



GENEALOGY
OF THE
DEAN FAMILY

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PART I.

The Deane Family.¹

In the following pages we propose to give an account of John and Walter Deane, two brothers who emigrated from England, and were among the first settlers of Taunton, Mass. We shall also present genealogical notices of the early generations of their descendants. These accounts we shall preface with some facts concerning the origin and history of the name, though the limits of an article like this will allow us to draw but sparingly from the materials which we possess. Many of the facts withheld have, to persons bearing the name, quite as high a degree of interest as those here presented.

The name Den, or Dene, which is the ancient way of spelling what is now written Deane, makes its appearance in England soon after the introduction of surnames. It was apparently derived from the Saxon word *den*, or *dene*, a valley,² which word is not yet quite obsolete, be-

¹ The materials from which these notices are prepared, were furnished by Mr. William Reed Deane of Boston, who also aided in their compilation. Mr. Deane has, during the last few years, acquired a vast amount of valuable information relative to the name in this country and in England; and by an extensive correspondence has accumulated very many valuable letters, all tending to illustrate the object of his inquiry.—Ed.

² "The Saxon word *den*, or *dene*, signifies a valley or woody place; but is very different from *glen*, which signifies a valley between hills. A den or dean sinks suddenly from the common level of the country, and cannot be seen till the spectator is close upon its borders."—*Beauties of England and Wales*, V. 125, *note*.

ing preserved in the proper names of certain valleys in England, as Taunton Dean, Castle Eden Dean, &c. The name was perhaps first given to estates that were situated in, or contiguous to, certain *denes*, and from the estates the name would easily pass to their possessors. From *Dene* or *Den*, at first but different modes of spelling the same word, have arisen two surnames, which at the present time are entirely distinct, viz. *Deane* and *Denne*. Though the *name* is of Saxon origin, it is by no means certain that all the families that bear it are so. The first person of the name that we have met with is Robert de Den or de Dene, who was “pincerna, butler or sewer” to Edward the Confessor.¹ He held estates in Normandy, as well as in England, and may have been one of the Norman favorites, whom this monarch called around him. From him he may have received estates in England of sufficiently greater importance than his Norman heritage to induce him to assume their appellation. Confirmatory of this conjecture it may be remarked that this family was not deprived of their estates at the Conquest. Another person of the name, early met with, is Sir William of Dene, who “was at the time of the Conquest owner of Throwly” in Kent, the seat of an ancient “priory of Priors Aliens” suppressed 2 Hen. V. (1415).² The name is found in Hampshire, 6 Rich. I., (1194) being mentioned in “a suit at law between Ralph de la Dene and Robert

¹ Berry's Genealogies, Kent; Collins's Peerage, art. Sackville, II, 263, (ed. 1768); and Kilbourn's Survey of Kent, 209.

² Kilbourn's Survey of Kent, 273.

de Anvilliers, respecting two virgates of land in East Dene, a village of Hampshire, bordering on Wilts, towards Salisbury.”¹ In Staffordshire there was a John de Dene who was sheriff. 34 and 35 Edw. I. (1306, 1307.)² In Bucks, “the name occurs very early in the *Rotuli Hundredorum*. A William de Dene represented High Wycombe in Parliament in the reigns of Edward the 2nd and Edward the 3rd, and one of the same christian and surname was party to a suit at law respecting land in Bucks, 1 *John*. Again Hugh de la Dene (9 John) pays a fine for certain tenements at *Cestresham* (Cesterham) in that County.”³ “A member of the knightly family of Deane or Dene, of Huntingdonshire, was present in the army of Edward the Second at the battle of Broughbridge;⁴ and in the reign of Edward I. and Edward II. “there were many distinguished knights of the name Dene, who, though it is impossible to identify them with any particular families, are fixed to Counties by the valuable Roll of Knights, 8 Edward II. of which copies are to be seen in the Harleian Collection in the

¹ We here quote from MSS. letters of Rev. John Bathurst Deane, F.S.A., of London, Esq., an eminent antiquary, who is, perhaps, better acquainted with the history and genealogy of the various families of Deanes in England than any other person. We are largely indebted to him for several communications and documents of great interest; and hope that we may eventually see from him a complete history of the different English families of the name. He is the author of “The Worship of the Serpent traced,” and of several valuable papers published in the Transactions of the Antiquarian Society.

² Fuller’s Worthies, i. 144. ³ Rev. J. B. Deane, MSS. Letters.

⁴ *Ibid*.

British Museum. In that roll there are five knights of the name, *viz.* :

1. Sir Wm. de Dene, of Essex : Arms, *Argent a fesse double dancette gules.*

2. Sir Henry de Dene, of Dene, Northamptonshire : *The same arms with three red crescents in chief.*

3. Sir John de Dene, of Huntingdonshire : *Argent two bars sable, on each bar three crosses pate or.*

4. Sir John de Dyne (or Deyne), Oxfordshire : *Or a fesse sable.*

5. Sir John de Dene, Leicestershire : *Argent a lion rampant purple.*

The Gloucestershire (Forest of Dene) family is not mentioned in this roll, because Wm. de Dene of St. Briavels Castle was bound only to bear arms against the Welsh, and in the counties of Gloster, Hereford and Worcester, whereas the above-named knights were called out against the Scots.”¹

In the preceding names, the prevalence of the Norman prefix *de* will be noticed. This particle, at first, was generally used in conjunction with the name Dene, but as the Saxon element became more prominent in English society, it was gradually abandoned for the Saxon *at* and its variations, which finally became the prevailing prefix. Rev. J. B. Deane, F. S. A., furnishes us with the following excellent remarks upon the subject : “The prefix *atte*, *at* or *a*’, is common to many old English names, and was chiefly affect-

¹ Rev. J. B. Deane, MSS. letters.

ed by those who prided themselves upon their Saxon descent. The name Deane is reckoned by Verstegan among the Saxon families, and accordingly the prefix *at* is frequently found in conjunction with it in the 13th and 14th centuries. In the reign of Henry the Eighth the territorial prefix vanishes altogether, and the ancient name puts on the more plebian form of "Dene" without the distinctive particle, which, after the abolition of Feudalities by Henry the Seventh, had fallen into general desuetude. For when the ancient Nobility and Gentry were permitted to alienate their estates or to sell them, they, with proper regard to their altered circumstance, discarded the territorial designation, which was but a mockery after their estates were gone. What at first was a prudent necessity with many noble families, became, by degrees, a general fashion, even among those who had not alienated their property; and thus generally, throughout the kingdom, the Norman prefix *de* vanished, and the Saxon *at* was absorbed into the family name. A few however retained the latter, as A'Court, A'Becket, A'Deane, &c. The letter *a* was introduced into the name in the reign of Elizabeth, and *Dene* became Deane."¹ "From this prefix is derived the comparatively modern name of Adeane, which is now borne by some highly respectable families."² There are in England at least four distinct families of Deanes, from which all the others are offshoots or branches.³

In more modern times, several eminent persons of the name have flourished in England.

¹ Rev. J. B. Deane, MSS. Letters. ² Ibid. ³ Ibid.

The four following are said to have been from Gloucestershire, and may have belonged to the family of "Dene of Dene in the Forest of Dene," namely: Henry Dene, Archbishop of Canterbury and Lord Chancellor under Henry VII.; Sir Richard Deane, Mayor of London, 1629; Admiral and Major-General Richard Deane, the Regicide, who fell in an engagement with the Dutch fleet under Van Tromp, June, 1653; and Sir Anthony Deane, Comptroller of the Navy, 1666-1688. Of a different family—Dene of Dene-lands—was Sir James Deane, a merchant of great wealth, who died 1603. "He left the bulk of his property in Charities, founded Almshouses at Basingstoke which still bear his name and are supported solely by estates bequeathed by him to trustees for the purpose. He gave legacies to all the Hospitals of London, and to every parish in which he had either lived or owned property."¹ John Deane, who commanded a ship of war in the service of Peter the Great of Russia, perhaps belonged to Wilford, County Nottingham, England, as he appears to have been buried there.² He is the person who was shipwrecked in December, 1710, on Boon Island, on the coast of Maine, of which shipwreck he published, in 1711, at Boston, a narrative that has been several times reprinted. "A letter from Moscow to the Marquis of Caermarthen, relating to the Czar of Muscovy's forwardness in his Navy since his return home," published in London, 1699, was probably written by him. Edmund Deane, the author, and his brother Richard Deane, Bishop

¹ Rev. J. B. Deane, MSS. letters. ² Thoroton's Not., I. 117.

of Ossory in Ireland, were from Yorkshire, England.¹

Moses Deane, the ancestor of the present Lord Muskerry of Springfield Castle, County Limerick, Ireland, resided in the beginning of the 17th century "in the vicinity of Taunton," Somersetshire, England, "where the Deanes had lived for centuries."² His son, Matthew Deane, settled in Ireland, "near the time of Cromwell,"³ which would be soon after John and Walter Deane, also from the vicinity of Taunton, came to this country. He purchased large estates in Dromore, County Cork, and was created a Baronet by Queen Anne. He died Jan. 10, 1710, aged 84. The Hon. Sir Matthew Fitzmaurice Deane, the present Lord Muskerry, is his great-great-great-grandson.⁴ There are now in the possession of Lord Muskerry at Springfield Castle the portraits of his ancestors, Moses Deane and his wife, "dressed in the style of covenanters."⁵

Previous to the arrival of the brothers John and Walter Deane, two persons by the name had emigrated to New England, namely, Stephen and Rachel, of Plymouth. The latter, who must have been a widow, since she left a daughter, Martha Deane, came in 1635, and was married at Plymouth, Oct. 28, 1636, to Joseph Beedle. The former (Stephen) was one of the "pilgrims" or

¹ Rev. J. B. Deane, MSS. Letters.

² MSS. Letters of the late Lady Muskerry, who, as well as her husband, was a descendant of Moses Deane.

³ *Ibid*, and Burke's Peerage.

⁴ Rev. J. B. Deane, MSS. Letters.

⁵ The late Lady Muskerry, MSS. Letters.

“first comers.” He arrived November, 1621, in the second vessel—the Fortune.¹ The passengers in this vessel are said to have been principally composed of persons who had embarked for America the previous year in the Mayflower and Speedwell, but remained in England after the latter vessel was abandoned. Whether Mr. Deane was one of these, or even whether he had been a sojourner in Holland, we have no means of ascertaining ; as he may have joined the Pilgrims in England. He appears to have been a man of enterprise, having set up the first corn-mill in the Colony. For this he had exclusive right granted him in 1632 by the Colony Court, as appears by the following record :

“Stephen Deane desiring to set up a water worke to beate Corne upon the brooke adjoining to the towne of Plymouth for the benefit of the Commonwealth was referred to the Gov^r & Council for answer who agreed with him upon these following termes I That provided the place he made choyce of were no hinderance to a grinding mill intended hereafter he might bring the worke neere the towne II That he should receive one pottle oute of every bushell for toul and no more III That in case the said Stephen can beate all the Corne that is or shall be used in the Colony it shall not be lawful for any other to set up a worke of the kind, except it be for his owne use, or freely without toll or any other consideracion whatsoever to give leave to others to make use of the same.”²

“Afterwards he was allowed to erect a grind-

¹ Plymouth Court Orders, I. ² Plymouth Court Orders, I.

ing mill, but was to surrender his beating mill.”¹ Jan’y 2, 1633-4, The Court ordered that he “have a sufficient water wheele set up at the charge of the Colony, consisting of one foot more depth than that he now useth, at or before 27 March—the said Stephen finding the Yron worke thereunto belonging.”² Rev. Samuel Deane remarks: “The mill was on the town brook, where a mill now stands, and on the first dam above the town bridge.”³

Stephen Deane appears to have been unmarried when he arrived, and to have remained so as late as 1627.⁴ He was probably married soon after, and it was perhaps for the purpose of erecting a house upon it, that he bought, in 1627, of Philip Delanoy, one acre of land.⁵ His wife was Elizabeth, daughter of widow Mary Ring, but whether by Mr. Ring or by a former husband, is not known. Mrs. Ring’s will is on record at Plymouth, dated 1633, in which she makes bequests, among others, to her daughter Elizabeth, wife of Stephen Deane, and to a child of Stephen Deane. On the 10th March, 1633-4, Mr. Deane purchased for £20 of “W^m Bradford, Gent, the deputed adm^r of Godbert Godbertson,” the dwelling house and land of the latter in the centre of Plymouth Village.⁶ Stephen Deane died Sept., 1634. The appraisal of his estate, amounting to £87 19s. 6d., is on record, viz.: Personal estate £45 19s. 6d., Dwelling House and Garden £20,

¹ Thacher’s Plymouth, 86. ² Plymouth Court Orders, I.

³ Rev. S. Deane, MSS. Papers.

⁴ See Plymouth Court Orders, I. 56.

⁵ *Ibid*, I. 30. ⁶ *Ibid*, I.

Corn Mill £20, Land at Fresh Lake £2.¹ His wife Elizabeth survived him and was married Sept. 16, 1635, to Josiah Cooke, afterwards one of the first settlers of Eastham. In 1638 Mr. Cooke was granted 25 acres of land for Stephen Deane's children. These children, whose names we elsewhere learn were Elizabeth, Miriam and Susannah, appear to have been of age in 1653, as in that year Josiah Cooke "came into court and did make it appear unto the said Court that he had truthfully cleared payed & satisfied whatsoever was due unto the children of Steven Deane or any of them."² Mrs. Elizabeth Cooke died about 1687. Her husband died Oct. 17, 1673. Elizabeth Deane, daughter of Stephen D., married William Twining, of Eastham. Her sister Susannah married 1st at Eastham, April 4, 1660, Joseph Rogers, Jr., born at Sandwich July 19, 1635, son of Lt. Joseph R., one of the passengers in the Mayflower. He died at Eastham, Dec. 27, 1660, and she married 2nd at Eastham, Oct. 28, 1663, Stephen Snow. Stephen and Elizabeth Snow had children, 1, Bathshua, born 1664, 2d, Hannah, born 1666, 3d, Micajah, born 1669, 4th, Bethiah, born 1672.³ Miriam Deane, the remaining daughter of Stephen, was probably never married.⁴

John and Walter Deane, who are the progeni-

¹ Plymouth Court Orders, I. 168. ² Ibid, III. 35.

³ We are indebted to Dr. N. B. Shurtleff for most of the facts relative to S. Deane's children.

⁴ There is a possibility that Miriam Deane may have been a daughter-in-law of Stephen, instead of an own daughter, as here represented.

tors of many of those now bearing the names Deane and Dean in the United States, came to this country about 1637. "They arrived," says the late Rev. Samuel Deane, of Scituate, Mass., "at Boston first, stopped a year, or nearly, at Dorchester, and then came with others to Taunton."¹ It is known that a large portion of the early settlers of Taunton, Mass., were originally from Taunton, County Somerset, Eng., and its vicinity. Miss Elizabeth Poole, who has been called the "Virgin Mother" of Taunton, was from Taunton, Eng., and so, we know, were several others; and in a document signed, among others, by Walter Deane, it is stated that the place was called Taunton "in honor and love to our dear native country."² It had been the tradition in the family that John and Walter Deane came from Taunton, Eng., and this tradition has even found its way into print;³ but the late Rev. Samuel Deane, of Scituate, states⁴ that they were "from Chard, near Taunton."⁵ We know not his authority for this statement, nor for the one that they stopped a year or nearly at Dorchester, but we think them both correct. We know that several of the early settlers of Taunton were first at Dorchester, and that there are Deanes still residing at Chard as well as Taunton, Eng. The connection of John and Walter

¹ MSS. Papers.

² Baylies's Plymouth, II. 276.

³ *Columbian Reporter*, 1825, and Baylies's Plymouth, II. 282, note.

⁴ In his MSS. Papers, in a letter to William Willis, Esq., and in Baylies's Plymouth, IV., appendix, 170.

⁵ Chard is about ten miles from Taunton.

Deane with several families who are known to have been from Taunton, and other circumstances, leave little room for doubt that they were from that vicinity. Taunton and Chard, Somersetshire, Eng., are situate in an extensive and fertile valley called Taunton Dean, on the river Tone. This "dean" or valley comprehends a region about Taunton, very pleasant and populous, of some thirty miles in extent, and has been represented as exceedingly productive. The following proverb, which, according to Fuller's Worthies, is current with the inhabitants, implies, and is meant by them to express, a pride in the place of their birth, namely, "Where should I be born else than in Taunton Dean." In Campbell's Survey of Great Britain is the following description: "The vale of Taunton Dean in respect to its amazing fertility is only surpassed by the industry of its inhabitants, which is a point that we may affirm to be extremely worthy of notice, since it very rarely happens in this kingdom or in any other, that when, from the natural fecundity of the soil, a plentiful subsistence may be had with very little labor, the people should nevertheless apply themselves vigorously and steadily to the manual arts."

We have not yet been able to trace with positiveness the ancestry of the brothers in England. Rev. John B. Deane, F.S.A., whom we have before quoted, inclines to the opinion that John and Walter Deane belonged to the family of "Dene of Denelands," whose coat of arms we have placed at the head of this article. One of

this family, Thomas Deane, son of James Deane of Deanelands, was a resident of New England for a while. He was a merchant at Boston as early as 1664, and appears to have been a man of wealth and consideration. He was a large owner of real estate in Boston, Wrentham, and perhaps other places in this vicinity. He appears to have belonged to the party who desired to see the Colony brought more directly under the authority of the king ; and when the Commissioners appointed by Charles II. to regulate the affairs of New England, arrived, Mr. Deane brought a complaint before them of some injustice done him when the Charles of Oleron came into the port of Boston, in 1661.¹ The Commissioners prepared to hear his complaint, when the General Court of Massachusetts "sent forth a herald to sound a trumpet and read a proclamation with great solemnity in three several places in Boston, that in accordance with their duty to God, the king, and their constituents, the General Court will suffer no one to abet his Majesty's Commissioners in their proceedings."² The spirit manifested by Massachusetts at this time was much the same as that which eventually brought forth the Declaration of Independence. In 1678, Mr. Deane was appointed by the English Government one of the Commissioners to administer an oath to the Governor of Massachusetts, "faithfully to execute the duty required by the act of trade."³ Mr. Deane married, 1st,

¹ Mass. Hist. Coll., XVIII. 88.

² Bancroft's History of the United States.

³ Hutchinson's Hist. Mass., I. 297.

Sarah, dau. of William Browne, Sen.,¹ of Salem, and 2d, Anne, dau. of William Farr, of London. The children of Mr. Deane by his first wife were, 1, Sarah, born 1666, married Rev. Dr. Robert Woodward, Dean of Sarum, whom she survived; 2, Elizabeth, born 1667, probably died early. By his wife Anne he had, 3, Thomas, born 1673, married 1698, Jane —, by whom he had an only daughter, Jane, married to Sir John Cullum of Norfolk, Bart.²; 4, Rebecca, born 1677³; 5, James; 6, Samuel, who was living at London, 1730.⁴ Thomas Deane, the father, returned to England about 1678. In 1681, he was a merchant at London, after which he retired to Freefolk, Hants, where he died April 27, 1686, in his 46th year. There is a mural tablet to his memory and that of his wife Anne, in Freefolk Chapel.⁵

John and Walter Deane “took up their farms on the west bank of the river, about one mile from the centre of the present village” of Taunton.⁶ Houses occupying the same lots as those erected by them, and nearly the exact sites are to this day owned and occupied by descendants of each. The road which passed their dwellings

¹ Mr. Browne was one of the benefactors of Harvard College, to which he gave largely.

² Betham's Baronetage, II. 55, and Rev. J. B. Deane, MSS. Letters.

³ Rebecca and the children preceding her were born at Boston, N. E. See Boston Records.

⁴ Suffolk Registry of Deeds, Book 77, p. 65.

⁵ We are under many obligations to Rev. R. Fitzgerald, officiating clergyman at Freefolk Chapel, for a fine drawing of this tablet, sent us by the hands of Rev. J. B. Deane, of London.

⁶ Rev. S. Deane, MSS. Papers.

has been called Dean Street to this day. Both took the freeman's oath at Plymouth, Dec. 4, 1638. By a list of the proprietors of Taunton, 1659, made for a division of lands, we find that the families of John and Walter Deane consisted of eight persons each.¹

There is a tradition among the descendants of John and Walter Deane, that a younger brother of theirs came to this country after them and settled in Connecticut, and that from him was descended Hon. Silas Deane, Commissioner to France in the time of the Revolution. This tradition is confirmed by one in the family to which Hon. Silas D. belonged, that their first ancestor in this country was a brother to the two who settled at Taunton. We are aware that traditions, especially concerning relationship, should be received with great caution ; but one like this seems to be entitled to some consideration, the more so as well-authenticated facts appear to indicate friendly intercourse, at least, between these widely separated families. There was a Thomas Deane in Connecticut, 1643,² who possibly may have been the brother referred to. The earliest ancestor of Hon. Silas Deane that we can with certainty ascertain, is his great-grandfather, James of Stonington, Ct., born 1647, who may have been a son of the emigrant, and thus a nephew of John and Walter.³

¹ Baylies's Plymouth, II. 271.

² Hinman's First Puritan Settlers of Connecticut, p. 21.

³ There was a family of Deans in Stamford, Ct., at an early day, to which James of Stonington may have belonged. Judge Joseph Deane, of Brooklyn, N. Y., who traces his an-

Hon. Silas Deane¹ was a native of Groton, Conn., and graduated with distinguished honors at Yale College in 1758. He was one of the delegates from the State of Connecticut to the first Congress in 1774, and one of the most influential, able and efficient members of that assembly. He was in 1775 solely and exclusively employed by the Marine Committee, with extensive power and authority, to procure, by purchase or otherwise, and to equip and fit out, a large naval force; and may be said to be the "father of the revolutionary marine."² He received on the 2d of March, 1776, a commission from the Committee of Secret Correspondence as Political and Commercial Agent to France, where he arrived in June of that year. The instructions of the Committee conferred upon him great and exclusive powers, and authorized him not only to operate in France, but in Holland and Great

cestry to the western part of Connecticut, may be of this family. There was also a family who settled in Westchester County, N.Y., who, though they were probably from Connecticut, could not have been descendants of James of Stonington. Nicholas Dean, Esq., of New York, a gentleman well known in that city for his taste in the fine arts, etc., is of this family. His son, George F. Dean, Esq., is a writer in the American Whig and other periodicals. There was a Samuel Dean, Sen., at Jamaica, L. I., in 1660, as appears from Thompson's History of Long Island, and a Christopher Dene in 1685 at Hempstead, L. I., who may have been from Stamford, Ct., as many of the first settlers of those places were from that vicinity.

¹ We are indebted to Horatio Alden, Esq., of Hartford, Conn. for several copies of Mr. Deane's address to his countrymen in 1784, and other documents connected with his mission and life.

² Memorial to Congress, 1835.

Britain, and to procure clothing, arms and military accoutrements and munitions of war sufficient for an army of twenty-five thousand men, as also one hundred field-pieces—in which he was very successful.

So entirely satisfactory had been the conduct of Mr. Deane in the discharge of his confidential, complicated, important, and delicate duties in Europe, that he was, on the 26th of September, 1776, chosen by Congress to be one of their ambassadors, in conjunction with Dr. Franklin and Mr. Jefferson, to transact the business of the United States at the court of France. Mr. Jefferson declining, Congress appointed Arthur Lee, Esq., at that time in England. Dr. Franklin and Arthur Lee, Esq., joined Mr. Deane at Paris on the 22d of December of that year, and commenced the discharge of their duties on the 28th of that month, when they had their first audience with the Count de Vergennes, the prime minister of France.¹

The Commissioners, with an ability and zeal which was probably never exceeded under similar circumstances, accomplished the leading object of their appointment, and succeeded in negotiating treaties with France which were signed at Paris on the 6th of February, 1778.

It is believed, without detracting from the merits of his great and distinguished colleagues, that Mr. Deane, from his previous confidential intercourse with the French ministry, the marked confidence which they reposed in him

¹ Diplomatic Correspondence, Vol. I. p. 250.

individually, and the knowledge he had thereby attained, is entitled to his full share of credit in negotiating this important treaty.¹

It was by Mr. Deane that the services of the great Lafayette were engaged in the cause of the colonies, and his name is thus connected with one of the most brilliant incidents in our history.²

Mr. Deane was recalled by an order passed by Congress in December, 1777 ; he arrived in Philadelphia in July, 1778. He found that he was not in favor with Congress, and various charges were made against him which were never substantiated. He had a large and just claim upon our government, which was not allowed during his lifetime, and not until 1835 was the claim allowed to his heirs. Mr. Deane died at Deal in England, August 23, 1789.

James Deane of Stonington, Ct., was also the ancestor of Rev. Barzillai Deane (grad. Yale College, 1737), who preached awhile at New Milford, Ct., and afterwards went to England for Episcopal Orders, but died on the voyage ; Rev. Seth Deane (grad. Yale College, 1738), of Rindge, N. H., and afterwards of Killingly, Ct., where he died ; Judge James Dean (grad. Dartmouth College, 1773, died 1823), of Westmoreland, N. Y. ; Prof. James Dean, LL.D. (grad. Dartmouth College, 1800, died 1849), of Burlington, Vt. ;³ Hon. Ezra Dean, of Wooster,

¹ See Memorial to Congress in 1835.

² See Diplomatic Correspondence, and North American Review, Oct., 1831, pp. 472, '3.

³ See N. E. Hist. and Gen. Reg., III. 197.

Ohio, M. C. 1841-1845 ; Rev. David Smith, D. D., of Durham, Ct., and Dr. James Deane,¹ of Greenfield, Mass., a geologist, who has made valuable additions to our scientific knowledge, especially concerning the footprints of birds in the red sandstone formation of the Connecticut valley. There were many thrilling events in the life of Judge Dean of Westmoreland. Being intended by his parents as a missionary to the Indians, he was placed by them in his youth in the family of an Oneida chief in order to learn the language and habits of that people. At a proper age he entered Dartmouth College, and after leaving it prepared himself for the ministry, and preached one or two sermons ; but the revolutionary war opened to him another field of labor. "At the time that the troubles thickened between England and her American colonies, he was employed by the Colony of New Hampshire to visit the Canadian Indians, and win them to the side of the colonies. He was in Canada when the battle of Lexington was fought, and soon after left, traversing the length of Lake Champlain in a bark canoe, with an Indian blanket for a sail. Soon after he entered the service of the United States as Agent of Indian Affairs, and so remained through the revolutionary war, and at its close was Interpreter in the negotiation of many Indian treaties with the tribes residing along the upper lakes."² An incident in his life

¹ We are under obligations to Dr. Deane for copies of valuable early records relating to the family of James Deane of Stonington, Ct.

² MSS. Letter of Hon. J. A. Spencer, of Utica, N. Y., whose wife, Electa, is a daughter of Judge Dean.

“which furnishes a parallel to the rescue of Captain Smith by Pocahontas, in the early days of Virginia,” is graphically described by William Tracy, Esq., in his Lectures.¹

The following facts are known concerning John and Walter Deane, respectively, and their descendants.

(½) I. JOHN,¹ was born about 1600, having died between April 25 and June 7, 1660, “aged sixty years or thereabouts.”² His wife, who was named Alice, survived him, and was probably living as late as 1668, as she is mentioned in a grant of the Plymouth Court, June 1st, of that year.³ Mr. Deane was “of the grand inquest, from Taunton, 1640.”⁴ The following extract from his will shows that he possessed the Puritan feeling in regard to religion :

“Item, My will is that these my Overseers with the Consent of my Wife shall in Case heer be no Settled Ministry in Taunton ; they shall have full power to sell either the whole or a parte of these my Housings and Lands, soe as my Children and Posteritie may remove elsewhere, where they may enjoy God in his Ordinances.”⁵ The inventory of his Estate amounted to £334, 18s.⁶

An anecdote has been preserved by tradition concerning Mr. Deane, that at one time he came

¹ Tracy's Lectures, p. 16, where will be found a very full account of Judge Dean. The anecdote is copied by Stone into his Life of Brant. Did space allow we would copy it here.

² Will Plym. Pr. Rec. II. 61. ³ Baylies's Plym. II. 273.

⁴ Rev. S. Deane, MSS. Papers.

⁵ Plym. Prob. Rec. II. 61. ⁶ Ibid.

near losing his life, while out on a hunting excursion alone. Perceiving through the bushes some Indians cautiously approach, evidently with the purpose of capturing or killing him, and that they were but a short distance from him, the thought suddenly struck him of making it appear as though he were in the company of a number of others. This he did by exclaiming loudly, "Rush on, boys, and we'll have them," at the same time firing his gun and rushing forward. The stratagem succeeded, and the wild men of the woods scattered, permitting him to return home unmolested. No autograph of John Deane is known to be in existence.

($\frac{2}{3}$) II. WALTER,¹ was born, according to Rev. S. Deane, "in Chard, Eng., between 1615 and 1620."¹ If he was 21 years old, as is probable, when he took the freeman's oath, he could not have been born later than 1617. Rev. Wm. Cogswell, D. D., has ascertained that he married a daughter of Richard Strong, of Taunton, England, who came to New England with her brother, Elder John Strong, afterwards of Northampton, in the Mary and John, 1630.² We were before aware that Walter Deane and John Strong were brothers-in-law, as the former in two different deeds, dated 1691, calls the latter his "brother."³ His wife in 1693, was named Eleanor. She joins with him in making a con-

¹ Rev. S. Deane, MSS. Papers.

² Appendix to Hitchcock's Sermon at the funeral of Mrs. Joanna Strong, 9.

³ Bristol Reg. Deeds, I. 152, and III. 390.

veyance, August 20th of that year,¹ which is the latest date at which we can learn that either was living. Mr. Deane was a tanner by trade.² No will or settlement of his estate is on record. We know the names of but three of his children, though from the document before quoted it is probable that in 1659 he had six. The remaining three may have been daughters. If they were sons they must have died early or removed from Taunton. We have met with no persons by the name more likely to have been his sons than John (d. 1727), and William (married 1677), of Dedham, Mass.; and perhaps Jonas (d. 1697), of Scituate, Mass. James, of Stonington, Ct., before referred to, if not a nephew, may have been a son. From John, of Dedham, is descended Rev. William Dean, now Baptist Missionary in China, and Dr. Oliver Dean, of Boston. There is probably a connection between the Taunton and Dedham Deans, though the exact relationship is not known.

Walter Deane was deputy to the Plymouth Court 1640,³ and selectman of Taunton, 1679 to 1686, inclusive.⁴ He was a prominent man in the Town Affairs. When the Cape Towns invited the inhabitants of Taunton to come to them with their movable property for protection during Philip's War, Mr. Deane was one of the persons appointed to decline their invitation, and return thanks for their kindness. The original of their letter, with the signatures in good preservation,

¹ Bristol Reg. of Deeds, VII. 351. ²Ibid I. 152.

³ Plym. Court Orders, I., and Baylies's Plym., I. 307.

⁴ Plymouth Court Orders, VI.

is in the Library of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Hinckley Papers, Vol. I., No. 3. There is another autograph of Walter Deane preserved, attached to an Inventory of the estate of William Crewe, June 14, 1672. It will be noticed that he spells his name with a final *e*. This, as we observe in all the records of instruments signed by them, was the invariable way in which he and his brother John wrote their names. The majority of their descendants, however, have omitted the *e*.¹

JOHN,¹ (1) who m. Alice —, had

(³₁₁) I. JOHN.² Settled at Taunton. He was b. about 1639, having d. at Taunton Feb. 18, 1716–17, a. 77.² He is buried in the graveyard on Sumner (or Neck-of-Land) Street, Taunton. Tradition asserts that he was the first white child born in Taunton.³ He m. Nov. 7, 1663, Sarah, dau. of Dea. Samuel Edson of Bridgewater. She probably survived him. He died during the “Great Snow,” as it is called. The snow was so deep that it prevented travelling, and there is a tradition that Mr. Deane lay dead in his house for a long time before his death was known to his neighbors.

(⁴₂₀) II. THOMAS.² Settled at Taunton. He m. Jan. 5, 1669, Katharine Stephens. His will was proved July 15, 1697. His widow, Kath-

¹ The name DEAN (without the final *e*) is generally thought to be derived from the title of the church dignitary, and possibly in some families this may have been the origin. Lower, in his English Surnames, derives it from both the church dignitary and the valley.

² Gravestone.

³ Rev. S. Deane, MSS. Papers.

arine, survived him. Her will was proved June 12, 1726-7. A book which belonged to Katharine Stephens is now in the possession of one of her descendants.

(5) III. ISRAEL,² "was a lieutenant in Philip's war, and was in the great Narragausett Fight."¹ He d. unmarried. Will dated Aug. 7, 1677.

($\frac{6}{28}$) IV. ISAAC.² Settled at Taunton. He m. Jan. 24, 1867, Hannah, dau. of James Leonard. His will was proved April 11, 1710. Wife Hannah, executrix. Being a relative of the wife of Sergeant Thomas Jeffrey of New Haven, he dwelt in his youth in their family. Sergeant Jeffrey was the "highest" military officer in New Haven, and "appears to have had the defence of the town under his charge. All questions in regard to fortifying, &c., were referred to him."² Sergeant Jeffrey, at his death, left Isaac Deane a legacy of ten pounds, which, from the following curious record, appears to have been paid to him before he was of age, by Mr. Thomas Trowbridge, who had the settlement of Sergeant Jeffrey's estate:

"Lieftenant James Wyate, together with the widow Alice Deane of Taunton, Doe both of them joyntly and severally stand bound unto the Govr and Court of New Plymouth in the summe of twenty pounds; to save the Court harmless and undamnified by their p'mitting of a Legacye of Ten Pounds to be payed by Thomas Trow-

¹ Rev. S. Deane, MSS. Papers.

² Thomas R. Trowbridge, Esq., MSS. Letters. He derives his information from the New Haven Records.

bridge of New Haven unto Isaac Deane of Taunton the said Isaac Deane being under age.”¹

(7) V. NATHANIEL,² died without issue, between 1660 and 1677.

(8) VI. ELIZABETH,² b. about 1650, having d. 1734, a. 84. She married Josiah Edson, Esq., of Bridgewater, son of Dea. Samuel E. He died 1734, a. 83, leaving a large estate. He “gave lands to the town, and to the south parish, where he lived, for the maintenance of schools, commonly called the school lands.”² “They left no children.”³

WALTER,¹ (2) of Taunton, had

($\frac{9}{35}$) I. JOSEPH,² “cordwainer,”⁴ of Taunton, 1684,⁵ of Dighton, 1728.⁶ He died between Dec. 3, 1728, and Feb. 11, 1728-9, leaving a widow Mary.⁷ In 1688, Bartholomew Tipping is called his “brother-in-law.”⁸

($\frac{10}{39}$) II. EZRA² Settled at Taunton. He married Dec. 17, 1676, Bethiah, daughter of Dea. Samuel Edson, of Bridgewater. He died between Oct. 28, 1727, and Feb. 15, 1732.⁹

($\frac{11}{46}$) III. BENJAMIN.² Settled at Taunton. He married Jan. 6, 1680-1, Sarah Williams. He died between Feb. 2, 1722-3, and April 14, 1725.¹⁰

JOHN,² (3) of Taunton, son of John,¹ had

(12) I. SAMUEL.³ Settled at Taunton, of the church at which place he was deacon. He was born Jan. 24, 1666-7, and died Oct. 1, 1731, in his

¹ Plym. Records. ² Mitchell's Bridgewater, 151. ³ Ibid.

⁴ Bristol Reg. Deeds, I. 63. ⁵ Bristol Reg. Deeds, I. 63.

⁶ Bristol Prob. Rec., V. 202. ⁷ Bristol Prob. Rec., V. 202.

⁸ Bristol Reg. Deeds, I., 60. ⁹ Bristol Prob. Rec., VII. 286.

¹⁰ Bristol Prob. Rec. V. 62, 72.

65th year. His widow Sarah died at Norton, "before midnight," Oct. 15, 1741, in her 74th year. Their children were, 1, Sarah,⁴ b. Oct. 15, 1694, died early; 2, Bethiah,⁴ b. Jan. 7, 1697, d. Oct. 12, 1778, m. Samuel Clapp, who d. June 13, 1772, in his 80th year. They were the grandparents of Hon. Asa Clapp (d. 1848), of Portland, Maine, whose daughter, Eliza W., is the wife of Hon. Levi Woodbury, one of the Justices of the U. S. Supreme Court; 3, Samuel,⁴ b. Oct. 17, 1700, m. 1st, Mary Avery, 2d, Rachel Dwight, 3d, widow Margaret King. By Rachel, he was the father of the late Rev. Samuel Deane,⁵ S. T. D., of Portland, Maine, who was born at Dedham, Aug. 30, 1733, graduated at Harvard College, 1760, and in 1763, became a tutor there, which situation he retained till 1764, when he was settled at Falmouth (now Portland), Maine.¹ While at Cambridge, he composed an English poem, which, with other complimentary effusions from those connected with the University, was printed and presented to George III., on his accession to the throne. "He also published several other poems, the longest of which was Pitchwood Hill," evidently suggested by Dyer's Grongar Hill. "His largest work, and one to which he was most

¹ William Willis, Esq., of Portland, author of the History of that town, has in preparation and will soon publish, a new edition of Rev. Mr. Smith's journal, to which will be appended notes and extracts from the diary of Doctor Deane, with notices of both Dr. Deane and Mr. Smith, with engraved portraits of both. It will be an octavo volume, of about 500 pages, and will be well worthy the attention of the public, and especially of those who may have known these ministers, or are interested in the history of that town.

devoted, and which will longest preserve his memory, is his 'Georgical Dictionary, or New England Farmer,' first published in 1790. Besides the foregoing works, the Dr. published an Oration delivered July 4, 1793, an election sermon, delivered in 1794, two discourses to the young men of his parish, and some other sermons. He was a man of good personal appearance, and of grave and dignified deportment, but in hours of relaxation he was fond of indulging in social conversation, which he enlivened with pleasantry and wit."¹ He married in 1766, Eunice Pearson, who died Oct. 14, 1812, aged 87, without issue. He died Nov. 12, 1814, aged 81.

William,⁴ b. Aug. 19, 1702, m. Dec. 17, 1730, Esther Avery, b. Aug. 7, 1704, d. May 9, 1773, aged 68. He d. Oct. 26, 1773, aged 71. His wife was a daughter of William Avery, who resided in the "Avery House," of which an engraving is to be seen in Barber's Hist. Coll. of Mass. Mr. Deane had, in 1728, built him a house at Mansfield, then called Norton, and originally a part of Taunton, which house is now standing and occupied by his descendants; but at his marriage, it probably needed some preparation before it was deemed ready to receive his bride, and he returned to Norton without her. A letter written by him to her, dated "Norton January ye 25 1730-31" is now in the hands of one of his descendants, couched in very affectionate language, in which he says, "there has been long absence and great distance betwixt us and I shall mind you with a return to you on Thursday, the second

¹ Willis' Hist. of Portland, II. 232.

day of February next." The absence of four weeks was undoubtedly long to him under those circumstances, and to us moderns it would be equally so; but the "great distance" of which he speaks, and which was then undoubtedly a very hard day's journey, and perhaps more than one, is now traversed by the railroad cars in less than forty minutes, there being a stopping-place within a stone's throw of each of the houses. It has been said that he brought her home, with her fitting out, on an ox-sled.

A pair of spectacles made in 1749, which were worn by him, is preserved. His son John,⁵ married Abigail White, Sept. 19, 1769. They were the parents of Rev. Samuel Deane,⁶ of Scituate, Mass., who graduated at Brown University, in 1805. He died Aug. 9, 1834, aged 50, after having been the pastor of the second church in that town twenty-four years, the early part of which period as colleague with Rev. Dr. Barnes. He married Stella, daughter of the late Hon. Seth Washburn, of Raynham, Mass., and left one son, now a resident of St. Louis, Mo., and two daughters.

"In the mind of Mr. Deane the qualities of strength and beauty were happily united. His genius was essentially poetical. An imagination exceedingly productive; a sensibility thrilling at a touch; a cultivated taste; a susceptibility to the pleasures of music rarely excelled; a true sympathy with Nature and with Man; these were all properties which were obvious in him upon even a moderate degree of intimacy."¹ His attempts

¹ From obituary in Chr. Reg., Aug. 23, 1834.

at poetical composition were not numerous. He delivered a Poem entitled, "The Populous Village," before the Philermenian Society of Brown University, in 1826, which was published, and also a satirical Poem on "Some Literary Errors of the age," before another literary society connected with that institution. "For History he had a decided predilection, and he indulged it. There were not many better versed than he in the Colonial History of Plymouth and Massachusetts. His History of Scituate affords evidence of research and talent highly respectable."¹ Mr. Deane had gathered much of the early genealogy of this family, and from his manuscript notes were we first induced to look further into its history, and to make more complete what he had thus begun. All the ancestors of Rev. Samuel Deane in this country, were deacons, excepting, perhaps, John, the first, and all of their wills, including his, are on record.

A brother of Rev. Samuel Deane, Mr. Jacob Deane,⁶ of Mansfield, now living in the house built by his grandfather William, in 1728, married Mehitable, dau. of Rev. Wm. Reed, of Easton, and is the father of William Reed Deane,⁷ of Boston, one of the compilers of these notices. John Deane, another brother of the Rev. Samuel, settled in Norton, and was the father of John Deane, who resides in Dedham, and is master of transportation in Boston, for the Taunton Branch Railroad. 5, Nathan,⁴ m. Elizabeth Nicholson, who d. July 17, 1741, in her 23d year.

¹ From obituary in Chr. Reg., Aug. 23, 1834.

He d. July 11, 1741, in his 37th year. 6, Isaac,⁴
d. April 27, 1734, in his 28th year, unmarried.

(13) II. SARAH,³ b. Nov. 9, 1668, m. Maj. Jonathan Howard, of Bridgewater.

(14) III. JOHN,³ b. July 26, 1670, d. Aug. 6, 1670.

(15) IV. MEHITABLE,³ b. Oct. 9, 1671, m. Joseph Wilbore.

(16) V. JOHN,³ b. Sept. 18, 1674, d. July 31, 1724, in his 50th year. His widow Hannah, d. July 15, 1748, in her 71st year.

(17) VI. ELIZABETH,³ b. March 15, 1676, d. unmarried, March 15, 1749, aged 73.

(18) VII. MARY,³ b. July 15, 1680, m. Seth Williams.

(19) VIII. SUSANNAH,³ b. Aug. 13, 1683, d. unmarried, about 1716.

(20) IX. ISRAEL,³ b. Aug. 4, 1685, m. March 20, 1704-5, Katharine Bird, of Dorchester. He died July 14, 1719, in his 34th year. His wife survived him.

THOMAS,² (4) son of John,¹ had

(21) I. THOMAS,³ b. Feb. 1, 1670-1, d. Feb. 26, 1670-1.

(22) II. HANNAH,³ b. Jan. 14, 1671-2, d. unmarried, about 1750.

(23) III. THOMAS,³ b. about 1673, having d. Sept. 10, 1747, in his 74th year. He was married Jan. 7, 1696, by Rev. Peter Thacher, to Mary, daughter of John Kingsley, of Milton, Mass. She d. Feb. 1, 1749-50, in her 74th year. From them was descended Hon. Josiah Dean,⁵ (d. 1818) of Raynham, Mass., M. C. 1807-9.

(24) IV. DEBORAH,³ m. John Tisdale.

(25) V. KATHARINE,³ m. April 17, 1710, Dea. Samuel Leonard. Their daughter, Hazadiah, m. Rev. John Wales, the first pastor of the church at Raynham; *their* daughter Prudence, m. Rev. Peres Fobes, LL.D., its second pastor, and *their* daughter Nancy, m. Rev. Simeon Doggett, who has also been settled at Raynham. There seems to have been a kind of hereditary charm in the daughters of this family, by whose wand the several ministers of the town of Raynham have been enchanted for three generations. Rev. Samuel Wales, D.D., Professor of Divinity in Yale College, was a son of the above Rev. John.¹ Hon. John Wales, who was recently chosen by the Legislature of Delaware a member of the U. S. Senate, in place of Hon. Mr. Clayton, appointed Secretary of State, is a son of Prof. Samuel, and thus the 6th generation in descent from John Deane.

(26) VI. LYDIA,³ m. George Hall.

(27) VII. MERCY,³ m. Daniel Williams.

(28) VIII. ELIZABETH,³ b. about 1688, having d. March 18, 1758, aged 70. She m. Dec. 4, 1707, Dea. Benjamin Williams, who d. Jan. 10, 1757, aged 71.

ISAAC,² (6) son of John,¹ had

(29) I. ALICE,³ b. Nov. 20, 1678, m. Feb. 1, 1699-1700, John King of Raynham.

(30) II. ABIGAIL,³ b. Nov. 16, 1680, m. — Torry.

(31) III. HANNAH,³ b. April 24, 1683, m. — Hodges.

¹ See Rev. Dr. Fobes's account of the Leonard Family, Mass. Hist. Coll. 1st ser. III. 174.

(32) IV. NATHANIEL,³ b. April 25, 1685.

(33) V. JONATHAN.³

(34) VI. ABIAH.³

(35) VII. DEBORAH.³

JOSEPH,² (9) son of Walter,¹ had

(36) I. JOSEPH.³ From him was descended John G. Deane,⁶ Esq. (d. 1839), of Ellsworth and Portland, a prominent writer on the N. E. Boundary Question.

(37) II. SAMUEL,³ died without issue.

(38) III. JAMES,³ died about 1750. Wife Mary.

(39) IV. SARAH,³ m. ——— Reed.

EZRA,² (10) son of Walter,¹ had

(40) I. BETHIAH,³ b. Oct. 14, 1677, d. Nov. 27, 1679.

(41) II. EZRA,³ b. Oct. 14, 1680, was twice married. His wife Abigail, survived. He was a physician, and resided in Taunton. His family was remarkable for its longevity. The following is an extract from a communication published in the Columbian Reporter, a newspaper printed in Taunton, 1825. We know not the name of the writer. "Dr. Ezra Dean's children were: 1, Ezra, died at the age of 89 years; 2, Theodora, 100; 3, Abijah [Abigail?], 95; 4, Bethiah, 96; 5, Nehemiah, 90; 6, James, 90; 7, Seth, 88; 8, Solomon, 61; 9, Elkanah, 87; 10, William, now (1825) living, aged 94; 11, George, 86; 12, Elisha, 83; 13, Nathaniel, 25; 14, Esther, now (1825) living, aged 92; 15, Prudence, 80; 16, Stephen, 51; united ages, 1307. Eleven of the family lived more than 1000 years, two of whom are now (1825) living. Theodora Dean lived to see her children to the fifth generation, and was the mother of the late

Dr. Job Godfrey,¹ of Taunton, who was eminent in his profession for more than half a century.”

(42) III. SAMUEL,³ b. April 11, 1681, d. Feb. 16, 1682-3.

(43) IV. SETH,³ b. June 3, 1683. Settled at Taunton. From him is descended Rev. Paul Dean,⁶ formerly of Boston, now of Easton, Mass., who has published a course of Lectures on the Final Restoration of all men, and various occasional sermons; also, Amos Dean,⁶ Esq., of Albany, N. Y., author of the Philosophy of Human Life, Lectures on Phrenology, &c.

(44) V. MARGARET,³ m. — Shaw.

(45) VI. EPHRAIM,³ m. Mary Allen, of Rehoboth. Their son Ezra,⁴ m. Jemima, dau. of David Allen, and was the father of Dr. Ezra,⁵ late of Biddeford, Maine, now of Cambridge, Mass., who m. 1st, Sarah, dau. of Rev. Paul Coffin, D. D., of Buxton, Maine, 2d, Mary, dau. of Rev. Silas Moody, of Kennebunkport, Maine, and by the latter, the father of Mr. Charles⁶ Deane,² of Boston, Mass., firm of Waterston, Pray & Co., who m. Helen, dau. of Robert Waterston, Esq.

BENJAMIN,² (11) son of Walter,¹ had

(46) I. NAOMI,³ b. Nov. 1, 1681, d. Jan. 6, 1681-2.

¹ The Proprietors' Records of Taunton, are now in the possession of a son of this person, Mr. Job Godfrey, of Taunton, to whom we would return thanks for his kindness in permitting us to avail ourselves of the assistance of these valuable records. A daughter of Mr. G. married Mr. Henry A. Dean, of this city, a descendant of Walter.

² We would acknowledge our obligations to this gentleman for important suggestions and aid in preparing this article.

(47) II. HANNAH,³ b. Dec. 26, 1682, m. — Richmond.

(48) III. ISRAEL,³ b. Feb. 2, 1684-5, d. March 27, 1760, in his 76th year. His widow, Ruth, d. April 18, 1769, in her 80th year.

(49) IV. MARY,³ b. June 15, 1687, m. — Edson.

(50) V. DAMARIS,³ b. Sept. 4, 1689, m. Matthew White.

(51) VI. SARAH,³ b. Aug. 30, 1692, m. — Danforth.

(52) VII. ELIZABETH,³ b. March 26, 1694-5, m. — Richmond.

(53) VIII. MEHITABLE,³ b. June 9, 1697, m. — Richmond.

(54) IX. BENJAMIN,³ b. July 31, 1699, d. Jan. 6, 1785, in his 86th year. He m. Zipporah Dean, dau. of John D. [(16) V.] She died Sept. 27, 1778, in her 75th year.

(55) X. EBENEZER,³ b. Feb. 24, 1701-2, d. July 30, 1774. He married Rachel Allen, who d. March 3, 1768, in her 75th year. He and his son Joshua,⁴ "marched in the same army in the defense of their country in the old French war."¹ Joshua,⁴ had a son Joseph,⁵ who "was frequently out during the Revolutionary war, and had the command of a company that was called out to support the Courts during Shay's rebellion."² This Joseph⁵ was the father of Rev. Artemus⁶ Dean (grad. U. C. 1803), of New Windsor, N. Y., now living, and his brother, the late Rev. Joshua⁶ Dean (grad. B. U. 1809), of Groton, N. Y.

¹ Rev. Artemas Dean, MSS. Letters. ² Ibid.

(56) XI. LYDIA,³ b. Dec. 11, 1704.

(57) XII. JOSIAH,³ b. Oct. 23, 1707, d. March 23, 1709-10.

Note.—We have here given the first three generations of this family. Our notes upon the later generations are very full, comprehending several thousand descendants. We mention this for the benefit of those who may be interested.

PART II.

Descendants of Jonathan Dean

With some account of his Ancestors.

The first ancestor of whom we have any positive record is William Deane, who died in 1634, and whose will at London, probated in October, 1634, and dated 22 July, 1634, is copied entire, and preserved in volume 51, of New England Historical and Genealogical Register, page 432. From a genealogical chart of the Dean family, late in the possession of John W. Dean Hall, librarian of the Old Colony Historical Society, at Taunton, Mass., it appears that the father of this William Deane was Walter Deane, of South Chard, Somersetshire, England, who died in 1591. The children of William were William, Isaac, Thomas, Susan, Eleanor, Elizabeth, John, Walter, and Margerie. The younger sons, John and Walter, came to Boston in 1637, stayed a year at Dorchester, and then settled at Taunton, Mass. From these two brothers have descended many of the Deans now found in all parts of the United States.

The first three generations of descendants of John and Walter Deane are quite fully given in the third volume of the New England Historical and Genealogical Register, which article is re-

printed entire in the first part of this book, but the authors of that article were not able at that time to trace the whole family of Walter Deane, nor has it ever been clearly traced so far as we have been able to learn. It is known that in 1659 his family consisted of eight persons, which would indicate the existence of six children at that date. Only three are known, and their descendants named in the printed record, viz.: Joseph, Ezra, and Benjamin, all of Taunton, Mass. The inference is that the other three were either daughters, or that they died in infancy or removed from Taunton and so were lost trace of. William Reed Deane and John Ward Deane admit that James Deane, of Stonington, Conn., may have been a son of Walter. After a careful examination of the evidence attainable at this late day, I am satisfied that James of Stonington, was the son of Walter of Taunton, and I think from conversations had with John Ward Deane of Boston, that he became convinced of the truth of this statement from facts brought to light after his article was printed.

I will proceed to enumerate some of the later acquired data which lead to the conclusion enunciated. Benjamin Fish of New York City, and Mystic, Conn., whose mother was a Deane descendant of James Deane of Stonington¹, has given much attention to the Dean genealogy, and largely aided John Ward Deane and William Reed Deane in the preparation of their record. He long had in his possession (now held by

¹ The line is as follows: Walter¹, James², James³, John⁴, James⁵, Prudence⁶(married Asa Fish), Benjamin Fish⁷.

his nephew, John Dean Fish of New York) a small account book which at one time belonged to James³ (Born 31 October, 1674), son of James² of Stonington, which in a letter of April 12, 1898, he describes as follows: "The book is about $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches long, by $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide and an inch thick; binding of oak wood and covered with leather. It commences in the year 1696, but the ink and paper were excellent, and all records are perfectly legible. There are some entries up to 1705. I copy from this book: 'Memorandum of things which my father had don in the year 1696-7. To money which my father had whin he wint to Tanton, 12^s. The wait of iron which I took of my father was 287^{lb}. I returned 148^{lb}.' The Tisdales of Taunton have always been in the iron trade. James² Dean in all probability learned his trade of his father-in-law. I first called the attention of W. R. Dean of the New England Historical and Genealogical Society, saying that I guessed that the wife of the first James was Sarah Tisdale, and he made the investigation and ascertained the fact. The first James Deane apparently came into possession of some property about the year 1696-7. Was it not his inheritance of Walter's estate? Walter was living in 1693. James went to 'Tanton' in 1696-7, and during that year closed up his matters of business in Stonington, leaving his son James³ in possession of the homestead, and moved to Plainfield, where he bought a great territory. He was the first Town Clerk there and the penmanship of the old gentleman is excellent. He must have received a good edu-

cation for the time in which he lived. If James learned his trade of John Tisdale, he must have been a very young man when he entered on his seven years' apprenticeship. It is hardly probable that he strayed away from England alone and without a trade, and came as a waif to Taunton and there married the daughter of the respectable, if not aristocratic John Tisdale. Is it not more reasonable to think, that being the son of Walter, he and Sarah Tisdale were school-mates, and in their youth made up the promise true? In fact, it seems that there is no place to put James but in the roll of Walter's children, and in this view the late William Reed Deane concurred without a doubt."

So well convinced was Benjamin Fish, that his ancestor, James² of Stonington, was a son of Walter¹ of Taunton, Mass., that when he and his brother James Dean Fish removed the remains of James² and his wife from the old burial grounds at Plainfield to the White Hall cemetery, between Mystic and Stonington, they erected a substantial monument and engraved upon it the following words: "James Dean, born at Taunton, Mass., 1648-49; married to Sarah Tisdale, 1673-74; settled in Stonington 1677; removed to Plainfield, 1696, and there died 29 May, 1725, aged 76 years.

"Sarah Tisdale, wife, born at Taunton, 1648-9, died at Plainfield, 26 April, 1726, aged 77 years. The remains of James Dean and Sarah Dean were removed from Plainfield to this burial ground 1863, by James Dean Fish."

We have other evidence of relationship existing between our Connecticut ancestors and the Deans of Taunton, Mass. In a letter received from John Ward Deane, dated 31 August, 1899, he says: "William R. Deane, in 1846 called upon Miss Sarah Dean, then living over No. 99 High street, Providence, and obtained from her some information in relation to her ancestry. She said she was from Plainfield, Conn., and that her family was connected with the Taunton Deans, as her parent was in the habit of visiting them as *relatives*." This Sarah⁵ Dean was a daughter of Ezra⁴, and a sister of our ancestor, Jonathan⁵, who settled in Abington, Pa., in 1800.

The fact that the Connecticut and Taunton Deans were in communication with each other is well established by the following circumstance: The Ezra⁴ Dean above spoken of was a prominent member of the Connecticut Susquehanna Company that settled Wyoming Valley, Pennsylvania. After Ezra moved to Rhode Island he was made the agent of this company to sell shares and enlist settlers from that state. While there were nearly a dozen shareholders bearing the name of Dean, who lived in Connecticut, there were two Deans from Taunton, Mass. (See Pennsylvania Archives, 2d series, Volume 18, page 19.)

A further circumstance connecting James² Deane of Stonington, with Taunton and the Tisdale family is found in the fact that Jonathan³, son of James², named one of his sons Tisdale⁴ Dean.

With this evidence, while not perfect and absolutely conclusive, we must be content for want of better, and on it base the conclusion that James² of Stonington, was the son of Walter¹ Deane of Taunton, Mass. With this link welded more or less firmly, as the evidence recited impresses the questioning mind, we easily establish our chain of family descent from the English home at Taunton, or its vicinity in Somersetshire, England.

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WALTER DEANE.

Of Walter¹ Deane we have no account beyond that contained in the article forming the first part of this book. From that we learn that he was born in Chard, England, between 1615 and 1620. He took the freeman's oath in Massachusetts, 4 December, 1638, and if then 21 years of age, as is most probable, he could not have been born later than 1617. He married Miss Strong, daughter of Richard Strong of Taunton, England. Her name was probably Eleanor Strong, as a deed made in 1693 was signed by Walter and Eleanor Deane, though this might have been a second wife. This is the latest date that we have respecting either. There is no record of the settlement of Walter's estate. He was deputy to the Plymouth Court in 1640, and selectman for Taunton from 1679 to 1686, inclusive, and was prominent in town affairs. He was a tanner by trade.

His children residing in Taunton, Mass., were 1 Joseph, 2 Ezra, 3 Benjamin, 4 James of Ston-

ington, Conn. If there were six children of Walter, as appears probable when the listing was made in 1659, we have no trace of the other two.

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JAMES² DEANE (Walter¹).

James² Deane, having learned his trade of blacksmith and iron-worker at Taunton, settled for a time at Scituate, Mass., where his first two children were probably born. On 26 February, 1676, the town of Stonington, Conn., at a public meeting duly warned, voted to donate 24 acres of land to James Deane for a home lot, and 100 acres of commons, to induce him to remove to that place to follow his trade of smith, and many of the leading citizens offered to contribute considerable sums of money to be repaid in work. A deed from the town of Stonington to James Deane, dated 16 February, 1680, is recorded in the Town Clerk's office at Stonington, in Volume 2, page 124, conveying 100 acres of land. He began work there in 1676, and became a prominent man in the town. His trade was an honorable one and of more importance to the community than it is considered to be today.

He continued to follow his trade at Stonington until 1698, when he sold out to his son James³ and removed to Plainfield with other pioneers who settled in what was called the Quinnebaug country. Here he was elected first Town Clerk in 1699, a position he filled with great acceptability for many years. I have seen the public records in his handwriting and they are models

of neatness and fine penmanship of the ancient style. He was a large land owner at Plainfield and the neighboring town of Voluntown. He died at Plainfield 29 May, 1725, and his wife died 26 April, 1726. Their children were as follows :

- 3.** JAMES³, born 31 October, 1674.
- 4.** SARAH³, born 4 September, 1676.
- 5.** JOHN³, born 15 May, 1678, m. Lydia Thatcher, 10 June, 1708.
- 6.** { ONECEPHORUS³, born 28 Mar. 1680, d. 1680.
- 7.** { MARY³, born 25 March, 1680, m. Thomas Thatcher, of Lebanon, Conn.
- 8.** FRANCIS³, born 8 September, 1682.
- 9.** WILLIAM³, born 21 September, 1684, d. 7 October, 1684.
- 10.** HANNAH³, baptized 4 April, 1686.
- 11.** WILLIAM³, born 12 September, 1689.
- 12.** NATHANIEL³, baptized 2 April, 1693, m. Joanna Fisher, 17 May, 1716, at Dorchester, Mass.
- 13.** JONATHAN³, baptized 22 April, 1695, m. Sarah Douglass, 17 January, 1716, at New London, Conn.

Probably the most prominent man in public life in our Dean family was Hon. Silas⁵ Deane of Groton, Conn., a very important and conspicuous member of the Continental Congress during the revolution. He was born 24 December, 1737, son of Silas⁴ Deane, who was son of John³, second son of James² of Stonington, son of Walter¹ of Taunton. Hon. Silas Deane graduated at Yale college with high honors in 1758. He took a very prominent part in equipping the

naval force during the revolution. In 1776 he was sent as the secret agent of the government to France to secure munitions of war for the army, and was very successful in his mission.

He was also chosen as one of the ambassadors with Benjamin Franklin and Arthur Lee to France, and they succeeded in negotiating the important treaties which made France an ally with the United States, and it was Silas Deane who enlisted the sympathies and active co-operation of Lafayette with the cause of the colonies.

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JONATHAN³ DEAN (James², Walter¹).

Our branch of the Dean family descended from Jonathan³, the youngest child of James², son of Walter¹.

We have very little knowledge of this ancestor. He probably moved with his father from Stonington to Plainfield in 1698. He became a prominent citizen there and owned much land in Plainfield and the neighboring town of Voluntown. He was a deputy or member of the state legislature in 1750, 1751 and 1753¹. He was a member of the Susquehanna Company², though we have no evidence that he ever visited Wyoming Valley, or participated in its settlement.

His name appears among the signers of a church covenant of the First Congregational Church of Plainfield, David Rowland, pastor, in 1747. This record in 1897 was in the possession

¹ See Connecticut Colonial Records, Vol. 9, p. 547-585; Vol. 10, p. 2, 196.

² See Pennsylvania Archives, 2d series, Vol. 18, p. 5.

of William Kinne, the old schoolmaster at Plainfield. Jonathan died at Plainfield, Connecticut, 18 May, 1763. The record of births of his children is at Central Village, in the town of Plainfield, and is in an excellent state of preservation. From this and other sources we gain the following data: He married Sarah Douglas 17 January, 1716, at New London, Conn., and their children were :

14. MARY⁴, born 10 January, 1717.

15. EZRA⁴, born 18 November, 1718.

16. PHINEAS⁴, born 19 July, 1720, m. Abigail Clark, 17 December, 1742.

17. HANNAH⁴, born 24 March, 1722, m. Thos. Gallup, 11 August, 1748.

18. ELIPHALET⁴, born 27 November, 1723, d. 9 March, 1725.

19. LEMUEL⁴, born 15 November, 1725, m. Mary Lawrence 26 June, 1746.

20. TISDALE⁴, born 25 November, 1729.

21. ELIZABETH⁴, born 5 June, 1731, m. Mica-jah Adams, 7 November, 1750.

22. DELIGHT⁴, born 8 March, 1733.

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EZRA⁴ DEAN (Jonathan³, James², Walter¹).

We have now come down to the period within which we have some private family records.

The first account I ever received of Ezra⁴ Dean was obtained when a student at East Greenwich, and visiting our Davis relatives at Davisville, R. I. Mr. James M. Davis had in his

possession the family Bible of his father Ezra Davis. From it I copied the following record:

“Joshua Davis had two sons, Jeffrey and Samuel. Jeffrey married Abigail Scranton and had nine children, viz: Benjamin, Stephen, Joshua, Molly, Sally, Abigail, Rebecca, Elizabeth, and Waity. Joshua Davis married 1st, Hannah Spink and had one girl. 2d, married Sibyl Dean. By this wife he had four children, 1 James, died young, 2 Ezra, 3 Jeffrey, 4 James, the last three being alive in 1853. Molly Davis married Jonathan Dean. They had five children, viz: Ezra, James, Jeffrey, Sibyl, and Abigail. My (Ezra Davis) grandfather Dean was named Ezra. He lived on the Pardon Mawney¹ farm when my father was married², and moved from there to Noose Neck Hill³, and from there to Pawtuxet⁴, and there died. He had seven children, viz: Jonathan, William, James, Sibyl, Abigail, Sarah, and Almy. Jonathan Dean married Molly Davis, Abigail married David Martin, Almy married Caleb Williams, Sarah died an old maid, William Dean dropped down dead mending fence on the Pardon Mawney farm and was buried there; James went to sea and was never heard from; Jonathan moved from West Greenwich over 50 years since (1853), to Abington, Luzerne county, Pa. He had five children as above named; Sibyl married Robert Stone, Abigail married George Gardner.

“David Martin had four children, Joseph,

¹ About a mile from Davisville, in E. Greenwich Township.

² 19 November, 1775.

³ W. Greenwich Township.

⁴ Cranston Township, near Providence.

James, Sally, and Abigail. Almy Dean and Caleb Williams had no children.”

We feel deeply grateful to this old relative whom I never saw, but whom my father remembers well, for making this valuable family record. It furnished me the first clue to my ancestry back of Jonathan Dean of Abington, and quite possibly, without this knowledge I would never have been able to get started on the line of research which has resulted in this history. The relationship between the Davis and Dean families was at one time very intimate. Jeffrey Davis and Ezra Dean were neighbors in Rhode Island. Two of Jeffrey's children married two of Ezra's children. Joshua Davis married Sibyl Dean ; Molly Davis married Jonathan Dean.

The three sons of Joshua Davis were named Ezra, Jeffrey, and James.

The three sons of Jonathan Dean were named Ezra, Jeffrey, and James.

These double cousins were nearly of the same age and must have been very intimate in their childhood and youth. But when Jonathan moved with his family to Abington, Pa., in 1800, the distance and difficulties of travel and communication must have sadly interrupted the familiar intercourse of early days. But the ties of affection between the Davis and Dean families have never been lost or materially weakened. Though each generation widens numerically, the degree of relationship and the common blood is diluted, yet the same affection is felt as in former times, and we are still cousins, visiting each

other as opportunity offers, and keeping up in some branches of the two families quite a regular correspondence.

Of our ancestor Ezra⁴ Dean, we have been able to glean quite a number of interesting facts. He was born at Plainfield, Conn., 18 November, 1718. In his long life, continuing until 14 December, 1806, he had four wives. We have been able to ascertain definitely the name of only the last one, Phoebe Waterman, whom he married 20 April, 1774¹, and who survived him. Who was the mother of his children we have thus far been unable to discover. We find an account of the marriage of some Ezra Dean to Elizabeth Field (widow), 13 September, 1743, by Jabez Bowen, Esq., in the Vital Records of Providence County, R. I., but as there were Ezra Deans at Taunton, Mass., no great distance from Providence, we have no means of telling which Ezra this was.

On 13 July, 1759, our Ezra Dean and his wife Rebekah, of East Greenwich, join in a deed to Henry Tibbits, for four acres of land in East Greenwich². In this deed his occupation is given as blacksmith, the same as his grandfather, James², of Stonington.

We are informed that one of his wives was from North Kingston, R. I., and it was in her honor that he gave the name of Kingston to the town in the Wyoming Valley after the settlement made at Forty Fort³. The town records

¹ See Vital Statistics of Rhode Island, Vol. 10, page 204.

² East Greenwich Land Evidences, Book 8, page 23.

³ See Pierce's Annals of Luzerne county, page 205.

of North Kingston were badly damaged by fire and many names are rendered illegible, hence if this marriage was recorded there, the record is lost.

His settlement in the Wyoming Valley was in 1769 when he was 51 years of age, and he was probably married at Plainfield as early as 1740, since his son Jonathan was born in 1741. The records of the First Congregational Church at Plainfield, kept by the pastor, David Rowland, show that 1 May, 1748, Anna, James, and Sibyl, children of Ezra and — Dean, were baptized. The name of the wife of Ezra was not recorded.

When Ezra left Plainfield, Conn., and settled in the town of East Greenwich, R. I., we do not know with certainty, but he was assessed in the latter place from 1754 to 1771, inclusive¹.

On the 7th of February, 1772, he bought of Richard Green of Pottowomutt, Warwick, R. I., 251 acres of land in West Greenwich, near Moose Neck Hill, and it is quite likely that he moved to this farm the same year. The price of this land was £600.²

On the third of October, 1776, Ezra Dean and his wife Phoebe, sell 68 acres of this farm to their son Jonathan for £180, and later he sells the remainder of the land to John Green (son of John I. Green), of Warwick, for £600.

On the 23d of September, 1782, Ezra Dean bought of James Aborn, 14 acres of land in

¹ See manuscript tax rolls in office of Town Clerk, East Greenwich, R. I.

² See Land Evidences in Town Clerk's office, West Greenwich, R. I.

Warwick Township. His residence was given as Cranston and occupation a blacksmith.¹

On the 28th of August, 1780, Ezra Dean bought of Jos. W. Rhodes, physician, of Boston, three-fourths of an acre of land at Cranston, R. I.² Ezra's residence was given as Warwick when this deed was made. Warwick and Cranston are adjoining towns and the village of Pawtuxet was partly in each town.

On the 15th of September, 1783, Ezra Dean bought of Abraham Sheldon of Killingly, Windham county, Conn., a house and lot in Cranston adjoining his purchase from Jos. W. Rhodes.

After the death of Ezra Dean, the interest of his son Jonathan in the father's homestead at Pawtuxet, town of Cranston, was sold by the sheriff to his brothers-in-law, David Martin, Caleb Williams, and Joshua Davis, and his sister Sarah Dean, a single woman, by deed of 11 June, 1811³. Then in the following year by deed of 6 May, 1812, the remaining heirs and parties interested conveyed the late homestead of Ezra Dean to Rhodes Green of Cranston, for the sum of \$900⁴.

This deed is valuable as giving us positive information as to the family of Ezra Dean surviving in 1812. The grantors are Joshua Davis of N. Kingston, and Sibyl, his wife, in her right; David Martin of Providence, and Elizabeth, his

¹ See Land Evidences in Town Clerk's office, Apponaug.

² See Land Evidences in Town Clerk's office, Cranston, R. I., Vol. 3, page 44.

³ See Land Evidences, at Cranston, Vol. 9, page 10.

⁴ See Land Evidences, at Cranston, Vol. 8, page 182.

wife, in her right ; Caleb Williams of Cranston, and Almy, his wife, in her right, and Sarah Dean, a single woman. We know that Jonathan was then living in Pennsylvania, but his rights had passed by the sheriff's sale to the other grantors.

It will be noticed that the name of David Martin's wife is written Elizabeth, while in Ezra Davis' records he calls the wife of David Martin Abigail. His record was written in 1850 when he was 74 years of age, and the mistake must be one of those so common in family records due to carelessness or defective memory, for we must accept the name attached to a deed made by the person herself, as more trustworthy than a record made by another. Elizabeth Dean Martin had a daughter Abigail Martin, and Ezra Davis may easily have confused the names in his record. We are also confirmed in our conclusion as to the name of Ezra Dean's daughter by the probate records of David Martin's estate, found in the Municipal Court of Providence, where his widow is mentioned in several places as Elizabeth¹.

The Vital Records of Providence also contain the marriage of Elizabeth Dean and David Martin, 24 September, 1769².

Ezra Dean was prominently connected with the settlement of Wyoming Valley. His father was an original stockholder in the Connecticut-Susquehanna Company. Ezra early bought the right of Barnet Dixon, an early proprietor, and

¹ See Probate Records at Providence, Vol. 12, page 522, file 138, year 1818.

² See Vital Records of Rhode Island, Vol. 1, Providence.

his name appears on the list of shareholders recorded in Volume 18, Pennsylvania Archives, series 2, page 5. The deed of purchase from Dixon, I found by chance, recorded at East Greenwich, R. I.¹ My abstract of this deed is as follows: "Barnet Dixon of Voluntown, Windham county, Conn., to Ezra Dean of East Greenwich, Kent County, R. I. Consideration, £9, grants and conveys unto said Ezra Dean, his heirs and assigns forever, the one full part, right or share in the Susquehanna Purchase, so-called, which whole right, part or share, individual, I, the said Barnet Dixon, purchased as being a partner or member of the body of men of the aforesaid colony of Connecticut, who jointly purchased the said Susquehanna tract of land commonly so-called of the Chief Sachems and Nations, proprietors of said country or land aforesaid, dated 28 January, 1760, recorded 8 March, 1760; acknowledged before John Smith, Justice of Peace of Voluntown, Windham county, Connecticut."

At a meeting of the Susquehanna Company held at Windham, Conn., on the 16th of November, 1762, Ezra Dean was appointed on a committee to sell shares at £15 each, and on 17 April, 1763, he was authorized to admit settlers to the number of forty each to the eight towns laid out in the Wyoming Valley². It is quite probable that Ezra Dean joined the band of im-

¹ See Land Evidences at Town Clerk's office, East Greenwich, Vol. 8, page 42.

² See Pennsylvania Archives, Vol. 18, pages 45, 47, and 60, series 2.

migrants to the valley in 1763, as his name appears in a list of these early settlers published by Stewart Pearce in his *Annals of Luzerne County*¹. The Indians attacked these settlers 15 October, 1763, and killed about twenty of them, the remainder escaping after much suffering to their former homes².

No further attempt was made by the Connecticut Company to occupy their land at Wyoming until 1769, and again Ezra Dean appears in the list of settlers at Forty Fort³. How long he remained here we have no means of knowing. We find that he owned a tract of land in Exeter Township, near the Kingston line⁴. He also owned lot No. 17 in Providence Township⁵. A large portion of this lot was sold in 1802 to Nathan Roberts⁶, and later it was sold by the sheriff of Luzerne county to Lord Butler, who conveyed it to Henry L. C. Von Storch⁷, the ancestor of the family of that name prominent in the history of the town of Providence and city of Scranton.

It is not believed that Ezra Dean ever lived for any great length of time on his property in Pennsylvania, or that he ever realized any considerable profit from his holdings. The land was disposed of by him or his son Jonathan before

¹ See *Annals of Luzerne County*, appendix A, page 535.

² *Miner's History of Wyoming*, page 54.

³ See Pearce's *Annals*, Appendix B, page 536.

⁴ See *Pennsylvania Archives*, 2d series, page 545, Vol. 18.

⁵ *Ibid.*, page 543.

⁶ See Crew's *History of Scranton*, published 1891, page 81.

⁷ See *Luzerne County Deed Book 14*, page 134.

its true value was known. Had his lands in Luzerne and Lackawanna counties been retained in the family until the discovery of coal and its value was appreciated, it would have made all of his descendants rich. But he died without that knowledge, and who can say but that his descendants today are happier and perchance richer than they would have been had they inherited wealth without the effort of acquiring it?

Whether Ezra Dean served his country in a military capacity we have no positive information, but some circumstances tend to that conclusion. In the probate records at Cranston he is called Captain Ezra Dean¹. We have found no military roll confirming the right to this title, but the military records of Rhode Island are very imperfect, and the absence of such a roll is no proof against the claim.

The inventory of his estate showed that he was in comfortable circumstances, though by no means wealthy. The personal estate amounted to \$1,635.95. Among the items inventoried was a "large Bible, old, \$2.00". How eagerly and longingly I have searched for that old Bible! What a mint of family history is, or undoubtedly was once, contained in its family record! But alas, it is lost beyond hope of recovery, and the wished-for facts will never be supplied. Diligent search among the files of contemporaneous newspapers in possession of the Rhode Island Historical Society gave me the following valuable information :

¹ See Cranston Town Records, Probate Vol. 2, page 4.

“At Pawtuxet on the 14th inst., Mr. Ezra Dean, in the 89th year of his age. We here behold the termination of a life rendered venerable by years, and still more venerable by virtue. Although it had pleased God to extend his days beyond the common limits of mortality, yet were his sorrows likewise extended beyond the usual allotment of mortals. Nine times had this affectionate parent followed his children to the grave. He had four times been a husband and had felt those tender sympathies thrice broken by death. She whom he had chosen as the fourth partner of his joys and sorrows was incapable of closing the eyes of a husband tenderly beloved, or of soothing by kind offices the agonies of dissolution, except by her own example of piety, patience and resignation to God. At that afflicting moment she was wasting on a bed of sickness and seemed very near to that awful period to which her husband had arrived. In him we observe a piety and resignation surmounting all the miseries of life, placidly looking forward to the end of it with an entire confidence in a better. Troubles, far from depressing his mind, had only made it more serene and resigned to the Hand which inflicted them. His life affords an instance how far virtue and piety may mitigate the sorrows of age and, as we trust, render the bed of death but a short and peaceful repose till a joyful and immortal rising hereafter.”¹

This newspaper clipping gave me valuable data which partially makes up for the loss of the

¹ Providence *Gazette* of Saturday, December 20, 1806.

family record supposed to be contained in the lost family bible.

We know that Ezra left five children to survive him. This article tells us he had buried nine. We know the names of a few of these, but have no knowledge of the age at death. The Davis record states that James went to sea and was never heard from, and William fell dead while mending a fence.

I found the names of Anna, James and Sibyl among those who were baptized at Plainfield 1 May, 1748, and the name of Ruth is found in a memorandum taken by Wm. Reed Dean of Boston, when he visited Sarah Dean of Providence, in 1847. This leaves five whose names and ages we know nothing about. I give the list of Ezra's children in the order of age as far as it is known:

23. 1 JONATHAN, born 9 July, 1741, d. 2 August, 1822.

24. 2 ANNA, baptized 1 May, 1748.

25. 3 JAMES, " " "

26. 4 SIBYL, born 25 August, 1747, baptized 1 May, 1748, d. 20 December, 1829.

27. 5 ELIZABETH, born 1752, d. 1846 or 1847.

28. 6 SARAH, born 1757 or 1758, d. 24 May, 1847.

29. 7 ALMA, born 1762 or 1763, d. 1846 or 1847.

30. 8 WILLIAM.

31. 9 RUTH.

The other five probably died young, and we have no record concerning them.

I have not been able to find where Ezra or any of his wives were buried. I have searched in

many graveyards in Rhode Island, but without finding their names on the stones. Many stones are blank or names illegible owing to the action of the weather.

Passing by for the present our ancestor Jonathan, I will record what facts I have learned concerning his sisters.

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SIBYL⁵ DEAN, born 25 August, 1747, at Plainfield, Conn.; moved with her father Ezra, to Rhode Island, about 1754, when he became a taxpayer in the town of East Greenwich. They lived on the Pardon Mawney farm, about a mile or two from Davisville, where she married Joshua Davis, 19 November, 1775. Her children were:

● Ezra Dean Davis, born 5 April, 1779, died 21 June, 1863.

Jeffrey Davis, born 6 November, 1780, died 21 July, 1854.

James Davis, born 8 August, 1783, died 19 January, 1868.

Sibyl died 20 December, 1829.

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ELIZABETH⁵ DEAN, born in 1751 or 1752, married David Martin of Providence, 24 September, 1769. They had five children: James, Joseph, Sally, Abigail, and Elizabeth. The last-named died 20 December, 1807, in her 17th year. David Martin died about 1818, as the Probate Records begin 16 September, 1818. Inventory of personal

property was \$7,147.88, and this included a "body pew in the First Baptist Meeting House," which the widow took at its appraised valuation, \$200. The account of administrators showed the personal estate realized \$9,265.09. Elizabeth Martin died in 1846 or 1847 in her 95th year.

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SARAH⁵ DEAN was born about 1757 and never married. I found an account of her death in the College Library in Providence, as follows: "In this city on Monday last (24 May, 1847). Miss Sarah Dean in the 90th year of her age. Miss Dean is the last of three sisters who have died within a year. The first at the time of her decease was in her 95th year, the second in her 85th year, and Miss Dean in her 90th year. Funeral this p. m. at 3 o'clock, from her late residence, 97 High street."¹

The settlement of her estate was made by Daniel Martin (probably a grand nephew, son of James or Joseph Martin, sons of her sister Elizabeth). The amount to be divided was \$638.40. One-third went to James and Joseph Martin, which would indicate that their sisters Sally and Abigail were then dead without leaving heirs. One-third to Ezra, Jeffrey, and James Davis, and one-third to the Deans of Abington, Pa., viz: Eliza Green, Maria Colvin, Isaac Dean, Amasa Dean, N. N. Dean, Laura Russell, Myron Dean and Mariamni, taking the share of James Dean, deceased, Ezra and Jeffrey taking the remainder.

¹ From Providence *Daily Journal* of Wednesday, 26 May, 1847.

This distribution apparently ignored the children of Robert Stone's wife Sibyl, and George Gardner's wife Abigail, who were in the same degree of relationship to Sarah Dean as were the children of Ezra, James, and Jeffrey Dean.

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ALMY⁵ DEAN was born about 1761 or 1762, and married Caleb Williams of Cranston, R. I., 20 May, 1804. The Davis record says they had no children. Almy died in 1846 or 1847 in her 85th year.

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JONATHAN⁵ DEAN (Ezra⁴, Jonathan³, James², Walter¹).

We now come to the history of our family who were residents of Abington, Luzerne county, Pa.

Jonathan Dean, the only son of Ezra Dean who lived to raise a family, and probably his oldest child, was born at Plainfield, Conn., 9 July, 1741, and died at Abington, Pa., 2 August, 1822.

We have no knowledge of his early life. The first record concerning him is found in the tax lists at East Greenwich, R. I., where he appears as a taxpayer in that township for the years 1769, 1770, 1771. The first record of his marriage is after he removed to West Greenwich, when on 14 November, 1773, he was married to a Miss Nichols, daughter of Thomas Nichols, of North Kingston, R. I.¹

Ezra Dean had bought a large tract of land in

¹ See Vital Records of Rhode Island, Vol. 5, page 19.

West Greenwich in 1772¹, and it is likely Jonathan moved there the same year, as his name is not in the tax list of East Greenwich for 1772. His first wife must have died soon after their marriage, as we find that Jonathan married Mary Davis, daughter of Jeffrey and Abigail Scranton Davis of North Kingston, R. I., on 4 January, 1775.

Jonathan must have been a man of fair ability as he was the Town Clerk of West Greenwich from 1776 to 1780. We find that he was a Justice of the Peace in West Greenwich in 1778, 1779, and 1790, and he may have held that office in the years intervening.

He joined the Baptist church in Exeter, R. I., the town adjoining West Greenwich, in October, 1777², and was the clerk of that church from about 1790 to 1796³. He was also the first clerk of the first Abington church from 1802 to 1808, when he was succeeded by his son Jeffrey, who held the office for twenty years⁴.

On the third Monday of June, 1792, the Assembly of Rhode Island appointed Jonathan Dean of West Greenwich, Benjamin Tillinghast of East Greenwich, and Pardon Tillinghast of Exeter, directors of a lottery to raise \$250 to build a nail factory on land of Pardon Allen in Exeter.

While still a resident of West Greenwich he

¹ See Deed Book No. 7, in Town Clerk's Office, West Greenwich.

² See Vital Records of Rhode Island, Vol. 10, page 408.

³ See Narragansett Historical Register, Vol. 2, page 23.

⁴ See Bailey's History of Abington Association, page 87.

made many journeys to Pennsylvania to look after the interest of his father in the Susquehanna purchase. There is a tradition handed down in the family that he made sixteen trips from Rhode Island to Pennsylvania on the back of the same pony. He appears to have been early interested at Pittston, as he, with John Jenkins and Isaac Tripp, established a ferry at this point in 1772¹. In fact the town of Exeter was granted to these three men, for them and their associates, on 25 November, 1772².

Being in the prime of life at the time of the Revolution, it is natural to inquire whether he took part in that momentous struggle. I early discovered on the pension rolls at Washington, the name of Jonathan Dean, and at first it was assumed that this was our ancestor. Upon closer inquiry and having an examination made of the papers on file in the Pension Department I discovered that the pensioner was four years younger than our Jonathan, and that he was a second cousin living in Westmoreland, N. Y. His line from James² Dean of Stonington, the common ancestor, is as follows: James², John³, John⁴, Jonathan⁵, the revolutionary soldier and pensioner.

Disappointed in this line of investigation, I kept up the search and was rewarded by finding an original muster roll of a Rhode Island company commanded by Captain Thomas Tilling-

¹ See History of Luzerne, Lackawanna and Wyoming counties (Munsell, 1880), page 327.

² See Egle's History of Pennsylvania, page 1165 (Ed. 1876); also "The Harvey Book" by Oscar J. Harvey, page 922.

hast of West Greenwich, preserved in the Historical Society's library at Providence, R. I., in volume 4 of Military Papers, No. 615 of Manuscripts. On this roll was the name of Jonathan Dean with those of many of his neighbors. How long he served or in what engagements he participated, we do not know, and no date appeared in the manuscript.

Jonathan Dean sold his farm at West Greenwich, R. I., and moved to Abington, Pa., in November, 1800¹. His daughter Abigail had married George Gardner 20 February, 1800, in Exeter, R. I., just previous to the family's change of residence. She and her husband soon followed to Pennsylvania, and settled near her brother James Dean, on the farm late of D. T. Wilmarth in West Abington. Jonathan, at the time of his settlement in Abington, was in his sixtieth year, and so far as the records give us light on the subject, he did not purchase any land in his own name, but he was accompanied by his three sons, Ezra, James, and Jeffrey, and they each took up land in the same neighborhood, under the Meredith and Clymer titles.

We have no record of the marriage of Jonathan's daughter Sibyl to Robert Stone, but as their first child was born in 1804, it is most reasonable to assume that she accompanied her father to Pennsylvania and that her marriage occurred after the settlement here. My father remembers his grandfather Jonathan, and it is his belief that Jonathan and his wife made their

¹ MSS. of his son Jeffrey Dean.

home with one of the sons and did not keep house by themselves. This might be the fact in the later years of their life, and not true as to the earlier period of their settlement.

The children of Jonathan and Mary Davis Dean were:

32. EZRA^o, born 15 February, 1776, d. 29 July, 1862.

33. SIBYL^o, born 14 April, 1777, d. 10 February, 1830.

34. ABIGAIL^o, born 28 June, 1778, d. 21 January, 1842.

35. JAMES^o, born 7 May, 1780, d. 26 February, 1844.

36. JEFFREY^o, born 16 September, 1781, d. 29 January, 1871.

I will now take up the family of each of these sons of Jonathan Dean and carry the record down to date, beginning with the oldest, finishing that line before taking up the next. Of the female lines I have not succeeded in securing the whole chain of descendants, but I think none of the Dean name born at time of going to press has escaped my vigilance.

Ezra Dean and Descendants.

(32)

EZRA⁶ DEAN (Jonathan⁵, Ezra⁴, Jonathan³,
James², Walter¹).

Ezra was born at West Greenwich, R. I., 15 February, 1776, and married Amy Gardner, who was born 14 August, 1781, and died 20 April, 1847. She was the sister of George Gardner, who married Abigail, sister of Ezra Dean. He was a farmer and lived near Walls' Corners, in West Abington. His children were :

37. WILLIAM⁷, born 18 August, 1804, d. 10 May, 1878, at Bucklin, Linn county, Mo.

38. CYRUS⁷, born 10 April, 1816, died 20 June, 1890.

39. RUTH⁷, born 2 June, 1807, d. 25 September, 1884.

40. NANCY⁷, born 8 March, 1808.

41. SIBYL⁷, born 18 November, 1810, d. 16 June, 1889.

(37)

WILLIAM⁷ DEAN, born 18 August, 1804, married first, Nancy Green, 23 January, 1827. She was a daughter of Benjamin Green and was born 3 April, 1805, died 3 November, 1863.

By the first wife he had the following children:

42. RUTH, born 29 October, 1830, married Israel Lateer, d. 1895.

43. EZRA, born 17 May, 1833.

44. HENRY, born 18 August, 1836.

45. BENJAMIN, born 9 October, 1845, d. 15 August, 1853.

William Dean married second, Mary Stanton, 13 November, 1864. She was born 22 August, 1835. They settled in Bucklin, Mo., in 1868. They had one son.

46. CYRUS W., born 5 September, 1866.

(43)

EZRA⁸ DEAN, son of William⁷ Dean, was born in West Abington, Luzerne (afterwards Lackawanna) county, Pa., 17 May, 1833. He married first in 1866, Lucy Bailey, daughter of ——— Bailey, and moved to Bucklin, Mo., in 1867. By his first wife he had one child :

47. LUCY⁹ DEAN, born 10 May, 1868.

He married second, in 1870, Margaret Golden, and had :

48. NANNIE⁹, born 22 March, 1872.

49. DAISY⁹, born 15 July, 1874.

50. MONA⁹, born 1 July, 1880. *deceased.*

51. LARA⁹, born 2 July, 1880. *deceased.*

52. ZORA⁹, born 8 October, 1882.

53. WILLIAM⁹, born 5 September, 1891.

(48)

NANNIE⁹ DEAN, daughter of Ezra⁸ Dean, married 8 March, 1899, Rev. Shirley E. Smutz.

(49)

DAISY⁹ DEAN, daughter of Ezra⁸ Dean, married 19 October, 1897, Walter Ray.

(44)

HENRY⁸ DEAN, son of William⁷ Dean, born at West Abington, Pa., 18 August, 1836, was a school teacher in his youth and taught one Winter term at the schoolhouse then on Cyrus Colvin's farm in West Abington, which the writer attended, but being quite young at the time, I have only the faintest recollection of the teacher.

He enlisted in the Union army in the war of the rebellion and was killed in 1862 at the battle of South Mountain in Maryland.

(45)

BENJAMIN⁸ DEAN, son of William⁷ Dean, born in West Abington 9 October, 1845, was drowned near the schoolhouse at the four corners called Walls' Corners, West Abington, 15 August, 1853, in his eighth year.

(46)

CYRUS⁸ W. DEAN, son of William⁷ Dean, was born 5 September, 1866. After the death of his father in Missouri, he with his mother returned to Pennsylvania and settled near Factoryville, on a farm near the old Bethel meeting house site. He was married first to Kate Shelly and had one child:

54. WILLIAM⁹ EARL DEAN, born 10 July, 1886.

He was divorced from this wife and both remarried, Cyrus marrying second, Mabel Holgate, 3 May, 1895.

(38)

CYRUS⁷ DEAN, son of Ezra⁶ Dean, was born in West Abington 5 November, 1816. He married first, 29 January, 1840, Melissa Raymond, daughter of John Raymond, and they had one child, Harriet L. Dean, born 18 May, 1848, and died 10 September, 1848. This wife died 19 June, 1848. He married second, Nancy Raymond, sister of the first wife. No children were born to this wife. Cyrus died 20 June, 1890, on the farm which his father had owned before him, and his widow continues to occupy the homestead.

(39)

RUTH⁷ DEAN, daughter of Ezra⁶ Dean, was born in West Abington 2 June, 1807. She married Benjamin Miller, son of Rev. John Miller 25 April, 1833. They had the following children:

55. CAROLINE⁸, born 20 June, 1834.

56. JOHN⁸ W., born 2 November, 1835.

57. MARY⁸ ELIZABETH, born 13 September, 1838, d. 20 October, 1901.

(55)

CAROLINE⁸ MILLER, daughter of Benjamin and Ruth⁷ Dean Miller, married Rev. S. S. Kennedy 14 October, 1858, and has no children. Mr. Kennedy died 2 May, 1898, at Waverly, Pa. For many years he had been the agent of the Luzerne County Bible Society.

(56)

JOHN⁸ W. MILLER, son of Benjamin and Ruth⁷ Dean Miller, born 2 November, 1835, married Frances D. Carpenter 14 December, 1871. They have the following children :

58. RUTH⁹ ESTELLE, born 8 November, 1872.

59. HARRY⁹ BENJAMIN, born 23 October, 1875.

60. MERRY⁹ MAUD, born 20 October, 1877.

61. ARTHUR⁹ JOSEPH, born 4 April, 1883.

(57)

MARY⁸ ELIZABETH MILLER, daughter of Benjamin and Ruth⁷ Dean Miller, born 13 September, 1838, married Edward G. Carpenter 27 March, 1861, and had two children :

62. GEORGE⁹ M. CARPENTER, born 6 March, 1862.

63. CARRIE⁹ E. CARPENTER, born 28 September, 1864.

(62)

GEORGE M. CARPENTER married Sadie E. Mileham 10 October, 1894, and has

64. MARGARET¹⁰ CARPENTER, born 12 October, 1896.

65. EDWIN¹⁰ GRAHAM CARPENTER, born 26 March, 1900.

(63)

CARRIE E. CARPENTER married Dr. Stanley M. Ward 25 June, 1885. They have one child :

66. JANET¹⁰ WARD, born June, 1901.

(58)

RUTH⁹ ESTELLE MILLER married Ward B. Parker 9 October, 1897, and they have one child :

67. FRANCES¹⁰ ELIZABETH PARKER, born 23 October, 1898.

(40)

NANCY⁷ DEAN (Ezra⁶, Jonathan⁵, Ezra⁴, Jonathan³, James², Walter¹,) was born 8 March, 1808, at West Abington, Pa. She married Lawrence Ager, 1838, and had the following children :

68. HENRY⁸, born 19 January, 1839.

69. LOUISA⁸, born 4 March, 1844, married to Justus Newman, 15 October, 1874.

70. AMY⁸, born 8 June, 1847.

(41)

SIBYL⁷ DEAN was born 18 November, 1810, d. 16 June, 1889. She married Alanson B. Green¹, son of Benjamin Green, 25 December, 1834, and lived at Sycamore, DeKalb county, Illinois. He was born 5 June, 1809. They had the following children :

71. SALLY⁸, born 27 October, 1836.

72. DEWITT⁸ CLINTON, born 29 January, 1839.

73. BENJAMIN⁸ F., born 5 July, 1841.

74. JANE⁸ E., born 22 August, 1844.

75. NANCY⁸, born 19 April, 1852.

¹ The Green line is as follows : John¹, Benjamin², Henry³, Benjamin⁴, Benjamin⁵, Alanson⁶.

(71)

SALLY^B GREEN, married 12 November, 1867.
Henry Preston, who died 8 February, 1868.

(72)

DEWITT^B C. GREEN, married 19 September,
1865, Julia Elizabeth Preston, and had the fol-
lowing children:

76. EVA⁹ MAY, born 22 February, 1868.

77. GEORGE⁹ PRESTON, born 5 May, 1876.

(73)

BENJAMIN^B F. GREEN, married 11 November,
1868, Alice Smith, and had the following chil-
dren :

78. CHARLES⁹ ALANSON, born 18 May, 1871.

79. JESSIE⁹, born 13 March, 1876.

Sibyl Dean and Descendants.

(33)

SIBYL⁶ DEAN (Jonathan⁵, Ezra⁴, Jonathan³,
James², Walter¹.)

Sibyl was born 14 April, 1777; married 11 November, 1802, Robert Stone¹, who was born 9 June, 1776; died 8 March, 1857. They had the following children :

80. ALMIRA⁷, born 29 April, 1804, married Horace Tripp.

81. JAMES⁷, born 19 June, 1805, married Sarah Stone.

82. ELIZABETH⁷ DEAN, born 27 November, 1806, married Nathan Sherman, 18 May, 1834.

83. WILLIAM⁷, born 30 May, 1808, married Sarah Jane Nichols.

84. EZRA⁷, born 21 October, 1809, married Frances Wright.

85. LORA⁷, born 12 September, 1811, died 30 September, 1816.

(81)

JAMES⁷ STONE married 20 January, 1831, Sarah Stone, and had the following children :

86. ALTHEANA⁸, born 12 November, 1831, mar-

¹ The Stone line is as follows: Robert⁵, James⁴, William³, John², Hugh¹, the immigrant of Warwick, R. I. (See Stone Genealogy, by Richard C. Stone, 1866.)

ried Joseph P. Northup, 11 March, 1852. He was born 17 May, 1826. Died 15 April, 1860.

87. HANIBAL⁸, born 20 June, 1835, married Clara Parker. He died 5 November, 1867.

88. COLUMBUS⁸, born 21 August, 1837, died 31 August, 1857.

89. FOSTER⁸, born 26 March, 1840, married Evie Brush, 13 November, 1867.

90. ALMON⁸, born 22 July, 1843, married Elizabeth Tinkham; died 28 October, 1887.

91. ANDREW⁸, born 31 August, 1852, married first, Mary Lewis, 1 January, 1873; married second, Carrie Parker, 18 February, 1896.

James⁷ died 8 May, 1889, Sarah died 15 February, 1892.

(86)

ALTHEANA⁸ STONE married Joseph P. Northup, 11 March, 1852, and had the following children :

92. FRANKLIN⁹ STONE, born 24 March, 1853.

93. JOHN⁹, born 27 October, 1854, married Ella Atherton, 14 January, 1885.

94. SARAH⁹ PATIENCE, born 23 April, 1856.

(87)

HANIBAL⁸ STONE (of James⁷) married Clara Parker and had :

95. COLUMBUS⁹.

96. MARY⁹.

97. HATTIE⁹.

98. FRED⁹.

(89)

FOSTER⁸ STONE (of James⁷) and Evie Brush had :

99. ROSS⁹ M.

100. KENNETH⁹.

(90)

ALMON⁸ STONE (of James⁷) and Elizabeth Tinkham had :

101. MYRTLE⁹.

(91)

ANDREW⁸ STONE (of James⁷) and Mary Lewis had

102. GRACE⁹, born 4 October, 1873.

103. HAROLD⁹, born 8 September, 1880.

104. ROY⁹, born 10 February, 1888, died 13 March, 1894.

105. RUBY⁹, born 28 May, 1891.

(82)

ELIZABETH⁷ D. STONE, born 27 November, 1806, married 18 May, 1834, Nathan Therman. He was born 6 August, 1809, and died 16 May, 1864. She died 21 January, 1840. Their children were :

106. HELEN⁸, born 29 December, 1834, died 7 April, 1897.

107. HAMILTON⁸, born 22 May, 1836.

(83)

WILLIAM⁷ STONE, born 30 May, 1808, married Sarah Jane Nichols, and had the following children :

108. MILO⁸, born 8 September, 1833, died 2 November, 1833.

109. SIBYL⁸ A., born 26 October, 1834.

110. MARY⁸ L., born 6 May, 1839.

(109)

SIBYL⁸ A. STONE, born 26 October, 1834, married first, 3 September, 1859, John W. Snyder, and had :

111. FLORA⁹ H., born 7 June, 1860, died 23 July, 1874. She married second, Charles M. Johnson. No children.

(110)

MARY⁸ L. STONE, born 6 May, 1839, married 1 September, 1867, Abel O. Squier, who was born 24 August, 1837. Their children are :

112. BERTHA⁹ ESTELLE, born 25 April, 1868.

113. CLARA⁹ MAY, born 1 June, 1869.

114. NELLIE⁹ JANE, born 8 July, 1871.

115. MILO⁹ CLIFTON, born 3 March, 1873, died 11 March, 1873.

116. CORA⁹ BELLE, born 21 October, 1874.

(113)

CLARA⁹ MAY SQUIER, born 1 June, 1869, married 27 September, 1894, George Trimby. Their children are :

117. ETHEL¹⁰ L., born 28 October, 1895.

118. HELEN¹⁰ B., born 2 September, 1899.

(114)

NELLIE⁹ JANE SQUIER, born 8 July, 1871, mar-

ried 14 October, 1891, John A. Wilson. Their child is :

119. EUGENE¹⁰ D., born 8 August, 1899.

(116)

CORA⁹ BELLE SQUIER, born 21 October, 1874, married 28 June, 1899, Jay B. Richards, and had one child :

120. PERCY¹⁰ J., born 10 January, 1901, died 10 September, 1901.

(84)

EZRA⁷ STONE, born 21 October, 1809, married 12 December, 1833, Frances Wright. She was born 30 September, 1810, died 8 March, 1891. Ezra died 28 October, 1879. They had the following children :

121. MELVIN⁸ AUGUSTUS, born 13 January, 1835, died 28 January, 1835.

122. AUGUSTUS⁸ DEWILTON, born 5 August, 1836, living in 1901.

123. ROBERT⁸ MELVIN, born 16 June, 1840, living in 1901, single.

124. GEORGIA⁸ ANN GERTRUDE, born 13 January, 1842, died 14 June, 1843.

125. FRANCES⁸ LOUISE, born 17 April, 1843, living in 1901, single.

126. ALTON⁸ MURRAY, born 27 March, 1847, died 3 November, 1847.

127. ALTON^{*} MURRAY, born 20 December, 1848, died 15 February, 1898, married Ella Flint.

128. MARY⁸ ANN GERTRUDE, born 24 July, 1851, died 3 March, 1852.

(122)

AUGUSTUS^B DEWILTON STONE, born 5 August, 1836, married 6 July, 1860, Narcissa C. Shields. She was born 28 February, 1839. Their children are :

129. CARRIE⁹, born 16 February, 1862, living in 1901.

130. GEORGE⁹ ROBERT, born 11 August, 1864, died 8 October, 1865.

131. MINNIE⁹, born 10 August, 1866, living in 1901.

132. EFFIE⁹, born 1 March, 1869, living in 1901.

133. KATIE⁹, born 28 February, 1871, living in 1901.

134. WILLIAM⁹, born 26 April, 1876, living in 1901.

135. METTIE⁹, born 2 January, 1879, living in 1901.

Abigail Dean and Descendants

(34)

ABIGAIL⁶ DEAN (Jonathan⁵, Ezra⁴, Jonathan³, James², Walter¹).

She was born 8 June, 1778, died 21 January, 1842; married George Gardner in Exeter, R. I., 20 February, 1800¹. He was born 24 August, 1775, and died 18 April, 1855. They settled in Abington soon after their marriage on the farm adjoining that of her brother James Dean. This farm, after the death of George Gardner, was bought by Amasa and Myron Dean, and later was sold to D. T. Wilmarth, whose widow, daughter of Asa Eaton, still occupies it. They had the following children :

136. HORACE⁷, born 4 October, 1800, died 3 March, 1874.

137. ASAH⁷, born 15 November, 1802, died 30 August, 1871.

138. ALFRED⁷.

139. SWEET⁷, born 20 January, 1811, died 9 November, 1896.

140. ABEL⁷, born 14 May, 1815, died 12 March, 1882.

¹ See Rhode Island Vital Records, Exeter. Mary Gardner, daughter of Abel, has in her possession the original marriage certificate, signed by "C. Stone, Eld.," and on the back, certificate of recording by Stephen Reynolds, Town Clerk, Exeter, R. I.

141. IRA⁷, born 25 March, 1817, died 22 October, 1853.

142. LINUS⁷.

143. JOANNA⁷, born 25 September, 1803, died 25 April, 1836.

144. MINERVA⁷.

145. DORCAS⁷, born 9 March, 1812, died 12 March, 1833.

(**136**)

HORACE⁷ GARDNER married 29 December, 1825, Narcissa Bowen (born 16 May, 1803, died 18 August, 1891), and had the following children :

146. BENAJAH⁸, born 3 May, 1827.

147. LUCETTA⁸, born 18 July, 1829, died 26 August, 1862.

148. SUSAN⁸, born 9 April, 1831, died — September, 1831.

149. SAMUEL⁸, born 6 February, 1833, died 13 April, 1836.

150. CYRUS⁸, born 9 June, 1835.

151. JAMES⁸, born 21 July, 1837.

152. MILES⁸ IRA, born 2 February, 1845, died 14 February, 1852.

(**137**)

ASAHEL⁷ GARDNER married Rebecca Colvin, daughter of Joab Colvin, and had :

153. ESTHER⁸.

154. ALMIRA⁸.

155. ADALINE⁸.

156. RHODA⁸.

(138)

ALFRED⁷ GARDNER married first, Parmela Clough, 9 December, 1838, and had :

157. ELLEN⁸.

158. JANE⁸.

He married second, Mahala Clough, and had :

159. HORACE⁸.

160. GEORGE⁸.

161. CHARLES⁸.

162. ABEL⁸.

(139)

SWEET⁷ GARDNER married Charlotte Estabrook 2 November, 1842. (Born 25 June, 1820, died 6 February, 1898.) They had one child :

163. NEWLAND⁸, born 7 December, 1843, died 1 April, 1898.

(140)

ABEL⁷ GARDNER married Sarah Hitchcock, daughter of Elisha Hitchcock, 10 February, 1845, and had :

164. HELEN⁸, born 18 February, 1846, died 20 August, 1846.

165. RUTH⁸, born 13 August, 1847, died 3 September, 1877.

166. SARAH⁸ ADALAIDE, born 25 October, 1852.

167. MARY⁸, born 29 August, 1859.

(141)

IRA⁷ GARDNER married Esther E. Stone, daughter of Riley Stone. He died 22 October, 1853. She died 1 February, 1853. They had one son :

168. FRANKLIN⁸ S., born 20 October, 1850, d.
2 October, 1871.

(142)

LINUS⁷ GARDNER married Mary Jane Dodge,
and had :

169. PHENE⁸.

(143)

JOANNA⁷ GARDNER married George Whitman,
6 March, 1828, and had :

170. MARY⁸.

171. ALMON⁸.

172. ———, married Warren Smith.

(144)

MINERVA⁷ GARDNER married 26 September,
1844, Benjamin Smith (brother of Thomas and
Erastus Smith), and had no children.

(145)

DORCAS⁷ GARDNER married 11 December, 1831,
Ezekiel Reed of South Canaan, Wayne county,
Pa., and had no children.

(151)

JAMES⁸ GARDNER (of Horace⁷) married Louisa
Green, daughter of Lyman Green, and had :

173. IRA⁹.

174. MARY⁹.

175. EMMA⁹.

James married second, Albertha Thomas. No
children.

(150)

CYRUS⁸ C. GARDNER (of Horace⁷) married Eleanor E. Nichols, born 23 May, 1835 (sister of Archibald Nichols), 26 November, 1862, and had:

176. LULU⁹ B., born 2 July, 1865, married G. W. Hornbaker, 19 April, 1891.

177. NETTIE⁹ F., born 2 June, 1867, married Hiram B. Worden, Jr., 11 April, 1890.

178. JENNIE⁹ M., born 24 July, 1870.

179. FRANK⁹ L., born 24 May, 1872.

180. HARRY⁹ L., born 24 May, 1872.

(146)

BENAJAH⁸ GARDNER (of Horace⁷) married 7 September, 1853, Kate Reynolds, daughter of Crispin Reynolds, and had:

181. MILES⁹, born 13 March, 1854.

182. LUCETTA⁹, born 31 May, 1856.

(163)

NEWLAND⁸ GARDNER (of Sweet⁷) married Sarah E. Spoor, 2 December, 1872, and had no children. He died 1 April, 1898.

(166)

SARAH⁸ ADALAIDE GARDNER (of Abel⁷) married Dr. Herbert D. Gardner (son of Asabel W.), 11 August, 1880, and had:

183. ROBERT⁹, born 2 August, 1881.

184. RUTH⁹, born 7 May, 1883, died 8 May, 1889.

MILES⁹ GARDNER (of Benajah⁸) married Luzina Gardner, 23 December, 1880, and had :

185. MARY¹⁰ N., born 3 June, 1883.

186. BENAJAH¹⁰ J., born 14 August, 1884.

HOWARD¹⁰ P., born 17 February, 1886.

James Dean and Descendants

(35)

JAMES⁶ DEAN (Jonathan⁵, Ezra⁴, Jonathan³, James², Walter¹).

He was born at West Greenwich, R. I., 7 May, 1780, and was therefore a young man of twenty when he settled with his father in Abington, in 1800. He married 28 December, 1803, Catherine Tripp¹ of Providence, Pa., daughter of Isaac Tripp, the early proprietor of Providence, Pa., who settled there between 1784 and 1787, and granddaughter of Esquire Isaac Tripp, one of the earliest pioneers in Wyoming Valley, and who was killed by Indians, with his son-in-law Jonathan Slocum, on the present site of the city of Wilkes-Barre, 16 December, 1778. This Jonathan Slocum was the father of Frances Slocum, the lost daughter of Wyoming, who was carried away captive by the Indians when a child of five years, reared among them, married an Indian chief, raised a family, and when in old age was discovered by her brothers near Logansport, Indiana, refused to return to civilized life and kindred. Catharine Tripp, wife of James Dean, was first cousin of this Indian captive.

Another cousin of Catharine Tripp, Isaac, son of her uncle Job Tripp, was also captured by the Indians about the time of the Wyoming Mass-

¹ For Tripp records see Appendix.



CATHERINE TRIPP DEAN

acre (1778), when a youth of eighteen. He was carried to Canada and retained until after the Revolutionary war, when he escaped and returned to Providence. He afterward settled in Scott township, Luzerne county, Pa., and was buried at Clifford Corners.¹

James Dean bought a farm comprising over 200 acres, of Meredith & Clymer, Philadelphia land speculators, in what was known then as Tunkhannock, but later became Abington township, Luzerne county, Pa. It was located about one and one half miles northwest of Dalton, on the old road leading to Factoryville. The farm is still owned by his son Myron Dean of Scranton. James became a prosperous farmer and enterprising citizen of the early settlement. He was captain of the local military company.

When the Abington and Waterford Turnpike was chartered, extending from Clark's Green to the mouth of Snake Creek, on the Susquehanna river, about five miles below Great Bend, he became a prominent stockholder and director of the company. A toll gate was placed at his residence, and he continued to act as gate-keeper until the road was abandoned as a toll road and made a free highway.

He was also a partner with George Capwell and others, who erected a cotton factory at Factoryville, which enterprise proved unprofitable. They afterwards erected a saw and grist mill, on the opposite side of the creek from the factory, a

¹ Hollister's History of Lackawanna County, page 127.

Also Bailey's History of Abington Association, page 117.

short distance above the bridge. He also built a still-house on the same stream at Factoryville, which he later removed to a small stream on his own farm, known in the writer's childhood as Stillhouse Brook. He, with others, built the first grist mill in Abington proper, and later became the sole owner. This mill was located where Elias Lillibridge erected his fulling mill, which is now owned by Jasper Shoemaker.

In 1802 James Dean, with his father and a few others, united with the earliest Baptist church of the neighborhood, the second in the Abington Association, under the ministry of the pioneer preacher Elder John Miller¹. It is much to be regretted that no portrait of James Dean exists. He was a man of medium height, about 5 feet 8 inches, and quite stout, weighing over 200 hundred pounds, in his later years. He died of dropsy 26 February, 1844, aged 63 years, 9 months and 19 days.

The children of James⁶ and Catharine Dean were :

187. ELIZA⁷, born 10 July, 1805, died 20 February, 1877.

188. ANN⁷ MARIA, born 5 December, 1807, died 25 June, 1877.

189. ISAAC⁷, born 9 June, 1811 ; still living in 1901.

¹ See Bailey's History Abington Baptist Association, page 84. For a sketch of the life of John Miller, see Proceedings of Wyoming Historical and Geological Society for 1902, Vol. 7.

190. NELSON⁷ N., born 11 July, 1814. died 1 June, 1879.

191. LAURA⁷ W., born 25 September, 1817, died 10 April, 1848.

192. AMASA⁷, born 27 March, 1819, died 29 December, 1900.

193. MYRON⁷, born 7 November, 1822; living in 1901.

194. MARY⁷ AMNE, born 6 November, 1824; living in 1901.

(187)

ELIZA⁷ DEAN, born 10 July, 1805, married 18 January, 1827, Hiram Green, born 8 July, 1801, died 5 March, 1870. Eliza died 21 February, 1877. They had the following children:

195. HENRY⁸ JUDSON, born 21 February, 1828, died 12 July, 1864.

196. CATHERINE⁸ D., born 8 August, 1829, died 5 January, 1881.

197. CANDACE⁸ R., born 2 September, 1831, died 3 November, 1859.

198. JAMES⁸ D., born 26 April, 1834, living in 1901.

199. ALMA⁸ ADELIA, born 21 May, 1836, died 17 October, 1853.

200. LORD⁸ MELBOURN, born 16 April, 1839, died 6 March, 1856.

201. WILLIAM⁸ DAVIS, born 15 November, 1841, living in 1901.

202. ANN⁸ Maria, born 12 October, 1842, died 31 May, 1889.

203. LAURA⁸ ELIZABETH, born 8 October, 1849, died 19 October, 1896.

(195)

HENRY⁸ JUDSON GREEN, married Louisa Wells, born 1 June, 1827, died 3 November, 1891. They had no children.

(196)

CATHERINE⁸ D. GREEN, married Jeremiah Smith 20 June, 1855. He was born 26 January, 1823, and died 25 March, 1865. They had the following children :

204. MARY⁹ ELIZA, born 7 September, 1856.

205. CANDACE⁹ A., born 10 June, 1858, died 11 June, 1896.

206. NETTIE⁹ L., born 20 December, 1862.

207. CLARA⁹ S., born 8 April, 1865.

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MARY⁹ E. SMITH, married Albert Ball, 23 May, 1876, and have the following children :

208. RUTH¹⁰ EVELYN, born 13 January, 1878.

209. HOWARD¹⁰ J., born 25 July, 1880.

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CANDACE⁹ A. SMITH, married Frank H. Clemmons, 14 October, 1880. He was born 4 March, 1857. Their children were :

210. MADGE¹⁰, born 5 September, 1882, died 2 February, 1884.

211. HAROLD¹⁰ D., born 20 December, 1883, died — July, 1884.

212. ELEANOR¹⁰ L., born 10 October, 1889.

213. KATHERINE¹⁰, born 11 April, 1894.

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CANDACE⁸ R. GREEN (of Hiram and Eliza⁷), married James S. Searle¹. He was born 8 July, 1823, died 18 November, 1863. They had no children.

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JAMES⁸ D. GREEN (of Hiram and Eliza⁷), married first, Fannie S. Schooley, 31 October, 1861; married second, Martha Searle¹, 15 October, 1868.

By first wife had :

214. CLARA⁹ E., born 29 January, 1863.

By second wife had :

215. MARY⁹ S., born 12 April, 1870.

216. JAMES⁹ S., born 17 June, 1882, died 5 August, 1882.

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CLARA⁹ E. GREEN (of James⁸ D. Green), married 15 June, 1887, Henry M. Ives, and has one child :

217. LOMIE¹⁰, born 11 May, 1889.

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MARY⁹ S. GREEN (of James⁸ D. Green), married 10 January, 1895, Dr. A. C. Shoemaker, and had :

218. JAMES¹⁰ S., born 23 January, 1896.

219. ARCHIBALD¹⁰, born 1901.

¹ The Searle line is : Constant, killed in Wyoming Massacre; Rogers². John³. James S.⁴. Martha Searle⁴.

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WILLIAM⁸ DAVIS GREEN, married Alvira H. Rice, 4 October, 1866, and has one child:

220. EDSON⁹ M. GREEN, born 28 February, 1868, married Emalene Killam, 28 April, 1898. She was born 8 April, 1876.

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ANN⁸ MARIA GREEN, married first, — June, 1863, H. P. Halstead, and had one son:

221. RAY⁹, born — —, died 31 May, 1889.

Married second, J. M. Rosensteel. No children by this husband.

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LAURA⁸ ELIZABETH GREEN, married Dr. E. A. Glover, 19 December, 1869, and had :

222. THOMAS⁹ L., born 24 August, 1873.

223. MAUD⁹ E., born — February, 1881, died 4 August, 1881.

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ANN⁷ MARIA DEAN, born 5 December, 1807, married Cyrus Colvin, 24 November, 1836. He was born in Coventry, R. I., 17 March, 1799, died in Abington, Pa., 14 November, 1879. They had two children :

224. CYRUS⁸ DEWILTON, born 8 March, 1844.

225. ALBERT⁸ DAVIS, born 28 July, 1846.

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CYRUS⁸ D. COLVIN, married Dora Andrews.



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They had no children. In 1893 she obtained a divorce and married — Jacobs.

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ISAAC⁷ DEAN (James⁶, Jonathan⁵, Ezra⁴,
Jonathan³, James², Walter¹).

Isaac Dean was born in Abington, Luzerne (now Lackawanna) county, Pa., 9 June, 1811. The county was then little more than a wilderness, with here and there a clearing, but was rapidly filling up with sturdy New England settlers. Being the oldest son, and his father a heavy man inclined to dropsy, and engaged in various enterprises outside of the farm, Isaac early in life became inured to the severe labor of cutting down the forest and tilling the newly cleared land on his father's extensive farm. His opportunities for acquiring an education from books and schools were meagre. A few months' schooling in winter with numerous interruptions was the total of his educational advantages, but they equalled those of many of his neighbors and contemporaries. He was willing to work and give his younger brothers and sisters better opportunities than he himself enjoyed. Among his first teachers were Alvinza Gardner and William Dean, who taught at Baileytown, near the residence of 'Squire Benjamin F. Bailey. The earliest built schoolhouse was located near the graveyard in front of which formerly stood the Bethel meeting house. A part of the time Isaac attended a school taught in the currying shop of Mr. Bailey, who was a tanner by trade. A little

later the Union schoolhouse was erected on the triangular lot at the corner of Cyrus Colvin's "fox lot," land of James Dean and Alvinza Gardner, near the small house built years after by James Featherby. Here the younger children of James Dean, and neighbors for miles around received their education. This schoolhouse disappeared prior to the earliest recollection of the writer.

When Isaac was twelve years old he spent one winter with his aunt Polly Tripp, widow of Holden Tripp, and attended the school of Samuel Cogizer, at Providence, Pa., nearly opposite the blacksmith shop of Samuel Davis on North Main avenue. This was probably the first schoolhouse erected in Providence. During this winter, Isaac recalls driving his aunt's team to Kingston, crossing the Susquehanna river at Pittston on the ice.

In his early days there were few horses, and fewer wagons in all Abington. Most of the travel was on horseback or with ox teams and homemade sleds.

When he was 19 years of age he hired one horse of Ezra Reynolds, another of his uncle George Gardner, and an old lumber wagon of Joseph Edwards, there being no spring wagon north of the mountains. With this outfit, using chairs for seats, he took his mother and her sister, Nancy Vaughn, with her two-year-old son Stephen, and her sister Betsy Case, with her daughter Sally Potter, on a journey to visit their relatives in New York state. This was before the Abington and Waterford turnpike was built, and the roads were not much better than the ordinary logging roads in a new clearing. The

first day they broke down and were delayed several hours, and reached Brooklyn, Susquehanna county, about midnight, where they stopped at Bagley's tavern. Here one of the horses was sick, and Isaac was up all night doctoring it. Two days more brought them to Newfield, Tompkins Co., N. Y., where they visited aunt Susanna (Tripp) Brown, wife of Abram Brown, and their family. After tarrying there a few days they proceeded through Ithaca, Trumansburg, Ovid, Geneva, Canandaigua, Bloomfield, to Bergen and Byron, Genesee county, N. Y. At Leroy they visited Jerusha (Dolph) Tripp, widow of uncle Amasa Tripp, and family. At Bergen they visited Polly (Tripp) Gifford and family, and at Byron, Martha (Tripp) Miller, wife of Elisha Miller, who was a brother of Elder John Miller of Abington. This trip occupied a month or more in the early fall of 1830, and was a much more formidable undertaking than a trip by rail to California at the present time.

When about 21 years of age, Isaac and his cousin Ira Tripp made another journey to visit the same relatives in New York state. At Lockport they visited Isaac and Henry Tripp, sons of Amasa Tripp, deceased. From that point they went on horseback to Fort Niagara, crossed to Canada by boat, thence to the falls and Buffalo, and back home. After the Abington and Waterford turnpike, was built in the early thirties, Isaac with his cousins Ira and Isaac Tripp, each took a sleigh load of coal from their uncle Stephen Tripp's coal bed to Ithaca, N. Y., and sold it for \$13.00 a ton.

When quite a young man, Isaac purchased grain and hauled it to Carbondale and Honesdale, and sold it to the Delaware and Hudson Co. He also devoted considerable time to lumbering on his father's land, and also some which he bought near Sheik's Pond, now called Lake Sheridan. Here he had a sawmill, and the lumber was hauled to the Tunkhannock creek at Roberts Eddy, below Bacons, where it was made into rafts. Nearly every spring from 1830 to 1837 at high water, he drove a raft down the creek to the river, and down the Susquehanna to Harrisburg, Marietta, or Columbia, wherever he could find a market. In 1837 he ran his raft to Havre de Grace, then shipped his lumber to Norfolk. He returned by way of Washington, Baltimore, and Philadelphia, by rail and boat. From Philadelphia he traveled by stage to Nazareth. From Nazareth he walked to Wind Gap, where he stayed over night. The next morning he arose early and walked fourteen miles to Edinger's tavern for breakfast; then walked to Daleville for dinner, and from there to his home, one and one-half miles west of Dalton, to supper, before dark, a walk of sixty miles in one day.

In the early days of this settlement, money was very scarce and hard to obtain. His father's land had to be paid for, and the oldest son worked hard to pay off the debt to the Philadelphia proprietors. No honest industry was deemed too severe or unpleasant if only the family credit could be maintained by meeting obligations as they fell due, and the younger children



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could be given the best advantages for an education that the new country afforded. Until thirty two years of age, Isaac staid at home, and was the main-stay of his father and mother in raising a large family.

In 1843 he married Polly Searle Heermans, daughter of Henry Heermans, the first merchant of Providence, Pa. He bought fifty acres of land from his uncle, George Gardner, and about sixty more from his father adjoining the homestead, and set about making a home for himself with his accustomed energy. This farm he cleared of timber and stones, building miles of wall for fences. He supplemented farming with butchering, and buying live stock for drovers, sometimes driving the stock to New Jersey for the city market.

About 1845 he joined with a Mr. Gorton, of Providence, R. I., in purchasing a drove of swine, which they secured along the Susquehanna river. These they drove to Otisville, the terminus of the Erie Railroad at that time, where they shipped them to New York. There they transferred the stock to a boat and took them to Norwich, Conn. From this place they drove them to Hoyle's tavern, in Providence, R. I., the live-stock market of that city. The venture did not prove extremely profitable, for after all bills were paid, they had about twelve dollars to divide between them. This is an illustration of the enterprise which characterized his active business life.

His wife inherited some coal property from her father, who died in Providence, Pa., in 1843, a

short time before her marriage. This property they sold to Judson Clark in 185-, and the proceeds, judiciously invested, resulted in the accumulation of quite a considerable fortune for that time. When the Second National Bank of Scranton was organized, in 1863, Isaac Dean was an active promoter of the enterprise, under the lead of his brother-in-law, W. W. Winton, in whose judgment and integrity he placed the utmost confidence. He was also a partner in the banking house of Winton, Clark & Co. which later was chartered under the name of the Citizens and Miners Savings Bank and Trust Co., of Providence, Pa. Some investments were also made in coal property in Scranton and vicinity, which promised to yield rich returns in the near future. Unfortunately, the confidence reposed in his brother-in-law was not justified by later developments, and in 1877 both banks under his management failed and Mr. Dean, who was then the largest single stockholder, lost every dollar invested in them. To add to the calamity, he had endorsed heavily for some of his old time dealers in live stock, and was compelled to pay large amounts of their obligations. Thus, in a brief space of time, he saw the accumulations of a life time of toil, economy and enterprise melt away and pass from his control. But the loss of money did not sour his disposition or diminish the usual cheerfulness of his manner and hearty enjoyment of life. No man was ever more obliging and ready to do a favor or kindness to a neighbor or friend. After his wife's death, 8 July, 1868, he left the farm in the care of his

eldest son and removed to Providence, Pa., now a part of Scranton, where he purchased a part of his father-in-law's farm, at the corner of North Main Avenue and Parker Street, nearly opposite the old Heermans homestead, where his wife spent her early days. His wife's remains were first buried in the family plot on this farm, but were removed to the Dean vault in Forest Hill cemetery in 1897. For the last thirty years or more Mr. Dean has spent the greater part of his time at his Scranton home. From it his children have married and gone out to establish homes for themselves. His eldest daughter, Emma, acted as his housekeeper and companion most of the time, until her untimely death in 1896. Since then he has spent more time with his children, and making trips to visit relatives scattered over a large part of the United States. He has made three trips to California and other states on the Pacific coast. His last trip began in the fall of 1899, when in his 89th year, and lasted for six months, during which time he traveled over 7,000 miles, and passed through portions of twenty-five states and territories. He still cultivates his own garden and takes an active interest in all that is going on in the business and political world. Probably no person living in the county has so extensive an acquaintance with the families of the older settlers. Nothing affords him more pleasure than to hitch up his horse and take a drive of from 20 to 40 miles, and spend a few days traveling over the well-known country roads, making short visits among the old acquaintances of his earlier days.

His 90th birthday anniversary occurred the 9th of June, 1901, and was celebrated on Saturday, the 8th, at the home of his son, A. D. Dean, at Waverly, Pa., where over one hundred and fifty of his relatives and intimate friends from far and near met to congratulate him on the unusual event, and spend the day in social reunion.

The picture accompanying this sketch was made from a photograph taken within a few days of his 90th anniversary.

The children of Isaac and Polly (Heermans) Dean are:

226. EMMA⁸ LOUISE, born 25 November, 1844, died 24 April, 1896.

227. ALBERT⁸ W., born 12 March, 1846.

228. ARTHUR⁸ D., born 29 January, 1849.

229. MIANDA⁸ EVELYN, born 9 May, 1851.

230. GEORGE⁸ EDGAR, born 27 October, 1853.

231. FLORENCE⁸, born 17 February, 1857.

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EMMA⁸ L. DEAN married 31 December, 1885, Thomas N. Anderson, a Nova Scotian. He was an architect and builder. She met him in Jacksonville, Florida, where she was spending the winter of 1883 and 1884. After their marriage they lived for a time at Jacksonville; later at Birmingham, Alabama, and Bristol, Tennessee. Mr. Anderson was not successful in business and returned with his wife to her father's home in Scranton. Being of a roving disposition he was not long contented in one place, so he looked for employment in New York and New Jersey.



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Later he tried California, and planned a trip to Australia, but was heard of last in South America, where he was when Mrs. Anderson died at her father's home in Scranton, 24 April, 1896. She was sick but a few months from a cyst on the brain. Her remains were placed in the family vault erected in Forest Hill cemetery, Scranton. She was well educated, having graduated from the Ladies' Seminary at Lewisburg, Pa. She had traveled extensively in the South and California, and spent several months in a tour through Europe. Having a retentive memory and fluency of speech, she was an agreeable and entertaining companion. Much of her life was devoted to the care of her younger brothers and sisters, and to the comfort of her aged father in his declining years. She had expressed a hope to live as long as he did and make a home for him, but it was not so to be. She was a consistent christian, and a member of the Penn avenue Baptist Church of Scranton. She never had any children.

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ALBERT⁸ WILLANDER DEAN was educated in the country schools of Abington, and a select school in Factoryville. In the winter of 1863 and 1864 he attended Lowell's Business College at Binghamton, N. Y. A part of 1864 he was in the general freight and ticket office of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad at Scranton, Pa., when R. A. Henry was the officer in charge.

From January, 1865, to January, 1866, he was

a clerk in the store of O. P. Clark at Hyde Park. Then a long and severe attack of inflammatory rheumatism compelled him to remain at home. In 1867 he conducted a grocery store at Factoryville, and acted as deputy postmaster. In 1868 he conducted his father's farm, and on 16 December, 1868, he was married to Martha Northup, daughter of Clark and Louisa (Gardner) Northup. He remained fifteen years on the farm.

In 1884 he bought a half interest in the grist mill at Dalton and managed the business. In 1888 the mill burned down but was soon rebuilt. In 1895 he sold the mill and bought a half interest in the lumber business at Dalton, conducted by F. M. Francis, and began a partnership of Francis & Dean, which still continues, with Mr. Dean as manager. In 1898, this firm, with a few others, organized a water company to supply the borough of Dalton with water. This firm owns most of the stock of the water company, and Mr. Dean acts as superintendent of the company. They furnish the place with an abundant supply of pure spring and well water. His family consists of the following children :

232. HARRY^o NORTHUP, born 22 September, 1869.

233. WALTER^o CLARK, born 11 April, 1878.

234. MAURICE^o BESSELL, born 13 September, 1882.

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HARRY^o NORTHUP DEAN was educated at the public schools at Dalton, and the seminary at

Hackettstown, N. J. He learned the machinists trade at the Dickson Manufacturing Company in Scranton. For some years he has been acting as inspector of boilers and elevators for the Fidelity and Casualty Company, of New York, a position which his mechanical skill and experience admirably fits him, and earns him a very comfortable income. He was married 31 December, 1896, to Adelle Prentice, of Buffalo, N. Y., a very distant relative through the Tripp family¹, both being descendants of Isaac Tripp, the pioneer settler of Providence, Pa. They are now (1901) living at 2430 North Main avenue, Scranton, Pa., the home of his grandfather Isaac Dean, of whom the wife is a great favorite, and it is said she was selected by the grandfather as the proper maiden to become the oldest grandchild's life companion. However that may be, he is well pleased with the union, and he now spends many happy hours tending the babies that have come to gladden the home and perpetuate the Dean name, at the old family residence. The children of Harry^o N. Dean and Adelle (Prentice) Dean are :

235. PRENTICE¹⁰ NORTHUP, born 28 November, 1897.

236. GEORGE¹⁰ EDGAR, born 17 November, 1900.

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WALTER⁹ CLARK DEAN graduated at Phillips Exeter Academy in 1896, and entered the same

¹ Harry's line is Willander⁴ Dean, Isaac³ Dean, Catherine² (Tripp) Dean, Isaac¹ Tripp.

Adelle's line is Martha⁴ Prentice, Southard³ Miller, Martha² (Tripp) Miller, Isaac¹ Tripp.

year upon an engineering course at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he graduated with the class of 1900. He was immediately offered a position with the Westinghouse Company at Pittsburg, which he accepted and remained with them until a better position was offered him by the government in the navy yard at Norfolk, where he is now employed as an electrical engineer. From boyhood he showed talent for sketching and artistic work, and his proficiency as a pen and ink artist made him one of the art editors of "Tech", the annual publication of the students of the institute for 1899, in his junior year, an honor seldom bestowed upon any but the best of the senior class.

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MAURICE⁹ BESSEL DEAN graduated from Phillips Exeter Academy in the class of 1900, and entered upon the study of law at Columbia College, New York city.

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ARTHUR⁸ D. DEAN, born 29 January, 1849, on the farm bought by his father from George Gardner. He received his early education at the district schools in the vicinity. The first school he attended was located near the railroad, opposite the fulling mill of Elias Lillibridge, with Kate Fox, daughter of the Baptist preacher, Rev. Charles A. Fox, as teacher. Alvira Colvin, daughter of Jason Colvin of Dalton, and later wife of A. B. Stevens, of Scranton,



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was also a teacher in the same place. A new schoolhouse was erected on the farm of his uncle Cyrus Colvin, and here he attended schools taught by Mary Bailey, afterwards wife of E. C. Reynolds of Factoryville; Almira Manchester, who later married his uncle Myron Dean; and other teachers. One winter he attended a select school at Factoryville, taught by Miss Celestine Chambers and her sister, Mrs. Thomas Smith. When fifteen years of age, in 1864, he entered upon the scientific course of study at the university at Lewisburg, later known as Bucknell, which course he completed in 1867.

The winter of 1867 and 1868 he taught school in the district near his home, now known as La Plume. In the spring of 1868 he began the study of the ancient languages at East Greenwich, R. I., where Rev. James Edwards was principal of the seminary at that place. Before the term closed he was called home because of the dangerous illness of his mother. She lingered until the 8th day of July, and then died. He resumed his studies at East Greenwich in the fall of 1868, and in the fall of 1869 entered the classical course at Brown University, Providence, R. I. This course he completed in three years, graduating with the class of 1872, the last year of the presidency of Alexis Caswell, receiving his degree of A. B., and three years later his A. M. in course.

The fall of 1872 he entered the law school at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, but remained only the first school year. In the spring of 1873 he visited Chicago, with a short

tour into Wisconsin before returning home. That same season he entered as a law student the office of A. Ricketts, Esq., at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., the county seat of his native county. He passed his examinations and was admitted to the bar on 5 January, 1875. While a student at Wilkes-Barre, he acted as minute clerk, or deputy, for the Prothonotary, and also furnished reports of law proceedings to the *Record of the Times*, a daily published by William Penn Miner, Esq., a member of the bar, and of one of the most prominent families of Wyoming Valley. The first year after his admission to the bar he remained in the office of A. Ricketts, Esq., then took offices with Elliott P. Kisner and Frank C. Sturges, brother of E. B. Sturges of Scranton.

In 1878 the county of Luzerne was divided and Scranton became the county seat of the new county of Lackawanna. In the spring of 1879 he removed to Scranton, where he has since been in the constant practice of his profession.

On 11 May, 1882, he married Nettie E. Sisson, only daughter of Arnold Clark Sisson and Isabel Green Sisson, of La Plume, Pa. His wife had been his pupil in 1868. In the summer of 1882 they began housekeeping in their modest home at 1610 Penn avenue, Green Ridge, Scranton. In August, 1882, his wife was stricken with paralysis, due to some spinal trouble, and though for a considerable time she was completely helpless, afterwards recovered the use of her arms, but never regained sufficient power in the lower limbs to stand on her feet. She was treated by the best physicians of Scranton and Philadel-



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phia, including Drs. Mills and S. Weir Mitchell, specialists in nervous diseases, but their skill was of little avail. Hospitals and cures of various kinds have been tried, but no permanent relief afforded. She enjoyed comparatively good health and was active and efficient in the management of her home and in the education of her children, finding time also to do much missionary and other charitable work.

While this book was in preparation, and the first portion was in the printer's hands, Mr. Dean was called upon to suffer a most bitter domestic affliction, the loss of a beautiful and dearly beloved wife. The following tribute was printed in the city papers shortly after her decease, and will serve to show the esteem in which she was held by her neighbors, and the cause for the deep sorrow into which the family were plunged by her untimely death.

“The death of Mrs. Arthur D. Dean, at her home in Waverly, removed from that community one of the best known and best loved members. She was born at La Plume, in this county, May 27, 1861. Her early education was obtained in the public school near her home, and among her first teachers was Mr. Arthur Dean, who afterwards became her husband. Her education was completed at Keystone Academy, then under the principalship of Rev. Dr. John Howard Harris, now President of Bucknell University. Here also she received training in music, for which she had a natural aptitude and fondness, inherited from her father.

“In early life she united with the Baptist Church at Factoryville, under the ministry of Rev. A. J. Furman. At the time of her death, and for many years previous, she was a member of the Abington Baptist Church of Waverly, where her consecrated Christian life and devotion to every branch of the Master’s service connected with the work of her church will long be remembered.

“On May 11, 1882, she was united in marriage to Arthur D. Dean, of Scranton, and removed with him to Green Ridge, where their first home was established. Here began the beautiful home life which to the day of her death continued to be the admiration of a host of friends. Here the first of their children was born, and in this home came the affliction and sorrow that would have crushed and destroyed the hopes of many a life, but which in her case only served to develop her naturally strong Christian character, and bring into prominence the noble traits that endeared her to all who came in contact with her life.

“In August, 1882, when a bride of but a little more than three months, she was stricken with congestion of the spine, and for a time was rendered entirely helpless. Under the treatment of Dr. Dean, and other Scranton physicians, and of Dr. Mills, a specialist from Philadelphia, she regained the use of her body, and later was taken to Philadelphia and placed under the care of Dr. S. Weir Mitchell, the leading expert in nervous diseases. Under his skillful treatment her general health was restored, but it never permitted her to walk again.



NETTIE SISSON DEAN
AND DAUGHTER
MIRLAM ISABEL DEAN

“Of the weeks and months in which it gradually became known to our friend that all the means that love could suggest, and the skill of the best physicians execute, were to be unavailing, and that thenceforth the ordinary activities of life were to be denied her, we may not write. What transpired then is known only to God and herself; but from that fiery trial there emerged a life of rare beauty, a spirit brave and helpful, that could bear not only its own burdens, but furnish strength and comfort to those having any sorrow; a determination that her affliction should not unnecessarily cloud the lives of her friends, and that instead of being a burden to others, she would be their helper.

“As the years passed on and children came to bless her home and gladden her heart, from her chair she directed the activities of her growing household, entering, as only a true mother can, into the lives of her children, herself supervising their education, and yet finding time to listen to their trials, and by her wise counsel and inspiring example make easier the way of others. No one in sorrow or trouble ever came into her presence or sought her aid but came away comforted and strengthened and better for having known her.

“While a staunch believer in the doctrines of her own church, her religion was of the kind that could not be confined by denominational lines. Her broad charity knew no creed. All Christians were her friends, and she is mourned alike by all.

“She was called to her reward Monday, Nov. 25, 1901.”

Mr. Dean, while enjoying a fair practice, never attained special eminence in his profession. His taste and inclination led him to follow an office practice rather than the more showy and possibly more lucrative practice of a jury lawyer. His business of late years has been largely connected with real estate and manufacturing corporations. He is a director in four lumber companies: The Scranton and North Carolina Land and Lumber Company, with a capital of \$100,000; the Lackawanna Lumber Company, capital \$750,000; Newman Lumber Company, capital \$600,000; U. S. Lumber Company, capital \$4,000,000; director and treasurer of the Scranton Board of Trade Real Estate Company, capital \$240,000; also director and treasurer of the Scranton Vitrified Paving Brick Company, capital \$50,000. He is also quite largely interested in real estate in the business center of Scranton.

His family having outgrown the little home in Green Ridge, he built a larger home at 309 Madison avenue, where his family spent a few winters, and purchased the old country home of his deceased uncle Nelson N. Dean at Waverly, Pa., for summer use. After a few years the city home was given up and a permanent residence taken at Waverly. Here he purchased additional land and enlarged the home, equipping it with water supply and conveniences of a city residence, and while enjoying the benefits of country life, was able to attend to business daily in the city.

Mr. Dean has always been a Republican in politics, but has not been ambitious to seek pol-

itical preferment. For practical politics of the kind which has pervaded both leading political parties of late years he has no liking. His tastes are of the quiet and home-like order, rather than those of the caucus and campaign club. Soon after taking up his permanent residence in Waverly he was appointed to fill a vacancy on the board of school directors of that borough, to which office he has been continuously elected since, and for the last few years he has been regularly elected president of the board. He takes an active interest in the affairs of the borough, and is much attached to the old town of Abington, of which Waverly is a part. His taste for genealogy and history fills his leisure hours, and his library contains a valuable collection of Pennsylvania and local histories.

His oldest son, Carroll, is a student at Phillips Exeter Academy, and is inclined to a mechanical or electrical engineering career. The other sons, Russell and James, are students at Keystone Academy, at Factoryville, Pa. The record of his family is the following :

237. CARROLL⁹ SISSON, born 27 March, 1883.

238. RUSSELL⁹ HEERMANS, b. 19 March, 1885.

239. JAMES⁹ DAVIS, born 22 July, 1887.

240. Infant son, born 26 July, 1891, died 2 August, 1891.

241. MIRIAM⁹ ISABEL, born 1 October, 1893.

242. NETTIE CATHARINE, born 22 November, 1901.

EVA⁸ DEAN SHIRES was educated at the public schools on the Cyrus Colvin farm, about a mile from her home. As is the custom in rural districts, the teacher changed usually every year. She also spent two years at the Female Institute at Lewisburg, Pa., Miss Lucy Rundle, principal. She married George H. Shires, a bookkeeper in the Delaware and Hudson Company's office at Scranton, 3rd November, 1880. They have the following children :

243. ELSIE⁹, born 20 October, 1881.

244. PERCY⁹, born 1 January, 1884.

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GEORGE⁸ EDGAR DEAN was born on the farm in West Abington, 27 October, 1853. His early education was gained in the district school near his home. After the death of his mother in 1868, his father bought a home in the Borough of Providence, now the first ward of Scranton, and there he attended what was known as the Providence High School. It was, in fact, a graded school of ordinary character, and not a High School as we now designate them. He spent something over two years at the Starkey Seminary, Yates county, N. Y., on the shore of Seneca Lake. In the fall of 1872 he visited the family of John L. Graham, whose wife was Emma Heermans, sister of Mr. Dean's mother, at Janesville, Waseca county, Wis. Here he passed the required examination for teaching, and took charge of a district school for the four months' winter term. In the spring he extended his western



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trip as far as Junction City, Kansas, but finding no opening to enter on a business career he returned home, resolved to pursue the study of medicine.

In the fall of 1873 he entered Fort Edward Collegiate Institute, Fort Edward, N. Y., and spent one year in preparatory study, and in the fall of 1874, entered the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia. From this celebrated school he graduated in March, 1877, receiving besides his degree of M. D. one of the anatomical prizes for proficiency in that department of study. He also secured on graduation the much coveted position of Resident Physician in one of the city hospitals. This position he held for thirteen months, until he was seized with spinal congestion due to severe labor in the heated season in a malarial atmosphere. This congestion led to inflammation of the spinal cord and produced partial paralysis of both legs. Two years he spent at hospitals and health resorts in vain attempts to recover his impaired health, and he had to abandon his ambition to become a Surgeon or Professor of Surgery in a Medical College. By the end of the summer of 1880 he was so far recovered that he began the private practice of medicine in the city of Scranton, but he was able to travel only by the aid of crutches. In the fall of 1883 he was elected Coroner of Lackawanna county, and served the full term of three years.

In 1887 he went to Europe and spent a year in study and travel. On his return in 1888 he resumed practice in Scranton, but confined his

work to office practice in the specialties of eye, ear, nose, and throat diseases. On the 16th of April, 1889, he married Josephine Ginsberg, of Berlin, Germany. Dr. Dean has been for over twenty years a member of the visiting staff of Lackawanna Hospital. He is a member of the Lackawanna County Medical Society; the Pennsylvania State Medical Society, and of the American Medical Association. Papers prepared by him in his special lines, at meetings of the American Medical Association, and in the first Pan-American Medical Association have been honored by publication.

Dr. Dean is essentially a religious man. He was converted while at school when eighteen years of age. Three years later while attending a Methodist school he joined the Presbyterian church. His leaning was to the Congregational church, but as there was no church of that denomination in his vicinity he joined the Presbyterian. He has been connected with four different churches of this denomination. Fort Edward, N. Y., Princeton Presbyterian, West Philadelphia, Pa., Second Presbyterian, Scranton, and now a member of the Green Ridge Presbyterian, of Scranton. While an active Christian worker he is not tied to creeds or doctrines, and most of his work has been of an inter-denominational character. In Philadelphia he was an usher at the Moody and Sankey meetings where ten thousand people congregated nightly. Later on he assisted in organizing the Y. M. C. A. in Dunmore, the Scranton Rescue Mission, and the Florence Crittenden Mission.



NELSON N. DEAN

While engaged in an arduous profession, never enjoying robust health, and hampered in locomotion, yet Dr. Dean has found time and strength to do much good in the world, and his works of charity will never be known but by the poor who have received his help without money and without price. Dr. Dean of late years has been able to walk a short distance without crutches, aided by a cane. He never had any children.

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FLORENCE⁸ DEAN WALTER was educated in the same schools as was her sister Eva. She married Martin R. Walter, proprietor of a job printing office in Scranton, 29 September, 1885. They have no children. Mrs. Walter's health has never been good, her throat being weak from an attack of diphtheria in childhood. She finds the northern winters too severe, hence usually spends the winter with her husband at Tampa, Florida.

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NELSON⁷ N. DEAN (James⁶, Jonathan⁵, Ezra⁴, Jonathan³, James², Walter¹,)

Was born at West Abington, Pa., 11 July, 1814. He was educated at the public school near his home and at Franklin Academy, Harford, Pa. He married Clarissa Dayton Searle, 25 April, 1850. She was born 14 November, 1824, on the Constant Searle farm in Pittston Township, Luzerne county, Pa. Her great grandfather, Constant Searle, a native of Stonington, Conn..

was killed in the Wyoming Massacre, 3 July, 1778. Her grandfather, Roger Searle, then a youth of 18, was in the battle, but escaped. His sister's husband, Captain Dethic Hewitt, was killed in the battle.

Mrs. Dean's mother was Mary Stark, daughter of Henry Stark, of Plains, Luzerne county. Two of the Stark family were also killed in the massacre at Wyoming. These Starks of Wyoming Valley were relatives of General Stark, of the Continental Army. Thus on both sides of her family Mrs. Dean came of brave patriotic stock.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Dean began housekeeping in their own home near Abington Centre, now Waverly, Pa., where they spent all their married life. Their small farm was purchased of George Clark, one of the early settlers, a son of Deacon William Clark, the first settler in Abington. Mr. Dean was a farmer and huckster by occupation. His health was never rugged, and he was not able to endure severe manual labor, but he was active and enterprising, and provided a comfortable home for his family. He was an intelligent citizen, interested in the welfare of his county. He was elected one of the Board of three County Commissioners for Luzerne county in 1876, the last to serve in that capacity from the portion of Luzerne county that was cut off and erected into Lackawanna county. He died 1 June, 1879, soon after completing his term of office. His son Willis erected a pleasant home for his mother in the centre of the village of Waverly, soon after his father's death, and she still resides there with her grand-

daughter, Anna May Dean, daughter of J. Elmer Dean. The old home in the outskirts of town was purchased by her nephew, A. D. Dean, who has enlarged and improved it, and his family now enjoy the fruit and shade of the trees which the uncle's forethought and wisdom lavishly provided.

The record of their children is as follows :

245. JAMES⁸ ELMER, born 13 September, 1851.

246. WILLIS⁸ LEONARD, born 5 February, 1857.

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JAMES⁸ ELMER DEAN, born 13 September, 1851, was educated at the public schools in Waverly, and Madison academy, located in the same place. He was employed some time as a clerk in the store of the Lackawanna Iron and Coal Company at Scranton. He married Anna E. Chamberlin of Waverly, 6 September, 1881. She died 16 May, 1883, leaving a daughter, Anna May, who was born 4 May, 1883. Anna was reared by her grandmother Dean, who has given her a good education at the Waverly High School, and the State Normal School, at East Stroudsburg, Pa. James Elmer moved to Florida in 1884, where he married Lucy Cox, 10 January, 1889. Having lost his orange grove in the freeze of 1895 he moved to Glasgow, Kentucky, where he bought a farm and still resides. The record of his children is as follows :

247. ANNA⁹ MAY, by 1st wife ; born 4 May, 1883.

248. ROGER⁹ SEARLE, by 2d wife ; born 27 May, 1891.

WILLIS⁸ L. DEAN, born 5 February, 1857, was educated at Madison Academy, Waverly, Pa., and at Wyoming Seminary, Kingston, Pa. He graduated from the Commercial Department of Wyoming Seminary in 1873. He taught in Lowell's Commercial College at Binghamton, N. Y., from 1873 to 1875. He became teacher of penmanship and bookkeeping at Wyoming Seminary in 1875, and was made Principal of the College of Business of that institution in 1882, which position he has filled with great acceptability to the Trustees, as well as to the patrons of the school. Mr. Dean has not limited his studies to the lines of his own department, but has acquired a broad and liberal culture from reading and contact with men of learning. In recognition of his position and attainments Dickinson College in 1890 conferred upon Professor Dean the honorary degree of Master of Arts. He is a man of excellent business capacity, and from small beginnings, by prudent management, has acquired a handsome competency. His tastes run to banking and investments in industrial enterprises, and he is a stockholder in several prosperous corporations. By marriage he is connected with some of the leading families in the Wyoming Valley. He married Mary Goodwin, daughter of Philip M. Goodwin, 20 June, 1878. He resides on Wyoming avenue, Kingston. The record of his family is as follows :

249. SEARLE⁹ G., born 13 November, 1880 ; d. 10 October, 1881.

250. MARJORIE⁹, born 19 September, 1884.



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LAURA⁷ W. DEAN, born in West Abington, 25 September, 1817, married Barton Russell, 19 October, 1842. He was a farmer, residing in Washington township, Wyoming county, Pa., a place known as Russell Hill. The Russell family were among the first settlers of that region coming from Connecticut.

LAURA RUSSELL died 10 April, 1848, and Barton Russell in June, 1861.

Their children were :

251. WILLIAM⁸ DAVIS, born 15 September, 1845.

252. MYRON⁸, born October, 1847 ; d. October, 1848.

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WILLIAM⁸ DAVIS RUSSELL, born 15 September, 1845, was raised by his grandmother, Catherine Dean, widow of James Dean, on the old homestead in West Abington. He attended the county schools on the adjoining farm of Cyrus Colvin, and took a course at Lowell's Business College, at Binghamton, N. Y. He secured a position as weighmaster and salesman of coal for the Spencers in Dunmore, Pa. From there he took a position as weighmaster at Olyphant for the Delaware and Hudson Company. Then he went into the same Company's office at Carbondale, as a clerk, and was later transferred to the coal office, at Providence, under the Superintendency of E. W. Weston. When the new Delaware & Hudson depot was built in Scranton the offices were removed to that building on

Lackawanna avenue, where Mr. Russell retains his position as chief clerk in the coal department of the Delaware and Hudson Company.

He married Margaret Marshall, born 25 Jan., 1862, niece of J. Atticus Robertson, 28 July, 1880, and they reside with Mr. Robertson's widow on Sanderson avenue, Scranton, Pa.

The record of his children is as follows :

253. LAWRENCE⁹ R., born 20 July, 1881; d. 1 April, 1887.

254. ARTHUR⁹ G., born 4 January, 1884; d. 20 January, 1886.

255. MARGARET⁹, born 18 October, 1894.

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AMASA⁷ DEAN, (of James⁶, Jonathan⁵, Ezra⁴, Jonathan³, James², Walter¹,)

Was born at West Abington, 27 March, 1820, on the farm in West Abington purchased by his father, of Meredith and Clymer, proprietors of much of the land in Lackawanna county north of the mountains. He spent the most of his life upon the old homestead farm. For a short time he was engaged in the milling business, conducted at the old grist mill near Market street bridge, Providence. Later he engaged in mining coal for the retail market at the Notch but did not continue long at the business. The latter part of his life was spent at Dalton, where he boarded with his nephew, W. A. Dean, and last with his sister, Mrs. Eaton, where he died 29 December, 1900.

Mr. Dean was a kind-hearted, obliging neigh-



AMASA DEAN

bor, and without an enemy in the world. He possessed a happy disposition and contented mind. He was never rich, but possessed a competency equal to his modest wants. He was a sufferer by the failure of the Second National Bank, of Scranton, in common with many Abington people, losing five thousand dollars of stock by its collapse. He was especially beloved by his nephews and neices, who received many proofs of his affection. Kindness and consideration of children was a marked characteristic. He was never married.

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MYRON⁷ DEAN (of James⁶, Jonathan⁵, Ezra⁴,
Jonathan³, James², Walter¹,)

Was born 7 November, 1822, in West Abington, Lackawanna (then Luzerne) county, Pa. He was the youngest son and seventh child in a family of eight children all born and reared on the same farm. He followed farming and stock dealing until 1849 when he engaged in merchandizing at Lynn, Susquehanna county, Pa., where he remained six years. He married Almira C. Manchester, 10 June, 1857. He returned to the old homestead farm, owned by him and his brother Amasa, and continued at farming and dealing in live stock till 1861 when he resumed mercantile life, this time at Factoryville, Pa. There he remained ten years, doing a large business, having the principal store in a thriving town. Having sold out his store he returned again to the Abington farm, which he success-

fully managed for fifteen years, meantime buying out his brother's interest. The infirmities of age, and the difficulty in securing competent help on the farm and in the house impelled him to rent the farm and move to Scranton. His only daughter was married and had left the home roof, and the only son was engaged in business in Scranton. For the last twelve or more years he has lived with his wife in that city. To occupy his time, and make an investment of his savings, he bought some lots in the Green Ridge section of the city, and erected a number of tenements for renting. He still retains the old farm which his father bought at the beginning of the last century. Though nearing the four-score mile stone in life's journey he still retains an active interest in the business world, attending to his own property and enjoying a fair degree of health and strength. The record of his family is as follows :

256. LAURA⁸ MABEL, born 26 January, 1859.

257. EDWIN⁸ CARLTON, born 16 January, 1861.

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LAURA⁸ M. DEAN married George Sisson, 21 May, 1885, and had the following children :

258. ROBERT⁹, born 16 March, 1890.

259. EARL⁹, born 6 May, 1892.

260. RUTH⁹, born 6 September, 1894.

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EDWIN⁸ CARLTON DEAN, born on the old farm in West Abington, where his father was born,



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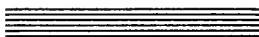
spent his early years in the village of Factoryville, but later returned to the farm, and made his home there till 1880. In the meantime he completed a six years' course of study at Keystone Academy at Factoryville. In 1880 he entered the grocery store of A. H. & E. G. Cour- sen, and remained there twenty years. In 1900 he began business for himself as a dealer in tobacco, having his office in the Connell Build- ing, Scranton. He married L. May Haywood, daughter of Joseph L. Haywood, of Northfield, Minnesota, 29 June, 1897. They have no children.

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MARY⁷ AMNE DEAN (James⁶, Jonathan⁵, Ezra⁴,
Jonathan³, James², Walter¹,)

Was born on the farm in West Abington, 6 No- vember, 1824. She attended school at Bethany, Wayne county, in her youth. She remained at home and kept house for her mother and brother Amasa till Myron was married, and afterward while he lived at Factoryville. Her home was with her brothers Myron and Amasa till her marriage to Asa Eaton, of Elmhurst, Pa., 10 November, 1880. They resided at Elmhurst sev- eral years, where Mr. Eaton had charge of the Tannery of his brother-in-law, Jackson Schultz, of New York City. Mr. Eaton retired from ac- tive business in 1884, and purchased of W. B. Swick a pleasant home in the village of Dalton, Lackawanna county, Pa., only a mile from his wife's birth place and long-time home. Mr.

Eaton died 1 April, 1895. and his widow continues to reside in the home he purchased in Dalton. She has no children.





JEFFREY DEAN

Jeffrey Dean and Descendants.

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JEFFREY⁶ DEAN (of Jonathan⁵, Ezra⁴, Jonathan³, James², Walter¹,)

Was born in West Greenwich, R. I., 16 September, 1781. He came with his father to Abington, Luzerne (now Lackawanna) county, Pa., in 1800. He married Sibyl Hall, daughter of Jonathan Hall, of Plainfield, Conn., 2 May, 1805. She was born 30 January, 1786, and died 10 December, 1878.

Jeffrey Dean was an active and influential member of the Baptist Church, of Abington, and succeeded his father, Jonathan Dean, as clerk of the church, 26 November, 1808, continuing in that office till 1828. He was made a Deacon of this church, 27 April, 1822, and continued to serve till the infirmities of age compelled him to resign its duties. Rev. E. L. Bailey in his history of the Abington Baptist Association characterizes Deacon Dean as "a man naturally cautious and retiring but graciously wise and reliable." A granddaughter who spent a part of her school days in his home thus writes of him: "Unlike his stirring and enterprising father, the bold Connecticut pioneer of the Wyoming Valley, and later of the Abington settlement, Jeffrey

Dean was a quiet, unambitious, home loving man, who, after the railway came within three miles of his home could never be persuaded to make a journey upon it. His life was most uneventful as to externals; his struggles and successes were upon the spiritual plane. He took little interest in the material progress of the Nineteenth century save as it could be made tributary to moral and religious ends. Had he lived a few hundred years earlier he might have been a Mediæval Saint. Had he been born a hundred years later, he would doubtless have claimed for himself the best education the present day affords. Personally, grandfather Dean was most attractive. He was small and slender, with a fine head, remarkable blue-gray eyes, and a clear white and ruddy complexion, even in old age. He was naturally reticent, and had a hesitation in his speech which prevented him from being fluent even when he was deeply interested in a topic; but the little that he did say was always pointed and impressive. His wife, Sibyl Hall, possessed the practical, everyday qualities needful to supplement his unworldly traits. She was a good housewife, a tender mother, and an indulgent grandmother, of the dear old-fashioned type. She, too, was devoutly religious, and the home life in their little gray farm house is lovely in the remembrance of the writer of this sketch, who in unconscious childhood absorbed in that pure and reverent atmosphere something precious and vital beyond the power of words to express."



SIBYL HALL DEAN

The record of his family is as follows :

261. MARY⁷, born 16 February, 1806 ; d. 5 August, 1856.

262. DAVIS⁷, born 1 June, 1810 ; d. 23 March, 1876.

263. SOPHIA⁷ LOUISA, born 8 September, 1817 ; d. 16 September, 1900.

264. MONROE⁷ B., born 23 June, 1826 ; living in 1901.

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MARY⁷ DEAN, born 16 February, 1806, married Thomas Smith, 1 November, 1827. He was born 1 May, 1803, and died 16 January, 1865. He was by profession a surveyor, and was prominent in the business relations of his neighborhood. He was the owner of valuable coal land at Old Forge, Pa., and of late years the surface has also become valuable for sale in building lots. He was also a Justice of the Peace for many years, and in this capacity he exerted a commanding influence in his community. His death was due to a railroad accident. His family was as follows :

265. MARY⁸, born 23 November, 1829 ; d. 9 May, 1846.

266. LOUISA⁸, born 4 May, 1832 ; d. 21 January, 1843.

267. ANDREW⁸ J., born 15 December, 1836 ; d. February, 1900.

268. JANE⁸ SYBIL, born 2 April, 1839.

269. GEORGE⁸ THOMAS, born 30 March, 1844 ; died 4 September, 1871.

270. EMILY⁸ ADELIA, born 30 January, 1846.

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ANDREW⁸ J. SMITH, born 15 December, 1836 ; married 31 January, 1858, Josephine Green. He was a surveyor and attorney at law and a man of superior ability.

They had the following children :

271. MARY⁹ NICHOLSON, born 29 June, 1861 ; d. 28 April, 1891.

272. GRACE⁹ JOSEPHINE, born 15 May, 1866.

273. THOMAS⁹ BRADLEY, born 11 October, 1871.

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GRACE⁹ J. SMITH, born 15 May, 1866. Married John Kerr George, 21 September, 1892. They have no children. They reside in London, England.

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THOMAS⁹ B. SMITH, born 11 October, 1871. Married 27 April, 1901, Edith Hallock. They now reside at Ventura, California.

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GEORGE⁸ T. SMITH, born 30 March, 1844. Married 25 December, 1867, Louise Palmer, of Glenburn, Pa., daughter of Hon. Gideon W. Palmer. Mr. Smith was a lawyer by profession, residing and practising at the county seat, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. His untimely death, which occurred 4 September, 1871, cut short a career which gave promise of great success and usefulness. His family was as follows :

274. EDITH⁹ PALMER, born 30 April, 1870.

275. GEORGE⁹ PALMER, born 18 September, 1871.

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EDITH⁹ PALMER SMITH, married Rev. John Curry Johnstone, 22 June, 1901, and resides in Dublin, Ireland.

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GEORGE⁹ PALMER SMITH, married 29 December, 1898, Ernestine Butts. They have one child. Sarah Louise, born 4 April, 1900.

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DAVIS⁷ DEAN (Jeffrey⁶, Jonathan⁵, Ezra⁴, Jonathan³, James², Walter¹,)

Was born in West Abington, Luzerne county, Pa., 1 June, 1810. He grew to manhood on his father's farm following the pursuit of farming. Later he became a merchant, keeping a small country store on his own farm and adjoining that of his father. Afterwards this business was removed to the town of Waverly, where it was continued until his death in 1876. He was married 4 October, 1832, to Hannah Smith, born 1 January, 1810; daughter of Diodat Smith, one of the earliest settlers of the Wyoming Valley. She was a woman of great personal beauty, and of a character not less remarkable. Of a generation which had emerged from the rigidities of puritanism, they retained all the virtues of the puritan without his harshness. Their lives were models of high thought and pure deed, and they were loved and honored by all who knew them.

Their home was notably a hospitable one ; always a happy resort for friends, or a welcome shelter for the needy. In church membership, both husband and wife were Baptists, Jonathan Dean, grandfather of Davis Dean, having been one of the organizers of the First Abington Baptist Society in 1802 ; but in sympathies they were non sectarian and liberal. In politics Davis Dean was first a Whig, then a Republican. Patriotism was with him a marked characteristic, and through the years when the great questions of our country were of states rights, and slavery, and the bonds which united us were not so firmly cemented as they happily now are, he was a passionate advocate of the supremacy of the federal government, the indissolubility of the Union, and the freedom of the slave. During the Civil War he was a conspicuous local figure and leader of patriotic sentiment. The oldest son, Smith D. Dean, then in the prime of young manhood, was among the first to respond to the call for volunteers.

The record of Davis Dean's family is as follows :

276. SMITH⁸ DAVIS, born 29 December, 1833 ; d. 4 August, 1867.

277. JONATHAN⁸ WADE, born 6 May, 1836 ; d. 8 March, 1843.

278. ALTHEA⁸ A., born, 12 January, 1839.

279. RACHEL⁸ LOUISA, born 27 March, 1841.

280. LAURA⁸ SYBIL, born 21 April, 1843 ; d. 8 May, 1847.

281. HELEN⁸ M., born 8 May, 1845.

282. NEWTON⁸ JEFFREY, born 19 May, 1847.

283. ALICE⁸ B., born 20 February, 1850.

284. MARY⁸ A., born 29 December, 1852.

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SMITH⁸ DAVIS DEAN, born 29 December, 1833. Enlisted as a private in the civil war, Company D, 61st Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers, 6th Army Corps of the Potomac. Mustered in 2d September, 1861. Promoted Lieutenant 23rd July, 1862. First Lieutenant 19 April, 1864. He was seriously wounded in the battle of the Wilderness, 1 May, 1864. His Captain and Colonel had both fallen in this battle before he received his wound, and he was acting as Colonel, when he too was placed out of combat by a ball which passed through his body from shoulder to shoulder. He was discharged on account of disability caused by this wound, 10 August, 1864, and died from its effects 4 August, 1867.

Smith D. Dean married 4 December, 1857, Maria Green, daughter of William Cullen and Aurilla (Stone) Green; they had the following children :

285. ANNA⁹ GERTRUDE, born 25 September, 1858.

286. NELLIE⁹ L., born 7 March, 1860.

287. JOHN⁹ S., born 25 May, 1867.

Maria (Green) Dean, d. 25 February, 1895.

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ANNA⁹ GERTRUDE DEAN, married 4 August, 1878, Charles J. Wilson, son of Julius and Nancy Wilson, of Sheboygan county, Wisconsin. Mr.

Wilson is a superintendent of the Northern Pacific Railroad, with headquarters at Jamestown, North Dakota.

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NELLIE⁹ L. DEAN, married 27 May, 1880, Charles Warren Smith, of Beaver county, Pa. Mr. Smith is a druggist by occupation, and resides in St. Paul, Minn. Children as follows :

288. DEAN¹⁰ WILSON, born 29 December, 1894, d. 31 December, 1894.

289. JOSEPHINE¹⁰ DEAN, born 30 December, 1895.

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JOHN⁹ S. Dean, married Edith Althea Miller. He is a train dispatcher on the Northern Pacific Railroad, located at Jamestown, North Dakota. Has one daughter.

290. CATHARINE¹⁰ MARIA, born 18 July, 1900.

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ALTHEA⁸ A. DEAN, married 7 September, 1868, John C. Granger, son of Rev. Calvin and Maria Morgan Granger, of Poultney, Vermont. Mr. Granger resides in Brooklyn, N. Y. Their children are as follows :

291. ABBOTT⁹ DEAN, born 3 December, 1870.

292. ANNA⁹ DEAN, born 15 November, 1874.

293. ROGER⁹ DEAN, born 3 January, 1880.

294. DEAN⁹ MORGAN, born 14 May, 1884.

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ABBOTT⁹ DEAN GRANGER, married 26 October, 1895, Jane Sherman Peters, of Brooklyn, N. Y., a direct descendant of Miles Standish and John Alden¹.

He is a civil engineer by profession, a graduate of the School of Mines, Columbia College, New York City. His children are :

295. ALTHEA¹⁰ JANE, born 29 December, 1896.

296. OLIVE¹⁰ ROSE STANDISH, born 18 March, 1901.

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ANNA⁹ DEAN GRANGER has taken a four years' course in Botany at Barnard College, and one year at Adelphi College, Brooklyn. She is now a teacher in one of the public schools in Brooklyn, N. Y.

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RACHEL⁸ LOUISA DEAN, married 30 October, 1861, Hiram C. Rice, son of Roswell and Elizabeth (Case) Rice, of Providence, Pa. The record of their family is as follows :

297. MABEL⁹ DEAN, born 16 April, 1866.

¹ The line from Standish and Alden is as follows :

Miles Standish ¹ .		John Alden.
Alexander Standish ² .	married	Sarah Alden.
Sarah Standish ³	married	Abraham Samson.
Miles Samson ⁴	married	Sarah Studley.
Joseph Samson ⁵	married	Sarah Hall.
Isaiah Samson ⁶	married	Betsey Samson.
Thomas Samson ⁷	married	Eleanor Joselyn.
Daniel Samson ⁸	married	Jane W. Sherman.
Anna Samson ⁹	married	James E. Peters.
Jane Sherman Peters ¹⁰	married	Abbott Dean Granger.

298. ROBERT⁹ W., born 1 November, 1868.

299. MURRAY⁹ R. born 20 October, 1872; d.
29 November, 1889.

300. MARY⁹ E., born 7 September, 1876.

The family reside at Helena, Montana.

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MABEL⁹ DEAN RICE, married 7 November, 1899.
John Alexander Wright, editor of Great Falls
Leader, Great Falls, Montana. One child.

301. DONALD¹⁰ CAREY, born 18 August, 1900.

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HELEN⁸ M. DEAN, married 28 January, 1868,
Giles Wilson, son of Dr. John Wilson, of Factory-
ville, Pa. Mr. Wilson was a farmer. He died
29 June, 1901. Their children are :

302. JOHN⁹ G., born 9 February, 1869.

303. PAUL⁹ DEAN, born 24 February, 1871.

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JOHN⁹ G. WILSON, born 9 February, 1869. grad-
uated from the Medical Department of Michigan
University, Ann Arbor, Mich. He is now a
practising physician at Montrose, Pa. He mar-
ried 24 November, 1897, Louise Kent, of Mont-
rose.

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PAUL⁹ DEAN WILSON, born 24 February, 1871.
graduated from New York Dental College, city
of New York, third in a class of eighty. He is
practising dentistry in the city of New York.
Unmarried.

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NEWTON⁸ JEFFREY DEAN, born 19 May, 1847, married, 1875, Helen Rice, daughter of William and Delia (Mumford) Rice. The record of his family is as follows :

304. DAVIS⁹ N., born 20 March, 1876, d. 4 November, 1899.

305. CHARLES⁹ R., born 21 May, 1877.

306. ALTHEA⁹ L., born 20 February, 1883.

307. HARRIET⁹ A., born 3 March, 1886 ; d. 20 August, 1889.

308. GEORGE⁹ SMITH, born 4 December, 1891.

309. FLORENCE⁹ M., born 23 June, 1893.

310. ANNA⁹ W., born 31 May, 1896.

311. GRACE⁹ V., born 31 May, 1896.

DAVIS N. DEAN, was lost at sea while serving as a sailor on the bark "Cyrus Wakefield."

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ALICE⁸ B. DEAN and MARY⁸ A. DEAN, live together in Brooklyn, N. Y., both single. They are accomplished, refined ladies of more than usual culture.

For a number of years Mary has been the financial secretary for a manufacturing company in New York City, and has developed a talent for business not usually found in her sex. The whole family are remarkable, no less for intellectual ability than for beauty of features. In the writer's youth, when this home was filled with children of his own age and older, it was one of the happiest incidents of his life to accom-

pany his cousins home from the country school, and pass the night under the hospitable roof of Uncle Davis and Aunt Hannah, as his father's cousins were always called. It was a home of domestic happiness and generous hospitality.

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SOPHIA⁷ LOUISA DEAN, married 29 November, 1838, Stephen Wright, of Waverly, Pa. They had no children. Mr. Wright was born 1 August, 1809, and died 12 March, 1881. Mrs. Wright died 16 September, 1900.

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MONROE⁷ B. DEAN (Jeffrey⁶, Jonathan⁵, Ezra⁴, Jonathan³, James², Walter¹,)

Born 23 June, 1826, resided most of his life on his father's farm in West Abington. His parents lived with him on the farm till their death. He married 9 February, 1860, Louise M. Rice. She was the daughter of Roswell and Elizabeth (Case) Rice, of Providence, Pa. Born 24 June, 1832. She died 14 January, 1896. The record of their family is as follows :

312. JEFFREY⁸ R., born 1 January, 1861.

313. LIZZIE⁸ SYBIL, born 17 September, 1862.

314. JENNIE⁸ L., born 1 October, 1867.

315. JOHN⁸ C., born 15 February, 1870.

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JEFFREY⁸ R. DEAN, born 1 January, 1861, is single, and lives in Dudley, Idaho.

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LIZZIE⁸ SYBIL DEAN, married 8 January, 1890, Welding M. Swallow, a farmer of South Abington, Pa. They have no children.

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JENNIE⁸ L. DEAN, married 6 August, 1891. Joseph W. Leach, a miller of Chinchilla, Pa. They have the following children :

316. ROGER⁹ DEAN, born 10 December, 1892.

317. HOWARD⁹ JEFFREY, born 4 May, 1895.

318. LOUISE⁹, born 28 March, 1897.

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JOHN⁸ C. DEAN, born 15 February, 1870, married 20 November, 1895, Lena Gunder, of Meshoppen, Pa. They now reside in Scranton, Pa., where Mr. Dean is employed as clerk in a grocery store. They have no children.

APPENDIX.

On pages 38 and 43 I have stated that only four of the six children of Walter Dean, of Taunton, Mass., are known. Since that part of this book was printed new facts have come to my knowledge. Hon. Josiah H. Drummond, of Portland, Maine, lately deceased, collected much valuable data concerning the descendants of John and Walter Dean. Before his death he placed his manuscript in the possession of the Old Colony Historical Society at Taunton, Mass. The efficient and enthusiastic secretary of that society, James Edward Seaver, worthy successor of the late Capt. John W. D. Hall, has kindly put in my hands an abstract of Mr. Drummond's manuscript relating to Walter's children. Later research has quite clearly established that the other two children of Walter were Lydia, who married Bartholomew Tipping, and Mary, who married Henry Andrews.

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On page 91 I gave quite an extended account of the long and active life of my father Isaac Dean. He took a deep interest in the progress of this work, and his active memory going back to the early part of the 19th century, was a material aid to me in tracing out many lines of

the family connection. He read the proof sheets as they came from the press, but it was not permitted him to see the completed work. On the 15th day of Nov. 1902, he passed peacefully away to join the long line of ancestors who had lived their brief span of years on earth and had passed on to their eternal home. His last days were peaceful and nearly free from pain. Sunday, the 9th, he attended church in the morning and visited some of his friends in Scranton in the afternoon. The day was unusually pleasant for the season, but, exposing himself, he took some cold, which developed into grippe on Monday, when a doctor was summoned and a trained nurse procured in spite of his protest that such care was unnecessary. On Friday his voice was strong and he told me that by Sunday he would be able to drive from his home in Scranton to mine in Waverly. This was the last time I saw him alive. On Saturday morning before I could reach his home he had passed away. Old age had so weakened the heart that it could not withstand the disease which a younger person would have endured with little discomfort.

Though greatly missed by his family and many friends, we feel thankful that he was spared to us so long, dying in his 92d year, and that his last days were so peaceful and happy, free from accident, or great suffering, possessed to a remarkable degree of the full power of all his faculties. Truly a good man is at rest and his memory is fragrant and blessed.

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