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WRIGHT FAMILY

MEMORIALS

Gathered by

ANNA E. (WRIGHT) MATHEWS,

—FOR—

· THE · DESCENDANTS · OF · HER · GRANDFATHER ·

JUSTUS WRIGHT,

—OF—

SOUTH HADLEY, MASS.

BOSTON,
PRESS OF J. ALLEN CROSBY,
1886.

Among the first settlers of the Connecticut River Valley was Deacon Samuel Wright, whose first home in this country was in the town of Springfield, Mass.

Very brave must have been the men who obtained that rich and beautiful country, little by little, from the savages who occupied it, for many fierce and bloody battles were fought, before its possession was secured. It seems eminently proper, therefore, that we take some note of our ancestors, who engaged in the struggle, and cherish their memory enough to preserve their names from the perishing records of their times, and pass them on for our children to honor. It is with this in view that this little Memorial has been undertaken.

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Springfield, Massachusetts, was settled in 1636, but the name of Samuel Wright first appeared in the town records, Dec. 12, 1639, when he was a juryman. He was a deacon of the First Church at Springfield, and "was appointed by the town to dispense the Word of God, during the absence of the minister, Rev. Mr. Moscen, who had gone on a visit to his native land." He moved to Northampton in 1655, and was one of the first settlers of that town, where he died Oct. 17, 1665, "while sleeping in his chair." He left property by will to his wife, Margaret, and each of his children. His widow died in 1681.

Deacon Wright appears to have been an intelligent and useful member of the church, and he labored to promote its prosperity. He was quite probably a man of a very religious temperament, as he distinguished himself chiefly in religious affairs. He probably came over to this country under the auspices of his brother Nathaniel, and was attracted to Springfield by Mr. Pynchon, both of which gentlemen had been

associated in Winthrop's company.

The following table indicates his English pedigree.

The children of John Wright of Kelvedon, Essex County, England, were,

1. Robert, married Mary Greene.
2. John of Wrightsbridge, married Avis Rooke.

The children of the latter were,

1. John.
2. Robert.

John's first wife was — Emfell; and their children,

1. John of Wrightsbridge, who married Katherine, daughter of Sir William Garraway, Kt.
- 2. Samuel.
3. Jane.

— This Samuel was the father of our ancestor, Deacon Samuel Wright of Northampton.

The second wife of the third mentioned John was Bennet Greene, and their children were,

1. Nathaniel, married Lydia James.
2. Lawrence.

3. Bennet.

The oldest son, Nathaniel, was a merchant in London, and an assistant of the Winthrop Company in 1630.

—His children were, Samuel, born 1614; John, Nathaniel, James, Hester, Lydia.

Robert, the eldest son of the first John Wright of Kelvedon, had two sons, John and Thomas. The former married Grace Glascock, and had three sons and three daughters. Among them were Thomas and Anthony Wright, who were contemporary with Deacon Samuel Wright, and may have been the same Thomas and Anthony Wright, who settled in Wethersfield, Conn., about 1640.

The Coat of Arms of the Wrights is blazoned in the technical language of heraldry, as follows: "Az., two bars Ar., in chief, three leopard's heads, Or.

Crest. Out of a ducal coronet, Or, a dragon's head. Ppr."

Further research might be made in the records

of Essex county, England.

Deacon Samuel Wright married Margaret ——. Their children were,

2. Samuel, married Elizabeth Burt, daughter of Henry Burt of Springfield, Mass., 1653.

3. James, married Abigail Jess, Jan. 18, 1664.

4. Mary.

5. Margaret, married Thomas Bancroft, Dec. 8, 1653.

6. Hester, married Samuel Marshfield, Feb. 18, 1652.

7. Lydia, married Lawrence Bliss, Oct. 25, 1654, also, John Norton, Oct. 3, 1678, also, John Lamb, 1688, and George Colton, 1692. Died, Feb. 13, 1699.

8. Judah, born May 10, 1642, married Mercy Burt, Jan. 8, 1666.

9. Helped, born July 15, 1644, died young.

These children, except the last two, were born before their parents came to this country.

The children of Samuel Wright (2) were,
—10. Samuel, born 1654, married Sarah Lyman

of Northampton, 1678.

11. Joseph, born 1657, married Ruth Sheldon, 1679.

12. Benjamin, born 1660, married Thankful Taylor, also, Mary Barker of Springfield.

13. Ebenezer, born 1663.

14. Elizabeth, born 1666, married Thomas Stebins, of Springfield, Mass.

15. Elizur, born 1668, married Mary Pardee.

16. Hannah, born 1671, married Samuel Billings, of Hatfield.

17. Benoni, baptized in 1675.

— Samuel Wright (2) was a soldier on service in Northfield, Mass., where he was killed by the Indians ten days before the birth of his youngest child, who was named Benoni, "son of my sorrow." Two of his sons settled in Northfield, where their descendants were very numerous. Captain Benjamin Wright (12) was a noted Indian fighter. The old homestead in Northampton remained in possession of some of the family nearly a hundred and fifty years, or until about 1800.

Joseph Wright (11) married Ruth Sheldon of Northampton, Nov. 6, 1679. Their children were,

18. Joseph, born 1681.

19. Samuel, born 1683, died 1690.

20. Ruth, born 1687, married Luke Noble in 1708.

21. James, born 1689, died young.

22. Mary, born 1690, died young.

23. Samuel, born 1693, married Jemima King Dec. 19, 1717.

24. Benoni, born 1697.

Samuel Wright (23) was the great grandfather of Hon. Silas Wright, who was a governor of New York. Our ancestor in this last family was Joseph (18), who married Ruth Harmon in 1704, also Widow Sarah Edwards, Oct. 22, 1750, who was originally a Pomeroy from Colchester. Their children were,

25. Joseph, born 1705.

26. Abigail, born 1707, married Noah Pixley in 1730.

27. Asa, born 1710, married Hannah Wait in

1739.

28. Reuben, born 1713.

29. Aaron, born 1715, married Miriam Edwards.

30. Titus, born 1717.

31. Timothy, born 1720, married Elizabeth Burt.

32. Naomi, born 1722, married a Wolworth of Longmeadow, Mass.

The mother of these children died Feb. 23, 1750.

The second wife (Sarah Edwards) died March 26, 1751. Joseph Wright, the father, died June 5, 1758.

Captain Aaron Wright (29) married Miriam Edwards, who died March 14, 1797, aged seventy-nine. Their children were,

33. Aaron, born June 13, 1744, died 1744.

34. Aaron, born June 5, 1745.

35. Oliver, born Jan. 24, 1747, married Martha Lyman 1770.

36. Miriam, born June 1749, died 1750.

37. Justus, born Jan. 5, 1752, married Dorcas Moody.

38. Daniel, born Nov. 18, 1755.

39. Miriam, born Oct. 29, 1757, married Jonathan Dwight.

40. Asceneth, married Elias Mann of Northampton.

Of this family Justus (37) is our ancestor. A record which is doubtless reliable says, "Justus Wright obtained from the government of England an appointment of Barrack Master of Upper Canada in 1791, but before he sailed was taken ill, and died in London, Dec, 9, 1791, aged forty years." He was buried with Masonic ceremonies.

Probably his position as a Tory here had its influence in securing him this appointment by the English Government, for it is understood that he made himself unpleasantly notorious in that capacity, during the Revolutionary war. In an old copy of the HAMPSHIRE HERALD, under date of July 27, 1784, found among Grandfather Wright's papers, is a letter signed "Justice Wright," which was undoubtedly written by him in vindication of his position. This letter closes

with a very fairly written appeal in verse, a part of which is here given as showing his style, and some of the reasons for his views.

'Tis not on law, a system great and good,
By wisdom penn'd, and bought by noblest blood,
My faith relies. By wicked men and vain—
Law once abused may be abused again.
No, on our great law-giver I depend,
Who knows, and guides her to her proper end :
Whose royalty of nature blazes out
So fierce, 'twere sin to entertain a doubt.
Did tyrant Stuarts now the laws dispense,
(Blest be the hour and hand which sent them hence)
For something, or for nothing, for a word
Or thought, I might be doomed to death unheard ;
Life we might all resign to lawless power,
Nor deem it worth the purchase of an hour.
Thou God of truth. Thou great all searching eye,
To whom our thoughts, our spirits lie,
Grant me Thy strength, and in that needful hour
(Should it e'er come) when law submits to power,
With firm resolve, my steady bosom steel,
Bravely to suffer, though I deeply feel ;
Let me as hitherto, still draw my breath
In love with life, but not in fear of death.

And if oppression brings me to the grave,
And marks me dead, she ne'er shall mark a slave.
Let no unworthy marks of grief be heard,
No wild lament — not one unseemly word ;
Let sober triumphs wait upon my bier.
I won't forgive the friend who drops one tear,
Whether he's ravished in life's early morn,
Or in old age drops like an ear of corn.
Full ripe he falls on nature's noblest plan,
Who lives to reason, and who dies a man."

At his death he left a widow and six children whose names were,

41. Dorcas, married Robert Pierce.

42. Justus, born 1774, married Abigail Ely.

43. Andrew.

44. Adolphus, married Jerusha Warner, 1806.

45. Fidelia, married Samuel Judd of South Hadley.

46. John Andre.

All these children, except Dorcas, were minors at the time of their father's death, and their uncle Daniel (38) was appointed their guardian. Adolphus, (44) it is believed, settled in Keene,

N. H., and quite likely has descendants there. Andrew (43) was for many years a printer in Northampton, Mass., and afterwards in Boston. He adopted a son of his sister Fidelity, Albert Judd by name, who took the name of Wright in addition to his own, and was widely known as the head of the firm of Wright & Potter, State Printers of Massachusetts. He was equally distinguished in political and social circles in Boston. He resided in South Boston, and died in Oct. 1877.

His son A. J. Wright, succeeds him in business.

Another son of Fidelity, is Deacon Samuel Judd, now residing in Grand Rapids, Mich., lacking but a few weeks of being four score years of age.

We have now reached the point from which all the descendants are to be recorded, namely, the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Justus (42) and Abigail Ely Wright. Our Grandfather Wright was rather tall and of

good size, though not stout, had dark hair, always brushed straight back from the forehead, and very little gray, even at eighty one. He was rather slow in his movements, taking time always to do everything thoroughly well. He was very orderly and methodical in all his work, and strictly honest in all his dealings with others. In politics he was a democrat, but truly loyal to his Country, and later in life he became a "free soiler," although never a great talker on politics. He was cheerful, and by no means given to borrowing trouble, although he took rather a sober view of life. He was a thoroughly moral man, respected religion, and attended church regularly, but did not make a public profession of religion till Sept. 7, 1851, four years before his death. The writer can well remember when a little girl, sitting in his lap hour after hour, while he related many stories for her amusement. His last illness was short. Stricken suddenly by paralysis while walking out of doors, he was not conscious again, although he lived a

week. He had been failing in health for some years, and not able to do work that required much strength. The last years of his life, and also of our Grandmother Wright's, were passed in the home of their son Edward, in Billerica, Mass., and their bodies now lie in the old South Burying Ground in that town. Hon. Heman Ely, of Illyria, N. Y., has published a valuable book, giving a record of the Ely family for many generations, and as he follows out the female, as well as the male, lines of descent, it contains the names of all the Wrights who descended from our Grandmother, Abigail Ely. She died in Billerica in 1850. Their children were,

47. Fannie, born 1799.
48. Justus, born 1801.
49. Abigail, born 1803.
50. Luther, born Feb. 19, 1805.
51. Edward, born Jan. 27, 1808.
52. Clarissa.
53. Jane, born April 17, 1820.

The oldest daughter Fannie (47) married

Orange Hunter of Wendell, Mass., and their children were,

54. Lewin B.
55. Fannie J.
56. Orange Dwight.
57. Cynthia M.
58. David.
59. George.

Heretofore the children, it will be noticed, were favored with but one name each, but with this family, the present custom of giving two names was introduced.

Lewin, (54) the oldest son, formerly lived in Erving, Mass. He married Olive M. Purrington of Coleraine, Mass., who was taken from him Sept. 1, 1884. He now makes his home with his youngest son in Miller's Falls. Their children are,

60. Erford Clarence.
61. Harvey M.
62. William R.
63. Edward E.

Erford C. Hunter (60) resides in Ancora, Camden Co., New Jersey, where he married Emma Wilson.

Harvey M. Hunter (61) resides in Brattleboro, Vt. He married Lucy Pierce, and has two daughters,

64. Olive M.

65. Mary L.

Wm. R. Hunter (62) lives in Erving, Mass., He married Mary A. Letteny, and has three sons.

66. Edward W.

67. Frank E.

68. George C.

Edward E. Hunter, (63) married Julia Morrison. They reside in Miller's Falls, Mass., and have a daughter.

69. Ida L.

The next daughter, Fannie J. Hunter (55) married Luther Purrington of Coleraine, Mass., and had two sons.

70. Franklin L., born 1851.

71. Fred. William, born 1853.

The first of these married Ella E. Davenport of Coleraine, Mass., where they now reside.

Fred. W. Purrington (71) married Ida A. Brown, of Whitingham, Vt., and resides in Coleraine, where he is engaged in the manufacture of butter boxes.

Orange Dwight Hunter (56) married Harriet E. Trask of Greenfield, Mass., and resides in Terryville, Conn., where he is president of a company for the manufacture of Malleable Iron Castings. The style of his firm is A. Terry & Co. He has one son,

72. Dwight W.,

who married Cornelia Terry of Terryville, Conn. His address is Dr. D. W. Hunter, 137 West 126th St., New York. His specialties are the Eye and Ear. He graduated from the Hartford High school in 1872; from Yale College in 1876;

from the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York, in 1879; and after two years more study of his specialties, opened his office. He also held the position of Assistant Surgeon at the Manhattan Hospital, until he was transferred to the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary, where he now holds the same position. He has a son,

(73.) Robert Terry, born Jan. 30, 1886.

Cynthia M. Hunter (57) married Chauncy Jones of Buckland, Mass., and died in 1858. They had one daughter,

74. Fannie M., born 1854.

She married Charles Field, of Conway, Mass., and has two children,

75. Hattie Maria, born 1878.

76. Charles Theodore, born 1882.

David Hunter (58) married Abbie Clark of Montague, Mass., and resides at Greenfield, Mass. They have three sons,

77. David C.
78. Frank Winslow.
79. Raymond Wright.

The first of these is a commercial traveller, with headquarters at Chicago, Ill.

The second son, Frank W. Hunter, is a dental student, and resides in Greenfield, with his father. Raymond Wright Hunter, a lad of fourteen years, lives at home, and attends school.

George Hunter (59) married Louisa Conner of Haydenville, Mass., and resides at Elgin, Ill., where he is Superintendent of the Elgin National Watch Co. They have one son,

80. George E., born at Waltham, Mass., Nov. 29, 1859.

He was married June 4th, 1885, to Bell M. Taylor of New York City. His present residence is Elgin, where he is employed as foreman in one of the departments of the Watch Factory.

The next of Justus Wright's children, was Justus (48) who had two wives: Maria Prince of Goshen, Mass., and Julia A. Wilder, of Wilbraham, Mass. He died in 1856. During the life of the first wife they had two sons,

81. James A., born 1833.

82. Joseph F., born March 13 1839.

The first of these, married Dianthy M. Fairfield, of Williamsburg, Mass., and resides in New Haven Conn. They have two children,

83. Albert S.

84. Clarissa.

Joseph F. Wright (82) married Lizzie H. Potter, of Leyden Mass.

After his marriage with Julia A. Wilder, two more sons were born to Justus Wright (48).

85. Justus Abel, born 1847.

86. Daniel Collins, born 1850.

The former married Hattie M. Russel of Hadley Mass., where they now reside. Two daughters have been born to them,

87. Myra Janette, born 1878.

88. Lena Julia, born 1880.

Daniel C. Wright (86) married Ella Maria Harris, and resided in Holyoke, Mass., till his death in 1879. He left one son,

89. Daniel Wallace, born 1879.

The next daughter of Justus Wright (42) was Abigail Wright (49), who married Alanson Smith of Whately, Mass., and died in 1865.

Their children are,

90. James Edward, born 1826.

91. Justus Wright, born 1829.

92. Henry Graves, born 1831.

93. Asa Alanson, born 1833.

94. Abbie Ely, born 1837.

95. Elbridge George, born 1840.

96. Myron Salmon, born 1844.

The first of these James E. Smith (90) married Mercia Moses of Barkhamstead, Conn.: also Mary Deline of Vermont. They reside in Florence, Mass., and have had three children.

97. Alice.

98. Charles O.

99. Wesley H.

The last two, only, are living.

Justus Wright Smith (91) resides in Meriden, Conn. He married Lucy Graham of Kensing-

ton, Conn., also Eunice Crafts of Whately, Mass.
They had one daughter,
100. Emma E., died, aged twenty-eight years.

Henry Graves Smith (92) resides in Meriden,
Conn. He married, first, Mary A. Graham of
Kensington, Conn., also Annie M. Whitney.

They have had two children.,

101. Edward L.

102. Jennie W.

The latter, only, is living.

Asa A. Smith (93) resides in Hartford, Conn.
He married M. M. Whitehead of Salisbury, Conn.

They have two children,

103. Harriet A.

104. Olive M.

Abbie Ely Smith (94) married Elijah D.
Castletow, of Meriden, Conn., where he is a
manufacturer of piano stools. They have had
four children,

- 105. Frank E.
- 106. Wilber E.
- 107. Mary A.
- 108. Lewis A.

Wilber and Mary only are now living.

Elbridge George Smith (95) resides in Greenfield, Mass. He married Ella B. Barnes of Meriden, Conn. They have had two children,

- 109. Lizzie W. — not now living.
- 110. George M.

Myron S. Smith (96) married Ella M. Dunham of Kensington, Mass., where he resided till his death in 1880. They have two children,

- 111. Harry M.
- 112. W. Irving.

The next son of Justus Wright was Luther Wright (50). He was born in South Hadley, Mass., Feb. 19, 1805. He married Nov. 3, 1828, Mary Ann Gregg, of Watertown, Mass., where he died Jan. 22, 1872. Their children are,

113. Orange H., born Nov. 16, 1829.
114. Orange H., born April 8, 1832.
115. Luther A., born June 20, 1834,
116. Mary Ann G., born May 23, 1836,
117. Luther E., born April 13, 1838.
118. Henry F., born Sept. 19, 1840.
119. Harriet G. born Sept. 12, 1843.
120. Frederick A., born Feb. 27, 1847.
121. Henrietta A., born Sept. 3, 1852.

The first son Orange died March 31. 1832, a week and a day before the birth of his brother, who was given the same name. The second Orange H. Wright (114) married Nov. 23, 1858, Sarah E. Pushee of Dracut, Mass., where he died August 21, 1866. They had one daughter,

122. Fannie, L., born in Dracut, April 9, 1861. She now makes her home with her uncle Fred-

erick (120) in Brighton, Mass.

The next four children of Luther Wright (50) died in early life, aged respectively, three years, five months, five years, and three years.

Harriet G. Wright (119) was married in Wattertown, Mass., March 29, 1872, to George F. W. Chase.

Frederick A. Wright (120) resides in the Brighton District of Boston, Mass. He married in Boston, April 13, 1878, Emma E. Peckham, of Rochester, Mass. She lived but three years after her marriage, dying in Boston, April 9, 1881.

Henrietta A. Wright (121) married in Hyde Park, Mass., April 12, 1881, Don C. Luce. They have one daughter,

123. Donna Etta, born in Boston, Jan. 29, 1882.

The next son of Justus Wright was Edward Wright (51) born in South Hadley, Mass., Jan. 29, 1808. He came to Boston in early life to study portrait painting, for which he had much talent, boarding at the home of his uncle, Andrew Wright, (43) who was a printer.

Through the influence of the latter he was led to change his plans, and studied the art of designing, and engraving on wood, which was his business during the remainder of his life. The firm was Wright & Mallory, 96 Washington St., (old number) for many years. He married Mary E. Wilson of Boston, Mass., who is still living in their country home in Billerica. He was a Deacon in the Congregational Church in Billerica, for many years, and beloved by all who knew him. He died in Ashby, Mass., whither he had gone for medical treatment in the hospitable home of his brother-in-law, Dr. J. S. Andrews, on Sept. 9, 1863, aged fifty-five years. Rev. J. G. D. Stearns, his beloved pastor, preached at his funeral from the text, "To die is gain," which is also

engraved on his tombstone, in the beautiful cemetery in Billerica. His Children were,

124. Edward Irving, born June 23, 1837.
125. Ellen Mary, born June 30, 1839.
126. Emily Elizabeth, born June 30, 1839.
127. Alfred Ela, born July 27, 1841.
128. Clara Jane, born May 1, 1845.
129. Ella Frances, born Jan. 9, 1849.
130. Anna Elvira, born April 25, 1851.

Edward Irving Wright (124) married E. Urania Burnap of Ashby, Mass. Their home was for many years in Newton Mass., while he was in the wholesale grocery business in Boston. He died of consumption, February 13, 1882, in Ormond, Florida, whither he and his devoted wife had gone to pass the winter, in the milder climate of the home of his uncle Daniel Wilson. His children are,

131. Clara Eliza, born June 9, 1870.
132. Edward Burnap, born July 10, 1874.
133. William Irving, born July 19, 1877.

The twins, Ellen and Emily, (125 and 126) died in Dec. 1841, of Membranous Croup, and the baby, Alfred, (126) followed them Jan. 22, 1842.

Clara J. Wright (128) died of Consumption in Boston, March 8, 1868, in her twenty-second year.

Ella F. Wright (129) married George E. S. Kinney of Boston, where he is in the Men's Furnishing business, at 18 Cambridge St. They reside at the present time in Billerica. Their children are,

134. Mary Ella, born in Boston, Oct. 27, 1874.

135. Grace Nason, born in Billerica, Nov. 28, 1876.

136. George Searle, born in Billerica, August 30, 1878.

The last, little Georgie, was taken from them by death April 19, 1882, when three years old, but his sweet ways and happy face will ever be remembered by those who were privileged to

know him during his short life.

Anna E. Wright (130) married Rev. S. Sherberne Mathews of Boston, Mass., April 25, 1870, since which time they have been settled over the Congregational churches in Wilmington and Maynard, Mass., and for eight years past over their present parish, the Boylston Congregational Church in Boston. They reside on Amory St., Jamaica Plain District. Their children are,

137. Anna Elizabeth, born in Billerica, June 30, 1872.

138. Edith Lathrop, born in Wilmington, March 1, 1875.

139. Mabel Babcock, born in Maynard Jan. 31, 1877.

The next daughter, Clarissa, (52) married Stephen Joselyn, of Enfield, Mass., and died in 1844. She left one son,

140. Walter,
who died after reaching manhood, unmarried.

The seventh and last of Justus Wright's children was Jane, (53) who was born April 17, 1820. She married Daniel Wilson of Billerica Mass. In 1874 the true pioneer spirit was upon them, and they went with their family to Florida, to make a home. Quite a company went from New Britain, Conn., where they then resided, at the same time. Choosing a pleasant spot on Indian River, they began their new town, which in a few years was so prosperous, that it was incorporated as a city, with the name of Ormond, and Mr. Wilson was chosen their first Mayor. The great success of the enterprise is no doubt largely due to the wisdom and faithfulness of these two, who have done so much to advance the little colony to its present state of prosperity.

They now have fine orange groves, and the fruit from them which has found its way into our Northern homes, seems much finer than any we can buy in the markets of our cities. Aunt Jane Wilson died in 1884, and was the first to be buried in the little cemetery which it had ever been her earnest wish to have the town set apart for its use. She was a remarkable woman, and her death was a great loss to her family, and to all who knew her. Their children are,

141. Jennie Burnett, born Aug. 11, 1851.

142. Emily Wright, born May 24, 1858.

143. Edward Ely, born April 9, 1865.

The first daughter, Jennie B. Wilson, (141) married Ernest Konrad Christ, of New Britain Conn., where they now reside, he being a teacher of specialties in the schools of that city.

Their children are,

144. Jennie Margarethe, born Sept. 25, 1874.

145. Ernest Wilson, born April 12, 1876.

146. Emily Agatha, born April 30, 1878.

147. George Edward, born Feb. 29, 1880.

148. Fannie Day, born Feb. 18, 1882.

The second daughter Emily W. Wilson (142) married Loomis G. Day, of Ormond, Fla., where they now reside. Their children are,

149. Mary Wright, born Oct. 2. 1877.

150. Ralph Burnett, Mar. 22, 1883.

Edward Ely Wilson (143) is the last in order to be recorded here. He resides with his father in Ormond, Fla., where he is a useful and valued citizen; the joy of his father's heart, and a blessing to the whole community; not the least of his duties being, like that of his noted ancestor, Dea. Samuel Wright, "to dispense the Gospel in the absence of the minister."

This closes the record of the descendants of our Grandfather, Justus Wright. It would be exceedingly interesting to follow out the genealogical records of some of the other branches of the Wright family, but in this little pamphlet it could not be done. We could only select our particular ancestor in each family, and give his family register. Many distinguished names occur in the whole record, including ministers, judges, lawyers, doctors, senators, statesmen, mathematicians, inventors and patriots. Among the latter might be named Col. Ethan Allen, the celebrated warrior, whose grandmother was a Wright.

Quite a number of the descendants of Deacon Samuel Wright reside in Boston. Rev. William B. Wright, Pastor of the Berkeley Street Church, is a descendant in the line of the son James (3), also in the same line, Judge Edwin Wright of this city.

Most hearty thanks are due to Mr. W. K. Wright, of Northampton, for the assistance he has rendered us in collecting the genealogical

portion of this history, from Northampton records, and other sources. He is a descendant of Deacon Samuel Wright, in the line of his youngest son, Judah (8).

An article in the New England Historical and Genealogical Register, Vol. 4, written by Joseph W. Wright, has also proven of much assistance.

“So live the Fathers in their sons,
Their sturdy faith be ours,
And ours the love that overruns
Its rocky strength with flowers.”

Whittier.

Errata.

On page 11, after Andrew (43) read, Married Mary Davis.

On page 14, after Edward (51) read, Born Jan. 29, 1808.

On page 24, after Elbridge (95) read, Gerry, instead of George.

On page 25, third line from the bottom, instead of Castletow read, Castelow.

On page 36, instead of Indian River, read Halifax River.



