earth, but I shall see Him soon in glory." He passed from earth in about forty-eight hours after this.

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### THE FUNERAL OF DR. WICKES.

The funeral of Rev. Thomas Wickes, D.D. at the Congregational Church last Sunday afternoon, was attended by an immense audience, perhaps the largest ever assembled at a church in Marietta. It was in the house of worship where he, whose body now lay stilled in death, had preached for twenty-nine years, closing his labors here with the farewell sermon April 4, 1869, now less than twenty months ago. We printed on that occasion: "The old church was crowded as it has been but few times in its history of sixty years. Dr. Wickes spoke in a very quiet tone, very clear, and every word was heard distinctly. The attention given was extraordinary. The people by their large assemblage, testified their respect for the faithful worker in Christ's vineyard when living." Last Sunday a much larger number assembled to pay their regard to the dead. The building as large as it is, when we came to it, ten minutes before the time set for the services to commence, was already crowded, in the body of the Church, all around the gallery, in the aisles, as well as the stairs and vestibule, and very many remained outside. The standing room was occupied except at the front of the pulpit. \* \* \* \* \*

It was all in all a fit testimony to the long and valued services of the departed."

(Marietta Register, Nov. 17, 1870.)







## O B I T U A R Y.

A great audience was gathered at the Congregational Church in Marietta, on the afternoon of the Sabbath, Nov. 13, to attend the funeral services of the Rev. Dr. Wickes. It was fitting that one who had ministered for nearly thirty years at the altar of that church should be carried from it to his last resting place. He came to Marietta in March, 1840. After supplying the pulpit of the Congregational Church a few sabbaths he was invited to become pastor of the church and society and was installed in July of that year. In April, 1869, he tendered his resignation of his charge after a long and successful pastorate, of about twenty-nine years. He died on the 10th of Nov. 1870, at the residence of his brother, Stephen Wickes, M. D., at Orange, N. J., after a brief illness. Thus had passed away a most useful and excellent minister of Christ. No one but a man of ability could have maintained himself so long as pastor of such a church. His influence was great not only in the immediate region, but with all the churches of the denomination in the State. He was active in the formation both of the Marietta Congregational Conference and of the State Conference. Of the latter body he was chosen Moderator in 1853, and again in 1860. No Congregational minister in Ohio has been more influential, and no one has been more highly respected throughout the State. His name will be remembered, and his memory will be cherished by multitudes, whose acquaintance with him was but slight, as well by those whose privilege it was to sit under his ministrations.

In 1849 he was elected a trustee of Marietta College, which office he continued to hold during his life. The degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon him by Wabash College some seven or eight years since.

Prominent among his traits of character were simplicity and conscientiousness. He was removed as much as any one could well be from anything like policy. Direct and frank and transparent himself, it was difficult for him to bring himself to distrust others. His sincerity no man called in question. All who knew him believed him to be a true Christian. However any might differ from him in doctrine, they never doubted his piety.

All who were present at the installation of Dr. Wickes in July, 1840 will remember the touching and beautiful words addressed to the young pastor by Prof. Allen (then of Marietta College, afterwards of Lane Seminary) as he gave him the right hand of fellowship. At that time Prof. Allen doubtless expected to spend his life in Marietta, but God appointed him to another work. Now after thirty years passed in different fields of labor, these Christian brothers



have been reunited. Their final call to their home having come to them almost at the same time. Two good men have finished their work together. Different in some attributes of their characters they were both earnest, true, godly, successful men.

From the same paper, written by Rev. Pres. Andrews,  
of Marietta College.

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## DR. STEPHEN WICKES.

Dr. Pennington's tribute read before the 74th Annual Meeting of the Essex District Medical Society, Newark, N. J.

Dr. Wickes' earlier life was spent in another State, and he had been already engaged in medical practice several years when he made his home in New Jersey. His birth was at Jamaica, L. I., where his parents, VanWyck and Eliza Herriman Wickes, resided. He was of an honored lineage, the American ancestor of the family, Mr. Thomas Wickes, having become, in the year 1666, the grantee of a large tract of land on Long Island of which the Town of Huntington is the center. The parents of our deceased brother, perceiving early indications of mental capacity conjoined with a fondness for study, wisely determined to give him the advantages of a liberal education, and without reference to any particular profession, placed him in the Union Academy of his native Town, and afterwards in Union College in Schenectady, N. Y., where he was graduated in the year 1831, and from which he received the second degree in the Arts, in 1834. An "*ad eundem*" degree, in recognition of his distinguished scholarship, was conferred upon him by the College of New Jersey in the year 1868. After his graduation from Union College, he pursued a course of study in advanced science in the Polytechnic Institution, at Troy, N. Y. About this period he providentially made the acquaintance of a young gentleman in attendance on the Medical School connected with the University of Pennsylvania, who, being enthusiastically interested in the fascinating branches of knowledge pertaining to Medical Science, imparted some of his ardor to this young graduate. Prepared by his previous pursuits to perceive and appreciate the rich field for scientific cultivation and enjoyment presented by the study of medicine and its cognate sciences, young Wickes resolved to make the profession of medicine the occupation of his life, and put himself under the tutelage of his uncle Dr. Thomas W. Blatchford, of Troy. After a short period of elementary study under the care of that gentleman, he matriculated in the University of Penn-



sylvania, and in the year 1834 received from that institution his degree of Doctor of Medicine. He immediately began practice in the City of New York, but was soon induced to remove to Troy, where he spent fifteen years, part of that time in association with his former preceptor, Dr. Blatchford. At the end of that period he removed to Orange, which he made the place of his permanent residence, acquiring an enviable reputation for his medical skill, his exemplary life and his general usefulness. Here he continued to reside, honored and esteemed until his overworked brain succumbed to nervous exhaustion, and finally a stroke of paralysis terminated his life on the 8th of July, 1889.

Dr. Wickes twice married, first in 1835 to Mary, daughter of Isaac Heyer, Esq., of New York, and in 1841, to Lydia Matilda, widow of Dr. William VanSinderin, and daughter of Joseph Howard, Esq., of Brooklyn.

Dr. Wickes' connection with this Society began in the year 1853. The Society's records bear testimony to the regularity of his attendance, his punctilious faithfulness in the performance of every duty assigned to him, his regard for the honor and advancement of the profession and his valuable service in some of the most important matters that have claimed the Society's attention.

Dr. Wickes was early chosen to represent this Society in the Medical Society of New Jersey, in which he took his place with universal consent among its most wise, efficient and influential members. His eminent ability and his unpaid services as Chairman of the Standing Committee of that Society, it would be impossible to overestimate. If he was not the originator, he was the chief promoter of the annual publication of the Society's transactions. To him is due the credit, in the beginning at least, of carefully digesting the material for the press, and exercising the delicate function of editorialship, by which essays, sometimes crude, redundant and rhetorically incorrect, were brought into conformity with the requirements of good taste and made to assume a finish and grace that might well be a grateful surprise to their authors. As a result we have now regularly the creditable outcome of an annual volume of real value, containing original papers on various subjects contributed by members, and historical gleanings gathered from all parts of the State, of Medical information of the greatest practical importance. In this respect New Jersey may challenge comparison with any State in the Union, and for the honor she may claim on this account, she is largely indebted to Dr. Wickes. Nor do our obligations stop here. With much labor and patient research he prepared in 1879 a volume of 449 pages entitled





"The History of Medicine in New Jersey, and of its Medical Men from the settlement of the Province to A. D. 1800," which he loyally dedicated to the State Society. Who but he could have undertaken such a great task? Who but he could have so completely executed it? All honor to the brother to whom all honor is due. At a later period Dr. Wickes published a work on the subject of "Sepulture," its history, its methods and its sanitary requisites, which has received much commendation for its research and practical suggestions. The eminent ability of Dr. Wickes as Chairman of the Standing Committee caused him to be retained in that position for a longer time (25 years) than any previous occupant and postponed for many years his promotion to the Presidency of the Society. He was elected to that chair in the year 1883, and, while occupying that office, he read as his inaugural address a learned and philosophical paper entitled "Living and Dying, their Physics and Psychics," which is published in full in the Society's transactions.

Dr. Wickes' contributions to the public good were not limited by his relations to the medical profession. Enterprises for the promotion of the education and for the amelioration of the condition of the race, its moral and intellectual elevation, received from him a cordial co-operation. While a resident of Troy, he was chosen a trustee of Rennsselaer Polytechnic Institution of that City, and since his removal to New Jersey, he has manifested a lively interest in her literary and scientific institutions, and her public schools.

As has already been stated, he had great fondness for historical research. Soon after he became a resident of the State he connected himself with the Historical Society of New Jersey, and on the death of its Corresponding Secretary, Mr. William A. Whitehead, he was chosen his successor, and laborious as was the task, he discharged the duties with distinguished ability and universal approval. He gave much attention to local history, prepared several biographical papers and had almost ready for publication a History of the Town of his residence, and the surrounding Villages, comprehended under the name of the Oranges, when interrupted by the obscuration of his mental powers that preceeded his death.

The requirements of an obituary minute, do not call for, nor do its limitations admit of, a critical analysis of the intellectual gifts of the subject of this notice. A brief reference to a few of the more obvious distinguishing characteristics of our deceased brother and friend is all that for the present occasion is admissible; but what pen less facile than his own is equal to the theme? Who can fitly describe the venerable aspect which, wherever he





appeared made him the "observed of all observers," the dignified bearing, without austerity, that commanded universal respect; the self-contained reserve that discouraged unwonting familiarity, yet sweetly relaxed when with pleasant smile and cordial grasp he welcomed the friend whom he had admitted to the sanctuary of his affections; his gentle courtesy, accessible to all who needed his counsel, or could rightly claim his attention, and always responsive to the solicitations of heaven-born Charity; his unblemished character and the high moral sense that would never consent to surrender truth and right to the plausible pleadings of expediency. His accomplishments in Literature, in Science and Historical Lore, the scholarly grace wherewith whatever he touched he adorned; his love of order, heaven's first law, which, united with the law of kindness, Mr. Ruskin has so beautifully described as containing the essential instincts of humanity, and, what more immediately concerns us, his eminent qualifications as a practicing physician, his accurate diagnosis, his wise selection of remedial agents, the firmness, conjoined with delicate kindness, with which he insisted on their administration, and the proper regimen of the chamber of sickness, and his promptness to respond to the demands of professional service at all hours, in all seasons and in behalf of all sufferers without regard to rank or race, wealth or social position. These marked features of his character were patent to all who intimately knew him, and are to be estimated rather than portrayed, imitated rather than described. To these it must be added that he was a close observer, a cogent reasoner, a sound thinker, considerate, judicious, just, decided in his opinions, pronounced in their expression, firm and courteous in their defence and in all circumstances, conciliatory, and kind, a patriotic citizen, a true friend. Doubtless he had faults, else had he not been human; but, as with Goldsmith's Rural Pastor, "Ev'n his failings leaned to virtue's side."

We refrain from intrusion into the privacy of his home, that home of peace, of piety, of generous hospitality and love, to delineate the virtues and affections that embellished his domestic life. Let it suffice that we give expression to our sincere sympathy with those whom he dearly loved, and to whom he was tenderly endeared. It remains that brief reference be made to Dr. Wickes' religious character. He was pre-eminently a Christian, and wherever he dwelt and whithersoever he went he adorned his profession. As in the place of his more recent abode, so in his former home, in another State, he held official relations with the church to which he was attached, was unwavering in his faith, exemplary in his life, and, as the time of his departure drew near he might modestly but confidently have affirmed with the Apostle, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the Faith."



"I shall not all die," said a Roman poet, anticipating the deathless renown with which his harmonious measures and the sparkling sallies of his genius would enshrine his name. In a nobler sense, and with more triumphant exultation could our brother, had utterance been given him as the dark shadow brooded over him, looking forward to a loftier and more glorious immortality, have exclaimed, "I shall not die, but—LIVE."

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## REV. HENRY WICKES.

Henry Wickes was born February 11, 1821, at Jamaica, Long Island, and removed to Troy with his father in 1835 or 1836. He was the publisher of the New York Evangelist from December, 1841, to January, 1843, and was in other business before that. He entered Marietta College, Ohio, in 1843, and was graduated there in 1848, at the age of twenty-seven. He studied for the ministry one year at Yale and two years at Andover, graduating there in 1851.

His first charge was in Princeton, Mass., a beautiful parish on the slope of Wachusett Mountain. While there he met the daughter of Rev. Doctor Horatio Bardwell, of Oxford, Mass., to whom he was married May 8, 1856. She was his beloved companion from that time.

After his marriage he labored faithfully at his chosen profession at Guilford and Deep River in Connecticut, and at Brighton, Gates, Alden, Webster, and Corfu, in New York State. For the last ten years of his life he was only able to preach occasionally and lived quietly at No. 12 Oxford street in Rochester, N. Y. During this period he was a constant attendant at the Third Presbyterian Church.

By birth and training a moderate conservative, his mind was yet singularly hospitable to any new thought which brought its own evidence with it. Although in the eddy of his quiet life in later years he could take no active part in the strenuous forward movements of Christian thought and work, yet he had no sympathy with those who always said the old days and the old ways were the best and the modern world was all going wrong. He was one of those men whose faces are always set toward the light. Being serenely confident of the ultimate triumph of the truth, he had in him none of the spirit of mere contention. He was full of sane, "sweet reasonableness." Indeed to an unusual degree he combined those great qualities of "sweetness and light." Utterly unconscious of himself, modest and self-depreciating



almost to a fault, talking little, especially in his later years, he never opened his mouth except to say some wise, considerate, or gentle word. Though he would have been the last man in the world to dream it of himself, and would have been embarrassed and annoyed to hear anyone so speak of him while living, yet those who knew him understood what is meant when it is said that there was an atmosphere about him which made one think of the beloved disciple in his old age when the music of Christ's great message of love had attuned his spirit to itself. His nature seemed to grow mellow with the years until his presence in any company seemed to be felt literally as a benediction. He will live in the memories of all who knew him as a rare type of the perfect Christian gentleman.

If men first put their words into the balances of exact truth, it is a weighty epitaph when one is able to say, as can be said of Mr. Wickes; "He was a good man." And if success is counted by love shown to one's fellowmen, by purity of life and motive, and by the growing respect and love and reverence which, without being aware of it, he called forth for himself in return, then the long and gentle life which has just rounded itself so beautifully in sleep, should win for itself the applause of those who knew him, as a rarely successful life. Doubtless he has already heard the plaudits of his Master, "Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things; I will make thee ruler over many things. Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

The chamber where a good man meets his fate  
Is privileged beyond the common walks of life—  
Quite on the verge of heaven.

R. D. H.

Rochester, N. Y., March 24, 1897.

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## WILLIAM W. WICKES.

In the death of William W. Wickes of Brooklyn, which occurred on February 19, 1900, not only the Lafayette Avenue Church, but the church at large, has lost a most valuable member. For a period of forty years, Mr. Wickes has not only been deeply interested and active in everything connected with the interests and enterprises of the Lafayette Church, of which he was one of the organizers, but, it may be truthfully said, with every benevolent and philanthropic interest of the city of Brooklyn also.







An enterprising, successful and very busy, business man, he was also at different times President of the Young Men's Christian Association and the Children's Aid Society, and for years Superintendent of the Cumberland Street Mission School, now organized as a church, and until this church was established upon a self-supporting basis, he paid the salary of the pastor himself.

He was also active in organizing and supporting the Home for Aged Men, a work which enlisted his deepest sympathy and interest. His gifts to the various causes of the church, especially the Home and Foreign Missionary Societies, were large and frequent and unsolicited.

It can indeed be said of Mr. Wickes, as truly, probably, as of any man who ever lived, that it was a delight to him to give. Every channel of benevolence by which the kingdom of Christ could be extended, or human distress relieved, received from him unstinted aid.

Mr. Wickes had a rich inheritance in an enterprising, Christian and patriotic ancestry.

Obtaining a thorough business education as a youth in Troy, in 1844 he came to New York and formed a co-partnership in the general produce business under the name of Wallace & Wickes.

This company furnished the government large supplies of provisions during the Civil War.

In April, 1861, under secret instructions from the Government he loaded the steamer, "Star of the West," which carried the supplies to Colonel Anderson and his famishing troops in their gallant defense of Fort Sumter.

At a time during the Civil War, when spoiled pork and other army rations were furnished to our brave men at the front by unprincipled merchants, the goods of this firm were received without examination, the firm's name being a guarantee of quality.

Later Mr. Wickes became interested in a patent for refrigeration by means of a forced current of air through ice, and sent to Liverpool the first consignment of American dressed meat ever shipped to European ports.

The Wickes refrigerator car is also a product of Mr. Wickes' capital and enterprise. The characteristics of Mr. Wickes stand out perhaps most prominently in the history of the mining town of Wickes, Montana.

The working of the mine belonging to Mr. Wickes in this mountain place had for several years been entrusted to such overseers as were obtainable. He decided to visit it himself and arrived, if the writer remembers



correctly, on a Saturday. There had up to this time been no cessation of operations on the Sabbath. But on the Sunday following the arrival of Mr. Wickes not a wheel turned. Addressing the men he invited them to a Gospel meeting. This was the beginning of a transformation. Mr. Wickes remained many months instituting numberless reforms, providing many privileges and benefits, and himself conducted religious services until a church was formed and a pastor procured.

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## REV. JOHN WICKES.

Rev. John Wickes passed peacefully to rest, on Wednesday evening June 5, at seven o'clock.

His was a long and very painful illness, borne with fortitude and patience.

A life was slowly ebbing away in that silent chamber which for thirty-seven years had been a potential force for good in this community, perhaps none other greater, and all seemed resting under the shadow of a great sorrow. He had no enemies and many friends. Very patiently and uncomplainingly he bore his sufferings, only asking that those who loved him would pray for his speedy release.

In his extremity when asked what promise from God's word in his hour of pain gave him greatest comfort, he replied, "I am with thee."

Many are the strong and vital truths that through the years he has taught from the pulpit, but no more forceful message ever fell from his lips than he sent to the people through his pastor but three weeks before his death "Tell the people that I believe—looking into the future and into the very face of God, I believe—that which I preached to them for twenty-five years." Some twenty-four hours before his death he requested the pastor of the church to pray with him, when he bade his daughter and those who were by his bedside a last goodbye and once more declared his trust in "the promises of God," he relapsed into unconsciousness from which he never again recovered until death released him. His life had ever preached noblest sermons, these last trying weeks had only preached a nobler, richer one. Rev. John Wickes was born in Jamaica, February 14, 1823, and his early boyhood was spent in Jamaica and Troy, whither his father removed in 1836.

He entered Yale College at the age of sixteen, intending to study medicine, but in the second year of his college course he openly professed Christianity and decided to study for the ministry. To this end, after graduating from Yale, he entered Andover Seminary in 1844.



President Woolsey, of Yale, and Dr. Nathaniel W. Taylor, in Andover, were strong influences in the developing and moulding of his life during these college and seminary years. Of the latter, Mr. Wickes once said that Dr. Green was one of the grandest men and keenest logicians he had ever known. Mr. Wickes was graduated from Andover in 1847 and offered himself to the Congregational Board as foreign missionary to India, but it was feared by the Board that his health was too frail to endure the necessary hardships. Shortly after, he became pastor of the Congregational church in Canaan, N. Y., where he remained eight years, when he resigned and went to Europe, for a few months of foreign travel. Upon his return, he accepted a call to the church in Brighton, N. Y., where he remained until his marriage to Amy Moore of that place in 1862, and then accepted the pastorate of the Presbyterian church of Attica, N. Y. How earnestly and successfully he labored in this field is too well known for extended comment. It was during his pastorate that the present beautiful church edifice was erected, in which work he was a very potent factor.

He resigned his pastorate of the Presbyterian Church of Attica in February, 1889, since which time he has remained an honored resident of this village.

As pastor of the church, he wielded a wide and powerful influence in the community. Since his retirement from active work his influence has seemed to be none the less potent. He was loved and honored by his associate ministers in Western New York, especially in his own Presbytery, where his loss will be deeply felt.

Mr. Wickes was a man singularly devoid of personal ambition, and though flattering calls came to him unsought from larger and more influential churches, he refused to "accept" them.

His ability would have eminently fitted him for the larger field, but this was never to be considered, where there seemed in another direction a call of duty.

He was a man of scholarly attainments, fine mental endowments, large heart and simple child-like faith. He was a preacher of gentle and persuasive eloquence. He taught the knowledge of God with a logical clearness, the sympathy of a loving man and the enthusiasm of a loving Christian. He was a model of a Christian gentleman, and a cultured Christian minister. It is a rare tribute that was paid to him in these words. "I cannot recall a word of his I would wish unsaid, one act I would wish undone." Those who are left behind feel in his going home a deep sense of personal loss, yet those who loved him best "will grudge him least his welcome home."





## • INSCRIPTION IN BIBLE

IN HANDWRITING OF ELIPHALET WICKES.

“Presented to Eliphalet Wickes Blatchford by his grandfather  
Eliphalet Wickes. This Bible contains an extended  
family Record. Troy, Nov. 20th, 1843.”

Thomas Wickes, born Aug. 21, 1740, died at Jamaica Nov. 30, 1819, aged 79 years, 3 months, 9 days.

Abigail, his wife, born Sept. 1748, died at Jamaica, Mar. 15, 1816, aged 67 years, 6 months.

### CHILDREN OF T. AND A. WICKES:

Scudder, born at Huntington, Sept. 9, 1767, died at Norwalk, Sept. 28, 1776, aged 9 years, 19 days.

Eliphalet, born at Huntington, April 1, 1769.

Frances, born at Huntington, Oct. 25, 1770, died at Norwalk, Sept. 30, 1776, aged 5 years, 11 months, 5 days.

Van Wyck, born at Huntington, Mar. 4, 1773, died at Norwalk, Oct. 2, 1776, aged 3 years, 6 months, 28 days.

Thomas, born at Huntington, Mar. 25, 1775, died at Fishkill, Aug. 14, 1779, aged 4 years, 4 months, 20 days.

Frances (2d), born at Fishkill, Mar. 30, 1777, died at Fishkill, Feb. 6, 1778, aged 10 months, 7 days.

Van Wyck (2d), born at Fishkill, April 29, 1779.

Hannah, born at Fishkill, Dec. 5, 1781, died at Jamaica, Mar. 8, 1816, aged 34 years, 2 months, 29 days.

Thomas (2d), born at Huntington South, Mar. 19, 1784, died at New York, yellow fever, Oct. 12, 1801, aged 17 years, 6 months, 23 days.

Scudder (2d), born at Huntington So., May 27, 1786, died at Huntington South, Aug. 26, 1787, aged 1 year, 1 month, 30 days.

Harriet (2d), born at Huntington South, May 25, 1789.

Wickes family came from England. Abigail, wife of Thomas Wickes, was a Van Wyck; her family was from Holland.

Eliphalet Wickes married Martha Herriman at Jamaica, Nov. 28, 1790.

Martha Herriman was born July 23, 1766, died at Jamaica, May 7, 1824, aged 57 years, 9 months, 14 days.





## THEIR CHILDREN :

Thomas Scudder, born at Jamaica, April 18, 1795, died at Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Eliza Martha, born at Jamaica, Feb. 5, 1801, died at Troy, Sept. 9, 1835, aged 34 years, 7 months, 4 days.

Frances, born at Jamaica, May 12, 1805, died at Chicago, Illinois.

Harriet, born at Jamaica, June 13, 1807, died at Troy, May 14, 1836, aged 28 years, 11 months, 1 day.

Thomas Scudder Wickes married Maria Punnett, of Island of St. Thomas, Sept. 7, 1819. She died April 9, 1821; had a son, Eliphalet, born June, 15, 1820.

Frances Wickes married Rev. John Blatchford, May 18, 1825.

Harriet Wickes married Henry Punnett, brother to Thomas' first wife, Aug. 25, 1829.

Eliza Martha Wickes married Dr. Aldis Allen, of Bridgeford, Conn., Nov. 2 1831.

Dr. Allen died at Jacksonville, Illinois, when traveling with his wife, Aug. 9, 1833.

The mother of Martha, wife of Eliphalet Wickes, was a Denton; were from England.

Thomas Scudder Wickes married second time, Julia Penniman, of Albany, Sept. 15, 1829.

## THEIR CHILDREN :

Maria Punnett, born at Sand Lake, Oct. 7, 1832.

Cordelia Penniman, born at Sand Lake, March 22, 1834.

Henry Sylvanus, born at Sand Lake, Oct. 14, 1835, died at Albany, Dec. 27, 1837.

Harriet, born at Albany, Sept. 7, 1837.

Charlotte Penniman, born at Ballston, Aug. 23, 1839.

James Henry, born at Ballston, June 25, 1841.

Edward Allen, born at Ballston, April 10, 1843.

Eliphalet Wickes, Jr., son of Thomas S. Wickes and Maria his wife, married Ann Penniman, of Albany, August 16, 1842.



## CHILDREN OF REV. JOHN BLATCHFORD AND FRANCES HIS WIFE:

Eliphalet Wickes, born at Stillwater, May 31, 1826.

Richard Milford, born at Stillwater, Aug. 20, 1827, died at Bridgeport, Feb. 20, 1832.

Martha Wickes, born at Stillwater, June 17, 1829.

John Samuel, born at Bridgeport, Jan. 19, 1831.

Frances Alicia, born at Bridgeport, Sept. 6, 1832.

Eliza Allen, born at Bridgeport, Sept. 22, 1834, died at Bridgeport, June 19, 1835.

Harriet Punnett, born at Jacksonville, Ill., May 9, 1837, died at Chicago, Aug. 7, 1838.

Eliza Harriet, born at Chicago, Nov. 21, 1838, died at Chicago, Mar. 3, 1839.

Alexander, born at Wheeling, Va., Jan. 1, 1840.

Mary Cebra, Marion College, Mo., Oct. 23, 1843.

## CHILDREN OF HENRY PUNNETT AND HARRIET HIS WIFE:

Henry Walter, born at Newtown, July 20, 1830, died at Jamaica, Sept. 20, 1831.

Thomas Wickes, born at Newtown, Feb. 7, 1832.

Elizabeth, born at Jamaica, Sept. 14, 1833, died at Troy, Aug. 27, 1834.

William Henry, born at Troy, Sept. 19, 1834.

Henry Punnett married second time, April 10, 1838, Anna Stewart, of Albany.

## THEIR CHILDREN:

Edward Kirk, born at Troy, Feb. 19, 1839.

Anna Stewart, born at Troy, Jan. 6, 1842.

Anna, Henry's wife died at Troy, Jan. 9, 1842, aged 28 years, — months.

Van Wyck Wickes, brother to Eliphalet Wickes, married Eliza Herri-  
man, Sept. 19, 1811.

## THEIR CHILDREN:

Stephen, born at Jamaica, March 17, 1813.

Thomas, born at Jamaica, Oct. 31, 1814.

Mary, born at Jamaica, Jan. 28, 1817.

William W., born at Jamaica, Mar. 13, 1819.

Henry, born at Jamaica, Feb. 11, 1821.



John, born at Jamaica, Feb. 14, 1823.

Elizabeth H., born at Jamaica, April 15, 1825.

Van Wyck, born at Jamaica, June 7, 1827, died at Jamaica, Oct. 8, 1828.

Harriet, born at Jamaica, Oct. 22, 1829, died at Jamaica, Sept. 30, 1831.

Van Wyck (2d), born at Jamaica, April 24, 1832.

Stephen's first wife, Mary W. Heyer; second wife, widow of Wm. Vansindren.

Thomas married Mary A. Gunn.

Mary married L. T. Rossiter.

Hannah Wickes, sister to Eliphalet Wickes, married Joseph L. Hewlett, of Great Neck, Queens County.

#### THEIR CHILDREN:

Joseph L., married ——— Cornell, of Great Neck.

Harriet, married William M. Smith.

Harriet Wickes, sister to Eliphalet, married Dr. Thomas W. Blatchford.

#### THEIR CHILDREN:

Thomas Wickes, born at Jamaica, Feb. 20, 1820.

Samuel T., born at Jamaica, March 4, 1822.

John T., born at Jamaica, June 18, 1823.

George Edgecumb, born at Jamaica, Jan. 26, 1825, died at Troy, Oct. 5, 1828.

Harriet Wickes, born at Jamaica, May 8, 1828, died at Troy, Aug. 15, 1828.

Harriet Wickes (2d), born at Troy, Feb. 21, 1829.

Martha, wife of Eliphalet Wickes, had two older brothers, Stephen and James Herriman. Stephen died May, 1792, of lock jaw, produced by a broken limb; left three children. Mary married John Y. Cebra, had no children. Eliza married Van Wyck Wickes, the record of whose family is on another page. William S., merchant in New York, has four children. James, died at Jamaica, October, 1801, of yellow fever taken in New York, left five children. Martha, married Benjamin Wright, has a number of children. James has children. Stephen lives in New Orleans, has children. Margaret died of age unmarried. John died in New York, left three children.





# GENEALOGY.

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THOMAS WICKES (1), emigrant of 1635, married Isabella Harcutt, of Oyster Bay, and died in 1671. Will probated March 19, 1671. Their children were as follows:

1. Thomas (2) (below).
2. John, born 1652 or 1653, married (license dated April 25), 1673, Hester, daughter of John Ketcham, of Huntington. He was living in 1730.
3. Rebecca.
4. Martha.
5. Elizabeth.
6. Mary.
7. Sarah.

THOMAS WICKES (2), of the second generation, born probably in Oyster Bay, 1650 or 1651, died about 1725. His wife was Deborah. He was imprisoned by Governor Andros, of Connecticut, in 1681; received captain's commission in 1690; was sent, April 3, 1691, to County Convention held for the choice of two members of Assembly.

In 1704 he deeds certain land to his son, Philip, in consideration of "natural love and affection," and in 1714 to his son, Samuel, for same consideration, also the same year to his son, Joseph. Their children were as follows:

1. Thomas (3), born about 1676.
2. Philip, had wife, Martha, in 1699.
3. Samuel.

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NOTE.—Richard Harcutt was an inhabitant of Oyster Bay, 1689. Savage, in his genealogies, names his children.

Thomas and John were the only two Wickes "rated" in Huntington, 1683. (Doc. Hist. of New York.)

In 1686 an official list of all the inhabitants of Huntington, signed by Thomas Wickes, states that the family of John Weeks contained males 4, females 2; and the family of Thomas Weekes contained males 3, females 4.



4. Joseph, married Hannah Lewis. Will proved 1746.
5. Ruth, probably married, first, ——— Brush; second, Joshua Wood.
6. ——— married Thomas Corey.

THOMAS WICKES (3), of the third generation, was born about 1676, died October 24, 1749, in his 74th year, as shown by inscription on his tombstone at Huntington. His wife, Margaret, died September 18, 1767, aged 85. Their children were as follows:

1. Thomas, born about 1703, died December 20, 1749, in his 46th year. Had one child, Deborah, baptized December 15, 1742.
2. Silas, married January 23, 1727, Sarah Rogers.
3. Eliphalet (1), born about 1707 (below).

ELIPHALET WICKES, of the fourth generation, was born 1707 or 1708; married March 26, 1730, Hannah Platt; she died in 1731. Married, second, Jemima, daughter of Jonathan Scudder, December 8, 1732; she died November 3, 1776, aged 68. He was Town Clerk of Huntington, 1748; also afterwards Justice of the Sessions. He died June 30, 1761. Their children were as follows:

1. Platt, baptized May 9, 1731.
2. Margaret, born April 29, baptized May 26, 1734. Married July 24, 1751, to Dr. Samuel Allen.
3. Hannah, born September 29, baptized November 2, 1735. Married April 23, 1753, to John Brush.
4. Eliphalet, born March 10, 1738, baptized March 26th. Died a minor.
5. Mary, baptized July 27, 1740. Married January 14, 1766, to Rev. John Close, colleague pastor of church at Huntington 1766 to 1773. He died at Waterford, N. J., 1813. She died 1814.
6. Thomas (4), born August 10, 1744 (below).

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NOTE.—From original deeds and wills of Jonathan Scudder, Jr. and Sr., in the possession of the Editor, it is evident that some property came to the Wickes family from this Scudder marriage. The gravestones of the Jonathan Scudder family still stand in the Huntington graveyard.

The Will of Henry Scudder, made January 25, 1661, recorded in page 50 of the Huntington Town Records, Vol. I, bequeathes to his four children, Moses, David, Mary and



THOMAS WICKES (4), of the fifth generation (for life, see page 48), born August 10, 1744, died November 30, 1819; married, first, May 13, 1762, Sarah Brush; married, second, September 8, 1767, Abigail Van Wyck, daughter of Barent Van Wyck and Hannah Carmen. She was born in 1748, and died March 15, 1816. There was no living issue of the first marriage. Of the second, 11 children, viz.:

1. Scudder, born at Huntington, September 9, 1768, died at Norwalk, Conn., September 28, 1776.
2. Eliphalet, born at Huntington, April 1, baptized July 4, 1769; died at Troy, N. Y., June 7, 1850 (below).
3. Frances, born at Huntington, October 25, 1770, died at Norwalk, Conn., September 30, 1776.
4. Van Wyck, born at Huntington, March 4, 1773, died at Norwalk, Conn., October 2, 1776, aged 3 years.
5. Thomas, born at Huntington, March 25, 1775, died at Fishkill, aged 4 years.
6. Frances (2), born at Fishkill Barracks, March 30, 1777, died at Fishkill Barracks, aged 10 months.
7. Van Wyck (2), born at Fishkill Barracks, April 29, 1779, baptized July 13, 1783; died at Orange, N. J., June 13, 1865 (below).
8. Hannah, born at Fishkill Barracks, December, 1781, died at Jamaica, L. I., March 8, 1816 (below).
9. Thomas (2), born at Huntington, March 19, 1784, died at New York City of yellow fever, October 12, 1801.
10. Scudder (2), born at Huntington, May 27, 1786, died at Huntington, aged 1 year.
11. Harriet, born at Huntington, May 25, 1789, died at Troy, N. Y., April 12, 1875.

Four of the above left issue, Eliphalet, Van Wyck, Hannah and Harriet, to be recorded in the tribes of each.

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Rebecca, ten pounds each, and to his eldest son, Jonathan, twenty pounds, and the house and land which his grandfather left him by will. His wife, Catherine, is executrix, and she executes to her said son, Jonathan, the grandfather of Jemima Wickes, the deed now in my possession, referred to on page 23. *supra*.

The Town Records also state that this Catherine was the daughter of Jeffrey or Geffrey Esty, and after the death of Henry Scudder, married Thomas Jones, the brother of Rev. John Jones.

Jonathan Scudder, eldest son of Henry and Catherine, died December 10, 1690, leaving a son, Jonathan, a wife, Sarah, and three daughters, Sarah, Abigail and Rebecca. This son, Jonathan, was the father of Jemima Scudder, born 1708, who married Eliphalet Wickes.



## TRIBE OF ELIPHALET, OF THE SIXTH GENERATION.

ELIPHALET WICKES (2) (for life, see page 54), born April 1, 1769; married November 28, 1790, Martha Herriman; she was born July 23, 1766, and died at Jamaica, May 7, 1824, at the age of 57. He died June 7, 1850. Their issue as follows:

1. Thomas Scudder, born at Jamaica, L. I., April 18, 1795, died at Poughkeepsie, November 30, 1876 (below).
2. Eliza Martha, born at Jamaica, L. I., February 5, 1801, married Dr. Aldis Allen, and died at Troy, September 9, 1835. No children. He died August 9, 1833 at Jacksonville, Ill.
3. Frances, born at Jamaica, L. I., May 12, 1805, baptized May 12, 1805; died at Chicago, January 18, 1875. She married Rev. John Blatchford (below).
4. Harriet, born at Jamaica, L. I., June 13, 1807, died at Troy May 14, 1836; married Henry Punnett (below).

### THOMAS S. WICKES.

REV. THOMAS SCUDDER WICKES, of the seventh generation, son of Eliphalet, married (1) Maria Punnett, September 7, 1819. She died at Jamaica, April 9, 1821. He married (2) Julia Penniman, daughter of Sylvanus and Olive Fitch Penniman, of Albany, September 15, 1829. She was born at Lansingburg, N. Y., January 31, 1809, and died November 17, 1895, at Poughkeepsie, aged 86 years. Child by first marriage:

1. Eliphalet (3), born at Jamaica, L. I., June 15, 1820 (below).

Children by second marriage:

2. Maria Punnett, born at Sand Lake, N. Y., October 7, 1832, died at Poughkeepsie, January 22, 1856.
3. Cordelia Penniman, born at Sand Lake, N. Y., March 22, 1834, died at Ballston, December 16, 1845.
4. Henry Sylvanus, born at Sand Lake, October 14, 1835, died at Albany, December 27, 1837.
5. Harriet, born at Albany, September 7, 1837; married, at Poughkeepsie, September 5, 1867, John F. Winslow, iron manufacturer, of Troy, N. Y.
6. Charlotte Penniman, born at Ballston, August 23, 1839; married Rev. Francis B. Wheeler, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y.





7. James Henry, born at Ballston, June 25, 1841, died September 23, 1892.
8. Edward Allen, born at Ballston, April 10, 1843.
9. George Todd, born at Ballston, April 3, 1845.
10. Julia Fitch, born at Ballston, March 19, 1847, died at Poughkeepsie, July 19, 1871.
11. Martha Herriman, born at Ballston, October 6, 1848, died at Newburgh, N. Y., January 29, 1884.

ELIPHALET WICKES (3), born June 15, 1820, only son by first marriage of Thomas Scudder Wickes, married (1) Anna Penniman, of Albany, N. Y., August 16, 1842. She died August 15, 1849, aged 29 years. He married (2) Ellen Parmelee, June 15, 1852. He died February 21, 1899, at Englewood, N. J., aged 79. By the latter union he had issue, as follows:

1. Thomas Parmelee, born at Albany, April 17, 1853.
2. Mary Punnett, born at Albany, February 28, 1856; married David U. Cory, of Englewood, N. J. He died July 13, 1901.
3. Helen Lansing, born at Albany, July 17, 1859, died at Albany, February 17, 1866.
4. Allen Lansing, born at New York, May 7, 1868, died in New York, August 15, 1868.

THOMAS PARMELEE, son of Eliphalet Wickes (3), married, December 19, 1877, Harriet Douw Alley, of New York. She died May 27, 1899. They have had issue:

1. Henry Parmelee, born in New York, December 7, 1878; married Ethel Catlin Kinney, November 21, 1896. They have one child, named Bradford, born September 1, 1897.
2. Marie Louise, born in New York, December 18, 1881.

THOMAS PARMELEE, son of Eliphalet and Ellen Parmelee, married, second time, Frances Bliss Gillespy, of Lansingburg, N. Y., May 30, 1901.



MARY PUNNETT, daughter of Eliphalet Wickes (3), born at Albany, February 28, 1856, married David U. Cory, of Englewood. Their children:

1. Robert Haskell, born September 4, 1881.
2. David Uzal, born January 5, 1883.
3. Eleanor, born November 28, 1890.



HARRIET, the fifth child of Thomas Scudder Wickes, married, September 5, 1867, John F. Winslow, of Troy, N. Y. He died at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., March 10, 1892, aged 81. Children:

1. Julia, born at Poughkeepsie, August 27, 1868, died at Poughkeepsie, February 16, 1875.
2. Mary Corning, born at Poughkeepsie, February 10, 1873; married Clarence Alexander Black, of Detroit, Mich., December 11, 1895. One child, Ruth Winslow, born at Detroit, February 28, 1897.
3. Thomas Scudder, born at Newburgh, November 13, 1883, son of Martha (below), adopted April 18, 1884.

CHARLOTTE PENNIMAN, sixth child of Thomas Scudder Wickes, married, October 25, 1876, Rev. Francis B. Wheeler, D. D., of Poughkeepsie. He died at Poughkeepsie, December 27, 1895. Have had issue:

1. Julia Wickes, born at Poughkeepsie, March 27, 1878.

JAMES HENRY, seventh child of Thomas Scudder Wickes, married, October 8, 1867, Lilla Cathell, of New York. He died September 23, 1892, at Detroit, Mich. Children:

1. Henry Cathell, born at Bull's Ferry, October 10, 1868, died at Englewood, April 18, 1869.
2. Walter Herriman, born in New York, March 10, 1871; twice married—first time, Bertha Conant, of Camden, N. Y., September, 1897; she died August 10, 1898; second time, Laura Rebecca Farr, of Boston, July 4, 1899. Son of 1st marriage Lawrence Wickes Conant, adopted by the Conant grandparents at Utica, N. Y.
3. Alfred Donaldson, born in New York, January 21, 1875. Married Madame Lisa Delhaze, September 20, 1900, at Brussels, Belgium.





EDWARD ALLEN, eighth child of Thomas Scudder Wickes, married, October 11, 1871, Mary W. Forsyth, of Newburgh, N. Y. Children:

1. Mary Forsyth, born in New York, August 13, 1872.
2. Forsyth, born in New York, October 26, 1876.

GEORGE TODD, ninth child of Thomas Scudder Wickes, married Fanny Webster, of Chicago, March 31, 1869. Children:

1. Edward Dana, born at Goodwill Plantation, S. C., March 11, 1870; married Emma Louise Engebretson, of Rockford, Ill., June 4, 1900.
2. James Henry, born at Goodwill, S. C., November 17, 1872, died at Goodwill, May 12, 1873.
3. Annie Webster, born at Goodwill, S. C., February 3, 1874; married Rev. William Winn Love at Helena, Montana, April 28, 1897. Their children: Elizabeth, born February 12, 1898; Ethelbert, born April 8, 1899.
4. Lewis Webster, born at Low Moor, Va., August 11, 1879.



MARTHA HERRIMAN, eleventh child of Thomas Scudder Wickes, married, October 7, 1879, Jonas Williams, of Newburgh, N. Y., who died at Newburgh, N. Y., April 2, 1886, aged 63. She died January 29, 1884, aged 36. Children:

1. Olive Penniman, born at Newburgh, November 15, 1880.
2. Cordelia, born at Newburgh, August 1, 1882.
3. Thomas Scudder, born at Newburgh, November 13, 1883.

The latter was adopted April 18, 1884, by John F. Winslow and Harriet W. Winslow, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., by the name of Thomas Scudder Winslow.



FRANCES BLATCHFORD.

FRANCES, third child of Eliphalet (2), born May 12, 1805, died in Chicago, January 18, 1875; married, May 18, 1825, Rev. John Blatchford, D. D. (brother of Dr. Thomas W. Blatchford, who married her aunt, Harriet Wickes), son of Rev. Samuel Blatchford, D. D., and Alicia Windeatt, born May 24, 1799, died at St. Louis, Mo., April 8, 1855. Their children are:

1. Eliphalet Wickes, born at Stillwater, N. Y., May 31, 1826; married, October 7, 1858, Mary Emily, daughter of John Chandler Williams.
2. Richard Milford, born at Stillwater, August 20, 1827, died at Bridgeport, Conn., February 20, 1832.
3. Martha Wickes, born at Stillwater, June 17, 1829, died at Hartford, Conn., May 19, 1862; married, November 4, 1852, Morris Collins.
4. John Samuel, born at Bridgeport, Conn., January 19, 1831.
5. Frances Alicia, born at Bridgeport, Conn., September 6, 1832, died at West Ely, Mo., June 6, 1846.
6. Eliza Allen, born at Bridgeport, September 22, 1834, died at Chicago, June 19, 1835.
7. Harriet Punnett, born May 9, 1837, at Jacksonville, Ill.; died at Chicago, August 7, 1838.
8. Eliza Harriet, born at Chicago, November 21, 1838, died at Chicago, March 3, 1839.
9. Alexander, born at Wheeling, Va., January 1, 1840, died at Quincy, Ill., October 9, 1847.
10. Mary Cebra, born at Marion College, Mo., October 23, 1843, died at Quincy, Ill., December 27, 1849.
11. Alice Windeatt, born December 20, 1847, at Quincy, Ill., died at Chicago, August 6, 1892.
12. Nathaniel Hopkins, born at Quincy, Ill., September 25 1849; married Ella Marion Philbrick, May 18, 1872; died April 29, 1899.

ELIPHALET WICKES BLATCHFORD, eldest son of Frances Wickes and Rev. John Blatchford, born May 31, 1826; married, October 7, 1858, Mary Emily Williams. Children:

1. Paul, born July 18, 1859.
2. Amy, born May 20, 1862.



3. Frances May, born May 25, 1865.
4. Edward Williams, born July 13, 1868.
5. Florence, born January 24, 1872, died June 4, 1874.
6. Charles Hammond, born January 2, 1874.
7. Eliphalet Huntington, born October 9, 1876.

PAUL BLATCHFORD, eldest son of Eliphalet Wickes Blatchford, born July 18, 1859; married, May 24, 1887, Frances Veazie Lord. Children:

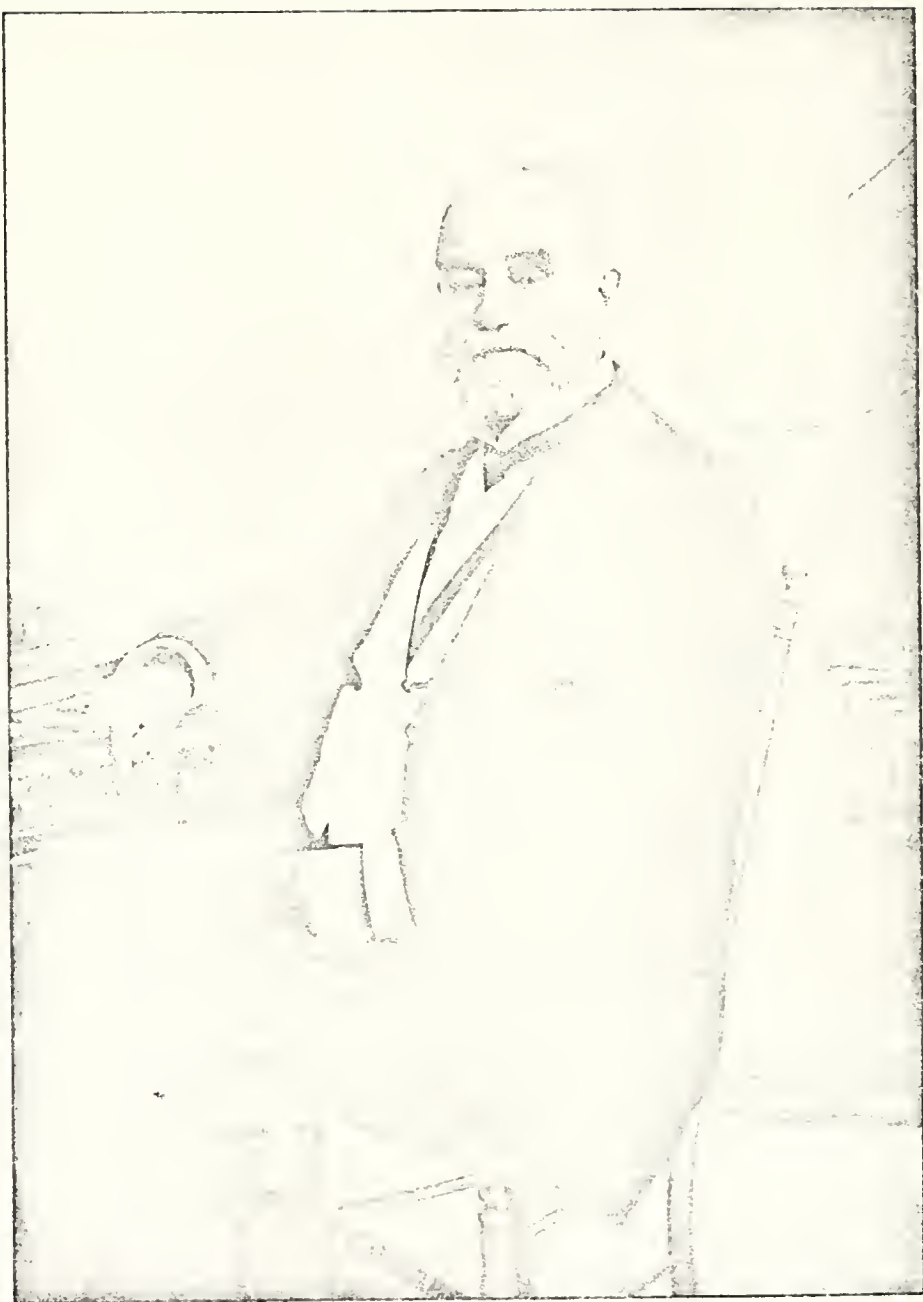
1. John, born April 20, 1888.
2. Dorothy Lord, born December 10, 1889.
3. Barbara, born September 14, 1894.
4. Charles Lord, born February 12, 1897.

AMY BLATCHFORD, eldest daughter of Eliphalet Wickes Blatchford, born May 20, 1862; married, November 7, 1889, Rev. Howard Sweetser Bliss. Children:

1. Mary Williams, born November 16, 1890.
2. Margaret Blatchford, born January 21, 1893.
3. Alice Wood, born November 23, 1894.
4. Daniel, born March 15, 1898.
5. Howard Huntington, born April 12, 1903, in Beirut, Syria.







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CHARLES HAMMOND BLATCHFORD, sixth child of Eliphalet Wickes Blatchford, born January 2, 1874; married, November 30, 1899, Carita Tyler Clark. Children :

1. Eliphalet Lawrence Blatchford, born May 3, 1902.



MARTHA WICKES BLATCHFORD, third child of Frances, daughter of Eliphalet Wickes, born June 17, 1829; married, November 4, 1852, Morris Collins, son of Amos Morris Collins, of Hartford, Conn. She died May 19, 1862. Children:

1. John Blatchford Collins, born September 7, 1853.
2. Frances Wickes Collins, born December 25, 1854, died January 3, 1859.
3. Mary Lyman Collins, born September 1, 1856, died December 22, 1858.
4. Amos Morris Collins, born November 25, 1857, died January 26, 1902.
5. Martha Blatchford Collins, born July 12, 1859, died November 6, 1889; married John F. Downing.
6. Alice Blatchford Collins, born November 30, 1860.
7. Richard Ely Collins, born May 9, 1862, died September 5, 1862.

JOHN BLATCHFORD COLLINS, grandson of Rev. John Blatchford and Frances Wickes, born September 7, 1853; married, November 11, 1874, Nellie Davis; married (2) Nellie Rebecca Thompson, December 15, 1897. Children:

1. Morris Collins, born October 26, 1875, died July 21, 1894.
2. Charles Blatchford Collins, born October 23, 1877.

AMOS MORRIS COLLINS, grandson of Rev. John Blatchford and Frances Wickes, born November 25, 1857; married, February 5, 1879, Charlotte Brown Young. He died January 26, 1902. Children:

1. Martha Wickes Collins, born December 25, 1880, died March 11, 1881.
2. Anna Blatchford Collins, born September 2, 1892.
3. Amos Morris Collins, born March 27, 1900.





MARTHA BLATCHFORD COLLINS, fifth child of Martha Wickes Blatchford, born July 12, 1859; married John Franklin Downing, May 25, 1881. She died November 6, 1889. Children:

1. Frank Collins Downing, born February 19, 1884.
2. Blatchford Downing, born December 10, 1886.

NATHANIEL HOPKINS BLATCHFORD, twelfth child of Rev. John and Frances Wickes Blatchford, born September 25, 1849; married Ella Marion Philbrick, May 18, 1872. She died April 29, 1899. He married (2) Helen Wheeler, of Chicago, August 12, 1901. Children:

1. Agnes, born September 21, 1875, died April 23, 1884.
2. Francis Wickes, born September 20, 1875. Married November 29, 1902, to Frances Greene Larned. Had daughter Ella Marion, born November 5, 1903.
3. Luther Morrill, born January 31, 1878, died June 24, 1888.
4. Nathaniel Hopkins, Jr., born November 21, 1883.



## HARRIET PUNNETT.

HARRIET, fourth child of Eliphalet (2), married Henry Punnett (brother to Thomas S. Wickes' first wife). He died at Porto Rico, West Indies, September 16, 1848. Children:

1. Henry Walter, born at Newtown, July 20, 1830, died September 20, 1831.
2. Thomas Wickes Punnett (Rev.), born at Jamaica, February 7, 1832; married Mary Esther Gill, of Annapolis, June 7, 1860. She died November 25, 1878; married 2nd time L. Gertrude Roosevelt, February 7, 1889, at Skaneateles, N. Y. Residence, Dobbs Ferry, N. Y.
3. Elizabeth, born at Jamaica, N. Y., September 14, 1833, died at Troy, N. Y., August 27, 1834.
4. William Henry, born at Troy, September 19, 1834, died at St. Thomas, January 14, 1848.

HENRY PUNNETT married (2), April 10, 1838, Anna Stewart, of Albany. She died January 9, 1842. Children:

1. Edward Kirk Punnett, born February 19, 1839; he married, lives at St. Paul.
2. Anna Stewart, born January 6, 1842.



TRIBE OF VAN WYCK, OF THE SIXTH GENERATION.

VAN WYCK, son of Thomas Wickes (4), married, September 19, 1811, Eliza, daughter of Stephen Herriman, of Jamaica (then deceased). She was born December 16, 1789, and died at Orange, N. J., May 24, 1864. He died June 13, 1865.

COMPANY PRESENT AT THE NUPTIALS.

Rev. Mr. Faitoute and wife,—minister.  
 Thomas Wickes and wife,—father of groom.  
 Eliphalet Wickes and wife,—brother of groom.  
 Harriet Wickes (bridesmaid),—sister of groom.  
 Elizabeth Herriman,—mother of bride.  
 William S. Herriman,—brother of bride.  
 John Y. Cebra and wife,—sister and her husband.  
 James Herriman,—cousin of bride.  
 Magdalen Herriman,—aunt of bride.  
 Margaret Herriman,—cousin of bride.  
 Sarah Smith,—great aunt of bride.  
 Mary Smith,—great aunt of bride.  
 Benjamin Smith (groomsman),—second cousin of bride.  
 Samuel Skidmore Smith—second cousin of bride.  
 Nehemiah Denton and wife,—uncle of bride.  
 Joseph L. Hewlett and wife,—sister of groom and husband.  
 Mrs. Breeze,—sister of John Y. Cebra.

Children :

1. Stephen (M. D.), born at Jamaica, March 17, 1813, died July 8, 1889, at Orange, N. J.
2. Thomas (Rev., D. D.), born at Jamaica, October 31, 1814, died at Orange, N. J., November 10, 1870.
3. Mary, born at New York, January 28, 1817; married Lucius T. Rossiter.
4. William W., born at Jamaica, March 13, 1819, died February 19, 1900, at Brooklyn, N. Y.
5. Henry (Rev.), born at Jamaica, Feb. 11, 1821, died at Rochester, N. Y., March 23, 1897.
6. John (Rev.), born at Jamaica, February 14, 1823, died June 5, 1901, at Attica, N. Y.

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NOTE.—Harriet (Blatchford) died April 12, 1875, the last survivor of this company.



7. Elizabeth Herriman, born at Jamaica, April 15, 1825, died at Troy, August 13, 1851.
8. Van Wyck, born at Jamaica, June 7, 1827, died at Jamaica, October 8, 1828.
9. Harriet, born at Jamaica, October 22, 1829, died at Jamaica, September 30, 1831.
10. Van Wyck (2), born at Jamaica, April 24, 1832, died August 28, 1895, in Brooklyn.

### STEPHEN WICKES.

STEPHEN WICKES, son of Van Wyck, married (1) Mary Whitney, daughter of Isaac Heyer, New York, February 24, 1836. She died in Troy, March 9, 1838, at the age of 25 years. He married (2), April 1, 1841, Lydia Matilda, daughter of Joseph Howard, of Brooklyn, and widow of William H. Van Sinderen, M. D., of the same place. Lydia Matilda Wickes died August 9, 1896, in Orange, N. J., aged 83 years. (See life of Stephen.)

Children by first marriage :

1. Eliza Polhemus, born in Troy, January 19, 1837.
2. Thomas, born in Troy, March 5, 1838, died in Troy, May 2, 1838.

Children by second marriage :

3. Mary Heyer, born in Troy, February 22, 1842.
4. Matilda Van Sinderen, born in Troy, April 10, 1844.
5. Joseph Howard, born in Troy, September 27, 1848, died July 28, 1849.

MATILDA VAN SINDEREN, daughter of Stephen (M. D.), married, June 25, 1873, Charles K. Ensign, of Orange, N. J. Children:

1. May Wickes, born May 19, 1874, in Orange, N. J.
2. Edith Bridgman, born October 27, 1877, in Orange, N. J.; died January 3, 1888.
3. Emilie Kingsley, born May 2, 1884, in Orange, N. J.
4. Ethel Howard, born April 7, 1886, in Orange, N. J.; died July 4, 1886.





MAY WICKES ENSIGN, grand-daughter of Stephen Wickes, M. D., born May 19, 1874; married, September 26, 1899, Peirson Sterling Page, M. D., of Springfield, Mass. Children:

1. Charles Ensign Page, born at Springfield, Mass., March 27, 1901, died April 2, 1901.
2. Edith Ensign Page, born at Springfield, Mass., April 30, 1902.



## THOMAS WICKES.

THOMAS D. D., son of Van Wyck, married, first, Mary Antoinette, daughter of Alexander Gunn, D. D., November 7, 1838. She died at Marietta, O., May 20, 1848. He married, second, Lydia Frances Rockwell, August 28, 1849. She died June 30, 1902, at Brooklyn, N. Y., and was buried at Basking Ridge, N. J. [See life of Thomas.] Children:

1. Sarah Eliza, born at Marietta, O., February 25, 1842.
2. Amelia Lambert, born at Marietta, O., September 24, 1844, died at Marietta, September 18, 1851.
3. Harriet Frances, born at Marietta, O., December 8, 1846; married Charles N. Nye.
4. Thomas Alexander, born at Marietta, O., May 13, 1848; married, July 27, 1871, Elizabeth Darling Woodbridge, of Marietta, O.
5. Mary Hopkins, born at Marietta, O., February 21, 1852.
6. William Rockwell, born at Marietta, O., July 2, 1853.
7. Caroline Hubbell, born at Marietta, O., December 25, 1854.

THOMAS ALEXANDER WICKES (Rev.), son of Rev. Thomas and grandson of Van Wyck, married Elizabeth Darling Woodbridge, of Marietta, O., July 27, 1871. Removed to Montana. Children:

1. William Woodbridge, born at Marietta, O., December 5, 1872.
2. Elizabeth Darling, born at Hamilton, Mo., December 21, 1877.
3. Mary Ward, born July 15, 1881, at Wickes, Montana, married William Warren Taylor, M. D., July 27, 1903.

WILLIAM WOODBRIDGE WICKES, son of Thomas A. Wickes, married, July 27, 1896, Helen C. Stinson, of North Carolina, at Boulder, Montana. Children:

1. Margaret Stinson Wickes, born January 15, 1899.
2. Elizabeth Woodbridge Wickes, born July 7, 1900.
3. Thomas Alexander Wickes, born December 29, 1902.

ELIZABETH DARLING WICKES, daughter of Thomas A. Wickes, married Frank M. Hope, July 27, 1898, of Boulder, Montana. Children:

1. Mary Elizabeth Hope, born October 9, 1900.
2. Alice Wickes Hope, born December 5, 1903.



HARRIET FRANCES NYE, daughter of Rev. Thomas and grand-daughter of Van Wyck, married at Jamestown, N. Y., December 8, 1869, Charles Nathaniel Nye, who was born at Marietta, O., May 20, 1843. They now reside at Los Angeles, Cal. Children :

1. William Putnam Nye, born at Canton, O., January 16, 1874.
2. Arthur Wickes Nye, born at Canton, O., January 28, 1882.

WILLIAM PUTNAM NYE, son of Harriet Frances (Wickes) Nye, married at Oberlin, O., December 28, 1897, Myra B. Sturtevant. They now live at Glendora, Cal. Children :

1. Wilbur Sturtevant Nye, born at Canton, O., October 12, 1898.
2. Robert Carroll Nye, born October 4, 1901.

WILLIAM ROCKWELL, son of Rev. Thomas and grandson of Van Wyck Wickes, married, June 28, 1882, Mary A. Dean, of Milan, O. He is now Instructor in Mathematics in Chicago Manual Training School of the University of Chicago. Children :

1. Dean Rockwell Wickes, born at Granville, O., September 10, 1883.





## MARY WICKES ROSSITER.

MARY, daughter of Van Wyck, married, August 29, 1843, Lucius T. Rossiter. He died August 24, 1879, aged 69 years. Children:

1. Edward Van Wyck, born at St. Louis, Mo., July 13, 1844.
2. Walter King, born at St. Louis, Mo., March 25, 1846.
3. William Wickes, born at Troy, N. Y., February 9, 1848, died in Brooklyn, N. Y., April 30, 1897.
4. Mary Wickes, born at Troy, April 29, 1849, died February 15 1852.
5. Frank Powers, born at Brooklyn, August 19, 1852.
6. Anna, born at Brooklyn; died in infancy, January 7, 1856.
7. Elizabeth, born at Brooklyn, December 12, 1854.
8. Lucius T., born in Brooklyn, September 4, 1856.
9. Arthur Lawrence, born at Brooklyn, October 18, 1857, died August 11, 1858.
10. Clinton L., born at Brooklyn, February 13, 1860.

EDWARD VAN WYCK ROSSITER, eldest son of Mary, daughter of Van Wyck Wickes, married Estelle Hewlett, daughter of Joseph L. Hewlett (wife of Hannah Wickes), June 16, 1869. Children:

1. Edward Lawrence, born at Great Neck, August 14, 1870.
2. Estelle Hewlett, born at Flushing, October 6, 1872.
3. Arthur Wickes, born at Flushing, October 8, 1874.
4. Frank Herriman, born at Flushing, March 14, 1878.
5. Mary Hewlett, born at Flushing, October 29, 1882.
6. Ernest Tuttle, born at Flushing, January 26, 1884.

EDWARD LAWRENCE ROSSITER, son of E. V. W. Rossiter, married Ella Fowler, of Brooklyn, N. Y., June 5, 1894. Children:

1. Lawrence Fowler Rossiter, born March 23, 1895.
2. Dorothy Rossiter, born May 5, 1900.

ESTELLE HEWLETT ROSSITER, daughter of E. V. W. Rossiter, married Charles Edward Titus, in Flushing, November 10, 1898. Children:

1. Arthur Rossiter Titus, born at Flushing, November 6, 1899.
2. Charles Edward, born at Flushing, March 22, 1902.





MARY WICKES ROSSITER.



WALTER KING ROSSITER, second son of Mary, married, April 26, 1871, Emilie K. (born July 6, 1850), daughter of J. C. Mayo, of Beaufort, S. C. Children:

1. Marie Louise, born at New York, February 16, 1872.
2. Ethel Mayo, born at Orange, N. J., March 29, 1874; married, November 5, 1902, Peter Duncan MacNaughton, M. D., of Calumet, Mich.
3. Helen Wickes, born at Beaufort, S. C., March 14, 1876.
4. Emilie, born at Brooklyn, March 14, 1879, died at Brooklyn, June 11, 1879.

WILLIAM WICKES ROSSITER, third son of Mary, married (1), August 2, 1870, Emma, daughter of Robert Richmond, of Brooklyn, who died April 30, 1897. He married (2) Helen Hendrick, daughter of James Hendrick, of Albany, N. Y. Children:

1. Van Wyck Wickes, born at Brooklyn, May 12, 1871.
2. Julie, born at Brooklyn, January 21, 1873.
3. William, born at Brooklyn, November 13, 1877.



VAN WYCK WICKES ROSSITER, born May 12, 1871, son of William W. Rossiter, married, October 10, 1895, Mabel Fuller, of Livermore, California. Children:

1. Richmond, born November 8, 1896.
2. Ruth Mabel, born September 29, 1897.
3. Van Wyck, born May 26, 1900.
4. Margaret, born April 22, 1901.

JULIE ROSSITER, daughter of William W. Rossiter, born January 21, 1873, married John J. Hinchman, April 29, 1896. Children:

1. William Rossiter Hinchman, born January 26, 1897.
2. Emma Richmond Hinchman, born December 30, 1899.





ELIZABETH ROSSITER, daughter of Mary Wickes, married (1), June 30, 1877, Charles I. De Baun, of Brooklyn. She married (2) Howard Gibb, December 31, 1897. Children:

1. Bessie, born in Brooklyn, June 13, 1878.
2. Lucius Rossiter, born in Brooklyn, December 25, 1879.
3. Irene, born in Brooklyn, August 12, 1881.
4. Edith, born in Brooklyn, April 26, 1883.
5. Howard Gibb, Jr., born June 26, 1899.



CLINTON LAWRENCE ROSSITER, youngest son of Mary, married Jessie Louise Goodrich, of Brooklyn, N. Y., April 3, 1884, daughter of Judge William W. Goodrich. Children :

1. Marjorie, born in Brooklyn, February 10, 1885.
2. Lille, born in Brooklyn, August 10, 1886.
3. William Winton Goodrich, born in Brooklyn, August 2, 1889.
4. Clinton Lawrence, born in Buffalo, April 13, 1895.



## WILLIAM W. WICKES.

WILLIAM W. WICKES, fourth child of Van Wyck, married, June 6, 1850, Rebecca Jane Hutchinson, of Brooklyn, N. Y. She died November 24, 1867. They had one son, who died in a few hours. In October, 1859, he adopted a child 18 months of age, as his daughter, naming her Annie L. Wickes. She was married March 27, 1879, to Benjamin F. Stephens, who died October 16, 1903, of Brooklyn, N. Y. Children:

1. Carrie Wickes Stephens, born in Brooklyn, January 1, 1880.
2. William Wickes Stephens, born in Brooklyn, January 29, 1883.
3. Florence Parsons Stephens, born in Flatbush, L. I., June 16, 1885.
4. Benjamin Fredenburgh, born in Flatbush, L. I., October 30, 1886.
5. Everett Irving, born in Flatbush, L. I., February 26, 1892.





HENRY WICKES.

HENRY (Rev.), fifth child of Van Wyck, married, May 8, 1856, Elizabeth F. Bardwell, daughter of Rev. Horatio Bardwell, D. D., of Oxford, Mass., an early missionary to India. Children:

1. Robert Bardwell, born at Guilford, Conn., August 3, 1857.
2. Alice Herriman, born at Deep River, Conn., August 1, 1859.
3. Laura W., born at Deep River, Conn., October 28, 1861.
4. Henry Van Wyck, born at Deep River, Conn., May 2, 1864.

ROBERT BARDWELL WICKES, born August 3, 1857 (son of Rev. Henry Wickes), married Margaret Perkins Cogswell, September 19, 1889 (born at Rochester, N. Y., December 22, 1861, daughter of William F. and Martha Breck Cogswell). Children:

1. Francis Cogswell, born July 7, 1890.
2. Philip Bardwell, born March 23, 1893.
3. Elizabeth, born November 15, 1894.
4. Henry Herriman, born May 22, 1898.

All born at Rochester, N. Y.



### JOHN WICKES.

JOHN WICKES (Rev.), son of Van Wyck, married, September 16, 1862 Amy Moore, of Brighton, N. Y. Children:

1. Amy, born at Brighton, N. Y., March 29, 1864.
2. Van Wyck, born at Attica, August 14, 1867.

AMY WICKES, born March 29, 1864 (daughter of Rev. John Wickes) married, May 16, 1888, Charles E. Loomis, of Attica, Wyoming Co., N. Y. son of Hon. James Harvey Loomis. Children:

1. Margaret Loomis, born May 2, 1889, died May 14, 1889.
2. Charles Wickes Loomis, born May 15, 1890.
3. Van Wyck Wickes Loomis, born December 16, 1891.
4. John Harvey Loomis, born October 14, 1894.

### VAN WYCK WICKES.

VAN WYCK WICKES, youngest child of Van Wyck (1), married, October 3, 1861, Josephine L., daughter (by a second marriage) of Joseph L. Hewlett, of Great Neck, L. I. She died March 7, 1895. He died August 28, 1895. Children:

1. Albert Ethelred, born in New York, September 10, 1862.
2. Eliza Herriman, born in New York, October 3, 1867.



### TRIBE OF HARRIET, OF SIXTH GENERATION.

HARRIET, daughter of Thomas Wickes (4), married at Jamaica, February 3, 1819, Thomas W. Blatchford, M. D., brother of Rev. John Blatchford, D. D. (see tribe of Eliphalet). They had issue, viz.:

1. Thomas Wickes, born at Jamaica, February 20, 1820, died at Troy, August 23, 1863.
2. Samuel T., born at Jamaica, March 4, 1822, died at Fort Hamilton, L. I., August 28, 1886, at 64 years.
3. John T., born at Jamaica, June 18, 1823.
4. George Edgcombe, born at Jamaica, January 26, 1825, died at Troy, October 5, 1828.
5. Harriet, born at Jamaica, May 8, 1828, died at Troy, August 18, 1828.
6. Harriet (2), born at Troy, February 21, 1829, died at Troy, N. Y., August 28, 1896.

THOMAS WICKES, son of Harriet and Thomas Wickes Blatchford, married November 9, 1847, Jane Bunce Smith. They had one child, Amy, born at Great Barrington, Mass., September 4, 1855.

1. Amy Blatchford, daughter of Thomas Wickes Blatchford, married at Brooklyn, N. Y., June 4, 1883, Samuel Dwight Wilcox, born at Ithaca, N. Y., May 6, 1862. Their child is Thomas Blatchford, born at New Brighton, Staten Island, N. Y., May 27, 1885.

SAMUEL T., son of Harriet (Wickes) and Thomas W. Blatchford, married, December 27, 1848, Agnes Euphemia Leadbeater, of New York. They had issue, viz.:

1. Thomas Windeatt, born at New York, September 3, 1851, died at Troy, N. Y., January 7, 1856.
2. Kate, born at Federal Store, October 3, 1853, died at Brooklyn, N. Y., July 29, 1857.
3. Thomas Windeatt (2), born at New York, January 24, 1857.—*Vid.* "Blatchford memorial."
4. Richard Milford, born at Fort Hamilton, N. Y., August 7, 1859, married at Brooklyn, Natalie Cary Green, born July 25, 1864.



TRIBE OF HANNAH, OF SIXTH GENERATION.

HANNAH, daughter of Thomas (4), was married at her brother Eliphalet's house, in Jamaica, L. I., August 20, 1800, to Joseph L. Hewlett, of Great Neck, L. I. They had issue, three children, viz.:

1. Joseph L., born at Little Neck, January 4, 1809.
2. Harriet, born at Great Neck, November 1, 1814.
3. Thomas, born and died with his mother, March 8, 1816.

JOSEPH LAWRENCE HEWLETT, son of Hannah, was married January 20, 1836, to Mary T. Cornwell, daughter of John Cornwell, of Manhasset, L. I. They had issue, viz.:

1. Mary Elizabeth, born at Manhasset, August 6, 1838, died at Great Neck, February 21, 1840.
2. Mary Cornwell, born at Great Neck, November 25, 1840, died at Saratoga Springs, November 7, 1871.
3. Joseph L., born at Great Neck, and died next day, January 18, 1843.
4. Estelle, born at Great Neck, March 30, 1845.

ESTELLE, daughter of Joseph L. Hewlett, was married June 16, 1869, to Edward V. W. Rossiter. (See tribe of Van Wyck.)

HARRIET, daughter of Joseph L. and Hannah Hewlett, married, May 23, 1838, William Mitchell Smith, of Great Neck. He died July 2 or 3, 1884, aged 68. They had issue, viz.:

1. Harriet Wickes, born at Great Neck, February 7, 1839.
2. William Mitchell, born at Great Neck, March 18, 1842, died at Great Neck, April 10, 1863.
3. Susan, born at Great Neck, August 29, 1853.





## FAMILY OF HERRIMAN.

JOHN HARRIMAN is said to have landed at Plymouth in 1620. He was at New Haven in 1646. He was put in charge of the town ordinary, of which he was keeper for many years. He was also a respected church member. He had two children, John, baptized January 16, 1647, and Elizabeth, baptized July 23, 1648. The latter was married, April 11, 1665, to Capt. John Miles, who was an owner of land in Elizabethtown, N. J., about 1670, perhaps earlier. She died December 3, 1674; the husband, November 7, 1704. Their eldest son was John Miles, who was admitted an "associate" in Elizabethtown, 1695. (Hatfield's History E. Town.) The son, Rev. John Harriman, was trained under the care of the Rev. John Davenport, who persuaded his father to give him a liberal education. His preliminary studies were pursued at the grammar school of Jeremiah Peck, at New Haven. At the age of fifteen he entered college at Cambridge, Mass., where he graduated in 1667. He afterwards taught the grammar school at New Haven several years, preaching at the same time occasionally in that same town, at East Haven and at Wallingford.

In 1674 he went to Southampton, Long Island. He was the third minister of that place, being put in possession of the parsonage April 12, 1675, "upon termes the town and he hath agreed on." He seems to have been engaged soon after (in 1676) as a stated supply in New Haven, where he was till 1682. After his return to Connecticut, he addressed a letter to Mr. Thomas Cooper, of Southampton, in which he dunned the congregation for some supposed arrearages of salary. The letter was considered in town meeting, and the following answer was voted:

"Mr. Herriman (*sic*) was so long absent and the town paid so much for him, which he promised to repay; also considering the manifold inconveniences that he exposed the town unto, Mr. Herriman in equity ought to make the town compensation, than that they should pay him one penny for his last half year's pains among us." His being "long absent" may have been occasioned by his engagement at New Haven. (Prime's History of L. I.)

In October, 1684, he was engaged in running the boundary line between New York and Connecticut, having been appointed surveyor by the General Court at Hartford, May 8, 1684. He was employed as surveyor for a year or more, when he migrated to New Jersey, having many old friends in Elizabeth who had gone from Connecticut and Long Island.

He was installed pastor of the church there about September, 1687. He married, about 1673, Hannah, daughter of Richard Bryan, of Milford, Conn.



Her sister was married to Joseph Treat, of Milford, probably a brother of Robert Treat, a primitive settler of Newark, N. J., in 1666. When he came to New Jersey, in his 40th year, he had six children, viz.: John, an eminent land surveyor; Samuel, Ann, Mary, Leonard and Richard. Three sons were born to him in New Jersey.

In 1692 he applied to the proprietors of East Jersey for a grant of land, and received one hundred acres "in the plains," which he cleared and cultivated. He charges in his ledger, still preserved, "My lot in the plaines," June 6, 1701, with cost of "beer, cake and rum to the volunteers at the clearing said Lot, £1 7s. 7d." He was a man of large business. In addition to his preaching and pastoral visitations, he worked his acres, carried on a flouring mill and cider press, was agent for the supply of glass, a land surveyor, a member of the Provincial Legislature for four years, dealt in real estate and kept a boarding school.

He dealt in slaves also, at least for his own use. Item from his books: "We bought the negro, Toney, August 14, 1697, of Charles Tooker, Jr., for 48£." Again, "of Mr. James Emot, an Indian girle, named Hagar, for £19, 10." It was the custom to take a contribution every Sunday. He kept an account of the proceeds. Here is one entry: "Feb. 19—Cash, 19s. 10½d. Wampum 11d. Total, £1, 00s. 9½d." The Clergy at this date did not receive their full support from the parishes. Smith, in his History of New Jersey, says: "We know none that have a settled preacher that follows no other employment, save one town, Newark."

Mr. Harriman had the confidence and affection of his people. He died August 20, 1705, in his 58th year. The following appears in the "Boston News Letter" of September 10, 1705:

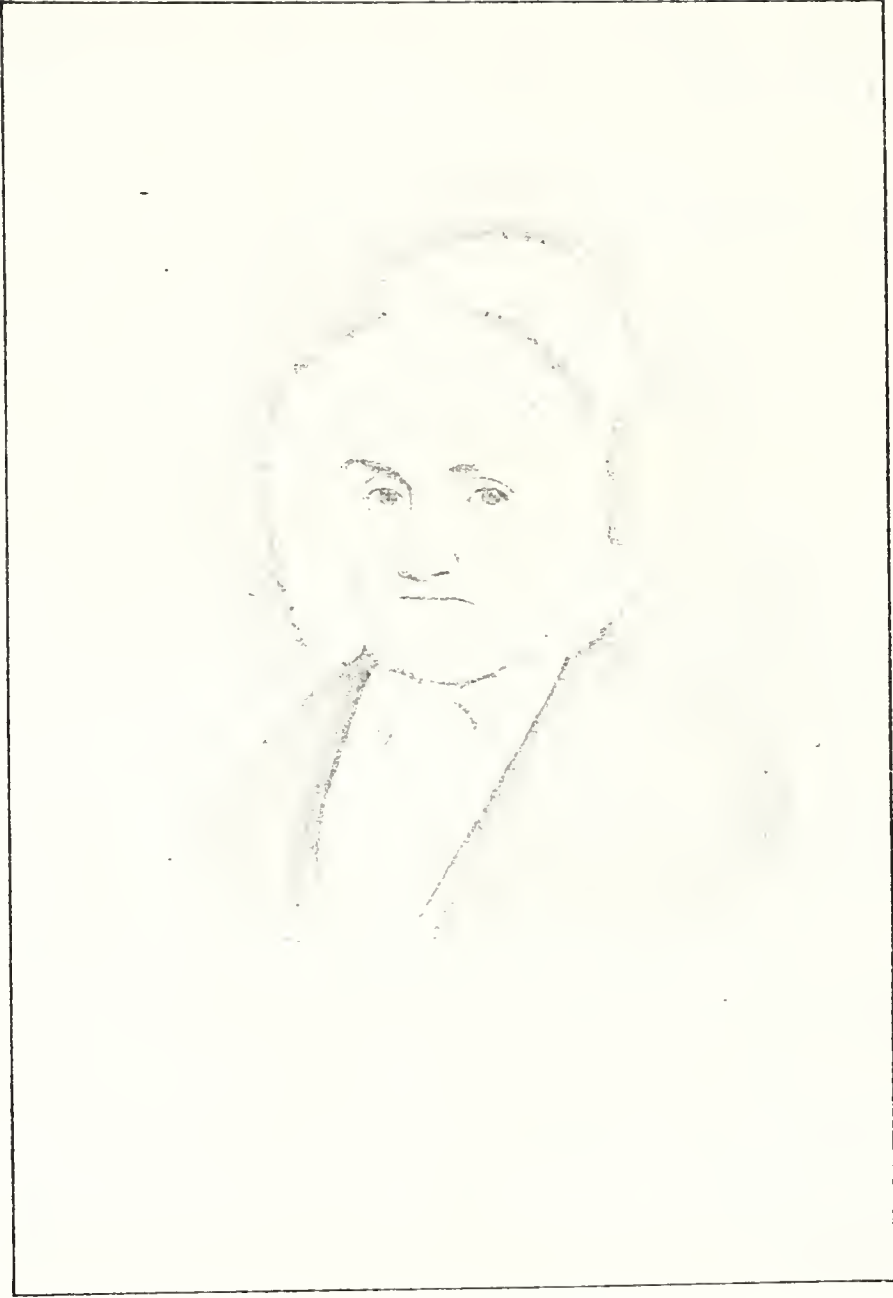
"Elizabethtown, New Jersey, August 30. On Monday the 20th currant, died here in the afternoon, the Reverend Mr. John Harriman, Pastor of the Church in this place, aged about 60 years, who the same day at a church meeting told his people that the time of his departure drew near, and exhorted them to peace and unity, one with another, and to stand fast in the Covenant that they had engaged themselves to." (Hatfield's History of Elizabethtown; Prime's History of Long Island; Smith's History of New Jersey.)



## HERRIMAN GENEALOGY.

1. JOHN HARRIMAN, in New Haven, Conn., 1646.
2. REV. JOHN HARRIMAN, died in 1705, in Elizabethtown, N. J. Children:  
John, born 1674, died 1730; land surveyor.  
Richard, born 1685.
3. STEPHEN (1), born about 1689; was in Elizabethtown as late as 1729.  
Joseph.  
Other children:
4. STEPHEN (2), born 1730, son of the first Stephen; migrated to Jamaica, Long Island; married Martha Denton; changed his name to Herri-  
man; died at Jamaica, 1770. Children:  
Stephen (3), born May 6, 1757, died May 26, 1792, aged 35; mar-  
ried Elizabeth Smith, who was born February 3, 1760, and died  
December 29, 1847. Marriage license dated July 11, 1783.  
James, born September 15, 1761; married Magdalene (see 7,  
below).  
Martha, born July 23, 1766; married Eliphalet Wickes (see family  
of Eliphalet Wickes); died May 7, 1821.
5. STEPHEN (3), above, had children:  
William S., born October 24, 1791 (below), died April 6, 1867.  
Mary, born February 27, 1786; married John Yates Cebra, April 8  
1809; no children.  
Eliza, born December 16, 1789; married Van Wyck Wickes  
September 19, 1811 (see family of Van Wyck Wickes), died  
May 24, 1864.
6. WILLIAM S., born October 24, 1791 (above); married Maria Bell  
Frecke, December 13, 1820. She was born July 3, 1795. Children:  
John F., born February 1, 1822; married Margaret M. Suydam,  
February, 1846; died November 15, 1853.  
Elizabeth, born July 15, 1823, died February 11, 1824.  
Stephen H., born March 11, 1825; married Helen V. B. Garret-  
sen. He died November 17, 1892. (His son, William S.,  
died in Morristown, N. J., in 1896, aged 37. Another son  
died in infancy, and daughters, Helen, unmarried, and Maria  
Bell, who married Horace Clark Hagen. No children.)  
William Henry, born February 7, 1829; married Elizabeth Wyck-  
off. Lives in Italy. No children.





ELIZABETH (SMITH) HERRIMAN, born 1760.





Anna Maria, born June 24, 1831, died December 5, 1832.

Caroline, born \_\_\_\_\_; married Henry D. Polhemus,  
who was born 1828, and died February 17, 1895. No chil-  
dren.

7. JAMES (son of Stephen, above), born 1761, died October 6, 1801; mar-  
ried Magdalene —, born November 27, 1769. Died Nov. 19, 1841.  
Children:

James, who lived and died in Jamaica. Had issue.

John, born July 30, 1797, died July 25, 1835, lived and died in  
New York. Had issue.

Stephen, married, and lived in New Orleans. Had issue.

Margaret, born March 6, 1796, unmarried, died 1851.

Martha, born October 29, 1789, died October 15, 1853, married  
Benjamin Wright. Had issue.

ELIZABETH SMITH, who married Stephen Herriman, Jr., was the daughter  
of Ephraim and Mary Smith, of Flushing, Long Island. Mary Smith was the  
daughter of Samuel Skidmore (died 1782), and Mary Gray, and after the death  
of her first husband, Ephraim Smith, she married Thomas Denton, a brother  
of the Martha Denton who married Stephen Herriman.

Elizabeth Smith Herriman had a brother Isaac who lived and died at  
Wappinger's Creek, Dutchess County, and was the father of Ephraim Smith.  
She had a sister, Mary, who married a Smith and had sons, Samuel Skidmore  
Smith and Benjamin Smith. She also had a sister Sally, who died unmarried  
February 18, 1857, aged 95. The mother of Elizabeth Smith Herriman was  
a sister of Phebe Skidmore, third wife of Hendrick Suydam, of Hallet's Cove.

The Will of Ephraim Smith, dated February 12, 1763, proved April 19,  
1763, leaves to his wife, Mary, and daughters, Mary, Elizabeth and Sarah,  
each \$100, and all the rest to his son, Isaac. Makes his honored father-in-law,  
Samuel Skidmore, and his friend and nephew, Samuel Denton, of Jamaica,  
executors.

The children of Thomas Denton and Mary Smith were:

1. Thomas Denton, born 1772, died 1796. No issue.
2. Nehemiah Denton, born 1773, died 1844 (executor of Will of  
Stephen Herriman).
3. Samuel Denton, born 1775, died 1799. No issue.
4. Martha (called Patty), born \_\_\_\_\_; married Samuel Wilkins.



## FAMILY OF DENTON.

REV. RICHARD DENTON, pastor of the church at Wethersfield, Conn., in 1640, was bred at the University of Cambridge, where he had his degree of A. B. at Catherine Hall in 1823. He was from Yorkshire, born 1586, and probably came to this country in consequence of the restrictions placed upon the independents and non-conformants, with Governor Winthrop. He came to Watertown, Mass., in 1634. He removed to Stamford, Conn., in 1644, and then to Hempstead, Long Island, where he remained until he returned to England in 1659. He was the first pastor of the church in Hempstead. We learn from Mather that he had been a minister at Halifax, in Yorkshire, and from other sources that he had in 1631 the curacy of Coley chapel in Halifax. He was of good family but a little man, blind in one eye. He wrote a system of divinity.

The History of Queen's County says: "From Mr. Denton's known views the friends of Presbyterianism reach the conclusion that the church was Presbyterian, and from the fact that the first church (at Hempstead) was called 'Christ's First Church,' it is supposed by many that this was the earliest Presbyterian church in America."

"The first meeting house was erected in 1648. It stood near the pond in the northwest part of the village, and was surrounded by, or at least connected with, a fort or stockade." "It may be proper to observe that at this time the most intimate connection existed between church and state in all Christian countries. In towns which, like Hempstead, were Presbyterian (that is, which chose their own officers) this particularly was the case. The same persons constituted "the church" and "the town" and elected the two boards of magistrates and elders, who were often the same individuals."

Rev. Richard Denton died in England in 1662, aged 76 years (see Mather's *Magnalia*). He left four sons, Richard, Samuel, Nathaniel and Daniel. Richard was among the settlers of Hempstead, Long Island, and Nathaniel in 1660 was living in Jamaica where he and his squadron were authorized to mow at the Haw-trees.

The lines of descent from Nathaniel Denton to Martha Herriman who married Eliphalet Wickes in 1790; and from the same source to Eliza Herriman, who in 1811 married Van Wyck Wickes, are given below, as is also the synopsis of a female line through which Mrs. Eliphalet Wickes Blatchford traces her descent from Rev. Richard Denton through his son Daniel.

In records of Hempstead "A," page 12, we read: "1657—A quarter's rate is made for Mr. Richard Denton for his wages for the year, the sum being



£17-10, the levy being  $3\frac{1}{2}d.$  the acre. The gatherers are William Washburn and Thomas Demont."

"1658—Another quarter's rate is made by the Townsmen for the sum of £17-10 for the payment of Mr. Denton's last quarter, to be paid in wheat at 5s. per bushel or oats at 2s. 6d. The sum levied upon this rate at  $3\frac{1}{2}d.$  per acre of meadow, amounts to £19-1."

And in Hist. Documents, Vol. III, page 10, we read: "1657, Aug. 5. At Hempstead, say the Dutch ministers, there are some Independents, also many of the Dutch persuasion and Presbyterians. They have a Presbyterian preacher, Richard Denton, an honest, pious and learned man, who has in all things conformed to our church. The Independents listen attentively to his preaching, but when he begins to baptize the children of parents who are not members of the church, they sometimes burst out of the church."

#### SECOND GENERATION.

Rev. Richard Denton's son was Nathaniel, who married Sarah ——— and died before 1695.

#### THIRD GENERATION.

Nathaniel's son, Nathaniel Denton, Jr., married Elizabeth Ashman, daughter of Robert and Catherine Ashman, of Jamaica, Long Island, and died in 1719. Nathaniel's Will, dated March 16, 1719, was probated March 29, 1719.

#### FOURTH GENERATION.

His son, James Denton, married Martha ———, and died in 1757. James's Will, dated March 14, 1757, was proved July 21, 1757.

#### FIFTH GENERATION.

James's daughter, Martha, born May 5, 1731, married Stephen Herriman, May 1, 1756, who died July 3, 1770, aged 41 years. Martha married (second) John Smith, and died July 7, 1788, aged 57 years.

The first printed description in the English language of the country now forming New Jersey and New York, is a book written by Daniel Denton, a son of the first pastor of Hempstead, in 1670. It is called "A Brief Description of New York," and was printed for John Hancock, London. It was reprinted in 1845 and again in 1902. Both Daniel and Nathaniel were patentees of the Town of Jamaica, Long Island, in 1656.





## DENTON GENEALOGY.

## MARRIED.

Rev. Richard Denton.

Nathaniel Denton,

Nathaniel Denton, Jr.,

James Denton,

Martha Denton,

Martha Herriman,

Frances Wickes,

Eliphalet Wickes Blatchford,

Paul Blatchford,

May 1, 1756,

Nov. 28, 1790,

May 18, 1825,

Oct. 7, 1858,

May 24, 1887,

Sarah ———.

Elizabeth Ashman.

Martha ———.

Stephen Herriman.

Eliphalet Wickes.

John Blatchford.

Mary Emily Williams.

Frances Veazie Lord.

## SECOND LINE.

Rev. Richard Denton.

Daniel Denton.

Abigail Denton,

Abigail Stebbins,

12. Jonathan Ashley,

Dorothy Ashley,

William Williams,

John Chandler Williams,

Eliphalet W. Blatchford,

Oct. 9, 1682,

Feb. 1, 1699,

1736,

Dec. 21, 1763,

March 6, 1802,

Oct. 26, 1831,

Oct. 7, 1858,

Benjamin Stebbins.

12. Jonathan Ashley.

Dorothy Williams.

William Williams.

Lucy Fitch.

Mary Martin Moore.

Mary Emily Williams.

## FAMILY OF VAN WYCK.

Cornelius Barentse Van Wyck emigrated from Holland in 1660, and settled in Flatbush, L. I., where he married Anna, daughter of Rev. Johannis Theodorus Polhemus. By this union he had two sons and five daughters, all born in Flatbush. The sons, Theodorus and Johannis, removed to Queens County.

Theodorus, who settled at Great Neck, married Margretia Brinkerhoof, daughter of Abraham Brinkerhoof, of Flatbush. They had issue, Cornelius, Theodorus, Abraham, Barent, Susannah and Altie. The mortal remains of the father and mother lie in the Thorne burial-place at Great Neck.





Barent, born 1703, the youngest son of Theodorus, married Hannah, daughter of Thomas Carman. He settled in 1724 at East Woods, now Woodbury, Long Island, and owned much land. Children:

(Capt.) Thomas married Rachel Eldert.

Theodorus married Martha Robbins.

Samuel married Hannah Hewlett.

(Capt.) Abraham married Eliz. Wright.

Mary married John Polhemus, 1762. —

Sarah married Simon Cortelyou. —

Abigail married Thomas Wickes.

Johannes, second son of Cornelius Barentse, settled in Flushing, at the head of Little Neck Bay, now Douglaston.

Samuel, brother of Abigail Wickes, had Samuel H., who married Mary Thorne, and Abraham, who married Zeruah Van Wyck, his cousin, a daughter of Capt. Abraham Van Wyck.

Abraham and Zeruah had Mary, Samuel, Abraham H., Elizabeth (who married Joseph L. Hewlett, second wife), Joshua H. (married Sarah M. Hewlett), William and Sarah. The latter died young.

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NOTE.—Barentse was undoubtedly the surname which the first ancestor had in Holland. Van Wyck was assumed, according to one of the customs of the Dutch, to mark their origin from the Town of Wyke. It has thus become the patronymic. "Frans Barents" is noted as a patentee of Flatbush, 1667. No Van Wyck is named. Barentsen, Barentse, Barents, Barentz, are all expressive of "Son of Barent," thus: Cornelius, son of Barent. This was the mode of naming children and families in Holland, and in America, in the earlier Colonial History of the Dutch families. It is therefore impossible to trace, without an authentic genealogical record, the families of our early Dutch settlers back of the early years of the eighteenth century.

They took surnames also from their trades and places of abode. The Jansens (sons of John), who early migrated from Kings County, Long Island, to Staten Island, became Van Zants (from the sands) and Vandenburgs (from the hills), according to their residence. These patronymics abide to this day.



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- Page 17. *For* Wolfe fell, September 12, 1758, *read* September 13, 1759.
- Page 45. Henry Sylvanus Wickes.  
*For* Died at Albany, December 27, 1827, *read* 1837.
- Page 47. *For* Francis was born October 25, 1770, *read* Frances.
- Page 47. *For* Francis the elder died September 30, 1776, *read* Frances.
- Page 47. *For* Francis the younger died February 6, 1778, *read* Frances.
- Page 47. *For* Francis was born March 30, 1777, *read* Frances.
- Page 47. Thomas Wickes, *Sr.*  
*For* August 21, 1744, *read* August 10, 1740.
- Page 58. *For* General Van Wyck Wyckes, *read* General Van Wyck Wickes.
- Page 64. *For* Ordained Evangelist by President, *read* Ordained Evangelist by  
Presbytery.
- Page 80. Thomas Wickes.  
*For* August 21, 1740, *read* August 10, 1740.
- Page 82. Elizabeth Punnett.  
*For* died at Troy, August 27, 1834, *read* died at Troy, August 27, 1831.
- Page 87. Thomas Wickes (4).  
*For* August 10, 1744, *read* August 10, 1740.
- Page 87. Scudder Wickes.  
*For* born at Huntington, September 9, 1768, *read* 1767.
- Page 100. Elizabeth Punnett.  
*For* died at Troy, N. Y., August 27, 1834, *read* died at Troy, N. Y.,  
August 27, 1831.
- Page 108. Emma Richmond Rossiter.  
*After* Emma *add* (died October 23, 1888).
- Page 120. *For* Horace Clark Hagen, *read* Horace Clark Hazen.















