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WITH this volume the GROTON HISTORICAL SERIES comes to an end. It was begun fifteen years ago, with no intention on the part of the Editor to continue the numbers for so long a period. While it has been a source of pleasure to him, he hopes that it may prove of service to persons of Groton ancestry who wish to trace their genealogical descent, as well as of interest to others who desire to know something about the old town.

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EARLY CHURCH RECORDS IN GROTON.

CONTAINING ADMISSIONS TO THE CHURCH, ETC., MARRIAGES, BAPTISMS, AND VARIOUS OTHER MEMORANDA.

FEW persons of the present day fully appreciate the controversy which raged in the eastern part of Massachusetts seventy-five years ago, more or less, when so generally the Congregational churches were rent in twain on matters of religious belief. At that period, in many towns, the old order of things was supplanted by a new one, which marked the parting of the ways among church organizations that had before worked together in harmony and unity. To a large extent the practical result of this state of affairs was to establish in such towns two churches in place of a single church. The articles of faith held by one of these wings were based on a more liberal interpretation of the Scriptures than those held by the other. This liberal party is known to-day as the Unitarian denomination, while the other party is known as the Congregational. As a rule the Unitarians have kept possession of the original church-records, and are thus nominally the older body, but the Congregationalists far outnumber them in membership.

The two volumes, from which these records are copied, were missing from their proper places for nearly seventy years, and technically they have not as yet been returned, but will be now within a short time. They disappeared one

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evening after a heated session of the parish in the vestry of the meeting-house, when the candles were blown out, and the members broke up in confusion.' An unsuccessful search was begun at once for the books, but was gradually abandoned, and the loss soon forgotten in the main.

Another record-book, earlier than either of these volumes, disappeared at the same time, but that one was recovered by me many years ago, and has since been printed in this Historical Series, comprising Number X. of the first volume. It is now known that these three record-books were carried off from the meeting by an officer of the church, who concealed them at the time under his cloak. The act was done with the approval and connivance of those who sympathized with him in his ecclesiastical relations. This officer kept them in his possession as long as he lived, and after his death, which occurred nearly fifty years ago, they passed into the hands of other persons living in widely separated places, from whom I have since obtained them. The earlier volume was found in the possession of a family of Groton origin, then living in Plymouth County, and the two later volumes had passed beyond the limits of the Commonwealth. It may be proper to add that this church officer was a man of the strictest integrity in all respects, who undoubtedly thought that he was acting for the best under the existing circumstances. So high was his reputation among the neighbors for honor and honesty, I am sure that he never questioned his own course in the matter. It is now supposed that these three volumes were the only books taken away when the parish meeting broke up. The earliest one, already mentioned as having been printed in the first volume of the Historical Series, begins with the pastorate of the Reverend Dudley Bradstreet, who was ordained on November 27, 1706, and ends with June 22, 1760, though the records are very incomplete during the last thirty years of this period.

The first of the two volumes, here printed, begins on June 1, 1761, — two days before the ordination of the Reverend Samuel Dana, — and ends in January, 1798; and the other begins on April 28, 1799, and ends on February 2, 1830,

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though the entries during the latter part of this period are both scarce and scanty. It is supposed that some of the later ones were made while the book was in hiding. The various records under the several subjects are scattered about through the two books in many places, but in the printed copy all such entries are brought together under their proper headings. It has been thought best to arrange the subjects in the following order: —

Record of the Meetings,
Admitted to the Church,
Owned the Covenant,
Dismissed to other Churches,
Marriages,
Baptisms,
Various other Memoranda.

The first of these volumes is bound in vellum, and on the front cover are indistinct traces of the words "Church Book, Groton, 1761," written in three lines. Inside of the book the price is marked as two shillings and eight pence. "Pretium 2/8." The other volume is bound in sheepskin, and in the right upper corner of the front cover is the inscription "Groton, Jan. 1798 from 1797." in two lines, and near the middle of the cover "Church Book Vol. II.," also in two lines. Why this book should have been marked "Vol. II.," when there were two earlier volumes in existence, I am unable to say. Perhaps it was done through an oversight on the part of the minister who at that time acted as parish clerk, and kept the records. The earliest volume (1706–1760) may not have been counted as a part of the set, as it is so badly mutilated.

In early days it was the custom of the churches of Massachusetts to make a rigid examination of all candidates both for Admission to Membership and for Owning the Covenant; and many questions then were asked, which at the present time would be deemed highly impertinent and obtrusive. Such questions related to the personal habits of the applicants, about which there was no evidence beyond their own

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statement or confession. In these records there are many similar instances, which apparently excited no particular comment at the time. They are found by implication in the words "Confessed Fornication,"—or their abbreviated form, "Con. For." or "C. F.,"—appended to the names of many persons who were duly enrolled as members. There are one hundred and fifty-four such instances, but in this printed copy these entries have been omitted, as they reflect a custom which to-day would not be tolerated under any circumstances either in religious or secular circles. The last instance of a public confession is found in 1795; and a few years later, on January 7, 1803, by a vote of the church the practice was abolished.

For the convenience of persons who may wish to compare the printed copy with the original manuscript volumes, I have indicated by broad-faced figures within brackets—in all cases where the record is not continuous—the number of the volume, and the pages, on which the beginning of such extracts is found, as well as the end of the extracts.

EARLY CHURCH RECORDS.

At a Church meeting in Groton June 1st 1761

The following Covenant was laid before the Church: Consented to: and Voted to be recorded

Groton Chh Covenant

WE, who through the exceeding Riches of the Grace and Patience of God do yet Continue Members of this Church, being sensible of our great unworthiness to be owned as the Lords Covenant People: also acknowledging our great Inabilities to keep Covenant with God, or to perform any spiritual Duties unless the Lord Jesus enable us thereunto by his Spirit dwelling in us; and being awfully Sensible that it is a Dreadful thing for sinful dust and Ashes personally and much more socially to transact with the Infinitely glorious Majesty of Heaven and Earth; DO in humble Confidence

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of his Gracious Assistance and Acceptance thro' Christ, Each one of us for ourselves declare our belief of the sacred scripture as the word of God, and perfect Rule of faith and Obedience; resolving by his Grace to Conform to them.

WE adhere to the Faith and order of the Gospel as exhibited in these Churches in their Confession of Faith and Platform of Church Discipline; for the substance of them.

WE give up ourselves in an everlasting Covenant to the Lord Jehovah, who is the Father, Son & Holy Spirit, as to our Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier, to love, Obey and serve him forever.

WE own and submit to the Lord Jesus Christ, as the Head of his Body the Church recieving and relying upon him as the great high Priest Prophet and King of our Salvation.

WE give ourselves each to other by the Will of God: Engaging by his Help to Carry it towards one another as fellow members in Church society; to watch over one another in Brotherly Love, and to walk together in a Due subjection to and attendance upon the Orders & Ordinances appointed by Christ and enjoined his Churches in the Gospel.

WE thankfully Acknowledge that our Posterity are included in the Gospel Covenant, and accordingly promise to bring them up in the Nurture and Admonition of the Lord, and to own them in their Covenant Relation according to the Rules of Gods word.

WE promise to preserve Communion with the Churches of Christ walking together in the Faith and order of the Gospel, by giving and Recieving mutual Counsel and Assistance in all Cases wherein it shall be needful.

And now we repair to the Blood of the great Sacrifice for the Pardon of all our sins. depending Entirely upon our Lord Jesus Christ for acceptance with God, and for his Good Spirit to Enable us to keep his holy Covenant, praying that we may adorn the Doctrines of God our Saviour in all things and avoid even the very Appearance of Evil. Earnestly Praying that the Lord would take Delight to dwell among us, that Heavens Blessing may be upon us and that his glorious kingdom may be advanced by us.

Now to God the Father, Son & Holy Ghost be ascribed Endless Praises. Amen.

JAMES STONE *Moderator*

Consented to

per SAM[L] DANA *Pastor Elect*

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At the Meeting last mentioned The Church Voted also With Regard to admission of Members to full Communion That the making a Relation (as it is commonly call'd) shall not be a Term of Communion but that any Person (if in a Judgment of Charity Qualifyd) shall be admitted to this Privilege upon his Assenting in Public to some such Articles of faith as these following (still allowing Liberty to any who choose it to make a Relation.)

You Believe that there is one God in three Persons: Father Son and Holy Ghost

You Believe yt the Sacred Scriptures are the word of God; and a perfect Rule for our Faith and Practice

You Believe that Man is a fallen Creature and cannot be Justifyd by the Deeds of the Law.

You believe that Jesus Christ is the son of God and Saviour of Men: and that he will bestow salvation on those who repent of their sins believe in his Name and Live according to the Precepts of his Gospel

You believe the Resurrection of the Body; a future Judgment and state of Rewards & Punishments

You Believe that Baptism is an Institution of Christ and that the Lords Supper is also a sacrament by which his Church in this World should Commemorate his Dying Love to which Church you believe it is your Duty to Join yourself

The Church then Voted with regard to Baptizing Children of Parents newly Married

That those Parents who have not a Child till seven Yearly months after Marriage are subjects of our Christian Charity, and (if in a Judgment of Charity otherways Qualifyd) shall have the Privilege of Baptism for their Infants, without being Questioned as to their Honesty The Church still reserving to themselves Liberty to admit Children that are born within Less time after Marriage, where they see Reason for it.

JAMES STONE *Moderator*

Consented to Pr SAMUEL DANA *Pastor Elect.*

The Church then Passd the following Vote Viz

That a Church Meeting be Called at the request of ten of the Members of said Church

JAMES STONE *Moderator*

To which I then a Brother, and Pastor Elect, refused to Consent

SAMUEL DANA *P. E.*

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June ye 3^d Being Ordination Day a Number of the Church then together Voted to reconsider the Vote last Mentioned with regard to calling Church Meetings

JAMES STONE *Moderator*

N B. The Moderator Declared to the Ordination Council that the Vote was reconsidered

SAM^LL DANA *P E*

The Votes before Mentioned are all that the Moderator desird to Record in this Book as having been passd by the Church in the time of their Vacancy

SAM^LL DANA *Pastor*

1761

Samuel Dana in Officium Pastorale apud Grotonenses inauguratus fuit Die Junii 3° 1761

June 26. At a Church Meeting held at the Meeting House The Brethren & Sisters of the Church. Present, Consented to the Cov^t in the beginning of this Book which they manifested, the Brethren by holding up their Hand, The sisters by standing up.

It was then Voted that the names of the Members of the Church should be Entred in this Book.

List of The Members of the Church of C^t in Groton

Sam^ll Dana Pastor.

#	Daniel Farnsworth	Deac^ns	# Willm Green
#	Joseph Farwell		# Josiah Sawtel
#	James Stone		# Daniel Shed
#	Shebuel Hobart		# John Woods
#	Samuel Barran		# Amos Lawrence
#	Ephrain Sawtel		# Jonas Farnsworth
#	Joseph Gillson		# Thinehas Wait
#	Daniel Nutting		# Elisha Rockwood
#	Ebenezer Farnsworth		# Israel Hobart
#	John Stone		# Jeremiah Hobart
#	Abraham Mores		# Jonathan Pierce
#	Joseph Stone		# Nehemiah Trowbridge
#	Sam^ll Parbell		# Jason Williams
#	Benj^a Parker		# Eben^r Patch
#	William Lawrence		# Nath^ll Parker
#	Aaron Farnsworth		# Jonathan Farwell

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♯ Simon Pierce
♯ James Fisk
♯ Benjª Bancroft
♯ Ebenr Nutting
♯ Jonas Fletcher
♯ Converse Richardson
♯ Oliver Prescot
♯ Moses Kezar
♯ Samuel Hartwell
Jonª Stone

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♯ Deborah Longley
Abigail Farnsworth
Mary Farwel
Mary Stone
Hannah Prowbridge
♯ Abigail Prescot
Susannah Lawrence
Elisabeth Farnsworth
♯ Hannah Sawtel
Mary Gilson
Mary Parbell
Mary Stone
♯ Mary Wait
Joanna Fletcher
Hannah Green
Lydia Parbell
♯ Martha Stevens
Emma Stone
Abigail Lawrence
Susannah Prescot
Susannah Pierce
Rachel Chase
Elisabeth Nutting
Elisabeth Rockwood
Esther Gould
♯ Rosanna Con
Abigail Page[illegible]
Miriam Larkin
Mercy Richardson
Anna Hobart
Esther Lawrence
Mary Shed
♯ Mary Parker
♯ Elisaᵗʰ Farnsworth
Mary Farnsworth
Sarah Parker
Betty Hazen
Thankful Farnsworth
Sarah Patch
Mary Parker
Hannah Hobart.
Anna Bancroft.
Deborah Bowers
Abigail Bradstreet
Sarah Kezar
Rachel Pierce
Hannah Larkin
Sarah Hartwell.
Sarah Davis

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Before the names of many of the members there is a double cross, — represented in the printed list by a ♯, — the meaning of which I cannot make out. These crosses are set against the names of all the men excepting the minister and one other, and against the names of a considerable number of

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the women; and they appear to have been made by the same person at two or three different times.

In a corner of the page, away from the others, is written the name of "Code Negro" as one of the members. For a short account of this slave, see "The Boundary Lines of Old Groton" (page 37).

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It having been Objected (by Caleb Trowbridge) to Sarah Nichols's having the privilege of Baptism for her Child That she would have laid it to another Person besides him she did lay it to, had she not been flatterd and Threatned from such purpose — and that she Did not *Lye in* so soon as she ought to have Done according to the time mentiond in her oath for the begetting the Child.

Jany 14. 1763. The C.^{hh} being together (of which the Objector had previous Notice) Desird them to prove his Allegations against the s^{d} Sarah Nichols which he Attempted. The C^{h} then having Consider'd of the Evidence produced, concluded that nothing was provd against the said Sarah and Thereupon Voted that they were in Charity with her.

Novr 25. 1764. Ebenezer Champney having sometime Since cut himself of from the Enjoyment of C^{hh} Privileges by a breach of the Seventh Comm^{d}. this Day made his Confession of the same and was restord

March 28. 1766. At a C^{hh} Meeting at the Meeting house (notifyd for that Purpose the last Sabbath) Zechariah Longley was chosen to the Office of Deacon.

Novr 11. 1768. A Legacy of Thirteen Pounds Six Shillings & Eight Pence having been bequeathed by Captn Ephrain Sawtell to the Chh in Groton for a fund for the benefit of its Poor &c. The C^{hh} (This Day assembled at The Meeting house) Made Choice of Deac^{ns} Farwell Stone & Longly and Their Successors in office as a Committee in behalf of the Church to recieve and Improve the same agreably to the Design of the Donor, They to be Accountable to The Church for the same with the Interest Thence Arising and to render up the same whenever calld thereunto they manifesting a willingness to accept of this Trust were Empowerd accordingly to recieve this Legacy as aforesd and Discharge the Executor of the same. The Application of the Proceeds of this Legacy was referd to future Consideration

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See the Appendix to this Number for an account of Captain Ephraim Sawtell's legacy.

April 16. 1769. Sarah Nichols now the Wife of Ebenezer Farnsworth Junr Confess'd a Second time a breach of the Seventh Command and was forgiven.

July 9. 1769. Lefe Holden confessd her Breach of the Seventh Command & was forgiven.

July 14. 1769. Prudence Parker wife of Peter a member of the Chh exhibited a Complaint against her brother John Cummings importing that He had in an Unchristian Manner — falsely Charged her with wronging him of a fifty pound note of Hand and of Rye to the Value of Twenty pound — that He had calld her a Pirott & Robber and said she thirsted after his Estate as bad as Pirotts do after Blood — and said that he would have of Her or her Heirs the Sum she had wronged him of — with other unchristian like Speeches — The Complaint set forth that She had sought satisfaction in the private methods pointed out in the Gospel, but in Vain. She therefore Desird the Matter might be laid before the Church. In complyance with which Desire the Chh was stopt Sabbath Even Augst 6. and Notifyd to Meet at the Meeting House Thursday following to hear & Consider the same, and at the same time the parties notifyd to appear, the one to prosecute the other to Defend if they thought proper.

1769. Augst 10. Church met agreable to appointment and after hearing the Parties and what proof they had to offer and Conferring together determind only as follows — That Each Party had (since the Controversy had Subsisted between them) been guilty of imprudent, unguarded & unchristian treatment of Each other and they should Mutually Acknowledge the same to, & forgive one another — on pain of the Churches Displeasure, at the same time, as intimations were given on each side of an Intention to Carry the Controversy into the Civil Law, the Church resolved, that, if either Party should take this step, both should be Debarr'd Communion, from the time of a Civil Action being commenced till it should be Issued when the Church would further consider the matter — These things being propos'd to the parties Mr Cummings immediately Complyd to the Satisfaction of the Chh Mrs Parker desird time to Consider of the Matter and the Meeting was adjourned to the next Lecture.

Sept 7. being Lecture the Chh stop't and being informd by Mr Parker that his Wife was unable to attend on Acct of Bodily Infirm-

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ity and Desird that the Meeting might be Adjournd. Her request was granted and the Meeting was adjourn'd to next Lecture.

Octr 3. C^hh Met on Adjournment and Mr Larker Complyd to the Satisfaction of all Parties — and the Whole was settled.

1770 Jany 21. Abel Larker (in Gov^t with the C^hh) confessd Fornication & was forgiven.

March 25. Notify'd a C^hh Meeting at the Meeting house next friday to consider in What Manner to Dispose of the Income of the Legacy bequeathed by Captn Sawtel to the C^hh for the use of its poor.

30. C^hh Met at the Meeting House, and Voted that the Sum of Twenty Shilling Rec^d by the Committee for the use of the Legacy before mentiond be given to the Widow Bradstreet, the Wife of Ebenezer Kemp and Hannah Fisk to be equally divided between them and that the Committee for letting out the Money shall lay it out for them in such way as y^y Judge best for them.

1770. July. 22. Notify'd a Church Meeting next friday at the Meeting House to Consider of an Objection made by John Woods against Abel Lawrance being admitted a Member in full Communion with this Church — He having been propounded some time Since

27. Church Met at meeting House, and the s^d Abel Lawrance being prevented by bodily Indisposition from attending. The Church Chose Deac^ns Farwell, Stone, & Longly with Joseph Stone & Nathaniel Larker a Committee to hear the parties on the Complaint and report at the adjournment of the meeting The Meeting was then adjourned to the next Lecture.

Note. The Substance of the Complaint was that the s^d Abel Lawrance had been guilty of a breach of promise by w^h the s^d John Woods was kept from his Just right, and that the s^d Abel still refus^d to make satisfaction tho' the Steps of the Gospel had been taken with him to obtain it.

Augt 16. The Church met by Adjournment and the Committee Reported (Verbally) that the Complaint was of a Civil Nature and not proper for the C^hh to settle. The C^hh Voted their acceptance of the report and the Complaint was Dismiss'd.

Augt 19. This Day Abel Lawrance was mentioned for Admission upon which Bro^r John Woods Publicly Objected to proceeding tho without offering any other reason than — that he believed a Number of the C^hh were uneasy as well as himself. The Church were

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thereupon Desird to Manifest by lifting up their hands Whether he should be Admitted Notwithstanding and it Appearing to be a Vote — the negative was not Ask'd, but he was Admitted.

1771. June 9. Sybele Wife of Ebenezer Nutting Confess'd the Sin of Fornication & was forgiven. Note She ownd the Covt as the Truth at Harvard.

July 19. The Church was Stop'd after Lecture in order to Dispose of the Money which the Deacns had recd for the Loan of the Legacy bequeathed by Capt Sawtell &c. but upon a Motion made the affair was put of to the adjournment of the Chh Meeting which was then appointed to be at the Meeting house at the usual time for the Stated private Lectures.

August. 16. The Chh Met according to Appointment and Voted to give the Interest Money then in the Deacns hands being 16/. to the Widow Shed the Widow Bradstreet and Hannah Fisk to be Equally Divided between them.

1772. April 30. The Chh tarried After Lecture on a Motion of the Deacns and Voted to give the Interest of Captn Sartells Legacy then in their Hands being 16/. The one half to the Wife of Ebenezer Kemp the other half to the Widow Bradstreet & Hannah Fisk in Equal proportion.

1772. Decr 10. The Church tarried after Lecture and made Choice of the same persons as a Committee in behalf of the Chh (to recieve of Brother Amos Lawrance the Legacy bequeath'd to the Chh by our Brother Saml Barron deceasd) who had the Care of a former Legacy left by Brother Ephm Sawtell Viz the Deacns Farwell, Stone & Longly and Impowerd them to Discharge Brother Lawrance of the same and put it out to Interest that it may be Improv'd agreable to the Design of the Donor, and particularly Enjoind them to take good Security for the same

See the Appendix to this Number for an account of Samuel Barron's legacy.

August 13. 1773. The Chh being notified the last sabbath, met at the meeting House to dispose of the interest Monies in the hands of the Committee And being then Notified by Brother Amos Lawrance that a years interest upon Mr Barrons Legacy was due and ready to be paid the Church voted to give the whole to Deac Longly, being £1.12. 0 —

Also Voted their thanks to Brother Josiah Sartell for the new

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cover of the Meetinghouse Cushing by him presented since the Chh were last Met on a week day.

Decr 5. 1773. Appointed A Church meeting to be at the Meeting house the last friday of this Inst to choose one or two Deacns if they think fit.

Decr 26. 1773. Jeptha Richardson (having been guilty of the Sin of Fornication) this day made his confession and was forgiven.

Febr 27. 1774. Eunice the Wife of Timy Dustun having been guilty of the same fault Made Desired Satisfaction.

Decr 31. 1773. Church met according to appointment and made choice of the Brethren Isaac Farnsworth & Benja Bancroft Junr to the office of Deacons.

The above dates are right tho placed wrong

Sept 9. 1774. At a Chh Meeting at the meeting house the Chh voted to give the Interest money then in the hands of the Deacons being £1.12. the one half to the Wife of Lemuel Larker (Brother Benja Bancroft to see to the disposal of it for her benefit) the other half to the Widow Bradstreet & the wife of Ebenr Kemp (Deacn Isaac Farnsworth to see to the disposal of Mrs Kemps part for her benefit).

1775 March 12. Notify'd a Chh Meeting to be at the Meeting house on Tuesday 21. Inst 2 O Clock P. M. in general to transact any matters they may Judge proper to put an end to the unhappy differences subsisting among us.

21. Chh Met according to appointment and after a few hours Spent in Saying but little and doing Nothing adjourned to next Monday 2. OClock P. M.

27 Chh Met had a long Conference, but they refusing to make any Charges against the Pastor, and the Pastor refusing to make any Concessions, till he should first know what would be satisfactory — the meeting was finally dissolved without any vote being calld — except to try with regard to deferring the Sacrament for the present — and dissolve the Meeting, both which pass'd in ye affirmative.

After the Church meeting on the 27th March 1775 was Dissolved, they could not obtain another meeting by the appointment of their late Pastor, Notwithstanding they had informed him of a Great many of their Grievances & Repeatedly Desired him to Call a Chh meeting both by verbal & written Requests, one of which was Signed by a Great majority of said Chh but Recd for answer that he

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would not Call a Ch meeting nor attend one of their Calling, Saying you may do as you please & I must do as I can. Therefore afterwards on the 15th of may following the Town met, and in a very full Town meeting, after Some hours Conference, the said late pastor asked a Dismission from his Pastoral office which was Readily Complyed with by a unanimous Vote.

Lords day may 28th 1775.

Revd Dr Cooper of Boston preached & was Desired by the Deacons and Some of the brethren of the Chh to appoint a Chh meeting to be held at the Publick meeting house on the next monday two O'Clock afternoon

Monday may 29th Chh met accordingly

Chose Dr James Stone moderator

Chose Dr Isaac Farnsworth Clerk

Chose Dr James Stone Doct Prescott Dr Isaac Farnsworth a Comtee to examine the Chh Book and to Report at the adjournment of this meeting

Voted that the Sacrament of the Lords Supper be administred in this place as Soon as Conveniently may be & that the Comtee above Desire Some proper person to preach a Lecture previous thereto.

Voted that the Chh keep up their meetings between the Sacraments as usual heretofore & that the Dr appoint time and place.

Voted that what Mr Samuel Dana has offerd to the Publick for Satisfaction for his Conduct in Political matters is by no means Satisfactory to this Church as a brother.

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to the Thursday before the next Sacrament at 4 O'Clock in the afternoon on said Day.

Thursday June 8th 1775 Chh met according to adjournment

Voted to accept the Report of the Comtee that was Chosen to Examine the Chh Book.

Then the meeting was Dismissed.

[Recorded by Isaac Farnsworth. Clerk]

The line within brackets has been nearly scratched out, presumably by Deacon Farnsworth himself.

The Committee of ye Chh of Christ in Groton beg leave to report That they recommend the Chh Covenant to be continued as it now stands recorded in the Chh Book.

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That the Terms of Communion be the same as were established by a Vote of the Chh & are recorded in this Book.

That it is highly proper that the following Vote should be passed by this Chh, & strictly adhered to & recorded in this Book (viz)

"That those persons who own the Covenant in order for Baptism, as hath been practiced in this Chh, shall be under the same Watch & Discipline as members in full Communion."

That the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper be administered in the Chh once in two months thro' the year, & oftener if the Pastor & Chh should think proper.

That sacramental Lectures be continued in this Town as heretofore.

That Chh Meetings for religious Exercises be kept up as heretofore practiced in this Town.

That the Pastor hath a right to call a Chh meeting for any important occasion, when & as he may think proper, giving suitable notice to the Brethren.

That the Pastor shall call a Chh meeting being requested by any ten of the Brethren of the Chh, they exhibiting their request in writing, with the Reasons of their sd Request, plainly set forth & subscribed by their own hands, the Pastor giving the Brethren suitable notice for sd purpose.

That no silential Vote ought to be allowed in the Chh at any time.

That no Committee of the Chh or Delegates or Assistants of the Pastor, ought to be chosen but by written Votes or regular Nomination; & that the Pastor have an equal right in such matters with the Brethren.

That the Pastor ought to be acquainted with the state of his Flock & therefore visit them all at such Times, & in such way & manner as he shall think will be most for their Advantage & answer the best purposes.

That it is of the highest Importance that the Youth should be instructed, & the Duty of the Pastor to feed the Lambs — Therefore that the Pastor twice a year (& oftener if he think proper) cause them to be assembled for the purpose of catachizing, at such seasons & in such way & manner as he shall think most for their Edification & spiritual Advantage, & that it is a Duty incumbent on all Parents, & Masters to exert themselves in causing the Youth under their Government diligently & seasonably to attend the Appointment for that purpose.

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And may the God of all grace daily make additions to this Chh of such as shall be saved.

All which is humbly submitted to the Chh for their approbation & acceptance.

Groton Septr 5th 1777.

Oliver Prescott
James Stone
Elisha Rockwood } *Comte*

Septr 5th 1777.

The Chh being met at the public Meeting House the aforegoing Report was read & accepted

Voted That Deacon Stone be desired to wait upon Mr Daniel Chaplin their Pastor Elect & inform him that the Chh had accepted the aforegoing Report & were ready to receive answer.

At a Chh Meeting at the public meeting House Octr 24th 1777.

Voted & chose Dr Prescott Moderator.

Then Voted, that the Vote of the Chh relative to the baptizing of the Infants of new married persons as it was passed & recorded in the Chh book previous to the Ordination of Mr Dana, should be the Rule of Conduct in future.

The aforegoing Report & this last Vote having been considered, is now consented to, by Daniel Chaplin P. E.

Then the aforegoing Report & Votes with Mr Chaplin's Consent as Pastor Elect were read & accepted, & voted that the Moderator sign the same & that the whole be recorded in the Chh Book

Attest.

Oliver Prescott *Moderator*

Daniel Chaplin in Officium Pastorale apud Grotonenses inauguratus fuit Die Januarii 1° 1778.

At a Chh Meeting March 26th 1778.

Voted That the ensuing Chh meetings for religious Exercises, unless the Chh find it disadvantageous, be all at the public meeting House.

Votes & Proceedings of ye Chh in ye time of their Vacancy. N° 1. On File. [For many years this file of papers has been lost.]

Mr Dana's Letter to ye ordaining Council objecting to ye ordination. N° 2.

Result & Proceedings of ye ordaining Council N° 3.

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Lord's Day Nov. 14. 1779. The Brethren of ye Chh being desired to tarry after Divine Service was over, a Letter Missive from a Number of People belonging to ye Chh & Town of Westford, requesting our assistance in Council, was read & ye Chh voted to comply with ye Desire, & chose Col^o^ Sartell & Capt Amos Lawrence to accompany ye Pastor. This Letter N° 4.

The Articles of Complaint laid before ye Council by ye aggrieved. N° 5.

The Result of ye Council. N° 6.

Letter from ye Chh in Westford. N° 7.

Letter from ye aggrieved. N° 8.

At a Chh-Meeting April 28. 1780. for religious Exercises, after such exercises were concluded, the Brethren who were desired to tarry took into Consideration ye Letter from ye Chh in Westford & ye Letter from ye aggrieved abovementioned; but as ye matter appeared to be important & many of ye brethren were absent, it was agreed to defer acting upon it untill ye next public Lecture.

June 1. 1780. Lecture Day. The Brethren of ye Chh tarried after Divine Service, having been notified ye Sabbath before, further to consider of ye matters relating to Westford. And to proceed with ye greatest Care & Deliberation, ye Letter Missive from ye aggrieved, ye Result of ye Council, ye Letter from ye Chh of Westford & ye Letter from ye aggrieved desiring occasional Communion with us, were all read, & ye Chh went into a mature, lengththy & cool Debate upon ye subject. After which ye Question was put, Whether ye Chh approve of ye Result? See N° 6. And it passed in ye Affirmative by a large Maj. And also Whether ye Chh will grant ye Request of ye aggrieved, to admit ym to occasional Communion so long as their situation shall remain such y^t^ they cannot enjoy ye Privilege of y^r^ Ordinances at home upon such Terms as they can conscienciously comply wt? Passed in ye Affirmative by a great Maj.

At a chh-meeting Groton July 5. 1782. Voted & chose Dr Joseph Farwell, Dr James Stone, Dr Isaac Farnsworth, Dr Benjamin Bancroft, & Israel Hobart Esqr, members of ye chh of Christ in Groton, Trustees to receive, (& if necessary for ye recovery thereof, to institute a suit at law & prosecute ye same to final judgment & execution,) of Mr Samuel Dana late minister of this town ye twenty pounds given by Jonathan Lawrance of Groton in his last will & testament to ye chh, the profits & incomes whereof to be annually

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accounted to ye settled or ordained minister or ministers of Groton successively, as may fully appear by sd will, reference thereto being had; & delivered into ye hands & improvement of sd Mr Dana, as appears by his bond for ye same, dated Sept. 4. 1761. And sd Trustees are further chosen, instructed & impowered when they receive sd money, to offer it to our Revd Pastor Daniel Chaplin, to remain in his hands & improvement during ye chh's pleasure; & if he should not chuse to receive it, to let it out to interest, taking good security to themselves as Trustees, & their successors in sd office or trust; so that ye profits & incomes thereof may be annually accounted for to ye settled or ordained minister or ministers of ye town forever hereafter, according to ye true intention of ye Donor.

The chh of Christ in Groton having for some time been dissatisfied wt yr brethren Colo Josiah Sartell, Capt. Joseph Sheyley & Mr John Gragg, for withdrawing ymselves from our communion, & from public worship wt us at ye public meeting house & for joining wt others in setting up an irregular society in opposition to this chh, & against ye peace & happiness of this town, in which society ye sacred rite of baptism has been administered, & an attempt has been made to incorporate a chh, contrary to ye rules of ye gospel & ye constitution of ye congregational chhs in N. England; and having endeavored, without success, to convince ym of yr errors & reclaim ym to yr duty, by sending committees to confer wt ym; took into serious & prayerful consideration yr cases at a chh-meeting held at ye public meeting house in sd town. Sept. 30th 1782. & came to ye following result & determination thereon.

1. The chh think it proper to express yr sentiments more generally in regard to members breaking communion wt ye chh to which they belong, in ye subjoined resolutions.

1. Resolved as ye opinion of this chh yt particular members of a chh have no right to break communion with ye chh they belong to, unless for some weighty & important reasons, & reasons of such a nature yt it would be sinful & displeasing in ye sight of God for ym to continue any longer in yr communion. And even where there are such reasons existing for non-communion, certain steps are to be previously taken in order thereto, if it shall finally be necessary to withdraw, which steps are pointed out to us in ye word of God.

2. That a member's being offended with one or more of his brethren for any fault either supposed or real, provided ye chh in

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general have not by any public act of their's justified or countenanced ye brother or brethren in sd fault, is no just ground or reason for his withdrawing from public worship, or from ye communion & fellowship of ye chh at ye Lord's table. But if ye offence be a matter of any considerable importance & ye interests of religion require particular notice to be taken of it, he is in duty bound to go to ye offender or offenders, & in a private & friendly manner tell ym yr fault. If he does not gain satisfaction by this method, then in case ye matter be of such a nature yt it cannot be proved, he must & *ought* to let it wholly drop; but if it be capable of good proof, ye next step is, to take one or two more of his brethren along with him, & go & converse ye matter over calmly with ye offenders before these witnesses — & if satisfaction cannot be obtained by this means, but ye offenders should appear to be obstinate, then he must tell it to ye chh at large, or make his appeal to ym for ye decision of ye case. But while all this is doing, he has no right to absent himself from ye Lord's table, or from public worship with his brethren, on account of ye offence which he has received. We know of no rule in ye word of God yt allows him to omit his duty, or requires him to forego his privilege, because he may be fully persuaded, in his own mind, yt some others do not walk according to yr christian profession.

3. If a member has offended one or more of his brethren, & he does not consent to make ym private satisfaction, complaint being made against him to ye chh, (according to ye general usage of these congregational chhs from ye first settlement of ye country) he must be denied ye privilege of special ordinances, untill such time as ye chh hath determined him to be blameless, or he has made satisfaction by an acknowledgment of ye fault.

4. Such is ye near & sacred relation yt subsits between ye several members of any particular chh, & such yr mutual engagements to continue in communion one with another, yt a member, offended & aggrieved with the chh in general, is obliged by ye laws of Christ to make known to ym ye cause of his grievance, endeavoring to convince & reclaim ym, & to be convinced himself if he should lie in an error; even tho' he should have reason to think there would be a great majority of ye chh against him. If he does not succeed in this attempt, but after all he can say they differ in yr sentiments from him & suppose ymselves to be blameless, he must make ye offer of referring ye matter to ye judgment & advice of a

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mutual council. And if they will not hearken to this proposal, he may call a council himself, to advise him what further steps to take to obtain redress; or if they shall judge his difficulties groundless, to recommend it to him to sit down easy & contented.

2. The chh express sentiments more particularly in regard to the cases of these our offending brethren in ye following manner,

It gives us very sensible pain & grief to see these our brethren walking contrary to yr profession, & even persisting so long in what to us appears a most evident violation of obligations ye most sacred, which they have heretofore voluntarily laid ymselves under to this chh. We have been led to delay this act of discipline towards ym much longer in hopes yt by reflection they would be bro't to a sense of yr duty, to retract yr errors & return again to us. But notwithstanding ye length of time which has elapsed, & ye measures we have taken to convince & bring ym to yr duty, they still appear obstinately set in ye wrong, to ye dishonor of yr religious character, & to ye prejudice & injury of Christ's cause & kingdom in ye world. We consider yt while they remain in ye body they are compassed about with weakness & temptation like other professors of christianity, & we feel a disposition to make all that allowance for human infirmity which that christian charity requires, yt in scripture is said to cover a multitude of sins. We have been neither precipitate in coming to a final determination respecting ym, nor have we taken ye matter up & pursued it to this conclusion without being moved thereto by a sense of duty. The great head of ye chh, as we are convinced, has enjoined it upon us to manifest our displeasure for such irregular & unchristian conduct as their's appears to us to be, & to withhold our christian society & fellowship from ym in special ordinances, untill they manifest repentance & reformation. And this appears plainly to be our duty from that injunction of St Paul; "Now we command you, brethren, in ye name of our Lord Jesus Christ, yt ye withdraw yourselves from every brother yt walketh disorderly, & not after ye tradition which he received of us. And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, & have no company wth him, yt he may be ashamed. Yet count him [not] as an enemy, but admonish him as brother." In regard to these our brethren, who, we verily apprehend, have walked disorderly & not according to ye rules given us in ye word of God, we are yrefore constrained by a sense of ye duty we owe unto God, to ye people of God in general, to ourselves,

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& to these brethren, in this manner to declare our entire disapprobation of this irregular & criminal behavior; & yt we cannot hold communication with ym in ye special ordinances of ye gospel, untill they shall remove ye ground of offence by repentance & a return to yr duty. But if it should be ye case with ym yt they should be disposed to take that satisfaction which ye gospel requires those who have gone astray as they have done, to take; it will give us sensible pleasure to receive ym again to ye arms of our christian charity & holy fellowship. [68–86] We pray God yt they may be bro't from ye path of sin & error, to ye acknowledgment of ye truth, & to ye way of peace & holiness, yt having escaped ye snare of ye devil yr end may be eternal life thro' Jesus Christ.

It is our opinion also yt those persons who are in covenant & have not as yet desired any higher privilege of communion with ye chh than in ye ordinance of baptism, who have of late (unwarrantably as we think) withdrawn from this congregation, & been engaged in setting up a separate, unconstitutional society in this town for public worship, which was mentioned in ye beginning of this result, & have offered their children in baptism there; in so doing have acted an unjustifiable part in ye sight of God, have forfeited yr right to baptism with us, & must lay under ye displeasure of this chh so long as they do not repent & return.

The chh voted ye foregoing result very unanimously, & yt it be read to ye congregation ye first convenient opportunity, & be recorded in ye chh-books. And chose a committee of two brethren to inform these brethren yt ye chh had laid ym under censure.

For ye minutes of ye steps taken with ym previous to this final determination. See papers N° 9 on file.

See the first volume of this Historical Series (Number xiv. 21–25), for an account of the Presbyterian Controversy in connection with the preceding matter.

May 9. 1783. At a meeting of the chh for religious exercises, after which ye brethren tarried & voted, that Deacon Benj[a] Bancroft be a committee to receive & keep a State-Note given to Thomas Parks, now ye property of this chh, & being in paper-money to get it consolidated as soon as he can conveniently; & also another Note given by Jonathan Lawrence to a former committee of this chh, & call upon him for ye interest now due upon sd

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Note, yt it may be appropriated to ye use & benefit of ye poor of ye chh according to ye intention & direction of ye Donor of ye legacy.

October 2. 1783. Being Lecture Day, the brethren yt were then present tarried after divine service, & agreed to proceed ye next Lord's day after divine service at night, to ye choice of two deacons, deacon James Stone & deacon Joseph Farwell being deceased.

Lord's day. Oct. 5. Being communion day, after ye communion ye brethren were notified to be prepared to chuse two deacons immediately after ye public worship at night; & accordingly tarried after ye congregation were dismissed in the afternoon, & made choice of brother Thomas Farwell & brother Samuel Lawrance for deacons.

The following record is the copy of a paper sent to the chh in Groton by a Presbytery.

"Whereas Colº Josiah Sartell & Mr Oliver Fletcher, commissioners from a society in Groton, Presented a petition from said society, Praying to be received under our care — The Presbytery finding that ye sd society by ye confession of ye commissioners are under censure by ye chh of Groton: But that sd chh refuse them a copy of their censure & they think they are unjustly tirannically used, as they can find no means of redress: — And this Presbytery Desirous to give relief to those who are oppressed, & to maintain a Christian Correspondance & Communion with ye chh in Groton & not do anything which may justly offend our Christian Brethren of ye Congregational chhs; Therefore we do admit ye Petition of sd society & receive them under our Patronage & Care, And order sd society to serve ye chh of Groton with a copy of this minute & desire sd chh to give all ye light they can in ye affair to this Presbytery at their next meeting & yt sd society submit to ye judgment which this Presbytery shall then take as to their case & continuance in this relation.

{ Nathl Whitaker *Presbytery Moderator*
{ Jnº Strickland *Clerk*

A true Copy Extracted
from yᵉ minutes Attest
Salem Sept. 11. 1783.

This Presbytery appointed to meet at Groton yᵉ second Wednesday of June next at 10 o'Clock in yᵉ morning at yᵉ Presbytery meeting House. A true copy attest Josiah Sartell Clerk of yᵉ Presbytery chh & congregation in Groton.

Groton, May 10. 1874."

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The following record is a copy of ye chh's answer to ye foregoing paper.

"To the Presbytery of which Doctor Nathaniel Whitaker of Salem is Moderator.

Gentlemen, We have received a vote of your's dated at Salem Sept. 11. 1783. a copy of which is inclosed, announcing that you had taken ye separate society in this town under your "patronage & care," & desiring us to give you light in ye case of these our brethren who have unconstitutionally & unwarrantably left us & joined themselves to your communion, having made no previous application for a reconciliation to us, who were offended with them. All ye notice which, in our opinion, your proposition of our submitting this affair to your examination, justly merits, you have in what follows; which you will consider as ye only answer we are determined to make.

It appears that you viewed our brethren as not justly censurable, by your proceeding immediately to take them under your care, by your preaching among them, directing them to ye choice of chh-officers, & administering ye ordinances of baptism & ye Lord's supper to them, as tho' they had been a society in regular standing, & formed according to ye order of ye gospel. — Having thus prejudged ye case, you cannot be admitted as competent judges between us & them. Influenced by a party-spirit, which, it is certain, is opposite to ye meek, ye humble & peaceable spirit of christianity, you have in this instance, with temerity, taken a measure, adapted indeed to build up a party, but not ye common cause of ye Great Redeemer, & forever to disconnect our brethren from us. We are sorry they have been so unhappily injudicious in their choice of advisers, by whom they have been directed into a way yt cannot fail to prove injurious to their most important interests. We do not object against you because you are Presbyterians, for we are ready to declare ourselves in full charity with ye chhs of your denomination who discover ye christian temper by walking, in all essential points, according to ye order which Christ hath established in his chh; but we object to you because we consider you in ye light of separates, whose sentiments & practice, how much zeal soever there may be mixed therewith, in our opinion, tend to ye subversion of chhs of other denominations, to ye introduction of contention, confusion & every evil work into society; & indeed, to ye ruin of ye general cause of christianity in ye world. We cannot

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desire any ecclesiastical intercourse & fellowship wt you so long as you appear, as at present, to be governed by views & sentiments, uncandid, schismatical & even hostile to all peace & good order in ye chhs. Look inwards, Gentlemen, carefully read ye faithful records of your own consciences, & see if you can not find it there written, that you have not done to others, as you would have others do to you. Look upwards also, & consider seriously whether your conduct will be sure to meet ye approbation of him, who is much greater than your hearts, & who is not ye author of confusion, but of peace in all ye chhs. We wish you no greater present mortification than would be ye necessary consequence of seeing your conduct in a just & impartial light. And we can desire you no greater present & future happiness, than to be freed from error & false apprehension, to know & sincerely acknowledge ye truth, & be saved.

In ye name & by ye vote of ye chh in Groton.

DANL. CHAPLIN *Pastor*

The chh also voted that Deacon Samuel Lawrance be directed to deliver this letter with ye above copy, to the Revd John Strickland Clerk of ye Presbytery.

Dated at GROTON, Lord's day June 6. 1784."

Resolved as the opinion of this chh that notwithstanding the Salem Presbytery (so called) have lately determined & declared the separate society in this town to be a regular & constitutional presbyterian society, & confirmed them as a part of their body; they are not a regular & constitutional society of that, or any other denomination of christians; & therefore it would be irregular & have a tendency to encourage & promote disorder, for this chh in general or for any individual members of it, to hold occasional communion & fellowship with them in the ordinances of ye gospel, so long as they continue in their present disorderly state.

The chh voted also, that if any members of this chh have, since the first existence of ye above-mentioned separate society in this town to the present day, partook with them in the ordinances of the gospel, & shall make application to the pastor of this chh & give him satisfaction, by informing him, they inadvertently supposed it not to be irregular for them to partake there, they are desirous to continue in the communion of this chh, & they will not in time to come, now knowing it to be contrary to the minds of the chh, hold occasional communion with that society; this shall be deemed

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satisfactory to ye chh; provided the pastor mention to ye chh ye names of the persons who have made such satisfaction to him, immediately before ye communion, after ye congregation is retired.

DAN^L^ CHAPLIN *Pastor.*

GROTON Lord's day July 11. 1784.

N. B. The foregoing resolution & vote were read to ye congregation, ye following Lord's day, according to ye direction of the chh, that all concerned might be made acquainted with them.

At a chh meeting held Sept. 24. 1784. by adjournment from last Lord's day after divine service, ye chh voted themselves satisfied with ye acknowledgment of Abigail wife of Asa Lawrance for ye offence of having partook of ye Lord's supper with ye separate society in this town, being previously informed by ye pastor that she had made application to him & declared "that at ye time she did it, she did not know & consider it to be contrary to ye order of ye gospel & justly offensive to this chh."

Asa Lawrance husband of ye said Abigail made a similar acknowledgmeut of ye same offence, & was forgiven & restored to ye charity of ye chh, a short time before, upon ye Sabbath after divine service.

They both of them asked a dismission from this chh, to join a regular presbyterian chh, & were accordingly dismissed, he ye last Lord's day & she at this meeting, & recommended, with ye following certificate, from ye chh.

"Whereas our brother & sister, Asa Lawrance & Abigail his wife, members in full communion with this chh, & in good standing, have requested a dismission from their particular relation to us, that they may join with ye presbyterian chh in Londonderry [New Hampshire] under ye pastoral care of ye Revd Mr Morrison, & profess themselves to be seriously & conscientiously of ye presbyterian persuasion; this is to certify y^t^ we have complied with their request, & dismissed them from our particular care, watch & discipline, in order y^t^ they may be regularly admitted as members by ye above-named chh. Furthermore we recommend them as persons of a sober life & christian conversation; & we hope & sincerely pray y^t^ they may adorn the christian religion which they profess, & be edified yet more & more in faith, holiness & comfort. And we commend them unto God & the word of his grace.

DAN^L^ CHAPLIN *Pastor*,
in ye name of ye chh in Groton.

GROTON Sept. 24. 1784."

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Decr 31. 1784. The chh met at Deacon Bancroft's for religious exercises by reason of ye severity of ye season, tho' ye meeting was appointed to be at ye meeting house. After those exercises ye brethren of ye chh tarried, having been notified ye Sabbath before, to make distribution of ye interest of ye legacies in ye hands of Dr Bancroft, who had been appointed by ye chh to collect ye same, which amounted to £5 : 2 : 6. there having been no interest paid before this, since ye commencement of ye late war. Voted to give it as follows. To Jno Nutting 14/ to Jon^a Boyden 16/ to the Widow Bradstreet 12/ to ye wife of Isaac Lawrance 3/ to Betty Green 20/ to ye wife of Eph^m Parker 8 6 to ye wife of Ezekiel Nutting 4/ to ye wife of Ebenezer Kemp 6/ to ye widow Hartwell 10/ to ye wife of Eben Parker 3/ to Jno Simonds & wife 3/ to ye Widow Molly Boyden 3/ The chh then voted that ye Deacons together with brother Israel Hobart & brother William Nutting be directed to see to ye disposal of ye money for their greatest benefit, to whom it is given.

Lord's day Decem^r 18. 1785. The brethren of ye chh tarried after divine service at night, when the pastor informed them that Mr Samuel Dana, formerly pastor of this chh, desired a dismission & recommendation from this chh, to the first chh in Amherst [New Hampshire], & likewise communicated a letter from ye presbytery composed of ye presbyterian chh in Boston, ye presbyterian chh in Peterborough, & others, dated at Boston, Sept. 1. 1785. informing this chh y^t they had taken the separate society in this town, which they call a presbyterian chh & congregation, under their care, &c.

Upon a motion made, the chh voted & chose Dr Prescott, Dr Farnsworth, Col^o Prescott, Mr William Nutting & Mr Jacob Fitch, a committee, in conjunction with the pastor, to consider whether ye chh ought to dismiss & recommend Mr Dana, whether ye chh ought to make an answer to y^t fore-mentioned letter, & if they judge it necessary to give an answer, to prepare one, & to take into consideration what measures y^t chh should take with its delinquent members; & report as soon as convenience will admit of.

Lord's day January 8. 1786. The brethren of ye chh tarried after divine service to hear ye report of ye committee above-named, who reported as follows,

"To ye chh in Groton. Your committee appointed to consider whether ye chh ought to dismiss & recommend Mr Dana, &c. beg

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leave to report in their opinion, That ye chh notify Mr Dana, yt they are disposed to forget every thing in his political character formerly when he was in ye ministry among them, yt was disagreeable & grievous to them, & should be happy in complying with his request, could they, in their apprehension, do it consistently with that christian fidelity which it is their duty to exercise to him as their brother with whom they are under sacred bonds. But considering his conduct since he left ye ministry, in giving countenance & support to ye separation in this chh. & town, by preaching to the mal-contents, administering the ordinance of baptism among them, & admitting members to full communion, to the great disadvantage of peace & harmony, & of religion, which they verily think to be altogether contrary to the rules of ye gospel & highly criminal, they are constrained not to grant his request. But sincerely desirous to have ye ground of their dissatisfaction with him removed, & willing to give him an opportunity freely to express his sentiments to them respecting the above-conduct, they have appointed a committee to confer with him upon the subject whenever he shall notify them yt he will attend in this town for that purpose."

The chh voted to accept this part of the report & accordingly chose a committee of nine to confer with Mr Dana, viz. Dr Prescott, Dr Farnsworth, Coll Prescott, Esq. Hobart, Mr William Nutting, Dr Lawrance, Mr Jacob Fitch, Lieut. Jonathan Keep & Capt. Amos Farnsworth; & desired the pastor to give notice to Mr Dana of their proceeding in regard to his request for a dismission, &c.

"It is your committee's opinion also yt ye chh ought to proceed with deliberation, christian prudence & tenderness, to call all ye members of ye chh yt walk disorderly, to account, & use their best endeavours with them & bring them to repentance & reformation."

The chh also accepted this part of ye report, & chose Dr Morse, Dr Bancroft & Esq. Hobart a committee to inquire what members of this chh do walk disorderly & not according to the rules of the gospel, & to deal with them as the gospel directs, to reclaim them; & report to the chh.

"And the committee think it highly incumbent upon the chh to answer the letter of the presbytery in the manner following." See Nr 10. on file.

Lord's day Jany 29. 1786. The brethren of ye chh tarried after divine service at night, when the pastor communicated a letter from the chh in Westford, lamenting the interruption of communion

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between us & them for several years past, & desiring this chh to give them opportunity, by conference, to remove ye ground of dissatisfaction & non-communion.

. The chh voted to confer with them, & in conjunction with the pastor, chose Deacon Farnsworth, Col: Frescott, Doctor Frescott, Esq. Hobart, Mr William Nutting, Lieut. Jonathan Keep & Deacon Lawrance, a committee to confer with a committee from the chh in Westford, consisting of the pastor & such brethren as they shall see fit to send; in this town, & at such time as the committee from the chh of Westford shall appoint, giving seasonable notice to the pastor of this chh of such appointment. And this chh expects ye committee from Westford to bring ye sentiments of the Revd Mr Scriber & ye chh, plainly & particularly drawn up in writing, being previously laid before ye brethren of ye chh of Westford, & voted by them to contain their true sentiments relative to the two following points, viz. "Whether it be ye duty of sinners, while unregenerate, to attend upon any means of grace & religion." And "Whether sin be the object of God's choice & agreable to his will"? a difference in sentiment respecting these points having been ye ground of non-communion between ye chhs in ye vicinity & the chh & pastor in Westford.

Lords Day April 16. 1786. The brethren of the chh tarried after ye blessing at night & voted to have ye next communion the first Sabbath in May insuing & from thence to have it ye first Sabbath in every other month; & also voted ye Deacons a committee to settle some acct: between brother Convers Richardson & ye chh, & to receive a ballance of money belonging to ye chh which has rested in his hands from the time he acted as treasurer of ye chh.

1787. Nov. 25th The brethren tarried after divine service at noon, & voted their acceptance of the result of the conference that met at Westford the 14th instant, by which a free intercourse & communion between the neighbouring chhs, & the chh & pastor in Westford. And said result was read to the congregation after divine service at night.

1788. Nov. 23d Church voted & chose Deacon Farnsworth, Deacon Bancroft, Deacon Lawrance, Mr Jacob Patch & Major Joseph Moors, a committee to take out a list of ye poor of the chh yt may be tho't the proper objects of charity, & divide the interest of the legacies belonging to ye chh, which is now due, among them as they shall judge to be right, & report the same to the chh for their acceptance at a future meeting.

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7th Decem: The cotte above-mentioned reported to the chh a division of the interest among the poor of the chh, which, with some alterations made by the chh, was accepted, and is as follows.

To the Widº Mary Shed 6/ Widº Lucy Tarbell 6/ Betty Green 10/ Azubah wife of Ephrain Tarker 4/ Anna wife of Ezekiel Nutting 4/ 5d The wife of Ebenezer Kemp 5/ Widº Mary Hartwell 10/ Widº Mary McNeil 8/ Widº Betty Hazen 11/ And the Widº Mary Nutting 9/

And in addition to the deacons the chh chose Mr Joseph Allen & Israel Hobart Esqr a cotte to make an actual distribution of said interest among them accordingly, the whole sum being £3-13-5.

Febr 19th 1791. Church tarried after divine service at night, & voted it agreable to their minds that the Deacons exchange the state note which is the legacy left by Capt. Ephrain Sawtell to the church in Groton for the use of it's poor, into hard money, as soon as may be conveniently done.

April 10th 1791. Church voted & chose Deacon Isaac Farnsworth, Mr Jacob Tatch, Major Amos Farnsworth, Mr William Nutting & Major Joseph Moors a committee, to make out a list of such poor of the church as may appear to be the most proper objects of charity, & divide the interest of Mr Samuel Barron's legacy, now on hand, amongst them, as they shall judge to be right, & report the same to the church, for the consideration & acceptance of the brethren of the church at a future meeting.

1791. April 17th The committee appointed the last sabbath, made the following report, which the church accepted without alteration, & directed Deacon Bancroft in whose hands the money is lodged, to pay it out according to the report, viz.

To the Widow Betty Hazen	6/
Wife of Ephrm Russel	6/
Wife of Peter Stevens	6/
Wife of Ezekl Nutting	3/
Wife of Ebenr Kemp	6/
Widow Mary Hartwel	6/
	£1-13

Feby 5th 1792. The Church voted, that the Deacons of the Church receive the legacy given to this Church by Mrs. Mary Sartell late of Groton deceased, in her will & testament, & give a discharge for the same to Jno. Shepley executor of said will & testament.

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March 29. 1792. Public Fast. The brethren of ye church tarried after divine service, & voted that Deacon Benjamin Bancroft should give to Mr. Jacob Patch, for the use of the Widow Betty Hazen, & to be laid out for her by him, £8/ interest of a legacy bequeathed to the church for the benefit of it's poor.

1794 May 25th. The three deacons of the chh chosen, after divine service, a committee to take out a list of the poor of the chh the most fit objects of charity, to receive the interest of a donation bequeathed for their benefit; & to report as soon as they conveniently can. The money now to be distributed is the interest of Samuel Barron's donation.

June 22d. The deacons of the church Farnsworth, Bancroft & Lawrance reported as follows, viz. That to

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the Widow Hartwell be given	12/
The Wife of Ebenezer Kemp	6/
Wife of Benja. Parbell	6/
Widow Hazen	5/
Wife of Ezekiel Nutting	5/

Sept. 24. 1797. The deacons of the church having been directed by a vote of the church a short time since to take out a dividend of the interest money arising from the Barron donation, among the most needy members of the church, this day after divine service at night reported the following proposed distribution, which the church accepted, & directed deacon Bancroft in whose hands the money is to pay it out accordingly, to the persons mentioned, & take their receipts.

Viz.	To the Widow Mary Hartwell	9/
	Wido. Mary Kemp	9/
	Azubah Wife of Benjamin Parbell	6/5
	Anna Wife of Ezekiel Nutting	6/5
	Wido. Mary Cockle	6/5
	The remainder to Timothy Priest	6/9
	Total	£2-4-0

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[II. 3–39] Widow Mary Cockle & Hannah Lakin, eight shillings each. The sum to be distributed is so inconsiderable, & such is the office of deacon, according to scripture, that it is judged proper & expedient to make the distribution without troubling the church at large to attend to it. Deacon Farnsworth sen. undertook to convey the eight shillings to Hannah Lakin, & deacon Lawrance the same sum to the Widow Cockle.

April 28. 1799. The brethren of the church tarried after divine service I. M. & being informed by the Pastor that Deacon Amos Farnsworth had received £26/ interest of the legacy for the benefit of the poor members of the church, voted that the Deacons, together with the Pastor, be directed to make distribution of it to the poor, according to their discretion; which they afterwards did in the following manner, viz.

To the Widr Mary Kemp	6/
Azubah wife of Benjn Farbell	6/
Widr Anna Nutting	8/
Lydia wife of Reuben Fisk	6/

Deacon Amos Farnsworth was directed to pay the money to them.

Lords-day Sep. 12. 1802. The brethren of the church being requested by the Pastor, tarried in the meeting house after the rest of the congregation had retired. The Pastor informed them that the Parish being desirous the practice of reading a portion of the holy scriptures in the forenoon and another in the afternoon in the public worship on the sabbath might be introduced here, had caused a suitable bible to be procured for the purpose. The Pastor called upon the brethren freely to make their observations either for, or against the introduction of said practice of reading the scriptures in public, as they thought proper. Several of the brethren rose & spoke in favor of it, & no one against it. When the brethren had signified that they were ready for a vote, the question was put, Whether they were willing that the practice of reading the holy scriptures in the public worship on the sabbath should be introduced as soon as might be convenient, & passed in the affirmative without dissent.

Also voted that the foregoing vote be recorded in the church book.

Danl Chaplin *Pastor*

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Decem. 5. 1802. Mem. The brethren of the church tarrying after divine service, at the desire of the Pastor, signified yt they were willing it should become the practice, for the officiating minister, on communion days, after the congregation is dismissed, or the blessing given, to make proclamation in the presence of the assembly, to this effect, viz. "If there be any regular member of sister churches present who desire communion in the ordinance of the supper, they are invited to join with us on this occasion."

DAN[L.] CHAPLIN *Pastor*

Jan. 7. 1803. At a church meeting held at the centre school house, warned the sabbath before, & by the request of twenty one of the brethren, in writing, desiring the following propositions to be submitted, viz.

1. To see if the church will reconsider and annul the rule established by former votes and usuage of the church, requiring an acknowledgment before the congregation, of those persons who have had a child within less time than about seven yearly months after marriage, as a term of their having the privilege of baptism for their children.

2. To see whether it appear to the church to be agreable to the spirit of the christian religion, and the practice of the apostles, to require no further explicit declaration of the real reformation & religion of any persons as a term of communion, or of admission to special ordinances in this church, than an assent to the church covenant, with a sufficient degree of knowledge, and a reasonable ground of christian charity in their lives & conversation at present, to prove yt they are sincere in their profession; & whether this shall be rule of admission to said special ordinances in time to come.

3. To see whether the church will vote yt all public acknowledgments or confessions of the professors of religion for immoralities, whether said professors be in full communion, or have owned the covenant, which the church may apprehend the honor and interest of religion to require, shall not be made before the congregation at large, but before the church only.

1. The church voted to adopt the first & third of the foregoing propositions, & to pass over the second at present, for farther consideration.

2. Voted & chose Deacon Samuel Rockwood, & brothers Benjamin Morse & William Nutting a committee to confer with certain

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delinquent members of the church, in their neglect of duty, & report at the adjournment of this meeting.

3. Voted yt this meeting be adjourned to the first Thursday in March next 1 o'clock P. M. at this place. The brethren requested yt the pastor would give public notice of the adjournment, the sabbath before the time of said meeting.

DAN^{L} CHAPLIN. *Pastor.*

Jan. 29. 1803. The brethren of the church voted, that the deacons, with the pastor, make distribution of £2-19-7, in the hands of deacon Amos Farnsworth, interest of the legacy for the benefit of the poor of the church; as to them may seem most proper. Said distribution was afterwards made, as follows, viz.

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To Hannah Lakin	10/	To Wid^{w} Mary Hodgman	9/7
Wid^{w} Mary Kemp	9/	Wife of Nathl Gilson	6/
Wid^{w} Anna Nutting	6/	Wife of Wm Parker	6/
Wife of Aaron Bigelow	6/	Wid^{w} Mary Hartwell	7/
	£1-11		1-8-7

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March 3. 1803. At a church meeting at the centre school house, by adjournment, the commitee appointed at the last meeting to confer with delinquent members of the church in their neglect of duty, reported that they had, in company with the pastor, conferred largely with brother Zachariah Fitch on his total neglect of the sacrament of the supper, & general neglect of public worship, for a long time past; and had received no satisfaction. The church directed said committee to confer still farther with him on the subject of his delinquency, should he desire it, & report hereafter.

Said committee also reported, that they had conferred with brother Peter Gilson, who has of late neglected the duty of attending on the communion of the supper, & in some other respects behaved in a manner unbecomming the christian character. The church added brother Oliver Prescott jun. & James Brazer to said committee, & directed the committee to confer again with said Gilson, & report hereafter.

The church appointed brother Benjamin Morse a committee to confer with brother Jonas Stone on his neglect of duty, & report to the church at a future meeting.

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Voted that this meeting be adjourned to Tuesday following first Monday in April next, 1 o'clock P. M. in this place; & requested the pastor to give notice of the meeting the sabbath before.

DAN^L CHAPLIN *Pastor*

April 5. 1803. At a church meeting in the centre school house, by adjournment, the committee to confer again with brother Peter Gilson, reported yt they had performed that service.

1. The church voted on the report of the committee, that if brother Peter Gilson will make the same explanation & concessions before the church at large, which said committee represent that he made to them, they shall be willing to restore him to their christian fellowship.

2. Voted to attend to the cases of delinquent members on the approaching Fast, either at noon or night, as the pastor may think most convenient.

3. Brother Morse having reported respecting the case of brother Jonas Stone, the church voted to postpone this case for the present. The report of brother Morse was to the following effect, viz. that brother Stone assigned as the ground of his withdrawing from the communion & public worship with us, the use of instrumental music in the public worship, which he thought to be contrary to scripture & of bad tendency — & The church is tolerating the young people in managing that part of divine service as they pleased. He discovered a disposition to attend on the public institutions of religion elsewhere, though he imagined he could not conscientiously attend with us.

4. The attention of the church was again called to the 3^d article in the original request for this meeting, & their minds tried whether they would adopt it, when the question passed in the negative.

5. Voted to postpone the consideration of the case of brother Fitch until the public Fast 7th instant, & then attend to it. The committee had informed that brother Fitch had not discovered a desire of any further conversation with them on the subject of his neglect of duty.

6. Voted that this meeting be adjourned to 7th instant, in this house, either in the intermission, or after divine service 1. M. as will be most convenient for the pastor.

DAN^L CHAPLIN *Past.*

April 7. 1803. The church met in the school house, according to adjournment, in the time of intermission.

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1. Voted to restore, to our christian fellowship, Lydia Relict of Jeremiah Chaplin deceased, who came forward with an acknowledgment, having had a child within 7 months after marriage, being then a member in full communion; & having absented herself, for some years, from the sacrament of the supper. Brother Peter Gilson appeared before the church, & on his repeating such confessions & explanations as he had made to the committee.

2. The church voted to receive him again to their charity. The case of said Gilson was, He had been charged with having committed certain criminal indecencies towards the wife of Eber Woods his neighbour, & had neglected to attend on the communion of the Lord's supper, for a year or more. The most criminal part of the charge he denied, & the church did not think it proved.

3. Voted that the case of brother Z. Fitch be put off to a future day; still expecting the committee appointed to deal with him, to hold themselves ready to converse with him on his neglect of duty, in case he should manifest any desire for it.

4. Voted that this meeting be dissolved.

After divine service P. M. the same day, the brethren tarried in the meeting house by the desire of the pastor, who requested them to signify their minds, whether the late votes of the church respecting public acknowledgments should be communicated to the congregation. This question passed in the affirmative. Said votes were afterwards communicated accordingly. At the proposal of the pastor, the chh appointed a committee of five, viz. brother O. Prescott sen. Deacons Isaac Farnworth & S. Rockwood, & brothers Wm Nutting & O. Prescott jun. to join with the pastor in considering whether some plan may not be adopted to promote discipline in the chh, & increase religion in this place; & report hereafter.

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DANL CHAPLIN *Past.*

Lord's day March 11. 1804. After divine service the brethren voted, that the Deacons, with the Pastor, make distribution of $5:39, in the hands of Deacon Amos Farnsworth, interest of the legacy for the benefit of the poor of the church, as to them may appear most proper. Said distribution was afterwards made, as follows, viz.

To the Widº Mary Hodgman	$2:00
Widº Mary Hartwell	1:39
Widº Mary Kemp	2:00
	5:39

DANL CHAPLIN *Pastor.*

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Lord's day June 24. 1804. After divine service the brethren voted, to select some proper persons to read a sermon or more, or some other religious treatise in the meeting house in the intermission on the sabbath, to those who do not go home & are disposed to hear. They also voted, that it was their desire the Deacons, with the Pastor, would take out a list of those persons who they judged to be suitable, for the purpose, & report the sabbath after next.

DAN^{L} CHAPLIN *Pastor*

Lord's day July 8. 1804. After divine service the Deacons, thro' the Pastor, reported the following list of those they judged suitable persons to be appointed to read in the meeting house, in the time of intermission on the sabbath, Which report without alteration the brethren accepted.

Doctor B. Morse		John Farnsworth
Messrs I. Bigelow		Sam. Hartwell
S. Dana		Noah Shattuck
C. Butler		Joseph Stone
L. Lawrence		Abel Farbell
Jonas Farnsworth		John Rockwood
Sol. Farbell		Wm Nutting jun.

DAN^{L} CHAPLIN *Past.*

Lord's day Feb. 24. 1805. The brethren of chh being requested by the pastor, tarried after the close of divine service P. M. & being informed that there was some interest money of the legacies given by Capt. Ephraim Sawtell & Mr Samuel Barron for the benefit of the poor of the chh, now in the hands of the deacons & ready for distribution,

Voted that the deacons, with the pastor, make distribution of it according to their discretion.

DAN^{L} CHAPLIN *Past.*

1805 March The distribution was made in the following manner, viz,

To Mary the wife of Nathl Gilson $1 in money, & Doddridge's Rise & Progress price one dollar	$2 : 00
To Dolly the wife of Oliver Wright $1. in money & said Rise & Progress	2 : 00
And to Wid^{o} Mary Kemp $1.44	1 : 44
The whole sum	5 : 44

DAN^{l} CHAPLIN *Past*

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Lord's day May 12. 1805. The members of the church were requested by the pastor to tarry after the close of divine service. When the congregation had retired, Betsey Green a member of the church made a confession of the breach of the 7th commandment, with which the brethren voted themselves satisfied, & also voted that she might then offer her child in baptism. The child was accordingly baptized.

DANL CHAPLIN *Pastor*

June 16. 1805. Lord's day. The brethren of the church, at the request of the Pastor, tarried after the close of divine service I. M. & then

Voted unanimously, that it was their desire the same Gentlemen who read in the meeting house in the time of intermission, the last season, would again be kind enough to read, the ensuing season, in the order they did at that time. N. B. Their names & order may be seen page 13.

DANL CHAPLIN *Past.*

Lord's day Mar. 30. 1806. The brethren of the church, at the request of the Pastor, tarried after divine service I. M. & being informed, that there was interest money of the legacies, given by Capt. Ephrain Sawtell & Mr Samuel Barron, for the benefit of the poor of the church, now in the hands of the deacons, ready for distribution; voted,

That the deacons, with the Pastor, should make distribution of it according to their discretion.

Also voted that it was their desire the same Gentlemen who have read in the meeting house in the time of intermission the two last seasons, would be kind enough again to perform that service, the following season, in the former order, beginning the first sabbath of May next. Their names & order may [be] seen page 13.

DANL CHAPLIN *Past.*

May 2. 1806. The Pastor & Deacons, according to vote of the church, distributed ten copies of Bishop Wilson's *sacra privata*, or private meditations & prayers, to those members of the church whose names follow.

Widr Mary Hartwell	1 book
Mary Keys	1 Ditto
Mary Eaton	1 Ditto

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Sybil Stone	1 Ditto
Lydia Chaplin	1 Ditto
Wife of Aaron Bigelow	1 Ditto
of Benj[a] Tarbell	1 Ditto
of Nath[l] Gilson	1 Ditto
of Wm Parker	1 Ditto
of David Trescott	1 Ditto

These books were very acceptable to them as they gratefully acknowledged, at the time of receiving them.

The cost of the ten was	$5–62
The interest of the funds was	5–44
The 18 cents deficiency was paid & given by Deacon Amos Farnsworth.	—— 18

DAN[L] CHAPLIN *Pastor*

Lords day June 14. 1807. The brethren voted that the Gentlemen who have read in the meeting house in the intermission on the sabbath, be requested to read thro' the following season. Chose brother Amos Farnsworth a committee to notify the readers of their respective turns to read. also voted that it was agreable to their minds to have singing after the reading in the intermission.

Chose D[r] Samuel Lawrence & brother Jacob Tatch a committee, with the Pastor to make distribution of the interest in the hands of brother Amos Farnsworth, among the poor of the church, according to their discretion.

DAN[L] CHAPLIN *Past.*

The interest of the legacies of Capt. Ephraim Sawtell & M[r] Samuel Barron was afterwards given by the committee & Pastor, according to the preceding vote of the church,

To the Widow Mary Kemp	$1.44
Mary Gilson	4
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	5.44

Which was the whole sum for distribution.

DAN[L] CHAPLIN *Past.*

N. B. The following votes should have been recorded before the foregoing record of Lord's day June 14. 1807.

Lord's day Sep. 7. 1806. The members of the church being

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requested by the Pastor, tarried [Four pages of the record-book here are gone]

confer with brother Z. Fitch on the subject of his delinquency reported, that he had conversed largely with him, & on the whole perceived no prospect of his returning to his duty. On this report, voted to send him a written admonition, & requested the Pastor to prepare one, & communicate it to the church for their concurrence, as soon as may be convenient. Then

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

DAN^{L} CHAPLIN *Pastor*

A draught of an admonition for brethren [*sic*] Fitch was prepared by the Pastor, & read to the brethren soon after, when on motion of brother Wm Nutting a vote passed to postpone sending the admonition for the present.

D CHAPLIN *Past.*

Lord's day March 27. 1808. The brethren chose Dr S. Lawrence & brother Joseph Sawtell, a committee with the Pastor, to distribute the interest of the legacies of Capt. Eph. Sawtell & Mr Sam. Barron, to the needy in the church, as they may judge proper.

The committee afterwards distributed the money which was $5.44. To Wid. M. Kemp $1.44

M. Hartwell 1

M. Gilson

L. Chaplin 2

5.44

D. CHAPLIN *Past.*

Lord's day June 26. 1808. The brethren voted to continue the practice of reading in the meeting house in the time of intermission, through the following season, according to custom three seasons past.

Requested that the same Gentlemen would read, who have performed this service heretofore, and are still living among us. And also .

Voted that the Pastor & Deacons fill up the list of readers, or appoint as many new ones as to supply the deficiency occasioned by removal & death; & give notice that the reading will commence the next sabbath.

D. CHAPLIN *Pastor*

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Lord's day July 3. 1808. Notice was given after divine service
A M That Dr Benjamin Morse
Messrs Jacob Latch
Wm Nutting
Saml Dana
Caleb Butler
Luther Lawrence
Solomon Tarbell
Saml Hartwell
Noah Shattuck
Joseph Stone
Abel Tarbell
John Rockwood
were requested by the church to read in the intermission in the meeting house on the sabbath, the following season.

D. CHAPLIN *Past.*

Lord's day June 4, 1809. The church voted to request the same Gentlemen who have read in the time of intermission heretofore, to perform that service again this season.

Chose brother William Nutting to notify them of their turn to read.

Voted to dismiss & recommend Susanna, Wife of Rev. Stephen Bemis, to the congregational church in Harvard where she now lives. Also voted y^t the Pastor, Deacon S. Lawrence & Brother A. Farnsworth make distribution of the interest of the legacy of Capt. Sawtell, &c. to the poor of the church, according to their discretion.

D. CHAPLIN *Pastor.*

The sum was $5.45. which was all laid out for books & distributed as follows

To Lucy wife of A. Bigelow	1 copy Henry on Meekness	
Wid^w Sibil Stone	Do	Do
Dolly wife of O. Wright	Do	Do
Wid^w Mary Eaton	Do	Do
Jer. Hobart & wife	Do	Do
Azubah wife of B. Tarbell	Do	Do
Eliazer Parker & wife	Do	Do
Wid^w L. Hubbard	Do	Do

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Widᵒ Anna Nutting	Do	Do
Deacon I. Farnsworth & wife	Do	Do
Widᵒ Sarah Williams	Do	Do
Phillis Sartell [1]	Do	Do

To John Simonds 1 copy Doddridge on Edu. children
Wife of Wᵐ Larker Do Do
Widᵒ Mary Gilson Do Do
Hannah wife of Joseph Sawtell 3ᵈ Do Do
O. Shed & wife Do Do
J. Fisk & wife Do Do
Widᵒ Dorcas Hopkins Do Do

April 5. 1810. After divine service on the public Fast, the church voted to request the continuance of reading in the intermission on the sabbath, by the same Gentlemen who read last season, & chose brother Wᵐ Nutting to notify them of their turn, &c.

Also chose Deacon S. Lawrence & brother A. Farnsworth as a committee with the Pastor, to make distribution of the interest of the donation given by Capt. Sawtell, &c. to the poor of the church, according to their discretion.

DANᴸ CHAPLIN *Past.*

The sum to be distributed was 5 dolls & 44 cts. The distribution was afterwards made in books & money in the following manner.

To Dr B. Morse 1 copy [Thomas] Scott's Essays
Widow Hopkins 1 do
Aaron Bigelow's wife 1 do
Phillis Sartell 1 do
Widow Hartwell 1 doll. in money.

D. CHAPLIN *P.*

Apr. 28. 1811. Lord's day, after divine service the brethren of the chh voted that Deacon S. Lawrence & brother A. Farnsworth be a committee, with the Pastor, to make distribution of the annual interest of the Sawtell & Barron legacies, in books or otherwise, according to their discretion. The sum was 5 dolls & 44 cts, & was afterwards distributed as follows.

[1] The following entry is found in the town-records: — "Phillis Walby, servant to Josiah Sawtell, Jun., deceased, died at Groton, aged 70, February , 1821." She was the last survivor of negro slavery within the limits of the

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To Thillis Sartell 1 doll. & 50 cts. in money.
Aaron Bigelow's wife 1 book the cost a doll.
The Widow Hopkins 2 dolls in money.
Dr B. Morse & the wife of Joseph Sawtell 3d equally in books, amounting to the remainder of the 5 dolls & 44 cts.

D. CHAPLIN *Past.*

At a church meeting May 10. 1811. public notice being given of it the sabbath before, after the throne of grace was addressed by the Pastor;

1. The brethren voted & chose brother Joseph Sawtell jun. a deacon of this chh.

2. Voted to wave the choice of another deacon for the present.

3. Chose brother W. Nutting & brother S. Hartwell, with the Pastor & deacons, to be a standing committee of the chh.

D. CHAPLIN *Past.*

Aug. 25. 1811. The church voted to dismiss & recommend brother Timothy Bigelow & Lucy his wife to the chh in Medford.

D. CHAPLIN *Pastor.*

[D. C. in the form of a monogram.]

May 7th 1812. The chh voted that the Deacons S. Lawrence & J. Sawtell, with the Pastor, distribute the interest of the legacies to the poor of the chh, according to their discretion.

D. CHAPLIN *Pastor.*

[D. C. again in the form of a monogram.]

July 20. 1812. The interest of the legacies which was $5.44 the committee received from brother A. Farnsworth who has the immediate care of said legacies, & made distribution of it in the manner following,

To the widow Abigail Tarker	$2
widow Dorcas Hopkins	2
widow Mary Hartwell	1.44
	$5.44

D. CHAPLIN *Past.*

July 23. 1812. The church voted & sent an admonition to brother Zechariah Fitch, having taken the previous steps with him, for his delinquency in neglecting the ordinance of the supper, & other offences.

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June 13. 1813. The chh voted that the Pastor the Dns Lawrence & Sawtell with brother Amos Farnsworth make distribution of the annual interest of the E. Sawtell & S. Barron legacies, among the poor of the church, according to the donors intention, expressed in their respective wills.

The above named as committee of the church the same evening made the following distribution.

To the Widº Hopkins	$2-00
the wife of A. Bigelow	2
Thillis Sartell	1-44
the whole sum	5-44

D. CHAPLIN *Past*

June 13. 1813. The church also voted that whereas it happens to be the desire of some of the brethren of the church that the time of intermission on the sabbath, or such part of it as may be most convenient, should be improved in the meeting house, by reading books of religious instruction & piety, for their own advantage, the advantage of their families, & others who may be diposed to attend; the church approve the proposition of these brethren, & hope that those who pass the time of intermission without going home to the families to which they respectively belong, will steadily attend; & also that others living near the meeting house, will come into the house of God, & attend decently to what may be read. The church feel it a great duty to encourage & promote religion, believing it to be the one thing needful to every person living.

D. CHAPLIN *Past.*

Mar. 6. 1814. The brethren of the church directed that the Deacons S. Lawrence & J. Sawtell, with the Pastor, make distribution of the annual interest of E. Sawtell & S. Barron legacies to the poor of the chh, according to the intention of the Donors, as expressed in their respective wills.

Mar. 13. 1814. The Pastor & Deacons made distribution of the money in the following manner. viz.

To the Wido. Hopkins	$2.00
Wido. Bigelow	2.00
Thillis Sartell	1.44
Sum total	5.44

D. CHAPLIN *Pastor.*

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June 12. 1814. The church unanimously voted to discontinue the admission of persons to the privilege of baptism for themselves or children, on the half-way covenant, (so called) because this practice does not appear to be well supported either by reason or scripture; so that henceforwards, a full profession of religion or coming into full communion be considered indispensable to intitle to the ordinance of baptism either for themselves or children; but that such persons as have already owned the covenant may continue to offer their children in baptism on the profession which they have made. Yet the church desire such as have owned the covenant most seriously to consider whether they are not violating their solemn covenant obligation so long as they ought to come forward to the Lord's table.

D. CHAPLIN, *Past.*

Apr. 16. 1815. The church voted that the Deacons, with the Pastor & Brother Amos Farnsworth, make distribution of the annual interest of the Barron & Sawtell legacies among the poor of the church, according to their discretion, from this time until the further order of the church.

D. CHAPLIN, *Past.*

April 30. 1815. The interest money was distributed to

Widow Bigelow	$1-64
Widow Hopkins	2-00
Thillis Sartell	2-00

D. C. *Past.*

1816. Feb. 25. Committee of the church, viz. the Pastor, the Deacons & Brother Amos Farnsworth made distribution of the interest of the Barron & Sawtell legacies, among the poor of the chh, according to their discretion, authorized by vote of the chh. They distributed it

To the Widº Bigelow	$1,50
Widº Hopkins	1,50
Widº Hartwell	1,14
Thillis Sartell	1,50

D. C. *Past.*

June 22. 1817. The Committee of the chh, viz. the Pastor & Deacon S. Lawrence, Deacon J. Sawtell & Brother A. Farnsworth,

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made distribution of the interest of the Barron & Sawtell legacies, among the poor of the chh, according to their discretion, authorized by vote of the chh. They distributed in the following manner.

To the wife of Benjamin Tarbell	$2–00
Wido. Hopkins	1–50
Wido. Bigelow	1–00
Thillis Sartell	1–14
	5–64

DAN[L] CHAPLIN *Past.*

1818 Apr. 2. The church voted their thanks to Mrs Brazer the wife of James Brazer Esq[r] for the present of a new cloth for the communion table, & appointed Deacon S. Lawrence to present their thanks to Mrs Brazer.

Also directed the Deacons to give old cloth to some one or more of the poor of the church; & sell some old pewter cups of the communion service & return the proceeds to the church.

The committee of the church, viz. the Pastor, the Dns S. Lawrence, J. Sawtell, & bro. Amos Farnsworth made distribution of the interest of the Barron & Sawtell legacies to the poor of the church in the following manner.

To the widow Hobart	$1,64
the wife of B. Tarbell	1,00
widow Hartwell	100
widow Bigelow	100
Thillis Sartell	100
	5 64

D. CHAPLIN *Past.*

Mem: A few days after the date foregoing 64 cents were taken from the sum assigned to the widow Hobart, & given to the wife of John Fisk.

Oct. 1. 1818. Lecture day. The brethren & sisters of the church were desired to tarry after the blessing was given, when James Brazer Esq[r] a member of the chh presented as a gratuity two handsome flagons, the lids solid silver & the rest double plated, to the chh for the use of the communion table — cost $50.

1. The brethren voted the thanks of the chh to the donor of the generous present.

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2. Voted that Deacon Lawrence, the Pastor & brother Caleb Butler be a committee to cause a suitable engraving to be put on these vessels.

3. Voted that the Pastor & Deacons give the old flagons belonging to the chh, to some sister chh who need them.

D. CHAPLIN *Past.*

March 21. 1819. The Pastor & Deacons distributed the interest of Barron & Sawtell legacies in the manner following. Viz.

To the widow Jane Farnsworth & daughter Catharine	$1,64
Widow Hartwell	1
W^o Bigelow	
Phillis Sartell	
the wife of Jno. Fisk	1
	5-64

D. CHAPLIN *Past.*

1820. March 5. The Pastor & Deacons distributed the interest of the Barron & Sawtell legacies as follows.

To the Widow Jane Farnsworth & her daughter Catherine	$1,64
W^o Bigelow	1
W^o Hopkins	
Phillis Sartell	
Wife of John Fisk	1
	5,64

Lord's day Oct. 8. 1820. The church voted to dismiss & recommend Unice Hall, before marriage Dustin, to the congregational chh in Derby Vt.

D. CHAPLIN, *Pastor.*

Feb. 11. 1821. Distribution of the interest of the Barron & Sawtell legacies by the Pastor, Deacons & brother Amos Farnsworth,

To the Widow Bigelow	$1,64
Wife of Benjamin Parbell	2
John Fisk & wife	2
	5-64

D. C. *P.*

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Jan. 26. 1822. Distribution of the interest of Barron & Sawtell legacies by the Pastor, Deacons & Brother Amos Farnsworth,

To the widow Fisk	$2–00
The wife of . Tarbell	1–64
Mrs Hopkins	1
Mrs Spalter	1
	5–64

D. C. *P.*

Mar. 23. 1823. The distribution of the interest of the Barron & Sawtell legacies by the Pastor, Deacon Lawrence & Brother Amos Farnsworth.

Viz. To the wife of Benjamin Tarbell	$2–64
Mrs Jonas Farnsworth	1–00
Mrs Hopkins	1–00
Mrs Spalter	1–00
	5–64

D. Chaplin *P.*

Mar. 14. 1824. The distribution of the interest of the Barron & Sawtell legacies by the Pastors, Deacons Lawrence & Sawtell & Brother Amos Farnsworth.

Viz. To the wife of B. Tarbell	$2–64
Wid. Jane Farnsworth	1–
Wid. Hartwell	1–
Wid. D. Woods	1–
	5–64

D. Chaplin *P.*

Jan. 30. 1825. The distribution of the interest of Barron & Sawtell legacies by the Pastor, Deacons Lawrence & Sawtell, & Brother Amos Farnsworth,

viz. To the widow B. Tarbell —	$2–64
To the widow D. Woods —	3–
	5–64

D. Chaplin *P.*

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Nov[r] 8, 1825. Public notice having been given the last Sabbath, the church met this day at the house of the Pastor to consider the expediency of settling a Colleague-Pastor with the Rev. D[r] Chaplin.

After considerable deliberation & many observations by the members, it was voted unanimously,

"That it is expedient to settle a Colleague with our venerable Pastor." As night was approaching, the motion to adjourn, after several unsuccessful trials, prevailed, without designating any particular candidate. The chh. were generally favorably impressed with the preaching of Mr. *John Todd*, (who has preached here several sabbaths) & with his qualifications for a Pastor of this chh.

This meeting was adjourned to Monday next, (Nov. 14.) at 2 o'ck P. M. at the same place, To see whether this chh. will give Mr. Todd a call to settle as Colleague Pastor with the Rev. D[r] Chaplin.

At this meeting Mr. *Phineas Densmore* was rec[d] as a regular member of this chh. by a letter of recommendation & dismission from the chh. in Lunenburg.

At this meeting also, Mr. *S. F. Park*, presented a Certificate from the Session of the Presbyterian Church in Springfield, (N. Y.) of his regular standing in that church, recommending him to *occasional communion* to all chhs. in fellowship with that. No objection was made to the object of the certificate, or to receiving Mr. Park to all the privileges to which his certificate was intended to entitle him. But it was thought by the chh. that this certificate was not intended as a dismission from the Presb. church & a recommendation to membership in the congregational church.

The meeting was closed by prayer.

Attest D. CHAPLIN *Pastor.*

Monday Nov. 14, 1825. The church met regularly according to adjournment at the house of the Pastor.

The Rev. Mr. *Fisher* of Harvard was requested to aid the Moderator as Assistant Moderator.

Amos Bancroft presented a Certificate of his regular standing & dismission from the chh. in Weston, & was, at his request admitted into this chh.

The vote respecting Mr. *S. F. Park*, which passed at the last meeting, was re-considered; &, on the certificate in his possession, he was admitted into this chh.

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Walter Dickson, having resided in town for several years, & the question being asked whether he was ever admitted into this chh. by letter of Recommendation, the Pastor expressed it as his opinion that Mr. Dickson *had been* admitted; whereupon —

Voted, that it be the sense of this chh. that Mr. *Dickson* is a regular member of this chh.

The business for which the chh. assembled being to see if it be the minds of this church to give Mr. *John. Todd* a call to settle as Colleague-Pastor with the Rev. Dr Chaplin, —

Voted, that the chh. proceed to vote on this question by ballot.

The question being taken, it was found that *twenty five* votes were brought in; — of which, *seventeen* were for giving Mr. Todd a call, & *eight* opposed.

A Committee of three, consisting the Rev. Dr *Chaplin*, Maj. *A. Farnsworth*, & Mr. Sam l. Rockwood, were elected to communicate the proceedings of this meeting to the Town, & also to Mr. Todd.

The meeting was then closed with prayer by Mr. Fisher.

Attest D. CHAPLIN *Pastor.*

Tuesday Jan. 10th 1826. The Church met, agreeably to public notice given the last Sabbath, at the house of the Pastor.

The Rev. Mr. Fisher of Har. aided the Pastor as assistant Moderator.

The Ch. voted that Dr. Chaplin might introduce his son to make statements & speak for him.

The question was proposed to the Ch. has Dr. Chaplin forfeited his relation to them as Pastor? Voted he has not.

The Ch. were asked whether in their opinion the Pastor has a right to supply the Pulpit during his indisposition? Voted that he has that right.

Timothy Stone presented a letter of dismission & recommendation from the Ch. in Norway (Me) & after hearing & assenting to the *confession* of *Faith* was admitted a member of this Ch.

[II. 45–77] On a motion made by Walter Dickson Jun. & seconded by Sewall Rockwood it was voted, that in future the *confession* of *Faith* shall be heard & have the assent of all persons who are admitted to this Ch. by letter from other Churches.

The meeting was closed by prayer by the Rev. Mr Fisher.

Attest D. CHAPLIN, *Pastor.*

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The records of the meetings, on November 8 and 14, were made by Mr. Todd, while those of the meeting, on January 10, are in an unknown hand.

Feb. 18. 1826. The Pastor, Deacons of the chh, & Brother A Farnsworth gave the interest of the Barron & Sawtell legacies to the Widow of Benjamin Farbell. The sum $5-64.

April 5, 1826. At a regular adjourned meeting of the Church the Pastor in the chair, the following Resolutions were passed.

Whereas this Church some months since gave Mr. *J. Todd* a call to become their Colleague-Pastor with Rev. Dr Chaplin,

Voted, That Mr. Todd be invited by this Chh. to sit in our meetings & act as Assistant Moderator during his residence in Groton or until this vote be recalled.

Whereas this church sometime since, voted that in their opinion, our Rev. Pastor has a right to supply his pulpit during his indisposition with such assistance as he should think proper, & whereas a committee elected by the Town, have taken measures forcibly to debar our Rev. & beloved Pastor from enjoying this right, & whereas our Pastor does not think it consistent with his age, his character, & his sacred office, to claim his pulpit against force,

Voted, That this church are deeply grieved at such conduct; & that for this & other strong reasons, the chh. deem it best to postpone the celebration of the communion for the present.

Whereas it is the custom of most churches, which maintain the discipline of the Gospel, to have a standing Committee to examine such candidates as may apply for admission into the church,

Voted, That this church appoint a standing Committee of three, besides the Pastor for this purpose. It shall be the duty of this Committee to examine all Candidates for admission into this church, as to their knowledge of the Holy Scriptures, their doctrinal opinions, & their experimental acquaintance with the religion of Jesus Christ; & no person shall be propounded for admission into this church, before this Committee have so examined him, & given their approbation.

Voted, that as our Pastor is in feeble health, he may invite one or more whom he thinks proper, to assist this Committee in this important duty.

Voted, that brothers *Saml. Hartwell*, *Timothy Stone*, & *Walter Dickson jun.* be this Committee.

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Voted, that this meeting be adjourned to Wednesday, the 19th of April, — which day shall be observed by this chh. as a day of Fasting & Prayer; that the chh. meet for this purpose at the house of their Pastor at 11 o'ck. A.M., that any who wish may have the privilege of attending.

This meeting was opened by the Pastor with prayer & reading the Scriptures, & closed by prayer by the Assistant Moderator.

Attest, J. TODD, *Assist. Moderator.*

April 19. The church met according to adjournment & spent the day as a time of fasting & prayer.

Attest, J: TODD, *Assist. Mod.*

June 9, 1826. The church assembled at the house of their Pastor agreeably to proper public notice given on the last Sabbath.

Mr. Todd assisted the Pastor in the duties of Moderator, & opened the meeting with prayer.

The following memorial of the Pastor was read before the church.

GROTON, June 9, 1826.

To the Church of Christ in Groton.

Dear Brethren. At the last meeting of the church, held April 5th, you voted that for strong reasons in your own minds, the celebration of the communion be postponed for the present. Agreeably to this vote, I took no measures to have that sacrament administered, until such a time as you thought best. In postponing the Communion, the church only exercised the power of regulating its internal concerns, as they have a perfect right to do, according to all law, whether civil or ecclesiastical. But I am sorry to be obliged this officially to announce to my church, that a part of your number, a very decided minority, have gone forward expressly against your wishes as a church, & have had the communion administered. In taking this step, they have not consulted me, the Pastor of this church, nor their brethren as a whole church. When I understood that they had given public notice Sabbath before last, that the communion was to be celebrated the Sabbath following, I took an early opportunity to write a Remonstrance, addressed to your junior Deacon, a copy of which letter I now read you.

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GROTON, May 30, 1826.

To Dea Joseph Sawtell;

Sir, Understanding that public notice was given the last Sabbath, that the Communion would be celebrated the next Lord's Day, I take this opportunity to address you as being an officer in the Church over which I have had the pleasure so long to minister. As your spiritual watchman, I am bound to watch over you so far as in my power, & as a member of this church, the solemn covenant which you have taken upon you, obliges you to receive the christian admonitions of any of your fellow-christians. The following points I wish to lay before you, not so much for your information, as for your solemn consideration.

1. A church has a right to regulate its internal affairs, & to direct as to the time when & the place where its ordinances shall be administered. You are too well acquainted with ecclesiastical usage to be ignorant of this. It has been allowed in our highest civil courts.

2. Agreeably to this right, not long since, this church voted to postpone the celebration of their communion for the present. They had a legal & an ecclesiastical right so to do. For what constitutes a church? Does the *place* where some or all of its members meet? No. Does the communion Table? No. But its living members constitute it; & they have a right to regulate their sacraments as they judge best. If, then, the communion is celebrated next Sabbath, it will be against my wishes as its Pastor, & directly against the wishes of the church as such, for they have decided to postpone it for the present.

3. Is there nothing contrary to ecclesiastical usage for a minority in a church to celebrate the Communion against their Pastor's wishes, & the wishes of a very large majority? I am not now speaking as to *religion* of such a procedure but of *church usage.* Is it an unheard of thing? You may say, you, the minority are the church of Groton, because you worship in the old meeting-House; but will your saying so, *make* it so? Does the meeting-House constitute the church? If you are the church, where is your Pastor? When was he dismissed — by what council? If you are the church, where are your church-Records? No, Sir, even *you* will not think it worth while to make any such assertion.

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4. A minister, when once settled over a church, is its minister for life, or until dismissed by a regular council; — but when have I & this church united in calling such a council to dissolve the sacred relation of Pastor & church between me & this church; and when did this council act? Why, then, do you, as an officer of my church, countenance a thing so unprecedented, — so much against the feelings of a majority of your brethren, & so wounding to my feelings.

So far I have spoken to you as a man. But when I come to address you as one of my own flock, — one of the professed Disciples of Jesus Christ, — one with whom I must meet in judgment — what shall I say? Will it be enough for me to say, Brother Sawtell I feel that you have injured me — have grieved me — have wounded the feelings of your brethren — & have wounded the cause of your Redeemer? How can you when you read from the lips of Jesus Christ himself — "if thou bring thy gift to the altar, & there remembrest that thy brother hath aught against thee; leave there thy gift before the altar, & go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, & then come & offer thy gift:" — Oh! how can you read this, & then go, & sit down at the communion Table, when you know that many a "brother hath aught against thee," with whom you have not first "sought to be reconciled"?

My health is too feeble to permit me to give you this warning by word of mouth; but as a minister of Jesus Christ before whose judgment-seat, you & I must shortly stand, — I could not satisfy my conscience by keeping silence. As to your proceedings having any injurious effect upon the Church in a legal or ecclesiastical point of view, I have no fears. A minority is not the church. No measures of theirs can ever be the doings of the church. But, my Dear Sir, such proceedings may do hurt to the cause of religion, — may grieve the Holy Ghost, & may endanger your own everlasting welfare. I pray God to make you truly his, & to prepare us both for a kingdom where nothing that is unholy shall ever enter.

"[signed.]" DANIEL CHAPLIN,
Pastor of the Church in Groton.

Before closing this memorial, Brethren, I wish to remark that tho' much pains have been taken to make public opinion admit that a small minority, without a Pastor, without any church-Records, without any covenant, without any confession of faith, — I say, tho' great pains have been taken to force public opinion to admit this,

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yet it never will be admitted, as I am confident, either by public opinion, or by any court, either civil or ecclesiastical. Such proceedings of a minority can give you trouble, & can grieve you exceedingly, but there is no danger of their making it appear that they are the church of Christ in Groton.

The circumstances in which we are placed, Brethren, are trying, extremely trying to your christian feelings. I would recommend to you, in all your measures, to act with great unanimity, & great firmness. Let nothing move you. At the same time, cherish a spirit of kindness, of compassion. & of christian meekness towards those who have thus grieved you. Let there lie no root of bitterness among you. Above all, look to the Great Head of the church for his Spirit to guide you. to bless you, & to enable you in all your measures to seek the glory of his name, & the everlasting good of your fellow-men. I had hoped, Dear Brethren, to have left you in peace, & in the possession of the pure Gospel of Christ. My sun is fast setting, & I may never live to see you thro' your present troubles; but as long as I do live. I will not cease to pray for every member of that church over which the Holy Ghost has made me an overseer.

I have now only to ask you, Brethren, if you approve of the letter of Remonstrance which I felt it my duty to send to Dr. Sawtell, & if you concur in it?

"[Signed]" DANIEL CHAPLIN,
Pastor of the chh. of Christ in Groton.

On motion of Br. *W. Nutting*, seconded by Mr. *Saml. Rockwood*,

Voted, That this church approve of & concur in the above Remonstrance of their Pastor, & that it be entered on the Records of this church.

On the motion of Br. *Walter Dickson jr*, seconded by Br. *Luke Farnsworth*,

Voted, That this church are deeply grieved at the conduct of those of their brethren, the minority, who have acted so decidedly against the wishes of this church, & the wishes of our venerable Pastor; that we consider it as a frown of Providence upon us that any should so conduct; but as it is a season of passion & excited feeling at the present time in this town, we think it best to pass no direct censure upon our brethren, nor to take any disciplinary steps, till we have had time calmly to consider, & pray over the subject; but still, when the Providence of God shall open the

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way, we shall probably feel it our duty again to recur to this painful subject.

On motion of Br. *William Nutting*, seconded by Br. *F. Park*,

Voted that this church do now proceed to the choice of two new Deacons.

The votes being taken, Brs. *Timothy Stone*, *Walter Dickson jun*, were duly elected to the office of Deacons, & both accepted.

On motion of Br. *F. Park*, seconded by Br. *Sam'l Rockwood*,

Voted, That Dea. Dickson be requested by this church to call on Dea Sawtell, & take the Church-Furniture under his particular care, till the church see fit to alter this arrangement.

On motion of Br. *F. Park*, & seconded by Br. *Sam'l Rockwood*,

Voted, That a committee of two be chosen to attend Dea. Dickson in communicating the above vote to Dea. Sawtell, who is not present.

Voted, That Brs. *Eaton* & *F. Park*, be the above-mentioned committee.

Voted, That this meeting be adjourned for three weeks, to meet on the same day of the week, (Friday,) & at the same hour, 3 o'ck. P. M.

The meeting was then closed with prayer by the Assistant Moderator.

A true copy. Attest, J: Lobb,
Assistant Moderator.

June 30, 1826. The church met at the house of their Pastor agreeably to adjournment. The meeting was opened with prayer by the Assistant Moderator. The following Report was then presented, after the reading of the minutes of the last meeting.

The committee chosen at the last meeting of this church to wait on Dea. J. Sawtell to communicate the votes of this church respecting the church-furniture, beg leave to offer the following report; viz.

That your committee on their appointment immediately called on Dea Sawtell with the copy of the votes of the chh. in their hand,—

That Dea. Sawtell peremptorily refused to comply with the request of this church without particularly stating his reasons. Your com. of course, could do no more than to do the errand on which they were sent. Without pretending to advise the church your committee cannot but remark, that they were not a little surprised at the conduct of brother Sawtell. For, was not he elected

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to his office, & was not the church-furniture committed to him by the Church of Christ in Groton over which Dr Chaplin was their pastor, — & was it not the same church with the same Pastor, that requested Dea. Sawtell to deliver their plate into the hands of Dea. Dickson? And if this chh. had authority to put brother Sawtell into the office of Deacon, & commit the plate to him, has it not a right also to elect other officers, & put the furniture in their hands, if the church deem it best so to do? Your committee can see no reasons to the contrary.

Your committee would recommend to their brethren that they now pursue some prayerful, prudent, & yet decided measures in regard to this subject.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(signed.) JONAS EATON, JOHN PARK. } *Com.*

GROTON June 30, 1826.

On motion of brs W. Nutting, & I. Stone,

Voted, That this report be accepted, & recorded on the records of this church.

On motion of br. W. Nutting, seconded by br. J. Park,

Voted, That as this church, with their aged Pastor, feels itself to be in circumstances of peculiar trials & difficulties, & as we do not feel competent to decide what course of conduct would be most for the glory of God, & the honor of our Savior & as we feel our need of the prayers of God's people, we proceed to invite an Ecclesiastical Council to meet on Monday the 17th of July next, at the house of our Pastor, before which Council we will state our circumstances & of whom we will ask advice.

Voted That the following be the Council invited; —

Rev. Dr Beecher,	& Delegate	Hanover St. Ch. Boston.
Rev. Mr. Fay		Ch. in Charlestown.
Rev. Professor Porter		Ch. in Andover.
Rev. Mr. Palmer		Ch. in Townsend.
Rev. Mr. Fisher		Ch. in Harvard.
Rev. Dr Puffer		Ch. in Berlin.
Rev. Mr. Tolman		Ch. in Dunstable.

Voted, That brs W. Nutting, I. Stone, & W. Dickson, jr. be a committee to make preparations to receive this Council, & to lay the situation of this Church before them when convened.

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Voted, That the meetings of the church be notified, during our Pastor's feeble health, in the same manner as the last notice was given: viz. by written notices from the Pastor, posted on the places of public worship.

The meeting was then closed with prayer by the Assistant Moderator.

Attest, J: Todd, *Ass'. Moderator.*

July 24, 1826. The church met at the house of its Pastor, according to proper public notice. The meeting was opened with prayer by the Assistant Moderator.

Dr Micah Eldredge, his wife Sallay, & Mrs. Sarah Dickson presented themselves for admission into this church by a letter of dismission & recommendation from the congregational church in Dunstable, (Mass.) under the pastoral care of the Rev. Sam'l H. Tolman. According to former votes of this chh. (see pages 45, & 46.) the Candidates were examined before the chh. as to their knowledge of the Holy Scriptures, their Doctrinal opinions, & their experimental acquaintance with the religion of Jesus Christ; The chh. having approved of them, the covenant was then read to them, to which they assented, & were accordingly admitted into this Church.

The memorial lately presented before the Ecclesiastical Council convened in this place by a Committee of this Church, & also the advice of the Council founded upon it was read: Whereupon,

Voted, That this church concur in, & will follow the advice of the council in regard to our measures & conduct in present difficulties.

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to Monday the 31st of July at the house of the Pastor, at 4 oc'k. P. M. The meeting was then closed with prayer.

Attest, J: Todd, *Assist. Moderator.*

July 31, 1826. The church met agreeably to adjournment at the House of the Pastor. The meeting opened with prayer by the Assistant Moderator.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read, Br. Amos Farnsworth stated that according to our Lord's directions he had called on Dea. Joseph Sawtell, & complained to him that he had been grieved with his faults in his walking disorderly in the following particulars; viz. —

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1 In aiding to prevent our Pastor from supplying the pulpit.

2. In going forward to hold the communion against the express vote of the Church, & the remonstrance of our Pastor.

3. In refusing to deliver the church-furniture into the hands of Dea. Dickson according to a vote of the church.

Br. Farnsworth receiving no satisfaction after a few days, took with him brs. I. Stone, & J. Parks as witnesses; & receiving no concessions or satisfaction from Dea. Sawtell, but on the contrary, the assurance that he would do the same things again in like circumstances, he now "tells it to the church,"

The church having heard the complaint, & being satisfied that Br. F. had been regular in taking these steps,

Voted, That Dea. Sawtell have notice that such a complaint has been laid before the church; — that he [be] summoned to appear before the church at the next meeting & make any defence or apology which he thinks proper, if he has any to make.

Br. William Nutting stated that he had followed the direction of our Lord, in going to Caleb Butler, & complaining of his walk as being unchristian in the following respects; viz: — In having held or attended a separate communion against the express vote of the chh. & the remonstrance of our Pastor, & for having thus violated his covenant obligations to be in subjection to the church, & for arrogating to themselves its immunities & rights.

Receiving no satisfaction from Br. Butler, Br. Nutting, after a few days took with him Brs. S. Hartwell, & J. Eaton as witnesses, & receiving no satisfaction, but on the contrary a justification of his conduct from Law-Books & civil Statutes, now tells it to the church.

Whereupon; Voted, That br. Caleb Butler have notice that such complaint has been laid before the Church; that he be summoned to appear before the Church at the next meeting, & make any defence or apology which he thinks proper, if he has any to make.

The Church then spent an hour in prayer & singing.

The meeting was then adjourned to Wednesday, the 9th of August, to meet at the House of the Pastor at 5 o'ck. P. M.

Attest, J. Tomb, *Assist. Moder.*

August 9, 1826. The church met agreeably to adjournment at the house of the Pastor. The meeting was opened by prayer & reading the Scriptures. The minutes of the last meeting were read, & also copies of letters sent by the Pastor to Dea. J. Sawtell, &

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to Br. Caleb Butler, summoning them in the name of the chh. to appear before this body, & saying to them, that if they did not appear at this meeting, or if the chh. did not hear from them this time, it would be taken for granted that they refused to make any communications to the Church. No answer having been rec^{d} from either, the Church, after much painful deliberation, voted

Unanimously, that for offences heretofore specified, & for having contemned the authority of this church, the relation heretofore subsisting between *Joseph Sawtell* & *Caleb Butler*, & this church ought to be, & hereby is, dissolved, & that they are no longer members of the visible church of Christ.

Complaints being laid before the chh. against brs.

Walter Dickson by brs. Sew^{l} Rockwood & Wm Nutting:
Abel Farbell, by " Wm Nutting & Sew^{l} Rockwood,
Luther Blood, by " Saml Rockwood, & Dea. Lawrence,
Neh^{h} Farbell, by Dea. Stone & J. Fark,
St J. Fark, by Dea. Dickson, & D. Fletcher,

for the like offence which was alledged against Caleb Butler, & the aggrieved brothers & witnesses having rec^{d} no satisfaction,

Voted, That the Pastor by letter cite these brs. before the chh. at our next meeting.

Voted, That for the purpose of seeking wisdom & help from God in this time of trial, & to seek the influences of the Holy Spirit, this chh. hold a weekly Prayer-meeting at the house of their Pastor, on Saturday at 5 ock. P. M.

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to Wednesday, at 5 ock. P. M. the 23rd of August, at this place. The meeting was then closed with prayer.

Attest, J. Pond, *Assist. Moderator.*

Aug. 23. 1826. The church met according to adjournment. The meeting was opened by reading the Scriptures & prayer. It being stated to the church that letters had been sent to the offending brethren, as by page 65 of these Records, but that probably these letters had not been rec^{d} by all of them,

Voted, That the Pastor send duplicates to each of these brethren, delivering them into the hands of the brethren who entered the several complaints who shall be witnesses that they are duly delivered.

The result & advice of the Council convened yesterday was then read, so far as they had prepared it, — it being understood that a more full result is yet to be rec^{d} from them.

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Voted that there be a Committee of this Chh. appointed to inquire into the expediency of obtaining legal advice in behalf of this chh; & to engage such advice as they think necessary.

Voted that brs. Micah Eldredge, Willian Nutting, & Timothy Stone be this Committee.

Voted, That our Pastor be requested soon to call a meeting of the Church at the Meeting House, to consider the expediency of acting on the subject of a Call which this Town has given to Mr. Charles Robinson to become the Religious Teacher of this Town.

Br. James I. Chaplin a member of the Chh. in Cambridgeport being providentially present, made remarks on the present state of affairs in this Town.

The meeting was then closed by prayer, & adjourned *sine die*.

Attest, J: Todd, *Assist. Mod.*

Aug. 31, 1826. The Church met according to proper public notice of the Pastor at the meeting house. The Pastor having written a note to Caleb Butler, Chairman of the Select men requesting him to direct the house to be opened at the hour of meeting, & the house being refused, & the doors fastened, the meeting was held on the door-steps in front of the Meeting House. The Pastor acted as Moderator, & opened the meeting with prayer. He then stated the object of the meeting. viz. Will this chh. invite the Rev. Charles Robinson to become their Pastor & religious Teacher? The votes being taken, *Twenty* were laid on the Table, & *all Nays*. A Committee, consisting of brothers, I. Stone, Samel Rockwood, & I. I. Farnsworth, was then appointed to make known, in a manner they should think proper, the doings of this chh. to the Town, & also to the Council that may convene to install Mr. Robinson, should such a council be convened. The Pastor then addressed the chh. for some fifteen or twenty minutes on the necessity of a christian temper in a time like this.

The Assistant Moderator, in the name of the Moderator, then stated that brs. Walter Dickson, Abel Tarbell, Luther Blood, Neh. Tarbell, & Stuart J. Park, had been complained of as having walked disorderly in having held or attended a seperate communion of the chh. expressly against the vote of the chh. & the Remonstrance of the Pastor, &, according to a vote of the chh. had twice been summonded before the chh., & had refused to appear or make any communications to the chh.

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Voted, *Unanimously*, That for this conduct, the relation which has existed between Walter Dickson, Abel Tarbell, Luther Blood, Nel Tarbell, & Stuart J. Park, ought to be, & hereby is dissolved, — & they are no longer members, of the visible church of Christ.

Br. Dea. T. Stone stated to the chh. that he had complained to Br. Amos Bancroft for the like offence, & receiving no satisfaction, he took with him br. J. Park as a witness, & receiving nothing but abuse, they complain to the chh.

Voted, That our Pastor be requested to summon Br. Bancroft in the name of the chh. to appear before us at our next meeting.

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to thursday next at 3 ock. P. M. at the house of our Pastor.

The meeting was then closed with prayer by the assistant Moderator.

Attest, J : Todd, *Asst. Moderator.*

Thursday Sept. 7, 1826. The chh. met at the house of the Pastor agreeably to adjournment. The meeting was opened with prayer. It was stated that a letter of summons had been sent to br. Amos Bancroft, & that he refused to read it, knowing it came from the Pastor.

Voted unanimously, that his connexion with this chh. ought to be, & hereby is dissolved, & he is no longer a member of the visible chh. of Christ.

Br. Jonas Eaton complained that he had made like complaint to br. Ehathan Sawtell, taking br. S. Hartwell as a witness, — that br. Sawtell utterly refused to give any satisfaction or even to hear them.

Voted that the Pastor give him a summons to appear before the chh. at the next meeting.

Voted to adjourn to Saturday, Sept. 16, at 5 ock. P.M. at the house of our Pastor.

Attest, J : Todd, *Asst. Moderator.*

Saturday Sept. 16, 1826. The church met agreeably to adjournment. The case of br. Ehathan Sawtell being brought before the chh. & it being stated that he had been called on by Brs. J. Eaton & S. Hartwell, whom he would not hear, & summoned to appear before the chh. by the Pastor agreeably to the vote at the last meeting, & he refusing to appear or make any communication to the chh.

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Voted Unanimously, That the connection between Elnathan Sawtell & this chh. ought to be, & hereby is dissolved, & he is no longer a member of the visible church of Christ.

Voted to adjourn sine die.

Attest, J. Todd, *Asst. Moder.*

Oct. 23, 1826. The church met at the house of their Pastor agreeably to notice. Assistant Moderator in the chair. The meeting was opened with prayer.

Voted unanimously, That a committee be appointed to inquire if this chh. could legally hold a Communion at the House of their Pastor, (being excluded from the meeting House,) without endangering their rights as the first chh. in Groton: — that brs. *Dea. Stone, Eldredge,* & *Sewell Rockwood,* be this committee.

Voted unanimously, That, whereas Mr. Chs. Robinson has rec^{d} a call to settle as the minister of this Town expressly agaist the unanimous vote of this Chh. when called to see if they would concur, & is to be Installed on the first Wednesday in Nov^{r}, we will observe that day as a Day of Fasting & Prayer, feeling it to be a frown of providence thus to have a unitarian minister over this people; — that Dea. *Dickson,* brs. *Eldredge* & *Eaton* be a committee to inquire whether this Fast shall be held in public or in private.

Voted, That brs. *Stone, Eldredge,* & *Sewell Rockwood* be a committee to inquire if there be no danger to the interests of this Chh. in regard to the Ministerial Fund in this Town, in the formation of a New Church in this place; — & if there be no such danger, we give it as our opinion that a new church be formed.

Voted, unanimously, That as we consider it contrary to the spirit of our holy religion, this church will not only abstain from the use of ardent Spirits at Funerals, but will do all in their power to discountenance it on such occasions.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to Saturday, the 28th of Oct. at 4 ock. P. M. at the House of the Pastor.

Attest, J: Todd, *Assist. Moderator.*

Oct. 28, 1826. Church met according to adjournment. Committee Reported to have the exercises on Fast Day public, — which Report was accepted.

Voted to Adjourn.

Attest, J: Todd, *Asst. Mod^{r}*

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Nov. 21, 1826. The Church met at the house of her Pastor, agreeably to notice. A letter missive from individuals in this Town was read, inviting this chh. to meet by her Pastor & a Delegate to assist in forming an Ecclesiastical Council to see if said Council would organize the said individuals into a regular church of Jesus Christ.

Voted Unanimously, That we comply with this request.
Voted That br. Micah Eldredge be our Delegate.
Voted to Adjourn.

Attest, J : Todd, *Ass^t. Mod^r.*

Nov. 30, 1826. At a regular meeting of the Church at the house of the Pastor, the Result of the Council, (which convened at the request of this church on 17th of July & 22nd of August,) was laid before the chh : accepted, & ordered to be printed.

Attest, J : Todd, *Ass^t. Mod^r.*

Decr. 25, 1826. At a regular meeting of the Church, a communication from the Union Church in Groton was read, requesting our Pastor a Delegate to meet an Ecclesiastical Council, to be convened at Groton on Tuesday, the 2nd of January 1827, to examine & if approved, to ordain Mr.. John Todd over said Chh. in the Gospel ministry.

Voted that we comply with this request.
Voted that br. Amos Farnsworth be our Delegate.
Voted to Adjourn.

Attest, J : Todd, *Assit. Mod^r.*

Feb. 23, 1827. The Pastor & chh com. gave the interest of the Barron & Sawtell legacies to the widow B. Tarbell, & to the widow D. Hopkins

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D. Chaplin *Past*

April 30, 1827. At a regular meeting of the Church at the house of her Pastor,

Voted Unanimously, That a Committee be appointed to inquire into the probability of obtaining assistance from sister Churches if needed, to prosecute the suit against the First Parish in Groton in behalf of the Funds, & to take such other measures preparatory to commencing this suit, as the Committee may deem judicious :

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Voted, that Bro. T. T. Farnsworth, & Dea. Dickson be this Committee.

Voted, that Mr. W. L. Chaplin be requested to act as our Agent in this business, in union with the above Committee.

Voted, that whereas Br. Densmore has been complained of as having walked disorderly, & having given the aggrieved brethren no satisfaction, he be cited to appear before this Church at our next meeting.

Voted to Adjourn to such time as the above Committee shall be ready to report.

Attest, J: Todd, *Assist. Mod.*

Jan. 22. 1829. The Past. & comm. of the chh gave the interest of the Sawtell & Barron legacies for the benefit of the poor of the chh. to the widow B. Tarbell who is aged & need — $5.64

D. Chaplin *Past.*

Feb. 2. 1830. The Pastor & com. gave the interest of the Sawtell & Barron legacies for the benefit of the poor of the chh.

To the widow D. Hopkins	$2.00
To the wido B. Tarbell.	3.64

D. C. *Pastor.*

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Members admitted to full Communion.

1761.

July ye 5th Zechariah Longley.
July ye 19th Benjamin Davies.
Sept. 13. Sarah Wife of Jon. Sheple.
D° Isaac Farnsworth & Anna his Wife — having been Dismiss'd & recommended from Pepperel
Sept. 27. Susannah Wife of Jonathan Stone.
Oct. 18. Oliver Parker and Eunice his Wife
Elisabeth Trowbridge
Nov. 1. Martha Stevens Dismiss'd & Recommended from Townsend
Sarah Bowers
Susannah Wife of John Sawtel Jun.
Nov. 15. Benj. Bancroft Jun. & Wife Alice
Mary Wife of Jonathan Sawtel

1762.

Jan. 31. Jonathan & Lydia Tarbell
Elisabeth Wife of Wm Derumple
March 21. Deborah Bowers.

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May. 2d Jacob Blanchard.
May 23d Lydia wife of Timy Moors
Jemima wife of Zechariah Longly.
July 18. Thos White & Hannah his Wife dismissd & Recommended from Acton
August 22. Saml Woods
Septr 26 Sarah wife of Henry Farwell.
Novr 7 Ebenezer Champney
Abigail wife of James Woods
14. Nathan Ames. Dismissd and recommended from Andover
28. Priscilla Wife of Isaac Bowers.

1763.
Febr 6. Elisha Rockwood & Mary his Wife
April 3. Ephraim Sawtel & Abigail his Wife
10. Azubah wife of Benja Farbel
July 3. Martha Farnsworth
Septr 18. Phillis. a Servant of Josiah Sawtels
Octr 16. Mary Hazen.
Novr 13 Rachel, wife of Jabez Holden
Esther wife of Wm Farwel.
[On the inner margin near this entry is the following:]
Mary Farnsworth is a member of the *Chh* Tho' forgot to be recorded in the proper place

1764.
March 25. Anna wife of Simon Blood.
June 24. Patience the Wife of Saml Woods.
Octr 28. Eleanor wife of Joshua Pierce.

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March. 10. Hannah Woods.
Octr 6. Prudence Stiles
Novr 3. Mary Lakin

1766.
Febry 9. Zechariah Fitch & Lydia his Wife
April 13. Rachel the Wife of Sampson Farnsworth.
20. Abner & Sarah Whitcomb
June 22. Sarah wife of Joseph Rockwood.
29. Eunice wife of Benjn Blood.
Augst 3. Martha wife of John Page.

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1767.

March 15. Sarah Stone.
May 24. Thos: Farwell & Sarah his Wife
July 19 Daniel Farwell & his Wife
John Gragg & his Wife
26. Susanna The wife of John Cheney
Dec[r] 6. The Wife of Jonas Green

1768.

March 6. Eleazar Parker and his wife
April 3. John Pierce Jun[r]
July 31. Caleb Blood & his Wife Hannah.

1769.

Jan[y] 22 The Wife of Moses Wentworth-Mindwell
Betty The Wife of Lemuel Parker·
Feb[y] 19. Widow Mary Sawtell
May 14. The Wife of Thaddeus Taylor
28. Amaziah Fasset & Ede his Wife
June 18. Anna Farnsworth
Aug[st] 20. Elisabeth Parker.
27. Mindwell wife of John Frost.

1770

July 22. Eunice Nutting
Aug[st] 12. Lucy wife of Oliver Tarbell
18. Abel Lawrance & Mary his Wife
David Prescott & his Wife.
Oct[r] 14. Martha Green
Ruth Green
Elisabeth Farnsworth.
Dec[r] 2 The Wife of Nathaniel Parker-Eunice

1771.

March 17. Nehemiah Green & his wife Eunice
April 28. Simon Patch & Elisabeth his Wife
May 28 Jon[a] Bancroft
The Wife of Ebenezer Parker-Susanna
June 2. Jon[a] Cove & Mary his Wife
July. 7. Prudence Wife of Abijah Warren
Sep[r] 15. Widow Anna Bush
Nov[r] 3. Mary Wife of Peter Parker Jun[r]
Dec[r] 1. Joseph Simonds & Mitty his Wife

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1772.

Feby 16. Joseph Sheple
March 1. Mary Wife of Solomon Woods
April 19. Hannah Kemp.
Sepr 28. Lucy wife of Sam^{ll} Pierce
Octr 11. Nathaniel Dustin
William Nutting
Decr 13. Jeptha Richardson
27. Jacob Patch
Maria Trowbridge

1773

March 21. John Simonds & his wife
May 2. Ruth Wife of Thos White Junr
16 Widow Patience Kemp.
Sepr 12 Amos Lawrance Junr and his Wife Betty.
Octr 30. Jon^{a} Boyden & his Wife Elisabeth
Nehemiah Goold & his Wife Molley
Novr 21. Mary, wife of Isaac Lawrance.
Decr 26 Abi, wife of Jeptha Richardson

1774.

June 5. Ruth the wife of Foster
Augst 7. Mercy Nutting.
14. Susanna wife of Abijah Warren.
28 Sarah Wife of Joseph Chase
Sepr 4. Asa Lawrance & his Wife rec^{d} from Pepperrell
25. James Prescott
Octr 23. Abigail Rockwood
30. Esther Patch.

1776

Octr 20. Joseph Allen & Mary his wife Received, having been Dismissed from the Chh of Christ in Weston, and Recommended to the Chh of Christ in Groton.
Novr 18. Nehemiah Holden & Elisabeth his wife Received, having been Dismissed from ye ch^{h} of Christ in Shirley and Recommended to ye chh. of Christ in Groton.

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March 23^{d} Ephraim Russell & meriam his wife Received, having been Dismissed from the ch^{h} of Christ in Lexington and Recommended to the ch^{h} of Christ in Groton.

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Sepr 14 : Betty Green
Novr 30. Thomas Bond

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Jany 25th Samuel Rockwood & Mary the Wife of Jonas Eaton
Feby 15th Sarah the Wife of Moses Child
March 15th Mary Davis
March 29 Benj^{a} Stone
April 5th Amos Farnsworth
May 24 Olive Farnsworth Daught^{r} of Deacon Isaac Farnsworth
June 7th Samuel Lawrance Junr & Susanna his Wife
Ephraim Russell Junr & Mary his Wife
Esther Wife of Thomas Bond, Lydia Rockwood & Phena Hobart.
August 2^{d} Abel Blood
16th Lois the Wife of Thos Hubberd
September 4th Jason Hemmenway — Dismiss'd & Recommendd from Temple [New Hampshire.]
6th Eunice Parker.
20th John Fisk & Anna his Wife
27th Ebenezer Lakin & Eunice his Wife
Molly Pratt Baptized
Octr 25th Azubah the Wife of Ephraim Parker
Nov 6th Israel Hobart and Anna his Wife Dismissed & received from Townshend.
Nov. 8th Jonas Farnsworth & Jane his Wife.
Decem. 6th Nehemiah Tarbell.

1779

Jany 3^{d}. Lydia Wife of Peter Stevens.
Asa Stone & Patty his Wife.
Feby 7th Caty Wife of Charles Quailes
April 25. Sarah Chase
April 25. Widow Phebe Lamson
May 2. Susanna Daughter of Col^{o} James Prescott.
May 9. Lefe Wife of Phineas Parker.
June 6. Jonas Stone & Rebekah his Wife
August 1st Susanna Wife of William Nutting Dismissed & Recommended from ye Chh in Dunstable N. Hampshire.
August 15th Sarah Wife of Josiah Warren

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Sept 26.	Jonathan Keep & Hannah his Wife
Octo^{r} 28.	Levi Stone & Lydia his Wife.
Nov. 14th	Mercy the Wife of William Swan
1780.	
April 23.	Molly the Wife of Samuel Boyden
June 18.	Ezra Pierce & Rebecca his Wife, Sarah Avery
July 9.	Anna Wife of Ezekiel Nutting
Sept. 24.	Joseph Prescott of Westford & Abigail his Wife. N. B. These persons are of the aggrieved who were advised by Council to seek Communion with ye neighbouring Chhs, so long as they could not enjoy Chh Privileges at home upon Terms which they might conscienciously comply with.
1781.	
Feb. 4.	Jon^{a} Ju^{r} & Abigail Pierce, Husband & wife, & Jane Boiden
March 4.	Ruth the Wife of Jon^{a} Pierce
June 10.	James Sullivan & Mehetabel his Wife
24.	Apphia Gilson Widow of Daniel
Nov. 11.	David Prescott & Mary his Wife.
Decem^{r} 9.	Benjamin Patch & Persis his Wife.
1782	
Jan. 5.	Ezra Prescott & Dolley his Wife
Feby 17.	James Brazer & Sarah his Wife
March 24.	James Brazer
March 31.	Hannah Wife of Jacob Williams
Oct. 20.	Phinehas Wait
Nov. 24.	Esther Wife of Israel Hobart ju^{r} & baptized
Decem. 29	The widow Beulah Bancroft
1783	
Nov. 30	Rebekkah wife of Asahal Wyman
1784	
Feb. 15.	Lydia wife of Nathan Ames
July 4.	David & Abigail Smith
Sept. 19.	Doctor Benj^{a} Morse dismissed & recommended by the first chh in Sutton.
Decr 19.	Mary Wife of Joseph Potter

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April 27.	Elnathan Sawtell & Ruth his wife.
Augst 28.	Lucy Wife of Benj^{a} Farwell
Oct. 2.	Joseph Moors & Sarah his Wife
	Jonas Hadley & Azubah his Wife
1786.	
June 18.	Widow Mary McNeel
Sep^{t} 24.	Sybil Wife of Nathaniel Stone
1787	
Nov. 25th	Joseph Sawtell j^{r} and Betty his Wife
1788	
March 2^{d}	Samuel Hartwell
5th Oct.	Samuel Chamberlain from the chh in Westford.
1789.	
Decem^{r}	Sarah Wife of Simeon Williams
1790	
April	[Rebecca (Stowell)] Wife of Capt. Abraham Child from the chh in Wendell.
1791	
June 5th	Hannah Wife of Joseph Sawtell 3^{d}
Augst 28th	Reuben Fisk & Lydia his wife
1792	
April 8.	Oliver Prescott jun. and Anne his Wife
August 5.	Anna Wife of Jonathan Sheple
1793.	
Sept. 15th.	Timothy Bigelow and Lucy his Wife. He baptized.
Decem. 29.	Caroline Matilda wife of Samuel Hartwell.
1794.	
Aug. 10.	Lucy the wife of Joseph Sawtell jun.
Sept. 14th.	Caleb Trowbridge
Oct. 5th.	Ephraim Lawrance and Sally his wife.
1795.	
June 7th.	Molly Dole formerly the Wife of Amos Dole, from the church in Shirley.
21.st.	Mary the wife of Nathaniel Gilson.
August 2d.	Susanna the Wife of William Parker.
	Sally the Wife of Josiah Sartell.
Sept. 13th.	Mehetabel Wife of Simeon Gilson and Sybal Wife of Levi Gilson both baptized

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Oct. 25th. Peter Gilson. Baptized.
Decem. 6th. Mary Cockle

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April 24 Jonas Green jun.
June 12. Betsy Derumple admitted from the church in Westford

1797.

July 16th. Timothy Priest

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Those that own The Covenant.

1761.

July ye 5th Oliver Parker & Eunice his Wife.
Jonas Green & Jemima his Wife
John Nutting & Elizabeth his Wife
July ye 12th Thomas Farwell & Sarah his Wife.
Isaac Patch & Elizabeth his Wife
July ye 19th David Tarbell & Bersheba his Wife
Jonathan Holden & Hannah his Wife
August 16. John Tarbell
Septr 13. Samll Bowers Junr & Abigail his Wife
Octor 4. Lonon a servant of Benja Bancroft, & Baptiz'd
Lydia Wife of Joseph Sawtel.
Novr 1. John Sawtel Junr
Novr 29. Joseph Moors. and Lucy his Wife, she Baptiz'd
Sarah Nichols

1762

Feby 14th Benja Tarbell and Azubah his Wife.
21. Oliver Parker Junr and Jane his Wife.
March 21. Lemuel Parker and Betty his Wife
July 11. Jabez Holden & Rachel his Wife
August. 1. Apphia Wife of Daniel Gilson
Septr 12. Thankful Pierce
Octor 17. Phinehas Wait & Sarah his Wife.
24. Esther Wife of William Farwell
Novr 28. Isaac Bowers.

1763.

Jany 9. Benja Stone and Prudence his Wife
May 8. Reuben Kendel & Molly his Wife. He Baptis'd.
May 22. Samuel Lawrence & Rebeccah his Wife
June 19. John Cheney & Susannah his wife

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July 3d Jonathan Woster & Wife

[In the margin near this entry is the following:]

Note. Ebenezer Parker & his Wife owned the Covt about this time but were forgot to be recorded

Octr 2. Robart Anes & Sarah his Wife

9. Oliver Shed & Mary his Wife

Novr. 27. John Simonds

1764.

Febv 19. Betty the Wife of Isaiah Holden

April 1. Charles Lawrence & Naomi his Wife

June 24. Enosh Lawrance & Esther his wife of No. 1 [Mason, New Hampshire].

Augst 5. Ephraim Warren & Sarah his Wife

Joseph Kemp & Lucy his Wife

Septr 23. Ebenezer Hartwell

Octor 7. Silas Barron and Abigail his wife.

Octr 28. Joshua Pierce

1765.

Janv 27. Oliver Lakin.

Febv 17. Joseph Parker & Abigail his Wife. Mr Whitney of Shirley Propounded the Covt to them

April. 7. Mary Wife of William Spaulding.

May. 5. David Farwell and Submit his Wife.

July 28. Thomas Bennet & Lydia his Wife

Augst 1. Hagar a Servt of Wm Green Baptiz'd at home sick.

Septr 8. Joshua Holden & Sarah his Wife

15. Elizabeth Dustun

Octr 13. Joel Stone & Eunice his Wife

Nathaniel Sawtel & Abigail his wife

Octr 20. Asa Woster & Anna his wife

Novr 3. Timothy Prest and Sarah his wife

1766

Janv 26. Jonas Stone & Rebekkah his Wife

March 9. Oliver Tarbell & Lucy his Wife.

March 23. Elisabeth the Wife of Ezra Farnsworth } both baptiz'd

Mary Sheple

30. Lucy the Wife of Saml Pierce

April 13. Sampson Farnsworth

20. Nehemiah & Abigail Gilson

May. 25. Susanna Wife of John Ames

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June 22. Lucy Turner } both Baptized
Lefe Holdin }
29. Abijah Warren & Prudence his Wife
July 20. William Shed & Lydia his Wife
Augst 24. Ephraim Pierce & Esther his Wife
Novr 23. Benj^{a} Davis & his Wife

1767

March 15. Abel Stone & Lydia his Wife
Augst 9. Ezekiel Fletcher & Bridget his Wife
Novr 15. Nathan Whipple.
Decr 6. Benjamin Green & his Wife

1768.

Jany 17. John Whittaker.
Feby 28. Abel Woods
April 10. Jacob Gragg
Octr 16. Lemuel Woods & Sarah his wife
Novr 6. Jonathan Lakin & Jemima his Wife
Elisabeth Wife of Isaac Dodge Baptiz'd
20. Daniel Page & his wife Abigail.
Novr 27. Joseph Corey & his wife Katharine

1769

Jany 15. Daniel Stone. Baptizd
April 16. James Adams & Susanna his Wife
Amos Adams & Sarah his Wife
Ebenezer Farnsworth Junr
June 25. Ephraim Kemp & his Wife.
Augst 20. John Woods Junr & Hannah his wife
Novr 26. Betty Wife of Thos Farrington
Decr 3 Joseph Blood & Ruth his Wife of Mason

1770

Jany 21 Hannah Lakin Baptized. (Note. Daughter of John Lakin.
Sarah Wife of Abel Parker.
March 18. Sybele Woods Baptized
April 22 Mary wife of Abijah Parker.
July 1. Saml Parker & his Wife
15. Gershom Hobart & his Wife
Augst 12. Jonathan Boyden & Elisabeth his Wife
Sepr 9. John Trowbridge & Elisabeth his Wife
Octr 14. Charles Quails & Susanna his Wife

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Novr 18. Mary Wife of Josiah Stevens
Decr 2. James Blood Junr & Elisabeth his wife

1771.

June 9. Ebenezer Nutting Baptiz'd
July 9. David Stone. Baptizd at Home.
Novr 10. David Woods & Deborah his Wife
17 Aaron Bennet & Katharine his Wife
Decr 29. Wife of Joseph Page Junr
Dinah Wife of Eleazar Parker Junr

1772

Jany 5. Timothy Woods & Elisabeth his Wife
March 1. Solomon Woods
June 7. Martha Wife of Daniel Stone.
Sepr 28. John Pierce.
Rebecca Archabald. Baptized.
Novr 22. Thos Gragg & Eunice his Wife. She Baptized.
Decr 6. Susanna Farnsworth

1773

Jany 17. Josiah Warren and Sarah his Wife
May 30 Edmund Blood & Caty his Wife
June 27. Lemuel Blood & Lydia his Wife
Octr 30 Benj^{a} Page & his Wife Emma
Novr 21. William Flagg & Rebecca his Wife

1774

Feby 27. Tim^{y} Dustun
April 10. Ruth the wife of Thos Trowbridge
May 22 Tim^{y} Johnson & Sarah his Wife
29 Levi Lakin
June 12. Silas Page & his Wife
Augt 14. Ebener Lewis & Sarah his Wife
Sepr 18 Thos Swan & his Wife
Octr 9. Abraham Amsdel Junr & his Wife
Novr 20. Lucy Pratt
27. James Sheple. Baptiz'd

1775

March 19. Sam^{ll} Hemingway & Sarah his Wife She Baptized
April 9. Nehemiah Lawrance & Esther his Wife she Baptiz'd
16. Margaret Wife of Benj^{a} Shaw

1776

Novr 10th Abel Bancroft & Sarah his Wife

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1778

March 29th Deborah the Wife of James Sheple
April 19th Jon[a] & Anna Sheple Husband & Wife.
26th Reuben Cumings & Emme his Wife
May 24th Simon Green & Deborah his Wife
June 7th Oliver Blood Jun[r] & Hannah his Wife
July 26th Amos Stone and Molly his Wife.
Sept[r] 27th Benjamin Blood & Abigail his Wife

1780.

April 23[d] Jonas Lesslie & Elisabeth his Wife.
Oct. 22. Triphena & Sybele Parker, Daughters of Ephraim & Azubah, both baptized.
Oct. 29. William Ju[r] & Sarah Derumple.
Decem[r] 3. Jonathan & Lois Capron. He baptized.

1781.

May 6. Lucy the Wife of Harbour Farnsworth
May 13. Joseph Frost & Jemima his Wife
June 24 Elisha Corey
Sept. 30. The Widow Phebe Procter
Sybele Nutting
Oct. 21. The Widow Elisabeth Parker.
Nov. 11. Lefe the Wife of Jonathan Moors
Decem[r] 9. Zaccheus Farwell & Lydia his Wife

1782.

April 21. Phebe Lew [A black woman.]

1783.

March 2. Eben & Martha Farnsworth
July 13. Sarah Child
Isaac & Molly Lawrence.
Aug[st] 10. Widow Hannah Sanderson. Baptized.
Sept. 28. William & Agness Bancroft. The Covt. was propounded by the Rev. M[r] Whitney of Shirley
Decem. 7. Robert j[r] & Ruth Ames

1784.

Dec[r] 19. Joseph Bancroft & Susanna his wife

1785

March 13 Philip Procter & Hannah his wife
Aug[st] 7. Betty Wife of Samuel Hodskin
Sept. 4. Jn[o] Blood & Lydia his Wife

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18. Joshua & Elizabeth Parker
25. Stephen & Mary Reed
Nathan & Rhoda Nutting
Nov. 20. Nathaniel & Hannah Williams

1786.

Oct. 8. Annis Blood
15. Rhoda Wife of John Adams
Nov. 19. Simeon & Triphena Kemp

1787

March 4. Ephraim & Anna Farwell
July 1st Mary Nutting, daughter of John Nutting, & baptized

1788

Febr 10th William & Sarah Lawrance
Octobr 12th Jonathan & Susanna Nutting
26th Simeon & Elizabeth Gilson

1789

April 12th Samuel Blood and Sarah his wife
Sept. 27th Eben Tarbell & Sarah his Wife

1790.

April 11th Abel Stevens and Deborah his wife
May 30th Amos Shed & Lucy his Wife
August 22d Molly Priest.
Septr 12th James Davis, & baptized
26th Jonathan Bigelow Frost & Sarah his wife
Octr 17th Samuel Bancroft & Abigail his Wife

1791

May 8th Thomas Tarbell & Molly his Wife
John Farnsworth & Nancy his Wife
June 5th Mary Wife of Jona Blood
Octr 23d Nahum Woods & Jane his Wife
Nov. 13th Ebenr Junr & Sarah Woods

1792

Janr 1st Caleb junr & Abigail Woods
29th Patty, Betsey & Polly Corey, daughters of Nathan Corey. All received baptism.
Feby. 26. Polly Fisk, daughter of Peter Fisk formerly of this town, deceased. And was baptised.
March 25. Nancy Williams, free black, & baptized
July 8th. Eleazer Hamlin & Sarah his Wife

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August 12. Joseph Rockwood jun. and Lucy his Wife.
Sep. 16th. Colson Trufant and Maria his Wife
Joel Lawrance and Ruth his Wife.

1793.
Jan. 27th. Jonas Eaton jun. and Polly his Wife.
March 3d. Jonathan Shed and Abigail his Wife.
24th. Calvin Howard and Rebecca his Wife.
May 19th. Asa Lawrance and Lydia his wife
July 14th. Joseph Davis and Lydia his wife

1794.
April 20. Phillis Cutter, free black. baptized
May 25. Solomon Tarbell and Molly his wife.
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Sept. 14th. Oliver Kemp and Lydia his Wife.
Decem. 21th. Betsy Kemp daughter of Samuel Kemp jun. Bap.

1795
Jan. 11th. Asa Gilson & Susanna his Wife
March 29th. Imla Parker and Hannah his Wife
August 16th. Samuel Pierce and Sally his wife

1796.
Jan. 31. Henry Blood and Abigail his wife
Samson Prescott and Lucy his wife
William Blood and Elizabeth his wife
Decem. Mercy Nutting, daughter of John Nutting. Baptised.

1797.
Decem. 31. Sally Tarbell Relict of Edmund Tarbell deceased.

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1798.
March 4. John Loring & Loïs his wife.
May 20. Richard jun. and Sarah Sawtell
July 1. Betsy Wife of Simon Patch
Hannah Farmer

1799.
Sep. 15. Alpheus Richardson and Phebe his wife.

1800.
May 4. Zadock Allen and Sarah his wife
October 26. Daniel Shattuck and Nabby his wife
Noah Shattuck & Anna his wife.

1801.	
Nov. 29.	Levi Carlisle & Polly his wife.
	Calvin Boynton & Patty his wife
1803.	
May 29.	Solomon Carleton & Nabby his wife
	Thomas Blood & Milly his wife
June 5.	Levi jun. & Jerusha Kemp.
July 3.	Jonathan Farwell & Sybele his wife
	Rebecca the wife of Elijah Pierce
1804	
April 15.	Martha late wife of Samuel O. Row deceased.
May 6.	Jonas Gilson & Nabby his wife.
Nov. 4.	Asa Wheeler & Sarah his wife.
1805.	
June 2.	Jonathan Bennett & Margaret his wife
1806.	
Jan. 12.	Samuel Billings & Susanna his wife
June 4.	Lecture day. William Richardson Baptized
August 31.	Joseph Mansfield & Abi his wife.
Sep. 14.	Luther Lawrence & Lucy his wife. She baptized.
1807	
Aug. 23.	Gilbert Smith & Elizabeth his wife
1809	
June 18.	James Ridgway & Faithey his wife
Aug. 20.	William F. Brazer & Phebe his Wife
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July 22.	Enoch and
1811.	
May 7.	Abel Hartwell & Elizabeth his wife (admitted at a lecture at their own house, she being unable to attend at the meeting house.)
Sep. 8.	Joseph F. Hall & Sarah his wife
	George Brigham & Betsey his wife
1813.	
May 30.	Josiah Billings & Hannah his wife.
Sep. 8.	Elisabeth the wife of John Spalter.
1814.	
June 12.	The church unanimously voted to discontinue the practice of admitting persons on the half covenant (so called)



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Those dismissed to other chhs.

1762.

Jany 17th Dismissd Anna wife of Zechariah Adams to the Chh in New-Ipswich

June 13. Dismissd & recommended John & Jonas Longly, Stephen Holden, John Patterson & Richard Harrington to Shirley

Nov. 14. Dismissd & recommended Sarah wife of Joseph Wilson to Shirley

1763

June 19. Dismissd & Recommended Moses Kezer & Wife to Shirley & the Wife of Thos Lawrence to Pepperel

26 The Wives of John & Jonas Longly to Shirley

Octr 2. Widow Mary Longly, The Wife of Stephen Holden } both Dismissd & Recommended to Shirley

1765.

Feby 10. Sam^{ll} Hobart Esqr to Hollis.

1767

July 12. Martha wife of Edward Phelps to Leominster

19. Mary the wife of Osman Baker to Charleston New Hampshire

[1771?]

April 13. Prudence Wife of Peter Swallow to Dunstable.

1771

June 30. Margaret Wife of Joseph Metcalf to Ashburnham.

Novr 3. Mary Wife of Simon Parker to Shrewsbury.

1774

Sepr 4. Jeptha Richardson & his Wife to Rindge

18. Israel Hobart & his Wife to Townsend.

25. Eben^{r} Hadley & his wife to Brattleboro'

1775

Novr ye 19th Eunice ye wife of Timothy Dustun, Dismissed & Recommended to ye Ch^{h} in Claremont
Deac^{n} Stone moderator, Recorded by Dr Isaac Farnsworth

1776

Feb^{ry} ye 19th Percy Gibson ye wife of Timothy Gibson, Dismissed & Recommended as usual.

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July 21st — Dismissed Martha ye wife of John Page to the chh. in Townshend

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1778

June 14th — Dismissed & recommended Sarah the Wife of —— Carlton to the Chh in Lunenburgh.

1779.

Decemr 9. — The Chh voted to dismiss & recommend Nehemiah Green & Eunice his Wife to ye Chh that is about to be incorporated in Jeffrey N. Hampshire.

1780.

March 5. — Ebenezer Rockwood to the Chh of Christ in Wilton

Octr 1. — David Sartell & Patience his Wife to ye Chh of Christ in Townsend.

1781.

August 12. — Nehemiah Holden & Elisabeth his Wife to the Chh of Christ in Pepperrell.

1783.

Oct. 20. — James Sullivan & Mehetable his wife to ye chh of Christ in Brattle-Street Boston

1784.

Augst 22. — Ephraim Russell & Mary his wife to ye chh of Christ in Lunenburg

1786.

March 5. — Ezra Pierce & Rebecca his Wife to the chh in Westmoreland, Newhampshire.

1787.

April 1. — John Cumings & Sarah his Wife, Abner Whitcomb, & Joseph Simonds & Mitte his Wife, all dismissed & recommended, to be incorporated with other members of chhs. into a chh in Hancock, State of Newhampshire.

1789.

Nov. 26th — Jonathan Bancroft & Martha his Wife dismissed & recommended, to be incorporated with other members of chhs. into a chh in Tyngsborough.

1790.

July 18th — Deacon Thomas Farwell & Sarah his wife dismissed & recommended to the ch in Washington [N. H.].

1791

Septr 18th — Esther wife of Israel Hobart Junr dismissed & recommended to the church in Conway.



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1792
April 15. Israel Hobart dismissed & recommended to the church in Conway.

1793
Jany. 13th. Jonathan Boyden dismissed & recommended, to be incorporated with others into a church in Cavendish, Vermont.

Sept. 8th. Benjamin Patch & Persis his wife dismissed and recommended, to be incorporated with others into a church in Ludlow, Vermont.

1794
April 17th. Samuel Chamberlin dismissed & recommend to the church in Holles.

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Nov. 10. Molly Hardy, formerly Molly Pratt, dismissed and recommended to the church in Stoddard.

Decem. 4. Susanna Wife of Robert Ames to the church in Jeffrey.

Mary Wife of Amaziah Swallow to the church in Dunstable.

1795
Nov. 29. Ephraim Sawtell and Abigail his wife, to be incorporated with others into a church in the town of Raby [Brookline, N. H.], where they now live.

1796.
Nov. 4. Thomas Bond and Esther his wife to the middle church in Hallowell under the pastoral care of Rev. Daniel Stone.

1797.
Oct. 8th. Deacon Zechariah Longley and Jemima his wife to the church in Norridgewalk district of Maine.

Sept. 3. David Smith & Abigail his wife to the church in Pepperrell. N. B. The date of this record is right, tho' out of the proper place.

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1798
Feb. 11. Abel Blood was dismissed & recommended to the church in the western part of Windsor, the State of Vermont.

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Sept. 16. Olive wife of Benjamin Whitney dismissed & recommended to the church of Christ in Pepperrell.
D. C. *P.*

1800

May 4. Jonas Hadley & Azubah his wife dismissed & recommended to the christian brethren about to be formed into a church in Hawley State of Vermont, where they now live. Also D. C. *P.*

Betty wife of William Abbot, formerly wife of Amos Lawrance, dismissed & recommended to the church in Wilton, where she now lives.
D. C. *P.*

1801

Oct. 12. Jonathan Stone & Susanna his wife dismissed & recommended to the church of Christ in Waterford [Maine]. D. C. *P.*

1802.

July 18. Timothy Priest dismissed & recommended to the church of Christ in Winchendon.
D. CHAPLIN *P.*

Decem. 5. Sarah wife of Josiah Sartell dismissed & recommended to the church of Christ in Cornish D. C. *P.*

1815.

July 9. Polly wife of Deacon Timothy Dakin dismissed &c. to the church in Mason [New Hampshire].
D. C. *P.*

Dec. 31. Oliver Prescott and Anne his wife dismissed &c to the chh in Newbury Pt under the pastoral care of the Rev. John Andrews. D. C. *P.*

1816. Mem. Timothy Bigelow & Lucy his wife were dismissed &c to the chh in Medford about two or three years ago. No record of their dismission then made. D. C. *P.*

1817

Oct. 12. Sabbath after divine service the church unanimously voted to dismiss & recommend Samuel Woodbury a member of this chh, to the church in N. Yarmouth, Me. where he has a prospect of a speedy settlement in the ministry. D. C. *P.*

1819

Mar. 21. Dismissed & recommended Molly wife of Capt. Daniel Bailey to the church in Hollis [New Hamp-



shire], & Sally wife of Wm Dunn to the church in Dunstable Ms.

D. CHAPLIN *Past.*

Apr. 11. Dismissed & recommended Joseph Stone & Rachel his wife to the church in Harvard.

D. CHAPLIN, *Past.*

1821.

Jan. 22. Dismissed & recomme[nde]d Abel Conant to the chh in Leominster, under a call to be their Pastor.

D. CHAPLIN *Past.*

1822.

Apr. 28 Dismissed & recommended Sally Wife of Jonas Woods to the chh in Dunstable Mass.

D. C. *P.*

May 5. The church voted to dismiss Harriet Parker from her particular relation to this chh. & recommend her as in regular standing here and as qualified for com. with other Xian chhs.

D. C. *Pastor of ye chh.*

Dec. 22. The chh dismissed James D. Farnsworth & recommended him to the chh. in Orford N H who expect him to be ordained their minister a few days hence.

D. C. *P.*

1823.

Feb. 2. The chh dismissed & recommend Rachel Wife of Bill Wright Stephens to the chh of Christ in Westford.

D. C. *P.*

May 18. Church dismissed & recommended Wm Farnsworth & Betsey his wife to the calvinistic congregational church in Harvard.

D. C. *P.*

1824.

July 11. Dismissed & recommended Lydia the wife of Abijah Wood to the chh. in Westminster.

D. C. *P.*

1826.

April 5. Dismissed & recommended Anna, widow of John Fisk to the congregational chh. in Moortown (Ver.)

D. C. *P.*

1828.

March 10. Dismissed & recommended Sarah Wife of Jonas Miriam to the orthodox chh in Shirley in a short time to be organnized in that town.

D. C. *P.*

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1830.

Jan. 6. Dismissed & recommended Micah Eldridge & Sally his wife to the chh in Nashua Village N. H. under the pastoral care of Rev. Mr Notte. D. C. *P.*

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Marriages.

1761.

June ye 4. Lieu^t^ Henry Farwell of Groton to Sarah Taylor of Westford

June ye 8. Joshua Holden to Sarah Bigelow both of Groton

June ye 11. Jabez Holden to Rachel Farnsworth both of Groton

July ye 22. Joseph Moors to Lucy Stone both of Groton.

August 25. John Sawtel Junr to Susannah Farnsworth both of Groton

Octo^r^ 12. Joel Rice of Westboro' to Dinah Farnsworth of Groton

Octo^r^ 29. Thos Trowbridge to Lucy Woods both of Groton.

Decr 2^d^. Jonas Bowers to Hannah Brown both of Groton

Decr 3^d^. Jonathan Kendell of Leominster to Patience Frost of Groton

1762.

Jany 28th Phinehas Wait of Groton to Sarah Pierce of Pepperell Return'd to the Clerk

Feby 17th. Sam^ll^ Pierce to Miriam Bigelow both of Groton

March 23. Isaac Bowers to Priscilla Dodge both of Groton.

April 15. John Whitney to Elisabeth Sawtel both of Shirley.

April 29. Elisha Rockwood Junr to Mary Farnsworth both of Groton

Septr 30. Captn Ephraim Sawtel to Mrs Hannah Parker both of Groton

Octr 7. Lieu^t^ Joseph Boynton of Westford to Sarah Tarbell of Groton

—— 12. Benj^a^ Stone to Prudence Farnsworth both of Groton

Decr 2. John Bush to Anna Bennet both of Groton.

——— Robart Ames to Sarah Woods both of Groton.

——— Nathaniel Woods to Mary Erwin both of Groton.

—— 15. Simeon Foster to Mary Lakin both of Groton.

Decr 21. Enosh Lawrence of N° 1 [Mason, New Hampshire]. to Esther Woods of Groton

—— 23. Isaiah Holden to Elisabeth Shed both of Groton.

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Feby 15. William Jones of Lunenburg to Sarah Stone of Groton

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March 23. Richard Sawtell to Wid. Elizabeth Bennet both of Groton
—— 30. Oliver Shed to Mary Shed both of Groton
April 6. John Cheney to Susannah Farwel both of Groton,
—— 19. Nathan Ames to Deborah Bowers both of Groton
—— 28. John Stone to Rachel Pierce both of Groton
May 5. John Harrod Cumings of Nottingham west to Sarah Woster of Groton
—— 19. Silas Barron to Abigail Woods both of Groton.
June 9. Nathaniel Sartell to Abigail Wyman both of Groton
Augt 4. Zechariah Fitch of Groton to Lydia Tuck of Bedford
—— 11. Abel Stone to Lydia Whitaker both of Groton.
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Decr 7. Ebenezer Hartwell to Mary Farnsworth both of Groton
—— 8. Benjamin Shattuck to Abigail Farnsworth of Groton
—— James Giles of Townshend to Elizabeth Green of Groton
—— Daniel Farwel to Sybele Page both of Groton.
—— 15 Asa Woster to Anna Parker both of Groton

1764

Jany 19. John Gilson to Prudence Lawrence both of Groton
April 12. Andrew Conn of Ipswich N-Ham. to Mary Scot of Groton
May 1. Joseph Parker to Abigail Page both of Groton.
—— 3. Oliver Lakin to Sibele Gilson both of Groton.
June 26. David Farwell to Submit Woods both of Groton.
July 26. Ephraim Ware to Martha Parker both of Groton
Aug. 22. Timothy Priest to Sarah Butterfield both of Groton
Aug. 30. Thos Conn of South Carolina to Mary McFarland of Groton.
Octo^{r} 9. Ebenezer Champney to Abigail Trowbridge both of Groton
Returnd to the Clerk
Decr 4. Samuel Pierce of Groton to Lucy Wallingford of Lancaster

1765.

Jany 31. Joel Stone to Eunice Holden both of Groton
March 13. Phinehas Wait to Esther Goold both of Groton
April 16. William Green of Pepperel to Hannah Woods of Groton.

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May. 2. Joseph Wilson of Shirley to Hepzibah Warren of Groton

May 15. Josiah Stevens of Townshend to Mary Lawrance of Groton.

Septr 25. Sampson Farnsworth to Rachel Shattuck both of Groton
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Septr 26. William Shed to Lydia Farnsworth both of Groton

Octr 9. Samuel Nutting of Waltham to Olive Ames of Groton

Novr 26. John Pierce of Groton to Sarah Biers of Westboro'.

Decr 5. Samuel Reed Ju^{r} of Lunenburg to Mary Tarbel of Groton

—— 20. Edward Phelps of Leominster to Martha Farnsworth of Groton

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Jany 30. Joseph Rockwood to Sarah Richardson both of Groton

March 11. Ephraim Pierce to Esther Stone both of Groton

—— 18. Nathan Whipple to Abigail Bowers both of Groton

—— 25. Nathan Ball of Northbor^{o} to Elisabeth Reed of Groton

Decr 23. John Whittaker to Thankful Pierce both of Groton.

1767

Jany 6. James Adams to Susanna Jenkins both of Groton

—— 15. Simon Page of Shirley to Elisabeth Moors of Groton.

Feby 2. Jon^{a} Harris of Leominster to Hannah Robbins of Groton

—— 3. Zachariah Fitch to Sibele Lakin both of Groton

—— 18. Eben^{r} Farnsworth to Sarah Nichols both of Groton

March 19. Joseph Hartwell of Littleton to Elisabeth Pierce of Groton.

May 5. Jon^{a} Farnsworth of Harvard to Hannah Farwell of Groton.

June 16. Aaron Farnsworth to Sarah Bennet both of Groton.

July 23. David Taylor of Concord to Sarah Parker of Groton.

Octr 29. John Page to Esther Lawrance both of Groton.

Novr 11. Salmon Stone to Susa Page both of Groton.

—— 26. Caleb Woods of Groton to Betty Cummings of Hollis.

Decr 10. Thos Smith of Westford to Hannah Saunders of Groton.

1768

Feby 9. Daniel Page to Abigail Johnson both of Groton

Feby 10. Doct^{r} Jonas Martial of Chelmsford to Mary Parker of Groton

March 9. Joseph Corey to Katharine Perry both of Groton

August. 1. Jonathan Lakin to Jemima Williams both of Groton.

Octr 6. Thos Farrington to Betty Woods both of Groton.

Novr 10. John Woods Junr of Groton to Hannah Goodhue of Westford

—— 17. John Bancroft of Woodstock to Eunice Blood of Groton

Decr 1. Thos Gragg to Eunice Lakin both of Groton.

—— 27. Sam^{ll} Parker Junr of Groton to Rebecca Hunt of Westford

1769

Jany 12. James Blood Junr of Groton to Elisabeth Jewet of Pepperel

Feby 2. Phinehas Page of Shirley to Hannah Stone of Groton

May 9. Thos Chamberlain to Lydia Adams both of Groton. Return'd Clerk

July 6. Captn Joseph Sheple to Deborah Bowers both of Groton.

Aug. 31 : Israel Hobart to Sarah Nutting both of Groton

Sepr 28. Levi Kemp to Rebecca Nevers both of Groton

Octr 3. Peter Fisk to Rachel Kemp both of Groton

—— 26. Isaac Nutting Junr to Mary Nutting both of Groton

Novr 15. Jon^{a} Boyden to Elisabeth Sawtell both of Groton

—— 21. Benj^{a} Lawrance of Pepperel to Sybele Parker of Groton

Decr 12. William Dutton of New Ipswich to Martha Parker of Groton.

1770

Feby 8. Peter Swallow of Dunstable to Prudence Stiles of Groton.

June 6. Samuel Kemp 3us of Groton to Elisabeth Kezer of Shirley.

Octr 10. Joseph Symonds to Mitty Cummings both of Groton

Novr 20. Benj^{a} Hazzen to Lydia Woods both of Groton.

Decr 6. Isaac Farwell to Lucy Page both of Groton

——— Solomon Farnsworth to Lucy Farnsworth both of Groton

——— Nathaniel Melvin of New Ipswich to Abigail Lakin of Groton

—— 27. Nathan Korey to Molley Green both of Groton

1771.

May 7. Zachariah Nutting to Eunice Nutting Daughter of Daniel Nutting both of Groton

—— 23. Thos White Junr to Ruth Farnsworth both of Groton

June 4. Elisha Rockwood Junr to Abigail Stone both of Groton

——— Reuben Tucker of Townshend to Relief Farnsworth of Groton

July Timy Woods to Elisabeth De Rumple both of Groton

Augst 13. Saml Wood Junr of Littleton to Rebecca Brooks of Groton

—— 14. Stephen Lunn of New Ipswich to Sibbel Whitney of Pepperel

Octr 3. Timothy Farwell to Sarah Page both of Groton.

1772

Jany 9. Jacob Patch to Mary Hazzen both of Groton.

March 26. Josiah Warren to Sarah Tarbell both of Groton.

May. 7. William Beals of Westford to Anna Woods of Groton.

—— 11. Jonathan Wetherbee of Harvard to Abigail Farwell of Groton.

—— 20. Lieut Samll Tuttle of Littleton to Mary Lawrance of Groton

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Novr 24. Edmund Blood to Katy Blood both of Groton.

Decr 8. John Sheple to Rebecka Blanchard both of Groton.

—— 10. Lemuel Blood to Lydia Blood both of Groton.

—— 31. Amos Lawrance Junr to Betty Hubbard both of Groton

1773.

Jany 7. Levi Lakin to Hannah Lakin both of Groton

——— William Shead Junr to Elisabeth Parker both of Groton.

—— 19. Benjamin Page to Emma Page both of Groton.

—— 21. John Egerton of Shirley to Abigail Parker of Groton.

—— 26. Benja Bancroft tert. to Phebe Parker both of Groton

—— 28. Obadiah Jenkins Junr to Lucy Parker both of Groton

——— Captn Josiah Bowers of Billerica to Mrs Maria Trowbridge of Groton

March 9. Nehemiah Goold to Molley Kemp both of Groton.

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—— 18. Jonathan Stone of Harvard to Jemima Longly of Groton.
May 20. Phinehas Parker to Reliefe Parker both of Groton.
June 16. David Sawtell to Patience Kemp both of Groton.
July 15. Thos. Trowbridge to Ruth Nevers both of Groton.
—— 27. John Eills of Rindge to Rebecca Page of Groton.
—— 28. Timothy Johnson to Sarah Farnsworth both of Groton.
Augst 21. Ebenezer Lewis to Sarah Bennet both of Groton.
—— 25. Abijah Warren to Susanna Green both of Groton.
—— 31. Ebenezer Kemp Junr to Reliefe Phillips both of Groton.
Sepr 1. Abraham Moors to Sarah Allen both of Groton
—— 9. Lemuel Scot to Mary Wetherel both of Pepperrell.
—— 14. Peter Stone of Groton to Abigail Fasset of Westford.
Octr 21. Joseph Harwood Junr of Littleton to Thankful Stone of Groton.
Decr 7. Jabez Biers of Bolton to Phebe Brooks of Groton.
—— 27. Stephen Foster to Elisabeth Dustun both of Groton.

1774

Jany 6. John Hadley Junr of Westford to Ruth Kemp of Groton.
—— 12. John Woods to Deborah Holdin both of Groton.
March 3. Caleb Blood to Elisabeth Farnsworth both of Groton
—— 22. David Lakin to Rebecka Blanchard both of Groton.
April 26. Samuel Hemingway of Groton to Sarah Fitch of Pepperrell
July 14. Abel Bancroft to Sarah Lawrance both of Groton
Octr 3. Paul Fletcher of Groton to Thankful Beeman a resident in Groton
—— 23. Amos Kidder of Chelmsford to Mercy Nutting of Groton
Novr 3. Ephraim Robbins of Westminster to Hannah Brooks of Groton
—— 10 Jacob Blodget to Lucy Tarbox both of Dunstable
—— 17. Oliver Blood Junr to Hannah Blood both of Groton.
Decr 15. Ebenezer Wood of Sudbury to Abigail Rockwood of Groton
——— Jonathan Sheple to Anna Blood both of Groton.
—— 22. Joseph Prescott of Westford to Abigail De Rumple of Groton

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——— Simeon Nutting of Groton to Dorothy Hudson of Pepperrell

Decr 27. James Blood Junr of Groton to Martha Shattuck of Pepperrell

—— 30 Jonas Taylor of Groton to Sarah Houston of Dunstable

1775

Jany 12 : Levi Parker to Jemima Lakin both of Groton.

—— 26. Samuel Boyden to Molley Sawtell both of Groton.

March 16. John Campbel Brown to Lucy Chase both of Groton

1778

Jany 26th Oliver Patch to Alethea Blood both of Groton

Feby 19th Nath^{el} Whittemore of Harvard to Lydia Stone of Groton.

March 4th Joseph Miller of Littleton to Milly Nutting of Groton.

March 17th Jonas Taylor a Resident of Groton to Hannah Blood of Groton.

May 7th Saml French of Dunstable to Mary Johnson of Westford.

May 12th Charles Quailes to Caty Gilson both of Groton.

Jon^{a} Woods to Allice Parker both of Groton.

June 9th Jonas Pierce Junr to Abigail Prescott Junr [*sic*] both of Groton.

Phillip Shattuck to Mercy Butterfield both of Pepperrell.

July 29th Jonas Sawtell to Eunice Kemp both of Groton

Sept. 22^{d} Jon^{a} Hall of Ashby to Beulah Bigelow of Wesford

24th John Darling Ju^{r} of Winchendon to Sarah Blood Ju^{r} [*sic*] of Groton.

Oct. 8th Jonathan Clarke Lewis to Eunice Parker both of Groton.

Octr 15th John French Woods to the Widow Mary Parker both of Groton.

Octr 22^{d} John Dutton of Stoddard in Newhampshire to the Wid^{o} Deborah Parker of Groton.

Octr 29th Philip Butterfield to Mary Parkhurst both of Dunstable.

Nov. 4th Joseph Parkhurst to Catharine Taylor both of Dunstable

Decem 30th Sartell Holden of Shirley to Hannah Cooke of Groton.

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1779.

May 11. Benj[a] Beels of Rindge N. Hampshire to Anna Lawrence of Groton

Sept 26. John Gragg Jun[r] to Mary Bennett both Residents of Groton

Decemb[r] 14. Abraham Moors Jun[r] to Mercy Capron both of Groton.

Decem[r] 30. Timothy Reed of Dunstable to the Widow Jane Nutting of Groton

1780.

Jan[y] 19. Isaiah Edes to the Widow Eunice Parker both of Groton

And Samuel Rockwood to Lucy Hubburd both of Groton

Feb[y] 24. David Prescott to Mary Blood both of Groton

March 30. Peletiah Russell to Sarah Derumple, & also William Kemp to Emma Farnsworth, all of Groton.

June 29. Ezra Prescott of Groton to Dolly Wright of Westford.

July 4. Ebenezer Farnsworth of Groton to Martha Haild of Harvard.

July 12. Abel Amsden to Mary Fish both of Groton.

Sep[t] 26. Silas Parker to Meriah Farnsworth both of Groton.

Sept. 28 Jesse Butterfield to Lydia Blodgett both of Dunstable.

Nov. 2. Benjamin Farwell to Lucy Collier both of Groton.

Decem[r] 7. Elnathan Sartell to Ruth Patch both of Groton

Decem[r] 14. Jonas Hadley of Westford to Azubah Prescott of Groton.

1781

Jan[y] 30 Asa Wilkins to Alice Kendall both of Reading State of Vermont

Feb[y] 7 Aaron Bigelow to the Widow Lucy Pierce both of Groton

March 1. Edmund Farnsworth to Jane Conn, both of Groton

April 10. Joseph Chamberlain to Rebeccah Whitney both of Pepperrell.

April 23. David Smith of Shrewsbury to Abigail Kemp of Groton

May 17. Asa Kemp of Groton to Alice Nutting of Pepperrell

May 19. Winslow Parker to Abigail Woods both of Groton

June 14. Jon[a] Carriel Ju[r] to Sybele Stone both of Groton.

August 7. David Blood to Sybele Parker both of Groton.

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—— 23. James Brazier to Sarah Farwell both of Groton.
Oct. 30. Oliver Farnsworth Jur to Patience Kemp both of Groton
Nov. 1st. William Park Jur of Harvard to Eunice Stone of Groton

1782.

May 7. Amos Farnsworth to Elisabeth Rockwood both of Groton.
June 18. Samuel Hodskin of New Salem to Betty Kemp of Groton
July 29 James Child to Hannah Cushing both of Groton.
August 8. Samuel Wyman to Abigail Nutting both of Groton:
Sept. 19. William Bancroft to Agness Edes both of Groton.
Oct. 24. Joseph Chaplin jur of Lunenburg to Abigail Boulton of Shirley.
Oct. 31. Ephraim Farwell to Anna Bartlett both of Groton.
Nov. 27. John Hill of Harvard to Sarah Davis of Groton.
—— 28. Nathl Blanchard to Anna Green both of Groton.

1783.

Jan. 14. Eben Tarbell to Sarah Warren both of Groton
Feb. 10. Jonas Kemp to Molly Nutting both of Groton
—— 27. Robert Ames jr to Ruth Lawrance both of Groton
April 3. Samuel Bartlett jr to Tabitha Burge both of Groton
June 24. John Blood to Lydia Kemp both of Groton
June 30. William Whipple a resident, to Lydia Lakin an inhabitant of Groton.
August 20. Caleb Davis Esq. of Boston to Mrs Mary Anna Bant of Groton
Nov. 6. Joseph Bancroft to Susanna Hubberd both of Groton

1784.

March 4. John Chaney jr to Abigail Blodget, both of Dunstable
May 6. Simeon Kemp to Tryphena Parker, both of Groton
August 5. Eleazer Nutting jr to Sally Kemp both of Groton
—— 24. Nathan Nutting to Rhoda Lewis both of Groton
—— 26. Nathaniel Williams to Hannah Lawrance both of Groton
Sept. 16 Joshua Parker to Elisabeth Farley both of Groton
23. Ebenezer Stacy to Rebecca Sawtell both of Groton
Ambrose Lakin to Mary Cram both of Lyndeborough State of Newhampshire.

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Oct. 26. William Parker to Susanna Chaney both of Groton
Nov. 4. Joseph Wetherbee jr to Lydia Kemp both of Groton
25. Oliver Lakin to Submit Farwell both of Groton
Samuel Chamberlin of Holles to Sarah Patch of Groton
Decr 16. Ezekiel Porter to Betty Wyman both of Groton
30. Solomon Russell to Bulah Bancroft both of Groton
Stephen Hosley of Peppl to Sarah Rockwood of Groton

1785.
Jan. 18. Thos Farrington jr of Hancock to Betty Holden of Groton
20. Nathl Lakin jr of Pepperrell to Mary Dodge of Groton
27. Sampson Prescott to Lucy Blood both of Groton
Feb. 1. Jonathan Going to Sarah Kendall both of Windsor State of Vermont
—— 17. Solomon Tarbell to Molly Bennett both of Groton
March 10. William Green junr of Pepperrell to Abigail Ames of Groton
April 14. Ammi Harrington to Sarah Nutting both of Groton
May 16. John Johnson to Susanna Bennett both of Groton
July 14. Silas Blood jr to Sarah Sheple both of Groton
Sept. 6. Nathaniel Hobart to Hannah Sartell both of Groton
—— 13. Isaac Kendall to Ruth Swallow both of Dunstable
Oct. 18. Africa Hamlin of Harvard to Susanna Stone of Groton
—— 20. Elias Chaffin of Harvard to Hannah Stone of Groton
Nov. 3. Reuben Fisk to Lydia Fisk both of Groton
17. Nahum Woods to Jane Derumple both of Groton
Decemr 15. Robert Lakin of Peterborough Newhampshire to Lydia Blood of Groton.

1786.
Febr 16. Lieut. Amaziah Swallow of Dunstable to Mrs Mary Woods of Groton
April 19. Joseph Keys of Westford to Sarah Derumple of Groton
May 2 Jacob Chase to Abigail Hubbard both of Groton
—— 5. Simeon Gilson to Elizabeth Sartell both of Groton
June 7. David How jr of Sudbury to Sybele Rockwood of Groton

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—— 22. Abel Page of Shirley to Lydia Cook of Groton
July 11. William Lawrance to Sarah Farwell both of Groton
—— 27. Simeon Lakin to Lois Hartwell both of Groton
Sep^{t} 1. Joseph Gragg to Hannah Graves both of Groton
—— 29. Roland Lawrance to Mahala Worcester both of Groton.

Nov. 21. Joel Kemp to Bathsheba Kemp, the former an inhabitant, the latter a resident of Groton.
Decem^{r} 25. David Shattuck to Sibbil Brown both residents of Groton
Decem^{r} 26. Asahel Wyman to Susanna Childs both of Groton
27. Isaac Green of Ashby to Prudence Ames of Groton.

1787.

Feby 8. Ebenezer Parkhurst to Elizabeth Kendall both of Dunstable.
April 12. John Bowers to Lucy Wheeler both of Groton
June 18. Ephraim Stone to Sarah Ames both of Groton
Sept. 13. Abel Stevens to Deborah Trufant both of Groton
20. William Sheple j^{r} to Lydia Tarbell both of Groton
Oct. 11th Joseph Moors of Rindge to Emme Hubbard of Groton
Nov. 2^{d} Jonathan Stevens to Tryphena Hobart both of Groton
Decem^{r} 25th Asa Shattuck of Pepperrell to Anna Wright of Groton

1788

Feby 14th John Hadley of Gardner to Abigail Prescott of Groton
18th John Scott to Bethiah Ames both of Groton
22^{d} Joseph Sawtell 3^{tius} to Hannah Kemp both of Groton
Feby 28th Thomas Farwell j^{r} of Washington, Newhampshire, to Sally Wait of Groton
Aaron Burdoo of Reading, Vermont, to Phebe Lew of Groton [Colored persons.]
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April 8th William Tarbell to Molly Simonds, both of Groton
July 10th Benjamin Morse j^{r} to Susanna Trufant, both of Groton
Sept. 10th Samuel Blood to Sarah Bartlett both of Groton.
Nov. 15th Ezekiel Nutting j^{r} to Elizabeth Holden, both of Groton
—— 25th Doctor Samuel Farnsworth to Betsey Fitch both of Groton
Decem^{r} 25th John White of Pepp^{ll} to Lydia Farwell of Groton
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1789.

April 16th Richard Briant to Mary Whitney both of Harvard.
April 30th Ephraim Lawrance to Sally Sartell both of Groton
May 7th Samuel Bancroft to Abigail Child both of Groton
11th Amos Shed to Lucy Tarbell both of Groton
28th Israel Shattuck of Pepp[ll] to Ede Patch of Groton
June 7th Imlah Parker to Hannah Ames, both of Groton.
July 21st Thomas Tarbell to Molly Farnsworth both of Groton
Augst 20th Moses Stone of Newpennycook to Polly Hamlen of Harvard.
Abel Densmore to Rachel Fisk both of Groton.
Sept. 29th Jonas Baker of Westminster to Susanna Simonds of Gardner
Nov. 3d James Ralph a resident to Lucy Kemp an inhabitant of Groton
—— 9th Abel Sartell to Sarah Nutting both of Groton

1790.

Jany 13th Jon[a] Lawrence to Lydia Tarbell both of Groton
17th Jacob Rodiman of Boston to Abigail Lawrence of Groton
25th Reuben Rice to Susanna Craigg both of Groton
Feby 4th Benjamin Swan of Littleton to Mary Wait of Groton. Returned to Clerk
April 12th Oliver Kemp to Lydia Blood both of Groton.
—— 25th Joseph Trufant j[r] to Anna Bennett both of Groton.
May 2d Jonas Gilson to Nabby Green both of Groton.
—— 12th Ebenezer Woods j[r] to Sarah Farwell both of Groton
—— 14th Henry Blood to Nabby Lakin both of Groton.
20th Eleazer Davis to Betsey Parker both of Groton
June 22d Colson Trufant to Maria Page both of Groton.
July 6th David Davis to Lucy Farwell both of Groton.
Sept[r] 16th Samuel Dodge to Polly Farnsworth both of Groton
—— 30th John Lawrance j[r] to Esther Nutting both of Groton
Oct[r] 17th Jotham Woods to Mary Gilson both of Groton
Nov. 25th Ephraim Nutting j[r] to Polly Woods both of Groton
Decem[r] 14th Joel Lawrance to Ruth Collier both of Groton

1791

Feby 1st Jonathan Shed of Reding Vermont to Nabby Allen of Groton
March 29th Eleazer Hamlen to Sarah Bancroft both of Groton

March 30th Oliver Page of Shirley to Esther Kemp of Groton.
Returned to the Town Clerk all the foregoing.
Augst 15th Samuel Hartwell to Caroline Matilda Wright both of Groton
23d. James Gilson of Pepperrell to Sarah Dodge of Groton
Septr 30th Timothy Bigelow to Lucy Prescott both of Groton
Nov. 13th Asa Lawrance to Lydia Farnsworth both of Groton.
Vryling Fletcher to Lefe Parker both of Groton.
23d. Josiah Sartell to Sally Parker both of Groton
Decemr 8th James Robertson junr of Chesterfield Newhamshire to Ede Fasset of Groton
—— 12th Isaiah Edes to Molly Kemp both of Groton

1792
Jany 3d. Nehemiah Ramsdell of Groton to Polly Farnsworth of Harvard
5th Seth Ramsdell of Waterford [Maine] to Polly Stone of Groton.
24th Roland Lawrance to Azubah Parker both of Groton
Feby. 24. David Lakin junr. to Ede Green both of Groton.
March 2. Jonas Eaton jun. to Polly Corey both of Groton
—— 8. William Fitch of Flinstown [Baldwin, Maine] to Betsy Woods of Groton
—— 22. Asa Blood of Mason to Lucy Hemmenway of Groton.
July 1st. Abel Blood to Nabby Keep both of Groton
Oct. 9th. Abel Ames to Fanny Livingston both of Groton.
13th. John Hazen to Hannah Worster both of Groton
19th. Samuel Corey to Sarah French both of Groton.
Nov. 22d. Philip Robins of Westford to Ruth Pierce of Groton.
29th. Ebenezer Laughton of Ashby to Debby Fisk of Groton.
Decem. 11th. David Brown jun. of Mason to Betty Richardson of Groton.

1793.
March 7th. Samuel Morse to Polly Moors both of Groton.
May 2d. Thomas Gass of Burlington Bay [Vermont] to Betsy Park of Groton
June 22d. David Potter of Bridgton [Maine] to Sybil Fitch of Groton
July 10th. John Reed to Sally Lawrance both of Groton.
August 8th. Eber Woods to Nancy Fletcher both of Groton
Sept. 3d. Phinehas Parker jun. to Betsy Corey both of Groton.

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12th. Asa Gilson to Sukey Gragg both of Groton
19th. Samuel Chamberlin jun. of Groton to Rebecca Lawrance of Littleton
24th. John Bancroft to Lucy Davis both of Groton.
Oct. 3d. Stephen Holman of Bolton to Rhoda Russell of Groton.
William Park to Sally Farnsworth both of Groton
11th. Benjamin Bathrick to Polly Beers both of Groton
Nov. 7th. Jonas Ball to Betsy Connick both of Groton.
Daniel Hemmenway to Hannah Collier both of Groton.
Levi Gilson to Sybele Lakin both of Groton.

1794
Jan. 1st. John Chamberlin of Waterford [Maine] to Sally Stone of Groton
2. Timothy Lawrance of Littleton to Molly Boyden of Groton
Feb. 25th. Abel Davis to Olive Stone both of Groton.
March 26th. Nathaniel Gilson to Mary Eaton both of Groton.
May 13th. Oliver Laughton of Pepperell to Sally Simonds of Groton.
May 27th. Timothy Stone of Groton to Lydia Farwell of Harvard
July 15th. Peter Cook to Allice Bancroft both of Groton

1795
Jan. 1st. Edmund Tarbell to Sally Sawtell both of Groton
Feb. 16th. Robert Wilkinson of Westford to Lydia Sawtell of Groton
March 3d. Mathew Davis of Jeffrey to Sally Nutting of Groton.
30th. Abel Wright of Westford to Lefe Trowbridge of Groton.
April 30th. Samuel Chase of Groton to Anna Longley of Shirley.
June 16th. Joseph Wheelock of Annapolis Novascotia to Sybele Tarbell of Groton.
July 19th. Josiah Stevens to Betsy Frost both of Groton
August 12th. Calvin Boynton to Patty Sawtell both of Groton
Oct. 13th. Josiah Hobart junr. to Sally Blood both of Groton.
Nov. 2d. Isaac Stone to Lucy Daby both of Groton
Decem. 29. Samuel Read jun. of Westford to Polly Fitch a resident in Groton.

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1796

Feb. 2. Jacob Kimball of Bridgton to Emme Stone of Groton
David Fletcher of Dunstable to Mary Allen of Groton

Feb. 16. Edmund Holden of Langdon State of Newhampshire to Susanna Rockwood of Groton.

March 23. Benjamin Darling of Mason Newhampshire to Susanna Priest of Groton

29. Jeremiah Chaplin to Lydia Ames both of Groton

May 16. Benjamin Frost of Groton to Lucretia Johnson a resident in Groton.

29. Peletiah Russell to Mary Brown both of Groton.

July 6. Joseph Warner jun. of Pepperell to Sally Hemenway of Groton.

Sept. 18. David Moors to Betsy Tarbell both of Groton.

Nov. 7. Solomon Frost to Sally Whitcomb both of Groton.

N. B. Jan. 1798. All the marriages in this book have been returned to the Town Clerk's office.

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1796.

Nov. 10. Simon Page of Shirley to Elizabeth Derumple of Groton.

1797.

Jan. 5. Jacob Chase to Sally Park both of Groton.

19. John Loring of Groton to Lois Faulkner of Acton.

Feb. 16. Abel Lawrance of Groton to Mary Jewett of Pepperell.

April 4. Silvanus Smith to Nabby Farley both of Groton.

13. Joseph Bennett of Groton to Sally Procter of Dunstable.

May 4. Thomas Wood to Molly Pierce both of Groton.

16. Robert W. Burr of Ashby to Rebeccah Parkhurst of Dunstable.

June 22. Simon Patch of Ludlow in the State of Vermont to Betsey Farmer of Groton.

July 3. Oliver Blood 3d. of Groton to Ruth Conn of Ashburnham.

23. Solomon Carleton to Nabby Haven both of Groton.

August 3. Hezekiah Moors of Mount Hawley in the State of Vermont to Lydia Page of Groton.

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Oct. 1. Samuel Holden to Jane Farnsworth both of Groton.
Nov. 16. John Shattuck to Polly Bennett both of Groton.
20. Joseph Stone to Rachel Green both of Groton.
29. Benjamin Holden to Emme Farwell both of Groton.
30. Jonas Jewett of Pepperrell to Mary Danforth of Tyngsborough.
Mem. The foregoing marriages returned to the T. Clerk's office.

1798.
Jan. 1. Benjamin Kendall of Ashby to Lucy Dodge of Groton.
7. Levi Kemp jun to Jerusha Wyman both of Groton.
31. Francis Parker to Lucinda Williams both of Groton.
Feb. 11. Asa Wheeler to Sarah Bancroft both of Groton
18. Ezekiel Pierce to Emme Page both of Groton
March 8. Sewell Brooks of Westminster to Sally Kemp of Groton
26. Amos Otis of Barnstable to Nancy Farnsworth of Groton
27. Hezekiah Spaulding to Sarah Lewis both of Groton
May 23. William Alexander Resident in Groton to Eunice Parker of Groton.
June 14. John Woodward of Tyngsborough to Mary Fletcher of Groton.
August 21. Andrew Dodge jun. of Groton to Sally Bowers of Townsend.
Sept. 16. James Woods of Pepperrell to Polly Capel of Groton.
Nov. 25. Noah Shattuck to Anna Sheple both of Groton.
Thomas Bennett jun. to Nancy Shattuck both of Groton.
Nov. 29. Peter Graves of Westminster to Esther Lawrance of Groton.
Returned to the town Clerk's office to be recorded.
Decem. 20. Nathaniel Whittemore of Lancaster to Sarah Stone of Groton.

1799.
Feb. 19. Jonathan Sheple of Washington, Newhamshire, to Deborah Lawrance of Groton.
Jonas Fillebrown of Cambridge to Mary Kemp of Groton.
March 28. Daniel Shattuck to Nabby Sheple both of Groton.

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April 21. William Livermore to Betsey Bulkley Ames, both of Groton.
Lyman Fletcher to Nabby Stone both of Groton.
25. Elias Hart to Sally Page both of Groton.
May 30. Nathaniel Whittemore of Lancaster to Polly Stone of Groton.
[Duplicate entry of this marriage. See above, under date of December 20, which is presumably correct.]
June 4. Israel Longley of Shirley to Sally Tarbell of Groton.
July 2. John Adams jun. to Patty Richards both of Groton.
16. John Lawrance 3d to Margaret Gragg both of Groton
July 21. Reuben Shattuck jun. of Pepperell to Sally Parker of Groton.
August 4. Samuel Hale to Betsey Brown both of Groton.
Sept. 2. Daniel Sawin of Watertown to Lucy Dickson of Groton.
10. Moses P. Fletcher to Eunice Gragg both of Groton.
Oct. 17. Thomas Blood of Groton to Milly Fitch of Pepperell.
Decem. 16. Thomas Giles jun. of Townsend to Nabby Spaulding of Groton.
17. William Abbot of Wilton to Betty Lawrance of Groton.

1800.

Jan. 16. Moses Day to Jane Park both of Groton.
Feb. 5. Nathan Jewett to Lucy Cook both of Groton.
27. Joseph Allen jun. to Submit Lawrance both of Groton.
March 2. Joel Ames of Medford to Lucinda Howe of Groton
March 20. Joseph Robbins to Rachel Graves both of Groton
April 20. Calvin Colburn of Boston to Sybele Lakin of Groton.
May 11. Jonathan Bennett to Margaret Shattuck both of Groton.
26. Capt. Job Shattuck to Elizabeth Gragg both of Groton.
June 12. Abraham Simons of Groton to Milly Lakin of Pepperell.
Sept. 4. Jonas Lakin of Groton to Mary Ransford of Boston.
Oct. 5. Oliver Pearson of Winchendon to Lydia Priest of Groton
9. Deacon Isaac Farnsworth to Lydia Moors both of Groton

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12. Capt. Henry Farwell to Hannah Worster both of Groton
Jonathan Jones to Eunice Shattuck both of Groton
Nov. 27. Henry Farwell jun. to Mary Lamson both of Groton.
Decem. 23. Lewis Blood to Sally Shattuck, both of Groton.
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1801

Jan. 27. Jonas Page jun. to Polly Kemp both of Groton.
Feb. 16. John Fitch to Sukey Parker both of Groton
May 28. James Kendall to Sukey Munroe both of Groton
31. Joshua Davis to Betsey Patterson both of Groton
June 25. Jonathan Farwell to Sybele Sawtell both of Groton
July 4. Isaac Dodge to Elizabeth Blood both of Groton.
8. John Capel jun. to Sally Blood both of Groton
Sep. 13. David Weeks to Elisabeth Quailes both of Groton.
Decem. 28. Daniel Eaton jun. of Boston to Anna Bancroft of Groton.

1802.

Jan. 12. James Sheple to Sarah Longley both of Groton.
Feb. 10. Eleazer Parker jun. to Abigail Lawrance both of Groton
May 20. Benjamin Jaquith of Ashby to Rebeccah Spaulding of Groton.
June 29. Peter Chase to Sally Stone both of Groton.
July 25. Thomas Capell of Groton to Elizabeth Tarbell of Pepperell.
Aug. 18. Asa Lewis of Ashby to Lucy Fletcher of Groton.
Oct. 4. John Sawyer of Bolton to Ruth Carter of Groton.
19. Jonathan Lawrance jun. to Azubah Blood both of Groton.
Decem. 23. Rufus Moors to Lucy Sawtell both of Groton.

1803.

Jan. 25. Peter Procter of Dunstable to Nabby Rockwood of Groton
Feb. 2. Peter Farwell to Lydia Adams both residents in Groton
March 31. Seth Nutting to Eunice Bennett both of Groton.
April 19. Job Shattuck 3d to Polly Sawtell both of Groton.
June 23. Joel Lawrence to Betsey Stedman both of Groton.
26. Joseph Bowers to Becca Buckman both of Groton.

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Aug. 28. Moses P. Fletcher to Rachel Gragg both of Groton
Sep. 5. William Whitney to Anna Lakin both of Groton
Oct. 17. Abijah Gilson to Deborah Blood both of Groton
31. John Burges to Polly Reed both of Groton
Nov. 3. Nathan Cory jun. of Groton to Deverd Wright of Pepperell
8. Ebenezer Champney jun. of Newipswich to Mehetabel Goodrich of Groton
22. Isaac Lakin to Hephzibah Jaquith Blood both of Groton
Decem. 8. Ebenezer L. Blood to Polly Sanders both of Groton
18. Phinehas Goold to Sally Russell both of Groton
Decem. 26. Shadrach Bardeen of Harvard to Sarah Nutting of Groton

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1804.

Jan. 5. Oliver Rice to Mitty Woods both of Groton
Feb. 4. Silas Farwell to Sally Williams both of Groton
20. John Woods jun. to Betty Farnsworth both of Groton
Elisha Jacobs of Sutton to Patty Farnsworth of Groton
April 5. James Bennett jun. to Nancy Shattuck both of Groton
May 3. Joseph F. Hall to Sally Moors both of Groton
Isaac Childs to Sally Rockwood both of Groton.
June 4. Henry Vassal Chamberlain Esq[r] of Farmington in the district of Maine to Hannah Tarbell of Groton.
Aug. 14. Aaron Woodbury of Salem to Eunice Kemp of Groton.
24. James Clark Richardson of Brookfield to Betsey Bennett resident in Groton
Sept. 25 Jacob Zweir jun. of Lancaster to Fanny Adams of Groton
Nov. 20. Josiah Sartell Williams to Lydia Simons both of Groton.

1805

Feb. 13. Timothy Cunings jun. of Westford to Betsey Whitman of Groton
18. Josiah Hazzen to Eunice McLane both of Groton.
April 2. David Olds a resident in Groton to Persis Williams of Groton.
7th. Artemas Wright to Prudence Corey both of Groton.
17. Elijah Longley of Shirley to Betsey Stone of Groton
25. Asa Graves to Sukey Lawrence both of Groton.

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28. George Munroe to Patty Stone both of Groton
May 20. Capt. Jonathan Fletcher of Dunstable to Hannah Farwell of Groton.
30. Joseph Blood to Nancy Gray both of Groton.
June 5. Asa Green to Phebe Prescott both of Groton
11. Doctor Joseph Mansfield to Abi Hartwell both of Groton.
Sep. 5. John Park Little Esq. of Gorham to Mary Jackson Prescott of Groton.
Nov. 10. Aaron Breed of Lynn to Mary Fillebrown a resident in Groton
17. Christopher Trufant of Harvard to Betsey Burges of Groton
Decem. 4. John Hubbard to Emma Fisk both of Groton

1806.

Jan. 21. John Tippits of Wilton to Abigail Pierce of Groton.
Feb. 2. Ezra Dodge of Beverly to Mary Brown of Groton
17. John Blodget of Westford to Mary Prescott of Groton
Mar. 26. Francis Jenkins to Elisabeth Keezer both of Groton
30. Henry Yeend to Sarah Davis both of Groton
April 8. Richard Reed of Boston to Betsey Wright of Groton
May 18. Benjamin Gulliver of Boston to Mary Bancroft of Groton
July 13. Zara Patch to Susanna Nutting both of Groton
Aug. 14. Jonathan Symonds of Harvard to Jane B. Nutting of Groton.
Nov. 23. Tyler Bigelow of Watertown to Clarissa Bigelow of Groton.

1807

Jan. 28. Thomas Farmer to Sarah Bennett both of Groton
Feb. 22. Luther Farnsworth a resident in Groton to Polly Childs of said Groton
Mar. 11. Thomas Hubberd jun. to Mary Patterson both of Groton
19. Amos Stone jun. to Hannah Farnsworth both of Groton

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April 23. John Sawyer of Lunenburg to Rebecca Stone of Groton
June 1. Joseph Clough of Boston to Anna Hubbard of Groton

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July 16. Thomas Tarbell to Elizabeth Bennet both of Groton
Aug. 2. Amos Woods jun. of Dunstable to Elizabeth Parker of Groton
Nov. 29. Edward Woodcock of Orange to Eunice Hazen of Groton
Dec. 24. Edmond Patch to Philomela Lawrence both of Groton
29. Dr Jeremy Stimson of Hopkinton to Abi Richardson of Groton.
Dec. 31. Jephtha Page to Hannah Kemp both of Groton

1808

Jan. 10. Amor Hill of West Cambridge to Rebecca H. Davis of Groton
March 20. Nathaniel Lawrence jun. to Sally Shattuck both of Groton
Apr. 7. Joel Davis to Betsey Stanley both of Groton
14. Joseph Rockwood jun. to Elizabeth Brooks both of Groton
20. Rev. Stephen Bemis of Harvard to Susanna Chaplin of Groton
June 23. Ephraim Heald jun. of Westford to Lydia Patch of Groton
26. Abel Bancroft to Sally Tarbell both of Groton
Aug 5. Silas Lawrence to Hepsey Prescott both of Groton
21. John Spalter resident in Groton to Betsey Spaulding of Groton
Oct. 26. John Billings jun. of Lunenburg to Mary B. Morse of Groton.
Nov. 24. John Jipson of Lunenburg to Sarah H. Russell of Groton
Dec. 1. Moses Ames of Boston to Charity Whitman of Groton.
Dec. 15. Josiah Spaulding of 'Tyngsboro' to Molly Patch of Groton

1809

Mar. 1. Joseph Butterfield to Sarah Lawrence both of Groton
June 5. David Lakin to Sally Hartwell both of Groton
28. John Stuart of Newburyport to Sarah Taylor Brazer of Groton
Aug. 24. Moses Kemp to Nancy Blood both of Groton. Mem. She was the 27th child of Caleb B. late of Groton decd

Sep. 7. Reuben Woods to Mahala Lawrence both of Groton
23. Marquiss D. Farnsworth to Sally Tarbell both of Groton
Oct. 5. William Nutting of Randolph, Vt, to Mary Hubbard of Groton
11. Benjamin Whitney of Pepperell to Anna Woods of Groton
15. Jonas L. Parker to Elizabeth Dodge both of Groton
19. Capt. Peleg Ewell of Deering N. H. to Mrs Eunice Gragg of Groton
Nov. 2. Jonathan Burridge jun. of Lunenburg to Hannah Kezer of Groton.
30. John Lewis to Nancy Childs both of Groton

1810

Jan. 25. Charles Read of Westford to Bulah Gibson of Groton
Feb. 9. William Kemp to Polly Blood both of Groton
Apr. 12. Joseph D. Nutting to Lucinda Keep both of Groton
Oct. 1. Elijah Pierce to Molly Hartwell both of Groton
2. David Fuller of Pepperell to Mary Holden of Groton
Nov. 20. John S. Roby of Concord to Hannah Whitman of Groton

1811

Mar. 4. Abel Spaulding jun. of Dunstable to Anna Parker of Groton
28. Joel Adams to Polly Moors both of Dunstable N. H.
June 5. Nathaniel Stone to Sally Park both of Groton
6. Aaron Brown jun. to Sarah Pierce both of Groton
Dec. 17. John Tidd of Littleton to Vashti Kemp of Groton

1812

Feb. 18. Jonathan Lawrence to Rachel Hartwell both of Groton
Mar. 4. Hiram Kemp to Sally Parker both of Groton
Mar. 17. John Park Gass to Susan Stone both of Groton
19. Joshua Marcy of Pepp[l] to Patty Smith of Groton.
May 7. Jacob Pollard of Boston to Betsey Davis of Groton.
Aug. 19. John Ross to Anna Nutting both of Groton
Sep. 17. Aaron Williams jun. to Sarah Bennett both of Groton.
Oct 15. Simeon Gilson of Boston to Jane Woods of Groton.
Asa Andrews of Sutton to Polly Farnsworth of Groton

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19. Enoch C. Page to Hannah Densmore both of Groton
Dec. 21. Jason Williams to Emme Woods both of Groton
N. B. All above returned to the T. Clerk. D. C[haplin].

1813
Apr. 22. Timothy Blood to Anna Fletcher both of Groton
Aug. 1. Roswell Read of Westford to Sibbel Gilson of Groton.
Dec. 2. Isaac Bennett to Indiana Green both of Groton.
7. Samson Prescott to Sally Lawrence both of Groton.
Dec. 23. Deacon Timothy Dakin of Mason N. H. to Polly Brown of Groton

1814
Jan. 11. Sewall Rockwood to Lucy Moors both of Groton
Feb. 16. Thomas Jennison of Shirley to Maria Dickson of Groton.
Apr. 7. Abel Page of Harvard to Asenath Pierce of Groton
July 2. Salmon Lawrence to Maria Parker both of Groton
Sep. 13. Peter Corning Edwards of Wenham to Martha Brown of Groton.
Nov. 2. Willard Farr to Sibbell Hazen both Residents in Groton.
Dec. 25. William Buttrick of Pepp[l] to Clarissa Parker of Groton
29. Aaron Lewis to Sarah Spaulding both of Groton

1815.
Jan. 12. Jonathan Loring to Mary Trowbridge both of Groton
19. Thomas Bennett to Eunice Shattuck both of Groton
John Peabody to Abigail Spaulding both of Groton
26. Ebenezer Day of Boston to Abigail Nutting of Groton.
Mar. 6. Oliver Lakin to Betsey Blood both of Groton.
Apr. 5. Curtis Shepley to Rebecca Lawrence both of Groton.
May 14. Edmund Jewett jun. of Pepperel to Phebe Shepley of Groton.
July 7. Daniel Shattuck to Catharine Shepley both of Groton.
Oct. 19. Elijah Robbins jun. of Dunstable Mass. to Rebecca Corey of Groton.
26. Benjamin Edes to Charlotte Woods both of Groton
Nov. 30. William Dunn of Dunstable to Sally Richards of Groton.
Dec. 11. Joseph Sawtell 3[d] to Lucy Parker both of Groton.
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1816.

Mar. 4. James Johnson to Lydia Nutting both of Groton
June 6. Zadock Lawrence to Lucinda Blood both of Groton.
20. Jonathan Johnson to Susan Nutting, both of Groton.
July 23. Jesse Blood to Sarah Johnson both of Groton
July 25. Salmon Lawrence jun. to Sally Longley both of Groton
Sep. 3. Bill Wright Stevens of Westford to Rachel Woods of Groton.
Nov. 12. Amaziah Fassett to Abigail Graves both of Groton
Dec. 11. Ebenezer Perry to Abigail Blood both of Groton.
Foregoing returned to Town Clerk

1817

Mar. 12. James Stone to Harriet Lawrence both of Groton
27. Elijah Lawrence of Waltham to Sophia Johnson of Groton
Apr. 15. Reuben Wyman to Sally Parker both of Groton
May 1. Peter Nutting to Phebe Lawrence both of Groton
June 5. Samuel Woods to Catharine Gilson both of Groton
19. Oliver Blood to Rebecca Fletcher both of Groton
July 3. William Sheple jun. to Catharine Nutting both of Groton.
July 13. John Mills to Azubah Nutting both of Groton.
Oct. 28. Josiah Conant of Boston to Harriett Bancroft
Dec. 1. Benjamin Worcester to Azubah Hoit both of Groton.
29. Daniel Kemp to Rhoda Wetherbee both of Groton

1818.

Feb. 10. Calvin Childs to Sally Fitch both of Groton
27. Winslow Ames of Pepp[l] to Mary Parker of Groton
Mar. 29. William Gutterson of Gilmanton N H. to Amelia Eaton of Groton.
31. Jonas Woods of Dunstable to Sarah Sawtell of Groton
Apr. 9. Stephen Sheple to Amelia Shattuck both [of] Groton.
June 7. Simon Hobart to Mary Lawrence both of Groton.
July 3. Henry Blood jun. to Hepzibath Wetherbee both of Groton.
28. Rev. Samuel Woodbury of North Yarmouth Me to Mary Lawrence of Groton Ms.
Aug. 1. Peter Buyn to Sylvia Nutting both of Boston.
N. B. Hon. Samuel Dana, a Justice of the peace

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throughout the Com. performed the legal part of the ceremonies of this marriage by declaring the parties legally married.

Sep. 28. Dickerson Brooks of Ashburnham to Hannah Kemp of Groton.

Oct. 6. Matthias Farnsworth to Martha Burges both of Groton

Nov. 10. Joel Houghton to Mary Stone both of Groton.

1819

Feb. 25 Joseph Brown of Newipswich N. H. to Sibbel Davies of Groton.

The foreg[o]ing have been returned to the Town Clerk

Mar. 2. Jonathan Butman jun. of Tewksbury to Amey W Shattuck resident in Groton.

23. Peter Blood of Dunstable Ms. to Abigail Bancroft of Groton

May 13. William Shattuck to Sally Parker both of Groton.

Dec. 2. William P. Davis to Eliza Boit, both of Groton.

22. Jeptha R. Hartwell to Betsey Boynton of Groton.

1820

Jan. 12. William Adams of Harvard to Betsey Tarbell of Groton.

Feb. 26. The foregoing Marriages have been returned to the Town Clerk.

Mar. 5. Noah Porter of Braintree to Abigail Hobart of Groton.

Mar. 15. Calvin Darby of Worcester to Lydia Stone of Groton.

28. Samuel B. Wilder to Sophia Blood both of Groton.

30. Jeptha Woods to Rhoda Nutting both of Groton.

Apr 4. James Blood of Dunstable to Mary Jones of Groton

13. Joshua Eaton to Matilda Prescott both of Groton.

May 18. Simeon Blanchard of Dunstable N. H. to Mary Shattuck of Groton.

30. Ephraim Sawtell to Zoa Stone both of Groton.

June 1. Moses Day jun. to Millia Sawtell both of Groton.

29. Eli Flint to Fanny Flint both of Groton

Aug. 10. John Lawrence 4th to Lucy Lawrence both of Groton.

Oct. 1. Joseph Lawrence to Mindwell Cory both of Groton

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Nov. 7. Alpheus Richardson jun. to Susanna Lawrence both of Groton.

12. Brooks Bowman of Guilford N. H. to Lucy Tufts of Groton Ms.

Dec. 20. George Brigham to Margaret Shattuck both of Groton

1821.

Jan. 3. William Hinckley of Chelsea to Achsah Woods of Groton.

All above have been returned to the Town Clerk.

Mar. 26. Isaac Woods a resident in Groton to Elizar Shattuck of Groton

Apr. 15. Luther Shattuck to Polly P. Shattuck both of Groton.

May 16. Jeremiah Ray to Huldah Parker both of Groton

17. James M. Colburn of Dunstable N. H. to Rosilla Shattuck of Groton.

June 3. Ezra Farnsworth to Sally Fitch, both of Groton.

July 12. Zadoc Woods to Roxey Blood both of Groton

Oct. 16 Noah Blood to Mary Chapman both of Dunstable, Mass.

Nov. 19. Billings Fisher of Dedham to Hannah Parker of Groton

Dec. 6. Artemas Hemenway to Indiana Fitch both of Groton.

17. Oliver Page to Sarah Dodge both of Groton

1822

Feb. 7 James H Watson of Boston to Sarah Keezer of Groton.

11. William Kimball of Boston to Sarah Pierce of Groton.

Mar. 19. Nathaniel Boynton to Eliza Lawrence both of Groton.

Apr. 30. Stephen Bates Esq[r] of Dunstable N. H. to Anna Shattuck of Groton.

Apr. [May?] 12. John B. Prescott to Miranda Loring both of Groton

May 29. David Lakin jun. to Anna Lakin both of Groton.

June 13. Luther Williams to Lucinda Spaulding both of Pepperel.

June 23. Colo. Samson Woods to Mary Burges both of Groton.

Sep. 16. General Mark Trafton of Bangor, State of Maine to Ann Bright of Groton Mass.

24. Solomon Frost to Dorcas Hopkins both of Groton.

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1823.

Jan. 24. Capt. John Rockwood to Christiana Patterson both of Groton.

Feb. 4. Francis Lawrence of Charlestown to Hannah P. Woods of Groton.

10. Willard Dadmuns of Boston to Joanna Young of Groton

Foregoing Marriages returned to the Town Clerk

Apr. 27. Noah Shattuck jun. to Prudence Wright both of Groton

July 3. Walter Parker of Lunenburg to Lydia Carter of Groton.

Sep. 1. Nathaniel Littlefield of Mobile, Alabama, to Henrietta Butler of Groton, Mass.

24. Abijah Wood of Westminster to Lydia Rockwood of Groton.

Oct. 15. Calvin Hubbard to Sally Ames both of Groton.

Nov. 16. Aaron Mason of Quincy to Sybele Parker of Groton

20. Nathaniel Shattuck of Boston to Zoa P. Green of Groton.

22 Simon Nutting of Shirley to Sarah Huntress resident in Groton.

Dec. 18. John Woodward of Tyngsborough to Rebecca Sawtell of Groton.

1824

Jan. 5. Joshua Green of Sunderland to Eliza Lawrence of Groton.

Jan. 16. Isaac Hazen to Lucy Simons both of Groton

The foregoing marriages returnd to Town Clerk

Mar. 11. David Wright of St. Stevens in the Province of New Brunswick to Charlotte Eaton of Groton, Mass.

18. John Sawtell of Groton to Sarah Bennett of Cambridge.

Apr. 1. Thomas R. Pierce to Sarah Burges both of Groton

Luther Sheple to Amelia Blood both of Groton

22. Abijah Bennett to Mary Green both of Groton

29. Silas Burges of Concord to Ann Eaton of Groton.

Oct. 5. Jesse Lakin of Francestown, N. H. to Mary Nutting of Shirley, Mas.

20. James Cutler of Dunstable N. H. to Lusetta Shattuck of Groton.

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Nov. 9. Dexter Blanchard to Charlotte Capell, both of Groton.
10. Isaac Child of Groton to Margaret Hanniford of Shirley.

1825.

Jan. 27. Jonathan Hartwell of Townsend to Mary Blood of Groton.

The foregoing marriages returned to T. Clerk.

Mar. 29. Warren Shattuck to Olive Procter both of Groton.
Apr. 7. Eber Woods jun. to Dorcas V. Brown both of Groton.
12. George Dodge of Boston to Anna Parker of Groton.
14. Frederic A. Blood to Vesta Spaulding both of Groton.
19. Abel L. Holden of Shirley to Olive Davis of Groton
May 5. Joseph Richardson to Sally Whitcomb both of Groton.
June 5. Richard Blood to Lydia Woods both of Groton
23. Seth Davis to Lucy Meriam both of Shirley
24. Phinehas P. Fletcher to Eliza Woods both of Groton.
July 10. Joel Nutting to Esther Lawrence both of Groton
Oct. 10. John Sever of Kingston to Anna Dana of Groton.
Nov. 1. Asa Jenkins to Lucy Jewett both of Groton.
20. Jesse Worcester of Groton to Hannah Reed Crafts of Westford.
24. Leonard Farwell to Lydia Williams both of Groton
Levi Burgess of Concord to Lucy Lewis of Groton
Dec. 1. Amos Jackson to Lucy Hazzard both of Groton.—blacks.

The foregoing marriages returned to the Town Clerk.

1826.

April 25. Jonas Merriam of Shirley to Sarah Bennett of Groton.
30. Daniel Shattuck to Hannah White both of Groton
Oct. 18. Frederic Adams to Eliza Wetherbe both of Groton.
Nov. 21. Timothy Stone to Mary Davis both of Groton.

All above returned to Town Clerk.

1827.

Sep. 23. Jackson Blood to Betsey Jewett both of Groton.

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May 1. Abel Rockwood to Sarah Chaplin both of Groton.
June 19. Joshua Davis to Mary Farnsworth both of Groton.

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June 15. Jacob Chamberlain of Sharon Ct. to Anna Nutting of Groton.

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Baptisms.

1761.

June 7. William. son of William & Naomi Woods
Maria. Daughter of Oliver & Sarah Farnsworth
Phebe. Daughter of Elijah & Anna Wilds of Stow Leg [of that part now in Shirley.]

June 14. Jonas. son of Sam[ll] & Elizabeth Kemp
John. son of John & Hannah Whitney
Lydia. Daughter of Amos & Prudence } of Shirley Holden
Anna. Daughter of Paul & Anna Fletcher.
Naomi. Daughter of James & Mary Blood.

June 21. Nathan. son of Ephraim & Jerusha [(Parker)] Nutting.
Ann. Daughter of Benjamin & Eunice Blood.
Betsy. Daughter of David & Hannah Kemp.

July 5th. Henry. son of Joseph and Hannah [(Blood)] Blood.
Mary. Daughter of Convers and Mercy Richardson
Elizabeth. Daughter of Jonas & Jemima [(Holden)] Green
Rebeckah. Daughter of Oliver and Eunice Parker
Mary. Daughter of John & Elizabeth Nutting

July. 12th. Ephraim. son of Tho[s] & Sarah Farwell
John Avery. son of Isaac & Elizabeth Patch.

July y[e] 19th. David. son and
Hannah. Daughter } of David and Bersheba Tarbell.
Hannah. Daughter of Jonathan and Hannah [(Woods)] Holden

July 26th. Daniel. Son of Charles & Anna Richards.
Simeon. Son of Solomon and Mary Gilson.

August. 9. Lydia. Daughter of Ebenezer & Mary Kemp.

16 John. Son &
Sarah. Daughter } of John & Hannah Tarbell
Benjamin. Son of Jonathan & Anna Tarbell.
Peter. Son of Isaac & Mary Lawrence.
Stephen. Son of Jonathan & Ruth Pierce

August y[e] 23. Sybele. Daughter of Elisha & Elizabeth Rockwood
M[r] Stone Baptizd.

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Joseph. Son of John & Elisabeth Longly
Ame. Daughter of Stephen & Sarah Holden
Sarah. Daughter of John & Jane Patterson
} Baptizd at Shirley.

August ye 30. Nathaniel. son of Nathaniel & Prudence Lawrence. Father Dead presented by the Grandfather

Triphena. son [*sic*] of Abijah & Sarah Frost of Shirley

September 6. Alec. son of William & Elizabeth Derumple.
Lucy. Daughter of Abraham & Hannah Wheeler
Hannah. Daughter of John & Abigail Sheple.
} Mr Dix Baptizd them

Septr 13. Deborah. Daughter of Sam^ll^ & Abigail Bowers.

Septr 27. Abel. Son of William & Jane [(Boynton)] Nutting
Simeon. Son of Amos & Abigail [(Bulkley)] Ames.

Octr ye 4. Zachariah. Son of Joseph & Lydia Sawtel.

—— 11th. Hannah. Daughter of Nathan & Mary Hobart.

—— 18 John. Son of John & Sybele Dudley
Daniel. Son of Timothy and Joanna Darling.
Kezia. Daughter of Moses & Sawtel

25. Rebekkah. Daughter of [Benjamin and Margaret (Williams)] Larrabee. Shirley. Mr Emerson

Novr 1. Sybele. Daughter of Nathaniel & Sybele Stone
Eunice. Daughter of Jeremiah & Lydia Shattuck

15. Nathaniel. Son of John Stone Junr And Jerusha his wife [who was a widow Woods.]

29. Lydia. of Shattuck and Lydia Blood
Edmund. of John and Susannah Sawtel

Decr 6. Jemima. of Timothy and Lydia Moors

—— 30. Sarah Daughter of Josiah & Mary Priest. baptizd at home.

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Jany 3^d^ Molley. of Jonathan & Susannah Stone.

—— 10. Esther. of Hezekiah Sawtel
Richard Stevens. of Nehemiah Holden
} Both Baptizd at Shirley

—— 17 Oliver. of Oliver and Olive Fletcher

—— 31. Josiah. of Eph^m^ & Abigail Sawtell

Feby 14.	Oliver. of Moses and Mindwell [(Stone)] Wentworth
—— 18.	Ebenezer. of Abner and Elisabeth Whetecomb Bap: at home
—— 21.	Benj^{a} of Benj^{a} & Azubah Tarbell
	Eunice. of Oliver & Eunice Parker.
—— 28.	William. of James & Susannah [(Lawrence)] Prescot.
March 7.	Elisabeth. of Jonathan & Hannah Holden.
—— 28.	Peter. of Peter and Lydia Stevens
	Nathaniel of Jeremiah & Hannah Hobart
	Oliver & William } of Oliver and Jane Parker.
April ye 4.	Nathaniel. of Jonas & Jemima Green.
—— 11.	Oliver. of Oliver & Lydia [(Baldwin)] Prescot.
	James. of Moses and Sarah Childs.
	Lemuel. of Lemuel & Betty Parker.
—— 18.	Joseph. of Joseph & Lucy Moors
—— 25	Sarah. of Jonathan and Submit [(Farwell)] Adams.
May 16.	Lucy. of Jacob & Rebecca [(Lawrence)] Blanchard.
—— 23.	Mercy. of John & Jemima Frost

Time	Childs Name	Parents Names
May 30.	Samuel	Ephraim & [Lydia] Wesson.
June 20.	Jacob, Rebekkah, Nathaniel }	Jacob & Rebecca [(Lawrence)] Blanchard.
July 11.	David & Samuel twins }	Caleb & Hannah [(Holden)] Blood
July 18.	Edmund	Oliver & Sarah Farnsworth
July 25.	Asa	Zechariah & Jemima [(Moors)] Longly.
August. 1.	Daniel	Daniel & Apphia Gilson
	Molley	Thomas & Hannah White
—— 15.	Deborah	Benj^{a} & Rebecca Lawrence
22.	Sarah	Jabez & Rachel Holden.
Septr 12.	Oliver & Sarah }	Jonathan & Sarah Sheple
	Eben & Solomon }	Jonathan & Lydia Tarbell
	William	William & Anna Sheple
	Sybele	Leonard Parker Decsd & Abigail his Wife

—— 19.	Elisabeth	Simon & Anna Blood	
Octr 24.	Juna	Nathaniel & Eunice Parker	
———	Bunker	William & Esther [(Woods)] Farwell	
Octo^{r} 31.	William	Phinehas & Sarah Wait	M^{r}
———	Deborah	Robart & Deborah Parker.	Lawrence Baptizd
Novr 14.	James	James & Abigail [(Howard)] Woods	
———	Annice	Oliver & Sarah [(Darling)] Blood	
—— 28.	March	Thos & [Joanna] Farrington	
———	Sybele	Isaac & Priscilla [(Dodge)] Bowers.	
Decr 5.	William	Jonathan & Esther Lawrence	
———	Lydia	Henry & Sarah [(Taylor)] Farwell	
———	Anna	Eleazer & Sarah Green	
—— 19.	Benjamin	Joseph & Lucy Moors	

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Jany 16.	Robert	William & Anna Lakin	
———	John	Sarah Nichols [See page 9.]	
———	Ephraim	Benj^{a} & Prudence Stone.	
—— 30.	Thomas	Thomas & Sarah Farwell	
—— 31.	Levi	Jason & Jemima Williams.	baptizd at home
March 20.	Daniel	Paul & Anna Fletcher	
———	Joseph	Daniel & Apphia Gilson	
———	Maria	Jonathan & Mary [(Holden)] Sawtel	
———	Hannah	Elisha & Mary [(Farnsworth)] Rockwood	
April 17.	Samuel	Abner & Elisabeth Whetcomb.	
———	Solomon	Jon^{a} & Susannah [(Moors)] Stone.	
———	Stephen	Oliver & Jane [(Nutting)] Parker.	
———	Susannah	John & Susannah Sawtel.	
April 24.	Eunice	Gabriel & Phebe [(Lakin)] Lakin	
May 8.	Nathan	Sam^{ll} & Abiel Parker	
———	Molly	Reuben & Molly Kendel	
—— 22.	Ezekiel	Job & Sarah [(Hartwell)] Shattuck	
———	Margaret	Joseph & Marg^{et} Metcalf	
———	Rebeccah	Sam^{ll} & Rebeccah Lawrence	
—— 29.	Lucy	Joseph & Hannah [(Blood)] Blood	
June. 5.	Lois	Josiah & Mary Prest.	
—— 12.	John	Gardner & Rachel Dustun	
—— 19.	Maria	James & Mary Blood.	

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—— 26.	Peter	Ebenezer & Sarah Patch
———	Ruth	Nathaniel & Anne Woods
July 3d	Sarah	Elisha & Elisabeth [(Adams)] Rock-wood
———	Lucy	Jonathan & Lucy Woster
———	Sarah	Moses & Sarah Child
July 4.	Lydia	Jonathan & Hannah Holden baptizd at Deacn Stone
—— 10.	Oliver	Josiah & Lydia Farwel
———	Dinah	Jonas & Dinah Brooks.
—— 24.	Jenny	William & Elisabh [(Shed)] De-rumple
———	Phinehas	Benja & Eunice Blood.
—— 31.	John	John & Susannah Cheney
August. 7.	Lemuel	Obadiah & [Lydia] Jenkins
———	Esther	William & Esther [(Woods)] Farwel.
—— 14.	Luther	Samll & Anna [(Kenrick)] Dana
———	Mercy	Convers & Mercy Richardson
———	Molley	Jacob & Parker
—— 28	Ephraim	Ephraim & Jerusha Nutting
Septr 11.	Eleazer	Benjamin & Sarah Davis
———	Mary	Isaac & [Mary (Bailey)] Lawrence.
—— 25.	Calvin	Ebenr & Susannah Parker
———	Molley	John & Jerusha Stone
———	Elisabeth	Oliver & Eunice Parker
Octr 9.	Susannah	Nathan & Mary Hobart
———	Oliver	Oliver & Mary Shed.
Octr 16.	William	Benja & Azubah Tarbell
———	Robart	Robart & Sarah [(Woods)] Ames.
—— 23.	Sarah	Daniel & Mary Shed Mr Lawrence Baptizd.
Nov. 6	Hannah	Ebenezer & Mary Kemp.
———	Elisabeth	John & Sybele [(Russell)] Dudley.
—— 13.	Hannah	Nathaniel & Sybele Stone
———	Calvin	No natural Parents. Baptizd on Acc of Lydia wife of Samuel Sawtel
—— 27	Nahum	James & Abigail Woods.
———	Mary	John & Abigail [(Green)] Sheple
———	Susannah	John & Susannah Simonds.
Decr 11.	Sarah	Henry & Sarah [(Taylor)] Farwell.

———	Abigail	Amos & Abigail [(Bulkley)] Ames.
———	Molly	Ephraim & Abigail [(Stone)] Sartell.
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Jany 15.	Lydia	Oliver & Sarah [(Tarbell)]Farnsworth.
22	Levi	Jeremiah & Hannah Hobart.
———	Jonas	Solomon & Mary Gilson
———	Isaac	Isaac & Priscilla [(Dodge)] Bowers.
Feby 5.	Phebe	Oliver & Olive Fletcher.
—— 26.	Betty	Isaiah & Betty [(Shed)] Holden
March 11.	Nathan	Nathan & Deborah Ames
———	Jemima	Jonas & Jemima [(Holden)] Green
March 25.	Samuel	Lemuel & Betty [(Nichols)] Parker.
April. 1.	Sarah	Charles & Naomi Lawrence.
—— 8	Sarah	James & Susannah Prescot.
———	Simon	Peter & Lydia [(Gilson)] Stevens.
———	Sarah	Samuel & Elisabeth Kemp.
—— 22.	Nehemiah	Israel & Anna [(Lawrence)] Hobart.
May 6.	Bridget	Samuel & Rebeccah Lawrence
May 20.	Joseph	Jonathan & Ruth [(Gilson)] Pierce
June 10.	Deborah	Zechariah & Jemima Longly
—— 15.	A Child of	Caleb & Hannah [(Holden)] Blood. baptizd at home calld by no name
—— 17.	Joseph	Joseph & Lydia Sawtell.
—— 24.	Deborah	Enosh & Esther [(Woods)] Lawrance of N°1. [Mason, New Hampshire.]
July 8.	Samuel	Benj^{a} & Alice [(Tarbell)] Bancroft.
—— 22.	Molly	William & Jane Nutting.
———	Emma	John & Susanna Sawtel.
Augst 5.	Jacob & Ephraim	Ephraim & Sarah Warren
———	Prudence & Asa	Joseph & Lucy Kemp.
Augst 5.	Mahala	Jonathan & Lucy Woster
———	Sarah	Phinehas & Sarah [(Pierce)] Wait.
—— 19.	Sarah	Ephraim & Lydia Wesson
Sepr 2.	John	Abner & Elisabeth Whetcomb.
—— 16.	John	John & Jemima Frost
—— 23.	Samuel	Sam^{ll} & Abigail Bowers, born after the Fathers Decease.
Octr 7.	Samuel	Silas & Abigail Barron.

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Octr 14.	Thomas	Oliver & Lydia [(Baldwin)] Prescott
———	Frederick	Thos & [Joanna] Farrington.
—— 21.	Asa	Isaac & Elisabeth Patch.
—— 28.	Molley	Ebenezer & Mary Hartwell
———	Hannah	Joshua & Eleanor Pierce.
Novr 4.	Stephen	Eleazer & [Rebecca (Haynes)] Lawrance.
———	Molley	Elisha and Mary [(Farnsworth)] Rockwood.
—— 11.	Susanna	Ebenezer & Susanna Parker.
—— 18.	Moses	Jonathan & Susanna Stone
———	Sybele	Timothy & Lydia Moors.
Decr 9.	Benjamin	Ebenezer & Abigail [(Trowbridge)] Champney
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Jany 13.	Imlah	Nathaniel & Eunice Parker
—— 20.	John	Isaac & Anna Farnsworth.
Feby 3.	Samuel	Joseph & Lucy Moors
—— 17.	Oliver	Oliver & Sybele [(Gilson)] Lakin
March 3.	Jonas	William & Anna [(Gragg)] Lakin
———	Maria	Joseph & Abigail Parker
—— 10.	Miel	Oliver & Jane [(Nutting)] Parker
———	Rebeccah	Jonathan & Mary Sawtell
—— 11		Thomas & Hannah White, baptizd at home
—— 17	Asa	Jonathan & Esther Lawrance
———	William	Job & Sarah [(Hartwell)] Shattuck.
April 14.	Amelia	Samuel & Anna [(Kenrick)] Dana
———	William	William & Mary Spaulding
———	Molly	
———	Sybele	
———	Jonathan	
———	John	Isaac & Priscilla [(Dodge)] Bowers.
—— 21.	Ebenezer	Gabriel & Phebe [(Lakin)] Lakin
—— 28.	Salmon	Benjamin & Rebecca Lawrance
———	Abigail	Nathan & Mary Hobart.
———	Ede	Oliver & Sarah Farnsworth
May 5.	Ely	Amos & Abigail [(Bulkley)] Ames.
———	Simeon	Oliver & Eunice Parker.



Octr 14.	Thomas	Oliver & Lydia [(Baldwin)] Prescott
———	Frederick	Thos & [Joanna] Farrington.
—— 21.	Asa	Isaac & Elisabeth Patch.
—— 28.	Molley	Ebenezer & Mary Hartwell
———	Hannah	Joshua & Eleanor Pierce.
Novr 4.	Stephen	Eleazer & [Rebecca (Haynes)] Lawrance.
———	Molley	Elisha and Mary [(Farnsworth)] Rockwood.
—— 11.	Susanna	Ebenezer & Susanna Parker.
—— 18.	Moses	Jonathan & Susanna Stone
———	Sybele	Timothy & Lydia Moors.
Decr 9.	Benjamin	Ebenezer & Abigail [(Trowbridge)] Champney

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Jany 13.	Imlah	Nathaniel & Eunice Parker
—— 20.	John	Isaac & Anna Farnsworth.
Feby 3.	Samuel	Joseph & Lucy Moors
—— 17.	Oliver	Oliver & Sybele [(Gilson)] Lakin
March 3.	Jonas	William & Anna [(Gragg)] Lakin
———	Maria	Joseph & Abigail Parker
—— 10.	Miel	Oliver & Jane [(Nutting)] Parker
———	Rebeccah	Jonathan & Mary Sawtell
—— 11		Thomas & Hannah White, baptizd at home
—— 17	Asa	Jonathan & Esther Lawrance
———	William	Job & Sarah [(Hartwell)] Shattuck.
April 14.	Amelia	Samuel & Anna [(Kenrick)] Dana
———	William	William & Mary Spaulding
———	Molly	
———	Sybele	
———	Jonathan	
———	John	Isaac & Priscilla [(Dodge)] Bowers.
—— 21.	Ebenezer	Gabriel & Phebe [(Lakin)] Lakin
—— 28.	Salmon	Benjamin & Rebecca Lawrance
———	Abigail	Nathan & Mary Hobart.
———	Ede	Oliver & Sarah Farnsworth
May 5.	Ely	Amos & Abigail [(Bulkley)] Ames.
———	Simeon	Oliver & Eunice Parker.

———	Anna	William & Elisabeth [(Shed)] D'rumple.
—— 12.	William	Joseph & Hannah Blood
———	Barnabas	Uriah & Snow
—— 26.	Joseph	Thoˢ & Sarah [(Sawtell)] Farwell.
———	David	David & Submit Farwell
June 2.	Susannah	John & Susannah Cheney
———	Sarah	Robart & Sarah [(Woods)] Ames.
—— 9.	Edward	Jonathan & Submit Adams
—— 16.	Abigail	Nehemiah & Abigail Trowbridge
—— 23.	Thomas	Ambrose & Dorothy [(Gilson)] Lakin
———	Hannah	Barnabas & Olive Davis
———	Susanna	Moses & Mindwell [(Stone)] Wentworth
July. 7.	Mercy	Samuel & Abiel Parker.
—— 14.	Samuel	Ebenezer & Sarah Patch
———	Jonathan	Oliver & Sarah [(Darling)] Blood.
———	Luke	Zechariah & Esther [(Kemp)] Withe
———	Zoa	
———	Uzziel	
July 28.	Levi	George & Deborah Pierce
Augˢᵗ 18.	Susannah	John & Jerusha Stone.
Septr. 8.	Sarah	Ephraim & Sarah Warren
———	Anna	Thomas & Lydia Bennet
———	Sarah	Joseph & Margaret Metcalf
—— 15.	Richard	Elisabeth Dustun
—— 29.	Joseph	Benjª & Sarah Davis
Octr. 6.	Lucy	Joseph & Lucy Kemp
Octr. 20.	Lydia	Henry & Sarah [(Taylor)] Farwel
———	Lydia	Jonas & Jemima [(Holden)] Green
—— 27.	Alice	Nathaniel & Abigail Sartell
Novr. 3.	Joshua	Joshua & Sarah [(Bigelow)] Holden
———	Joel	Joel & Eunice Stone
———	Deborah	Josiah & Lydia Farwell
Decr. 1.	Thomas	Thomas & Lucy [(Woods)] Trowbridge
———	Ely	Ephraim & Abigail [(Stone)] Sartell
—— 8.	Joseph	Obadiah & Katharine Perry
—— 20.	Sarah	William & Anna Sheple, baptizd at home

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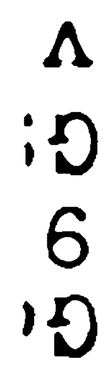
Janʸ 19.	Olive	Nathaniel & Sybele Stone
Febʸ 2.	Francis	Ebenʳ & Abigail [(Trowbridge)] Champney
—— 9.	Samuel	Nathan & Deborah Ames
—— 16.	Susannah	Moses & Sarah [(Stiles)] Childs
———	Molley	Timothy & Sarah [(Butterfield)] Prest.
—— 23.	Ana	Asa & Anna [(Parker)] Woster.
March 9.	Jonas	Jonas & Rebekʰ Stone
—— 16.	Samuel	Israel & Anna [(Lawrence)] Hobart
—— 30.	Joseph	Josiah & Mary Prest
———	Lucy	Samᴵᴵ & Mary Pierce
April 13.	Jotham	James & Abigail Woods
—— 20.	James	James & Susannah [(Lawrence)] Prescott.
———	Oliver	Oliver & Lucy Tarbell
—— 27.	Jonathan	Oliver & Mary Shed.
May 4.	Sarah	Lemuel & Betty [(Nichols)] Parker
—— 25	John, Eleazer, Susanna, Joseph	John & Susanna [(Nutting)] Ames.
June 8.	Edmund	John & Hannah Tarbell
———	Lydia	Zechariah & Jemima Longly
—— 15.	John	John & Susanna Sawtell
———	Abigail	Daniel & Apphia Gilson
—— 29.	Mary	Phinehas & Sarah Wait
———	Sally	Abijah & Prudence Warren
———	Naomi	William & Esther Farwell.
—— 30	Mary	Solomon & Mary Gilson Baptizd at Home.
July 9.	Ephraim	John & Susannah Ames
———	Benjamin	
—— 13	Jabez	Jabez & Rachel Holden
———	Jason	John & Sybele [(Russell)] Dudley
———	Nehemiah	Nehemiah & Abigail Gilson
———	Ann	Ebenezer & Mary Kemp
—— 20.	Silas	Silas & Abigail [(Woods)] Barron
———	Joseph	John & Susannah Simonds
———	Amos	William & Lydia [(Farnsworth)] Shed.



Augst 3.	Ebenezer	Abner & Elisabeth Whetcomb
———	Dorothy	Isaac & [Mary (Bailey)] Lawrance
Septr 21.	Peter	Ephraim & Jerusha Nutting
———	Samuel	Sampson & Rachel Farnsworth
Octr 5.	Sarah	Samuel & Anna Bartlet
—— 12.	Peter	Oliver & Sibele Lakin
———	Lucy	Ebenezer & Mary Hartwell
—— 19.	Susannah	Robart & Deborah Parker
Novr 2.	Benjamin	John & Jemima Frost.
———	Thomas	Oliver & Lydia [(Baldwin)] Prescot
———	Zadok	Oliver & Olive Fletcher
—— 16.	Levi	Oliver & Sarah [(Tarbell)] Farnsworth
———	Pearly	Gardner & Rachel Dustun
—— 23.	Esther	Simon & Mary Foster
———	Eunice	
———	Lucy	Benj^{a} & Davis
———	Elisabeth	Josiah & Parker
Decr 14.	Mary	Nathaniel & Eunice Parker
—— 21.	Daniel	Samuel & Abiel Parker
—— 28.		
———	Abigail	Jeremiah & Hannah [(Green)] Hobart
———	Joseph	Joseph & Sarah Rockwood
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Jany 4.	Josiah	Jonathan & Mary Sartell
—— 11.	Eunice	Ezra & Elisabeth Farnsworth
—— 19.	Submit	Benj^{a} & Eunice Blood, baptizd at home
Feby 1.	David	Joseph & Lucy Moors
—— 8.	Daniel	Thos & [Joanna] Farrington
———	Molley	Jon^{a} & Susanna Stone
—— 15.	Oliver	Oliver & Eunice Parker
———	Emma	Robart & Deborah Parker
—— 22.	Jonas	Benj^{a} & Azubah Tarbell
March 1.	Ebenezer	Gabriel & Phebe [(Lakin)] Lakin.
———	Molley	Ambrose & Dorothy [(Gilson)] Lakin
—— 15.	Betty	
———	Abel	Abel & Lydia Stone
———	Levi	
—— 29.	Jabez	Samuel & Rebecca Lawrance
April 5.	Jesse	Joseph & Lydia Sartell

—— 12.	Benjamin	Isaac & Priscilla Bowers
—— 19.	John	William & Elisabeth [(Blood)] De Rumple [Dalrymple].
———	Betty	David & Submit Farwell
May 3.	Simeon	Simeon & Mary Foster.
———	Sarah	Timothy & Sarah Priest.
———	Mary	Asa & Anna Woşter
—— 10.	Henry	James & Mary Blood
———	Joel	William & Anna [(Gragg)] Lakin
———	Mehetabel	Thomas & Hannah White
June 7.	Abigail	Ebenezer & Abigail Champney
———	Lucy	Oliver & Lucy Tarbell
—— 28.	Samuel	Samuel & Anna [(Kenrick)] Dana
July 19.	Lydia	Shattuck & Lydia Blood
—— 26.	Joel	Jonathan & Esther Lawrance
———	Ruth	Jonathan & Ruth [(Gilson)] Pierce
Augst. 2.	Sarah	Benj^{a} & Alice [(Tarbell)] Bancroft
———	Oliver	George & Deborah Pierce
—— 9.	Oliver	Ebenezer & Mary Kemp.
—— 23.	Simon	Oliver & Jane [(Nutting)] Parker
———	James	Ephraim & Sarah Warren
———	Ezekiel	Ezekiel & Bridget Fletcher
———	Rachel	Job & Sarah Shattuck
Septr 13.	Thankful	Joseph & Margaret Metcalf.
—— 27.	Molley	Solomon & Mary Gilson
———	Naomi	Thomas & Lydia Bennet
———	Molley	John & Susanna Cheney
Octr. 16	Jonas (Twins)	Jonas & Jemima [(Holden)] Green.
———	Josiah. (Twins)	Baptizd at home. [Triplets.]
———	Reuben (Twins)	
—— 25.	Rhoda	Nathaniel & Sybele Stone
Novr 1.	Elisha	Moses & Sarah Child
—— 8.	Peter	Amos & Abigail [(Bulkley)] Ames.
—— 15	Darcas	Nathan & Abigail Whipple
Decr 13	William	Joel & Eunice Stone.
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Jany 3.	Jabez	Benjamin & Ruth Green
———	Prudence	Robart & Sarah [(Woods)] Ames.
—— 17.	Sarah	Thomas & Sarah [(Sawtell)] Farwell
—— 24.	Isaac	Samuel & Sarah Pierce

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—— 12.	Benjamin	Isaac & Priscilla Bowers
—— 19.	John	William & Elisabeth [(Blood)] De Rumple [Dalrymple].
———	Betty	David & Submit Farwell
May 3.	Simeon	Simeon & Mary Foster.
———	Sarah	Timothy & Sarah Priest.
———	Mary	Asa & Anna Woster
—— 10.	Henry	James & Mary Blood
———	Joel	William & Anna [(Gragg)] Lakin
———	Mehetabel	Thomas & Hannah White
June 7.	Abigail	Ebenezer & Abigail Champney
———	Lucy	Oliver & Lucy Tarbell
—— 28.	Samuel	Samuel & Anna [(Kenrick)] Dana
July 19.	Lydia	Shattuck & Lydia Blood
—— 26.	Joel	Jonathan & Esther Lawrance
———	Ruth	Jonathan & Ruth [(Gilson)] Pierce
Augst 2.	Sarah	Benj^{a} & Alice [(Tarbell)] Bancroft
———	Oliver	George & Deborah Pierce
—— 9.	Oliver	Ebenezer & Mary Kemp.
—— 23.	Simon	Oliver & Jane [(Nutting)] Parker
———	James	Ephraim & Sarah Warren
———	Ezekiel	Ezekiel & Bridget Fletcher
———	Rachel	Job & Sarah Shattuck
Septr 13.	Thankful	Joseph & Margaret Metcalf.
—— 27.	Molley	Solomon & Mary Gilson
———	Naomi	Thomas & Lydia Bennet
———	Molley	John & Susanna Cheney
Octr 16	Jonas (Twins)	Jonas & Jemima [(Holden)] Green.
———	Josiah. (Twins)	Baptizd at home. [Triplets.]
———	Reuben (Twins)	
—— 25.	Rhoda	Nathaniel & Sybele Stone
Novr 1.	Elisha	Moses & Sarah Child
—— 8.	Peter	Amos & Abigail [(Bulkley)] Ames.
—— 15	Darcas	Nathan & Abigail Whipple
Decr 13	William	Joel & Eunice Stone.
1768.		
Jany 3.	Jabez	Benjamin & Ruth Green
———	Prudence	Robart & Sarah [(Woods)] Ames.
—— 17.	Sarah	Thomas & Sarah [(Sawtell)] Farwell
—— 24.	Isaac	Samuel & Sarah Pierce

———	Josiah	Ephraim & Abigail [(Stone)] Sartell
Jany 31.	David	John & Thankful Whittaker.
Feby 7.	Benjamin	Silas & Abigail Barron.
———	Molley	Ebenezer & Susanna Parker
—— 14.	Jonathan	Henry & Sarah [(Taylor)] Farwell
Feby 28.	Abel	Abel & Anna Woods
March 27.	Nathaniel	Nehemiah & Abigail Gilson
April 10.	Joseph	Jacob & Mary Gragg
———	James	Eleazer & [Abigail (Lawrence)] Parker
———	Deborah	Nathan & Deborah Ames.
—— 17.	John	Zechariah & Jemima Longly.
———	John	Phinehas & Sarah [(Pierce)] Wait.
———	Thaddeus	Barnabas & Olive Davis
———	Eunice	Isaac & [Mary (Bailey)] Lawrance
May 8.	Lydia	John & Susanna Sawtell.
June 19.	John Harrod	Widow Sarah [(Worcester),] relict of John Harrod Cummings
———	Oliver	Abner & Elisabeth Whitcum
June 27.	Luther	Ephraim & [Meriam] Russel
———	Abigail	Oliver & Lydia [(Baldwin)] Prescott.
July 17.	Samuel	Daniel & Apphia Gilson
—— 24.	Samuel	Obadiah & Katharine Perry.
Augst 14.	Ede	Salmon & Susanna Stone
Augt 21.	Mary	Samuel & Anna Bartlet.
—— 28.	Priscilla	Isaac & Priscilla Bowers.
———	Elisabeth	John & Susanna Ames.
Sepr 11.	William	James & Susanna [(Lawrence)] Prescott.
———	Lucy	Joseph & Lucy Moors.
Octr 9.	Maria	Joseph & Abigail Parker.
Novr 6.	Abijah	Oliver & Mary Shed.
———	Lucy	Samuel & Abiel Parker.
Novr 13.	Hannah	John & Sybele Dudley.
—— 20.	Abigail	Daniel & Abigail Page.
—— 27.	Bridget	Ezekiel & Bridget Fletcher
Decr 4.	Aaron	John & Jemima Frost.
—— 18.	Joseph	Joseph & Katharine Korey
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Jany 1.	Sarah	William & Mary Spaulding.

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—— 15.	Ephraim	Ezra & Elisabeth Farnsworth
———	Molley	John & Susanna Simonds
—— 22.	Abigail	James & Abigail [(Howard)] Woods
———	Sarah	Lemuel & Sarah Woods
—— 29.	Sarah	Oliver & [Jane (Nutting)] Parker
March 12.	Jacob	Jacob & Mary Gragg
———	Lydia	Paul & [Abigail] Fletcher
———	Abigail	Asa & Anna [(Parker)] Woster
———	Jenny	Oliver & Jane Parker
—— 19.	Daniel	Benjamin & Azubah Tarbell
———	Betty	Lemuel & Betty Parker.
—— 26.	Andrew	Simeon & Mary [(Lakin)] Foster
April 9.	Elizabeth	John & Hannah Tarbell
	Ede	Ebenezer & Sarah Patch
April 16.	Joel	Joseph & Lucy Kemp
———	Abel	Isaac & Elisabeth Patch
———	Amos	Amos & Sarah Adams
———	James	James & Susanna [(Jenkins)] Adams
———	Emilia	Josiah & Esther Parker
———	Rebecca	Ebenezer & Sarah Farnsworth
———	Rebecca	John & Jane Laughton
—— 23.	Samuel	Samuel & Rebeccah Lawrance
———	Bekky	Timothy & Sarah [(Butterfield)] Prest.
April 30.	Oliver	Oliver & Lucy Tarbell
———	Olive	Jabez & Rachel Holden
May 7.	William	William & Lydia [(Farnsworth)] Shed
—— 14.	Darling	Oliver & Sarah Blood
———	Moses	Joseph & Sarah [(Richardson)] Rockwood
—— 21.	Thaddeus	Thaddeus & [Bridget] Taylor
———	Peter	David & Submit Farwell
———	Sally	Jon^{a} & Susanna [(Moors)] Stone.
—— 28.	Amaziah	Amaziah & Ede [(Richardson)] Fasset
June 11.	Abel	Shattuck & Lydia Blood
—— 25.	Esther	Ephraim & Kemp
July. 9.	Benjamin	Oliver & Sarah [(Tarbell)] Farnsworth.
———	Prudence	Abijah & Prudence Warren
———	Hannah	Lefe Holdin.
—— 16.	Nehemiah	Nathaniel & Abigail Sartell

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—— 30.	Ede	Salmon & Susa Stone
Aug. 20.	Thesta	Sam[ll] & Anna [(Kenrick)] Dana
—— 27.	Lucy	Benj[a] & Prudence Stone
Sept[r] 3.	Prudence	Moses & Sarah [(Stiles)] Child
—— 10.	Oliver	John & Hannah [(Goodhue)] Woods
———	Abigail	Jonas & Jemima [(Holden)] Green
Octo[r] 1.	Rebecca	Joseph & Margaret Metcalf
Sep[r] 24.	Sarah	Ephraim & Martha [(Parker)] Ware
———	Sally	Ebenezer & Sarah [(Nichols)] Farnsworth.

The above three Dates are right tho' placed in wrong order

Oct[r] 8.	Gabriel	Twins.	Gabriel & Phebe [(Lakin)] Lakin
———	Mary		
—— 22.	Josiah Sartell		Eleazer & Sarah [(Parker])] Green
———	Mercy		Thomas & Baker
—— 29.	Naomi		William & Esther [(Woods)] Farwell
Nov[r] 5.	Thomas		Thomas & Lydia Bennet.
—— 19.	John		Sam[ll] & Anna Bartlet
—— 26.	Vassal		Tho[s] & Betty [(Woods)] Farrington.
Dec[r] 3.	Joseph		Joseph & Ruth Blood of Mason
—— 24.	Joseph		Nathaniel & Sybele Stone

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Jan[y] 14.	Jeremiah		Daniel & Martha Stone.
—— 28.	Benjamin		Benjamin & Ruth Green
Jan[y] 28.	Abiel		
———	Gideon		
———	Timothy		Abel & Sarah Parker
———	Sarah		
———	Sybele		
Feb[y] 4.	Hannah		Amos & Abigail Ames
—— 11.	Luther		Ephraim & [Meriam] Russel
———	Fryland		Ezekiel & Bridget Fletcher
—— 18.	Samuel		Samuel & Lucy Pierce
———	John		John & Thankful Whitaker
—— 25.	Levi		Solomon & Mary Gilson
———	Abijah		Barnabas & Olive Davis
March 4.	Heber		Nathaniel & Eunice Parker
———	Sarah		Daniel & Abigail Page
—— 11.	Benjamin		Abel & Anna Woods
—— 18.	Mary		Samuel & Mary Reed

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—— 25.	Eleazar	Eleazar & [Abigail (Lawrence)] Parker
April 1.	Mary	Isaac & Priscilla [(Dodge)] Bowers
———	Lydia	Nathan & Deborah Ames
April. 8.	Daniel	Job & Sarah [(Hartwell)] Shattuck
———	Luther	John & Susannah Cheney
—— 22.	Tilly	Ebenezer & Susanna Parker
———	Elisabeth	Phinehas & Sarah [(Pierce)] Wait.
—— 29.	Eli	Abner & Elisabeth Whitcum
May 27.	Olive	Joseph & Lucy Moors
June 24.	Ephraim	Ephraim & Abigail Sartell
———	Ezekiel	Oliver & Jane Parker.
———	Jemima	Jon^{a} & Jemima [(Williams)] Lakin
———	Sybele	Nehemiah & Abigail Gilson
July 1.	Levi	John & Susanna Sawtell
———	Abraham	James & Susanna Adams
—— 8.	Abijah	Abijah Parkers wife
———	Thos Sewall	
—— 15.	Phebe	Gershom & Phebe Hobart
—— 29.	Jonas (twins)	Robart & Deborah Parker
———	Thomas (twins)	
Augst 5.	Nathaniel	Isaac & [Mary (Bailey)] Lawrance
———	Joseph	Joseph & Allen
—— 12.	John	Thos & Hannah White
———	Molley	George & Deborah Pierce
Augst 26.	Oliver	Samuel & Bridget Lawrance
Sepr 2.	Sybele	Samuel & Rebecca [(Hunt)] Parker
—— 9.	Thomas	Ambrose & Dorothy [(Gilson)] Lakin
Octr 14.	Edmund	Isaiah & Elisabeth Holden
———	Oliver	
———	Jonathan	
———	Elisabeth	John & Elisabeth Trowbridge
———	Anna	
———	Mary-Loveday	Charles & Susanna Quails.
—— 21.	Sarah	Zechariah & Jemima Longly
—— 28.	Molley	Oliver & Sarah Farnsworth
———	Ede	Amaziah & Ede [(Richardson)] Fasset.
Novr 4.	Jabez	Levi & Rebeccah Kemp.
—— 8.	Simon	Simon & Anna Blood

—— 18.	Levi	Thos & Sarah [(Sawtell)] Farwell
———	Benjamin	Benja & Prudence Stone
———	William	Jonathan & Elisabeth Boyden
Decr 2.	Abel	John & Susanna Ames
———	Oliver	Jonathan & Susanna Stone
———	Eber	James & Elisabeth Blood
Decr 2.	Ezra	Ezra & Elisabeth Farnsworth
———	Bethiah	Robart & Sarah Ames
Decr 30	Abel	Josiah & Mary Stevens
———	Thomas	
———	Josiah	

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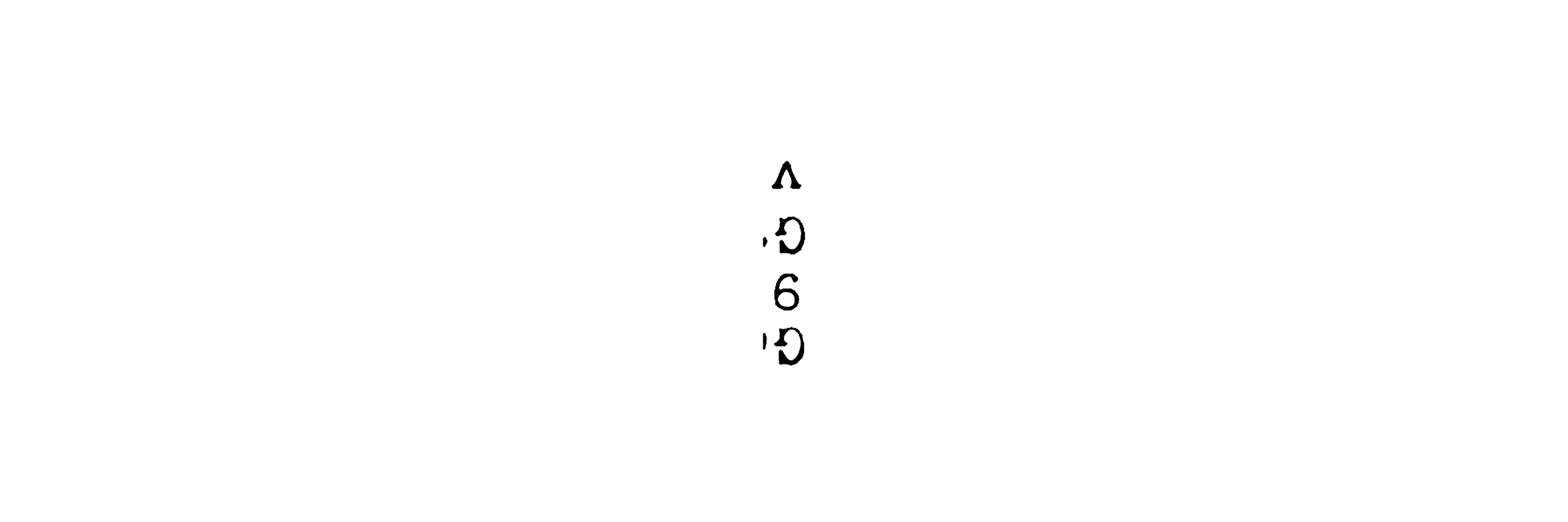
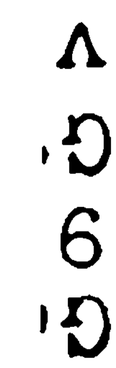
Jany 27.	Timothy	Jonas & Rebeccah Stone
Feby 3.	John	Benjamin & Alice [(Tarbell)] Bancroft.
—— 24.	Ephraim	Ephraim & Kemp
March 10.	James	Timothy & [Rachel (Russell)] Underwood.
———	Amos	Samll & Abiel [*sic*] Parker.
—— 17.	Lucy	Oliver & Lydia [(Baldwin)] Prescott.
—— 24.	Mary	Nehemiah & Eunice Green
—— 31.	Molley	Oliver & Mary Shed
April 14.	Submit	David & Submit [(Woods)] Farwell
—— 21.	Molley	Jacob & Mary Shèple
———	Sally	Josiah & Parker.
—— 28.	Asa	John & Susanna Sawtell
———	Rebekkah	Simon & Elisabeth Patch.
May 5.	Putnam	Thos & Betty [(Woods)] Farrington
———	Emma	Jeremiah & Hannah Hobart.
———	Achsah	John & Hannah [(Goodhue)] Woods
May 12.	Rachel	James & Abigail Woods
—— 19.	Sarah	Ebenezer & Sarah Patch
June 2.	John	Jona & Mary [(Hubbard)] Gove
———	Sybele	Benja & Azubah Tarbell
———	Lucy	Oliver & Lucy Tarbell
—— 16	Abijah	Ebenezer & Sybele Nutting
———	Oliver	
———	Phinehas	
———	Asa	Asa & Anna [(Parker)] Woster
———	Mary	Ezekiel & Rebekkah Haskell

———	Elizabeth	William & Anna [(Gragg)] Lakin
—— 23.	Thomas	John & Jane Laughton
———	Anna	Sam'l & Anna [(Kenrick)] Dana
—— 30.	Parker Russel	John & Sybele Dudley
July 14.	Rachel	Jonas & Jemima Green
—— 21.	Bela	Ephraim & Martha [(Parker)] Ware
Augst 4.	Amaziah	Abner & Whitney
Sepr 15.	Solomon	John & Jemima Frost
———	Ruth	Benj^{a} & Ruth Green
———	Nanny	Ezekiel & Bridget Fletcher
Sepr 22	Nathaniel	Nathaniel & Abigail Sartell
———	Sarah	Isaac & Priscilla [(Dodge)] Bowers
—— 29.	Arvilla	Isaac & Elisabeth Patch
———	Susanna	Joseph & Sarah [(Richardson)] Rock-wood
Octr 5.	Edmund	Lemuel & Betty Parker
	Mary	James Sanders & his Wife
Novr 3	Elisabeth	Moses & Sarah [(Stiles)] Child
Nov 10.	Solomon	Jonathan & Ruth Pierce
—— 10	John	John & Susanna Simonds baptizd at home
—— 17.	Edmund	Aaron & Katharine Bennet
———	Enoch	Enoch & [Mary] Cook
—— 24.	Ede	Joseph & Lucy Kemp
Decr 15	David	David & Deborah Woods
—— 29.	Nathaniel	Nathaniel & Eunice Parker
———	Luther	Joseph & Lucy Moors
1772		
Jany 5.	Luther	Joseph & [Eunice] Page
———	Stephen Jewet	Caleb & Betty [(Cummings)] Woods
———	Molley	Nathaniel & Sybele Stone
—— 12	Joseph	Joseph & Mitty Simonds
———	Relief	John & Elisabeth Trowbridge
———	Rebecca	Timothy & Elisabeth Woods
Jany 19.	Thomas	Thomas & Baker
———	Mary	Peter & Mary Parker
———	Eleazer	Eleazer & Dinah Parker
———	Molley	
———	Sarah	
———	Rebecca	
———	Dinah	

—— 26.	Elijah		Sam[ll] & Lucy [(Wallingsford)] Pierce
March 1.	Solomon	Twins	Abel & Hannah Farwell.
———	Abel		
———	Thomas		Ebenezer & Sarah Farnsworth
—— 8.	Sarah		James & Susannah [(Lawrence)] Prescott.
———	Ephraim		Daniel & Abigail Page
—— 15.	David		Phinehas & Sarah [(Pierce)] Wait
—— 22.	Susanna		John & Thankful Whitaker
April 12.	Susanna		Charles & Susanna Quails
—— 19.	Zebulon		William & Esther [(Woods)] Farwell.
—— 26.	Lydia		Isaac & [Mary (Bailey)] Lawrance
———	Sarah		Ebenezer & Sybele Nutting
April 26.	Mary		Solomon & Mary Woods
May. 3.	Sarah		Abner & Elisabeth Whitcum
———	Susanna		James & Susanna Adams
—— 10.	Asa		John & Hannah Tarbell.
———	Asa		Nathan & Deborah Ames
—— 17.	Abigail		Gabriel & Phebe [(Lakin)] Lakin.
—— 24.	Abner-Kent		Daniel & Apphia Gilson.
June 7.	David		Daniel & Martha Stone.
———	Lucinda		Jon[a] & Mary [(Hubbard)] Gove
———	Molley		Jon[a] & Elisabeth Boyden
—— 21.	Samuel		Jabez & Rachel [(Farnsworth)] Holdin.
July 5.	James		Sam[ll] & Anna Bartlet.
———	Mary		William & Mary Spaulding
—— 19.	Anna		Abel & Anna Woods.
—— 26.	Bulkley		Amos & Abigail [(Bulkley)] Ames
———	Asa		Solomon & Mary Gilson
———	Sibbel		Eleazer & [Abigail (Lawrence)] Parker
Aug[st] 2.	Abiel		Amaziah & Ede [(Richardson)] Fasset.
—— 23.	Shubael Child		Joseph & Allen
Aug[st] 30.	Diadama		Asa [and Abigail] Lawrance
Sep[r] 6.	Noah		Job & Sarah [(Hartwell)] Shattuck.
———	Jacob Blanchard		Nehemiah & Abigail Gilson.
—— 13.	Joshua		Convers & Mercy Richardson
—— 28.	Abigail		Benj[a] & Prudence Stone.



———	Edmund	Rebecca Archabald.
Octr 4.	Sarah	John & Sarah Pierce
———	Jonathan	Oliver & Jane [(Nutting)] Parker
—— 11.	Deborah	David & Deborah Woods.
Novr 1.	Thomas	Eleazer & Sarah Green
———	William	Amos & Sarah Adams
—— 8.	David	Josiah & Mary [(Lawrence)] Stevens.
—— 15.	Susanna	Solomon & Mary Woods
———	Lydia	William & Lydia [(Farnsworth)] Shed.
—— 22.	Thomas	Thos & Eunice Gragg
———	Ebenezer	Ebenezer & Sarah Patch
———	Sarah	Ephraim & Abigail Sawtell
Decr 6.	Abraham	Jonathan & Susanna [(Moors)] Stone
———	Molley	Robart & Sarah [(Woods)] Ames
———	Nabby	Susanna Farnsworth
Decr 13.	Hezekiah	Aaron & Katharine Bennet
———	Nathan	Simon & Elisabeth Patch
—— 20.	Elisabeth	James & Sanders.
1773		
Jany 8.	Joseph	Zechariah & Jemima [(Moors)] Longly at home
—— 10.	Jacob	Jacob & Mary Patch
—— 24.	Josiah	Josiah & Sarah Warren
Feby 7.	Timothy	Timothy & Elisabeth Woods
—— 28.	William	Simeon & Mary [(Lakin)] Foster
———	Lydia	Joseph & Lydia Sawtell
March 14.	Lucy	John & Hannah [(Goodhue)] Woods
———	Rebeccah	Jonas & Rebeccah Stone
—— 21.	Samuel Jackson	Oliver & Lydia [(Baldwin)] Prescot
———	Thirza	John & Susanna Farwell
———	Anna	William & Anna Colburn
—— 28.	Philip	Thos & Betty [(Woods)] Farrington
———	Miriam	Jon^{a} & Jemima Lakin
April 4.	Abigail	Jacob & Mary Gragg
———	Reuben } twins	David & Submit [(Woods)] Farwell
———	Hannah } twins	
May 2.	Phinehas	Isaac & Priscilla [(Dodge)] Bowers.
—— 30.	Caty	Edmund & Caty Blood
June 6.	Thomas	Thomas & Ruth White



—— 13.	Ephraim	John & Susanna [(Nutting)] Ames
———	Simon	Ezekiel & Bridget Fletcher
———	Suza }	Timothy & Sarah Priest
———	Lydia }	
—— 20	Stephen	Sam[ll] & Anna [(Kenrick)] Dana
—— 27.	Lydia	Lemuel & Lydia Blood
July 18.	Bela	Ephraim & Martha [(Parker)] Ware
———	Abel	Ezra & Elisabeth [(Sheple)] Farnsworth..
—— 25.	Anna	Ephraim & Kemp.
Aug[st] 15.	Simeon	William & Elisabeth [(Parker)] Shed.
—— 29.	Abel	John & Hannah Tarbell
Sep[r] 5.	John	Thomas & Eunice Gragg
—— 19.	Joseph	Benj[a] & Azubah [(Farnsworth)] Tarbell
———	Caty	Caleb & Betty [(Cummings)] Woods
—— 26.	Ezekiel	Sam[ll] & Sarah Pierce
Oct[r] 17.	Ralph	Isaac & Elisabeth Patch.
—— 30.	Ede	Benj[a] & Ruth Green
———	Maria	Benj[a] & Emma Page.
Nov[r] 14.	Thomas	Daniel & Lucy Shed.
Nov[r] 21.	Elijah	William & Rebecca Flagg.
—— 28.	Nehemiah	Joseph & Lucy Kemp.
Dec[r] 5.	Sarah	Ezra & Porter
—— 26.	John } Twins	Joseph & Sarah [(Richardson)]
	Abel }	Rockwood
1774		
Jan[y] 2.	Oliver	John & Jane Laughton
———	Benjamin	Nathaniel & Abigail [(Wyman)] Sawtell.
—— 9.	Isaac	Nathaniel & Sybele Stone
Feb[y] 20.	Ira	Abner & Elisabeth Whetcomb.
———	Peggy	Charles & Susanna Quails
———	Deborah	Lemuel & Betty Parker
———	Molley	Nehemiah & Molley [(Kemp)] Goold
—— 27.	Abel	Tim[y] & Eunice Dustun
———	Asa	Oliver & Mary Shed.
March 20.	Convers	Jeptha & Abi Richardson
—— 27.	Solomon	Abel & Hannah Farwell
———	Jonathan	Jonathan & Martha Bancroft of Dunstable

———	Mitty	Joseph & Mitty Simonds
———	Betty	Jonathan & Elisabeth [(Sawtell)] Boyden
April 3.	Ede	Ambrose & Dorothy [(Gilson)] Lakin.
—— 10.	Jonas	Thoˢ & Ruth [(Nevers)] Trowbridge.
April 17.	Joseph	Phinehas & Sarah [(Pierce)] Wait
———	John Farnsworth	Thoˢ & Ruth White.
May 8.	Margaret	Job & Sarah [(Hartwell)] Shattuck.
——10.	Submit } twins	Levi & Hannah Lakin baptizd at
———	Prudence } twins	home
——15.	Anna	Timothy & Elisabeth Woods
——22.	John	John & Elizabeth Trowbridge
———	Sarah	David & Deborah Woods
———	Sarah	Timothy & Sarah Johnson
—— 29.	Molley	Samuel & Anna Bartlet.
June 5.	Stephen	Samuel & Anna [(Kenrick)] Dana
———	Rufus	John & Jemima Frost.
———	Oliver	Ruth Foster — by Oliver Hartwell.
———	Sarah	John & Susanna Simonds.
—— 12.	Silas.	Silas & [Eunice] Page
—— 19.	David	Jeremiah & Hannah Hobart.
———	Sewal-Cornin	Daniel & Martha Stone.
—— 26.	Anna	Oliver & Lucy Tarbell.
July. 3.	Heber	John & Hannah Woods
July 17	Jonas	Isaac & Priscilla [(Dodge)] Bowers
———	Edmund	James & Susanna Adams
—— 31.	Isaac	Moses & Sarah Child
———	Sarah	Eleazer & [Abigail (Lawrence)] Parker
Augˢᵗ 14.	William	Ebenezer & Sarah Lewis
—— 21.	Philip	Abel & Anna Woods.
—— 28.	Benjamin	Nathan & Deborah Ames.
Sepᵗ 4.	Jonathan	William & Anna Lakin.
—— 11.	Abel	Amos & Abigail [(Bulkley)] Ames.
—— 18.	Abel	Abijah & Susanna Warren
———	Thomas	Thomas & Sarah Swan.
—— 25.	Molley	Abner & Whitney
———	Prudence	Benjᵃ & Prudence Stone.
Octᵗ 9.	Levi	Abraham & Amsdel.
———	Beulah	Thomas & Baker.

———	Abigail	Amos & Elisabeth [(Hubbard)] Lawrance
—— 16.	John	Ephraim & Abigail Sartell
—— 23.	Daniel	Isaac & Mary [(Bailey)] Lawrance
Novr 13.	Mary	Oliver & Lydia [(Baldwin)] Prescott.

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Jany 1.	Philomela	Asa & [Abigail] Lawrance
—— 8.	Lucy	Solomon & Mary Gilson
—— 22.	Jonathan	Jonathan & [Tabitha] Collier.
———	Nabby	Amaziah & Ede [(Richardson)] Fasset.
Feby 5.	Sarah	Jacob & Mary [(Hazen)] Patch.
—— 19.	Mary	Josiah & Mary [(Lawrence)] Stevens.
March 5.	Sarah Nutting	Oliver & Jane Parker.
—— 19.	Samuel	Sam^{ll} & Sarah [(Fitch)] Hemingway.
—— 26.	Timothy	Caleb & Elisabeth [(Farnsworth)] Blood
———	Josiah Sartell	Edmund & Katy Blood.
April 16.	Polly	Margaret Gragg now the wife of Benj^{a} Shaw
May 21.	Hulda	Ezra & Porter.
———	Rhoda	Ephraim & [Meriam] Russel.
———	Sarah	D^{o}
———	Joseph	Jonas & [Rebekah] Stone.
May 10.	Phinehas	Phinehas Junr & Sarah [(Pierce)] Wait
—— 17.	Isaac	Joseph & Mary Allen
—— 28.	Salla	Joseph & Sarah Moors
June 11.	Benjamin	Jabez & Rachel [(Farnsworth)] Holden
———	Rachel	D^{o}
———	Huldah	Isaac & Elisabeth Patch
———	Sarah	Josiah & Sarah Warren
August 6.	David, Isaac, Lucy	Isaac & Elisabeth Dodge
	Joseph	Ezra Jun$_{r}$ & Elisabeth [(Sheple)] Farnsworth
	Jenny	Jonas & Sarah Priest
	Molley	Amos & Sarah Adams

Sepr 30.	Elisabeth	Joseph Junr & Abigail Taylor at home
Octr 1.	Leonard	Benjamin & Ruth Green
	Rebecca	Ezekiel & Bridget Fletcher
	Samuel	Arthur & Mary Dennis
	Salla	Nehemiah & Esther [(Fitch)] Lawrence
Novr 5.	Azubah	Benj^{a} & Azubah Tarbell
—— 19.	John Lawrence	Daniel & Martha Stone
	Sarah	Samuel & Sarah [(Fitch)] Hemingway
1776		
Feb^{r} 25.	Samuel	Joseph & Sarah Moors
	Pritchard	Silas & Eunice Page
	Emme	Benjamin & Emme Page
April 28.	Oliver	Jacob jun^{r} & Mary Gragg
	William, Larnard	David & Deborah Woods
	Asa	Joseph & Mitty Simonds
	Joseph	Nathanael & Sybele Stone
	Oliver	Nehemiah & Abigail Gillson
	Benjamin	Zachariah & Jemima [(Moors)] Longley
	Leonard	Abel & Hannah Farwell
	Jemima	Levi & Jemima Parker
	Samuel	Isaac & Prisċilla [(Dodge)] Bowers
	Silas	William & Elisabeth [(Parker)] Shed
	Nehemiah	Nehemiah & Eunice Green
	Salla	Shattuck & Lydia Blood
	Ruth	Thomas & Ruth [(Nevers)] Trowbridge
	Sarah	Wid^{o} Sarah [(Bennett)] Lewis [Her husband Ebenezer died in hospital at Cambridge, on January 10, 1776, aged 25 years.]
July 28 :	Shubal Child	Joseph & Allen
	Amos	Amos jun^{r} & Betty [(Hubbard)] Lawrence
	William	Gabriel & Phebe [(Lakin)] Lakin
July 28 :	Lot	Joseph & Lydia Sawtell
	Lucy	Samuel & Anna [(Kenrick)] Dana

	Anna	Nathan & Deborah Ames
	Mary	Nehemiah & Abigail Trowbridge
	Nabby	Joseph & Sarah Rockwood
	Molly	Widᵈ Lucy Pierce [relict of Samuel.]
	Lucy	Ebenezar & Sybele Nutting
Sepᵗ 8	Thomas	Caleb & Elisabeth Blood
	Jonathan	Jonathan & Elisabeth Boyden
Novᵗ 10.	John	John jr & Hannah Woods
	Ebenezar	Thomas junr & Ruth White
	Jesse	Jacob & Mary Patch
	Betty	Abel & Anna Woods
	Rebecca	John & Mindwell Frost
	Alice	Abel & Sarah Bancroft
1777		
April 27th:	Peter	Solomon & Mary Gillson
	Asa	Solomon & Mary Woods
	Hannah	William & Elisabeth [(Parker)] Shed
	Lucy	Ezekiel & Bridget Fletcher
	Betty Bulkley	Amos & Abigail [(Bulkley)] Ames
	Sarah	Ezra & Patience Porter
	Lucy	Enoch & [Mary] Cook
	Sarah	Thosˢ jr & Ruth White
	Molley	John & Jane Laughton
	Molley	Lemuel & Betty [(Nichols)] Parker
	Sarah	Abel & Sarah Bancroft
	Jenney	Jonas & Jane Farnsworth
May 11:	Joseph	Isaac & Precilla [(Dodge)] Bowers
	Jonathan, Lawrence	Josiah & Mary [(Lawrence)] Stevens
July 13:	Hannah	John & Hannah Tarbell
	Sarah	Oliver & Lucy Tarbell
	Lucy	Samuel & Anna Bartlet
	Peter	the widow Mary Parker
Sepᵗ 14:	Phinehas, Bela	John & Elisabeth Trowbridge
	Abijah	Samuel & Rebeccah Lawrence
	Molley	Ephraim & Esther Kemp
	Hannah	James & Susanna Adams
	Betty	Ezra junr & Elisabeth [(Sheple)] Farnsworth

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Octr 16:	Anna	Moses & Sarah Child — at home
Novr 30:	Esther	Asahel & Rebecca Wyman
	Samuel	Samuel & Sarah [(Fitch)] Hemenway
	Salla	Benjamin & Emme Page
	Polley	Nehemiah & Esther [(Fitch)] Lawrence
	Rufus	Joseph & Sarah Moors
1778		
Jany 4th	Sarah	Abel & Sarah Bancroft
11th	Lucy	Joseph & Lydia Sawtell
25th	Jonas-Tarbell	Josiah & Sarah Warren
	Ezra	David & Deborah Woods
Feby 1st	Amos	Benj^{a} & Azubah [(Farnsworth)] Tarbell
	Anna	Phineas & Ede Wait
	Simon	Edmund & Caty Blood
8th	Phillip	Benj^{a} & Prudence Stone
March 12th	Asahel —	Job & Sarah [(Hartwell)] Shatuck Baptiz'd at Home
	Martha	Isaac & Mary Lawrance Baptized at Job Shattuck's
March 29th	Molly	Timothy & Elisabeth Woods
	Molly	Jacob & Mary Patch
	Joseph	James & Deborah Sheple
April 5th	Thomas	Thomas & Esther Bond
April 19th	Nabby	Jon^{a} & Anna Sheple
	Hannah	John & Hannah Farnsworth
26th	Elisabeth	Jason & Hemmenway
	Anna	Jon^{a} & Anna Sheple
	Emme	Reuben & Emme Cumings
May 3^{d}	Abigail	Amos Junr & Betty [(Hubbard)] Lawrance
	Betty	Davis & Chapman
May 10th	Milley, Jesse	Joseph & Lucy Kemp
	Anna	Mary Davis
June 7th	Rebekah	Simon & Deborah Green
June 14th	Russell	Abel & Hannah Farwell
	Oliver, Jephtha	Oliver Junr & Hannah Blood

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June 28th	Ebenezer	Ephraim Junr and Mary Russell
July 5th	Benja	Samuel and Anna Bartlett
August 2d	Abrahm	John & Simons
	Amos Molly	Amos & Molly [(Moors)] Stone
	Sarah	Jacob Gragg Junr & [Mary] his Wife
16th	Abel	Robert and Susanna Ames
	Joseph	Ebenezer and Sarah Far[n]sworth
Septr 6th	Lucy	Thos and (Ruth) [(Nevers)] Trowbridge
	Samuel	Nehemiah and Molley [(Kemp)] Goold
20th	Timothy	Caleb & Elisabeth [(Farnsworth)] Blood
	John	Joseph & Sarah Rockwood
	Emme	Lemuel & Sarah Woods
27th	John Anna	John & Anna Fisk
	Oliver	Isaac & Priscilla [(Dodge)] Bowers
Sept 27th	Jona Clarke Jane Clarke	Eunice Parker
	Twins	
Oct. 4th	Oliver	Timothy & Sarah Johnson.
	Luther	Saml Jur & Susanna [(Parker)] Law-rance.
	Allice	Amos & Sarah Adams.
	Eunice Nabby	Benjamin & Abigail Blood.
Oct. 18th	John	Thomas & Lois Hubberd.
	Joshua Ephraim	Ephraim and Azubah [(Farnsworth)] Parker.
Octr 25th	Phineas Azubah	
Nov. 1st	Barzillai	Lemuel and Lidia Blood.
Nov. 22d	Lucy	Joseph & Eunice Page.
	Sarah	Jonas & Jane Farnsworth.
	Oliver	Jonathan & Susanna [(Moors)] Stone.
Decem 6th	Ebenezer-Lewis	Jonas & Blood.
	Diademia	Solomon & Mary Woods.
Decemr 27th	Isaac	Nehemiah & Eunice Green.

1779		
Jany 10th	Asa	Asa & Patty Stone.
Jany 23^{d}	Sally	Benj^{a} & Emme Page Baptiz'd at Home
Jany 24th	Jonathan	Jonathan & [Jemima] Fisk.
March 7.	Nathanael	Eph^{m} Jur & Mary Russell.
March 14.	Lucy	Enoch & [Mary] Cook.
March 28.	Patty	Asa & Patty Stone.
April 4.	Jonas	Caleb & [Betty (Cummings)] Woods.
	Anna	Job & Sarah Shattuck.
	Joseph	Samuel & Sarah [(Fitch)] Hemmenway.
April 25	Benj^{a}	Timothy & Sarah Farwell
	Peter-Wood	Sarah Chase.
May 2.	Sarah	Charles & Cate [(Gilson)] Quailes
May 23.	Elisabeth	Nehemiah & Martha Tarbell
May 30.	Nabby	Abel & Anna Woods
June 13.	Susanna	Solomon & Mary Gilson
	Susanna, Margaret	Thos & Eunice Gragg
June 27.	Samuel	John & Mindwell Frost
July 4.	Jephtha	Nathan & Deborah Ames
July 11	Richard	James & Mehetabel Sullivan
July 25.	Isaac	Joseph & Mary Allen
	Rebekah	Jonas & Rebekah Stone
	Lefe	Phineas & Lefe Parker
August 1st	Nabby	Richard & Sawtell
	Silas	Oliver & Lucy Tarbell of Pepperrell
August 8th	Samuel	James & Deborah Sheplie
Octob 3^{d}	Josiah	Josiah & Sarah Warren
	Hannah	John Junr & Hannah Woods
Octr 10th	Abel	Thomas & Lois Hubberd
	Rebekah	Thomas & Ruth [(Nevers)] Trowbridge
Octr 17th	John	Jonathan & Hannah Keep
	Anna-Bancroft	Lemuel & Betty Parker
	Sybele	Robert & Blood
	Agness	Ebenezer & Emory
Octo^{r} 28.	Susanna	Amos & Sarah Adams.
Nov. 7th	Phineas	Benjamin & Prudence Stone
Nov. 14th	Moses Parker	Ezekiel & Bridget Fletcher

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	William	William & Susanna [(French)] Nutting
	Simeon	William & Elisabeth [(Parker)] Shed
	Anna	Abel & Sarah Bancroft
	Lucy	Levi & Lydia Stone
December 5.	William	A Child adopted by John Simonds, & Susanna his Wife & baptized on their account, they engaging before the Congregation to bring it up in ye nurture & admonition of ye Lord & to give ye same education as tho' it were their own offspring.
Decem^{r} 26.	David Hubbard	Oliver & Jane Parker
	Sarah	William & Mercy [(Porter)] Swan
1780		
Jany 23.	William	Samuel & Mary Reed
Jany 27.	Abel	Ephraim & Esther Kemp Baptized at Home
Feby 6.	Elisabeth	William & Mercy [(Porter)] Swan
March 14.	John	Jason & Hemmenway Baptized at Home
March 19.	Levi	Phinehas & Ede Wait
March 26.	Abel	William & Elisabeth [(Parker)] Shed.
	Sarah	Peter & Prudence Swallow of Dunstable. Baptized at Home.
April 2^{d}	Susanna	Daniel & Susanna [(Prescott)] Chaplin
	William	Thomas & [Sarah (Sawtell)] Farwell
	Charles	Charles & Cate [(Gilson)] Quailes
April 23^{d}	Elisabeth, Jonas, Samuel, Sarah	Jonas & Elisabeth Lesslie
	David	Jacob & Mary Patch
April 30.	Sally	Timothy & Elisabeth Woods
	Molly	John & Anna Fisk
May 14.	Asahel	Nehemiah & [Abigail] Gilson
May 21.	Amos	Thos & Esther [(Merriam)] Bond
May 28.	Emme	Amos & Sarah Adams
	Nabby	Nehemiah & [Abigail] Gilson
	Prudence	Solomon & Mary Woods

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June 18.	Sally	Ezra & Rebecca Pierce.
	Elisabeth	
	Artemas	
July 2.	Lydia	Amos & Molly Stone.
July 9.	William	Ebenezer & Sarah Farnsworth.
	Benjamin	Jonas & Jane Farnsworth
	Sally & Lydia	Levi & Lydia Stone
	Hannah	Oliver Jur & Hannah Blood
July 16.	John	Daniel & Hart
	David	Josiah & Mary [(Lawrence)] Stevens.
August 13.	Asa	Amos Junr & Betty [(Hubbard)] Lawrance
August 20.	Sarah	Jonathan & Anna Sheplie.
August 27.	Davis	Davis & Chapman
	Lucinda	John-French & Mary Woods.
Sept. 10.	William	Ezra & Rebecca Pierce
	Naomi	Thos & Lydia Bennett
Sept 24.	Peter	John & Hannah Tarbell
Oct. 1.	Warren	David & Deborah Woods
	Elisabeth	Caleb & Elisabeth Blood.
	Martha	Nehemiah & Martha Tarbell
	Eunice	Jonathan & Rebekkah Boyden
Oct. 8.	Ede	Joseph & Abigail Prescott
	William	
	Jephtha	
Oct. 22.	William	Ephraim Junr & Mary Russell
	Debby	Shattuck & Lydia Blood.
Nov. 5.	Thurzah	Jonathan & Susanna Stone.
	Phena	Joseph & Lucy Kemp.
Nov. 12.	Willard	William Jur & Sarah [(Gibson)] Derumple.
	Esther	Nehemiah & Esther [(Fitch)] Lawrence.
Decemr 17.	Sarah	Jonathan & Lois Capron.
1781		
Jany 28	Molly	The Widow Molly Boiden
	Lucy	
	Sarah	
Feby 11.	Molly	Jona Jur & Abigail Pierce
	Nabby	

March 4.	Abel	Abel & Sarah Bancroft
March 18	Nathan	Thoˢ & Lois Hubburd
March 25	Samuel	Jonathan & Hannah Keep
April 1.	Wᵐ Bant	James & Mehetabel [(Odiorne)] Sullivan
	Rebeccah	Caleb & [Betty (Cummings)] Woods
April 29.	Prudence	Benjamin & Prudence Stone
May 13.	Asa	Joseph & Jemima Frost
May 20.	Isaac, Lucy, John	Harbour & Lucy Farnsworth
	Benjª	Benjª & Emme Page.
	Hannah	Abel & [Hannah] Farwell
June 3.	Samˡ Boyden	William Juʳ & Sarah [(Gibson)] Derumple
—— 10.	Enoch	Enoch & [Mary] Cook
	Silas	Timothy & Sarah Farwell
—— 24	Imla	Elisha & Corey
	Emme	Asa & Patty Stone
July 8.	Samuel	Samuel & Susanna [(Parker)] Lawrance
—— 22.	Avory	Joseph & Abigail Prescott
Augˢᵗ 12.	Hannah	Thomas & Ruth [(Nevers)] Trowbridge
	[Sarah ?]	Joseph & Sarah [(Richardson)] Rockwood
Sept. 9.	Jonathan	Robert & Blood.
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Sept. 16.	Simeon	Nathan & Deborah Ames
—— 23.	Susanna	William & Susanna [(French)] Nutting
Oct. 28.	Lucy	Samuel & Sarah [(Fitch)] Hemmenway
Nov. 11.	David	David & Mary [(Blood)] Prescott
	John	Widow Elisabeth Parker
Nov. 25.	Samuel	Samuel & Lucy [(Hubbard)] Rockwood
	Emme	Samuel & Anna Bartlett
Decemᵇʳ 9.	Persis	Benjamin & Persis Patch
	Lydia	Zaccheus & Lydia Farwell

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Jan. 6.	William	William & Mercy [(Porter)] Swan
Jan. 13.	Lucy	Levi & Lydia Stone
Jan. 20.	Ezra	Ezra & Dolley Prescott
Feb. 3.	Milley	Joseph & Sarah Moors.
—— 10.	Sarah	Joseph & Mary Allen.
—— 24.	Nathaniel	John & Anna Fisk.
March 24.	Samuel	Thomas & Esther [(Merriam)] Bond
March 31.	James Prescott	Daniel & Susanna [(Prescott)] Chaplin
	Joseph	Amos & Molly Stone
	Wm Farwell	James & Sarah [(Farwell)] Brazer
April 14.	Lydia	Jacob & Mary Patch
April 21.	William	Phebe Lew [a black woman.]
—— 22.	Polly	Ebenezer & Sarah. Farnsworth — Baptized at the Widow Chase's. N. B. The mother of this child deceased about six days after its birth, & before it was baptized.
28.	Phineas	Phineas & Ede Wait
May 19.	Samuel	Robert & Susanna Ames
—— 26.	Mary	Abel & Sarah Bancroft
	Josiah Sartell	Jacob & Hannah Williams
June 2.	Solomon	Solomon & Mary Woods
—— 9.	Eunice	Ezra & Dolly Prescott.
—— 16.	Elisabeth	Charles & Caty [(Gilson)] Quailes
	Betty	Jonas & Rebeccah Stone
—— 23.	Jacob	Abel & Anna Woods
	Allice	Benja & Azubah Tarbell
—— 30.	Betsy	Amos jur & Betty.[(Hubbard)] Lawrance
July 28.	Aaron	Jason & Hemmenway
Augt 25.	Luther	Thomas & Lois Hubbard
Sept. 1.	Abel	Amos & Sarah Adams
	Mitty	Timothy & Elisabeth Woods
—— 8.	John	Davis & Chapman
	Susanna	Nehemiah & Esther [(Fitch)] Lawrance.
Sept. 15.	Nehemiah	Daniel & Hart
	Samuel	Jonathan & Rebecca Boyden

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20.	Levi	Caleb & Elisabeth [(Farnsworth)] Blood — baptized at home.
22.	Betty	Ebenezer & Emory.
29.	Jonas	Jonas & Jane Farnsworth
Oct. 6	Joseph	Joseph & Jemima Frost
	Silas	David & [Deborah] Woods
20.	Molly	David & Mary Prescott
Nov. 24	Jeremiah	Samuel & Sarah [(Fitch)] Hemmenway

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Jan 26	Joseph	Oliver jr & Hannah Blood
Feb. 9.	Susanna	Jonathan & Anna [(Blood)] Sheplie
—— 16.	Thomas	Nehemiah & Martha Tarbell
March 2.	Sally	Eben & Martha Farnsworth
April 6.	Benja	Benja & Emme Page
	Daniel-Emerson	David & Deborah Woods
	Sally	Enoch & [Mary] Cook
—— 20.	Asa	Elisha & Cory
	Elizabeth	William & Elizabeth [(Parker)] Shed
May 4.	Joseph	Joseph jr & Elizabeth Sawtell
—— 11.	Jesse	Winslow & Abigail Parker
18.	Samuel	Ezekiel & Bridget Fletcher
	David	David & Sybele Blood

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May 25.	Susannah	Jonathan & Hannah Keep
June 8.	William	Asa & Patty Stone.
	William	Zaccheus & Lydia Farwell
—— 22.	Sarah	Nathan & Davis
—— 29.	Sewall	Saml & Lucy [(Hubbard)] Rockwood
July 13.	Jacob	Joseph & Abigail Prescott
	George	Isaac & Molly Lawrence
	Sarah	Thos & Ruth [(Nevers)] Trowbridge
	Polly	Sarah Child
—— 27.	Betsey	Abel & [Hannah] Farwell

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Augst 10.	Sarah	W^{m} & Susannah [(French)] Nutting
—— 24.	Susa	Jonas & Blood
—— 31.	Sally	Caleb & Elisabeth Blood
Sept. 14.	William	Samuel & Susannah [(Parker)] Lawrance
	Emme	Benj^{a} & Persis Patch
—— 21.	Edward	William & Mercy [(Porter)] Swan
Oct. 5.	Agness	William & Agness [(Edes)] Bancroft
—— 26.	Molly	Ephraim & Esther Kemp
Nov. 9.	Joseph-Newell Isaac-Jackson	Widow Hannah Sanderson
	Abigail	Amos & Molly Stone
Nov. 30.	Moses	Nathan & Lydia Ames
Decem. 7.	Gideon	Robert j^{r} & Ruth [(Lawrence)] Ames
21.	Amos Jonas Twins	Thomas & Lois Hubberd
1784.		
Jan. 4.	Daniel	Daniel & Susannah [(Prescott)] Chaplin
Feb. 1.	Esther	Thomas & Esther [(Merriam)] Bond
March 7.	Zara	Jacob & Mary Patch
—— 28.	Lucy	Jonathan & Sarah Carriel
April 4.	Molly	John & Anna Fisk
May 9.	Sybele	David & Sybele Blood
	Asa	Abel & Sarah Bancroft
	Ede	Timothy & Elisabeth Woods
June 20.	Henry-Farwell	Caleb & [Betty (Cummings)] Woods
	Levi	Levi & Lydia Stone
July 4.	Asa	Thos dec^{d} & Lydia Bennett
	Agness-Christa	David & Abigail Smith
18.	Edmund	Benj^{a} & Prudence Stone
Augst 15.	Hannah	Jonas & Jane Farnsworth
Sept. 19.	Levi	Levi & Elisabeth Lawrance
Oct. 3.	Joel	Ezra & Dolly Prescott
Oct. 10.	Rebecca	Jon^{a} & Rebecca Boyden
	Eunice	David & Abigail Smith
	Eunice	Jon^{a} j^{r} & Abigail Pierce
Nov. 28.	Jon^{a} Aaron	Aaron & Lucy Bigelow

Decr 12.	Elisha	Samuel & Lucy [(Hubbard)] Rock-wood
	Isaac	Isaac j^{r} & Molly Lawrence
1785		
March 27.	Hannah & Eunice	Philip & Hannah Procter
	Sukey	Joseph & Mary Potter
May 1.	William	Asa & Patty Stone
	Sally, Polly-Prescott	Elnathan & Ruth [(Patch)] Sawtell
—— 15.	Clarke	Winslow & Abigail [(Woods)] Parker
	Mary Sartell	Jacob & Hannah Williams
	Mercy	Joseph & Jemima Frost
—— 29.	Patience	Amos & Sarah Adams
	Timothy	Amos & Molly Stone
	Hannah	David & Mary [(Blood)] Prescott
June 5.	Philip	Philip & Hannah Procter
July 3.	Asa	Daniel & Hart
	Francis	William & Mercy [(Porter)] Swan
	Hannah	David & Sybele Blood
July 17.	Billy	Enoch & Cook
	Jephtha	Oliver & [Mary] Shed
	Jephtha	Benjamin & Emme Page
—— 24.	Jane-Boynton	William & Susanna [(French)] Nut-ting
31.	Imla	Jonathan & Hannah Keep
	Amelia	Charles & Caty [(Gilson)] Quailes
Augst 7.	Betsey	Samuel & Betty [(Kemp)] Hodgs-kins
14.	Timothy	Jno & Moors
28.	Hannah	Thomas & Lois Hubberd
Sept. 11.	Benj^{a}, Jno-Gould	Benj^{a} & Lucy Farwell.
	John	John & Lydia Blood
	Patty	Ezekiel & Bridget Fletcher
25.	Jonathan	Jonathan & Anna Sheple
Oct. 2.	James, Sarah	Joseph & Sarah Moors
	Oliver	Daniel & Woods
	Stephen	Elisha & Corey

	Charlotte	David & Deborah Woods
	Elizabeth-Johnson	Joshua & Elizabeth [(Farley)] Parker
9.	Sewall	Ephraim & Esther Kemp
	Mighill	Robert jr & Ruth Ames
Oct. 16	Luke	Amos & Elizabeth Farnsworth
	Silas	Nathan & Rhoda Nutting
—— 23.	Levi	Abel & Sarah Bancroft
—— 30.	Samuel	Nathan & Davis
	Stephen, Molly, Susanna, Patty	Stephen & Mary Reed
Nov. 6	Joel, Jesse, Eunice	Jonas & Azubay [(Prescott)] Hadley
13.	William	Daniel & Susanna [(Prescott)] Chaplin
	Luther	Caleb & Elizabeth [(Farnsworth)] Blood
	Abijah	Peter & Sybele Gilson
20.	John	Nathaniel & Hannah Williams
	Zuba	Oliver jr & Hannah Blood
Decemr 11.	Susanna-Morse	Thomas & Wood
1786.		
Feb. 5.	William	William & Agness [(Edes)] Bancroft
12.	Sarah	Benjamin & Persis Patch
—— 19.	Solomon	Benjamin & Lucy Farwell
	Hannah	Thomas & Esther [(Merriam)] Bond

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Febr. 26.	Edmund	Jacob & Mary Patch
April 9.	Mahala	Timothy & Elizabeth Woods
	Betsy	Levi & Lydia Stone
—— 16.	Samuel	Samuel & Betty Hodgskins
—— 23.	Amos	Deacon Saml & Susanna [(Parker)] Lawrance
May 14.	Molly	Robert & Susanna Ames
	Lydia, twins, Anna	Jno & Anna Fisk

June 18.	Henry, Thomas	Widow Mary Mc Neil.
—— 25.	Juna	John & Lydia Blood
July 16.	Lucy	Edmund & Farwell
24.	Molly Baptizd at home sick	William and Anna Sheple
Aug.st 13.	Elijah	Davis & Chapman
	Hannah Farwell	Caleb and Betty [(Cummings)] Woods
—— 20.	Amos	Jonas and Jane [(Delap)] Farnsworth
Sept. 17.	Azubah	Jonas and Azubah [(Prescott)] Hadley
Oct. 8.	Ziba	Annis Blood
—— 15.	Rhoda, John, Sally, Hepzibah & Fanny	John & Rhoda Adams
Nov. 12.	Lucinda	Saml & Lucy [(Hubbard)] Rockwood
19.	Abigail-Sawtell	Simeon & Triphena [(Parker)] Kemp.
1787		
Jany 7.	Anna	Thomas & Lois Hubberd
—— 14.	Lucretia	Joshua & Elizabeth [(Farley)] Parker
Feby 25.	Ziba	David & Deborah Woods
	Nehemiah	Daniel & Hart
March 4.	Triphena	Simeon & Triphena Kemp
—— 11.	Thomas	William & Mercy [(Porter)] Swan.
	Anna, Sally	Ephraim & Anna Farwell
April 15.	Nathaniel	Amos & Molly Stone
	Mighill	Robert jr & Ruth Ames
22.	Polly	Ephraim & Anna Farwell
May 6.	Isaac	Timy & Sarah Farwell
—— 20.	Amaziah	Amaziah & Mary Swallow
	Dolly	Ezra & Dolly [(Wright)] Prescott
June 3.	Miriam	Aaron & Lucy Bigelow
17.	Benjamin	Joseph & Sarah Moors
July 1st	David	David & Abigail Smith
	Polly	David & Sibbel Blood
July 8.	John	Joseph & Jemima Frost
—— 15.	Jacob	Jacob & Hannah Williams

22.	Samuel	Josiah & Mary Stevens
	Winslow	Winslow & Abigail [(Woods)] Parker
Augst 19.	Matilda	Danl Chaplin & Susanna [(Prescott)]
	Benj^{a} Jaquith	David & Mary [(Blood)] Prescott
	Sarah	Jonathan & Abigail Pierce.
Sept. 2^{d}	Joseph-Danforth	William & Susanna [(French)] Nutting
9.	Patty	Asa & Patty Stone
16.	Lucy	Nathaniel & Burbank
23.	Mary Riche	Jonathan & Anna Sheple
	Susanna	Joseph & Susanna Bancroft
30.	Joseph	Amos & Sarah Adams
October 14	Zecheriah	Thomas & Wood

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Jany 13.	Jedediah	Joseph j^{r} & Betty Sawtell
Feby 10th	Susanna	Nathan & Davis
	Sarah	William & Sarah [(Farwell)] Lawrance
17th	Nathaniel	John & Anna Fisk
May 4th	James	Levi & Lydia Stone
25.	Lucy	Timothy & Elizabeth Woods
June 8th	Nathl	Thomas & Esther [(Merriam)] Bond
	Benjamin	William and Agness [(Edes)] Bancroft
	Susanna	Deacon Samuel and Susanna [(Parker)] Lawrance
15th	Phebe	Ezra and Dolly Prescott
July 6th	Thomas	Jonas & Jane [(Delap)] Farnsworth
	Lucretia	Philip & Hannah Procter
20th	Emme	Samuel & Anna Bartlett
Augst 24th	Curtis	Samuel & Lucy [(Hubbard)] Rockwood
—— 31st	Amos	Amos & Elizabeth Farnsworth
Sept. 7th	Asa	Davis and Chapman
Oct. 5th	Rhoda	Nathan & Rhoda [(Lewis)] Nutting
12th	David	Samuel & Betty [(Kemp)] Hodskin
19th	Lucy	Benj^{a} & Lucy Farwell
26th	Elizabeth	Levi & Elizabeth Lawrance
	Jonathan, Susanna, Emme	Jonathan & Susanna Nutting

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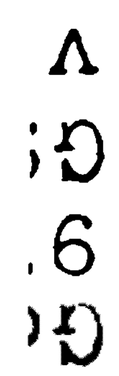
	Jonas }	
Nov 9th	Rachel	Jonas & Azubah [(Prescott)] Hadley
16th	Hepsey	David & Mary [(Blood)] Prescott
Decemr 7th	Nehemiah	Joshua & Elizabeth [(Farley)] Parker
	Milly	Amos & Molly Stone.
1789		
Jany 25th	Polly	Caleb and Elizabeth [(Farnsworth)] Blood.
March 15th	Phineas	Thomas and Lois Hubburd
—— 29th	Betsey	Jona and Phena [(Hobart)] Stevens
April 12th	Samuel	Samuel & Sarah Blood
May 17th	Phena	Jonn & Phena [(Hobart)] Stevens
—— 24th	Deborah	Amaziah & Mary [(Woods)] Swallow
June 7th	Alexander	David & Abigail Smith
	Timothy-Moors	Joseph & Jemima Frost
—— 28th	Moody	John & Lydia [(Kemp)] Blood.
July 19th	Relief	Jonathan and Susanna Nutting
	Emme	Simeon and Triphena Kemp.
26th	Bowes	Robert jr and Ruth Ames
Augst 16th	Nabby	Winslow & Abigail [(Woods)] Parker
—— 23th	Sophia	William and Mercy [(Porter)] Swan
Sept. 29th	Sally	Eben & Sarah Tarbell
	Lydia	Jnº & Moors
Oct. 11th	Caleb	[Nathaniel ?] Burbank
—— 18th	Bulah	Peter & Sybele Gilson
—— 25th	Jona	Eben and Sarah Tarbell
Nov. 1st	Nabby	John & Anna Fisk
—— 22d	Amos	Joseph & Susanna Bancroft
Decemr 6th	Sukey	Asa & Patty Stone.
13th	Hannah	Levi and Lydia Stone
1790		
Jany 17th	Bennett	Thomas & Wood
24th	Nancy	Abraham & [Rebecca (Stowell)] Child
31st	James-Locke	Philip & Hannah Procter
Feby 14th	Benja	Benja & Persis Patch
—— 22d	John	Nathan & Davis
	Silas	Stephen & Mary Reed



March 7th	Harriet	Daniel and Susanna [(Prescott)] Chaplin
	John	Thomas and Esther [(Merriam)] Bond.
—— 18th	Jephtha	Thomas and Gragg: at home
21st	Joanna	Elnathan & Ruth [(Patch)] Sawtell
April 25th	Abel, Betsy	Abel and Deborah [(Trufant)] Stevens
	Abigail	Timothy & Elizabeth Woods
May 30th	Lucy	Amos & Lucy [(Tarbell)] Shed.
June 7th	James	Jacob & Hannah Williams baptized at home.
20th	Betsy	Simeon and Elizabeth Gilson
July 11th	Abigail	Dolly Relict of Ezra Prescott deceased
August 22d	Thomas	Molly Priest.
—— 29th	Sally	Samuel & Sarah Blood
Sept: 5th	Patty	Isaac & Lawrance
—— 12th	James	Samuel & Lucy [(Hubbard)] Rockwood
19th	Polly	Jonathan & Phena [(Hobart)] Stevens
—— 26th	Susa	Amos & Molly Stone
	Sally, Alinda, Alecta	Jonathan Bigelow & Sarah Frost
Oct: 17th	Isaac	Samuel & Abigail [(Child)] Bancroft
—— 31st	Ralph	William & Susanna [(French)] Nutting
Nov. 14th	Sampson	David and Mary [(Blood)] Prescott
21st	Polly	Deacon Samuel & Susanna [(Parker)] Lawrance
Decem: 5th	Mary Anne	William & Agness [(Edes)] Bancroft
1791		
Jany 16th	Lucy	Joseph and Sarah Moors
	Abijah-Warren	Eben and Sarah Tarbell
Feby 27th	Curtis	Abel and Deborah Stevens
March 27th	Sophia	Joshua and Elizabeth [(Farley)] Parker
	Lucy	Thomas & Lois Hubburd
May 1st	Linda	Phineas and Ede Wait

15th	John	John & Nancy Farnsworth
	Peter	Nathan & Rhoda [(Lewis)] Nutting
	Polly	Thomas & Molly [(Farnsworth)] Tarbell
June 5th		Joseph & Jemima Frost
	Nancy	Caleb & Elizabeth Blood
12th	Aaron	Joseph 3d & Hannah [(Kemp)] Sawtell
	Jonathan }	Jonathan & Mary Blood
	Darius }	
July 3d	Isaac	Abraham & [Rebecca (Stowell)] Child
Augst 21st	David-Green	Simeon & Triphena [(Parker)] Kemp
	Delinda	Jonathan & Hannah Keep
	Sally	Simeon & Sarah Williams
Septr 4th	Jacob	Joseph & Susanna Bancroft
Octr 5th	Oliver Rice	baptized on acct of Job Shattuck & Sarah his wife — To whom he is bound
	John Brown	on acct of Samuel Hartwell to whom he is bound
16th	Daniel	Thomas & Wood
30th	Amelia }	Nahum & Jane [(Dalrymple)] Woods
	Jane }	
	Samuel }	
Nov. 13th	Ebenr	Ebenr Junr & Sarah [(Farwell)] Woods
Decemr 25th	Abel	John and Anna Fisk
1792		
Janry 1st	Henry	Caleb jr & Abigail Woods
29th	John	Levi & Lydia Stone
March 11.	Levi	Joseph jun. and Betty Sawtell
April 8.	Elnathan	Elnathan and Ruth [(Patch)] Sawtell
	Edmund	Isaac jun. and Lawrance
	Nabby	Caleb jun. and Abigail Woods
28.	Benjamin	Oliver jun and Anne [(Whiting)] Prescott
May 13.	John Locke	Philip and Hannah Procter
27	Tarbell	Samuel and Abigail Bancroft
June 3.	Katy	Simeon and Elizabeth [(Sartell)] Gilson

24.	Charlotte	Nahum and Jane [(Dalrymple)] Woods
July 1st	John	Samuel and Lucy [(Hubbard)] Rockwood
	Olive	Samuel and Betty [(Rockwood)] Hodskin
15.	Francis	Eleazer and Sarah [(Bancroft)] Hamlin
July 15.	Ann	Thomas and Esther [(Merriam)] Bond
	Betsy, Rhoda, Huldah	Daniel and Ruth Woods
Aug. 26.	Luther	Joseph jun. and Lucy Rockwood
	Lydia	Thomas and Molly [(Farnsworth)] Tarbell
Sept. 2d	Eliakim	Eliakim and Tufts
—— 16.	Elizabeth	Benjamin and Lucy Farwell
	Katy	Jonathan and Susanna Nutting
	William	John and Nancy [(Baker)] Farnsworth
—— 23.	Thomas	Joel and Ruth [(Collier)] Lawrance
	Polly	Colson and Maria [(Page)] Trufant
Oct. 21.	Betsey	Amos and Elizabeth [(Rockwood)] Farnsworth
Decem. 2.	Jonathan	Jonathan and Phena [(Hobart)] Stevens
	Curtis	Jonathan B. and Sarah Frost
	Mary	William and Mercy [(Porter)] Swan
23th	Abbot	Deacon Samuel and Susanna [(Parker)] Lawrance
	Eliza-Oliver	Daniel and Susanna [(Prescott)] Chaplin
	Lucy	William & Agness [(Edes)] Bancroft
1793		
Jan. 6th.	Phebe	Jonathan and Anna Sheple
13th.	Elizabeth	Thomas and Wood
20th.	Samuel Farley	Joshua and Elizabeth [(Farley)] Parker

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27th.	Asa	Jacob and Hannah Williams
	Joshua	Jonas jun. and Polly [(Corey)] Eaton
Feb. 17th.	Minot	Jonathan and Mary Blood
March 3d.	Isaac	Jonathan and Abigail [(Allen)] Shed
	Abigail	David and Mary [(Blood)] Prescott
24th.	Reuben	Calvin and Rebecca Howard
April 21st.	Betsy	David and Lucy Davis
May 5.	Kitty	Joseph 3d. and Hannah [(Kemp)] Sawtell
12.	John Walton	Joseph and Susanna Bancroft
19.	Francis	Asa and Lydia [(Farnsworth)] Lawrance
26th.	Sybele	Peter and Sybele Gilson
June 23d.	John	John and Lydia White
July 14.	Joshua	Joseph and Lydia Davis
21.	Edmund	William and Sarah [(Farwell)] Lawrance
Aug. 4.	Rufus	William and Susanna [(French)] Nutting
Sept. 1st.	Henry	Ebenezer and Sarah Woods
15th	James-Delap	Jonas and Jane [(Delap)] Farnsworth.
22d.	Olive	Joseph and Sarah Moors.
Oct. 6th.	Mary	Oliver jun. and Anne [(Whiting)] Prescott.
20.	Katharine	Timothy and Lucy [(Prescott)] Bigelow.
27.	Benjamin	Isaiah and Molly [(Kemp)] Edes
Nov. 24.	Allice	Eleazer and Sarah [(Bancroft)] Hamlin
Decem. 7.	Elisha	Joseph jun. and Lucy Rockwood
22.	Harriet	Joseph and Lydia Davis

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Feb. 9th	Hannah	Caleb jun. and Abigail Woods.
Feb. 16.	Jackson	Samuel and Sarah [(Bartlett)] Blood
—— 23.	Rebekah	Elnathan and Ruth [(Patch)] Sawtell.
March 2	James	John and Anna Fisk
April 13	Thomas	Samuel and Lucy [(Hubbard)] Rockwood
20.	Isaac	Davis and Chapman
	Joel	Peter and Sybele Gilson

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May 4.	Sukey	Joel and Ruth [(Collier)] Lawrance
June 1st.	Lyman	Nathan and Rhoda [(Lewis)] Nutting
	Tarbell	Adopted by Solomon and Molly Tarbell, son of a Mr. & Mrs. Rogers of Concord.
22d.	Sally	Thomas deceased four months ago, and Mary Wood.
29th	Nancy	John and Nancy [(Baker)] Farnsworth
July 27.	Calvin	Jonathan and Hannah Keep.
Aug. 3.	William	Eliakim and Sarah Tufts
17th.	Thaddeus Bancroft Sally Heald Sukey Wheeler	Solomon and Bulah Russell
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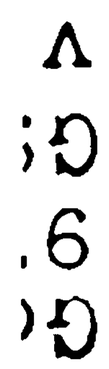
Sept. 21st.	Simeon	Simeon and Sarah Wiliams
	Molly	Oliver and Lydia Kemp.
Oct 5th	Jeremiah Prichard	David & Sybele Blood.
	William	Nahum and Jane [(Dalrymple)] Woods
Decem 7th	David Sally Ephraim	Ephraim and Sally [(Sartell)] Lawrance
14.	Eber	Jonathan and Susanna Nutting
1795		
Jan. 11.	Asa	Asa and Susanna Gilson
March 1.	Esther Edes	William and Agness [(Edes)] Bancroft
29th	Samuel	Jacob and Hannah Williams
	Hannah Imla Eber	Imla and Hannah [(Ames)] Parker
May 10.	Nathaniel Sartell	Simeon and Elizabeth Gilson.
31st.	Nabby	Joshua and Elizabeth [(Farley)] Parker
June 7th	Harriet	Oliver jun. and Anne [(Whiting)] Prescott
28th	Catherine Otis	Jonas and Jane Farnsworth
	Sabra	Oliver and Lydia Kemp

July 3d.	Asa, Elisha	Daniel and Hart at home
5th.	Andrew	Timothy and Lucy [(Prescott)] Bigelow.
	Caty	Jonathan and Anna Sheplie
	Matilda	Joseph 3d. and Hannah Sawtell
12th.	Mary	Nathaniel and Mary Gilson
Augst 16th	Sally	Samuel and Sally Pierce
	Mighill	Josiah and Sally Sawtell
Oct. 4th.	Eliza	Timothy and Elizabeth Woods
25th.	Abel	Abel and [Hannah (Spalding)] Prescott
	Mary	Thomas and Esther [(Merriam)] Bond
	Clara	Imla and Hannah [(Ames)] Parker
Nov. 3d.	Susanna	
	William	
	Luther	
	Henry	William and Susanna [(Chaney)] Parker
	Matilda	
	John	Baptized at the house of Elnathan Sawtell at a lecture
	Mary	
Nov. 3d.	Simon, Mehetabel	Simon and Mehetabel Gilson
	Levi	Levi and Sybele [(Lakin)] Gilson
	Simon Stillman	Ephraim and Sally [(Sartell)] Lawrance
		Baptized at the house of Elnathan Sawtell at a lecture
29th.	Otis	Abel and Deborah [(Trufant)] Stevens
Decem. 6th.	Ralph	Amos and Elizabeth [(Rockwood)] Farnsworth
	Amelia	Jonas jun. and Polly [(Corey)] Eaton
1796		
Feb. 21.	Mary	Philip and Hannah Procter
	Henry, Nabby, Betsy	Henry and Abigail [(Lakin)] Blood



25.	David, Royal, Silvanus, Lucy	Samson and Lucy [(Blood)] Prescott
	William, Lucinda	William and Elizabeth Blood
		At a lecture at the house of Samson Prescott.
March 20.	Eliza	Deacon Samuel and Susanna [(Parker)] Lawrance.
April 3.	Betsy	Thomas and Molly [(Farnsworth)] Tarbell.
17.	Zuba	Simon and Mehetabel Gilson.
	Jephtha	Caleb and Abigail Woods
	James	Asa and Sukey Gilson
	Betsy	Phineas jun. and Betsy Parker.
May 1.	John	Elnathan and Ruth [(Patch)] Sawtell
June 5.	Katharine	Eliakim and [Sarah] Tufts
19.	Grace	Isaiah and Molly [(Kemp)] Edes
26.	Anna	William and Susanna [(French)] Nutting
	Ephraim	Joseph jun. and [Lucy] Sawtell
	Matilda	Eben and Sarah Tarbell
July 10.	Libnah, Dan, Anna	Winslow and Abigail [(Woods)] Parker
	Polly Wheeler, Becca	John and Betsy Derumple, he deceased.
Sept. 11.	George	John and Nancy Farnsworth
14.	Phebe	Oliver and Lydia Kemp — at home
	Samuel	Levi and Lydia Stone — at home
Oct. 9.	Rhoda	Jonathan and Susanna Nutting
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Oct. 16.	Mighill	William and Susanna Parker
30.	Sarah	John and Anna Fisk
	Nabby	Samuel and Abigail Bancroft
Nov. 13.	William Lawrance	Daniel & Susanna [(Prescott)] Chaplin
Decem 11.	Lucy	Joel and Ruth [(Collier)] Lawrance

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Feb. 19.	James	Samuel and Lucy [(Hubbard)] Rockwood
June 25.	Oliver	Oliver jun. and Anne [(Whiting)] Prescott
July 2.	Harriet	Winslow and Abigail [(Woods)] Parker
	Sybele	Levi and Sybele Gilson
11.	Hannah Blood	Sampson and Lucy [(Blood)] Prescott, at home
16.	John	Joshua and Elizabeth [(Farley)] Parker.
	Lucy	Nathaniel and Mary Gilson
23.	Harriet	William and Agness [(Edes)] Bancroft.
Sept. 3.	Cyntha	Walter jun. and Anna [(Tufts)] Dickson
24.	John Prescott	Timothy & Lucy [(Prescott)] Bigelow
Oct. 29.	Mary	Simeon and Elizabeth Gilson
Nov. 19.	Nathaniel	Joseph jun. and Lucy Sawtell
Decem. 31.	George	Joseph jun. and Lucy Rockwood
	Sally	Edmund deceased and Sally [(Sawtell)] Tarbell

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Jan. 7.	Samuel	Samuel and Sally Pierce
14.	Calvin	Simon and Mehetabel Gilson
March 4.	Loiza	John and Lois [(Faulkner)] Loring
18.	Matilda	Abel and Hannah [(Spalding)] Prescott
	Matilda	Caleb and Abigail Woods
April 15.	Harriet	Asa and Lydia [(Farnsworth)] Lawrance
29.	Walter	Amos and Elizabeth [(Rockwood)] Farnsworth
May 6.	Patty	John and Polly [(Shedd)] Burges
	Sukey	David and Sybele [Blood?]
13.	Anna	Ephraim and Sally [(Sartell)] Lawrance

20.	George	Oliver and Lydia Kemp
	Samuel-Jackson	Samuel and Sarah Cook
27.	Mary	Imla and Hannah [(Ames)] Parker
June 3.	Harriet	Richard jun. and Sarah Sawtell
10.	Sarah Russell	Nahum and Jane [(Dalrymple)] Woods
		Samson and Lucy [(Blood)] Prescott
June 24.	Ebenezer	Elnathan and Ruth [(Patch)] Sawtell
July 1.		Betsy the Wife of Simon Patch
		Hannah Farmer—Sisters, baptizd
8.	Thomas Green	John and Nancy Farnsworth.
Sept. 16.	Anna	Isaiah and Molly [(Kemp)] Edes
23.	Hannah	Joseph 3d. and Hannah [(Kemp)] Sawtell
30.	Frederick Augustus	James jun. and Lucy [(Crosby)] Lewis
Oct. 14.	Warren	William and Susanna [(Chaney)] Parker
	Oliver	Oliver and Dolly Wright
	Mary	Jonas jun. & Polly [(Corey)] Eaton
	Fanny	Amos and Molly Stone
21.	Martha, Abigail	Thomas & Ruth Trowbridge
	Mary	Richard jun. & Sarah Sawtell
	Betsy	Simon & Betsy Patch
1799.		
Feb. 3.	Abel	Deacon Samuel & Lucy [(Hubbard)] Rockwood.
	Samuel, Lucy, Sally	Aaron Brown & Elizabeth [(Stowell)] his late wife deceased.
	Samuel	Levi & Lydia Stone
Feb. 17.	Hannah	Jacob & Hannah Williams
	Sukey	Asa & Sukey [(Gragg)] Gilson.
March 17.	Walter	Walter and Anna [(Tufts)] Dickson.
April 14.	Anna	Simeon and Elizabeth [(Sartell)] Gilson.
28.	Stowel	Samuel and Abigail Bancroft.
	Mary	Eliakim and [Sarah] Tufts

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July 14.	Caroline	Oliver jun. and Anne [(Whiting)] Prescott.
21.	John	John and Lois [(Faulkner)] Loring.
August 23.	Nathaniel-Sartell	Ephraim & Sally [(Sartell)] Lawrance
	Jacob	Levi & Sybele Gilson
	Sarah	Oliver & Dolly Wright
	Phebe	Henry & Abigail Blood Baptized at a lecture at the house of Amasa Gilson.
Sep. 29.		Alpheus Richardson baptized
	Alpheus, Benjamin	Alpheus & Phebe [(Meriam)] Richardson
Oct. 6.	Curtis	Joel and Ruth [(Collier)] Lawrance.
27.	Elizabeth-Hastings, Moses, America	Moses and Parney Chase.
Nov. 10.	Mary	John and Nancy Farnsworth
17.	Azubah	Jonathan and Susanna Nutting
	Mary	Joshua and Elizabeth [(Farley)] Parker
1800.		
Jan. 19.	Simeon	Simeon and Triphena Kemp
Feb. 17.	Asa	Asa and Lydia [(Farnsworth)] Lawrance
March 2.	Edward	Timothy & Lucy [(Prescott)] Bigelow.
April 20.	Benjamin-Franklin	Elnathan & Ruth [(Patch)] Sawtell
May 4.	Sarah	Zadock & Sarah Allen
11.	Sally	John and Polly [(Reed)] Burges
25.	James	Samuel & Sarah Cook
June 8.	Hannah	Jonathan and Tryphena Stevens
	Jane	William & Susanna [(Chaney)] Parker
29.	Jonas	Jonas jun. and Polly [(Corey)] Eaton
July 6.	Jonas	Jonas & Nabby Phillips
13.	Peter	Peter and Sybele Gilson
	Nath[l]-Wyer	Nathaniel & Mary Gilson
August 10.	Abigail Hale	Tilly Buttrick, the mother deceased
Sept. 7.	Moses	Imla and Hannah [(Ames)] Parker
Sept. 7.	John Bulkley	Abel and Hannah [(Spalding)] Prescott

21.	Solomon	Solomon and Molly [(Bennett)] Tarbell
	Sally	Thomas & Molly Tarbell
Oct. 5th.	Gabriel Lakin.	Henry and Abigail Blood
	Susanna Wright	Samson and Lucy [(Blood)] Prescott
12.	Sally	Joseph jun. and Lucy Rockwood
	Harriet	Joshua and Abigail Parker
19.	Benjamin	Jonathan & Deborah [(Lawrence)] Shepley.
	Maria	Alpheus & Phebe [(Meriam)] Richardson
26.	Noah	Noah and Anna [(Sheple)] Shattuck
	Rosilla	Daniel & Nabby Shattuck
	Eunice	Simeon & Sarah Williams
	Rosilla	Nahum & Jane [(Dalrymple)] Woods
Nov. 2.	Lucy	Eliakim and [Sarah] Tuffts
16.	William Crosby	James jun. and Lucy [(Crosby)] Lewis
	Mindwell	Simon & Mehetabel Gilson
	Serena	Joseph & Rachel Stone.
1801.		
Jan. 12.	Roxey	Levi and Sybele Gilson. N. B. Baptized at Jeremiah Farmer's.
Jan. 18.	Jesse	Oliver and Dolly Wright
25.	Samuel	Deacon Samuel and Susanna [(Parker)] Lawrance
April 12.	Lucy	Joseph 3d. and Hannah [(Kemp)] Sawtell
19	Samuel	Samuel and Sally Pierce
26.	Serena	Wilder and Phebe [(Fletcher)] Sheple.
May 17.	Lucy	Walter and Anna [(Tufts)] Dickson
	Lydia	John and Nancy Farnsworth
May 24.	Ira	John and Lois [(Faulkner)] Loring
June 7.	Fanny	Joseph jun. and Lucy Sawtell
July 12.	Sarah	Richard jun. and Sarah Sawtell.
26.	Charles	Oliver jun. & Anne [(Whiting)] Prescott
Sep. 20.	George	Samuel & Abigail Bancroft.
Oct. 18.	Leonora	Jonas and Nabby Phillips
Nov. 29.	Walter	Noah and Anna [(Sheple)] Shattuck
	Mary	Levi and Polly Carlisle.

1802.

Jan. 20.	Charles	William and Agness [(Edes)] Bancroft.
	Eliza	
April 11.	Norman	Heman and [Elizabeth] Seaver.
April 18.	Rebekkah	Jonathan and Deborah [(Lawrence)] Sheple
May 30.	Thomas Barrett	William & Mary [(French)] Nutting
	Daniel	Daniel & Nabby [(Sheple)] Shattuck
June 6.	Jason	Simeon and Sarah Williams
	Solomon	John and Polly [(Reed)] Burges
	Joseph Emerson	Nathaniel & Mary Gilson
	Thomas	Asa and Sukey [(Gragg)] Gilson.
27.	Eliza	Joel and Ruth (deceasd) Lawrance
July 18.	John	Charles and Katharine [(Gilson)] Quailes
Sept. 26.	Emme	Jonathan and Triphena Stevens.
Nov. 7.	Betsey	John and Lois [(Faulkner)] Loring.
15.	William	Alpheus & Phebe [(Meriam)] Richardson
	Lucy	Joseph jun. & Lucy Rockwood.

1803.

April 24.	Charlotte	Jonas jun. and Polly [(Corey)] Eaton.
	Eliza	Ebenezer and Barrett
May 1.	Benjamin	Joseph jun. [and] Lucy Sawtell.
May 15.	Andrew	Elnathan & Ruth [(Patch)] Sawtell
	Mary	Solomon & Molly Tarbell
21.	Mary Prescott	Samuel & Sarah Cook
29.	Roxy, Milly	Thomas & Milly [(Fitch)] Blood
June 2.	Phinehas Gilman	Abel & Hannah [(Spalding)] Prescott
Lecture	Debby	Peter and Sybele Gilson
	Sabra, Nathaniel	Winslow & Abigail [(Woods)] Parker
	Betsey, John, Summer	Calvin and Patty [(Sawtell)] Boynton

	John, Franklin, Walter	Solomon and Nabby [(Haven)] Carleton
June 5.	Loiza, Jerusha, John Wyman	Levi jun. (baptized at same time) and Jerusha Kemp.
	Sarah	Joshua and Elizabeth [(Farley)] Parker
21.	Nathan	Jonathan & Susanna Nutting
	Phinehas Wright	Samson & Lucy [(Blood)] Prescott
	Aaron	Simeon & Mehetabel Gilson
June 21.	Caroline	William & Susanna [(Chaney)] Parker.
		These four baptized at a lecture at the house of Elnathan Sawtell.
July 3.	Amelia, Sarah, Ezekiel, Rufus, Harriet	Ezekiel & Prudence [(Blood)] Shattuck
	Dexter Longley, Thomas Ransford, Rebecca	Elijah & Rebecca Pierce
24.	Clara, Henry	Jonathan & Sybele Farwell
Aug. 4. Lecture.	Lydia Ann	Oliver jun. & Ann [(Whiting)] Prescott
7.	Eliakim Ross	Eliakim and [Sarah] Tuffts
14.	John Ware	Richard jun. & Sarah Sawtell
28.	Helen	Timothy & Lucy [(Prescott)] Bigelow
Sep. 29 Lecture	Lydia, Lucy, Elizabeth, Mary	Jeremiah (deceased) & Lydia [(Ames)] Chaplin
Sep. 29.	Lucy	Emme wife of Benjamin Page, grandmother of the child, who has the care of its education.
Nov. 27.	Lucy	Eben and Sarah Tarbell

1804			
Feb. 5.	Lydia Lucinda	twins	Walter & Anna [(Tufts)] Dickson
Mar. 11.	Pamela		Imla & Hannah [(Ames)] Parker
25.	Richard		Jacob and Hannah Williams
April 15.	Samuel William		Samuel-Osburn (deceased) & Martha [(Woods)] Row.
19	Emily		John and Nancy Farnsworth
May 13.	Nathan-Heywood		Jonas & Nabby Phillips
20.	Luther Josiah Joshua Fanny William		Jonas & Nabby Gilson
27.	John		Joseph 3d & Hannah Sawtell
	Cynthia		Joseph & Rachel Stone
July 1.	Anna		Noah and Anna [(Sheple)] Shattuck
29.	Francis Mary		David & Mary Fletcher
Aug. 26.	Sarah		Jonathan and Deborah [(Lawrence)] Sheple
Sep. 2.	Charles-Barrett		Daniel & Nabby [(Sheple)] Shattuck
Oct. 21.	Harriet		Solomon and Nabby [(Haven)] Carleton
Nov. 4.	Caroline Mary Evelina Sarah		Asa & Sarah Wheeler
11.	Thomas-Jefferson		Joshua & Elizabeth [(Farley)] Parker
25.	Eliza		Samuel & Abigail Bancroft
Decem. 9.	Charles		Alpheus & Phebe [(Meriam)] Richardson
1805.			
Feb. 3.	Roxana		David and Mary Fletcher
24.	Samuel		Samuel and Caroline Matilda [(Wright)] Hartwell.
Mar. 3.	George		Nathaniel and Mary Gilson
	Harriet-Williams,		natural child of Mary Davis, adopted & offered in baptism by Eunice Wife of Jason Williams

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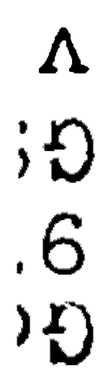
May 12.	Eleanor	Betsey Green.
26.	Alfred	Thomas and Milly [(Fitch)] Blood.
June 2.	Sarah, Jonathan, William	Jonathan & Margaret [(Shattuck)] Bennett
June 16.	Luther	Jonas & Nabby Phillips
July 7.	James Brazer	Jonathan and Sybele Farwell.
21.	Frederick Augustus	Samuel & Betsey [(Brown)] Hale
Oct. 6.	Edward	Samuel and Sarah Cook
20.	Ann	Oliver and Ann [(Whiting)] Prescott.
Nov. 3.	Louisa	Asa and Sarah Wheeler
8.	Edward	Elnathan and Ruth [(Patch)] Sawtell
	Anna	Nahum and Jane [(Dalrymple)] Woods
	Loisa	William and Susanna [(Chaney)] Parker
	Melinda, Wm Cumings	Simon & Mehetabel Gilson
Dec. 15.	Mary	Joseph jun. and Lucy Rockwood.

At the house of Elnathan Sawtell

1806.

Jan. 19.	Susanna	Samuel and Susanna Billings
May 18.	Henrietta	Caleb & Clarissa [(Varnum)] Butler
25.	Merina	Abel & Hannah [(Spalding)] Prescott
June 4. Lecture	Eli, Charles, Maryann	Eli & Sarah Flint
July 15.	Sarah	Isaac & Priscilla Bowers, had taken this child to educate as their own
July 15.	Hannah	Samuel & Caroline Matilda [(Wright)] Hartwell, had taken this child, &c.
	Andrew	Noah & Anna [(Sheple)] Shattuck
	William, Simon, Margaret, Alexander, Sarah, Anna, Mary	William & Eunice [(Blood)] Shattuck at their own house, at a meeting for religious exercises.



Aug. 1. Lecture	Harriet	Nathaniel & Mary Gilson
3.	Francis	Timothy & Lucy [(Prescott)] Bigelow
	Frederick Augustus	Alpheus & Phebe [(Meriam)] Richardson.
31.	Joseph	Joseph & Abi [(Hartwell)] Mansfield.
	Ruhamah	Joshua & Elizabeth [(Farley)] Parker
Sep. 14.	Anna Maria	Luther & Lucy [(Bigelow)] Lawrence
Oct. 26.	Lucy Lawrence	Elnathan & Ruth [(Patch)] Sawtell
	Julian	William & Susanna [(Chaney)] Parker
Nov. 2.	James	Daniel & Nabby [(Sheple)] Shattuck
	Abigail	Imla & Hannah [(Ames)] Parker
	Margaret	Jonathan & Margaret [(Shattuck)] Bennett
Dec. 22.	Harriet	Asa & Sukey Gilson. At home.
1807		
Jan 11.	John Holden	Samuel & Carolina Matilda [(Wright)] Hartwell.
April 23.	Charles Varnum	Caleb & Clarissa [(Varnum)] Butler.
June 7.	Betty	Joseph jun. & Lucy Sawtell
	Catherine	Solomon & Nabby [(Haven)] Carleton
Aug. 23.	Elzaphan-Ithamer	Gilbert & Elizabeth Smith.
Oct. 4.	Sally (adopted)	Jacob & Mary Patch
	Betsy Fitch	Thomas & Milly [(Fitch)] Blood
11.	Abel	Samuel & Sarah Cook
	Almira	Asa & Sarah Wheeler
	Philena	Simeon & Elizabeth [(Sartell)] Gilson
	Emily	Luther & Lucy [(Bigelow)] Lawrance
Oct. 20.	Fredrick	Jonathan & Susanna Nutting
		N. B. administered at a lecture at the school house in the east part of the town, near bear rock, so called.

1808.		
Jan. 17.	Levi, Achsah, Dopinda (twins)	Eliakim & [Sarah] Tufts
Mar. 13.	Henry	Asa & Sukey Gilson, baptised at home, on account of the indisposition of the child.
Apr. 7	William	Jonas and Polly [(Corey)] Eaton
	Sarah	Eli & Sarah Flint
May 29.	Jackson	Alpheus and Phebe [(Meriam)] Richardson
June 1.	George	Caleb & Clarissa [(Varnum)] Butler — Lecture
5.	George	Joseph and Abi [(Hartwell)] Mansfield
Aug. 4.	Lucy Oliver	Oliver & Ann [(Whiting)] Prescott
Sep. 18.	Loiza	Jonathan and Margaret [(Shattuck)] Bennett
Oct. 2.	David	Samuel and Caroline Matilda [(Wright)] Hartwell
6.	Rebeccah	Asa & Sarah Wheeler
	Elizabeth	Nathaniel (deceased) & Mary Gilson
7.	Elizabeth Lettice	Gilbert & Elizabeth Smith
1809		
June 18.	Sarah Cobourn, Elizabeth Relief, Maria Fiducia	James & Faithey Ridgway
July 23.	Francis	Daniel & Nabby [(Sheple)] Shattuck
	Susanna, George	Noah & Anna [(Sheple)] Shattuck
Aug. 20.	Charles	Walter & Anna [(Tufts)] Dickson
	Mary Saltonstall	William F. Brazer & Phebe his wife
Sep. 3.	Andrew Johnson	Joshua & Elizabeth [(Farley)] Parker
Nov. 5.	Ebenezer, Dorcas, Jeduthan Stanley, Sumner, Bradley	Ebenezer (deceased) & Dorcas Hopkins
26.	Susan	Caleb & Clarissa [(Varnum)] Butler

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1810.		
Apr. 5.	Charles	Abel & Hannah [(Spalding)] Prescott
15.	Mary Anne	Thomas & Milly [(Fitch)] Blood
May 13.	Sarah-Farwell	William F. & Phebe [(Varnum)] Brazer.
June 17.	Caroline	Alpheus & Phebe [(Meriam)] Richardson.
July 15.	Robert	Joseph & Abi [(Hartwell)] Mansfield
22	John	Enoch & [Betsey (Dunsmore)] Page
Sep. 30.	Elizabeth-Andrews	Luther & Lucy [(Bigelow)] Lawrence
Oct. 15.	Maria	Joseph & Rachel Stone (baptised at home)
21.	Daniel-Wilkes	Samuel & Caroline Matilda [(Wright)] Hartwell
Nov. 18.	William Lawrence	Rev. Stephen & (Susanna deceased) Bemis, of Harvard, baptized in Groton
	Mercy Ann	Asa & Sarah Wheeler
Nov. 22	Joseph Addison	William & Susanna [(Chaney)] Parker
	Moses Hemmenway	Simeon & Elisabeth Gilson (baptized at school house N° 8.
1811.		
Feb. 17.	Ebenezer	Eliakim & [Sarah] Tufts
Apr. 7.	Amos Biglow	Amos & Sarah Bancroft
May 7.	Eliza	Abel & Elizabeth Hartwell.
June 23	Otis	Daniel and Nabby [(Sheple)] Shattuck
	Emily Ann	James & Faithey Ridgway
July 21.	Luther	Luther & Sally [(Cook)] Blood
	Lucinda Hall	Joseph Danforth Nutting & Lucinda [(Keep)] his wife
Aug. 18.	James	William F. & Phebe [(Varnum)] Brazer
	Rebecca	Caleb & Clarissa [(Varnum)] Butler (baptized at Es. Brazer's)
Sep. 8.	Sarah-Olive	Joseph F. & Sarah [(Moors)] Hall
	*Betsey	George & Betsey [(Morse)] Brigham
Oct. 3.	Joseph-Emerson Sarah	Jonas & Polly [(Corey)] Eaton — Lecture day

* This child by the consent & direction of the father assumed the christian name of Betsey-Morse. Sep. 19. 1823.



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June 7.	Joseph French	Joseph Danforth & Lucinda [(Keep)] Nutting
21.	Katherine	Luther & Lucy [(Bigelow)] Lawrence.
28.	William Perkins	Joseph & Abi [(Hartwell)] Mansfield
July 11.	James Hervey	Joseph & Rachel Stone (baptised at home & lived but a few hours after)
23	James	Jonathan & Margaret [(Shattuck)] Bennett — Fast day
Aug. 2.	Phebe Ann	Alpheus & Phebe [(Meriam)] Richardson
9.	Edward	Samuel & Betsey [(Brown)] Hale
Sep. 24.	Abi Mary Lydia Zadock Ralph Eda Rachel James Nahum	Jotham & Mary [(Gilson)] Woods
	Susanna Anna Lydia	Zara & Susanna [(Nutting)] Patch
Sep. 24.	John Ames Fanny	William & Elizabeth Blood
	Daniel	Jonathan & Susanna Nutting (grandparents)
	Oliver	William & Susanna [(Chaney)] Parker (all baptisms of this date at School house Nº 8)
Oct. 6.	Mary Lakin Hannah Lydia Ebenezer Lakin Luther Calvin	Henry & Abigail [(Lakin)] Blood (at the house of Capt. Job Shattuck)
Nov. 1.	Nancy	Thomas & Milly [(Fitch)] Blood.

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1813.		
Jan. 17.	William	Caleb & Clarissa [(Varnum)] Butler.
31.	Caroline } twins	Samuel & Caroline Matilda [(Wright)]
	Matilda } twins	Hartwell
	Abigail	Daniel & Abigail [(Sheple)] Shattuck
	Caroline	Noah & Anna [(Sheple)] Shattuck
Feb. 28.	Zara	Zara & Susanna [(Nutting)] Patch
May 30.	Luther	Josiah & Hannah Billings
Aug. 8.	James	James & Faithy Ridgway.
22.	George Dexter	George & Betsey [(Morse)] Brigham
Sep. 3.	Samuel-Freeman	Timothy & Stone
Sep. 3.	Thomas	John & Polly [(Reed)] Burges
	John	
	James } twins	N. B. These five children baptized
	Elisabeth } twins	at a lecture at the house of Jonas Stone.
30.	John Hamilton	John & Elisabeth [(Child | Spaulding)] Spalter (baptized lecture day at meeting house.)
Oct. 24.	Job	Winslow (deceased) & Abigail Parker
1814.		
Mar. 8.	Sybele	Nehemiah & Gilson (grandparents)
27.	Hannah Maria	Joseph D. & Lucinda [(Keep)] Nutting.
May 17.	Nancy Nichols	this an adopted child of Wm & Betsey Farnsworth
	Wm. Jackson	
	Betsey Curtis	Wm & Betsey Farnsworth
	Edward	
	Julia	
	William	
	John	
	Emerson	John (deceased) & Jane Ross.
	Rebecca	
	Esther	These twelve children baptized at a
	Sarah	lecture at the house of a Mr Day
	Sumner	in Groton.

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June 15.	Adaline Jonas Farnsworth Eliza Amos	Amos jun. & Hannah Stone
June 15.	John	John & Anna Park
	Martha	Nath[l] & Sally Stone
		These six baptized at Mr. Day's, at a lecture
19.	William Tarbell	Calvin & Patty [(Sawtell)] Boynton
	George	Alpheus & Phebe [(Meriam)] Richardson
	Elizabeth-Merril	Joseph & Abi [(Hartwell)] Mansfield
July 31.	Thomas Fitch	Thomas & Milly [(Fitch)] Blood
Aug. 19.	Maria	Abel & Elizabeth Hartwell
21.	Eliza	Luther & Sally [(Cook)] Blood
Sep. 4.	Clarissa	Caleb & Clarissa [(Varnum)] Butler
16.	Mary Ruth Sawtell Jane George Martin Job	Job 3[d] (deceased) & Polly [(Sawtell)] Shattuck
18.	Horace	Josiah & Hannah Billings
25.	Rufus Bigelow	Luther & Lucy [(Bigelow)] Lawrence
Oct. 2.	George Peirce Charles Bancroft	Asa & Sarah Wheeler
Nov. 9.	Sally Ann	John & Anna [(Stuart)] Park — baptized at Mr D's.
13.	Albert Decater	John & Elisabeth [(Child|Spaulding)] Spalter
Dec. 25.	Benjamin Franklin	Samuel & Caroline Matilda [(Wright)] Hartwell
1815		
Feb. 8.	Jacob	Zara & Susanna [(Nutting)] Patch — at School house N[o] 8.
June 8.	William Boynton George Sarah Maria Elizabeth Anna	Levi & Betsey [(Jones)] Wait.
	Eben	Eben and Sarah Tarbell. At School house N[o] 3.

July 23.	Jerome	William & Betsey Farnsworth
Aug. 3.	Walter, William, Mary Ann	Peter & Sally [(Stone)] Chase
	Martha Ann Lucy,	daughter of Levi Stone
6.	Emmeline	George & Betsey [(Morse)] Brigham
Oct. 1.	Sophia	Phineas and Nutting
15.	Charles-Thomas	James & Faithy Ridgway.
Nov. 24.	Joseph	Henry & Abigail Blood. At home.
1816		
May 19.	Lydia	Lydia Young — an adult
June 2.	Susanna	Joseph D. & Lucinda [(Keep)] Nutting
16.	Joseph-Fletcher,	Joseph F. & Sarah [(Moors)] Hall.
July 7.	Albert	Alpheus & Phebe [(Meriam)] Richardson
14.	Achsa, Mary, Alvah	Isaac, deceased, & Lucy Stone
Aug. 11.	Caroline	Sewall & Lucy [(Moors)] Rockwood
Sep. 8.	Susanna Lawrence	Joseph & Abi [(Hartwell)] Mansfield
Oct. 20	George, Ezra	Abel & Polly [(Goodell)] Farnsworth.
Nov. 17.	Abel Harknes	Abel & Jane (deceased) Tarbell
	Almira	Thomas & Milly [(Fitch)] Blood.
24.	Edward, Sally, Charles, Adeline	Peter & Sally Ames
1817.		
Apr. 20.	William	Noah & Anna [(Sheple)] Shattuck
June 8.	William Nutting	Zara & Susanna [(Nutting)] Patch.
Aug. 17.	Augustus	Luther & Sarah [(Cook)] Blood.
Sep. 7.	James Chaplin	Samuel & Caroline Matilda [(Wright)] Hartwell.
1818.		
June 21.	Harriet-Newell	William & Betsey Farnsworth.
Aug. 16.	Martha-Elisabeth	Joseph D. & Lucinda [(Keep)] Nutting.

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1819.

Feb. 28.	Norman	Noah & Anna [(Sheple)] Shattuck.
July 11.	Walter	Luther & Sarah [(Cook)] Blood.
	William-Danforth	Joseph D. Nutting & Lucinda [(Keep)].
Aug. 15.	Abigail Bulkley	Peter & Sally Ames.
Nov. 7.	Sarah Lawrence	Rev. Samuel (deceased) & Mary [(Lawrence)] Woodbury.

1820.

Feb. 6.	Samuel-Curtis	Sam[l] & Anna [(Houghton)] Rockwood.
Apr. 16.	Harriet-Prudence	Samuel, deceased, & Sarah Bennett.
Aug. 22.	Sarah-Ann	Moses & Anna L. Day
Oct. 1.	Gilman	Thomas & Milly Blood.
Oct. 29.	William Phillips	William F. & Phebe [(Varnum)] Brazer.
Dec. 7.	William Andrew	Aaron jun. & Sarah [(Spaulding)] Lewis } at A. Richardson's
	Benjamin-William	Alpheus & Phebe [(Meriam)] Richardson } at A. Richardson's

1821.

June 27.	Franklin Susanna	Jonas & Polly [(Corey)] Eaton.
	Claudius Buchanan Susanna Augusta	Luke & Sally [(Hartwell)] Farnsworth
Aug. 26.	Jane	Joseph D. & Lucinda [(Keep)] Nutting.
Oct. 5.	Mary	Luke & Sally [(Hartwell)] Farnsworth.
18.	Rufus Mary	Zara & Susanna [(Nutting)] Patch. Baptised at home.

1822

July 7.	Mary Rice	Abel & Polly [(Goodell)] Farnsworth
Oct. 3.	Henry-Farwell	William F. & Phebe [(Varnum)] Brazer.
13.	Sarah Hubbard	Joseph D. Nutting & Lucinda [(Keep)] his wife.
Nov. 6.	Lyman-Fletcher	Oliver & Rebecca [(Fletcher)] Blood



Dec. 15.	Nancy	Moses & Anna Lawrence Day.
	Charles	Sewall & Lucy [(Moors)] Rockwood.
22.	Frances	Caleb & Clarissa [(Varnum)] Butler.

[1823.]

May 18.	Albert Smith	Samuel & Anna [(Houghton)] Rockwood.
June 5.	Sarah	Luke & Sarah [(Hartwell)] Farnsworth.

1824

March 28.	Mary Loring	George & Margaret [(Shattuck)] Brigham.
July 29.	Mary Calhoun	Sampson & Mary [(Burges)] Woods.
	Marietta	William F. & Phebe [(Varnum)] Brazer.
Dec. 19.	James Sidney	Sam[l] & Anna [(Houghton])] Rockwood

1825

Feb. 20.	Isaiah Hall	Joseph D. Nutting & Lucinda [(Keep)] his wife.
Apr. 17.	Mary Susanna Augusta	Luke & Sarah [(Hartwell)] Farnsworth
Oct 16.	Sarah Augusta	Walter jun. & Sarah [(Eldredge)] Dickson
23.	Catherine Artemesia	Otis & Abigail Bardwell.

1826

Aug.	Catherine Jane Stuart James	John & Anna [(Stuart)] Park
	Samuel Smith Elizabeth	Moses & Anna L. Day.

Mem. These 4 children baptized at a chh prayer-meeting at the house of the Pastor of the chh.

1828.

Nov. 9.	Almira Ann	Deacon Walter & Sarah [(Eldredge)] Dickson

Memoranda found on the last page of the first volume.

1761
July ye 19th The Congregation Contributed £2.13.10
For Daniel Harper of Harvard now residing at D[orchester]. Canada [Ashburnham].

1762.
Decr 27. The Congregation Contributed £5.2. for Moriah Goold

1763
Decr 8. The Congregation Contributed £5.9.7½ for Jno Butterfield of Shirley

1767.
Octr 18. The Congregation contributed about £7 for Eleazer Gilson of Pepperel

1768.
Sepr The Congregation Contributed £3.6.5, for the Sufferers by the fire at Montreal.

1778.

		£	s.	d.
March 22^d	The Congregation contributed	32	15	11

One pair of Shoes, one Bushel of Rye, & one Ditto of I[n]dian Corn to David Gilson of Dunstable, on account of his having lost his house by fire.

1781.
Decem^r 13. The Congregation contributed twenty five Dollars in hard money & four Dollars new Emission which are equal to one in hand, to the poor & distressed people in S. Carolina & Georgia, in Compliance with a Brief issued by His Eccellency the Governor for that Purpose.

1795
Feb. 19. The congregation contributed sixteen Dollars to the sufferers by fire in Boston

APPENDIX.

BEQUESTS TO THE TOWN OF GROTON.

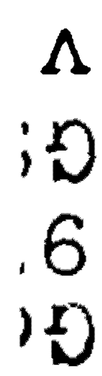
The following list of legacies to the town of Groton, or to the Church of Christ in said town, with one exception, is gathered from wills on file in the Middlesex Registry of Probate at East Cambridge. The exceptional case is the legacy contained in Colonel Josiah Sartell's will, which is not now to be found there in its proper place. The details of this bequest have been taken from Mr. Butler's History of Groton (pages 208–212), as the author of that work evidently had access to the will. The Church of Christ in Groton, so called in former times, is now represented by the Unitarian Society, though often it is spoken of as the First Parish.

The list may not be complete, but it includes all that I have been able to find after a careful examination.

WILLIAM MARTIN'S BEQUEST.

In his will, made on March 6, 1672–3, — only twenty days before his death, — William Martin bequeathed "to the Towne of Groton, Ten pounds ought of the foresaid Rent due frõ James Parker; towards the purchasing of a Meeting House Bell for the Towns vse; which Ten pounds is to be payed after the aboue said Leageses are descharged."

William Martin died on March 26, 1673, aged about seventy-six years. In his will he mentions "sister Allen," who may have been the wife of Timothy Allen, a near neighbor at Groton; and he gives forty shillings to the Reverend Samuel Willard, the minister. It was nearly sixty years before the town received this legacy, and then only after a law-suit.



JONAS PRESCOTT'S BEQUEST.

In his will, made on December 28, 1723, Jonas Prescott bequeathed "to the Church of Christ in Grotton fiue Pound money to be paid by my Executar within six months aftar my deceas." He was the grandfather of Colonel William Prescott; and his death took place on December 31, 1723, three days after the date of his will. There is a silver cup belonging to the Society, which bears the following inscription:—"The Gift of Jonas Prescott Esqr to ye Church of Groton"; and perhaps it was bought with a part of the legacy.

JONATHAN LAWRENCE'S BEQUEST.

By his will, made on August 27, 1725, Jonathan Lawrence bequeathed to the town of Groton, as follows:—

Item I give and bequeath To the Town of Groton One Hundred Pounds in Good Bills of Publick Credit or other Specia to the Vallue thereof out of my Estate, to be paid by My Executor within five years after my Decease unto Such persons as Shall be Deputed and Appointed by the Said Town to Receive it to be by them (With my Executor) Layed out & Disposed of toward ye purchasing & procuring of a Good Meeting House Bell and the putting it up. &c.

Item I give to the Church of Christ in Groton fourty Pounds to be paid by my Executor (After named) within four Years next after my Decease to be Layed out & Disposed of for the procuring of Some Silver Vessel or Vessels for the Churches use as they shall Order. Also I give To the Church of Christ in Groton Twenty Pounds to be Let out or otherwise Improved to the best advantage the profits and Income arising thereby, to be annually paid out and accoumpted for to the Settled or ordained Minister or Ministers of Said Town Successively from Time to time forever (the Twenty pounds not to be diminished &c)

In his will he mentions his brother Enosh, and his cousin William Lawrence, who was the executor of his estate. He was a son of John and Elizabeth Lawrence, of Watertown, where he was born about 1657, and died at Groton, on September 19, 1729, in the seventy-third year of his age.

The Church of Christ in Groton, now known as the First Parish or Unitarian Society, has in its possession two silver cups bought under this bequest. They were made by Jacob Hurd, and each bears the following inscription: —

The Gift of
Lie^{nt} Jona^{n} Lawranc
to the Church of
Christ in Groton
Ob^{t}. Sep^{tmbr} 19th.
17 29

See the first volume (No. X. 41) of this Historical Series for a reference to the purchase of these cups, where they are called "Silver Tankards."

See also page 17 of this Number, under the record of July 5, 1782, for an allusion to the bequest of Twenty Pounds, mentioned above.

SAMUEL BARRON'S BEQUEST.

By his will made on February 5, 1753, Samuel Barron gave to the Church of Christ in Groton the sum of thirteen pounds, five shillings, and four pence "for the Bennefit of the Poore of saied Church as the Church shall order but the Princaple neuer to be Deminished." This sum, though small in amount according to modern ideas, and expressed in illiterate language, represented much hard work and showed a kind heart on the part of the giver.

Mr. Barron died on June 9, 1771, in the eighty-eighth year of his age. In his will he mentions a grandson, Silas Parker Barron, which may help to straighten out the genealogy of the Groton branch of the family, now little known. By a codicil, added in 1756, he left the sum of thirteen pounds, six shillings and eight pence to my grandfather, Samuel Lawrence, — then two years old, — provided he lived to become of age. Perhaps I am now enjoying some of the indirect benefits of this bequest.

See page 12, under date of December 10, 1772, for a reference to this bequest.

Mr. Barron was born about the year 1684, and was, perhaps, a younger son of John and Elizabeth (Hunt) Barron, who were married on April 1, 1664. In the Groton town records the names of Barron and Barnes are often confused; and John Barron, of Groton, is probably the same person as John Barnes, of Concord.

SHADRACH WHITNEY'S BEQUEST.

By his will made on July 20, 1764, Shadrach Whitney gave to the town of Groton the sum of forty pounds (£40), of which the interest was to go toward the support of the settled minister. In his will he mentions his brothers Amos and Daniel, and his "Cousin Sible Lakin," daughter of his brother Timothy. He died on August 8, 1764, in the sixty-seventh year of his age; and on his tombstone the given name is written "Shaderah." His wife died on December 25, 1762, and presumably they left no children. The following is the extract: —

Item My Will is & I do hereby give & Bequeath to the Town of Groton the Sum of Forty Pounds to be paid by my Executors hereafter named within two years after my Decease to be Improved for their use forever hereafter in manner following (viz.) for the said Town to Let out the said money upon Interest in such way & manner as they shall think fit, so that the Interest thereof may be Improved & applyed for & towards the Support of the ordained minister of the Town of Groton, from time to time for ever hereafter.

EPHRAIM SAWTELL'S BEQUEST.

By his will made on April 4, 1767, Ephraim Sawtell gave to the Church of Christ in Groton the sum of thirteen pounds, six shillings, and eight pence, of which the interest should "be applyed for the use of the poor of s^{d} Church from time to time for Ever hereafter In such way & manner as the said Church shall order."

Mr. Sawtell died on October 8, 1768, in the eighty-third year of his age. In his will he mentions his daughters "Eunis" Farnsworth, Sarah Farwell, and Hannah Lawrence;

and his sons "Euriah," Amos, and John, the executor of the estate. He was born about the year 1686, and was perhaps a son of Obadiah and Hannah (Lawrence) Sawtell, of Groton, though his birth is not recorded.

See page 9, under date of November 11, 1768, for a reference to this bequest.

LONDON BRIDGE'S BEQUEST.

THE following are extracts from the will of London Bridge, which was dated May 23, 1775, and presented for probate on January 25, 1776. He was a tanner by trade, and presumably had no family; and probably he was an Englishman by birth.

Imprimis, Whereas there is the Sum of Thirteen pounds six shillings L M^{o} due to me from Jeremiah Dummer Rogers Esqr my will is and I do hereby give and Bequeath the s^{d} sum of Thirteen pounds six shillings and eight pence to the Church of Christ in Groton afores^{d} the Interest of which Sum is to be annually given to the poor of s^{d} Chh. at the Discretion of their Com^{tee}.

He then makes provision for the payment of his debts and of a small bequest to Captain Henry Farwell, and adds:

and if that should not be sufficient for those purposes my will is that my Executor take so much out of the sum given to the Chh. as to Defray the Charges Aboves^{d} and the Remainder be applyed by the Chh. in manner as Aboves^{d} for their poor.

JOSIAH SARTELL'S BEQUEST.

THERE is some confusion in regard to the Sartell and Sawtell families formerly resident at Groton, owing to the slight difference in surnames. I am inclined to think, however, that they belonged to the same stock, and that the variation in the name was simply a matter of pronunciation. In the records of the General Court for the session of 1732, Nathaniel Sartle is given as the representative from Groton, and in the records of the town for the next year Nathaniel Sawtell, Esq., appears in that capacity; and these two names stood for the

same person, who was the father of Josiah Sartell. From this fact I infer that the distinction between the two was neither closely drawn nor always kept up. The member of the General Court from Groton for the year 1742 was probably not a son of his immediate predecessor, though both were named Nathaniel Sartell. For a short account of the family, see the first volume of this Historical Series (XVI. 13, 14).

By his will, dated September 3, 1775, Colonel Josiah Sartell made liberal provisions for the support of the minister of the town, but unfortunately the will is not now on file in the Middlesex Registry of Probate at East Cambridge. Mr. Butler, in his History of Groton (pages 208–212), makes copious extracts from it, undoubtedly using the original document, and for that reason I take his version. Three clauses are as follows:—

My will is, and I do hereby give and bequeath to the town of Groton, forever, the annual income or rents of that piece of land in said Groton, where John Archibald now dwells, to be applied towards the support of the gospel minister in said town.

My will is, and I do hereby give and bequeath to the town of Groton the sum of one hundred and thirty-three pounds six shillings and eightpence, the interest of which, one year after my decease, to be annually applied towards the support of the gospel minister in said town for ever.

My will is, and I do hereby give and bequeath to the town of Groton for ever (after the decease of my wife,) all the buildings and lands which I have heretofore given her during life, [two farms,] to use and improve for ever; and positively order, that the same be not sold, but that they be rented out, and the premises kept in good repair forever hereafter, and that the overplus of the rents be annually applied towards the support of the gospel minister in said town; and this to be under the inspection and direction of the three senior selectmen by choice in said town for ever.

After making his will, Colonel Sartell became dissatisfied with the preaching of Mr. Chaplin, the minister of the town, and also disaffected toward the church; and he took a prominent part among those who separated from the old parish in order to form a Presbyterian Society. See the first volume of

this Historical Series (XIV. 21–25) for an article on "The Presbyterian Controversy in Groton."

Colonel Sartell died on August 30, 1784, and the will, when presented for probate, was warmly contested by two heirs at law, but its validity was finally established. Mrs. Mary Sartell, his widow, died on March 30, 1790, whereupon the two farms came into the possession of the town, and for some years were rented by the three senior selectmen. After trial, it was found that under a lease the lands rapidly ran out, and that a large part of the rents was needed to keep the fences and buildings in good repair; and consequently the "overplus," mentioned in the will, was very small.

Upon application by the parish, the General Court, on February 21, 1804, passed an Act incorporating certain officers of the church, under the name and style of "The Trustees of Groton Ministerial Fund," of which a copy is given later in this Appendix.

On May 1, 1809, the town voted unanimously to sell the lands that had been bequeathed by Colonel Sartell for the support of a minister, and to pay over the amount received therefrom to the Trustees of the Ministerial Fund. In order to accomplish this end, and to avoid any legal difficulties that might stand in the way, an enabling Act was passed by the General Court, two years afterward, as follows:—

CHAP. CII.

An Act to authorize the town of Groton to sell certain real estate devised to said town.

BE *it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same,* That the inhabitants of the town of Groton be, and they are hereby authorized and fully empowered to sell, and execute a deed or deeds, by a committee of three persons, or any two of them, to convey the whole or any part of the real estate devised to the said inhabitants in and by the last will and testament of Josiah Sawtell, Esquire, late of said Groton, deceased, for the support of a gospel minister in said town, as expressed in said will, and such deed or

deeds executed in due form of law, shall be valid and effectual to convey such real estate, and the proceeds of any such sales shall be paid over by such committee, or any two of them, to the Trustees of Groton Ministerial Fund, and be denominated "The Sawtell Donation for the support of a gospel minister in the first parish in Groton," and shall be preserved, managed and appropriated by said Trustees, as by law they are required to preserve, manage, and appropriate any other funds in their hands, or under their care.

[This act passed *February* 27, 1811.]

Under the authority of this Act, the town sold the two farms for the sum of four thousand dollars ($4,000), which was paid over to the Trustees, who held their first meeting and organized on June 13, 1812. Soon afterward the Archibald land was sold for about five hundred dollars ($500), and this sum also paid to the Trustees. The bequest in money to the town was not received for the want of sufficient estate.

Josiah Sartell was the second son of Nathaniel and Sarah Sartell, and was born about the year 1710, probably in England. His father was an English mariner, who came to this country about 1720, and was admitted to the church at Charlestown, on June 9, 1728; and soon afterward he removed to Groton, where he died on January 16, 1741–2, aged sixty years. Josiah was married to Mary Green, whose family I have as yet been unable to identify. Their children, two sons and two daughters, died young. For an account of the wife's legacy to the church, see below.

MRS. MARY SARTELL'S BEQUEST.

The first clause in Mary Sartell's will, made on November 28, 1789, is —

> First, I give and bequeath to the first Church in the Town of Groton aforesaid my Silver Tankard, and the Sum of Fifteen pounds Lawfull money, to be for the use of said Church Forever.

Mrs. Sartell was the widow of Colonel Josiah Sartell, who died on August 30, 1784, aged 74 years; and she died on March 30, 1790, aged 80 years. In her will she gives a large

number of household utensils "To my Maid Phillis, formerly Servant," who was the last survivor of negro slavery within the limits of Groton. The following entry is found in the town records: —

Phillis Walby, servant to Josiah Sartell, Jun., deceased, died at Groton, aged 79, February , 1821.

The Church has now in its possession two silver cups, on which is inscribed the following: —

The Widow
Mary Sartell
to the
Church of Christ
in Groton
1792

Also three other silver cups inscribed as follows: —

The Gift
of the
Widow Mary Sartell
to the
Church of Christ
in Groton
1792.

Presumably these cups were bought with her bequest, but I see no reason for the verbal changes in the two inscriptions.

JONATHAN LORING'S BEQUEST.

In his will, dated December 24, 1849, Jonathan Loring made the following bequests: —

I give and bequeath to the first Parish in Groton twelve hundred Dollars to be loaned upon interest, and the annual interest thereof to be expended in teaching, encouraging and providing sacred music in public worship in said parish, in said manner as said parish may from time to time vote, order, & direct.

I give and bequeath to the Trustees of Groton Ministerial Fund all the rest, residue and remainder of all my estate, both real and

personal, to be managed and improved like other funds in their hands: to have & to hold the same to them & their successors forever.

There was some litigation over the will, but its validity was finally established. For an account of the suit, see the second volume (page 344) of this Historical Series.

Mr. Loring was a son of John and Elizabeth Loring, and a native of Sterling. He was married to Mary, daughter of Nehemiah and Abigail (Farnsworth) Trowbridge, on January 12, 1815, at Groton, where he died on July 12, 1855, aged 82 years and 6 months. His widow died on October 23, 1865, aged 89 years.

WILLARD DALRYMPLE'S BEQUEST.

By his will dated August 14, 1882, Willard Dalrymple gave a handsome sum to the town of Groton, as specified in the following clauses:—

Eighteenth. I give to the Union Orthodox Society of Groton, Massachusetts, the sum of four thousand (4000.) dollars, in trust to apply the income thereof toward supplying the pulpit of said Society.

Nineteenth. To my native Town of Groton aforesaid I give the sum of four thousand (4000) dollars, to be known as the "Dalrymple Fund," of which the income only of two thousand (2000) shall be applied to the purchase of books for its Public Library, and the income only, of two thousand (2000) dollars shall be applied under the direction of the Overseers of the Poor of said town, to the treatment of worthy American citizens of said town suffering from disease of or of injury to, the eye.

By a codicil dated July 6, 1883, both of these legacies were increased as follows:—

Ninth. For the sum of four thousand dollars ($4000) given by the eighteenth clause of said will to the Union Orthodox Society of Groton, I substitute the sum of Five Thousand (5000) Dollars, and add to said eighteenth clause this proviso, viz. Said sum shall be called the "Dalrymple Fund" and in case said society is dissolved, then I give said sum to the issue of my brother George.

Tenth. For the sum of four thousand (4000) dollars given by the nineteenth clause of said will to the Town of Groton, I substitute the sum of Five Thousand (5000.) Dollars, upon the same trusts and applied in the same proportions as said sum of four thousand dollars.

Willard Dalrymple was a son of William and Sarah (Gibson) Dalrymple, and was born at Groton, on April 20, 1804. For many years he was a resident of Charlestown, where he died on July 26, 1884, and for a long time had been afflicted with cataract, from which he was relieved by an oculist.

LUTHER BLOOD'S BEQUEST.

The town of Groton will always have good reason to remember the name of Luther Blood with affection and gratitude. The largest gift for public purposes ever received from one of her citizens came from his generosity; and it represented on his part the savings of a long and frugal life.

Mr. Blood was a son of Luther and Sally (Cook) Blood, and was born on October 21, 1810, on the westerly side of the Nashua River, near Fitch's Bridge. He was married, on May 2, 1844, to Sarah Park, daughter of Nathaniel and Sarah (Park) Stone, who was born in that part of Groton which is now Ayer. He died on September 22, 1893; and his widow a few months later on April 4, 1894, aged 79 years, 1 month, and 11 days. They both were representatives of families belonging in the town since its earliest settlement.

The following extracts are taken from his will, which is dated July 5, 1893: —

Fourth: I give and bequeath unto said Town of Groton the sum of Four Thousand Dollars in trust, and I direct that said sum be kept safely invested on interest by said Town, and the interest or income thereof be annually expended in maintaining a Course of Public Lectures in said Town, admission to which shall be free to all the inhabitants of said Town.

Fifth: I give unto said Town of Groton the further sum of One Thousand Dollars and I direct that the same be safely invested on interest under the direction of the Trustees of the Groton Public

Library, and the income or interest thereof be annually expended to purchase books for said Library.

. . . . . .

Eighth: I give and devise unto Groton First Parish, connected with the Unitarian Society, of which Rev. Joshua Young is now pastor, all the real estate, of which I shall die seized and possessed, subject to the life estate of my said wife, and all my household furniture, remaining in and about my homestead residence at the time of the decease of my said wife, together with all gardening implements and other portable effects used on and about my grounds. I also give unto said Groton First Parish the sum of Two Thousand Dollars, and I recommend, that my homestead estate be used by said Parish as a Parsonage House, and that said sum of Two Thousand Dollars be kept invested, and the income thereof be used to pay taxes, insurance, repairs and improvements on said homestead estate, but direct that this recommendation shall have no legal effect to restrain said Parish in its management and disposition of said homestead estate and the expenditure of said Two Thousand Dollars, but that the same shall be considered in law and equity an absolute gift to said Parish, free of any trust or conditions.

REV. JOHN MILLER.

THE earliest documents relating to any inhabitant of Groton, found among the files of the Middlesex County Probate Office, are those belonging to the estate of the Reverend John Miller, the first minister of the town. Power of administration was granted to his son John Miller, on July 3, 1663; and his library was appraised at *£6 5s 7d.*

Mr. Miller graduated at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, England, in the year 1627, and came to this country in 1637. In the first return of deaths, made by the town clerk of Groton to the recorder of the County, it is stated:

"Mr Jno Miller, minister of Gods holy word died. June 12th 1663."

See "An Historical Sketch of Groton, Massachusetts. 1655–1890" (1894), pages 68, 69, for a short account of Mr. Miller.

THE GROTON MINISTERIAL FUND.

THE following Act, passed more than ninety years ago, and a supplementary Act relating to the same subject, passed more than sixty years ago, are here given for the convenience of persons interested in tracing the changes of its management: —

CHAP. XX.

An Act to establish a Fund for the support of the Gospel Ministry, in the first parish of the town of *Groton*, in the county of *Middlesex*, and to appoint trustees for the management thereof.

SEC. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same,* That the three senior selectmen of said town, for the time being, the treasurer of said parish, and the junior deacon by age, of the church in said parish, both for the time being, be, and they are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name of "*The Trustees of Groton Ministerial Fund*," and they and their several successors, in their respective offices, shall constitute a body politic and corporate by that name forever; and by the same name may sue and be sued in all actions, and pursue and defend the same to final judgment and execution. *Provided always*, that whenever either of said selectmen, or said deacon, shall be treasurer as aforesaid, or whenever said treasurer shall be the said deacon, and also one of said selectmen, then the next senior selectman by choice, and the next junior deacon by age, or one of them, as the case may require, shall belong to said corporation; or whenever such deacon shall be a selectman as aforesaid, in that case the next junior deacon as aforesaid, shall be one of said trustees, to the end that the said corporation may always consist of five members.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That any gift, grant, bequest, or devise, hereafter made to said trustees, shall be valid and effectual, to all intents and purposes whatever; and they and their successors as aforesaid, are hereby empowered, by purchase, or operation of law, to take, have, hold, use, improve and manage, any estate, real or personal, the annual income whereof shall not exceed the sum of *two thousand dollars*, in trust, for the support

and maintenance of the gospel ministry in said parish; and whenever the net annual income or interest of such fund or estate, shall amount to the sum of *six hundred dollars*, and not before, the said trustee shall proceed to pay the same quarterly, to such teacher or teachers of religion, as shall be regularly ordained and settled in said parish, by the joint concurrence of the inhabitants and church thereof; and such teacher or teachers of religion, shall be entitled to recover the same by action of debt, against said trustees: And during any vacancy in said parish, of a regular ordained and settled minister, they shall appropriate such income or interest, to the increase of the principal fund, any thing herein to the contrary notwithstanding.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That nothing herein contained, shall be construed to alter, impair, vacate, or in any wise affect the contract now existing, between said parish and their present minister; but the proceeds of said fund, whenever the same shall be paid to him, in manner aforesaid, shall be deemed to be in satisfaction of his salary, for the time being, so far as the same will apply to the discharge thereof.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the said trustees may assemble and meet together, as often as they may think necessary, for the promotion of their trust, any three of whom shall constitute a board for doing business; but the concurrence of three, at least, shall be requisite to every act and proceeding whatever; they may determine the manner of calling meetings; they may appoint a clerk, an agent or agents, and other needful officers and committees; they may make reasonable rules, regulations and bye-laws, and annex penalties for the breach thereof, not repugnant to the laws of this Commonwealth; they may have a common seal, and change the same at pleasure; and they may alienate, by good and sufficient deeds in law, any real estate, the title whereof shall be vested in them, by way of mortgage, or by operation of law.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the clerk of said corporation, who shall be a member thereof, and shall be sworn in the same manner as town officers are, to the faithful performance of the duties of his office, shall have the care and custody of all papers and documents, belonging to said trustees; and shall carefully and fairly record all their votes and proceedings, in a book kept for that purpose, and shall certify the same, when thereunto required; and he shall call meetings, when he may think the same necessary,

or when thereto directed by said trustees; and do whatever else may be incident to said office. And he shall deliver up to his successor in office, as soon as may be, all the records, papers and documents in his hands, in good order and condition; and if he shall neglect so to do, for the space of thirty days, next after such successor shall be duly appointed, he shall forfeit and pay a fine of *fifty dollars*, and the further sum of *thirty dollars* per month, for such neglect afterwards.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the said parish treasurer shall always be the treasurer of said trustees, and the receiver of all money and effects, due, owing and coming to them; and may demand, sue for, and recover the same, in their name, unless prohibited by them; and he shall have the care and custody of all the money and effects, obligations and securities for the payment of money or other things, all evidences of property, belonging to said trustees, and be accountable to them therefor, and shall dispose of the same, as they shall order and direct; and shall render an account of his doings, and exhibit a fair and regular statement of the property, and evidences of property in his hands, whenever they shall require the same to be done; and he shall deliver up to his successor in office, as soon as may be, all the books and papers, property, and evidences of property in his hands, in good order and condition; and shall give bond to said trustees, and their successors, with sufficient sureties, to be approved by them, in the penal sum of *twenty thousand dollars*, at least, condition to do and perform, all the duties incumbent on him as their treasurer; and if he shall fail to deliver up the same as aforesaid, or neglect to give bond as aforesaid, for the space of thirty days, next after such treasurer shall be duly chosen, he shall forfeit and pay a fine of *fifty dollars*, and the further sum of *thirty dollars* per month, for such failure or neglect afterwards.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of said trustees to use and improve such fund or estate, as shall be vested in them by virtue of this act, with care and vigilance, so as best to promote the design thereof; and they shall be amenable to the inhabitants of said parish for negligence or misconduct, in the management or disposition thereof, whereby the same shall be impaired or suffer loss, waste or diminution; and the inhabitants of said parish may have and maintain a special action of the case, against the proper persons of said trustees, and their goods and

estate, jointly and severally, for such negligence or misconduct, and recover adequate damages therefor; and any sum so recovered, shall be deemed to be for the benefit of said fund, and shall be paid to said trustees, who may have an action of debt therefor accordingly.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That the said trustees shall cause to be recorded, and kept in their book of records by their clerk, a statement of the funds and estate in their hands, wherein shall be particularly designated the nature and amount of each original grant or donation, the period when made, the design thereof, and the donor's or grantor's name and place of abode at large, with such other circumstances, as they may think useful or proper, to distinguish the same, and perpetuate the remembrance thereof; and they shall make report of such statement to the inhabitants of said parish, at their meeting in the month of March or April annually, where the same shall be publicly read, or to a select committee, if said parish shall choose one for that purpose; together with a specific estimate of what estate they actually hold, and by what tenure; what money and effects are due to them, and how the same are secured; and what receipts have been obtained, and disbursements made by them the preceding year.

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That the said trustees shall always loan, upon interest, all the money belonging to said funds, in sums of not less than *two hundred dollars* each, and for the term of one year, upon the bond or note of the borrower, with a mortgage of real estate, to *three* times the value of the sum loaned, as collateral security for the repayment of the principal sum, with interest annually till paid; and if any debtor of said corporation shall fail to pay the interest due on his bond or note, for the space of ten days, after the same shall become due, it shall be the duty of said treasurer to cause such bond or note, and mortgage, to be put in suit, and prosecuted until it shall be obtained.

SEC. 10. *And be it further enacted*, That if said trustees shall fail to pay the annual income of said fund to the settled minister, as herein before provided, for the space of thirty days after the same shall become payable as aforesaid; or if they shall neglect to make report to said parish in the month of March or April, annually, or to a select committee, as in this act directed, they shall severally forfeit, for each offence, the sum of *fifty dollars*, and the further sum of *thirty dollars* per month afterwards, until they

shall make payment of said income as aforesaid; saving always, that the said trustees shall not be liable to the forfeiture aforesaid, for non-payment of said income, if they shall prosecute as before in this act provided, within thirty days after the same shall become due, for the recovery thereof.

SEC. 11. *And be it further enacted*, That the said trustees shall be entitled to receive a reasonable compensation, to be paid by said parish, for their services, in managing and taking care of said funds and estate; but no part of such funds or estate, or the income thereof, shall ever be appropriated to that purpose.

SEC. 12. *And be it further enacted*, That all fines and forfeitures, incurred for any breach of this act, shall and may be recovered by action of debt, by the inhabitants of said parish, if they shall sue for the same, within six months after the same shall be incurred, to the use and benefit of said fund, to be paid to said trustees accordingly; otherwise by any person who shall sue therefor, one moiety thereof to his own use, and the other moiety thereof to the use and benefit of said fund, and shall be paid to said trustees accordingly, and they may have an action of debt to recover the same.

SEC. 13. *And be it further enacted*, That the said treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to appoint the time and place for holding the first meeting of said trustees, and to warn such meeting accordingly.

[This Act passed Feb. 21, 1804.]

After the organization of the Union Church on November 21, 1826, it was thought best to change that part of the statute, passed on February 21, 1804, which related to the choice of Trustees. The reasons for a change are set forth in the petition to the General Court from the three senior selectmen and two officers of the First Parish Church; and the desired legislation soon followed. The petition, as taken from the History of Groton (pages 213, 214), and the Act are here given:—

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled, on the first Wednesday of January, A. D. 1832, respectfully shews—

The Petition of Caleb Butler, Benjamin Moors, and John Boynton, the three senior selectmen by choice of the town of Groton in

the county of Middlesex, Calvin Boynton, treasurer of the first parish in said Groton, and Stuart J. Park, junior deacon by age of the church in said parish, that by the statute of said Commonwealth of 1803, chap. 86, sec. 1, your petitioners, in their said capacities, constitute a body politic and corporate by the name of *The Trustees of Groton Ministerial Fund;* that said town of Groton, in its municipal capacity, is not interested in the funds held and managed by said trustees; that the senior three selectmen of said town, if not elected from the members of said first parish, on becoming trustees of said fund, are subject to duties and liabilities which may be to them exceptionable and unreasonable, and having no pecuniary interest therein, may not have so strong an inducement to care and fidelity in office; wherefore your petitioners pray, that said statute may be so modified by an additional act, that instead of the three senior selectmen of said town, three persons to be annually elected by ballot by the inhabitants of said first parish, in the month of March or April, shall, with said parish treasurer and junior deacon, constitute *The Trustees of Groton Ministerial Fund.*

CHAP. CXII.

An Act in addition to an Act entitled, "An Act to establish a Fund for the support of the Gospel Ministry, in the first Parish in the town of Groton, in the county of Middlesex, and to appoint Trustees for the management thereof."

SEC. 1. BE *it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same,* That the trustees of the Groton Ministerial Fund shall hereafter consist of five persons, to wit: three persons to be annually elected by ballot for that purpose, by the legal voters of the first parish in said Groton, at their annual meeting in March or April, and the treasurer of said parish, and the junior deacon, by age, of the church in said parish; and they shall perform all the duties, and be subject to all the liabilities, mentioned in the act to which this is in addition. And to the end that said corporation shall always consist of five persons, the three persons to be chosen as abovementioned, shall never include either said parish treasurer or junior deacon; and if, at any time, said junior deacon shall be chosen parish treasurer, the next junior deacon, by age, shall be one of said trustees; *Provided however*, that the persons who are or may be trustees, by



the act to which this is in addition, shall continue so to be, until said parish shall have elected three persons as aforesaid, and no longer.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That so much of the first section of the act to which this is in addition, as is inconsistent with this act be, and the same is hereby repealed.

[Approved by the Governor, March 9, 1832.]

A detailed "Report of the Parish Committee First Parish of Groton, for Year ending March 2, 1896," was made in print by the committee in charge of the Ministerial Fund, on March 9. It is the first Report that has been thus presented.

LIST OF MINISTERS,

WITH THEIR DATES OF SETTLEMENT, AND OF DEATH OR DISMISSAL.

Names.	Settled.	Dismissed.
John Miller (Conv. and Caius Coll. 1627)	1662?	died in office, June 12, 1663.
Samuel Willard (H. C. 1659)	1663	1676.
Gershom Hobart (H. C. 1667)	1678	1690?
Samuel Carter (H. C. 1660)	1692	died in office, 1693.
Gershom Hobart (H. C. 1667)	1693	1704.
Dudley Bradstreet (H. C. 1698)	1706	1712.
Caleb Trowbridge (H. C. 1710)	1715	died in office, September 9, 1760.
Samuel Dana (H. C. 1755)	1761	1775.
Daniel Chaplin, D.D. (H. C. 1772)	1778	1826.
Charles Robinson (H. C. 1818)	1826	1838.
George Wadsworth Wells (H. C. 1823)	1838	died in office, March 17, 1843.
Joseph Couch Smith (Bowd. C. 1838)	1843	1851.
Crawford Nightingale (Brown U. 1834)	1853	1866.
George McKean Folsom (H. C. 1857)	1866	1869.
John Martin Luther Babcock	1871	1874.
Joshua Young, D.D. (Bowd. C. 1845)	1875	



The town was burned by the Indians, on March 13, 1676, and for two years was abandoned by the inhabitants. Upon their return to resettle the place, in March, 1678, Mr. Hobart accompanied them, or soon followed, but he was not ordained until November 26, 1679. In the order of settlement he also became the fifth minister of the town, as well as the third. Of all these ministers, Dr. Young is the sole survivor. Mr. Nightingale and Mr. Babcock both met with violent deaths,—the former being run over by a cable car in his native city of Providence, on August 19, 1892, and instantly killed; and the latter lost his life in a burning house, Dover Street, Boston, on April 3, 1894.

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CAPT. WILLIAM SCOTT.

ON the third page of "The Boston Gazette, and the Country Journal," July 16, 1792, is printed a long extract from "a Philadelphia. paper of July 2," giving an account of a severe hurricane that swept over the eastern part of Pennsylvania on July 1. The storm did much damage in Philadelphia and its neighborhood, but fortunately there was no great loss of life. At the end of the extract the following episode is given, with some editorial comment of the Gazette within brackets, as here printed :—

Since writing the above account, we further learn, that a boat from this city to the Jersey shore was overset within fifty rods of Samuel Cowper's wharff. There were in the boat Captain Scott, Mr. Blake, his wife and four small children, a young woman, and Mr. Betis, in all nine persons, none of whom could swim but Capt. Scott.

The Captain, by the most astonishing and praise-worthy exertions, was able, providentially, to save them all. He swam ashore with one child hanging round his neck, and one to each arm; and he returned to the boat amidst the boisterous waves raging in a furious and frightful manner, and brought the others, who had with much difficulty held by the boat, safe to the land.

For the honor of Captain Scott, an old and valiant Soldier, a Son of Massachusetts, this circumstance should be handed down to posterity.



Those who revere the virtues of the benevolent HOWARD must ever remember, with veneration, those successful exertions of Captain SCOTT.

[The above mentioned hero, is Capt. WM. SCOTT, of Groton, in this Commonwealth; and an invalid officer of the United States.— At the commencement of the late war in the battle on Bunker's Hill, he received several wounds, was taken prisoner, and confined in goal in this town, when in possession of the British — and suffered much maltreatment.]

The "Columbian Centinel" (Boston), July 14, 1792, also mentions the same incident, but does not give so many particulars.

William Scott was a son of John and Mary (Chamberlin) Scott, of Groton, where he was born on July 1, 1742. It will be noticed that the act of heroism was performed on his own birthday, — on the day when he was fifty years old, — and this fact may have incited him to make special exertions. During the Revolutionary War he saw much military service, and at one time was in the navy. For a sketch of his life, see Dr. Albert Smith's History of Peterborough, New Hampshire (page 248 of the second Part), where the account of his parentage conflicts with the statement here given. His death took place at Litchfield, New York, on September 19, 1796, at the age of 54 years.

THREE ARTESIAN WELLS.

IN the autumn of 1886 two Artesian wells were drilled at Groton, under the management of Benjamin Franklin Smith and his brother Charles Greenleaf Smith, of Boston, well known experts in driving wells. As the details of such matters are so soon forgotten, I will here place on record the following facts, obtained through the courtesy of the Messrs. Smith.

The first well was sunk, on the west side of Farmers' Row, for the Groton School. It was drilled six inches in diameter

to the depth of one hundred and eighty-seven feet, at a cost of eight dollars ($8.00) á foot, and was finished in the early part of November, 1886, after several months' labor.

The second well was drilled by the same firm on the land of Frank Farnsworth Waters, near the Unitarian Meeting-house; and the work was begun immediately after the completion of the first one. It was sunk six inches in diameter to the depth of one hundred and sixty-three feet, of which sixty-three were through sand and gravel and one hundred through rock. The cost was seven dollars ($7.00) a foot for drilling through earth, and eight dollars ($8.00) for rock. The daily progress was between four and five feet on an average, and the work was completed in the early part of December. The water is excellent in quality and inexhaustible in quantity, and is pumped up by steam power. The well is estimated to yield a continuous supply of fifty gallons a minute, but it is used only in times of drought.

A third Artesian well was drilled six inches in diameter on the land of the Honorable William F. Wharton, and sunk to a depth of three hundred and twenty feet without reaching water in any large quantity. With the exception of eight feet of earth near the surface, the drilling went through slate rock and occasional layers of a formation resembling soap-stone. Water in small quantities was found at a depth of thirty-five feet, slightly increasing during the next thirty feet, but afterward with no gain in the supply, which was about fifty gallons an hour. The site of the well was westerly from Mr. Wharton's house; and, as soon as it was clear that further drilling was impracticable, another site on the northerly side of his house was chosen. This second well was carried to a depth of one hundred feet without finding water in sufficient quantity. A third well was then begun a short distance easterly from the second one, and drilled to a depth of thirty-five feet, when water was obtained in abundance. It is the one now in use to supply the various buildings on the place, and the water is raised by means of a wind-mill. The well, it is estimated, will yield a daily supply of fifteen thousand gallons.

Work on the project was begun in May, 1894, and ended in August. The contractor was James Starr, now a resident of Groton, who has had a large experience in drilling wells; and to his courtesy I am indebted for the facts.

Artesian wells receive their name from the province of Artois, in France, where they were first bored, and where they have been common for many years.

MINERALS FOUND IN GROTON.

THE following paper is found, among the manuscripts of the Massachusetts Historical Society, in the first volume of Belknap Papers, marked on the back "Miscellaneous Letters. 1637 to 1788," leaf eleven. According to the indorsement, the paper was written in the spring of 1684. The writer was Dr. William Avery, a physician of Boston, who was concerned in mining researches, as made in New England more than two hundred years ago; and his correspondent was Robert Boyle, of London, who was largely interested in the welfare of the Indians, and to whom Eliot dedicated the second edition of his translation of the Bible.

Cold Spring lies in the northerly part of Groton, near Reedy Meadow, and is still known by that name. Marcasite, mentioned in the paper, is a sulphide of iron resembling pyrite or common iron pyrites in composition but differing in form. For many years bog-ore has been found in that neighborhood, and formerly was worked to a small extent. See the Historical Series (III., 478, 479), for a reference to the subject.

In the year 1684, the highest court in England declared the charter of the Colony of Massachusetts Bay null and void; and the allusion in the last paragraph of the postscript is to that anticipated event.

A Note of the mineralls

Nō r is only to shew the probabilitie that svch [*torn*] have bin flvid or liqvid and have had a kind [*torn*] or concrettion

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Nō. 2 is a Red Dvst that coms ovt of the side of a [*torn*] Som Doe think is a signe of som mettall

Nō. 3 is a marksite that coms ovt of a Narrow long hill and this matter is taken ovt at the top of the hill abovt 3 or 4 foot Deep

Nō 5 is a svlphvriovs matter lying in veines between the sqvare stones sent the last yeer

Nōm 4 is a marksite or firestone that mr Whorten have sent if that might be a hopefull Signe of mettalls: there is plentie of it— this lyes on the top of the hills the Rooks seems to be made vp of it

Nō 6 is from the Side of a great hill jvst by a brook side and was taken almost at the top of the grovnd where is mvch Soft blak Stone that will easily crumble to Dust

This like a shell in the paper Sent by mr whorten only as a Raritie

This Bitvmen or gum is fovnd by the Sea Shore cast up by the water if it may be proffittable we hope to present yov with more of it and also give some fvrther acount of it — at Nantastik enqvire of mr gare or mr Coffin they are inhabitance there or Nantvket

Nō 7 is taken ovt of a Roky hill — and if we had not bin prevented wee had Sent more of it

Thes are presented to yovr Honovr for advice
if any of thes be encvrageing wee shall take care to make Som farther triall, to see what ther is, that lyes Deeper and is more incvrageing. Not Dovbting bvt if as thes faile but if the lord shal please to prosper ovr indevovrs — bvt within a years time to present yovr honovr with Somthing of more worth than any of thes

[Indorsed] A Note of things Sent to mr boyle March 30 83

Postscript

Honovrable S^{r}

wee who have written to yovr honovr for that privilidge from his maj for the encovragement to poor covntriemen that mines might be Discovered here in N–E Did it not at al to apropriat the benefit of it to ovr selves for we have pvrposed that if Providence shal make ovr indevovrs profitable to vs: that wee will not be bakward to shew ovr thankfullnes to his majestie for his graciovs favovr to vs in that case

and haveing for this 2 or 3 yeers time bin Diging in a Roky hill at cold Spring at Groten and following a veine of a svlfvriovs markasite 44 foot Right Dovne with ovt one shovl fvll of earth



and Now are in a white sparr — a small qvantetie of the spa[rr] and of the marcasite we have sent to yovr honovr, and covld be willing if yov shall think it may be acsepted that what we have with ovr labovr and cost attained that it might be presented to his majestie as a token of ovr alegience and ovr Desires of his prosperitie and the first frvits of ovr minerall work (before we have made any benefit of it to ovr selves, in hope if the lord continve ovr lives with health peace and libertie that within a few yeer time we shal have somthing of more valve to present him with — it may be it may be [*sic*] lookt vpon as the 2 hands fvll of water that I mentioned in my last — bvt if it find like acseptance (seeing I have no better) my end will be in som measvre attained.

we have sent al that we have attained knowing that there is som thing good in it tho wee feare not proffitable at present — and if yovr honovr shal see Cause to cal for it we have taken care with ovr honovred frind who will without faile Dispose of it according to yovr honovrs order

it is Reported by some that there are sedvlovs indevovrs by som ill affected persons: to insence his majestie against vs & to provok him to change ovr govrment, which if they shovld prevaile to Doe it mvst of Nessesitie pvt a stop to this mineral work and we who som of vs have labovred in it this 20 yeers and are bvt Now com to a grovnded hope of ovr Desires of benefit to his majestie and to our Nation also mvst cease ovr indevovrs in that kind: and ly dovne in Sorrow knowing that the Enemy can Never be able to covntervaile the kings Damage

[Indorsed] a Coppy of a letter to mr boyle 84 conserning mineralls at Groten

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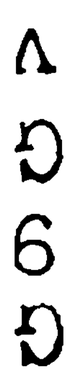
HON. JAMES SULLIVAN.

A LONG communication, headed "Refutation of Calumny," written by James Sullivan, appears in "The Independent Chronicle" (Boston), April 8, 1805. The charges against him may be learned now only by inference, but it is presumed that they were groundless, as he was chosen Governor of the

Commonwealth by a handsome vote two years later, on April 6, 1807. During a large part of the Revolution he was a citizen of Groton, where he owned a farm on what is now the Lowell Road, about half a mile from the First Parish Meeting-house. The following extract from the article in question shows that one of the accusations against him related to Samuel Tarbell, a somewhat noted tory of this neighborhood. See the second volume of the Historical Series (pages 109–111) for facts concerning Tarbell.

The charge that I received a fee of ten dollars of one Farwell, in a cause of Dr. Dexter against him, and afterwards argued for Dexter, is also groundless. There was one S. Tarbell, in Groton, who went away in the time of the war, and a note of Mr. Farwell to him, was found with Tarbell's name endorsed upon it, in the possession of one Jonas Cutler. It was sued, I think, before the peace; and I defended Farwell against that demand. When the treaty of peace was made, and it was provided that the absentees should recover their debts, Farwell gave Tarbell another note for this, dated the 14th of April, 1787. Tarbell or Dr. Dexter brought this last note to me to be put in suit, and it was sued in Dr. Dexter's name, as an indorser. The declaration was in my hand writing, and I appeared for Dexter in this case, and in the review of it afterwards. Tarbell paid my fees, and I did not receive any money of Farwell in this cause. I knew Mr. Farwell, and knew him to be not only friendly but attached to me; nor did I ever hear a word of this affair till it appeared in the papers.

On the last page of "The Independent Ledger, and the American Anvertiser" (Boston), July 21, 1783, is an article addressed "To ——— Groton, Esq; (commonly called JUDGE GROTON," and signed "Nathan Longhead P C." It begins "Dear Jemmy!" and contains an allusion to his "kinsman Mr. *Jeremiah Sullivan*." Without doubt the scurrilous skit refers to the distinguished lawyer whose name is given at the head of this paper.



DR. OLIVER PRESCOTT.

THE Reverend Elias Nason, in his "Gazetteer of the State of Massachusetts" (Boston, 1877), says that the town of Prescott was so "named from Dr. Oliver Prescott, who was instrumental in suppressing Shays's rebellion." It was incorporated by the General Court, on January 28, 1822, and was taken mainly from the town of Pelham, where Captain Daniel Shays, the leader of the Rebellion, had previously lived. Dr. Prescott, who was a younger brother of the commander of the American forces at Bunker Hill, and a native and life-long resident of Groton, took an active part in putting down that insurrection. Perhaps the memory of Shays's attempt to oppose law and order in the neighborhood of the new town prompted the citizens to select the patriotic name.

WILLIAM O. PRESCOTT.

WILLIAM OLIVER PRESCOTT was the youngest son of the Honorable James, Jr., and Hannah (Champney) Prescott, and was born at Groton, on October 27, 1808. He prepared for college at Groton Academy, and in the year 1825 entered Harvard as a member of the noted Class of 1829. Among his classmates were, George Tyler Bigelow, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Massachusetts; James Freeman Clarke, Theologian; Benjamin Robbins Curtis, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States; Oliver Wendell Holmes, poet, physician, and writer; Benjamin Peirce, mathematician; and Samuel Francis Smith, author of the hymn "America."

Soon after young Prescott's death, which took place on February 3, 1827, near the middle of his Sophomore year, an address on his Life and Character was delivered in the College Chapel by Benjamin R. Curtis, on which occasion all the classes were present. Extracts from this production are found in "The Harvard Register" (pages 30, 31) for March,



1827. The following tribute to his memory, prepared at the request of the Class by Albert Locke, appears in the "Columbian Centinel" (Boston), February 14, 1827:—

OBITUARY NOTICE.

In Groton, Feb. 3d, WILLIAM OLIVER PRESCOTT, aged 17 [18], son of the Hon. JAMES PRESCOTT, and member of the *Sophomore Class* in *Harvard University*.

In announcing the death of this young gentleman, his classmates think it their duty to pay this small tribute to his memory, in order to satisfy their own feelings and to induce others, when they see how beautiful was his character, to do likewise.

Among those, with whom he was connected by the relations of Academic life, he was modest and unassuming; he ever treated them with civility and they all bear honorable testimony to his memory. His attachment to intimates was warm and tender; and they were bound to him by the ties of brotherly love. As a scholar he was studious; for he knew that a strong mind might be strengthened by study; and the rank, which he maintained, was honorable. His desire of improvement united with uniform respect for his instructers gained him their esteem. As a son he was dutiful; as a brother affectionate; for these qualities he was beloved by those, who stood in the above relations toward him. As a friend he was constant; if he had once found a friend in the wide world, where close connections are so often made and broken, he ever remained his firm supporter.

He paid due defference to those, whose opinions he disapproved and was lenient towards those, whose foibles, or vices his good judgment taught him to avoid, or his moral principles to condemn. Every point in his character will bear the closest scrutiny and imitations; and, as his life was virtuous; so his death was peaceful.

Cambridge, Harvard University, Feb. 11.

Through the courtesy of the Reverend Samuel May, of Leicester, the Secretary of the Class of 1829, I am enabled to give the following extract from the Class Book:—

DEATHS.

. . . .

William Oliver Prescott, of Groton.

He had been sick at home for some time during the winter of 1826–7. He died Feby 3^{d} of that year [1827]. When the event



was communicated to the Class, they voted to wear the usual badge of mourning the remainder of the term, and to have an eulogy delivered. Benj. R. Curtis was chosen to deliver the Eulogy. An obituary notice also was written at the request of the Class by Albert Locke [son of Hon. John Locke, of Ashby, Middlesex Co.] and published in the "Columbian Centinel."

MOCKING-BIRDS FOUND IN GROTON.

THE following communication is taken from "The Auk: A Quarterly Journal of Ornithology" (XII. 308, 309) for July, 1895, and furnishes an interesting fact in connection with the *fauna* of Groton. For many years the editor of the Historical Series has known that the mocking-bird was seen occasionally in this neighborhood, but he was not aware that the fact had any special significance, or that the bird ever nested here.

Nesting of Mimus polyglottos in Eastern Massachusetts. — On June 3, 1895, while walking along a narrow country road in Groton, Massachusetts, my attention was suddenly attracted by the strange sight of a Mockingbird flying across an adjoining field. It alighted on a fence post near by, and, as I turned back to make sure that I had seen aright, my surprise was increased by the appearance of a second one. The two birds flew off together with such an evident air of being mates that I immediately began to look for a nest. The road was bordered on each side by a broad stretch of grassy fields, divided by rail fences; an eighth of a mile away it crossed a much travelled highway, strung along which a dozen houses could be seen; while at about the same distance in the opposite direction was the beginning of a large tract of deciduous woods. Besides these woods, there was hardly a tree anywhere near, save a few small apple-trees by one of the houses and one or two more — stunted, chance-sown seedlings — growing by the roadside. To one of the latter, a few steps away, I directed my search. In a moment I discovered a clumsily built nest a dozen feet from the ground, amid the thick foliage of a branch that overhung the road. I climbed the tree and, though I found the nest empty, I was rewarded by a scolding visit from the birds. When I



came again on June 13 they gave me a still more unfriendly greeting though they were so wary that I obtained only the male to accompany the nest and four half-incubated eggs which I secured.

This locality, which is in the northern part of Middlesex County, hardly six miles south of the New Hampshire boundary, is the most northern point in New England where the Mockingbird has yet been known to breed, and the only one in Massachusetts, east of Springfield, where its nest actually has been taken. The only other recorded evidence I can find of the breeding of the species in eastern Massachusetts is based on two families of well-grown young, found, one at Arlington (Auk, I, 192), the other at Marshfield (O. & O. XIV, 144). In each of these cases the birds were not discovered until August 15, although it seems probable that they had been bred in the neighborhood. — CHARLES F. BATCHELDER, *Cambridge, Mass.*

SALMON IN THE NASHUA RIVER.

A SALMON weighing 9½ pounds was caught recently in the Nashua River, near the Hollingsworth paper mills, at Groton. It is many years since this species of fish has been found in the neighborhood, but the provision now made for their passage over the dams, in going up stream in the spring of the year, renders it probable that others may be taken.

"Boston Journal," Sunday, May 12, 1895.

From what I have since learned about this fish, I am inclined to think that it was a carp, and not a salmon. It was caught by a young man named Nutting.

PORCUPINES.

IN the "Boston Evening Record," October 11, 1890, under the heading of "Seen and Heard," it is said: —

That chosen haunt of the fierce and fretful hedgehog, Snake Hill, hard by Sandy Pond, in the town of Groton (Groton, Mass.), is reported to have turned out a large fall crop of the sharp-quilled beasts.



A WILD DEER IN GROTON.

MOSELY GILSON, who lives on the Lowell Road, about half a mile from the First Parish Meeting-house, tells me that in the year 1894, late in the summer or early in the autumn, his wife saw a wild deer on the easterly side of Gibbet Hill, near his house; and that a few days later his hired man saw one, presumably the same deer, in the meadow opposite to his house.

See Historical Series (III. 340, 341) for another instance of a deer in Groton. Within a few years deer have been seen at different times in the northern part of Middlesex County, and in the southern part of New Hampshire, showing the good effect of the game laws as applied to that beautiful creature.

THE TOWN POUND.

THE following extract from the town records, found in Butler's History of Groton (page 41), is now of interest, inasmuch as the leaf containing the original entry has been lost for a long period of time, even before the early records of the town were copied and printed: —

At a town meeting held 5 March, 1665–6, the town agreed with John Page, Joseph Gilson, and Daniel Pearce, to make a common pound for the town's use, and they are to have fifty shillings for their pains, to be paid out of the next town rate. The said pound is to be made thirty feet square, six sufficient rails in height, not exceeding ten feet in length, the rails are two of them to be pinned at each end in every length; they are to make the gate, and to find the irons, and to hang the said gate, with a lock and key for the said gate for the use of the town, for the aforesaid £2 10s. The place to be set up is near the meeting-house.

According to this agreement with the contractors, the pound was to stand near the present site of Isaiah Melvin Mansur's dwelling on Hollis Street, which was in the immediate neighborhood of the meeting-house, as then projected

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but not yet built; and here it remained for nearly two centuries. About the year 1850 the ownership of the land, on which it stood, became the subject of dispute, and the case was carried into the courts, where for a long time it was closely contested. Perhaps the leaf, containing the extract just given, was used at the trial, and afterward lost, as for many years the leaves of the record-book have been loose and wholly detached from the volume.

At the town meeting held on April 1, 1850, it was

Voted, That the Selectmen procure a new site for a town pound, and place the old fence around it.

Five weeks later the same matter came up in town meeting, when it was voted, on May 6, that the whole subject be referred to the selectmen, with full powers. Soon afterward a site was chosen at the corner on the north side of West Street, then known as Fagot Lane, and on the west side of the Worcester and Nashua Railroad, where the pound now stands. It is placed partly on the land of the railroad company and partly on that of Charles Frank Hemenway. The enclosure is two rods square, surrounded by a fence six feet and four inches high.

TWO EPITAPHS.

THE following extracts from two notes to the editor of the Historical Series will explain themselves. The first note was written by Professor Franklin B. Dexter, of Yale University, and dated at Norfolk, Connecticut, on August 10, 1894; and the other was by Mr. Julius Herbert Tuttle, a native of Littleton, and dated at Dedham, on September 4, 1895.

While spending a few days in vacation here I happened to stray into the old cemetery in the adjoining town of Canaan (village of North Canaan), and there copied a stone which may possibly have some slight interest for you. On the chance of your wanting it, I send the copy: —

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ISAAC LAWRENCE, one of the first settlers of this town, Born in Groton, Mass. Feb. 25, 1704, Came here June 2, 1738, Died Dec. 2, 1793.

LYDIA HEWITT, his wife; Died Nov. 14, 1767, Æ. 60.

I send for your Historical Series the following copy of an epitaph, which I recently made in the old burying ground at Littleton Common. The stone stands near the middle of the northerly part of the lot, close by a tree toward which it leans.

In memory of
MRS. LYDIA SYMMES
wife of Mr. Caleb Symmes
of Groton who died
Dec.r 5. 1812.
Æt. 50.
The sweet remembrance of the just
Shall flourish when they sleep in dust.

A SICKLY SEASON.

THE autumn of 1723 was probably a sickly season at Groton. Deacon Simon and Sarah Stone lost three children,—a son and two daughters,—during the last week in September of that year. According to their tombstones the son died on the 30th day of that month, and the two daughters, respectively, on the 27th and 30th.

The following item is taken from "The Boston News-Letter," October 3, 1723; but no clew is given as to the name of the afflicted family mentioned in the first paragraph: —

We are informed from Groton, that a Man, his Wife and two Children died there of a Fever, in one Week.

And that a Woman of that Place, went to one of her Neighbors, for something in a Chest there, on which lay two Pistols loaded, the Woman of the House took them off and gave them to the other, while she opened the Chest; and stooping down to take out what she wanted, one of the Pistols went off in the Woman's hand, and shot her Neighbour through the Head, of which she died in a few Days.

INSTANCES OF LONGEVITY.

OLIVER ELLIOT was the third child of Elias and Ruth (Lawrence) Elliot of Groton, where he was born on August 24, 1734. He was living at Mason, New Hampshire, as early as the year 1753, and was married at Groton West Parish (now Pepperell), on January 19, 1758, to Mary Fisk; and they were blessed with eight children. Mr. Elliot reached a remarkable age, and for that reason deserves a place among the "Instances of Longevity" already recorded in this Historical Series. The following account of him is taken from the address delivered by John Boynton Hill, Esq., at the Centennial Celebration of the Incorporation of Mason, on August 26, 1868:—

Oliver was an active, industrious man, and in the early period of the settlement, both before and after the incorporation of the town, was frequently employed in the public business, and elected to offices in the affairs of the place and town. In the last years of his life he felt the hard hand of poverty, but never wore the garments of a town pauper. He also was a soldier of the Revolutionary army. He died in September, 1836, aged one hundred and two years. He left numerous descendants residing in the town, and many who have sought out homes in other places (pages 22, 23).

For two other Instances of Longevity, see Volume II. (pages 231–233) of this Series and Volume III. pages 108, 109, and 481.

VIEWS OF BUILDINGS ON PORCELAIN.

WITHIN a year or so specimens of china ware bearing views of Groton buildings have been made in Kaulfort, Germany. At some future day, when they have become rare curiosities, there will be a desire to know their history; and in order to serve this end, I put on record here that they were ordered by Messrs. John H. Sheedy & Co., of Groton, in May, 1895, and were received on December 10 following. There are views of six buildings thoroughly identified with the town, on different



pieces of crockery, namely: First Parish Meeting-house, Town House, Public Library, Lawrence Academy, High School, and the Groton Inn. In all there are 1,256 pieces of various sizes and kinds; and to Mr. Michael Sheedy belongs the whole credit of the enterprise.

Other specimens of similar ware bearing views of the main building of Groton School, and of Brooks Hall connected with the same institution, have been made in England for W. A. Moore & Co., Groton. They were received at different times during the year 1895, and in all comprise 1,068 pieces of various sizes and kinds. According to the inscription on the pieces they are specimens of "The Foley China."

GROTON SHOPS.

THE two following advertisements are taken from the "Independent Chronicle and Boston Patriot," November 3, 1824; and the third advertisement is taken from the same newspaper of February 18, 1829. Mr. Whiton's shop is now occupied by W. A. Moore & Co., dealers in dry goods; Mr. Kilburn's house and shop stood where the Public Library now stands; and the Brazer estate was immediately south of this site, opposite to the Academy grounds.

STOP THIEF.

THE following articles were stolen from the shop of the subscriber in Groton, on the night of the 6th inst. viz — One red box, containing a Gunter's 6 inch Scale, made of ivory, and a simicircular Surveying Compass, diagonally graduated to ¼ degrees, "E. Whitton maker," engraved thereon, with a spirit level annexed. An assortment of Silver Thimbles steel and gilt Watch Chains and Keys, watch Ribbons, gilt and gold Seals — a quantity of scrap Silver, one small steel framed Saw, and 12 damaged Silver Teaspoons, five of them marked B. P. A generous reward is offered for the Thief, or property, and all charges paid by

ELIJAH WHITON.

Groton, 10th month 8 day, 1824.

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To Journeymen Hatters.

ONE or two JOURNEYMEN HATTERS, who are first rate workmen, and of steady habits, may find employment by applying immediately to the Hat Manufactory of JEREMIAH KILBURN, *Groton, Mass.*

☞ SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE, IN GROTON, MASS.

THE subscriber offers for sale, a certain tract of Land, lying on and near the main road, and nearly opposite to Groton Meeting-house, supposed to contain thirteen acres, more or less, being part of the estate formerly belonging to James Brazer, Esq. deceased. It is generally considered as valuable a lot of land as there is in Groton. On a part of it, is a Store, well situated for business, or which at a small expense, may be converted into a dwelling house. The whole will be sold together or in lots, as may best suit the purchasers. If not disposed of before, at private sale, it is intended to sell the same at public auction on WEDNESDAY, the twenty-fifth day of March next. Terms liberal. Apply to JOHN B. DAVIS, No. 27, State-street, Boston.

TOWN CISTERNS.

ON September 11, 1893, workmen began to dig for a public cistern or reservoir of water under the sidewalk, near Mrs. Eliel Shumway's house, to be used as a supply in case of fire. On July 30, 1894, work was begun on the cistern in the centre of the Square, in front of the Union Congregational Meeting-house, near the band-stand. As soon as this one was completed, another was dug at the junction of Elm and Pleasant Streets.

For an account of six other reservoirs built some years ago, see the second volume of this Historical Series (pages 398, 399).

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GROTON DURING THE INDIAN WARS.

AMONG the Massachusetts Archives (LXXI. 438) at the State House is a paper containing some interesting items in regard to Henry Segur, Jr., of Newton, who was captured by the Indians, at Groton, in an assault on July 21, 1706, when his brother Ebenezer Segur and Nathaniel Healy were killed. See "Groton during the Indian Wars" (page 92), for an account of the affair. In the summer of 1707, through the intercession of the Provincial authorities, Henry Segur, Jr., and other prisoners held by the Indians, were released and brought back to their homes. John Sheldon, of Deerfield, had charge of the transaction; and in a paper drawn up by him and headed "An accompt of the Sums or Disbursements of John Shelden in his Journey to Canada in the Service of the Massachusetts bay from Aprill 17th to the 18th day of Sept.r 1707. viz with 3 men Travelling with him — viz.t," the following items appear: —

	Livers.	Sews
p.d for Diet for Henry Segur Captive	41 :	5 . .
more paid for s.d Segur for stockins & shoes	9 :	10
p.d To a man for fetching s.d Segur from the Indian Town to Mont Roy.l	3 :	. .
p.d for a Bottle & Brandy for o.r voyage.	10 :	
p.d for a Deer Skin for shoes & 3 pair Indian shoes	8 :	10

NEW ENGLAND PRISONERS IN CANADA.

THERE is printed in "The Boston Weekly Post-Boy," August 24, 1747, a long list of prisoners, who had arrived in a "Flag of Truce" ship from Quebec, on August 16, having been captured by the French and Indians, at different times and places, during the preceding two years. Among these prisoners were Isaac Parker, Stephen Farnsworth, and Obadiah Sartwell, of Township No. 4, now known as Charlestown, New Hampshire, who were "taken by the Salvages, May 29, 1746." These three men were natives of Groton, and among the earliest settlers of Charlestown.

Town Clerk; held the offices of Town Clerk, Selectman, and Treasurer; was a Justice of the Peace for nearly fifty years; and was both a soldier and an officer in the revolutionary war. He was a subscriber to the Hampshire Gazette for more than fifty six years; and took and read the Panoplist and Missionary Herald, from their first publication, as long as he lived.

"Boston Daily Advertiser," December 23, 1842.

AARON BROWN.

THE absconding debtor, mentioned in the following notice, was of no kinship to the family of Aaron Brown, the well-known merchant of Groton, who was the youngest child of Isaac and Mary (Balch) Brown, of Waltham, where he was born on September 16, 1752. Mr. Brown, the merchant, married in the year 1774, first, Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas and Rebecca (Whitney) Stowell, of Waltham, who died on August 14, 1797; and, on February 5, 1799, secondly, Thesta, daughter of the Honorable Samuel and Anna (Kenrick) Dana, of Amherst, New Hampshire. He died at Groton, on November 14, 1811.

Public Notice is hereby given, that the Trustees of *Aaron Brown*, an absconding Debtor, that the third and last Meeting of the Creditors as the Law requires is to be held at the House of *George Pierce*, Innholder in *Groton*, on the second Friday of *October* next, at 1 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

George Pierce, per Order.

Groton, Sept. 21. 1767.

"The Massachusetts Gazette. And Boston News-Letter," Thursday, September 24, 1767.

JACOB WOODS.

THE following item is found in the "Independent Chronicle" (Boston), September 14, 1809, under the "Death" notices:

In N Orleans, Mr. Jacob Woods, *Æ* 27, a native of Groton, Mass late a member of the U S House of Representatives.

The decedent was the youngest son of Abel and Anna Woods, and born at Groton, on June 21, 1782, but he was never a member either of the National House of Representatives or of the General Court of Massachusetts. The simple announcement of his death appears in the "Columbian Centinel" (Boston), September 13, 1809, and is reprinted in the second volume of the Historical Series (page 171), though it does not say there that he was a member of the House of Representatives. The State of Louisiana was admitted into the Union on April 8, 1812, so late that it precludes the possibility of a reference to her Legislature.

AN ABSENTEE.

To be LEASED at Public Auction, by the Committee of Correspondence of the Town of Groton, for one Year from the 1st Day of April next,

A FARM in Groton

aforesaid, late belonging to William Marstin, Esq; an Absentee — The Vendue to be on the Premises on Monday 29th March next, at 1 o'Clock Afternoon.

"The Independent Chronicle. And the Universal Advertiser" (Boston), March 1, 1781.

See the first volume of this Historical Series (No. XIV. page 19) for a similar notice of the same farm during the preceding year. The name of the absentee was Martin, and it is incorrectly given in the newspaper.



CORNER STONE LAID.

The Corner Stone of a new Orthodox Congregational Meeting-House, was laid in Groton on the 4th inst. It is to be built in the first order, simple Tuscan in its structure, 70 feet long and 56 wide. Few scenes, even to a stranger, could be more interesting than that of laying this Corner Stone. A heavy thunder shower had just passed over, — the thunder was still rolling in a black cloud at the south, — the roar of cannon at the north, — the sun breaking through the clouds by gleams, and throwing a bright arch of a rainbow on the opposite clouds, — the breathless silence of a great concourse of people, — the reading of the Bible, — the singing of Old Hundred, — the Address and the prayer — all united to excite an interest of no ordinary kind. The following is the Address on the occasion, by Rev. J. Todd, late of the Theological Seminary, Andover [but omitted here].

"Boston Recorder and Telegraph," July 14, 1826.

A CHAPEL AT WEST GROTON.

The following extract from a letter written by the Rev. Dr. John Todd is found in his Life (New York, 1876), and contains an allusion to a chapel built for his use nearly seventy years ago at West Groton. Through the courtesy of Mr. George H. Bixby, I have been enabled to identify the structure as still standing in that village, though now for a long time used as a dwelling-house. It is the third building on the west side of the road leading to Pepperell, Mr. Bixby's store being the first. For some years before 1888, on the assessors' books, it was called the "chapel house," though no one seems to have known the reason for the name, which is now made clear. At some future day the local antiquary of Squannacook Village — as I like to call the place — may wish to learn the exact site of the building, and for that reason I place these facts on record.

On the Sunday after the ordination [January 3, 1827] I administered the communion — an afternoon service. My great house

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was *full*: I was astonished at the multitude of people. I want you should become acquainted with my people during this revival. You can have no possible idea of the change that has taken place in society since I came here. Three miles west of me is a beautiful river, called the Squanecook — the Indian name. Here a part of my parishioners live, and here multitudes of heathen live. My friends are preparing me a pretty chapel over at this spot, and as soon as it is finished I am to open a battery there (page 181).

AN UNHAPPY MARRIAGE.

THE following advertisement is taken from "The Boston News-Letter, and the New-England Chronicle," March 10, 1763, where it appears on the fourth page of that newspaper. Nathaniel Woods, who signs the notice, was probably a son of Nathaniel, Jr., and Alice Woods; and Ebenezer, who witnesses it, was probably an elder brother. (See Butler's History of Groton, page 446.) I do not think that Nathaniel is the same person as the one who signed a similar advertisement, reprinted in the first volume (No. XVIII. page 17) of this Historical Series, though the resemblance between the two notices is very close.

Groton, February 21. 1763.

Notice is hereby given to all Persons, that whereas *Mary Woods*, the Wife of *Nathaniel Woods* of said *Groton*, Yeoman, has absconded away from him, and run him in Debt, without his Order; therefore all Persons are hereby forbid to trade any thing with her, for I will not pay one Penny.

Attest. *Ebenezer Woods.* *Nathaniel Woods.*

JONAS CUTLER'S REAL ESTATE.

JONAS CUTLER, the previous owner of the pieces of property advertised below, was a well-known trader in his day and generation. See No. VII. (pages 1, 2) of the first volume of this Historical Series, and also "Groton Epitaphs" (page

89) for facts concerning him. It would be interesting to identify Pine-Neck, Posty-Swamp, and Parker's Hill, mentioned in the advertisement. The saw-mill and grist-mill were situated probably on the present site of Hollingsworth's Paper-mills.

(*By order of the Court of Common Pleas for the county of Middlesex.*)

Will be sold at PUBLIC VENDUE,

on MONDAY, the 28th of September next, at 10 *o'clock, A.M. at the house of Capt.* Jepthah Richardson, *innkeeper in Groton, in said county,*

PART of the Real Estate of *Jonas Cutler*, late of said Groton, deceased, situate in Groton, viz.—One piece of Land in the westerly part of said town, commonly known by the name of Pine-Neck, containing thirty acres, except the widow's dower in said thirty acres.

Also, one other piece of Land, near Fitch's Bridge, containing about ten acres.

Also, one other piece of Land, lying on the east side of Nashaway-River, so called, containing one acre and a half, on which stands a valuable Grist-Mill and a Saw-Mill with a good DWELLING-HOUSE.

Also, one tenth part of common and undivided Land, known by the name of Posty-Swamp.

Also, one other tenth part of common and undivided Land, known by the name of Parker's Hill.

On the same day will be SOLD,

Two thirds of a Pew, (belonging to the said deceased), in the meeting-house of the first parish in said Groton. The premises may be viewed at any time previous to the sale, by applying to JEMIMA CUTLER, Administratrix to said estate, or to EBENEZER CHAMPNEY, Esq. Attorney for said Administratrix Aug. 17, 1789.

"Independent Chronicle. And the Universal Advertiser" (Boston), August 27, 1789.

JOSIAH SARTELL'S BEQUEST.

An account of Josiah Sartell's bequest to the town is found on pages 179–182 of this volume; and the circumstances attending the disposal of his two farms are there given. The following advertisement offering the farms for sale appears in the "Columbian Centinel" (Boston), March 20, 1811, and describes the property at that period. It will be noticed that the surname is there spelled "Sawtell," which seems to confirm the opinion expressed on page 179 that the Sartells and Sawtells originally belonged to the same stock, and that the variation in the name was simply a matter of pronunciation. In the Act authorizing the sale of the two farms, passed by the General Court, on February 27, 1811, the spelling of the name is "Sawtell," which in early times was pronounced "Sartell."

On Monday 8th April next, at 2 o'clock,
At the House of Hall & Co. Innholders, in Groton,

TWO valuable FARMS, contiguous to each other comprising about three hundred acres of Land in one entire tract, and known by the name of the Sawtell farms. There are two houses, barns and out-houses on the same, one of which was late the mansion of Josiah Sawtell, Esq. deceased. The improvements are extensive, good orchards which never fail, mowing and grazing sufficient to keep a handsome stock of cattle, excellent arable and garden fields, wood and timber abundant; well supplied with water, not an acre of waste land in the whole, commodiously situated about two miles from Groton Meeting-house on an excellent road leading to Dunstable, and so to Merrimack River, in euery respect adapted to gratify the taste of the proprietor and recompence his industry. They will be sold entire; or divided so as to make two excellent farms, and sold separately, as shall best suit purchasers.

Also, about eight acres of excellent LAND, chiefly mowing, some orcharding, about a quarter of a mile from said Meeting-house.

As the amount of these sales are to be put on interest for a public use, twenty per cent. only will be required before the delivery of deeds, the residue by twenty equal annual installments, if desired, with annual interest, and secured by mortgage. Let it not be forgotten that such favorable terms can but seldom be offered!

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Particular conditions of sale will be declared at the time and place — the premises will be shown, by applying to *Sampson Woods* or *James Lewis*, of Groton, or the subscribers.

JAMES PRESCOTT,
LUTHER LAWRENCE,
W. M. RICHARDSON,
} *Committee of the town.*

March 20.

THE OLD STAGE-COACHES OF GROTON.

The following advertisements, taken from various newspapers, will interest some of the older residents of Groton, and serve to remind them of the times when substantially all the travel through the town was carried on by means of stage-coaches.

For other articles in this Series on the old stage-coaches, see Volume I., Number VIII., page 14; and II. 66, 78, 404.

Boston and Groton Accommodation Stage.

THE .Proprietors of the Keene and Burlington Stage respectfully inform their friends and the public, that they have established an Accommodation Stage from Boston to Groton three times a week, as follows: Leaves Boston every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 9, A.M. — Arrives at Concord at 12 o'clock, passes through Littleton, and arrives at Groton at 4, P.M.

RETURNING —— Leaves Groton Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, at 9 o'clock, A.M. and passes through Littleton, and arrives at Concord at 12 o'clock, and at Boston at 4 o'clock, P.M. The old Mail Line to Keene and Burlington, continues to run three times a week as usual, from Boston, Monday, Wednesday and Friday — returns Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

N. B. — For Seats, apply at Mrs. Trask's, sign of the Indian Queen, Bromfield's Lane — at Mr. Hamilton's Hotel, Concord, and Mr. Emerson's, Groton.

MILTON, DAGGETT & CO.
DANIEL BROOKS.

March 29

"Boston Patriot," April 5, 1815.

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The following extract is taken from an advertisement in the "Lowell Journal," August 24, 1827, which is headed "Lowell and Worcester Mail Stage," and signed by Wm. T. Martin, Agent: —

There will also be an accommodation stage which will leave Worcester on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, at 7 o'clock, A.M. and will pass through West Boylston, Sterling, Lancaster, Shirley, and Groton, Westford & Chelmsford to Lowell, where it arrives in the afternoon and meets the Haverhill stage for Dover — which passes through Exeter, and Newmarket, by the manufacturing establishments on Lamprey river: and also the Salem stage which passes through Andover; and the Concord N. H. stage which passes through Nashua Village.

The following advertisement, printed in the "Lowell Journal," August 31, 1827, refers to the earliest line of stage-coaches between Groton and Lowell: —

Stage Notice.

A DAILY STAGE will in future run from Lowell to Groton; starting at 6 o'clock A.M. to intersect with the Keene daily stage at Groton, and with the Haverhill, Newburyport, Salem, Boston, and Nashua stages at Lowell.

For seats, apply at L. CARTER'S Hotel in Lowell, and at J. HOAR'S in Groton.

L. CARTER, *Agent;*

GEORGE WHITCOMB,
SAMUEL HOUGHTON,
DAVID WHILDER,
} *Directors.*

August 17, 1827.

OBITUARY.

A Stage Coach driver "[named Brown, lately a resident in Salem]" on the line between Concord and Groton, was found frozen stiff upon his box on the road, on Tuesday night, holding his reins in his hand. He was dead, and the reins clenched so fast that they were obliged to be cut, before they could be extricated from his grasp.

"Chelmsford Phenix" (East Chelmsford, now Lowell), February 10, 1826.



LEONARD W. CUSHING.

LEONARD WILLIAMS CUSHING, a stage-driver mentioned in the second volume of this Historical Series (page 405), died at Sherborn, — in which town he was visiting, — on March 30, 1892, at the age of seventy-six years. For some years before his death he had been living with a daughter, Mrs. Michael B. Reardon, in Charlestown, where his wife, Mrs. Abigail Wiggins (Green) Cushing, had previously died on September 7, 1891.

In the year 1843 Mr. Cushing began to drive for General Thomas A. Staples, the owner of a line of stage-coaches running between Boston and Groton, and he remained in his service for three years. From April 12, 1847, to 1853 he was the driver of an omnibus between Cambridge and Boston, and in that capacity I remember him well, during my college days, when I have often sat upon the box with him and listened to his stories. He was somewhat noted as a careful and skilful reinsman, and a fine-looking man withal, standing six feet in his stockings, and straight as an arrow.

When President Arthur was a guest of the city of Boston in October, 1882, Mr. Cushing was selected as the driver of the "coach and four" used by the distinguished visitor during his stay. On those occasions it fell to the lot of the writer of these lines, in an official capacity, to accompany the President; and his thoughts then often reverted to the times in his boyhood when in a Groton stage-coach he had ridden behind the same driver. More than once in later days these facts were the subject of some conversation between himself and Mr. Cushing.

GROTON POST OFFICE.

IN "The Independent Chronicle" (Boston), April 25, 1805, it is announced that Proposals will be received in Washington, for carrying the Mails on various post-roads in New England. One of these routes, numbered 40 in the advertisement, is as follows: —

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From Boston, by Concord, Littleton, Groton, Townsend, Ashly [*sic*], New Ipswich, Jaffray, Marlboro' and Keene, to Walpole twice a week

What would the inhabitants of Groton say now if they received their postal matter only twice a week? At the beginning of the present century even this infrequent communication with the outside world was considered a great improvement over the arrangements previously existing. Before the Revolution the residents of most towns in the Provinces depended upon the post-office in Boston for the delivery of such letters as were not taken by private hands or post-riders; and occasionally lists of those remaining in the office were advertised in the newspapers of that day. In such a list, printed in "The Boston Gazette, or Country Journal," June 30, 1755, appears the name of Samuel Bowers, of Groton; and in another list, printed in the same newspaper August 4, are the names of Captain Samuel Parker, Groton; William Bload, Pepperell; John Connant, Townsend; and Cornelius Danly, Dunstable. In the "Columbian Centinel" (Boston), January 29, 1794, a letter is advertised for Benjamin Tarbel, of Groton.

In the summer of 1820 the Postmaster-General of the United States issued a pamphlet and invited proposals to carry the mails in different parts of the country. The contracts were to begin of the first of January, 1821 and to end on December 31, 1824. The route, numbered 218, was

From Boston by Concord, Littleton, Westford, Groton, Townsend, Ashby, New Ipswich, Jaffray, Marlboro' and Keene, N. H. to Walpole, 91 miles.

Leave Boston every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 3 *a m* and arrive at Walpole on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday by 7 *a m*.

Leave Walpole every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 4 *p m* and arrive at Boston on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday by 8 *p m* (page 82).

The route numbered 220 was

From Groton by Pepperel and Holles to Amherst, N. H. 19 miles, once a week.

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Leave West Boyleston every Wednesday at 11 a m and arrive at Groton by 7 p m

Leave Groton every Thursday at 6 a m and arrive at West Boyleston by 2 p m

265. From Boston, by Cambridge, West Cambridge, Concord, Littleton, Westford, Groton, Pepperell, Townsend, Ashby, New Ipswich, N. H. Jaffray, Marlboro' and Keene, N. H. to Walpole, 93 miles

Leave Boston every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 4 a m and arrive at Walpole on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, by 7 p m

Leave Walpole every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 4 p m and arrive at Boston on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 3 p m

267. From *G*roton by Pepperel and Hollis to Amherst, N. H. 21 miles, once a week

Leave Groton every Tuesday at 6 a m and arrive at Amherst by 11 a m

Leave Amherst every Tuesday at 1 p m and arrive at Groton by 6 p m

See the first volume (No. VII. pages 9–18) of this Historical Series for a full account of the Groton post-office; and also the second volume (pages 66, 80) for additional matter relating to the same subject.



POST-RIDER THROUGH GROTON.

BEFORE the Revolution the various towns throughout New England were served by post-riders, who carried letters and newspapers for their patrons, besides doing errands along their route. The following advertisement is taken from "The Massachusetts Gazette, and the Boston Post-Boy and Advertiser," May 27, 1771, and is here given line for line:—

SAMUEL FARRAR,

Rider from Boston to Fitchbourg, passes through the following Towns, and may be spoke with at the following Places, viz. At the Widow Frothingham's in Charlestown, Cambridge; Newell's in Menotomy, Buckman's in Lexington, Taylor's in Concord, White's in Action, Whiting's in Littleton, Pierce's in Groton, Sartell's in Shirley, Stearn's in Lunenburgh, Fuller's in Leominster, and Cowdren's at Fitchbourg, — At any of which Places Gentlemen or others who will please to favour him with their Commands, shall have it gratefully acknowledged by their humble Servant,

S. FARRAR.

The persons, whose names are mentioned in the card, kept public houses in their respective towns. George Peirce was the landlord of a tavern in that part of Groton which is now Ayer; Obadiah Sawtell, of one in Shirley; and Thomas Cowdin, of another in Fitchburg.

A SAD ACCIDENT.

We hear from Groton, that Mr. Amos Farnsworth, 70 years of age, and his son, aged 18, in attempting to cross a river [the Nashua] in that town, in a canoe, on the 5th ult. were both unhappily drowned. The former has left a wife and five children.

"The New-England Chronicle: or, the Essex Gazette" (Cambridge), January 11, 1776.

See "Groton Epitaphs" (page 72), for a short account of the accident.



EZEKIEL LEWIS.

For an allusion to Mr. Lewis, see the second volume (p. 412) of this Historical Series.

Last Saturday Evening departed this Life, after a long Illness, which she bore with great Patience and Resignation, Mrs. Elizabeth Lewis, the virtuous and pious Consort of Ezekiel Lewis, Esq; of this Town.

"The Boston Post-Boy & Advertiser," Monday, April 17, 1769.

Last Week was married Mr. Ezekiel Lewis, jun. of this Town, to Miss Sukey Ruggles, Daughter to Capt. George Ruggles of Cambridge.

"The Massachusetts Gazette: and the Boston Weekly News-Letter," Thursday, October 12, 1769.

A RUNAWAY SERVANT.

The following advertisement appears in "The Boston Evening-Post," October 7, 1754. John Blair, the advertiser, later was a resident of Peterborough, New Hampshire.

RAN away from John Blair, *of* Groton, *an* Irish *stout and lusty Servant Man about twenty one Years of Age, named* John Casey, *a Cooper by Trade: Had on when he went away a light Bear-skin Coat with Brass Buttons, a striped Jacket, a pair of brown Cloth Breeches, with Mohair Buttons, and a pair of ribb'd Stockings. Whoever shall take up said Runaway, and bring him to his Master in* Groton, *or to Mr.* William Hall, *of* Boston, *Leather-Dresser, shall have* FOUR DOLLARS *Reward, and all necessary Charges paid.*

All Masters of Vessels and others, are hereby required not to conceal or carry off said Servant as they would answer it in the Law.

A LOTTERY IN 1781.

In "The Independent Chronicle. And The Universal Advertiser" (Boston), July 5, 1781, is advertised a Lottery "for the sole Purpose of cloathing the *Massachusetts* Line of the

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Army." The names of persons are given who could supply tickets, and of towns where they lived; and in this list is the name of Oliver Prescott, Esq., of Groton. At that period lotteries were upheld by public sentiment as well as by law, and no discredit was attached to this method of raising money. Dr. Prescott's name, however, drops out of the later advertisements of the scheme in the newspaper, though such notices do not appear in successive issues.

GROTON GORE AND THE LAND BANK.

THE following letter relating to Groton Gore, a tract of land which formerly belonged to the proprietors of Groton, is found among the Massachusetts Archives (CII. 133) at the State House. John Chandler, the writer of the letter, was a prominent citizen of Worcester; and Captain Blanchard, mentioned therein, probably was Joseph Blanchard, of Dunstable, a subscriber to the Land Bank scheme.

Worcester Jan^{r}y : 10th : 1740/1

Hon^{bl} S^{r}

Your letter of ye 6th Instant I Rec^{d} by Oliver Partridge Esqr; And in Answer to it would Humbly Say.

I account it my Hon^{r} and Happyness to have such for my Iudges in this Affair, as I am Sure will hear me with Patience and give Iudgment with mercy, so Agreeable to their Known Iustice, goodness & Clemency.

The Truth of ye Affair is this; vizt: the Night before I was called before ye Governour and Councill I was Accidentally in Company with Capt Blanchard & two or three people living his way, and discourseing about the Line between This, & the province of New Hampshire, as Lately Settled by the King in Councill, I ask'd him whither Groton Gore so called, being a Tract of Land Lately Granted by the Generall Court would fall into New Hampshire, he said it would, I Replyed, I have one hundred Acres of Land in Said Gore, and Since it falls out of the province, I w^{d} Sell it him for Iust what he w^{d} give, & if he said T'was worth nothing, he should have it free, or words to that Effect; After a

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few words pass'd, he Reply'd I will give you four pound in Manufactory Bills & no more, I told him he had my word, and I would not go back, Accordingly he paid me the Same *at that time.* the next day & Soon after Mr Blanchard had been before ye Govr & Councill, my Self being Sent for also, I desired him to keep ye money till I had been up, being under Surprize & concern, but as the property was in me the Night before and as I informed the Honbl Board how much I had in which sum was included Said four pounds, I apprehended I did not Break my promis in taking what was my own before. I believe I told this To the Honbl Saml Danforth Esqr in Mr Blanchards presence in order to Set the matter in a True Light. I would Add that before Capt Blanchard & my Self had finished our Bargain Mr Partridge I think came into ye same Room and heard Something of the Affair, & I left him with Mr Blanchard and the other people.

This may it please your Honr is the Truth of this Story, if it is a crime twas done in a Surprize; I hope my thus frankly discovering ye Whole Matter will not be improved to my disgrace or hurt, but Rather intitle me to favour, and Especially Since in Answer to ye last Clause in your Honrs Letter; I do with great freeness Sincerity and Honesty declare, that I will not give countenance directly or indirectly to the Bills called Land Bank or Manufactory Bills. This is my (firm) and finall Resolution in the Affair.

I am Honbl Sr

Your very humble
Most Obliged and
Obedit Sert
John Chandler

To the Honbl Josiah Willard Esqr

[Indorsed] "Worcester Jany 10. 1740. Colle
Iohn Chandlers Letter"

GROTON GORE.

On Wednesday, August 21, 1895, a monument to mark the northwest corner of Old Dunstable was dedicated with appropriate exercises, at Milford, New Hampshire. The memorial stone stands near Jones's Crossing in the western part of the town, under the brow of Dram Cup Hill, on the right bank of

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the Souhegan River, and was set up under the auspices of the Milford Historical and Genealogical Society. An address was delivered on the occasion by the Honorable George Allen Ramsdell, of Nashua, which is printed in "The Farmers' Cabinet" (Milford), August 22, 1895. An account of the proceedings is also given, but singularly enough the date of the dedication does not appear. A half-tone plate of the monument is represented in the same issue of the newspaper; and according to this engraving the inscription is as follows: —

ON THE RIVER BANK
209 FEET NORTH
STAND THE STONES
WHICH MARKED
THE N. W. CORNERS
OF CHARLESTOWN
SCHOOL FARM 1659
AND OF THE TOWNS
OF OLD DUNSTABLE
1673-1746 AND
MONSON 1746-1770,
AND THE N. E. COR-
NER OF GROTON
GORE 1735-1741,
AND THE EASTERN
BOUNDARY OF
DRAM CUP HILL
AND THE MILE SLIP.

MILFORD
H. & G. SOCIETY
1895.

GIBBET HILL.

A QUERY relative to this Hill appeared on page 388 of "Notes and Queries" (London), May 16, 1896; and several answers to the same were printed on page 432 in the issue of May 30. They are of sufficient interest to Grotonians to be included in the Historical Series.

GIBBET HILL is the name of an eminence overlooking the village of Groton, Massachusetts, which has been so called from the earliest history of the town. The tradition is that once an Indian was gibbeted on its summit; but this is known now to be false. I have



a notion that the name was brought from home by the original settlers, and given to the hill, perhaps from its resemblance to some other hill in the old country. I wish to ask if this is a name ever or often applied to hills in England. S. A. G.

GIBBET HILL (8th S. ix. 388). — There is a well-known Gibbet Hill on the road from Coventry to Kenilworth. H. K.

In Halifax a number of the principal thoroughfares are called lanes,—*e. g.*, King Cross Lane, Hanson Lane, Pellon Lane, Gibbet Lane. All these rise gradually from the centre of the town. The latter is occasionally referred to by old inhabitants as Gibbet Hill. At the foot of it, in a *cul-de-sac*, the dungeon still exists, I believe, if not the gibbet. Gibbet law, or hanging, was at one time in vogue in Halifax, and administered against persons found guilty of stealing pieces (*i. e.*, rolls) of cloth. The old Piece Hill, or cloth merchants' market, is still extant, but has been spoiled by an administration regardless of old associations. J. H. W.

[See 'Halifax Law,' 8th S. viii. 368, 410; ix. 92, 353.]

Gibbet Hill seems a common name for hills, at any rate in some parts of England. I can recall two so named within a comparatively short distance from one another — viz., Gibbet Hill, a short distance outside Coventry, on the Kenilworth road, and Gibbet Hill, near Lutterworth, on which hill the road from that place to Rugby crosses that old Roman road called the Watling Street. In both of these cases it is traditionally said that gallows were formerly erected by the roadside at the summits of the hills.

G. H. P.

Although the following brief extract from that interesting book. "Historical Essays from Paris, translated from the French of M. de Saintfoix," 1767, Vol. i. p. 121, does not afford a direct answer to the query of S. A. G., yet it is suggestive, and tends to throw some light on the subject: —

"*Gibet.* A corrupt word from *Gebel*, which signifies in Arabic a mountain. In former times, criminals were executed in France upon high grounds, that the punishment inflicted might be seen at a great distance." W. I. R. V.



WILLIAM PARK.

In the library of the Dedham Historical Society is a copy of Fleet's Pocket Almanack (Boston) for the year 1794, which contains on the inside of the front cover, in the handwriting of Dr. Nathaniel Ames, certain memoranda given below. The jail at Dedham was built during that year, and apparently Mr. Park had made a proposal to do the work. It was a wooden structure, but perhaps at first one of stone was thought of.

See the third volume (pages 146–151) of the Historical Series, for an account of the Park Family, as well as for references to the jails mentioned in the memoranda.

March 21 William Park of Groton Stone Cutter offers to undertake for 9/ per day himself to build a gaol

Concord & Worcester gaols are 65 feet long and 3 story high and Concord Gaol was never a quarter fill'd

Amherst Gaol built last Summer by said Park is only 32 feet long 24 wide He doubts not he can find stones in our environs that will do, he chooses to see & order the splitting stones in order for sledding home, for hewing with hammer

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REV. SILAS HAWLEY.

The following tribute to the memory of Mr. Hawley is taken from "The World's Crisis and Second Advent Messenger" (Boston), December 5, 1888, and was written by Luther Boutelle, formerly of Groton, but now of Chelsea. Mr. Hawley was the author of the paper entitled "Reminiscences of Groton during the years 1839, 1840, and 1841," which appeared in Number XII. of the first volume of this Historical Series. See also Number IV. of the same volume for allusions to him.

"A GODLY MAN CEASETH."

I received from the Beaver Dam *Citizen* this announcement: "Rev. Silas Hawley, for many years a prominent minister of the Presbyterian church, died at his home in Beaver Dam, Wis., Nov.

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2, 1888, of kidney disease, aged seventy-three years." And as I was intimately connected with him in his work in Massachusetts, where he gave demonstration of his ability and faithfulness in the work of reformation in all its branches, it becomes my privilege and duty to chronicle a few lines to the memory of our departed brother.

Bro. Silas Hawley was highly intellectual, possessing rare ability to present, in lecture or sermon, his subject in an attractive and convincing manner, which could not fail to interest and draw his audience to him. In his public efforts he seldom used manuscript. He was studious, argumentative, logical, and persuasive, which gave him great power in his public labors. He had stirring energy in everything he set his heart upon, and his great heart was set on every good work. He was a radical reformer in the best sense of this word.

I first knew him as an anti-slavery lecturer. This subject he took hold of and presented with an energy becoming the horrors of holding and selling men in bondage. He was a Christian union defender, and by his efforts there was a large Christian convention of days held in Groton, Mass., where we both lived at the time. He was also an evangelistic revival preacher of great power in convincing and converting men from idols to the living God.

Finally he became a believer that the Lord was soon coming, when the judgment would sit, and rewards be given. And when the great tabernacle was erected in Boston by the Adventists he was invited and did preach the dedication sermon, which is still in print. This able defender of righteousness, whether civil or religious, has fallen in death. He died in hope of a resurrection to life at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He sleeps a blessed sleep, and in full belief that as "Jesus died and rose again, even so them that sleep in Jesus will God bring with him."

L. BOUTELLE.

ELDER LUTHER BOUTELLE.

THE following account of Mr. Boutelle, who wrote the tribute to Mr. Hawley just given, is found in "The Boston Traveler," May 4, 1896. The older people of Groton now remember him as a zealous advocate of temperance and other



social and religious reforms. He lived on Hollis Street, where he had a shoe-shop, and his house was a famous place of resort among the anti-slavery workers. More than fifty years ago he had established quite a reputation in the neighborhood as an earnest and eloquent speaker on all subjects in which he was interested.

NINETIETH BIRTHDAY.

ELDER LUTHER BOUTELLE, the veteran Advent preacher, is celebrating the 90th anniversary of his birth. His modest home at No. 175 Walnut street, Chelsea, is the scene of quiet festivity, and about 25 friends and relatives make up the party. Several prominent Adventists have called, and when the day is ended it will have been a happy one for the venerable elder and his good wife.

The old gentleman is in good health, although rather deaf. Regardless of this, he is an active preacher, and yesterday occupied a pulpit in Everett. He speaks with his old-time vigor and earnestness. A week before that he preached in Somerville. In fact, his voice is heard in some pulpit nearly every week.

The elder speaks clearly and his memory is something remarkable. Speaking of his life the elder said: "I was born in Townsend, Mass., May 4, 1806. My mother died at 83 years and my father within a few days of 94. They were among the most devoted Christians and were of the common condition of life.

"I was a twin brother of Calvin — Luther and Calvin — while Ebenezer, the only other boy, was four years younger. My health was poor in my youth. I went into a shoeshop at Groton, Mass., in March, 1825. In 1830 [October 14] I was married to Miss Hannah Conant of Townsend. At this time I was actively interested in the total abstinence movement, and it was at about that time that the old ironclad was brought into Salem harbor and fired a bomb into Deacon Giles' distillery. That event caused tremendous excitement and was the basis for several legal threats. Then came the slavery question, and I at once became an abolitionist. During all these years I made no confessions of religion, because I had none to confess, though I was at all times a church-going man.

"Our home at Groton soon became an anti-slavery hotel. Here Mr. Garrison, Oliver Johnson, Fred Douglass and other leading anti-slavery men came, for Groton had become a noted place for abolition, and my heart and hand were in the work. The first speech in America of George Thompson of England was made in

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Groton. [See the first volume of this Historical Series, No. IV., p. 13.] These things led me to give more attention to religion, and I was soon converted, and united with the Congregational Church. I shortly afterward began to preach, but not as a regular clergyman. Then I had a call to Grafton, Vt., and went there. Adventism then claimed me and has ever since. Soon I went into the States of Connecticut, New Hampshire and Massachusetts as an evangelist.

"A few years later I was very sick, but was miraculously restored to health."

Elder Boutelle has attended the Alton Bay camp meetings for 31 consecutive years. He says that he has always preached as an evangelist. "That is the best method of preaching," said the old gentleman. "The Methodists are getting out of it, and that is a bad sign for the Methodists."

MILITARY WARRANT.

THE following copy of a warrant was made by me more than a year ago, though I do not know now the ownership of the paper: —

To quarter master John Russel of Littelton

You are hear by Directed to see that all the Troppers
in Littelton vnder my Command and Amos Russel of haruard
be warned to appear in the Training field in Groton
on Tuesday the Tenth Day of october Next at Ten
of the Clock in the fore Noon with arms and amonision
Compleat according to Law together with your Self Thear to attend
Such millatery orders and Instructions as you shall Receiue from your
Commanding officers and make Return of this warrant with your Doings
thear on to my Self at or before the Day aboue sd
Sr the Reason I Troubel you with the warrant Is because I Do not
Know wheather we haue a Corporal in Littelton.

Dated at Groton Sep tr th 25 1749 — Tho' Tarbell Cap'

[Addressed]

To quarter master
John Russell
in Littelton

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS TO IMPORTANT BOOKS, ETC.

IN the Boston Public Library is a small volume entitled: "The Vocal Companion, and Masonic Register. In Two Parts." (Boston, 1802.) On pages 21 and 22 of the second part is a list of the officers of St. Paul's Lodge, Groton, together with the names of eighteen subscribers to the work who belonged to the Lodge. The list of officers and subscribers is given below.

See Volume I. (No. XVI. page 11) of this Historical Series; Volume II. pages 67, 274, 372, and 382; and Volume III. page 474, for other references to Lists of Subscribers, etc.

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James Levi, jun.
John Cumings,
Martin Jennison,
Thomas Gardner,
Jonathan A. Newell,
John Walton,
John Raymond.

SELLING ICE IN GROTON.

THE custom of selling ice from house to house in the village of Groton has sprung up within the last thirty years. During my boyhood the tavern keepers and some of the farmers throughout the town had small ice houses in which each winter they stored a supply of ice. In this way they provided for themselves, and occasionally for their neighbors, an article of luxury, now considered almost a necessity; and in case of sickness no family was ever refused a large cake.

In the year 1868 Winslow Parker Nudd, whose farm was situated half a mile beyond Cady Pond, on the Great Road to Boston, began in a small way to sell ice from a wagon in the village; and he continued the business for nine years, retailing annually on an average one hundred and fifty tons cut from the pond. On November 2, 1877, he disposed of the place to Nathaniel G. Marshall, of York, Maine, who bought it for his son, Samuel Bradford Marshall, now deceased, the latter following the same business for ten years. In 1887 Parker Fletcher had the farm, and in 1888 a Mr. McMann, and each winter they laid in a stock of ice, which was retailed during the warm months. In the early summer of 1889 the place was sold to William Harvey Whitehill, who has since continued in the business, cutting about seven hundred tons of ice annually, and selling it in the village. He is the eldest child of David and Mary Calista (Orr) Whitehill, and was born at Groton, Vermont, on April 26, 1853. He has the distinction of being, probably, the only native of the Green Mountain Groton who ever became a resident of the Middlesex County town of that name. In 1883 he came from Vermont to West Groton, where he lived for four years, and then removed to Ayer where he remained for two years; and since June, 1889, he has resided on this farm.

For six or eight years before 1895 Parker Fletcher cut ice from an artificial sheet, — situated very near Cady Pond, and just north of it, — which was formed by damming up the water running from various springs on his farm. From this source he laid in an annual supply of five or six hun-

dred tons, which he retailed among customers. During the year 1895 Mr. Fletcher bought out the business of Mr. Whitehill, — who kept the right to supply ice to certain large customers, such as the Groton School, etc., — so that now he controls the traffic in the village.

LIST OF MARRIAGES FROM THE CONCORD RECORDS.

THE following list of marriages is taken from "Births, Marriages, and Deaths" of the town of Concord, Massachusetts, printed in the year 1894. To a large extent these facts supplement the Groton records. The broad-faced figures after each paragraph indicate the page of the volume where the entries are found.

John Greene of Groton, & Mary Pierce of Watertowne, were joyned in marriage by ye same Minister [Joseph Estabrook] December 25, 1688. **27.**

John Stone & Sarah Farnsworth both of Groton were Joined in marriage by Justice Minott Decemb^r^ ye 7th 1698 **46.**

Jonas Prescote of Grotton & Thankfull Wheeler of Concord were marryed by ye Rever^nd^ m^r^ Joseph Estabrooke Octob^r^ ye 5th, 1699. **50.**

Thomas Chamberling & Abegail Nuttin of Grotton were marryed by Justice Minott August ye 16th, 1699. **52.**

Dan^ll^ Power of Groton & Elizebeth Whitcomb of Lancaster were marryed by Justice Minott Aprill ye 8th day, 1702. **54.**

Moses Barron of Grotton & Sarah Power of Grotton were marryed by Justice Minott Aprill ye 8th, 1702. **54.**

Joseph Blood of Grotton & Hanah Sayer of Lancaster were marryed by Justice Minott Aprill ye 15th, 1706. **66.**

Thomas Foster of Billericah & Hiphzebeth Sautle of Grotton were marryed by Justice Minott August ye 24th, 1706. **66.**

Benjamin Lakin & Elizebeth Lakin both of Grotton were marryed by Justice Minott Septemb^r^ ye 23d, 1706. **66.**

Sam^ll^ Warner & Hanah Cady both of Grotton were marryed by Justice Minott Octob^r^ ye 15th, 1706. **66.**

Jsaac Parker & Ruth Blood both of Grotton were married together by Justice Minott Decemb^r^ ye 16th, 1708. **71.**

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Jonathan Whittcom and Deborah Scripter both of Groton were married by Justice Minott Septem^{r} 4 day 1710 76.

Nathanil Blood and Hanah Chattuck both of Groton were married by Justice Minott Decem^{r} ye 25 day 1710 76.

Ephraim Satle and Abigail ffarnsworth of Groton was married by Justice minott Aprill 10: 1713 83.

Jonathan Kemp of Chelmsford & Sarah Gilson of Groton were married by Justice minott November 19: 1718 96.

Joseph Farnsworth of Groton & Rebeckah Gibson of Sudbury were married by Justice Minott May ye 4th: 1727 106.

Ezra Farnsworth and Abigail Pierce both of Groton were Married by Justice Flint September: 19: 1733 131.

Nathan Wood Jun. & Ann Parker both of Groton were Married by Justice Minot November 27 1754 191.

Ebenezer Parker of Groaton & Susanna Soper of Concord ware Married by Rev^{d} m^{r} [Daniel] Bliss May 10: 1762 214.

John Robbins & Sarah Gilson both of Groaton ware Marr^{ed} by Thomas Whiting augst 2: 1763 214.

David Archabald & Hannah Patch both of Groaton ware Marr^{ed} by Thom^{s} Whiting Esq Novem^{br} 9: 1769 222.

Ephraim Robbins of Grotton and Thankfull Ball of Concord was Joined in Marriage by Eph^{m} Wood Esqr Decr ye 19th. 1777 241.

Thomas Bond of Groton and Esther Meriam of Concord was Joined in Marriage by the Rev^{d} m^{r}. Joseph Penniman March y^{e}. 15th. 1777 252.

Saml. Bowers of Groton & Lucy Allin of concord were married by Jno Cuming Esqr. April 2^{d}. 1786 255.

Amos Davis of Groton & Hannah Barrett of Concord were married by Rev. E. Ripley, Sept. 29, 1798. 362.

Daniel Brooks of Groton & Rebecca Harrington of Concord were joined in marriage, by Abiel Heywood, just. Pacis, January 28th, 1808. 364.

Jacob Hosmer of Groton & Catharine Wellington of Concord were married by rev. E. Ripley Jan. 9, 1809. 367.

William Ward of Groton & Rebecca Barrett of Concord were married by the Rev. Ezra Ripley, Mar. 6th, 1817. 371.

Rev. Charles Robinson and Jane Park, both of Groton were married by Rev. Dr. Ezra Ripley July 3^{d}, 1827. 377.

Samuel H. Warner of Groton & Lydia M. Hardy of Concord were joined in marriage by Rev. Barzillai Frost March 1st, 1838. 382.

[Marriage Intentions.] John S. Roby of Concord & Hannah Whitman of Groton, Oct. 25, 1810 388.

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Eliab Bolton of Groton & Dorcas Farwell of Concord, Sept. 18, 1821 390.

Levi Burgess, Jun. of Concord & Lucy Lewis of Groton, Nov. 5, 1825 391.

Ira Brown of Concord & Frances M. Eaton of Groton, Apl. 1, 1827 391.

Thomas S. Farnsworth of Groton & Harriet H. Lawton of Concord Nov. 7, 1835 393.

Charles Bartlett of Concord & Nancy Fuller of Groton, Nov. 25, 1849 396.

[Married] Alvan Davis (age 31) & Elizabeth Lawrence (age 27) both of Groton, Aug. 31, 1849 408.

Sally Lawrence, dau^r. of Wid^o. Lawrence of Groton died Oct^o. 19, 1805. [aged 18. ch. rec.] 327.

NAMES FROM CHURCH MANUALS.

THE following list of persons is taken from various Church Manuals, under the several dates when as members they were either admitted or dismissed. The title of the Manual is also given, and the page on which the record is found.

October, 1817, Obiah Ross.

March, 1838, Sophia E. Reed.

"A Brief History of the First Baptist Church in Boston, with a List of the Present Members" (Boston, 1839), pages 22, 33.

January, 1833, Ezra Farnsworth [afterward dismissed to Park Street Church].

"The Articles of Faith and Covenant of the Bowdoin Street Church, Boston: with a List of the Members" (Boston, 1837), page 38.

October, 1836, John Willcutt, "from Church in Groton."

"The Articles of Faith and Covenant of the Pine Street Church, Boston: with a List of the Members" (Boston, 1833), page 29.

October, 1836, John Willcutt, dismissed March, 1848.

November 4, 1853, Helen E. Eaton.

"Articles of Faith and Covenant of the Berkeley St. Congregational Church, Boston: with a List of its Members. 1868" (Boston, 1868), pages 45, 57.

January, 1840, *Miss Emily Dutton.

"Confession of Faith, and Covenant, also a Brief History of Union Church, Essex Street, Boston" (Boston, 1852), page 50.

July 5, 1846, Elmira Rice.

April 7, 1850, Elizabeth P. W. Hildreth.

"A Brief Sketch of the History of the Boston Society of the New Jerusalem, with a List of its Members" (Boston, 1857), pages 24, 25.

September 6, 1840, Sally Gallot, "dis. to ch. in Groton."

March 3, 1850, E. P. Livermore, "w. of O. W., fr. Groton, *absent*."

"Manual of the Church of Christ in Framingham, Mass., Organized October 8, 1701: including the Confession of Faith, Covenant, Standing Rules, List of Officers and Members, and Historical Notes" (Boston, 1870), pages 78, 81.

January 2, 1853, Patrick Driscoll, "Union Ch., Groton."

"The Confession of Faith and Covenant of the Mount Vernon Congregational Church in Boston, Mass. Organized June 1, 1842" (Boston, 1857), page 47.

September, 1858, Mrs. Anna M. Pollard, "Union Church, Groton."

January, 1863, Mrs. Mary F. Kelly, "Union Ch., Groton."

"The Articles of Faith and Covenant of the Shawmut Congregational Church, Boston. With a List of the Members" (Boston, 1865), pages 30, 33.

April 1, 1860, Nathaniel Livermore.

"A Sketch of the History of the Boston Society of the New Jerusalem, with a List of its Members" (Boston, 1863), page 59.

BIRTHS.

THE following record is found among the Suffolk Court files in Boston, but does not appear in the town book —:

william holdin the Son of william holdin and Elizabeth his wife was born february 19th 1728 a True Coppey from Groton book of Records

attest Thos Tarbell Town Cl Clerk

December 9th 1751

About a Fortnight before [August 14] at Lancaster, a new-born Son of Dr. *Stanton Prentice* was baptised at the Rev. Mr. *Harrington*'s Church, by the Name of JAMES OTIS.

"The Boston Weekly News-Letter," September 1, 1768.

For a notice of the marriage of Dr. Prentice to a Groton woman, who was the mother of this son, see the third volume (page 71) of the Historical Series.

LIST OF DEATHS.

In Groton, N. H. the 20th Nov. last, Mr. Samuel Blood, aged 67 years, a soldier of the revolution, and formerly of Groton, Mass.

"Columbian Centinel" (Boston), February 3, 1830.

In this city, 4th inst, after a lingering and distressing illness, Miss LYDIA CHAPLIN. The Funeral will take place on Tuesday morning, at 11 o'clock, from her late residence, 268 Washington street. Friends and acquaintances are invited to attend. Services by Rev Mr Clark, of Trinity Church..

"Daily Evening Transcript" (Boston). February 5, 1848.

In New-Castle, (Me.) Mr. *Moses Crage* [Craig], formerly of Groton, Æt. 63.

"Columbian Centinel," October 10, 1807.

In Brooklyn, L. I., 11th inst, at the residence of her son (Alfred P Dix), Mrs. Benjamin P. Dix of Groton, Mass.

"Boston Daily Advertiser," November 15, 1869.

At Groton, widow Mary Dodge, 98.

"Christian Register and Boston Observer," August 29, 1840.

In Groton, 2d inst. Mr. John Driscoll, formerly of Boston, a worthy and respected citizen, æt. 55.

"Columbian Centinel" (Boston), April 5, 1820.

At Groton, CH. ELDRIDGE, Esq *Æt.* 55.

"Columbian Centinel," December 1, 1798.

In Groton, Mass. Sept. 2, Capt. Zacharias Fitch, aged 86.

"Columbian Centinel" (Boston), September 9, 1820.

At Cape Henry, Hayti, Mr. Walter Gardner, midshipman in the U. S. navy, son of Thomas Gardner, Esq. of Groton, Mass. aged 22.

"Columbian Centinel" (Boston), April 22, 1820.

In Groton, John Gragg, aged 22 years.

"New-England Galaxy" (Boston), February 22, 1822.

In this town [Boston], ...; Mr. Jonas P. Hildreth, of Groton. In attempting to pass from Long-wharf to Carver's-wharf, on the ice, he fell into the water, and was drowned.

"New-England Galaxy" (Boston), February 22, 1822.

In Groton, Dec. 20th, [1842.] Mrs Sally Hobart, 41.

"Christian Register and Boston Observer," January 21, 1843.

At Fitzwilliam, N H, 3d inst, Mrs Polly Kilbourn, relict of the late Wm Kilbourn of Groton, and formerly of Fitchburg, Mass, 81.

"Boston Evening Courier," October 7, 1859.

In Groton, Mrs. Lucy, wife of the late James Lewis, Esq. aged 63

"Christian Register" (Boston), January 24, 1829.

A daughter of Hezekiah and Anna (Whiting) Crosby, of Billerica, who was born on November 10, 1765.

At Groton, on Tuesday last [September 16], Mr. Stephen Munroe, aged 66.

"New-England Palladium & Commercial Advertiser" (Boston), September 23, 1817.

In this town, Miss Emma, daughter of Mr. Nutting, of Groton, aged 19 y.

"The Independent Chronicle" (Boston), October 24, 1805.

At Groton 23d ult, Mrs Eliza, widow of the late Eri Parker of Littleton, 53.

"Boston Evening Courier," January 3, 1860.

In Groton, 11th inst. much lamented, Mr. Benjamin Richardson, aged 20, son of Alpheus Richardson, Esq.

"Columbian Centinel" (Boston), June 23, 1819.

At Groton, 12th inst, Mrs LUCY ROCKWOOD, widow of the late Dea Samüel Rockwood, 91.

"Daily Evening Transcript" (Boston), May 17, 1848.

In Groton, very much lamented, Deacon *Samuel Rockwood*. He was a most excellent man and truly valuable citizen.

"Columbian Centinel & Massachusetts Federalist" (Boston), July 4, 1804.

At Groton, 14th inst., Mrs Sybil Tarbell, widow of the late Mr Benjamin Tarbell, 98.

"Christian Register and Boston Observer," March 24, 1838.

In Dover, Mass. widow Mary Williams, aged 81, formerly of Groton.

"Christian Register" (Boston), June 19, 1830.

In Groton, Mr. Luther Woods, son of Col. Sampson Woods, aged 29.

"Columbian Centinel" (Boston), March 24, 1821.

In Williamsport, Penn. Mr. Philip Woods, a native of Groton, Mass. and formerly proprietor of the Boston Museum. His death was occasioned by being thrown from his wagon in passing over the Alleghany Mountain.

"Columbian Centinel" (Boston), January 5, 1828.

A son of Abel and Anna Woods, who was born on August 16, 1774.

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MAJOR SAMUEL LAWRENCE.

THE following article on Major Samuel Lawrence, written by a great-granddaughter, Miss Emily Seaver, of Rutland, Vermont, was printed in "The American Monthly Magazine" (V. 107–110) for August, 1894, where it appears in connection with a similar sketch of Colonel Timothy Bigelow, of Worcester, under the heading of "Two Revolutionary Soldiers." It is a just tribute to the memory of a Revolutionary hero, and gives an interesting account of certain events in his life. He ended his days at Groton, on November 8, 1827, surrounded by a large family of children, whom he lived to see grow up and prosper.

SAMUEL LAWRENCE.

The following is a brief account of two soldiers of the Revolution, written not because they were distinguished or great, but just because they were examples of the spirit and tone of the common people, for the time has passed away forever when History concerned herself only with the heroic deeds of kings and knights and lords, and we realize that we can best understand any great struggle by the record of the popular sentiment; by the sacrifices the common people were willing to make for it. Of the two portraits in this sketch, one is that of a farmer, a true son of the soil, the other a mechanic in what was then the first town of importance in Massachusetts. Unlike in all other circumstances, yet animated by the same spirit of patriotism, with "unfailing loyalty they gave all they had to give to the cause of their country's independence."

Samuel Lawrence was the son of Captain Amos Lawrence, and descended from John Lawrence, who came over from England about 1630. John settled originally in Watertown near Boston, but afterwards removed to Groton, about thirty miles inland, and was one of the original proprietors. Many of his descendants of the eighth generation are still living there. Samuel was born April 24, 1754. He was consequently just twenty-one at the commencement of the War of Independence. The news of the Concord fight reached Groton about ten o'clock on the morning of the eventful 19th of April. Samuel was a corporal in one of the Groton companies of Minute Men, and as he was plowing his father's field in the sweet April sunshine, his neighbor, General Oliver Prescott, rode up, shouting, "Samuel, the British are coming; notify your men!" Leaving the plow and mounting the general's horse, Samuel made a circuit of seven miles, calling on all the men of his company, and returned to his father's house in fifty minutes. The company met at the church, where a brief religious service was held, arms and ammunition were distributed, and at one o'clock the two Groton companies and the Pepperell company were on the road and marched with all possible dispatch to Concord and Lexington. They were, however, too late to take part in the battle, and so marched on to Cambridge, where were the headquarters of the American Army, and that night, which marked the commencement of the siege of Boston, the Middlesex companies were on duty guarding the roads which led to the town. And now the militia from far and near flocked to Cambridge. Most of the farmers, hastening from the fields, brought nothing with them but their guns and the clothes they had on. It was, therefore, a welcome sight when, as soon as he could collect a wagonload of provisions, Captain Amos Lawrence drove to the lines with welcome stores for his son and neighbors. The Middlesex regiment was commissioned May 26, and he was orderly to its commander, Colonel Prescott. The regiment took an active part in the battle of Bunker Hill. Ensign Lawrence was near Dr. Joseph Warren when he was shot. Captain Farwell, of his company, was severely wounded, and he himself received a wound in the arm, while a bullet passed through his hat. Had he been a little taller it would have passed through his brain. Ensign, afterwards Adjutant, and then Major Lawrence, remained in the Army for more than three years, his regiment being in active service all the time in Massachusetts and New York, where he was on General Sullivan's staff; in New London, and, finally, at the

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battle of Rhode Island, during which time he was at home for only two brief furloughs. The first of these was in July, 1777, when, the regiment being again in Cambridge, he asked and obtained leave to go home for a few days for the express purpose of marrying Miss Susanna Parker, to whom he had been engaged for more than two years. The marriage took place at this time in compliance with the advice of Major Lawrence's mother, who said that if anything happened to Sam, Susan had better be his widow than his forlorn damsel — not a very cheerful reason for a wedding; nor was the ceremony concluded before the ringing of the bell gave the alarm calling all the soldiers to arms. Hardly were the young couple pronounced man and wife when they were separated, and within an hour the bridegroom was on his march again to Cambridge. The alarm proved to have been unnecessary, and his colonel granted the young soldier leave to return for a few days to provide for his bride's comfortable sojourn in his father's house. He was allowed another short furlough at the end of the year, the regiment being in winter quarters in Rhode Island. In September, 1778, immediately after the battle of Rhode Island, the last battle fought on New England soil, Major Lawrence resigned his commission and left the Army, returning home to his native town. Here he lived for nearly fifty years, rearing a large family, exercising a boundless hospitality (his daughters said they might as well keep a tavern), interested in every undertaking for the growth and welfare of the town, and one of the trustees of the Groton (now Lawrence) Academy. It is a curious illustration of the way in which his military life was merged in that of a civilian that he was never called "Major," but always "Deacon" Lawrence, having been made a deacon of the church at the age of twenty-nine. The brief romance of his early life seemed to have quite faded with the light of common day, and yet not wholly so, for with his Groton comrades he formed a club where the veterans met to recall the stirring events of their youth; and as at the close of a wintry day we have seen the eastern hills all glowing with crimson splendor from the rays of the setting sun, so one last gleam gilded the last days of the good man's life. On the 17th of June, 1825, the corner-stone of Bunker Hill Monument was laid. General Lafayette, the idol of the American Army, was present by special invitation, having crossed the ocean in a vessel sent by the American Government to bring him, and Daniel Webster pronounced the oration. Seated before him were the veterans who had "toiled all night and fought

all day" fifty years before, and among them Major, now Deacon, Lawrence. Into every human life comes at some time, sooner or later, one drop at least of perfect and unmixed happiness, and when Mr. Webster in the course of his oration (one of the three finest that he ever delivered) addressed these old soldiers, "And you, venerable men," and they rose by a common impulse to their feet, they tasted that perfect draught. It was too much bliss for the hero of this sketch, for he received the next day a paralytic stroke from which he never recovered, though he lived for more than two years.

See the second volume (page 86) of this Historical Series for some facts connected with the family of Major Lawrence's wife, where they appear under "PARKER."

DR. NEHEMIAH ABBOT.

AMOS LAWRENCE (*b.* 1716, *d.* 1785) married Abigail Abbot, and one of their four sons was Deacon Samuel Lawrence, mentioned on page 177; and hence later the surname was brought into the family as a given name. Deacon Lawrence, the executor of the estate advertised below, was a nephew of Dr. Nehemiah Abbot, who died on July 13, 1785, without children. He had a son born on December 16, 1792, whom he named "Abbott."

By order of the Court of Common Pleas for the county of Middlesex,

Will be sold at Public Vendue, on Monday, the 10th day of January next, at two o'clock, P. M. at the House of OLIVER BARRON, Esq. Innholder in Chelmesford, in said county,

TWO-THIRDS of the Real Estate of NEHEMIAH ABBOT, late of Chelmesford, Physician, deceased, lying near the Meeting-House in said town, for the payment of the debts of said deceased, and charges of sale. The conditions of sale may be seen at the time and place aforesaid, or by applying in Groton, to SAMUEL LAWRANCE, Executor.

Groton, December 6, 1790.

"Independent Chronicle: and the Universal Advertiser" (Boston), December 23, 1790.

INSCRIBED POWDER-HORNS.

By Hon. SAMUEL A. GREEN, M.D., of Boston.

THE Groton Historical Society has lately received two old powder-horns which have some interesting associations connected with soldiers of the town. One of them has been cut off at the bottom since it was originally made, and bears an inscription as follows: —

[SA]MVEL PARCE OF GROTᵒN
HIS—HORN—174⁷

The tradition in the family of the former owner is that the base of the horn was shot through by a bullet in one of the battles of the Revolution, after which the horn was somewhat shortened and again used for holding powder. Its appearance seems to confirm this account, as there are unmistakable traces of an injury on the edge of the base, which might have been made in that way. The horn is about thirteen inches long, and has upon it the rude drawings of two deer, and a part of a third one, of which the remainder was on the missing portion of the bottom.

The other horn is also about thirteen inches long, and has the following inscription: —

JOSIAH LAWRANCE 1747

and another hand has subsequently cut the name SAMUEL under that of JOSIAH. It has also the drawings of two deer, a moose (?) a horse, a child, and a gun.

On both these horns there is an attempt at some crude ornamentation around the names, resembling this:  . In both instances, probably, the carving was done with a jack-knife, and perhaps in camp when time hung heavy.

Mr. John Gilson, of Groton, owns another powder-horn found many years ago in his grandfather's house, which bears the following inscription: —

NO. 4: JVNE yᵉ. 19. 1746. WE. HAD. A.
FIGHT. JVNE yᵉ. 24. WE. HAD. A. FIG
HT. Att COLSPRING. &. AUGUST. yᵉ.
3. WE. HAD. A. FIGT. Att. No. 4

The horn is about fifteen inches long, and near the smaller end are the initials "I H.," that stand probably for the name of some member of the Hobart or Hubbard family, which surnames were

often used indiscriminately. The ornamentation around the writing and between the lines somewhat resembles this: ΛΛΛΛΛΛΛΛΛΛ. "Number 4" is the old name of Charlestown, New Hampshire. In early times, before they received their present names, the four southerly townships, lying on the east bank of the Connecticut River, immediately north of the Massachusetts line, were numbered in geographical order, and designated by their numbers alone. At the present day these towns are known as follows: Township No. 1, as Chesterfield; No. 2, as Westmoreland; No. 3, as Walpole; and No. 4, as Charlestown.

['The initials "I. H." are those of Josiah Hobart, who had previously occupied the house where the powder-horn was found. The dwelling stood on the present Lowell road, less than a mile from the First Parish Meeting-house, and was taken down nearly a hundred years ago.]

The *Boston Daily Advertiser*, March 10, 1893, on its fourth page has a column headed "Hither and Yon," in which the writer mentions four powder-horns for sale at that time in New York. He says: "The third [horn] comes from Massachusetts. It bears the name, in large characters, of 'Jonathan Clark Lewis, made by J. G., Feb. the 27, 1773,' and the motto: —

I, powder, with my brother ball,
Most hero like doth conquer all.

It is curiously engraved with moose, fox, eagle, and a man snaring a deer."

In the issue of the same newspaper, March 13, the following communication appeared: —

To the Editor of The Advertiser: — In the "Hither and Yon" column of yesterday's *Advertiser* there is an allusion to an engraved powder-horn bearing the inscription: "Jonathan Clark Lewis, made by J. G., Feb. the 27, 1773," which is offered for sale by a dealer in New York. It may interest some of your readers to know that Mr. Lewis was a trader at Groton, where he lived, and died on April 7, 1781, "in the 37th year of his age." He was English by birth, and his tombstone in the Groton burying-ground is one of the very few that have armorial bearings cut on them. There can be no doubt as to the identity of the man, as before the Revolution middle names were very uncommon. G.

Within the past twelve or thirteen years the subject of powder-horn inscriptions has been developed to an interesting degree by Mr. Rufus A. Grider, of Canajoharie, New York, who has made

careful drawings of more than four hundred inscribed horns. His collection of such representations is both unique and artistic, and should be published for the benefit of scholars, as it contains many hints and suggestions of an historical character not found elsewhere. Mr. Grider has made original researches along this line of study, which are worthy of high commendation. His pioneer labors in this direction justly entitle him to be regarded as the founder of a new antiquarian art.

"The New-England Historical and Genealogical Register" (L. 43-45) for January, 1896.

WORCESTER SOCIETY OF ANTIQUITY.

On June 28, 1895, the citizens of Groton were honored by a visit from the Worcester Society of Antiquity. Unfortunately the weather on that day was very unpropitious, and kept away from the reception many persons who had intended to be present on the occasion. In spite of the rain, however, a hearty welcome was given to the visitors, and the wish was often expressed that the trip at some future day might be repeated. The following extracts from the Worcester newspapers, giving an account of the excursion, as well as of the preliminary arrangements, for future reference deserve a permanent record in the Historical Series. In reprinting them some slight inaccuracies in names have been corrected.

SOCIETY OF ANTIQUITY.

Arrangements for the Excursion to Groton Next Week.

Tickets for the outing of the Society of Antiquity to Groton on Friday, June 28, can be procured of Walter Davidson, at the Barnard, Sumner, Putnam & Co.; T. A. Dickinson, at the Society's building on Salisbury street and of any of the committee, Burton W. Potter, John C. Otis and F. L. Hutchins. The price is $1.50 for the round trip, including dinner at Groton. Should any desire a buss ride about the town it can be had by the payment of 25 cents additional.

Dr. S. A. Green, the historian of the town, has signified his intention of joining the party, and the historical society has appointed a committee to entertain its visitors. These outings are arranged by the Society of Antiquity to foster a love of historic New Eng-

land and to encourage the preservation of historic landmarks, and the society invites all who take any interest in thus perpetuating the knowledge of the deeds of the forefathers, to accompany them upon this excursion to one of the most beautiful old towns in New England.

"Worcester Daily Spy," Friday, June 21, 1895.

WELCOMED BY GOV. BOUTWELL.

Society of Antiquity Visits Points of Interest in Groton.

The Society of Antiquity held its annual field day yesterday in the form of an excursion to Groton. About 30 persons participated, a much smaller number than would have attended but for the unfavorable weather during the morning. The party left this city at 8.07, and arrived at Groton shortly after 9. These persons comprised the party: President B. W. Potter, wife and daughter, Hon. Stephen Salisbury, L. A. Ely and wife, F. L. Hutchins, wife and son, Daniel Seagrave, S. T. Burgess, George Maynard, M. A. Maynard and wife, C. B. Eaton and wife, C. C. Baldwin, J. C. Otis and daughter, C. G. Wood and wife, Prof. Herbert E. Austin of the State normal school at Baltimore, A. P. Rugg and others.

The party was met on its arrival at Groton by F. M. Boutwell, son of Hon. George S. Boutwell, and escorted to the vestry of the old First Unitarian church, which was built in 1755. It was remodelled in 1839, and again in 1877, but many of the original features have been retained. At the vestry the excursionists were welcomed by the venerable

Ex-Gov. George S. Boutwell,

now in his 78th year, who represented the Groton historical society, a young organization of 150 members. The visitors were then escorted through the new Groton public library, a fine specimen of Greek architecture, in which the historical society has a large room devoted to relics. A visit was next paid to the hotel, which was built over 100 years ago, and has been continually occupied as a hotel ever since its erection. The old Dix mansion was also visited. It was formerly occupied as a store, but now as a dwelling-house by a granddaughter of Gen. Artemas Ward, of Shrewsbury.

Barges were then boarded for a drive around town. The Groton school, founded by Endicott Peabody, on the Eton, England, plan, was visited, and the birthplaces of Col. William Prescott and Abbott Lawrence were passed. The party was driven over the six-rods-

wide road, which was built before King Philip's war. Various other points of interest were visited, and then the party returned to the village and to the vestry of the old Congregational church, which was built in 1827.

Dinner was prepared by the ladies of that parish, and a dozen or more of the citizens of Groton dined with the visitors. In the absence of Dr. S. A. Green of Boston, president of the Groton historical society, Vice-President

F. M. BOUTWELL WELCOMED THE VISITORS

in behalf of that society, and President B. W. Potter responded for the visitors. Grace was said by Rev. Louis B. Voorhees of the Congregational church, formerly pastor of the Old South church of this city for a short time. President Potter presided over the after-dinner speeches, which were opened with a specially cordial and interesting off-hand talk by ex-Gov. Boutwell, who was followed by Hon. Stephen Salisbury, Capt. M. P. Palmer of Groton, A. P. Rugg and S. T. Burgess of this city, Miss Boutwell of Groton and Prof. H. E. Austin of Baltimore. Capt. Palmer of Groton stated the products of Groton to be apples, vegetables and hay, and another speaker stated that Capt. Palmer himself shipped 1800 barrels of apples last season. It was said that ex-Gov. Boutwell owns a 600-acre farm, of which two acres are this season devoted to asparagus.

After dinner the party visited the mansion house of ex-Gov. Boutwell, also the residence of Miss Abbot, the latter abounding with interesting relics. Before leaving Groton the party were photographed on the steps of the Congregational church by Prof. Austin. The excursionists arrived home about 7 o'clock, pronouncing the field day the most successful in point of interest ever held by the society.

"Worcester Telegram," Saturday, June 29, 1895.

ANTIQUARIES OR HISTORIANS.

INTERESTING VISIT OF A PARTY FROM WORCESTER TO GROTON. MANY MATTERS OF OLDEN TIME BROUGHT TO NOTICE.

The Worcester Society of Antiquity held its annual field day in Groton yesterday as guests of the Groton Historical society.

The visitors were shown the many historical places in Groton, and dinner was served by ladies of the Orthodox society and church, after which F. M. Boutwell, first vice-president in the ab-

sence of Dr. Samuel A. Green of Boston, president of the Groton Historical society, introduced Pres. Burton W. Potter of the Antiquity society as toastmaster. Remarks were made by ex-Gov. Boutwell, Stephen Salisbury, president of the American Antiquarian society, Pres. Rugg of the common council, F. M. Boutwell, Rev. L. B. Voorhees, A. S. Lowell and others. The party left this city at 8.07 and arrived at Groton shortly after 9. Among those who went were Senator Salisbury, A. P. Rugg, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Potter and daughter, L. A. Ely and wife, S. A. Burgess and wife, C. W. Wood and wife, John C. Otis and daughter, M. A. Maynard and wife, A. S. Lowell and wife, George Maynard, Daniel Seagrave, C. B. Eaton and wife, Charles C. Baldwin, Salem Chamberlain, Corwin M. Thayer, E. F. Beede, and Prof. Herbert E. Austin of the State normal school at Baltimore.

Among the places of interest visited were the First Unitarian church built in 1755, remodeled in 1839 and again in 1877, but retaining many of the original features, the Dix mansion, the town hall, Lawrence Academy, the old hotel, public library, rooms of the Groton historical society and residences of ex-Gov. Boutwell, George E. H. Abbot and others. The party took barges, and were driven to Groton school, where an hour was spent about the beautiful grounds before the party returned to the village and to the vestry of the old Congregational church, which was built in 1827.

Before leaving Groton the party were photographed on the steps of the Congregational church by Prof. Austin. The excursionists arrived home about 7 o'clock.

Several private residences were freely thrown open, revealing a wonderful store of antiquarian material, and a surprising wealth of antique furniture, pictures, and ancient books. Mrs. Dix especially showed valuable ancient relics of her grandfather, Maj. Gen. Ward, of Shrewsbury, of revolutionary fame.

"Worcester Evening Post," Saturday, June 29, 1895.

According to the "Weekly Weather-crop Bulletin of the New England Weather Service" for the week ending Monday, July 1, 1895, — issued by the United States Department of Agriculture, but printed in Boston, — "At Groton, Mass., 2.74 inches of rain fell on the 28th" June, the day of the visit of the Worcester Society of Antiquity, as described above.

THE OLD STAGE-COACHES OF GROTON.

THE following advertisement, taken from the "Columbian Centinel & Massachusetts Federalist" (Boston), December 3, 1803, will have some interest, as showing the fare at that time from Boston to Groton; and showing, too, that the drivers acted as expressmen. Although no one now remembers the line of stage-coaches then running, some persons may recall Dearborn Emerson, who was a resident of Groton, and a famous man in his day.

Boston, Groton, and Walpole Mail Stage.

THE subscriber would inform the Public, that he runs a Line of Stages on the middle post-road from *Boston* to *Walpole, (N. H.)*—that passes through *Concord*, *Groton*, *New-Ipswich*, *Jeffery*, *Marlborough*, *Keene*, and to *Walpole*, twice a week, which meets a Line of Stages that conveys Passengers, &c. on through *Windsor* to the Colleges, at *Hanover*, twice a week—*viz*—Leaves Mr. *Wheelock*'s, sign of the Indian Queen, No. 8, *Marlboro'-street*, *Boston*, every Wednesday and Saturday, at 4 o'clock in the morning, and arrives at *Concord* by 8 o'clock, and *Groton* by 12 o'clock, noon, and at *New-Ipswich* by 6 o'clock in the evening, same day. Leaves *New-Ipswich* by 4 o'clock in the morning, every Thursday and Monday, and arrives at *Keene*, same days, by noon, and at *Walpole* by 6 o'clock in the evening same days. *Returning*—leaves *Walpole* every Wednesday and Saturday, at 4 o'clock in the morning, and arrives at *Keene* by 9 o'clock in the morning, and at *New-Ipswich* by 6 o'clock in the evening, same days. Leaves *New-Ipswich* every Monday and Thursday, at 4 o'clock in the morning, and arrives at *Groton* by 8 o'clock in the morning, at *Concord* by 12 o'clock, and at *Boston* by 7 o'clock in the evening, same days. As this rout will bring the Passenger to or from *Boston* to *Hanover*, in three days, and the most of the way a good Turnpike; he flatters himself will gain the Travellers' attention. He returns his sincere thanks to his Customers, for their past favors, and solicits their continuance. The greatest attention will be paid to the transportation of any Bundles, Letters, Packages, or any other business, in his Line, that his friends may favor him with.

I am the Public's humble serv't,

DEARBORN EMERSON.

Groton, Nov. 24, 1803.

N. B. The fare from *Boston* to *Concord* is 6*s*—from do. to *Groton*, 12*s*—to *New-Ipswich* 3dls.—to *Marlboro'*, 4dls.—to *Keene* 4dls. 50cts.—and to *Walpole* 5dls. Way-Passengers 6cts. pr. mile; 14 lbs. baggage per passenger gratis; and 150 lbs. baggage equal to a passenger. The fare through is less than 6 cts per mile.

MISS MARY S. BRAZER.

In Weathersfield, Vt. Miss Mary Saltonstall, eldest daughter of William F. Brazer, of Groton, Mass. aged 21. She was brought to her native place for interment. We are unwilling to let the death of this amiable young woman pass by unnoticed. She was one, whom it was impossible to know, without regarding with feelings of more than common interest; and these feelings were not awakened alone by her modest and gentle manners, by her unvaried sweetness of temper, by her vivacity, frankness, and simplicity; but by something there was about her, that spoke of inward purity, and betokened a heart alive with every amiable sensibility, and in unison with virtue, with benevolence, with piety. She has gone down to the grave in all her loveliness, with the dew of her youth, and all her youthful hopes and feelings fresh and fair upon her. Her countenance, on which so lately sat the bloom of health and beauty, has changed, and she has passed away. But not soon will her memory pass away, nor the mournful feelings which her early death has awakened. Her image and the remembrance of her virtues, will be long and fondly cherished by a large circle of affectionate relatives and attached friends.—And even they, who feel this bereavement most nearly, will be able, at length, to think of her, of her sisterly kindness, of her filial affection and duty, of her unaffected piety, and of all she did and desired to do, to render herself useful, with a soothing and delightful complacency. They will remember that the Saviour has said, "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God."

"Columbian Centinel" (Boston), October 7, 1829.

BENTLEY FAMILY.

In the "Boston Journal," August 1, 1896, there appeared an account of Sir John Bentley, who came to New England, in the summer of 1711, with the English fleet which put into Boston to make final preparations for the expedition against the French in Canada at that time. Soon after leaving port, and off the coast of Maine, the fleet encountered a terrific storm in which more than half the vessels were wrecked. Many lives were lost; and among them was Sir John, who before sailing had left in Boston a son Thomas, a sturdy lad of twelve years, in charge of a man named Wetheridge. When this son grew to man's estate, he married and was the father of thirteen children, of whom several died young, and were buried in the Copp's Hill Ground. According to the account printed in the Journal:—

The surviving son was Joshua, and in the directory of the town of Boston for the year 1789 may be seen his name and his occupation, that of a surveyor of boards. He was an active patriot and was one of the men who rowed Paul Revere across the Charles on the night of that man's memorable ride through the country. Joshua lived to the age of 92 [95] and was buried at Groton, Mass. His son, John Bentley, was born in Boston in 1777, and was the father of the man who told this story. He was a hard-headed, practical man, who gained his livelihood by building ships. He lived in the North End of Boston the greater part of his life, and it was there that his son Thomas was born.

Joshua Bentley's youngest daughter, Susanna, was the wife of Captain Charles Woolley, of Newport, Rhode Island, and the mother of the late Charles Woolley, of Waltham, who died on October 30, 1886, at the age of eighty-four years. She married for her second husband David Child, of Groton, eldest son of Captain Abram Child. Her father died at Groton, on April 15, 1819, aged 95 years.

See the first volume of the Historical Series, Number XIV. page 15, for references to the Bentley family; also "Groton Epitaphs," page 181.

BATTLE OF BUNKER HILL.

GROTON MEN IN THE FIGHT.

ONE commissioned officer and ten enlisted men, residents of Groton, were either killed or mortally wounded at the Battle of Bunker Hill. The roll of honor comprises the names of Lieutenant Amaziah Fassett, who fell wounded and died a prisoner in Boston a few days later, on July 5; Sergeant Benjamin Prescott, eldest son of the Honorable James Prescott, and nephew of Colonel William Prescott, the commander on the American side; and Privates Abraham Blood, Chambers Corey, James Dodge, Peter Fisk, Stephen Foster, Simon Hobart, Jonathan Jenkins, Robert Parker, and Benjamin Woods.

This loss was the largest suffered by any one town in the battle, and shows the patriotic character of the citizens at that period. These soldiers were serving in five different companies of Colonel Prescott's regiment, and their names now appear on the bronze tablets which have been placed on Bunker Hill by the city of Boston in memory of the brave men who fell in that historic engagement.

Colonel Prescott, the commander of the American forces, and at least three of the Pepperell soldiers who lost their lives in the fight, were natives of Groton.

ERROR ON BUNKER-HILL TABLETS.

In connection with the names that are given on the tablets set up by the city, there is a singular error worth noting. David Kemp, of Groton, is named as one of the men who was killed on the Seventeenth, though fortunately he was only captured in that engagement, and afterward was carried to Halifax. By mistake he was reported as dying while a prisoner in Boston, and for a long time his family mourned him as dead. It is not recorded when they first heard of his safety, but it was probably many months after the battle.

In "The Boston-Gazette, and Country Journal" (Watertown), July 29, 1776, it is said: —

> Last Tuesday Evening came to town from Halifax, Lieut. Scott of Peterborough, in New Hampshire Government, who was wounded

From the foregoing newspaper account it appears that David Kemp did not die in Boston on September 10, 1775, as is recorded on the Company Return (LVI. 70) among the Massachusetts Archives; and furthermore, that he was alive nearly one year after the memorable engagement. The following petition, printed in the Journal of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, September 13, 1776, gives the exact date of Kemp's escape as well as other interesting facts: —

A petition of *David Kemp*, of *Groton*, setting forth, that his son *David Kemp*, jun. a soldier in Capt. *Parker*'s company, in Col. *Prescot*'s regiment, was taken prisoner at the battle of *Bunker*'s-Hill, the 17th *June*, 1775, and carried to *Halifax*, where he remained till the 13th *June* last; that he was not made up in said *Parker*'s roll, only to the 17th *June*, therefore praying that his wages to this time may be allowed him.

Read and committed to Capt. *Kimball*, Mr. *Ingals* and Mr. *White*. (Page 104.)

A GROTON MAN SHOT PITCAIRN.

In a note book of the Reverend Jeremy Belknap, according to an extract printed in the Proceedings (XIV. 93) of the Massachusetts Historical Society for June, 1875, it is recorded: —

A negro man belonging to Groton, took aim at Major Pitcairne, as he was rallying the dispersed British Troops, & shot him thro' the head, he was brought over to Boston & died as he was landing on the ferry ways.

It has long been known that Pitcairn was killed by a negro, but this is the first time, perhaps, that he has ever been connected with Groton.

PRESCOTT INSCRIPTION.

The following inscription is found on the monument in Prescott Square, Groton: —

COLONEL WILLIAM PRESCOTT
COMMANDER OF THE AMERICAN FORCES
AT THE BATTLE OF BUNKER HILL
WAS BORN ON THE 20TH OF FEBRUARY 1726
IN A HOUSE WHICH STOOD
NEAR THIS SPOT

FIRST MAN TO FIRE.

In the account of Chelmsford, prepared by Henry S. Perham for Hurd's History of Middlesex County (II. 249), is found the epitaph of Joseph Spalding, who died in that town on July 31, 1820. It is there stated that —

He was among the brave asserters & defenders of the liberties of his country at Bunker Hill, where he opened the battle by firing upon the enemy before orders were given: &, after enjoying for many years the blessings of civil & religious liberty in common with others

He 'sunk to rest
With all his countrys honor's blest.'

FIRST MAN KILLED.

Amos Foster, a private in Captain Walker's company, Colonel Bridge's regiment, writes, under date of August 3, 1825, as follows: —

I was close by Asa Pollard [of Billerica] when he was killed. He was the first man that was killed. The ball struck the ground and hopped along before it struck him.

Foster's letter is printed in "The New England Historical and Genealogical Register" (XII. 121, 122) for April, 1858. Substantially the same statement appears in the Genealogical Register of Hazen's History of Billerica (page 113).

FIRST MAN WOUNDED.

In Holland's History of Western Massachusetts (II. 420), the author says:—

At the battle of Bunker Hill, Aaron Barr of Myrifield [now the town of Rowe] was the first wounded man brought into Cambridge, from the field. He belonged to Capt. Maxwell's company. He was struck by a cannon ball in the morning, had his leg taken off, and died the same day.

There has been a discrepancy of statement in regard to the first man killed in the action, as some persons claim the distinction for Pollard, and others for Barr. The evidence appears to be that Pollard was killed instantly; while Barr was carried from the field and died some hours later in Cambridge. The authority for the statement that Barr was the first man killed is the following writing pasted on the Company Roll among the Massachusetts Archives: "Aron Barr, the first man killed on Bunker Hill June 16 [*sic*], 1775." It appears to have been placed there many years ago, but long after the date of the original record. He was a member of Captain Maxwell's company, Colonel Prescott's regiment, and not of Captain Nutting's company, as stated in the volume of Bunker-Hill Memorial Tablets (*note*, page 80), published by the city of Boston.

LAST MAN TO LEAVE THE FIELD.

In Glazier's History of Gardner, Massachusetts (page 25), it is recorded that David Foster "was engaged in the Revolutionary War nine months, and was the last man who fled from the enemy at the battle of Bunker hill."

DIED — In Andover, Dea. Isaac Abbott, 91. He was the last to leave the field at the battle of Bunker Hill.

"Boston Daily Advertiser," August 13, 1836.

I leave it for others to settle the discrepancy between these two statements.

gather there from year to year, as well as to the eye of the passer-by. The women have always furnished us with a bountiful dinner, of which parents, children, and friends freely partook. After dinner came declamations, recitations, and singing by the children, followed by talks and speeches from the elderly men and others, in which reference was had to things which happened here during our school life in former days, and interspersed with reminiscences of olden times; when, after singing some old familiar tunes by all present, the meeting adjourned.

I cannot forbear, just here, to say that last year (1892) at our Arbor Day gathering, a flag-pole, having been procured by a committee previously chosen for the purpose, was duly erected; and soon after the flag containing the stars and stripes was floating in the breeze amid the cheers of all present. A fitting close of that meeting was the singing of the national hymn to the tune of America, in which all joined most heartily.

And now, sir, knowing you to be not only interested in historical matters but in educational matters as well, I send the enclosed, hoping it may not be void of interest to you, coming as it does from old Groton, though I am not sure that after reading it you will not think I am getting a little into dotage.

Most truly yours,

WILLARD TORREY.

HON. SAMUEL A. GREEN, M.D., Boston.

I suppose I may be considered as a sort of connecting link between the generations past and the present; and, being the oldest resident member of this — Chicopee-Row — District, I may be supposed to know as much about the history of this district and its school as any person now living. It is now seventy-seven years since I first began to attend this school, and adopting the language of another, I can say the years I have travelled lie stretching in long array behind me; and I am approaching the time when one lives much in memory. I have ever felt a deep interest in the prosperity and welfare of this school, having been connected with it successively as pupil, teacher, and Committeeman. There was a time when this school ranked as second to no school in town, in regard to its literary attainments and standing, but it is distinguished mainly or largely for the number of teachers it has sent out during the past three-fourths of a century, or perhaps a little more. The late Caleb Butler, Esq., a prominent and influ-

ential man in this town, remarked that it was the result of the benefit we derived from the income of the school fund, — a bequest of Col. Josiah Sartell, whose residence was near this schoolhouse. Thinking it might be of interest to some present, I concluded to jot down the names, with a short sketch of each, of those who went out from here and engaged for a longer or shorter time in the vocation of teaching.

I begin with John Shepley, son of John Shepley, who lived in an old brown house which stood where the late Freeman Torrey's barn now stands; he had three sons, — John, the eldest, engaged in teaching in the winter season while pursuing his studies for a profession; he became a lawyer, settled in Maine. Ether was a common-school teacher; became a lawyer; settled in Portland, Maine, was Chief-Justice of that State, and a Senator to Congress; he was a man highly respected and much esteemed. Stephen was also a teacher; was a farmer, and settled in Shirley. [See Volume III. pages 278–281, for sketches of John and Ether Shepley.]

I mention next Josiah Sartell Williams, who was named after Col. Sartell; he was the oldest son of Jacob Williams, who lived where Samuel P. Williams now lives, and whose wife was sister to John Shepley, Senior. Josiah, familiarly called "Schoolmaster" Williams, was a stout, strong-built man, and weighty withal, and consequently was called to teach some very difficult schools both in Groton and adjoining towns. He never failed to go through with his schools; he often taught two schools in a winter, — the school terms then were generally short. Jacob Williams, son of Jacob, was a teacher; became a physician, practising awhile in Groton, also in Gilmanton and Deerfield, N. H. [See Volume III. pages 23, 24, for a sketch of Dr. J. Williams.] Richard, youngest son of Jacob, was a pupil of this school, and fitted at Groton Academy; he taught in this district and several other schools in town; was a physician; settled in Milford, N. H., and died there greatly lamented. [See Volume III. pages 50, 51, for a sketch of Dr. R. Williams.] Sarah F., daughter of Josiah S. Williams, taught in Chicopee and several other schools in town, also in South Braintree; married Dr. Locke of Nashua and died there. [See Volume III. page 72.] Abbie Williams, granddaughter of Josiah S. Williams, taught school several terms; married, but soon died.

William Eaton, son of Jonas, Senior, taught this school, also the Trowbridge and Tarbell Schools; was a member of School

Committee one year; carpenter by trade, went to Boston and carried on the lumber business; died there at the age of eighty-five; was reputed rich. Henry Franklin Eaton, brother of William, educated at Chicopee School and Groton Academy, taught schools in Shirley and Dunstable; went to New Brunswick and engaged in the lumber business, and has accumulated considerable property.

Samuel P. Williams, son of Samuel and grandson of Jacob, was educated at Chicopee School and Lawrence Academy; taught Trowbridge School; went out west to seek his fortune, soon returned and worked awhile at his trade as carpenter; was in trade for a time in Nashua, came back to Groton and settled down to farming; has been collector of taxes several years. Jacob Williams, second son of Samuel Williams, was teacher; was out west awhile, returned home and soon died of consumption in early manhood. Henry Williams, third son of Samuel Williams, taught Sandy Pond School; died young, a victim of consumption. Herbert F. Williams, youngest son of Samuel Williams, taught school in South Weymouth; is now and has been for several years a practising physician in Brooklyn, N. Y. [See Volume III. pages 63, 64, for a sketch of Dr. Williams.] Mary S., oldest daughter of Samuel Williams, was a graduate of Framingham Normal School, taught several schools in Groton, also in South Weymouth; she also died a victim of consumption. Alline S., sister of Mary, was a graduate of the Normal School at Framingham, taught school in Groton and South Weymouth; married Mr. Marcy, a lawyer, settled in Connecticut, and in a few years died of consumption. Ellen M., sister of Alline, taught in Groton, and also in South Weymouth; was married and settled in Connecticut; afterward went with her husband to Iowa for his health, but soon returned to Groton, where in a few weeks her husband died; she married again, and resides in Groton.

Warren F. Stone, who married Mary Williams, daughter of Josiah S. Williams, while residing in this district was sent as Representative from this town to the General Court; was also teacher. Charles W. Stone, son of Warren F. Stone, fitted at Lawrence Academy and graduated at Williams College, taught in our Groton schools, also was Principal awhile of Erie Academy, Penn.; settled in Warren, Penn., practising law; has held respectively the offices of Representative, Senator, Lieutenant-Governor, and Secretary of State of Pennsylvania, and is now Representative to Congress from Pennsylvania. Rufus B., brother of Charles W. Stone, was teacher in Groton;

after the war went South; was Judge of Court there, but the times being perilous for a Yankee in the South, he returned North and settled in Bradford, Penn., in the Oil regions, and has been and is now in the practice of law there. George F. Stone, youngest brother of Charles W. Stone, was teacher in our High School awhile; married and moved to Bradford, Penn., and for five years was Superintendent of Schools in that city; is also a lawyer, and now living in Washington. [See Volume III. pages 282–285, for sketches of the Stone brothers.]

Willard Torrey, son of Noah Torrey, enjoyed the school privileges of Chicopee School and Groton, now Lawrence, Academy; taught seven different schools in town, in all some twenty winters, and was a member of School Committee twenty years out of thirty; held the town offices of Selectman, Assessor, Overseer of the Poor, and Surveyor of Highways ten years, and also office in parish and church; and was a Justice of the Peace for twenty-one years. [See Volume III. pages 151, 152.]

Noah Torrey, brother of Willard, was a graduate of Groton Academy, Dartmouth College, and Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia; taught schools in Groton and other places; settled in South Braintree, where he now lives; is a practising physician; and has held several town offices, and is Justice of the Peace. [See Volume III. page 53, for a sketch of Dr. Torrey.]

Watson Willard Torrey, son of Willard, was a graduate of Lawrence Academy, Williams College, and Union Theological Seminary; taught schools in Groton and other places, and was for awhile Principal of Erie Academy, Penn.; was settled in Sherman, Conn., but his health failing he went to Iowa, and in a few months was brought home, where he soon died, another victim of consumption.

Appleton H. Torrey, youngest son of Willard Torrey, was for a time a student of Lawrence Academy and of the Business College at Springfield, Mass.; taught the Hobart School in Groton; then went to Boston, clerk in wholesale boot and shoe store several years; then came to Groton and engaged in the retail boot and shoe business; has been Selectman, Assessor, Overseer of Poor, and Surveyor of Highways four years, is Justice of the Peace, and now is Town Clerk of Groton. Augusta M. Torrey, daughter of Freeman Torrey, taught several terms in Groton and Dunstable; has married her third husband, and is now living in Ayer.

George H. Williams, eldest son of Rufus Williams, was educated

at Chicopee School and Lawrence Academy; taught the Winthrop and Trowbridge schools in Groton, also a school in Illinois; upon the breaking out of the Rebellion he was among the first to answer the President's call for volunteers; he enlisted in Company E of the Thirty-third Regiment from pure patriotic motives; he fought at Gettysburg and Malvern Hills, and with Joe Hooker at Lookout Mountain, where he was severely wounded and left on the field as dead; recovering from this he rejoined his regiment in time to move in May under Sherman in his March to the Sea; he was in command of his company at the fight of Resaca, and had almost succeeded in reaching Atlanta when in an engagement he fell at his post — nobly doing a soldier's duty.

Marcia (Williams) Parkhurst, sister of George H. Williams, while attending Lawrence Academy was called to teach a school in Dunstable, and continuing there until she entered the State Normal School at Framingham; after graduation at that institution she taught in Dover and South Weymouth, also several terms each in Chicopee and Trowbridge Schools; after marriage for nine terms she taught the ungraded Chaplin School, having about sixty pupils; and for ten or eleven years was teacher of the Intermediate Department of the Butler School; in 1876 was chosen a member of the School Committee, but having engaged to teach she declined to serve; was elected again in 1888 for three years, was re-elected in 1891, and is now serving in that capacity.

Adelaide Louisa Williams, sister of Mrs. Parkhurst, taught in Dunstable, New Ipswich, and the Willard and Trowbridge schools in Groton; married and settled in Hyde Park, Mass. Asa Williams, son of Rufus Williams, obtained his school training at Chicopee and Lawrence Academy; taught in Dunstable and Townsend, and for several terms the school in West Groton; was the first Principal of the Butler School after it was graded into three departments; was in the employ of the Boston and Maine Railroad some ten years, and is now head book-keeper at their supply store in the city of Lawrence, Mass. Josiah Sartell Williams, son of Rufus Williams, bears the name of his grandfather; taught the Willard and Trowbridge schools, also in Brookline, N. H.; settled in Nobscot, Framingham, has been postmaster there for several years, has served as School Committeeman, also Assessor; and has a family of four sons and two daughters.

Reuben Lewis, son of Asa S. Lewis, obtained his education at Chicopee School and Lawrence Academy; taught the Trowbridge,

Hobart, Chicopee, and Farmers' Row schools, — in all, many winters, — and was a member of the Board of School Committee; also Assessor of taxes many years. Susan F. Lewis, daughter of Reuben Lewis, graduated at Lawrence Academy, taught the Hobart School, but was soon married.

Maria Shattuck, daughter of Andrew Shattuck, taught several schools in Groton and in Warren, Penn.; married a lawyer and settled in Warren, Penn., and is now residing there, and is highly esteemed in that place. Sarah S., sister of Maria, was teacher; married and settled in Warren, Penn., where she now lives. Harriet N. Shattuck, another daughter of Andrew Shattuck, taught school awhile; afterward married and went down South.

Joseph B. Raddin taught school in Pepperell; has served as Selectman, Assessor, Surveyor, and Superintendent of Highways; is married and favored with a large family of children; resides in Groton.

Andrew Blood, son of Timothy Blood, was educated at Chicopee School and Lawrence Academy; taught several different schools in Groton, — Chicopee being one of them, — served on the Board of School Committee several years, was captain of the old Artillery Company, married, died while comparatively young, leaving a family of four children.

Charles Blood, brother of Andrew, attended Chicopee School and Lawrence Academy; taught the Willard School; went to California for his health, and after four years returned to Groton; was married, and followed his trade of tin and sheet-iron worker; served as Selectman, Assessor, Overseer of Poor, and Highway Surveyor; served several months as a soldier in the late war.

Clara Lillian and Mary Louise Hutchins, granddaughters of Samuel Williams, were both pupils of Chicopee School and graduates of Lawrence Academy; they taught schools in Groton, but soon entered a printing office, as proof-readers, in Cambridge, where they now reside.

Alice Chapman, daughter of Charles H. Chapman, attended Chicopee School and was a graduate of Lawrence Academy; taught Chicopee School and two or three other schools; is now engaged as teacher of elocution in Lawrence Academy and in one or two schools out of town.

Cora L. Chapman, sister of Alice, was a pupil in Chicopee, also a graduate of Lawrence Academy; taught several terms the Winthrop, and is now teacher of Chicopee, third term.

Grace Trumbull, educated at Chicopee School and a graduate of Lawrence Academy, taught school in Harvard, also Chicopee, several terms; was lately married and removed from Groton.

In the foregoing list I find five lawyers, four physicians, and one minister, and quite a number of others who became influential members of society, and filled various offices of trust and responsibility in church and town affairs.

Most if not all the persons mentioned above received their early education and training at Chicopee School, which was generally supplemented by an attendance for a longer or shorter time at Groton or Lawrence Academy.

From the facts above stated, as also from my own observation and experience, I have come to the conclusion that a liberal expenditure of money for educational purposes will not only be a great blessing to the present generation, but its benefit will be felt by generations to come.

DISTRICT SCHOOL, No. 5.

THE HONORABLE GEORGE LUNT, a distinguished graduate of Harvard College in the Class of 1824, during one winter of his college course taught a District School at Groton. It was, if I mistake not, in old No. 5, situated on Common Street. Mr. Lunt was born in Newburyport, on December 31, 1803, and died in Boston, on May 16, 1885. Some years ago I asked him to give me a short account of his experience in town, when he wrote the following note: —

SCITUATE, Aug. 7, 1884.

DEAR DR. GREEN:

I was very glad to hear from you, but am so occupied with other matters, besides a not very good state of health, that it would not be convenient for me to write out reminiscences of my brief residence in Groton. If you see fit to make any mention of a fact of so little consequence, I have no objection to your stating that during my Junior year at Harvard College, which must have been in 1823, I was employed for a time as teacher of one of the District Schools in Groton, — I do not remember which.

Trusting that you are well, and hoping some time to see you in the city, I remain,

Yours very truly,

GEORGE LUNT.

In former years there prevailed a common custom among undergraduates of New England colleges to teach District schools during the winter in some country town, but now it has nearly disappeared in this neighborhood. An interesting list of such students who have taught in Groton might be made; and as a beginning I will name the following persons: —

William Allen (H. C. 1802), D.D., President of Bowdoin College.

James Delap Farnsworth (H. C. 1818), a Congregational Minister.

Seth Ames, (H. C. 1825), Associate Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts.

Thomas Sherwin (H. C. 1825), Head Master of the English High School, Boston.

Willard Parker (H. C. 1826), LL. D., an eminent physician of New York.

Cecil Franklin Patch Bancroft (Dart. C. 1860), LL.D., Principal of Phillips Academy, Andover.

John Lewis Hildreth (Dart. C. 1864), a distinguished physician of Cambridge.

A LIST OF CIVIL OFFICERS.

RESIDENTS OF GROTON, HOLDING COMMISSIONS, ETC.

THE following names are to be appended to the two lists given, respectively, on pages 153 and 428 of the third volume of this Historical Series, and to the list on page 23 of the second volume.

May 12, 1886	George Sumner Graves, Justice of the Peace to Issue Warrants and Take Bail. [This entry was omitted in its proper place.]
June 7, 1894	George Samuel Gates, Notary Public.
April 30, 1896	William Fisher Wharton, Commissioner to Investigate the Charitable and Reformatory Interests and Institutions of the Commonwealth.

An order of Congress has been issued, empowering Major [Aaron] Brown, of Groton, to take depositions, in the contested election of Mr. Varnum, before any Judge of the established Courts of this State.

"The Boston Gazette, and Weekly Republican Journal," April 18, 1796.

DAVID PRESCOTT.

Mr. Frank Moore, a noted antiquary and book-lover of New York, has kindly sent me an old manuscript, of which the following is a copy: —

These may Certifie all whom it may Concern that David Prescott a Soldier in the Second foot Company in The town of Groton in the County of Middlesex has done a Turn in the war by paying to me the Subscriber the sum of Eight pounds (which Sum I rec^{d} by the hands of his father Mr Ebenezer Prescott) and is to be Laid out in providing a man for his majesty's Service this present year agreable to ye act of this Goverment as Witniss my hand the 2^{d} day of apriel A. D. 1759.

Abel Lawrence Capt of said Company.

David Prescott was the youngest child of Ebenezer and Hannah (Farnsworth) Prescott, and was born on June 28, 1728. He married Abigail Wright; and they had ten children, of whom two, David, Jr., and Samson, were soldiers at the Battle of Bunker Hill. He lived in Groton, near the Westford line, and died on February 9, 1774.

REV. JOHN BARNARD.

In the library of the Massachusetts Historical Society is a note-book, kept by the Reverend John Barnard, of Marblehead, which contains a memorandum of all the sermons preached by him through a long life, giving the texts of his various discourses and the places and dates of their delivery, as well as the *honorarium* received for the same. It begins with August 10, 1701, and ends with January 21, 1770. According to the note-book, during his life Mr. Barnard delivered more than six thousand sermons, of which he gives the various texts by a reference to the chapter and verse; and throughout this long period he received for his services more than ten thousand pounds. At divers times he supplied the pulpit of many congregations in various parts of the Province, and for some years was a chaplain both in the provincial army and navy. On July 18, 1716, he was settled over the Church of Christ at Marblehead, where he remained until his death on January 24, 1770, in the eighty-ninth year of his age. By his will he gave to Harvard College the sum of two hundred pounds in token of his thankfulness for the education he there received. When President Wadsworth died in the spring of 1717, Mr. Barnard was talked of as his successor to the presidency of that institution.

Mr. Butler, in his History of Groton, while treating of the ecclesiastical affairs of the town immediately following the pastorate of the Reverend Dudley Bradstreet, who was dismissed in the summer of 1712, says: —

> Before settling another minister, after the dismission of Mr. Bradstreet, three persons at least were hired as candidates for settlement; two of whom, Mr. [John] Tufts and Mr. [John] Cotton, received invitations to settle. A Mr. Barnard preached for some time, and he and Mr. Tufts were rival candidates before the town, and Mr. Tufts had the major vote (pages 170, 171).

Mr. Tufts did not accept the invitation, but was settled soon afterward over the church at Newbury. According to entries in the note-book, it was Mr. John Barnard who was

preaching as the other candidate at Groton, where he supplied the pulpit for many Sundays during this period. Usually for his services here he received a pound for each day's preaching, though sometimes the sum was a little less, and once he had a guinea.

For other facts concerning Mr. Barnard, see Proceedings of the Massachusetts Historical Society (second series, XI. 71–74) for June, 1896.

A CORRECTION.

Mr. Lawrence Park, of Groton, writes me, under date of February 28, 1892, that there is a slight inaccuracy in the "Memoranda of Stuart James Park and his Ancestors," which appears in the third volume (page 146-151) of the Historical Series. On page 147, in the third line, "William" should read "Thomas." The mistake was made, probably, at the time of dictation.

HARD COAL.

Anthracite Coal for heating a dwelling-house was first used in Groton by Aaron Perkins more than fifty years ago. It was before the year 1845, at which time the Fitchburg Railroad was built through the southern part of the town. According to my recollection, he used it in a grate to warm his keeping-room. It was brought from Boston in one of the Groton baggage-wagons; and, of course, the quantity was small. Mr. Perkins lived on the east side of Hollis Street, near the Brook.

Governor Boutwell, however, informs me that Mr. Woods had previously used hard coal for heating his store.

GROTON NINETY YEARS AGO.

By the courtesy of Miss Ellen Chase, of Brookline, Massachusetts, I am enabled to give the following extract from a private journal which belongs to a family in that town. She writes, under date of July 15, 1895, as follows:—

DEAR DR. GREEN:

Knowing your interest in the town of Groton I have, with Mrs. Henry F. Dana's kind permission, copied from a manuscript journal in her possession the accompanying references to the place. The Diary was begun August 30, 1804, by Miss Betsey Heath — a daughter of John Heath — when driving to Keene, N. H. In due time it will be printed in the *Sagamore*; but meanwhile you may wish to put the extract on record.

"Left Concord at half past 2, pass'd thro' Acton, a town where nothing appears pleasant except a large pond [Nagog], went on to Littleton, a pleasant country town, call'd on Mrs. Tuttle Stay'd an hour with her and took tea, left there at 5, and rode 6 miles to Groton, the road excellent, the air cool and refreshing, the seting sun shed a mild lustre on the surrounding objects, which heightened the beauty of the scene, and render'd our ride delightful. Groton is a beautiful town, scituated high and airy, the lands round, appear to be highly cultivated, a pleasant street, handsome meeting house, and elegant buildings. We called at Tommas Gardners store [where Mr. Gerrish's store lately stood] just to say how, do, do. And went on half a mile to Richardson's tavern [where the Baptist Meeting-house now stands], where we lodg'd, met with a Dr. Bradford, a young gentleman from Keene, on his way to Boston and a little girl of eleven years, from Walpole going to Scituate, a pure simple child of nature, whom I took for a bed fellow. We found it necessary to remove our bed on to the floor, where we slep't secure and unmolested. Friday a very warm morning, rose at half past 5, proceeded on our journey before breakfast, contrary to Mr Lucas intentions the night before, about a mile from this we past a bridge over a small but beautiful serpentine river [the Nashua], winding softly along thro. a romantic field, with here and there clumps of tall chestnuts on its banks. We rode to Townsend [Harbor] about 6 miles before breakfast, stop'd at a little settlement round a Stream of water, compos'd of one or two shops, a grist mill and a tavern kept by Keepe. The spot pleasant, but the tavern poor, after sitting in a room, all windows and the sun blazing in upon us, for more than an hour, our breakfast was brought in, which consisted of boiled lamb, potatoes, Coffee, sour milk, and bread, soft butter, cheese, eggs, cucumbers, pickles of all kinds and cyder, after this repast we rode about three miles to the first turnpike gate 20ct pr [?] gate, here the scene began to change

burning stumps, dead standing trees, and smoaking forests."

TWO THOROUGHFARES TO BOSTON.

In former times there were two main thoroughfares between Groton and Boston: one of them, starting from the Ridges, passed through Littleton, Acton, Concord, Lincoln, and Lexington, and so on to Boston; while the other, also starting from the Ridges, passed through Westford, Carlisle, Bedford, and Lexington, where it met the first road, and thence on to Boston by a common way. A large share of the travel between certain parts of New Hampshire and Vermont and Boston took one or the other of these highways, and the incidental business was an item of much importance to the traders and tavern-keepers along the road. Seventy-five years ago there was great rivalry among interested persons to obtain the travel and teaming on their respective thoroughfares, and the trade of store and tavern was jealously watched and carefully guarded. In 1823 a sign-board was set up in the crotch of the roads at the Ridges, saying that the way through Concord to Lexington was two miles further than the one through Carlisle; and soon afterward a counter-statement was made by the other side. I have been told that, when Mr. Gerrish's store was dismantled in the summer of 1885, before its removal to another site, this old sign-board was found there; but I have never yet been able to verify the statement.

The following extract from the "Concord Gazette & Middlesex Yeoman," February 21, 1824, seems now to give a fair and impartial version of the controversy:—

We insert below the statement of the Committee appointed to measure the roads from *Groton* to *Lexington*. It is a subject, we are aware, on which the respective parties concerned feel pretty deeply. If any objections should be offered, written in a becoming style, and calculated to affect the accuracy of the subjoined statement, we shall give them publicity without hesitation.

PUBLIC ROADS TO BOSTON.

The subscribers having been appointed, at a meeting of several of the citizens of this and the neighboring towns, as a Committee to procure a measurement of the two roads from the ridges in Groton to Lexington, they now, by special desire, publish the following result of their proceedings.

The roads in question run, one through Westford, Carlisle, Bedford to Lexington; the other through Littleton, Acton, CONCORD, Lincoln to Lexington. The guide-board near the Groton ridges, where the roads divide, states the road through this town to be more than two miles longer than the other, and has had a tendency, it is believed, to mislead travellers by this inaccuracy. For it calls the difference nearly three times as great as it really is. The public have a right to know the truth of the matter, and will then exercise their discretion in choice of roads to travel.

To obtain authentic knowledge on the subject, the subscribers have employed a *sworn* surveyor, Capt. HUBBARD, and *sworn* Chainmen to measure the two roads, beginning at Loring's Inn, near *Groton* ridges, where the two roads divide and going by both routes to Lexington where they again unite. The following is the result of this measurement.

Road through Concord.

	mls.	*rods.*	*links.*
From the forks of the road in Lexington to E. Robbins'	0	077	00
Robbins' to Viles's	1	261	08
Viles's to Patch's	2	034	18
Patch's to Thompson's in *Concord*,	2	098	05
Thompson's to Bigelow's, in do.	0	057	00
Bigelow's to Wetherbee's	3	107	12
Wetherbee's to Stearns's	1	139	24
Stearn's to White's	1	223	18
White's to Proctor's	0	252	10
Proctor's to Nye's	2	052	08
Nye's to Loring's [the Ridges]	3	168	01
Miles	19	192	04

Road through Carlisle.

		mls.	*rods.*	*links.*
Loring's in Groton to Hartwell's		4	089	21
Hartwell's to Dupee's		3	111	24
Dupee's to Nickles'		2	190	01
Nickles' to Porter's		4	088	04
Porter's to Simond's		2	281	16
Simonds to the forks		1	153	18
	Miles	18	275	09

	mls.	*rods.*	*links.*
Through *Concord*	19	192	04
Through Carlisle	18	275	09
Difference		236	20

From the preceding statement it will be seen that the road from Loring's tavern to Lexington through Concord is 236 rods and a fraction longer than that through Carlisle; this difference however is less than three quarters of a mile.

There are eleven public houses on the road through *Concord;* and six public houses on the road through Carlisle.

This measurement of the Carlisle road agrees, within a very few rods, with the measurement of that road by CALEB BUTLER, Esq. of *Groton.* If this gentleman had also measured the road through *Concord* the public would have had a correct statement of the distances. But unfortunately the gentleman, who about that time measured the road through this town, apparently did it with very little accuracy. In one place, namely, from Thompson's tavern in this town to Bigelow's, the short space of *fifty-seven* rods, he made a mistake of *sixteen* rods; we therefore place little confidence in his measurement of any part of the route. It should be observed that one public house in this town, viz. Mr. ALEXANDER'S within a few rods of Mr. *Bigelow's* was accidentally not mentioned in this measurement of roads.

JOSIAH DAVIS.
PHINEAS HOWE.
EBENEZER THOMPSON.
STEPHEN PATCH.
DANIEL SHATTUCK.

HON. GEORGE S. BOUTWELL.

At the present time only four Ex-Governors of this Commonwealth are living, and of these Mr. Boutwell is the senior in the date of election, and moreover the youngest person ever chosen to that high office. He was born at Brookline, Massachusetts, on January 28, 1818, and at the time of his election was under thirty-three years of age.

It is somewhat singular that there have been six other Governors of Massachusetts born in the same year as Mr. Boutwell; and they are as follows: —

William Claflin, born at Milford, on March 6.
John Albion Andrew, born at Windham, Maine, on May 31.
Henry Joseph Gardner, born at Dorchester, on June 14.
Alexander Hamilton Rice, born at Newton, on August 30.
Thomas Talbot, born at Cambridge, New York, on September 7; and
Benjamin Franklin Butler, born at Deerfield, New Hampshire, on November 5.

All these men, with the exception of Mr. Claflin, are now dead. Between 1851 and 1883 inclusive, a period of thirty-three years, the administrations of these several Governors covered an interval of eighteen years.

REV. CORTLAND U [W]. SHATTUCK.

Died in Groton, Oct. 13th, 1847, Rev. Cortland U [W]. Shattuck, 30. The subject of this notice was a native of the town in which his last prayers were offered, and in which his soul was surrendered to the keeping of his Redeemer. Early in life his attention was called to the paramount importance of spiritual and eternal things; and with deep contrition for sin, he was led to cast himself upon the mercy of God in Christ as the only source of hope to his soul. In due time the conviction was forced upon him that he owed it to his Redeemer and to his fellowmen to consecrate himself to the work of the ministry. The purpose to do this having been formed, he entered upon a course of preparatory study, which was pursued with the earnestness of an active mind, and the ardor of a devoted heart. He was graduated at Dartmouth College and at Andover

Theological Seminary. On leaving the Seminary, early in the autumn of 1846 he was invited to take charge of an enterprise then commencing in Charlestown, on or near Bunker Hill. He entered upon his work in this field with characteristic zeal and devotion; and in connection with his labors, the "Bethesda Church" was soon organized. To the pastorship of this church he received an unanimous call. It had now become apparent however to himself and his friends, that the vigor of his constitution was fast yielding to the power of disease; and he was constrained to decline the call of the church; and to cease the performance of the duties of the ministry. Thenceforward his health slowly declined, until at last he sweetly and calmly fell asleep in Jesus.

As a *preacher* he was earnest, affectionate and effective. His labors in the pulpit were cut short in their very commencement, but they were continued long enough to accomplish something for Christ; and to give assurance that had his life been spared it would have been one of increasing value to the church and to the Saviour.

As a *man* he was distinguished for the natural affability of his manners, and for the unvarying kindness and ingenuousness of his feelings. He was so distinguished in these respects that he could not fail to endear himself to all who were favored with an opportunity of making his acquaintance.

As a *christian*, he was surpassed by few in unflinching conscienciousness; in earnestness of devotion to the Master's service; and in humble fear of God. "Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace."

"The Boston Recorder," January 28, 1848.

MRS. BETSEY SPALTER.

Died in Groton, May 10th, Mrs. Betsey Spalter, aged 76.

Mrs. S. was eminently a mother in Israel, who cordially and ardently loved the truth as it is in Jesus, firmly believed and perseveringly obeyed. For many years she was a professed disciple of Christ, and humility, patience, and a spirit of fervent devotion characterized her. She shed by her christian meekness and beneficence of disposition a halo of heavenly virtues which were dearly prized by all who had the happiness of knowing her. Of her it can truly be said

"None knew her but to love her,
None named her but to praise."

She was faithful in all her relations, as a wife, kind, and a pattern for all, as a mother devotedly affectionate, as a friend sincere, unchanging and most happy in sacrificing for their good, (and very many can testify to her inestimable worth) and as a christian, consistent and exemplary. She was richly sustained through all the vicissitudes of her life by Divine grace, and the constant tenor of her life was such, that she was prepared to meet her summons home, with a good and well-tried hope, ever reposing a firm, unshaken trust, in her Redeemer. "I know that my Redeemer liveth," &c. Job 19: 25, 26, 27, texts of Scripture she often repeated, and although she suffered intensely for a long time, yet her mind was steadfast in its faith, cheerful and peaceful in her brightening hopes, bearing all her sufferings with great fortitude, christian patience and resignation, and as their severity increased, she felt that her earthly tabernacle would soon be dissolved and contemplated with increased pleasure, her "house not made with hands eternal and in the heavens." Said she, I feel the arms of my Savior upholding me,

"While on his breast I lean my head,
And breathe my life out sweetly there."

Said she, in answer to the question, Is your prospect bright and glorious? Yes, with a holy irradiating smile, "all is peace, all is peace," and indeed her end was peace — such peace as is promised only to the righteous. She died in the triumphs of faith, in full assurance of that "Blessed hope," saying, Come Lord Jesus, come quickly, and sweetly fell asleep in Jesus. For her, death had no sting, the grave no terrors. For her to die was gain. Thus has one gone to receive her "Crown of Life," who obtained a strong hold upon the affections of a large circle of friends who feel that their loss is irreparable. It was a privilege to be with her, in all her sickness and to witness her departure from this world, to see her breathe her last and sink away into death's embrace. Her sun went down without a cloud and with calmness closed her very useful life. Her children will ever remember her importunate prayers and her piety which was flowing, like a stream. May her mantle fall upon them and enable them to say: —

"A Father's hand hath dealt the blow
Why should I murmur, when I know
'Twas sent in his paternal love,
To fix my heart, on scenes above."

"The Boston Recorder," June 9, 1848.

THE WESTERN SOCIETY OF MIDDLESEX HUSBANDMEN.

In the first volume (Number V.) of the Historical Series is a brief account of The Western Society of Middlesex Husbandmen, which used to meet, annually, in rotation at Westford, Littleton, and Groton. In that article it is said that probably the organization had ceased to exist. Within a short period I have learned that, by Act of the Legislature, on January 24, 1820, the name was changed to "The Society of Middlesex Husbandmen and Manufacturers"; and, by Act of the Legislature, on March 8, 1852, again changed to "The Middlesex Agricultural Society." Through these changes in the name the continuity of its history had become somewhat broken in the popular mind. This was the society which met for so many years, even in recent times, at Concord. The days of its usefulness, however, now have gone by, and the annual meetings are no longer held. On the part of the public there is but little demand for cattle shows or agricultural exhibitions; and it is not thought that its life will be again resuscitated. The association was the oldest Agricultural Society in the State, and in its season of prosperity exerted a wide influence among the farmers of Middlesex County.

JOHN M. L. BABCOCK.

The Reverend John Martin Luther Babcock, who was the settled minister over the First Parish church in Groton from the year 1871 to 1874, met with a shocking death in Boston, on the early morning of Tuesday, April 3, 1894. He was living in the upper story of a house, No. 5 Dover Street, when a fire broke out in the same building on the floor below, and burned to the roof before an alarm was given. For a few moments great confusion followed, and several narrow escapes were made on the part of the lodgers. When it was discovered that Mr. Babcock had not been rescued, the firemen fought their way up the staircase, and bravely attempted to save him. They found his body dread-.

fully burned, lying on the third floor; and it is supposed that in trying to escape he had been suffocated by the smoke. His funeral took place on Friday, April 6, at the Parker Memorial Hall, where the services were conducted by the Reverend James Kay Applebee, who delivered a eulogy on the life and character of his old friend. The remains were taken to Wilmot, New Hampshire, for burial.

In early life Mr. Babcock learned the trade of a printer; and later he studied theology, and became a minister of the Free-Will Baptist denomination, and afterward of the Unitarian. His settlement at Groton was the last one he had. Naturally of a radical turn of mind, he leaned toward the extreme wing of his church, and finally became too liberal to occupy the pulpit, — as he himself used to say.

In 1875 he founded "The New Age," a newspaper devoted to the interests of labor and social reform, which was kept up for two years. In 1886 he published a novel entitled "The Dawning," which dwells on social and economical problems. Not only was it the product of his own brains, but the pages were set up by his own hands.

In 1894 there was published an "Autobiography of John Martin Luther Babcock together with a Discourse delivered at the Funeral, and Addresses given at the Memorial Service" (pages 82). This fragment of autobiography was written only a short time before his death, but unfortunately does not come down to the period of his settlement at Groton, when he certainly would have given a free expression of his views in regard to men and things.

An address by James Sumner at a memorial service to Mr. Babcock, held in Investigator Hall, Boston, on Sunday afternoon, April 22, 1894, is printed.

For a notice of Mr. Babcock, see the first volume (Number XVIII., pages 9–13) of the Historical Series.

The Reverend Crawford Nightingale, one of Mr. Babcock's predecessors at Groton, also met with a violent death, being run over by a cable car in his native city of Providence, on August 19, 1892. See the third volume (pages 415–418) of the Historical Series, for a notice of Mr. Nightingale.

THE SHAYS REBELLION.

In the first volume (No. III. page 14) of the Historical Series, reference is made to a work entitled "The Insurgents: An Historical Novel" in two volumes, which was published anonymously in the year 1835 at Philadelphia. It is based on Shays's Rebellion, and the scene is laid mainly in the Connecticut Valley; and in the second volume is given an account of Job Shattuck's capture. In the same volume (No. XIX. page 24) of the Historical Series is another allusion to the novel, where the authorship is ascribed to Ralph Ingersoll Lockwood, a lawyer of New York. Within a short time, through the courtesy of John Woolf Jordan, Esq., editor of "The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography" (Philadelphia), I have learned a few facts concerning the author. He writes me as follows: —

Ralph Ingersoll Lockwood was the second son and fourth child of Stephen and Sarah (Ingersoll) Lockwood, and was born July 8, 1798, in Connecticut; and he died, April 12, 1858, unmarried, in New York. The family till 1821 resided in Greenwich, Conn., and then bought a farm a mile and a half from Sing Sing, New York, which is still known as the Lockwood farm.

Ralph's mother was a daughter of Simon and Elizabeth (Scofield) Ingersoll.

JUDGE SEWALL'S DIARY.

Chief-Justice Samuel Sewall, in his Diary, under date of August 10, 1686, makes the following entry: —

"I is said a Groton man is killed by 's cart, Bowells crushed out; and a Boy killed by a Horse at Rowley; foot hung in the Stirrup and so was torn to pieces; both about a week ago.

Sewall's Diary, in three volumes, is published in the Collections of the Massachusetts Historical Society (fifth series).

SONS OF THE REVOLUTION.

WITHIN two years three persons have died, whose fathers were natives of Groton and soldiers during the American Revolution, namely: Andrew Johnson Parker (youngest child of Joshua Parker), who died at Charlestown, on December 31, 1894; the Reverend Thomas Treadwell Stone, D.D., (youngest son of Deacon Solomon Stone) who died at Bolton, on November 13, 1895, and at the time of his death the oldest alumnus of Bowdoin College; and Luther Lewis Tarbell (youngest son of William Tarbell), who died at Marlboro, on July 10, 1896.

In the third volume (pages 355 and 477) of this Series are allusions to these three Sons.

MOSES HERRICK.

MOSES HERRICK, Fourth Lieutenant of Company E, Eighth Regiment, died at his late residence, 8 Dodge Street, Beverly, yesterday at the age of 62 years. He leaves a widow, two daughters and one son. Mr. Herrick was one of the first "three months'" men that responded to the call of President Lincoln in '61.

He was accidentally wounded in the rotunda of the Capitol at Washington by the discharge of a musket which fell on the floor. The ball hit him in the foot necessitating the amputation of that member. That was the first amputation of the Civil War. The deceased was an honored member of Post 89, G. A. R.

"Boston Journal," Tuesday, April 24, 1894.

This amputation was performed by Dr. Norman Smith, of Groton, who, in the first campaign of the War of the Rebellion, went out as surgeon of the Old Sixth regiment. See the Reverend Dr. Charles Babbidge's Recollections of Dr. Smith, published in the second volume (pages 358–360) of this Series, wherein there is an account of the operation.

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS TO IMPORTANT BOOKS, ETC.

At the end of the second volume of Samuel A. Drake's "History of Middlesex County" (Boston, 1880) is a list of subscribers to the work, who were residents of Groton. The names are as follows:—

Hon. George S. Boutwell,
James Lawrence,
T. Lawrence Motley,
W. H. Giles,
Miles Spaulding, M. D.
E. S. Ball,
George S. Gates,
Rev. Joshua Young.

See page 236 for a reference to other places in this Series, where similar lists are found.

The Index to "One of a Thousand" (Boston, 1890), compiled by John C. Rand, gives on page 682 the names of the persons resident in Groton, whose sketches appear in the book. As these persons were also subscribers to that work, their names are again printed as follows:—

Boutwell, George S.,
Graves, George S.,
Lawrence, Asa S.,
Needham, Daniel,
Palmer, Moses P.,
Peabody, Endicott,
Shumway, Eliel.

OBITUARY NOTICES.

The following sketches of Alumni of Andover Theological Seminary, taken from the annual necrology of that institution, relate to persons connected in one way or another with the town of Groton. They are here arranged alphabetically under their several names, and not in the order of their graduation, as they appear in the various pamphlets. For the copies of the Second Printed Series, I am indebted to my friend, the Reverend Charles Carroll Carpenter, Secretary of the Alumni Association, under whose careful editorship they were prepared.

The initials "p.," "a. p.," and "w. c.," used in the First Printed Series, stand, respectively, for "pastor," "acting pastor," and "without charge."

CLASS OF 1827.

DARWIN ADAMS.

BORN, Leominster, Mass., 1801, Oct. 10. Phillips Academy; D. C. 1824; p. Camden, Me., 1828, July 16–1833, July; p. Alstead, N. H., 1834, Apr. 23–1842, Sept. 20; a. p. Third ch., 1842–6 and 1860–7; p. Fayetteville, Vt., 1846, Jan. 28–1850, Feb. 21; p. Dunstable, Mass., 1850, Sept. 5–1857, Sept. 22; a. p. Auburn, 1857–60; w. c. Groton, after, until death. MARRIED, 1828, Oct. 9, Catherine Hannah, daughter of Rev. Eli Smith, of Hollis, N. H. Of 5 children, 2 sons living. DIED of dysentery, 1889, Aug. 16, aged 87 years, 10 months, and 6 days.

(First Printed Series, pages 131, 132.)

CLASS OF 1853.

CHARLES AUGUSTUS AIKEN, Ph.D., D.D.

Son of Hon. John Aiken (for many years a trustee of the Seminary) and Harriet Russell Adams; born in Manchester, Vt., October 30, 1827; prepared for college at the high school in Lowell, where his father then resided; graduated at Dartmouth College, 1846; assisted Rev. James Means (Class of 1838) at Lawrence Academy, Groton, 1846–47; taught Latin and Greek under Dr. Samuel H. Taylor at Phillips Academy, Andover, 1847–49; entered the Seminary in 1849 and graduated in 1853, having in the mean time studied two years in Berlin, Halle, and Leipsic, Germany. He was licensed by the Andover Association, meeting in John Street Church, Lowell, June 14, 1853, and retained his connection with the Seminary as resident licentiate, 1853–54. He was ordained pastor of the church at Yarmouth, Me., October 19, 1854, remaining such until 1859. From 1859 to 1866 he was professor of the Latin Language and Literature in Dartmouth College, and occupied the same chair in the College of New Jersey from 1866 to 1869, when he was elected president of Union College. He resigned that position in 1871, and returned to Princeton to become professor of Christian Ethics and Apologetics in the Theological Seminary. Later, the title of his chair was changed to that of the Relations of Philosophy and Science to the Christian Religion, and of Oriental and Old Testament Literature, and this he held until his death. From 1871 to 1877 he was also librarian of the Seminary.

In addition to this long and eminent service as a teacher of language, theology, and philosophy, he performed a large amount

of literary work, contributing in earlier years to the *Bibliotheca Sacra*, and later to the *Princeton Review*, to the *Presbyterian Review* (which, as the associate of Professor Briggs, he started in 1880), to the present *Presbyterian and Reformed Review*, and to the *Catholic Presbyterian* (London). He translated and edited Zöckler's *Commentary on the Proverbs* for the American edition of Lange's Commentaries, and was a member of the Old Testament Company of the Bible Revision Committee. He was a trustee of the Lawrenceville (N. J.) School, and connected with the American Oriental Society, the American Philological Association, and the Social Science Association. In 1888 he was a delegate at large from the United States to the World's Conference on Protestant Missions, in London. The College of New Jersey conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in 1866, and that of Doctor of Divinity in 1870. Prof. B. B. Warfield, D.D., wrote in the *Presbyterian and Reformed Review*: "His greatest distinction was philosophy, but to each department of study which it fell to him to cultivate he brought an unwearied industry, an insatiable avidity for learning, and habits of exact scholarship which made themselves felt." Prof. Charles A. Young, LL.D., said in his memorial address: "And he was a *good* man through and through; he was strictly honest, upright, and punctual in all business matters; he was kind and generous, and with a wide range of sympathy he was ready to spend and be spent in the service of his fellow-men."

Dr. Aiken was married, October 17, 1854, to Sarah Elizabeth Noyes, of Andover, daughter of Dea. Daniel Noyes (formerly treasurer of the Seminary) and Eleanor Clark, who survives him.

He died of pneumonia, at Princeton, N. J., January 14, 1892, aged sixty-four years.

(Second Printed Series, pages 52, 53.)

CLASS OF 1862.

DAVID MARKS BEAN.

BORN, Tamworth, N. H., 1832, March 30. Y. C. 1858. Ord. 1863, July 23; a. p. Ayer (then Groton Junction), Mass., 1863–4; p. Everett (then South Malden), 1864, June 28–1867, Oct. 1; p. Webster, 1868, Dec. 10–1871, May 25. w. c. 1871–2; a. p. South Framingham, 1873–9; w. c. Newtonville, 1880–2; Colorado Springs, Col., 1883, until death. MARRIED, 1863, May 27, Fanny M. Hoyt of Stamford, Ct. Four daughters. DIED of consumption, 1884, Jan. 23, aged 51 years, 9 months, and 23 days.

(First Printed Series, page 44.)

CLASS OF 1875.

WILLIAM PARMENTER BENNETT. (*Resident Licentiate.*)

Son of Josiah Kendall Bennett and Lucinda Hall Nutting; born in Groton, Mass., November 6, 1836; fitted for college at Lawrence Academy, Groton, and Phillips Exeter Academy; graduated at Williams College, 1862, having entered the sophomore class; was principal successively of high schools in Abington and Millbury, Mass., 1862–64; went to Bradford, Io., in 1865, and founded the Bradford Academy there, remaining its principal for five years. He was ordained, December 8, 1870, in Mason City, Io., and was pastor there until 1874; then came East and studied in this Seminary as resident licentiate, 1874–75; pastor of church in Lyndon, Vt., 1875–80; of church in Ames City, Io., 1880–1884; of church in Crete, Neb., from 1884 until his death.

At his funeral, which was largely attended by the people of the vicinity, by students, and by pastors and educators from a distance, President David B. Perry, of Doane College, with whose interests Mr. Bennett had been thoroughly identified, said of him: "He was born in an academy town, fitted for college in academies, taught in academies, and to the last was a great lover of that favorite New England institution. His presentation of truth was that of a carefully trained teacher. He proceeded logically in the development of his pulpit theme, was painstaking in his preparation, and the elaboration of his subject was admirable. He was a lover of students, and sought to help them in every way. He knew what it was to contend with great difficulties in getting an education, and made others feel that they could struggle through to the end and so accomplish great things for themselves and the world. He believed most thoroughly in careful training, and had unbounded enthusiasm for Christian education, whether in academy or college. The emphasis that he put upon the Christian element in education cannot be too highly praised. Fidelity characterized him with reference to all public appointments. As college trustee he gave time and thought without stint. He was carefully prepared for pulpit ministrations. No one was more regular in attending Sabbath school conventions, local and general associations, and church councils, though such attendance involved large expenditure of thought and time and means." Rev. Lewis Gregory, of Lincoln, Neb. (Class of 1868), writes in a similar vein: "Bennett

was a royal good fellow. All who know his work emphasize his educational instincts. He was the friend and confidant of students, and was able to get many started towards a liberal education and to help them through."

Mr. Bennett was married, August 4, 1864, to Harriet Irene Blodgett, of Randolph, Vt., daughter of Eli Blodgett and Irene Blodgett. One daughter died in infancy and one at the age of eighteen. Three sons and two daughters survive, three of whom are graduates of Doane College; one son is intending to enter the ministry.

Mr. Bennett died of Pneumonia, in Crete, Neb., March 9, 1896, aged fifty-nine years, four months, and three days.

(Second Printed Series, pages 230, 231.)

CLASS OF 1838.

DANIEL BUTLER.

Son of Capt. Henry Butler and Chloe Hinsdale; born in Hartford, Conn., June 23, 1808; fitted for college under tuition of Rev. Emerson Davis at Westfield, Mass., which was then the home of the family; graduated at Yale College, 1835; spent three years in the Seminary; was licensed to preach, April 10, 1838, by the Andover Association, meeting with Rev. Dr. Justin Edwards in Andover. The Sabbath after his graduation in September he preached as a candidate for settlement at the Village Church in Dorchester, Mass., and was ordained its pastor, October 31, 1838. He was dismissed from that charge in 1845, in order to enter upon an agency for the American Bible Society in Massachusetts. In 1852 he became secretary of the Massachusetts Bible Society, and in its service spent the remainder of his long life.

The year after leaving Dorchester he resided at Waltham, from 1847 to 1853 at Westboro, from 1853 to 1863 at Groton, afterwards at Waverly in the new town of Belmont. He was a useful member of the school committee there, and in 1883 represented that district in the Legislature. But his great work, which for nearly forty years he performed with rare judgment and fidelity, was in behalf of the Holy Scriptures and the society which published and circulated them, and there was not a "conference" nor scarcely a town in the whole State where "Bible Butler," as he was familiarly and affectionately called, was not known and welcomed. Prof. Samuel Harris, D.D., his Seminary classmate, writes of him: "He had preëminent qualifications for this work and threw himself into

it with all his heart. Few are remembered with so lively interest by so many people. He was a brilliant conversationist, always overflowing with wit and humor; a man of genial and loving spirit, and of pure and earnest piety. His widespread influence lives after him, and many are they who lament his death as a personal bereavement." Rev. Aaron M. Colton, of Easthampton, Mass., a classmate both in college and seminary, adds: "Brother Butler was our class spokesman, everywhere and always; no classmate was venturesome enough to take his place if he was present. No one was so to be depended on to be present at both the Yale and Andover meetings. . . . Though surcharged with wit and humor, he never used it to wound a sensitive spirit — his heart was tender as a woman's. Nor was a 'merry quip' ever heard in one of his sermons. Brother Butler did not mistake his mission. Not one man in a million could so well *go forth* to sow, or could so well touch men's lives with a kindly light."

Mr. Butler was married, November 8, 1838, to Jane Douglas, of Trenton, N. Y., daughter of James Douglas and Catherine Billings, who died January 16, 1892. Two daughters died in infancy, and a son in 1892. One son and one daughter survive.

He died of catarrh of the bowels, at Waverly, Mass., February 4, 1893, in the eighty-fifth year of his age.

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CLASS OF 1846.

JAMES FLETCHER.

Son of Dea. John Fletcher and Clarissa Jones; born in Acton, Mass., September 5, 1823; prepared for college at Leicester Academy and New Ipswich (N. H.) Academy; graduated at Dartmouth College, 1843; took the full course in this Seminary, 1843–46; was licensed to preach by the Andover Association, meeting with Rev. Samuel C. Jackson, Andover, April 7, 1846; preached at Kingston, N. H., from November, 1846, to February, 1848; in the Seminary as resident licentiate, 1848–49. He was ordained as pastor of the Maple Street Church, Danvers, Mass., June 20, 1849, continuing in that service until 1864. He then was principal of the Holten High School in the same town until 1870; of the Lawrence Academy, Groton, Mass., 1871–77; of the Burr and Burton Seminary, Manchester, Vt., 1878–81; afterwards residing at Acton. In 1883–84 he taught the High School at Littleton, Mass.

He was identified with the interests of education nearly all his life, having been a member of the school committee fifteen years when in Danvers, superintendent of schools for five years during his later residence in Acton, and chairman of the school board at the time of his death. He was a trustee of Acton Memorial Library, and in 1890 published a monograph, entitled *Acton in History*. In a published political address upon the public schools, delivered in Danvers in 1891, an early pupil, himself an Irish Roman Catholic, paid this tribute to Mr. Fletcher as a Protestant minister: "With all that is beautiful and touching in the memories of my youth his name is linked. No man ever instilled or sought to instill into my mind worthier purposes of life, higher ambitions, or purer motives than Rev. James Fletcher." Rev. Daniel L. Furber, D.D., a classmate both at Dartmouth and Andover, writes: "Mr. Fletcher's modesty, native refinement, and scholarship made him a favorite with his teachers, and with the best men in his class both in college and in the Seminary. In the Seminary he was president of the Society of Inquiry, and as such he delivered a special oration when he graduated. He was an enthusiastic friend of education. Whether as minister, teacher, or school committee, his presence in the schoolroom was an inspiration to both teacher and pupil. His cheerful and courageous spirit was always ready for any task to which he was called. His character was one of rare sweetness and beauty."

He was married, October 10, 1849, to Lydia Middleton Woodward, of Andover, daughter of Rev. Henry Woodward and Lydia Middleton (who both died in the missionary service in Ceylon) and adopted daughter of Samuel Fletcher, Esq., of Andover, then treasurer of the Seminary. She died August 26, 1877; two sons died in early childhood, and one daughter resides in Acton.

Mr. Fletcher died at Acton, Mass., March 28, 1893, of heart disease, in the seventieth year of his age.

(Second Printed Series, page 85.)

CLASS OF 1834.

DAVID FOSDICK. (*Non-graduate.*)

Son of Dea. David Fosdick and Joanna Skelton; born in Charlestown, Mass., November 9, 1813; prepared for college at Bradford Academy; graduated at Amherst College, 1831; in this Seminary, 1831–33; resided at his home in Charlestown, at Brookline, at Andover (where he had private classes of students in

Avon, Ct., 1868–78; Hampton, 1878–81; w. c. Farmington, 1882–83; Newton Centre, Mass., 1884, until death. MARRIED, 1839, Sept. 30, Sarah Merrill, of Haverhill, N. H. One son and one daughter. DIED of chronic disease of the bladder, 1887, Mar. 1, aged 77 years, 2 months, and 17 days.

(First Printed Series, page 89.)

CLASS OF 1832.

CHARLES BAKER KITTREDGE.

BORN, Mont Vernon, N. H., 1806, July 4. D. C. 1828. p. Groton, Mass., 1833, Oct. 16–1836, Aug. 31; Westboro', 1837, Feb. 8–1845, Oct. 1; Monson, 1846, Oct. 21–1853, May 4; a. p. Coventry, Ct., 1856–7; Wilbraham, Mass., 1857–9; w. c. Monson, 1859–63; and Westboro', after, until death. Published, (1) *Memoir of Charles H. Kittredge* (child of 4 years), 1835; (2) *God's Hand in Affliction, the Ground of Support:* a funeral sermon, 1846. MARRIED, 1830, July 9, Sarah Brigham, of Grafton, Mass., who died 1871, Mar. 26. Of 8 children, 4 are living. DIED of congestion of the lungs, 1884, Nov. 25, aged 78 years, 4 months, and 21 days.

(First Printed Series, page 63.)

CLASS OF 1838.

ELIEZER JEWETT MARSH. (*Non-graduate.*)

Son of Dea. James Marsh and Miriam Walbridge; born in Cabot, Vt., March 21, 1811; prepared for college at Randolph (Vt.) Academy; graduated at Middlebury College, 1833; was principal of Jericho (Vt.) Academy, 1833–35; began theological study in this Seminary, 1835–36, but was compelled by sickness to abandon it. He was principal of the Concord (Mass.) High School, 1836–37; of Thetford (Vt.) Academy, 1837–40; of Milton (Mass.) Academy, 1840–45; teacher in Dorchester, Mass., 1845–47; and in Lawrence Academy, Groton, Mass., 1847–55. He resided afterwards in Leominster, Mass., being for some years the general agent for the *Student and Schoolmate* for New England. He spent nearly twenty years in the preparation of a *Genealogy of the Descendants of George Marsh*, which he published in 1887. Mr. Marsh had a long and successful career as a teacher, training more than four hundred pupils and fitting a hundred for college. During his residence of nearly forty years in Leominster he was an honored citizen and an active member of the Congregational church.

He was married, August 28, 1838, to Martha Baker, of Lincoln, Mass., daughter of Jacob Baker and Lavinia Minot. She survives him, with two sons and two daughters, four children having died in childhood. One son is Rev. Francis J. Marsh, Class of 1875, now connected with the Congregational Publishing Society.

Mr. Marsh died of neuralgia of the heart, at Leominster, Mass., March 14, 1893, lacking one week of being eighty-two years old.

(Second Printed Series, page 80.)

CLASS OF 1845.

MOSES HEMMENWAY WELLS.

Son of Rev. Nathaniel Wells and Eunice Hemmenway, and grandson of Rev. Dr. Moses Hemmenway, of Wells, Me.; born in Deerfield, N. H., August 27, 1814; prepared for college at Pembroke (N. H.) Academy; graduated at Dartmouth College, 1839; entered this Seminary in 1839, and graduated in 1845, having been instructor in Phillips Academy, Andover, 1839–40; in Groton (Mass.) Academy (now Lawrence Academy), 1840; in Canandaigua (N. Y.) Academy, 1840–42; and principal at Groton, 1844–45. He was licensed to preach by the Middlesex Union Association, at Harvard, Mass., and ordained at Pittsfield, N. H., November 19, 1845, remaining there eight years. He was principal of Berwick Academy, South Berwick, Me., 1853–55; then, resuming the ministry was pastor in Hinsdale, N. H., 1855–65; Lyndon, Vt., 1866–71; Lower Waterford, Vt., 1871–78; Ascutneyville, Vt., 1880–83 (with residence at Claremont, N. H., from 1878 to 1884); Dummerston, Vt., 1884–86. From 1886 he resided at Northfield, Mass., without charge.

While residing in Claremont Mr. Wells was the superintendent of schools for three years. Wherever he was he was an earnest supporter of all good causes. An unostentatious man in thought and life, he always commanded the confidence and love of the people to whom he ministered and the brethren with whom he was associated. He was a deep student in spiritual things, and held fast to the truth as it is in Jesus, yet kept abreast in his reading and sympathies with the trend of modern religious thought. Rev. Charles W. Thompson, of Westminster, Vt. (Class of 1860), says of him: "Mr. Wells combined a clear, logical mind of more than average strength with deep and broad sympathies. He had a fine and tender grain of sensibility, so that he could come very closely home to those who were his friends, and to them his memory will

be very precious. If his toleration of those who held opposing views increased with increasing years, it was from his larger appreciation of the deep spiritual unity of those who love our common Lord." Rev. Theodore J. Clark, of Northfield (Class of 1841), writes: "He loved the work of the ministry, and in his last years often wrote sermons which he never expected to preach. He would frequently say, 'If I were to live my life over I would choose the same calling.'" On a statistical blank returned recently he wrote against the item of "present employment" this: "I mean to make it 'my meat to do the will of Him that sent me and to finish his work.'"

Mr. Wells was married, February 22, 1844, to Ann Rebecca Votee, of New York City, daughter of Capt. Charles Votee and Aura Ives. She died April 5, 1855. He married, second, May 1, 1857, Emily Merrill Taylor, of Hinsdale, N. H., daughter of Lewis Taylor and Lois Webster. Of three sons and three daughters, two sons and one daughter have died. One daughter was for several years a teacher in one of the "Mount Holyoke" schools of South Africa.

Mr. Wells died at Northfield, Mass., of grip and heart disease, December 31, 1893, aged seventy-nine years.

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LIST OF MARRIAGES.

In Groton, Mr. Benjamin Gage, of Lowell, to Miss Louise Parke, of Groton.

"The Lowell Mercury, and Massachusetts Gazette," January 16, 1830.

In Groton, Mr. George Hartwell, of Townsend, to Miss Deborah Young.

"The Lowell Mercury, and Massachusetts Gazette," October 30, 1830.

In Groton, Mr. Ezekiel Jones to Miss Anna Lewis.

"The Lowell Mercury, and Massachusetts Gazette," March 6, 1830.

In Groton, Dr. Robert H. Lane, of Mass. to Miss Nancy B. Welch.

"Columbian Centinel" (Boston), May 20, 1820.

In Groton [January 18, 1830], Mr. George W. Stacy formerly of Boston, to Miss Sarah Boit. — [January 21,] Rev. Ephraim Abbott, Preceptor of the Westford Academy, to Miss Abigail W. daughter of Dr. Amos Bancroft.

"The Lowell Mercury, and Massachusetts Gazette," February 13, 1830.

BIRTH.

Abel Minott, son of Abel Minott, of Concord, and Lydia, his wife, born at Groton, on May 3, 1794.

From the Town-records.

LIST OF DEATHS.

In Groton, Miss Mary Ann Abbott, aged 18.

"The Lowell Mercury, and Massachusetts Gazette," October 23, 1830.

In Groton, Mr. Elihu Avery, aged 50 years.

"The Lowell Mercury, and Massachusetts Gazette," August 7, 1830.

In Groton [February 22], Mrs. Nancy Bullard [wife of Isaac Bullard], aged 31.

"Lowell Journal," March 16, 1827.

In Groton, Mr. James Davis, aged 23.

"Lowell Journal," August 10, 1827.

In Groton, Nathaniel Dutton, aged 32 years.

"Merrimack Journal" (Lowell), December 8, 1826.

In Groton, 19th inst, Mr Ephraim Farnsworth, aged 43

"Independent Chronicle" (Boston), March 26, 1812.

In Groton, 1st inst Dea Isaac Farnsworth.

"Independent Chronicle" (Boston), October 8, 1812.

In Groton, Mr. Samuel Kemp, aged 77.

"The Lowell Mercury, and Massachusetts Gazette," January 16, 1830.

In Groton, Miss Elizabeth A. Lawrence [daughter of the Honorable Luther and Lucy (Bigelow) Lawrence], 21 — Horace L. Stilton [Stilson], of Vassalboro' (Me.), 12.

"The Lowell Mercury, and Massachusetts Gazette," August 28, 1830.

In Groton, 14th inst. Benjamin Luther, son of Capt Benjamin Leland, of this town, aged 8 years.

"Independent Chronicle" (Boston), September 21, 1812.

In Groton [December 30], Mrs. Lucy Lewis [wife of James Lewis], aged 63.

"Lowell Journal," January 21, 1829.

At the Poor House in Groton, Miss Betsy Wood, daughter of the late Sampson Wood, Esq. of G. aged 35.

"The Lowell Mercury, and Massachusetts Gazette," February 27, 1830.

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GROTON, MASS.

1896.

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SHADE AND ORNAMENTAL TREES IN THE VILLAGE OF GROTON.

GOVERNOR BOUTWELL has kindly furnished me with a copy of his paper on Shade and Ornamental Trees in the Village of Groton, which he read before the Groton Historical Society, on November 8, 1894. His familiarity with the neighborhood during threescore years, aided by a keen eye for observation and by a retentive memory, renders him a most competent person to write on the subject. The paper will have an increasing interest, as the years roll by; and it is as follows: —

IT will be sixty years the fifth day of March next since I became a resident of Groton, and in no respect has the town been more improved than in the multiplication of trees on the sides of streets and highways, and in the grounds around the dwellings.

In the year 1835 the following streets did not exist, viz.: High Street, Pleasant Street, Champney Street, Willow Dale, Court Street, and Station Avenue. The trees upon those streets have been planted from time to time as the streets were established. In 1835 there were no trees upon the Common by the Chaplin school-house, and with the exception of an elm by the Mansfield house there were none on Hollis Street above the cottage now occupied by Mrs. Simeon Ames.

The old graveyard was bare of trees until 1846. In that year I was elected chairman of the board of selectmen, and while in office I directed Eliab G. Bolton, who had usually mowed the weeds and

grass, to save every growth that promised to make a tree. From that order have come the trees now growing in the cemetery, with the exception of a small number that have been set by friends of persons buried in the grounds.

Going northward on the road towards Hollis and Dunstable there were no trees unless the large and beautiful maple by the Champney house may have been an exception. The elms by the Dr. Chaplin house had a very considerable size at a time as early as I have any recollection of them.

There were also one or two elms of considerable size in the rear of the house now owned by Mrs. George Blood, but then owned by Daniel Shattuck.

Passing on to Main Street, the first tree of notable size was a large ash that stood at the corner of Court and Main Streets, and near the Stevens store. It was then aged, and many years ago it was cut down.

Two or three small elms stood in front of the Stevens store, and the house now owned by Dr. Warren. The very considerable elm at the foot of Colonel Needham's grounds had not been set. Some years later, probably between 1840 and 1850, the building afterward known as Liberty Hall was moved from the low land at the foot of Willow Dale to the site of the Stevens store. In moving the building it was drawn over the young elm, which yielded to the weight without any apparent injury.

The elm that stands near the cottage on the premises of Wm. A. Lawrence, known as the Dr. Amos B. Bancroft place, was a young tree, a volunteer growing in the old fence.

On the other side of the street and in front of the Hollingsworth place; now owned by Frank Lawrence Blood, are several large trees that were volunteers and owed their continued existence to the fact that they were protected by the fence in which they were growing. The fence was irregular, as are the trees. One of them is on the street side of the fence, two or three are in the Hollingsworth grounds, and one or two are in the lot of Mrs. Ames. About the year 1840 the county commissioners changed the street lines, and the tree by the cottage became private property, and several of the trees on the opposite side of the street fell inside of the street lines.

Following the line of the street on the westerly side there was not a tree of any considerable size between the one by the cottage, and the elm-trees in the land of Charles Gerrish and to the southeast of the house of the Misses Warren.

Turning to the north end of the street, I cannot recall the fact of the existence of a single tree north of the brook between those near the house of Mrs. Geo. Blood and the trees near the junction of Court Street and Main Street. The house of Dr. Amos Bancroft stood on what is now my lawn, and somewhere near the centre. In front and within the street limits, after the alteration of the line, there was a large horse-chestnut tree, and also an elm of very considerable size. The elm was cut down December 2, 1859, and the horse-chestnut was removed into the yard of Mr. Charles Bancroft somewhat later, when the grade of the sidewalk was lowered.

The trees about my house have been set since 1850. It is my impression that the trees in the yard in front of the house of Mrs. Eliel Shumway were set before 1830, and by Mr. Luther Lawrence, who built the house.

In the year 1835 the trees in the grounds of the estate of Dr. Samuel A. Green had then been recently set by his father, Dr. Joshua Green. As to the tree now standing in the south-west corner of the lot and near the brick store, I have a distinct recollection of a statement which I received from Dr. Joshua Green, viz., that he brought that tree to his home in his chaise. At about the same time the two trees that stood in front of the Henry Woods house were set. In 1841 they were so small that I dug around them in the hope of promoting their growth. The fire which destroyed the house, on July 8, 1892, was a serious injury to the trees; and since then they have been cut down.

The next trees were the elms in the yard of the Boynton place, now owned by Mr. Charles Gerrish. The trees in the street are of

later origin. The next tree is the elm near the well in the corner of the lawn of Mr. Bigelow, then the property of Mr. John Peabody.

In 1835 the Common in front of the First Parish meetinghouse had not been fenced in, but the row of elms on the margin of the street had been planted at the same time that a double row was planted on that side of the street to the house now owned by Mr. John E. Hodgman. Most of the second row have disappeared, but a few of them remain in front of the Academy buildings.

These trees were set by John G. Park and Benjamin Prescott, and the work was the earliest systematic attempt to improve the appearance of the town by the growth of shade and ornamental trees. To Mr. Park I am indebted for the statement that Prescott procured the trees from a farmer in Brookline, New Hampshire, and paid for them with young apple-trees from his father's nursery. The elms in the park now called Prescott Square were set at the same time, and by the same persons. In front of the Judge Prescott place, more recently called the Fosdick place, there were two large elms and a black-walnut tree. One elm and the walnut remain, but at a time previous to 1840, the other elm was blown over.[1]

The magnificent elms in front of the Susan Prescott place, now owned by Parker Fletcher, and on both sides of the street and forming an arch over it, were then of great size, as were the elms and black-ash trees further along on the Boston road, and near the residences of George Prescott and Eugene O. Collier.

In front of the residence of Stuart J. Park, now the residence of Mr. Frank F Woods, there was a gnarled oak that antedated in its beginning the settlement of the town probably, and, vigorous as it was, it would have withstood the storms of another century. It marked the birthplace of Col. William Prescott, and its destruction was only less than a public calamity.

There were elm-trees and one or two mountain-ash trees in front of the Academy building now occupied by Mrs. Sibley, and there were elm-trees by the other Academy house, now occupied by Rev. Dr. Young. The mountain-ash trees have disappeared, but the elms can be distinguished readily from their size and marks of age.

The double row of willows by the road across Broad Meadow

[1] This happened, probably, in the year '1836' and during the same gale Mr. Osborn's house, then in process of framing just across the way, was blown down. — G.

were set between the years 1846 and 1851. In those years the board of selectmen consisted of Joshua Gilson, Pelatiah Fletcher, and myself. The railing against the ditches by the roadside had become so impaired that a new railing was required. Mr. Joseph Rugg was employed to build the new railing, and he was directed to set the willows, but with the only thought that they might be a substitute for a railing. That end they answer, but they also constitute an avenue of shade and beauty.

The new cemetery was laid out in the year 1847, and thus a bare and barren hill was transformed into a park, made attractive even in the evidences of death and change by the beauty of the trees that have been planted along its ways and avenues.

In the year 1835 the thought of planting trees by the highway, or of preserving those that might spring up, had not taken possession of the public mind.

In the last third of a century a good deal has been accomplished in both particulars; but there is much opportunity for better things, especially in the protection and the preservation of the trees that we now have. Within the last ten years the telegraph and telephone companies have done irreparable damage by the mutilation of trees by the roadsides, sometimes within the road limits and sometimes on private property.

Serious injury has been done by abutters who have cut trees, and destroyed the lesser growth upon the margins of the roads, and often to the damage of their own estates.

These proceedings should be arrested by the rigid enforcement of the law, which is ample for the purpose. I cannot doubt that the beauty of the town has been more improved in these sixty years by the planting and growth of trees than it has been by the erection of new buildings, and the repair and adornment of old ones.

JOSIAH SARTELL'S BEQUEST.

At my request Clement Hugh Hill, Esq., a member of the Suffolk Bar, has kindly furnished me with a clear and short account of the suit brought to recover possession of the two farms devised by Josiah Sartell to the town of Groton. The farms are contiguous, and situated on Chicopee Row; and reference to them is found on pages 179–182, 220, and 264.

BOSTON, Oct. 10, 1896.

DEAR DR. GREEN, — The case of William Brigham and wife *vs.* Samson Shattuck as it appears in 10 Pickering's Reports, 306, was thus: —

The will of Joseph Sawtell [*sic*], of Groton, executed in 1775, contained these two provisions: "My will is and I do hereby give and bequeath [devise] to the town of Groton forever, after the decease of my wife, all the buildings and lands which I have heretofore given her during her life, to use and improve forever, and positively order that the same be not sold, but that they be rented out, and the premises kept in good repair forever hereafter, and that the overplus of the rents be annually applied towards the support of the gospel minister in said town; and this to be under the inspection and direction of the three senior selectmen by choice in said town forever."

"And as to the remainder of my estate, both real and personal, and residue of the same not heretofore disposed of, my will is, and I do hereby order my said executors, at their own option, to distribute the same to and among the poor of said town and church of Groton, as I have heretofore been used to do."

The widow of Joseph Sawtell died in 1790, and the town entered into possession. Subsequently it procured an act of Legislature authorizing the sale of the devised premises and the reinvestment of the proceeds. The estate was sold to Job Shattuck, Jr., and was by him conveyed to the tenant in 1821. This writ of entry was brought in the right of the female demandant, niece and heir-at-law of the testator, on the ground of forfeiture for breach of condition in selling the same. The case was argued at October term, 1830, in Middlesex, by Samuel Hoar for the demandants, and Daniel Webster and Luther Lawrence for the tenant. No report of the arguments is published. Chief Justice Shaw delivered the opinion of the court, which held that the prohibition of any sale of the estate, if a condition, was what we know in law as a condition subsequent; that a contingent reversionary interest capable of being devised would have remained in the testator, but that he had devised this to his executor by the second clause above quoted. Consequently no interest in the estate descended to Mrs. Brigham, and she and her husband had no standing in court. This rendered it unnecessary to decide the more important questions which the

case seemed to involve. It is, however, now well settled that a legislature may authorize the sale and reinvestment of proceeds of lands devised like this estate, under a condition against any sale.

Very faithfully yours,

C. H. HILL.

Hon. SAMUEL A. GREEN.

BIBLIOGRAPHY OF GROTON.

THE following list of titles is supplementary to those already given in the second volume (pages 173–226, 450–454), and the third (pages 455–466) of this Historical Series.

1673.

Mr. Willard's volume entitled: "Useful Instructions for a professing People in Times of great Security and Degeneracy: Delivered in several Sermons on Solemn Occasions" (Cambridge, 1673), stands at the head of the list given in the "Bibliography of Groton," which began in the second volume (page 173) of the Historical Series. The book consists of three sermons; and the Reverend William DeLoss Love, of Hartford, has identified the occasions on which two of them were preached. In his "Fast and Thanksgiving Days" (page 516) Mr. Love says that the first of these three was delivered on June 16, 1670, and the third, on June 13, 1672; and I consider his judgment final. The second sermon was preached, probably, during the winter of 1671–2, and was occasioned by a case of witchcraft at Groton, in the person of Elizabeth Knap, which is mentioned after the next title given below.

1705.

The Kingdom of Darkness. Or the History of Dæmons, Spectres, Witches, Apparitions, Possessions, Disturbances, and other supernatural Delusions, and Malicious Impostures of the Devil. Containing near eighty Relations, Foreign and Domestick, both Ancient and Modern. Collected from Authentick Records Real Attestations, and Evidences of undoubted Verity. With a Preface obviating the objections of the Sadducees and Atheists of the Age,

who deny the Being of Spirits, Witches, &c. and Pictures of several Memorable Accidents. By R. B. The Third Edition. London, Printed for Nath. Crouch, at the Bell over-against Grocers-Alley in the Poultry, near Cheapside, 1705. 16mo. pp. 182.

This book (pages 41, 42) by Robert Burton gives an account of Elizabeth Knap, of Groton, who was accused of witchcraft. A history of the case may be found in "Groton in the Witchcraft Times" (Groton, 1883), pages 6–23. See also Collections (VIII. fourth series. 555–570) of the Massachusetts Historical Society.

1798.

A Dissertation on the Cynanche Maligna. By George Aspinwall. Dedham: Printed by Mann and Adams. 1798. 12mo. pp. 20.

This pamphlet is inscribed: "TO OLIVER PRESCOTT, *jun.* PHYSICIAN, *in* GROTON; MEMBER *of the* MASSACHUSETTS MEDICAL, *and* MIDDLESEX AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES."

1828.

[Letter to John Peabody by the Reverend John Todd.]

In the summer of 1828 Dr. Todd writes: "My church have printed my letter to Mr. [John] Peabody. Copies and reports were so numerous that we printed it in self-defense, in a little pamphlet." The letter gave his reasons for declining to officiate at Mrs. Peabody's funeral, but I have never seen a copy. An account of the affair is found on page 202 of Dr. Todd's Life.

An Address delivered in the Chapel of Amherst College before the Alexandrian Society, the Tuesday preceding Commencement. August 26, 1828. By John Todd, Pastor of the Union Church in Groton, Mass. Amherst: J. S. and C. Adams, Printers. 1828. 12mo. pp. 31.

On the second page is a letter from Dr. Todd, dated, Groton, September, 1828, and addressed "To the Members of the Alexandrian Society."

1832.

Vote of the School Committee of the Town of Groton, November 25, 1832, and also Directions in regard to certain School Books adopted by the Committee, November 26, 1832. Broadside.

1833.

William Brigham *et ux. versus* Samson Shattuck. [Boston, 1833.] No title page. 8vo. pp. 4.

This is a report of the action brought by the heirs of Josiah Sawtell against the tenant in possession of the lands devised to the town of Groton by the said Sawtell. The case was tried at the October term, 1830, of the Supreme Judicial Court, in Cambridge; and a report of the same is found in the "Reports of Cases argued and determined in the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts" (X. 306–310), by Octavius Pickering, published in the year 1833. Another edition of the Reports appeared also in 1864. On October 19, 1830, the cause was argued by Samuel Hoar for the demandant, and Daniel Webster and Luther Lawrence for the tenant. These pages were evidently reprinted from the forms of the earlier edition of Pickering, where the matter takes up more space as it is more leaded. For references to the lawsuit, see pages 301–303 of this volume, and also Butler's History of Groton (pages 214, 215).

The New Testament of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ: translated out of the original Greek; and with the former translations diligently compared and revised. Stereotype edition. Groton, Mass. Printed and published by Alpheus Richardson. 1833. 16mo. pp. 335, (1).

1839.

To Contractors. [Poster by a Committee of the First Parish asking for proposals for removing and remodeling the Meeting House, dated at Groton, February 4, 1839, and signed by Benjamin Moors, Henry Woods, Daniel Shattuck, John G. Park, Peter Nutting, Daniel Livermore, and Asa Ames.] Broadside.

The broadside, which I have seen, has certain notes in manuscript by Benjamin P. Dix showing that the work of remodelling the Meeting-house was begun on October 11, 1839; the plastering, February 28, 1840; "putting up desk," April 3; painting finished, May 13; and the building re-dedicated May 20.

Groton. [By the Reverend Samuel Sewall, of Burlington, Mass.]

This forms part of an article by Mr. Sewall on "A Brief Survey of the Congregational Churches and Ministers, in the County of Middlesex," etc., which appeared in "The American Quarterly Register" (XI. 259–261) for February, 1839.

1844.

[Circular showing the importance of connecting the Concord Railroad and the Fitchburg, by constructing a road, which is now wanting between Nashua, N. H., and Groton, Mass., 1844 (?).]
No titlepage. 8vo. pp. 7.

This title is found in the "Publications of the Library Leland Stanford Junior University I Catalogue of the Hopkins Railway Library by Frederick J. Teggart, Assistant Librarian" (Palo Alto, California, 1895), page 48.

1846.

The New Testament of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, translated out of the Original Greek; and with the former translation diligently compared and revised. Stereotyped by Luther Roby, Concord, N. H. Groton, Ms. Published by A. Richardson. 1846. 16mo. pp. 254.

Luther Roby, who made the stereotype plates of this edition, was the youngest son of James and Lucy (Cutter) Roby, of Amherst, New Hampshire, where he was born on January 8, 1801.

1847.

A Musical Entertainment will be given at Liberty Hall, in Groton, on Wednesday Eve, March 10, 1847, in aid of the suffering poor of Ireland, under the direction of Mr. E. R. Blanchard. Brown's Press, Groton. [Programme.] Broadside.

1848.

Reply to "The Alarming Developments" and "Further Developments," of the Rev. B. F. Clark, of North Chelmsford, Mass., in the matter of the "Wrong Member of the Middlesex Bar convicted of perjury," &c. By Asahel Huntington, late District

Attorney of the Northern District. Lowell, Mass. Printed for the Author. 1848. 8vo. pp. 22.

The two pamphlets, to which this is a Reply, have been previously noticed in this Series (II. 451; III. 457, 458).

1855.

Covenant of the "South-Groton Christian Union." Adopted Aug. 12, 1855. 12mo. 1 p.

1856.

Materials for the History of Groton, Mass. By Samuel A. Green.

This paper appears in "The New England Historical and Genealogical Register" (X. 186, 187, 243–249) for April and July, 1856.

William Lawrence. [By Rev. Samuel K. Lothrop.] No titlepage. 8vo. pp. 33–48.

Lawrence Academy, Groton, Mass. By Rev. Charles Hammond. No titlepage. 8vo. pp. 49–60.

These pages were taken from Barnard's "American Journal of Education" (II. 33–48, 49–60) for August, 1856, but not printed separately. The first paper is substantially the same as the "Memoir of William Lawrence" (Boston, 1856), privately printed by Dr. Lothrop, in which some slight changes were made. See the Second Volume (page 194) of the Historical Series. This Memoir was reprinted in "Lives of American Merchants" (II. 365–385), by Freeman Hunt, and is accompanied by an engraved portrait, which appears also in the private edition.

A Genealogical Memoir of the Families of Lawrences, with a direct male line from Sir Robert Lawrence, of Lancashire, A. D. 1190; down to John Lawrence, of Watertown, A. D. 1636: with notes of others of same name in different states. By Mercy Hale, Stowe, Mass. Boston: Printed for the Author. 1856. 8vo. pp. 20.

Pedigree of Lawrence. Compiled from heralds' visitations, inquisitions post mortem, deeds, charters, wills, parish registers, and other original manuscripts. By H[oratio] G[ates] Somerby, Esq. Broadside.

This appears in "The New England Historical and Genealogical Register" (X. 297) for October, 1856, in connection

with a "Memoir of the Honorable Abbott Lawrence." Some copies of the Pedigree were printed separately.

1858.

A Sermon at the Funeral of Mr. Warren Fay Stone, (as afterwards written.) By Crawford Nightingale, Minister of the First Parish, Groton, Mass., February 7, 1858. With an Appendix containing Mr. Stone's Correspondence with Rev. John Dodge of Harvard. Groton Junction: Printed by Brown Brothers, 1858. 12mo. pp. 24.

1860.

The Petition for Groton Plantation [May 25, 1655]. By Samuel A. Green.

This is printed in "The New England Historical and Genealogical Register" (XIV. 48) for January, 1860; and again in the issue (XXXVI. 22–24) for January, 1882, where a facsimile is also given in connection with a chapter on the Early History of the town. See the second volume (page 215) of the Historical Series.

1863.

Groton Junction Post Office. Broadside.

This sheet is printed in three columns, of which the first two contain a statement of facts by George H. Brown, Postmaster, concerning the affairs of the office, dated at "Groton Junction, April 15, 1863"; and the third column contains notices headed "What the Press says."

1869.

Middlesex, ss. Superior Court, June Term, A. D. 1869. Ellen S. Priest *vs.* Inhabitants of the Town of Groton. No titlepage. 8vo. pp. 8.

Bill of exceptions by Ambrose Arnold Ranney and Josiah Kendall Bennett, attorneys for the defendants in "an action of tort to recover damages for injuries alleged to have been received by the overturning of a carriage (in August, 1867) in which plaintiff was riding, by reason of an alleged defect in a highway of defendants' town," as altered and amended by the Court; exceptions "examined and allowed," signed by John P. Putnam, Presiding Justice.

To the Honorable the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court within and for the County of Middlesex. No titlepage. 8vo. pp. 3.

A petition of the Inhabitants of Groton, by Ambrose A. Ranney, their attorney, in the case of Priest *vs.* the Town, November 2, 1869, taking exceptions to certain alterations in the preceding Bill, and praying to establish the truth of the exceptions as originally presented.

Supreme Judicial Court. Middlesex, ss. Ellen S. Priest *vs.* Town of Groton. Defendant's Brief [signed by A. A. Ranney, and J. K. Bennett]. No titlepage. 8vo. pp. 5.

The petition was dismissed at the January term of the Supreme Judicial Court, 1870; and the decision of the court will be found in 103 Mass. Reports, 530–543. The three titles given above are bound in a volume of "Papers and Briefs," of the same number, arranged alphabetically.

1871.

Lawrence Academy Groton, Mass. 8vo. 1 p.

This is a circular setting forth the courses of study and the advantages of the school, dated at Groton, July 21, 1871, and signed by Josiah K. Bennett, Secretary.

1872.

Agreement of Submission [in the case of Augustus Woods and Fanny E. Woods his wife against the Inhabitants of the Town of Groton]. No titlepage. 8vo. pp. 6.

This is an agreement between the plaintiffs and Miles Spaulding, John J. Graves, and Charles Gerrish, agents of the Town, as to the award of the referees, Levi Wallace, of Pepperell, Luther Prescott, of Westford, and Benjamin F. French, of Dunstable, and the final judgment of the Superior Court for the County of Middlesex thereon. Annexed to this is the statement of the demand of Mr. and Mrs. Woods, filed February 16, 1872; the "Award of Referees," dated at Pepperell, February 6; the "Motion to recommit," filed April 3; the "Amendment to the Report" of the referees, dated April 15; the "Motion to recommit," filed January 31, 1872; the "Defendant's Motion," September term, filed September 25; the "Second Amendment," filed October 1; and the appeal of the defendant from the order of said Court, filed

1873.

Supreme Judicial Court. Augustus Woods and wife *vs.* Inhabitants of Groton. Brief for Plaintiffs [by Arthur P. Bonney and Charles F. Howe]. 8vo. pp. 3(*recto*).

Supreme Judicial Court, for the Commonwealth, January term, 1873. Middlesex, ss. Augustus Woods and Fannie E. Woods, Plaintiffs, *vs.* the Inhabitants of the Town of Groton, Defendants. No title-page. 8vo. pp. 5.

This is a "Brief of Defendants" by John Spaulding and Josiah K. Bennett. On January 17, the Court ordered that in the case "pending in the Superior Court" the clerk of said Court make the entry in the docket "Judgment for plaintiffs affirmed." The accident happened on the "highway, leading from Groton Centre to and by Mosly Gilson's dwelling house," when Mrs. Woods was injured. The last three titles will be found in 111 Mass. Reports. Papers and Briefs. The decision of the Court is in 111 Mass. Reports, 357–359.

The Cause and Prevention of Crime: An Address delivered at the Session of the North Middlesex Conference of Unitarian and other Christian Churches, at Nashua, N. H., October 22d, 1873, by Hon. Daniel Needham, of Groton. Reported by Rev. Duane V. Bowen, of Chelmsford. To which is added a Sketch of the Discussion which followed the Address. Published by vote of the Conference. Ayer, Mass.: Printed at the Office of the Public Spirit, 1873. 8vo. pp. 20.

1880.

The Early Records of Groton, Massachusetts. 1662–1707. Edited by Samuel A. Green, M. D. Groton: 1880. 8vo. pp. 185, (1).

Three hundred copies of this edition were published by the Town. Another edition, containing an Appendix (pages 187–200) and two heliotypes, was printed for the editor. See the second volume (page 214) of this Historical Series.

A very few impressions of the cut of the First Parish Meeting-house, which appears on page 200 of the editor's edition of "The Early Records of Groton" (Groton, 1880), were struck off separately on large paper at the time of publication. The engraving, with substantially the same letter-press, is now used again in this number.

1889.

A Sermon, preached to the Boys leaving Groton School, June 23, 1889. [By Rev. Endicott Peabody.] No titlepage. 16mo. pp. 11.

To the Voters of the Fifth Middlesex District. 8vo. 1 p.

This circular is signed by Moses P. Palmer, and dated at Groton, November 2, 1889, at which time he was a candidate for the State Senate.

1890.

Groton Historical Series. A Collection of Papers relating to the History of the Town of Groton, Massachusetts. By Samuel Abbott Green, M. D. Vol. II. Groton: 1890. 8vo. pp. viii, 471.

This volume consists of sixteen pamphlets on various subjects, that were issued at different times during the preceding four years. Unlike that of Volume I., its paging is continuous.

1891.

Ninety-eighth Anniversary of Lawrence Academy, Groton, Mass., Wednesday and Thursday, June 24 and 25, 1891. 12mo. pp. (4).

Lawrence Farm, Groton, Massachusetts. Shropshire Sheep [and Guernsey Cattle]. [December, 1891.] No titlepage. 8vo. pp. 16.

1892.

Harvard University Examinations. Papers used at the Admission Examinations held at Cambridge, Quincy, Groton, Andover, Southborough, Worcester, Fall River, Exeter, Concord, New York, Albany, Buffalo, Philadelphia, Washington, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Chicago, Minneapolis, Milwaukee, St. Louis, Denver, San Francisco, Portland (Or.), London (Eng.), Bonn (Germany), and Tokyo (Japan). June, 1892. Cambridge, Mass., 1892. 8vo. pp. 24.

1893.

Annual Report of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Town of Groton, with other statistical matter, for the year ending March 18, 1893. Greenville [N. H.]: F. H. Merriam, Printer. 1893. 12mo. pp. 58.

Report to the Town of Groton of the Library Building Committee appointed at the annual town meeting held April 6th, 1891. Greenville, N. H. Frank H. Merriam, Printer. 1893. 12mo. pp. 8.

This Report was issued with the "Annual Report of the Receipts," etc.

Annual Report of the School Committee of the Town of Groton, for the fiscal year ending Mar. 18, 1893. Greenville, N. H. Frank H. Merriam, Printer. 1893. 12mo. pp. 20.

Groton Historical Series. A Collection of Papers relating to the History of the Town of Groton, Massachusetts. By Samuel Abbott Green, M. D. Vol. III. Groton: 1893. 8vo. pp. vii, 488, (1).

This volume consists of twelve pamphlets on various subjects, that were issued at different times during the preceding four years.

Remarks on Nonacoicus. The Indian name of Major Willard's Farm at Groton, Mass. No titlepage. 8vo. pp. 4.

These remarks were made at a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, May 11, 1893, by Dr. Samuel A. Green, and are reprinted from the Proceedings (second series, VIII. 209–212).

Catalogue of the Trustees, Instructors and Students of Lawrence Academy, Groton, Mass., for the year ending June 29, 1893. One Hundredth Year. Fitchburg: Printed by the Sentinel Printing Company. 1893.. 12mo. pp. 16, (2).

One Hundredth Anniversary Lawrence Academy Groton, Mass. Wednesday and Thursday, June 28 and 29 1893. No date. 12mo. pp. (4).

Notice Groton Board of Health Huntley S. Turner, Poster and Job Printer, Ayer, Mass. Broadside.

This calls attention to a Regulation of the State Board of Cattle Commissioners, passed June 15, 1893, concerning contagious diseases among cattle, and is dated at Groton, June 28, 1893.

Private Schools for Boys. By Price Collier.

This is the title of a paper in "The Cosmopolitan" (XV.) for October, 1893, which contains a sketch of the Groton School (pages 660–663) and five illustrations.

The Homestead Concert Groton, Massachusetts December Twenty-first 1893 No titlepage. 8vo. pp. (4).

A programme for a concert given to the boys of the Groton School, which contains a heliotype view of "Groton Village from the Homestead," and some verses by James Lawrence.

An Anniversary Sermon preached at Groton School on Sunday, October 15, 1893. By the Rev. Endicott Peabody, LL.M. Head Master · Groton Printed privately 1893 [H. S. Turner, Printer, Ayer, Mass.] 12mo. pp. 16.

Catalogue of Groton School, Groton, Mass. 1893–1894, Ayer, Mass. Huntley S. Turner, Printer. 16mo. pp. (20).

1894.

An Address delivered by Geo. J. Burns, Esq. before the Middlesex Northwest Temperance Union, at Groton, January 11, 1894. Printed at the request of the Union. [H. S. Turner, Printer, Ayer, Mass.] No titlepage. 8vo. pp. 7.

History of the Town of Harvard Massachusetts. 1732–1893. By Henry S. Nourse. Harvard: printed for Warren Hapgood. 1894. 8vo. pp. 605. Portrait of Mr. Hapgood and plates.

The Boundary Line between Massachusetts and New Hampshire from the Merrimack River to the Connecticut. A Paper read before the Old Residents' Historical Association of Lowell, on December 21, 1893, the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Formation of the Society. By Hon. Samuel Abbott Green. Lowell, Mass.: Lowell Courier Publishing Company. 1894 8vo. pp. 30.

Annual Report of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Town of Groton, with other Statistical Matter, for the Year Ending March 17, 1894. Ayer, Mass.: Huntley S. Turner, Pamphlet and Job Printer. No date. · 8vo. pp. 54.

Final Report to the Town of Groton of the Library Building Committee, appointed at the Annual Town Meeting held April 6, 1891. Ayer, Mass.: Press of Huntley S. Turner. No date. · 8vo. pp. 55–60.

This follows the "Annual Report of the Receipts," etc., with a continuous pagination.

Annual Report of the School Committee of the Town of Groton for the fiscal year ending March 19, 1894. Ayer, Mass.: Huntley S. Turner, Pamphlet and Job Printer. No date. 8vo. pp. 18.

A General Catalogue of the Trustees, Teachers, and Students of Lawrence Academy, Groton, Massachusetts, from the time of its incorporation. 1793–1893. With an account of the Celebrations of the Ninetieth and the One Hundredth Anniversaries. Groton: 1893. 8vo. pp. 241. View.

This contains the "Proceedings at the Celebration of the

Ninetieth Anniversary," etc. (pages 157–189), a reprint of the pamphlet issued in 1883, and "An Account of the Proceedings of the One Hundredth Anniversary . . . June 17, 1893" (pages 191–241).

[Officers and] By-Laws [of the Groton Historical Society, Incorporated 1894]. [Wm. M. Sargent, Printer, Ayer.] No imprint, 16mo. pp. (2), 8.

One Hundred and First Anniversary of Lawrence Academy, Groton, Mass. Thursday and Friday, June 28 and 29, 1894. No date. 12mo. pp. (4).

Catalogue of the Trustees, Instructors and Students of Lawrence Academy, Groton, Mass., for the year ending June 29, 1894. One Hundred and First Year. Fitchburg: Printed by the Sentinel Printing Company. 1894. 12mo. pp. 16, (2).

Lakin Family. By Hon. Samuel A. Green, M. D., of Boston, Mass. No titlepage. 8vo. pp. 3.

A reprint from "The New-England Historical and Genealogical Register" (XLVIII. 444–446) for October, 1894.

Acts relating to Lawrence Academy, Groton, Massachusetts, with the By-Laws of the Institution. Groton: 1894. 8vo. pp. 13.

Catalogue of the Groton School, Groton, Mass. 1894–1895. Ayer, Mass.: Huntley S. Turner, Printer. 16mo. pp. (20).

Harvard University Examinations. Papers used at the Admission Examinations held at Cambridge, Quincy, Andover, Groton, Southborough, Worcester, Exeter, Concord, New York, Albany, Buffalo, Philadelphia, Washington, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Denver, San Francisco, Belmont, Portland (Or.), Portland (Me.), and Bonn (Germany). June, 1894. Cambridge, Mass., 1894. 8vo. pp. 28.

Richard Cumberland als begründer der Englischen ethik Inaugural-Dissertation der hohen philosophischen fakultät der Universität Leipzig zur erlangung der philosophischen doktorwürde vorgelegt von Frank E. Spaulding aus Groton, Mass., U. S. A. Leipzig. Gustav Fock. 1894. 8vo. pp. x, 101.

1895.

Typical American Schools. Groton School. By Grafton Dulany Cushing.

This paper appeared in "Harper's Young People" (XVI. pages 188–190) for January 8, 1895, with four illustrations.

Annual Report of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Town of Groton, with other Statistical Matter, for the Year Ending March 18, 1895. Ayer, Mass.: Huntley S. Turner, Pamphlet and Job Printer. No date. 8vo. pp. 54.

Annual Report of the School Committee of the Town of Groton for the Year ending March 18, 1895. Ayer, Mass.: Huntley S. Turner, Pamphlet and Job Printer. No date. 8vo. pp. 18.

The Constitution of the United States at the end of the First Century. By George S. Boutwell Boston, U.S.A. D. C. Heath & Co., Publishers 1895. 12mo. pp. xviii., 412.

The purpose of the book is "to set forth in a concise form the substance of the leading decisions of the Supreme Court, in which several articles, sections, and clauses of the Constitution of the United States have been examined, explained, and interpreted." The "Preface" is dated at "Groton, Mass., March, 1895."

Addresses, Letters and Resolutions commemorative of Daniel Needham of Groton, Mass. A Memorial Volume. Ayer, Mass. Huntley S. Turner. 1895. 12mo. pp. 33. Portrait.

The Church's Work in the East By the Rev. Sherrard Billings, Assistant Master at Groton School. An Essay printed by request 1895 [Press of Huntley S. Turner Ayer, Mass.] 12mo. pp. 20.

Catalogue of the Trustees, Instructors and Students of Lawrence Academy, Groton, Mass., for the year ending June 27, 1895. One Hundred and Second Year. Ayer, Mass.: Press of William M. Sargent. 1895. 12mo. pp. 16, (1). View.

One Hundred and Second Anniversary of Lawrence Academy Groton, Mass., Wednesday and Thursday, June 26 and 27, 1895. Wm. M. Sargent, book and job printer, Ayer, Mass. No date. 12mo. pp. (4).

Financial History of Lawrence Academy at Groton, Massachusetts, with a Statement of its funds now available. Groton: 1895. 8vo. pp. 28.

Catalogue of Groton School, Groton, Mass. 1895–1896. Ayer, Mass.: Huntley S. Turner, Printer. 16mo. pp. (24).

Harvard University Examinations. Papers used at the Examinations for Admission held at Cambridge, Quincy, Andover, Groton, Southborough, Worcester, Mass.; Exeter, Concord, N. H.; Portland, Me.; Lakeville, Conn.; New York, Albany, Buffalo, N. Y.;

Lawrenceville, N. J.; Philadelphia, Pa.; Washington, D. C.; Cleveland, Cincinnati, O.; Chicago, Ill.; Minneapolis, Minn.; St. Louis, Mo.; Omaha, Neb.; Denver, Colo.; San Francisco, Belmont, Cal.; Portland, Ore.; Bonn, Germany; Tokio, Japan. June, 1895. Cambridge, Mass., 1895. 8vo. pp. 26.

Last Public Address of James Sumner, delivered at a Memorial Service to the late Rev. J. M. L. Babcock, in Investigator Hall, Boston, Sunday Afternoon, April 22, 1894.

This appeared in "Memorial Addresses on the Life and Character of James Sumner, delivered at Commercial Hall" (Boston, 1895), pages 45–52.

[Constitution and By-Laws of Squannacook Engine Co. No. 2, West Groton, Mass. Ayer, Mass.: H. S. Turner, Book and Job Printer. 1895.] No titlepage. 16mo. pp. 12.

1896.

Lawrence Academy, Groton, Mass. No imprint. 12mo. pp. (3).

An appeal issued by the Trustees to raise funds "to enlarge the scope of the Academy's work," dated, Groton, January 1, 1896.

Inscribed Powder-Horns. By Hon. Samuel A. Green, M. D., of Boston. No titlepage. 8vo. pp. 3.

A reprint from "The New-England Historical and Genealogical Register" (L. 43–45) for January, 1896.

Report of the Parish Committee First Parish of Groton, for the year ending March 2, 1896. [H. S. Turner, Printer, Ayer, Mass.] No imprint. 8vo. pp. (4).

Annual Report of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Town of Groton with other Statistical Matter, for the year ending March 18, 1896. Ayer, Mass. H. S. Turner, Printer. 8vo. pp. 54.

Annual Report of the Trustees of the Groton Public Library for the Year 1895–1896. Ayer, Mass.: Huntley S. Turner, Printer. 1896. 8vo. pp. 10.

This follows the "Annual Report of the Receipts," etc.

Annual Report of the School Committee of the Town of Groton, for the fiscal year ending March 18, 1896. Ayer, Mass. H. S. Turner, Printer. No date. 8vo. pp. 22, (1).

Pedigree of Lawrence. Compiled from heralds' visitations, inquisi-

other original manuscripts. Broadside.

This is another edition of the Pedigree printed in 1856, with additions by John Lawrence, of Groton. One hundred copies were printed in May, 1896, for Mr. Lawrence, by William B. Johnson, 576 Washington Street, Boston.

[Village Homes Farms Manufacturing Industries and Building Sites for sale by J. H. Hunkins, Real Estate Agent, West Groton, Mass.] [H. S. Turner, Printer, Ayer, Mass.] No title-page. 16mo. pp. 14, (2).

Early Church Records of Groton, Massachusetts. 1761–1830. Containing a List of Admissions to the Church, with Lists of Marriages and Baptisms; and various other memoranda. With notes and an introduction by Samuel A. Green, M. D. Groton: 1896. 8vo. pp. (5), 194.

Reprinted from the fourth volume of the Historical Series, Number I.

Catalogue of the Groton Public Library at Groton, Mass. Volume II. Groton: 1896. [Press of Wm. M. Sargent, Ayer, Mass.] 12mo. (4), 182. View.

Catalogue of the Trustees, Instructors and Students of Lawrence Academy, Groton, Mass., for the year ending June 25, 1896 One Hundred and Third Year. Ayer, Mass.: Wm. M. Sargent, Printer. 1896. 12mo. pp. 18.

Report of the Finance Committee to the Board of Trustees of Lawrence Academy, Groton, Mass., for the year ending June 20, 1896. No imprint. 4to. pp. (3).

One Hundred and Third Anniversary of Lawrence Academy, Groton, Mass. Wednesday and Thursday, June 24–25, 1896. Wm. M. Sargent, Book and Job Printer, Ayer, Mass. No date. 12mo. pp. (4).

Notice! Chap. 418, of the Acts of 1896. Broadside.

This sheet is a copy of "An Act relative to Bakeries and Persons employed therein," and was issued by the Groton Board of Health on August 18.

Harvard University Examinations. Papers used at the Examinations for Admission held at Cambridge, Quincy, Andover, Groton, Southborough, Worcester, Mass.; Exeter, Concord, N. H.; Port-

land, Me.; Lakeville, Conn.; New York, Garden City, Albany Buffalo, N. Y.; Lawrenceville, N. J.; Philadelphia, Pa.; Washington, D. C.; Cleveland, Cincinnati, O.; Chicago, Ill.; Minneapolis, Minn.; St. Louis, Mo.; Omaha, Neb.; Denver, Colo.; San Francisco, Belmont, Cal.; Portland, Ore.; Bonn, Germany; Paris, France; Tokio, Japan. June, 1896. Cambridge, Mass., 1896. 8vo. pp. 27.

To the 24th Middlesex District. No titlepage. 8vo. pp. (4).

This circular is signed by James Lawrence, and was issued at Groton in October, 1896, at which time he was a candidate for the Legislature.

Catalogue of Groton School, Groton, Mass. 1896–1897. Ayer, Mass.: Huntley S. Turner, Printer. 16mo. pp. (28).

The steel engraving of Lawrence Academy was made in 1871 by Edward A. Fowle, of Boston, though it bears the inscription "Thos Chubbuck, Engr – Springfield, Mass," on the plate. Mr. Chubbuck was simply a letter engraver, and had his plates made in Boston and perhaps elsewhere, but was in the habit of adding his name and monogram, to the work. Soon after his death, which took place on January 10, 1888, the inscription was hammered out, and nothing was left but the monogram.

REV. JOSEPH THAXTER, OF EDGARTOWN.

Professor Franklin B. Dexter, of Yale University, writes me, under date of November 18, 1896, that he has temporarily in his possession a copy of President Quincy's Memoir of Josiah Quincy, Jr., which contains an interesting note on a fly-leaf. The book was presented to the Reverend Joseph Thaxter (H. C. 1768), of Edgartown, by Abbott Lawrence, on June 17, 1825, when the corner-stone of Bunker Hill Monument was laid at Charlestown. The note is in the handwriting of Mr. Thaxter, and reads as follows:—

This was given me by the son of Capt [Samuel] Lawrence of Groton who belonged to Prescots minute Regiment to which I belonged & to whom I preached a military sermon at a regimental

muster at Westford the Fall before the Concord Fight. John Robinson of Westford was the Lieutenant Col^o^ & led the People with Major Buttericks at Concord Bridge. Capt Lawrence was at his Sons in Boston. It gave me Pleasure to see him the 17 of June at Breeds Hill.

In the year 1774 Mr. Thaxter was preaching as a candidate at Westford, and later received a call to be settled as the minister of the town, which he declined. He served as a chaplain in the army for a while, and in 1780 became the pastor of the church at Edgartown, Martha's Vineyard, where he remained until his death, on July 18, 1827.

For an account of Major Lawrence, see pages 245–248 of this volume.

GROTON SCHOOL.

In the first chapter of "The Anglomaniacs," a novel written by Mrs. Burton Harrison, and published originally in "The Century" magazine for June–September, 1890, there is found a reference to the Groton School, which is the earliest allusion in literature to this institution. Mrs. Floyd-Curtis, one of the principal characters in the book, in speaking of her son, says: "If we could have got him in at Groton, now: I admire the tone at Groton; the boys' mothers are all in the same set."

CAPT. JOHN WILLIAMS.

A notice, signed by Colonel Rufus Putnam, is printed in "The Continental Journal, and Weekly Advertiser" (Boston), May 29, 1777, which gives a list of the officers then engaged in recruiting for his regiment. Among the names there mentioned is that of John Williams, of Groton, who soon afterward was commissioned as a captain in the army, and later became an original member of the Massachusetts Society of the Cincinnati. For a sketch of this officer, see the third volume (page 445) of the Historical Series. In the first volume (Number XVIII. page 23) there is also a reference to him.

LIST OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM GROTON.

By the new apportionment, under Chap. 509, Acts of 1896, the town of Groton, in connection with Pepperell, Townsend, and Ashby, became the 24th Middlesex District, which is entitled to one representative in the Legislature. On November 3, 1896, James Lawrence, of Groton, was chosen as such with no regular candidate running against him.

In order to complete the list of representatives sent by the town to date, the following names should be added to those given on page 16 of the second volume of this Series.

Date of election.		
November 7, 1893	. . George Henry Bixby.	
November 3, 1896	. . James Lawrence.	

These names also, as well as the name of Asa Stillman Lawrence omitted through inadvertence, should be placed in the Alphabetical List which is given on page 17 of that volume.

In the list of senators, as printed on page 2 of the same volume, insert after Colonel Needham's name:—

November 8, 1887	Honorable Moses Poor Palmer .	1888–1890.

TWO TRUSTEES OF LAWRENCE ACADEMY.

After a long illness Dr. Miles Spaulding died at Groton, on Friday afternoon, October 16, 1896, and was buried on Monday afternoon, October 19. He was chosen a Trustee of Lawrence Academy on June 30, 1868, and served faithfully as such until the time of his death; and from June 25, 1874, until June 20, 1896, he was the Secretary of the Board.

Honorable William Adams Richardson died in Washington, D. C., — where he had lived for many years, — on Monday morning, October 19, 1896, and was buried on Wednesday afternoon, October 21. He was chosen a Trustee of Lawrence

Academy on June 29, 1863, and at the date of his death was the senior member of the Board.

From this statement it appears that two Trustees of the Academy lay dead and unburied at the same time, an occurrence which never happened before in the history of the school, and, considering the small number of the Board, it is a very remarkable circumstance.

Another coincidence is found in the fact that Otis Caleb Wight, of Washington, who attended Groton (now Lawrence) Academy at the same time with Judge Richardson, — and who was later an assistant teacher in the institution, — died in that city on the same day, October 19, 1896, and at nearly the same hour in the morning.

They were "lovely and pleasant in their lives, and in their death they were not divided."

LIST OF MARRIAGES, ETC., FROM THE LUNENBURG RECORDS.

THE following list of marriages, etc., is taken from "The Early Records of the Town of Lunenburg," recently published under the authority of the city of Fitchburg. To a large extent it supplements the Groton records. The broad-faced figures after each paragraph indicate the page of the volume where the entries are found.

Jonathan Bennett of Groton and Mary Going of Lunenburg were married October ye 15th 1755 by the Rev Mr David Stearns minister of Lunenburg. **246.**

Timothy Darling of Lunenburg and Joanna Blood of Groton were married Febr^{y} 8th 1753 by the Rev^{d} Mr. David Stearns, minister of Lunenburg. **248.**

John Kelsey of Groton and Martha Mc farlen of Lunenburg was married by the Revnd Mr. David Stearns minister of Lunenburg Jenevary the 10th 1739/40. **253.**

Samuel Larrabee jun^{r} of Lunenburg and Anne Williams of Groton were married April ye 23rd 1746 by ye Rev^{d} Mr. David Stearns minister of Lunenburg. **254.**

Benj[a] Larrabee of Lunenburg and Margaret Williams of Groton were married December 7th 1752 by the Rev[d] Mr David Stearns minister of Lunenburg. 254.

Nehemiah Lane of Lunenburg, & Sarah Fletcher of Groton were married April 17th 1760 by the Rev[d] Mr. David Stearns minister of Lunenburg. 254.

John Larrabee of Lunenburg & Abiel Arven of Groton, were married June y[e] 19th 1760 by the [Rev[d]] Mr. David Stearns, minister of Lunenburg. 254.

William Larken of Lunenburg & Hannah Parce of Groton were married May y[e] 7th 1761 by Edward Hartwell Justice of y[e] peace. 254.

Ebenezer Pratt of Lunenburg & Lydia Stone of Groton were married by Edward Hartwell, Justice of y[e] peace September y[e] 22[d] 1761. 257.

Silas Snow of Lunenburg & Anna Farwell of Groton were married November y[e] 20th 1760 by the Rev[nd] Mr. David Stearns, minister of Lunenburg. 259.

Stephen Holden of Groton and Sarah Wheeler of Lunenburg were joined in Marriage in Boxford Before David Wood Esq. March 21. 1739.

A true copy of Record.

Attest, WM H. WOOD, *Town Clerk of Boxford.*

BOXFORD October 28. 1857. See Act of /57 Chap. 84. Sec. 4: 263.

Married by Rev. Caleb Trowbridge Nov. 2[d] 1732 Daniel Farmer of Luningburg to Elizebeth Woods of Groton.

Nov. 23[d] 1732. Josiah Willard of Luningburg to Hannah Hubburd of Groton.

June 21st 1733. John Gridridge of Lunenburg to Eunice Scripture of Groton.

May 1st 1759. Jonas Fletcher of Groton & Wid. Johanna Crocker of Lunenburg.

Feb. 15, 1763. By Rev. Samuel Dana, William Jones of Lunenburg to Sarah Stone of Groton.

A true copy from the Records of Groton.

Attest. GEO. D. BRIGHAM, *Town Clerk.*

Chap. 84. Sec. 4 of the Acts of 1857

To the Town Clerk of Lunenburg.

A true copy. Attest. JAMES PUTNAM *Town Clerk* 264.

INTENTIONS OF MARRIAGE.

THE following publishments appear in the volume, though the marriage of the parties is not there recorded; and for that reason they are here printed. Hezekiah Sawtell and Margaret Dodge were married at Groton.

Purpose of marriage entered between Samvel Davis of Lunenburg and Rebekah Lakin of Groton Janvary ye 13th 1746/7 226.

Purpose of marriage entered between Hezekiah Sattle of Groton and Margaret Dodge of Lunenburg, Janvary ye 30th 1746/7 237.

BIRTHS.

Dorcas Boynton ye davghter of Benoni Boynton and of Anne his wife, born at Groton December ye 21th 1715.

Jane Boynton ye davghter of Benoni Boynton & of Anne his wife born at Groton August ye 3th 1717.

Mary Boynton ye davghter of Benoni Boynton & of Anne his wife born at Groton November 27th 1718.

Elezebeth Boynton ye davghter of Benoni Boynton & of Anne his wife born at Groton July ye 10th 1720.

Mehittibel Boynton ye davghter of Benoni Boynton & of Anne his wife born at Groton November ye 1th 1721.

Mary Boynton ye davghter of Benoni Boynton & of Anne his wife born at Groton February ye 20th 1722/3. 272.

The birth of ye children of Isaac Farnsworth and of Sarah his wife.

Isaac born at Groton November 30 : 1723. 286.

Children of David Pearce and Elizabeth his wife,

David born at Groton July 19 1726. 314.

Ruth Page the daughter of Daniel Page and of Ruth his wife, born at Groton August the 25th 1746. 317.

SAMUEL BROWN.

DROWNED in Brookline, N. H. on Friday last Mr. Samuel Brown, of this town, aged 28, son of the late Aaron Brown, Esq. of Groton. The death of this highly respected young man is truly deplorable — While in the enjoyment of the mirthful scenes of pleasure, he was suddenly arrested by the messenger of death. His exit again reminds us of the frailty and uncertainty of life. Behold a young man in the prime of life and in the vigor of strength and usefulness descends to the tomb; and another is added to the mournful catalogue of mortality. To the relations of the deceased this dispensation is truly afflicting; in an unexpected moment the messinger arrives to relate the mournful tale; their fairest prospects are frustrated and their dearest relative severed from them. In him were united the social endearments of friendship which serve to render life happy: to him were bestowed the rights of honesty and hospitality, and their principles he ever cherished with zeal; his character was without a blemish; his numerous friends and acquaintance to whose attachment friendship had united them now sympathize and drop a tear with the bereaved.

"Independent Chronicle" (Boston), Thursday, September 24, 1812.

DR. WARREN'S VISIT TO GROTON.

A BRIEF reference to the town is found in a Life of Dr. John Collins Warren, of Boston, written by his brother Dr. Edward Warren, and published in the year 1860. The visit was made during the summer of 1820; and the allusion is as follows: —

> About that time, I went up Wachusett in company with Dr. [Jacob] Bigelow. Being about to visit a patient in Groton, I invited him to accompany me; and we visited, in the first place, the patient, at the house of Samuel Dana, Esq., a famous Democratic politician. After this visit to Groton, we crossed a beautiful country, through Harvard and Lancaster, to Princeton; but did not reach there till ten o'clock at night, very dark, threatening to rain, and we very ignorant of the route (I. 152, 153).

GROTON ACADEMY.

THE Trustees of GROTON ACADEMY hereby inform the public, that they have engaged Mr. ASA F. LAWRENCE, a recent graduate at Harvard University, as Preceptor for the ensuing year. — First Quarter to commence on Monday, Sept. 6. From the known abilities and experience of Mr. Lawrence as an Instructor of Youth, they anticipate such exertions and attention on his part; and such improvement on the part of his Pupils as will be satisfactory to Parents who may trust their children to his care. — Tuition, 25 cents per week, board for Masters and Misses in the vicinity of the Academy, from one dollar and fifty cents to two dollars per week.

Per order of the Trustees,

WILLIAM F. BRAZER, Sec'ry.

Groton, Sept. 6, 1824.

"Concord Gazette & Middlesex Yeoman," September 11, 1824.

A SICKLY SEASON.

"THE BOSTON NEWS-LETTER," October 3, 1723, has the following paragraph about a Groton family, which is reprinted on page 210 of this volume. It is there said that no clew is found as to the identity of the persons who fell victims to the disease.

We are informed from Groton, that a Man, his Wife and two Children died there of a Fever, in one Week.

According to Mr. Butler's History (page 434) the family of Samuel Scripture, Jr., lost four members during one week: Mrs. Scripture, who died on September 25, 1723; two sons, Samuel and James, on September 28; and a daughter, Jemima, on September 30. My own impression is that the Samuel Scripture, who died on September 28, was the "Man" mentioned in the paragraph, and not the son, as they both bore the same Christian names. There is nothing in the town records inconsistent with this supposition; and Samuel, who was born on April 27, 1727, may well have been a son of Samuel, born on April 25, 1705, and a grandson of the one who died, according to my theory, on September 28.

THE OLD TAVERNS OF GROTON.

THE following description of a well-known hostelry in Groton, managed by the Misses Hoar, is taken from the "Nashua Daily Press," Tuesday, August 18, 1896, and deserves a place in these pages. See the first volume (No. VIII. page 5) of the Historical Series, for an account of this tavern, which has been kept as a public house since the days of the Revolution.

One of the most delightful points of interest that a carriage drive of about fourteen miles enables one to enjoy is an old-fashioned dwellinghouse in the town of Groton kept by three sisters, and known as the "Groton Inn." As a stranger approaches the yellow-painted building, the long, rambling nature of the structure is not especially noticeable, but, upon entrance, one feels, from the quaint and charming nature of the surroundings, that the modern world is quite left behind, — which impression is intensified by a more thorough acquaintance with the innumerable rooms of the old edifice, builded more than one hundred and thirty years ago. On the right of the hallway, where old-fashioned paper covers the walls, is a long, low room which is now used as the office and common living room, but was, in old stage-coach days, a barroom and station for travellers between Boston and Keene. At the farther end is a long, wooden bench upon which the hostlers were wont to bunk; upon the left of this, a high-backed settle; on the inner wall hangs a number of shelves, enclosed by glass doors and laden with old crockery plates, platters, ginger jars, etc., which cause but a momentary masculine interest but quite distract the feminine mind. On the outer wall is a fireplace in which hangs a black kettle; under the windows, with their old-fashioned panes of glass, are window seats, while the whole place abounds in old-fashioned treasures. Between this general lounging-room and the first of the reception rooms, on the left of the hallway, it would be difficult to decide which was the more fascinating, for, finding themselves in the latter, adorers of the antique fancy they are in a veritable fairy land created by their own fond fancies. Around them are quaint chairs and tables; on the walls hung blue plates and platters; in one corner stands a tall clock with a brass face, and near it a little flax wheel and a low buoy against the wall.

Femininity promptly reaches the stage of rhapsody and clasped hands, and vainly attempts to instruct the dull masculine mind in a knowledge of the value of such relics — an almost hopeless task, as men are unappreciative as animals at such times. After a dinner of broiled chicken and apple dumplings — served in the dining-room beyond the office — a stroll through the town is in order. Many handsome residences and several buildings of interest are discovered, but the common desire is a return to the inn. Before our departure our especial hostess showed us the most novel curiosity of all, — an old German musical clock that hangs in an obscure corner of an upper room, from which it is not brought to the stronger light of day because of its somewhat dilapidated condition from advanced age of over two hundred years. When in repair it rendered a musical selection every hour in the day; and even now, when it has ceased to keep time, and infirmities weigh heavily, though its strains are marred by occasional false notes, one is able to judge that its melody, in the "dear, dead days beyond recall," was singularly sweet and pleasing. A visit to this quaint place is an event long to be remembered.

THE SHAYS REBELLION.

At the Centennial Celebration of the Independent Company of Cadets in Boston, on October 19, 1841, the Reverend Samuel K. Lothrop, D.D., Chaplain of the Corps, delivered an historical address, from which the following extract is taken: —

> On the 29th of the same month [November, 1786], Col. [Samuel] Bradford received orders to assemble his company at Groton, to assist the Sheriff of Middlesex in arresting Col. Shattuck, a leader of the discontented in that county. The Cadets left town [Boston] for the purpose, but before the arrival of the entire company, Col. Shattuck had been arrested. The wound, by which he was disabled, — and consequently taken prisoner, is said to have been inflicted by Fortesque Vernon, a member of the Cadets (page 31).

An account of "Groton during the Shays Rebellion" may be found in number III. of the first volume of the Historical Series, where on page 3 it is said that Shattuck's wound was

given by F. C. Varnum, of Boston. This statement was made on the authority of Lemuel Shattuck, and is found in his "Memorials of the Descendants of William Shattuck" (page 126). By the light of this extract, I have no doubt that the wound was inflicted by Fortesque Vernon, whose surname was often pronounced Varnon.

LISTS OF MARRIAGES.

THE following lists of marriages are taken from the Groton town-records, and supplement those already printed in this volume, which were taken from the church records. They are found in the volume marked on the back "Births &c.," and on the outside of the front cover "No. 3"; and at the end of each list the page is noted in heavy-faced figures within brackets.

List of marriages Returnd by Josiah Sartell Esqr Justice of the peace

April 6th 1778 Eleazer Green Junr and Lucy Blanchard both of Groton
April 7th — Benja Bennett Junr and Sarah Lakin both of Groton
May 27th — Zaccheus Hodgman of Mason in Newhampshire and Eunice Lawrence of Ashby
July 7th — Amos Woods and Betty Tarbell both of Groton
August 28th — Benja Bennett and Syble Woods both of Groton
Septr 3d Abel Kemp and Rebeccah Archabald both of Groton
Octr 14th — Asa Porter and Eunice Williams both of Groton
Novmr 26th — Jonathan Capron and Louis Porter both of Groton
Attest Isaac Farnsworth Town Clerk [348]

List of marriages Returnd by Isaiah Hobart Esqr Justice of the peace

May 28 1778 William Derumple Junr and Sarah Boyden both of Groton
June 9th 1778 John Scott and Ruth Conant both of Pepperrell
Attest Isaac Farnsworth Town Clerk [348]

List of marrages [*sic*] Returned by Isreal Hobart Esqr

Sept 8th 1784 Peter Gilson & Sibbel Nutting Both of Groton [348]

List of marriages Returned by Ebenr Champney Esqr

June 25 1788 Jonathan Blood to Mary Gragg both of Groton
Janx 6 1789 Ebenr Pratt Jr to Eunice Farwell both of Shirley
march 29 1789 Oliver Hartwell to Rachel Shattuck both of Groton
April 28 1789 Oliver Fletcher Junr to Mary Parker both of Groton
attest Joseph Shed Town Clerk [347]

List of marriages Returned by Willm Swan Esqr

Novr 18 1788 Abel Patch of Groton to Rebekah Nutting of Pepperrel
attest Joseph Shed Town Clerk [347]

List of marriages Returned by Willm Swan Esqr

Decemr 2d 1790 William Blood to Elizabeth Ames
Attest Joseph Shed Town Clerk [349]

A List of a marriage Returned by Willm Swan Esq

November the 20th 1791 Joseph Ames & Hannah Cory both of Groton
test Joseph Shed Town Clerk [350]

Since the above Return the following Return was Committed to me, that the Said Swan Joined in in [*sic*] marriage Sadoc Fletcher to Patty Cory both of Groton on the 26 Day of April 1792
test Joseph Shed Town Clerk [350]

A List of a marriage Returned by Willm Swan Esq

March 26 1793 Asa Bigeby Junr of Westford & Lucy Gilson of Groton
test Joseph Shed Town Clerk [350]

TOWN CLERKS OF GROTON.

SINCE the incorporation of the town of Groton in 1655, there have been thirty-five Town-clerks; and six of these have died in office. Their names are Jonathan Morse, who died on July 31, 1686; William Longley, Jr., killed by the Indians, on July 27, 1694; James Blanchard, who died in February, 1703–1704; Jonathan Shepley, on November 4, 1744; Samuel Rockwood, on May 29, 1804; and George Dexter Brigham, on December 31, 1892.

Mr. Brigham was first chosen to the office, on March 5, 1855, and continued to fill it until his death, a period of nearly thirty-eight years, a longer term of service than any of his predecessors had. He was followed by Appleton Howe Torrey, the present incumbent. Of the former Town-clerks the only survivors are Governor Boutwell and John Warren Parker; and of these Mr. Boutwell is the senior, having filled the office from March 3, 1846, till March 4, 1851.

See the first volume (No. XV. pages 19–22) of this Series for a list of Town-clerks; and the third volume (page 452) for a notice of Mr. Brigham; and also "The Early Records of Groton," for sketches of other Town-clerks, as noted in the index.

ABRAHAM MOORE, Esq. of Groton, has been appointed by Major-General *Joseph B. Varnum* his Aid de Camp, vice *John L. Little*, Esq. resigned.

"Independent Chronicle" (Boston), September 10, 1812.

PARKER FAMILY.

ON page 86 of the second volume of this Series is an allusion to Elizabeth Parker, who married one Rogers, of Concord; and a query is there raised as to his given name. The following extract from the Groton town-records seems to settle the doubt. It is found in the volume marked on the back "Births &c.," and on the outside of the front cover "No. 3."

Tarbell Rogers son of Simon Rogers and Elizabeth his wife born at Concord Octr 1st 1793 now the Adopted Son of Solomon Tarbell and Molley his wife — taken by them Jany 20th 1794

Tarbell Rogers the adapted [*sic*] son of Solomon Tarbell Dec^{sd} At Groton May 19 1795

See page 154 of this volume for a record of the boy's baptism on June 1, 1794. The mother died on October 2, 1794, when he was a day more than a year old.

Solomon Tarbell and Molly Bennett, of Groton, were married on February 17, 1785; and children were born to them, viz.: Solomon, on July 20, 1800, who was baptized on September 21; and Mary, on February 25, 1803, who was baptized on May 25.

Mr. Tarbell was a twin son of Jonathan and Lydia (Farnsworth) Tarbell, and was born on September 10, 1762.j

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FIRST PARISH CHURCH.

DEDICATION AT GROTON, MASS.—The First Parish in Groton have recently remodelled their ancient meetinghouse, which was built 83 years ago. The frame was stripped, with the exception of the roof and the spire, which were in perfect repair. The corners made by the projection of the old tower were filled out to a line with the tower, the frame-work of which was removed, so as to form a recess of six feet in depth, rising as high as the bottom of the cornice under the eaves of the house, its entablature being supported by two Doric columns. The corners of the house and the outer corners of the recess are finished with pilasters shewing sunken panels, and furnished with capitals corresponding with those of the columns. The recess and the front pediment are finished with sheathing. The galleries are removed and a floor thrown across the house, leaving above, a church room of twenty feet in height, and below, a town-hall and a vestry. The church is lighted by six long windows, has two aisles, and contains seventy-two pews, and a very convenient gallery appropriated to the choir. The pulpit, which is of black walnut, is constructed after the Gerard pattern, (so called.) The expense of remodelling and furnishing the house was about $5000.

The dedication of the house took place on the afternoon of Wednesday, May 20, 1840. The services were as follows.:—Introductory Prayer, and a Selection from the Scriptures, by Rev. Mr. Chandler of Shirley; Prayer of Dedication, by Rev. Mr. Bates of Ashby; Sermon, by Rev. Mr. Wells, Pastor of the Society; Concluding Prayer, by Rev. Mr. Babbage of Pepperell. After adverting to the mingled emotions of sadness and joy which the occasion must awaken in the hearts of the congregation, to their

recollections of the past, and their hopes for the future, the preacher inquired whether these hopes would be realized. That question, said he, depends upon another — whether we are building upon the right foundation. The first question then with us should be, what is the right foundation? and this is answered by Paul, in 1 Corinthians iii. 11: — "Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." To develope and illustrate the meaning of which declaration was the object of the discourse. I. Jesus is the foundation of the Christian's *faith*. Our own intuitions, the deductions of reason, the teachings of nature, the creeds of the Church, have been relied upon, and have misled men. The insufficiency of each of these as an ultimate standard of truth was pointed out and illustrated. They must all, therefore, be corrected by, or subordinated to, the authority of Jesus. II. Jesus is the foundation of the Christian's *practice*. His claims as a revealer of duty are often overlooked, and men satisfy themselves with conforming to their own convictions of what is right. Yet these convictions are so frequently the mere results of false education, evil example, or self-will, that they who follow them are often misled. Our judgments in regard to right need correction and cultivation, as well as in regard to other matters. The morality which Jesus inculcated was distinguished for its completeness, its spirituality, its authority, and above all by being illustrated in his own life. III. Jesus is the foundation of the Christian's *peace*. He opens a refuge to the afflicted, gives an assurance of pardon to the penitent, unveils the mysteries of life to the anxious inquirer, and sheds over earth's darkest scenes the light of Heaven, giving to life a meaning and an aim which it never was known to have before. The discourse closed by a consecration of the house to the worship of God — to the memory of Jesus in his life and death — to Christian truth, with a full recognition of the right of private judgment — and to personal spiritual progress.

It may be proper to state, that a few days after the dedication the pews, which were appraised to cover the cost, were sold at an advance of about $500 beyond their appraisement.

"The Monthly Miscellany of Religion and Letters" (Boston), III. 290, 291, for November, 1840.

INSTALLATION AT GROTON, MASS. — On Wednesday, July 12, 1843, Rev. Joseph Couch Smith, who received his Theological education at Andover, and was ordained about a year since as an

Evangelist at Portland Me., and afterwards had charge of the Unitarian Society in Frankfort Me., was installed as Pastor of the First Church and Society in Groton. The services were conducted as follows:— Introductory Prayer, by Rev. Mr. Chandler of Shirley; Reading of the Scriptures, by Rev. Mr. Gilbert of Harvard; Sermon, by Rev. Mr. Fox of Newburyport; Prayer of Installation, by Rev. Mr. Robinson of Medfield; Charge, by Rev. Mr. Fosdick of Sterling; Fellowship of the Churches, by Rev. Mr. Babbage of Pepperell: Address to the People, by Rev. Mr. Lincoln of Fitchburg; Concluding Prayer, by Rev. Mr. Kingsley of Stow.

Mr. Fox took for his text Ephesians iv. 1: "Walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called." The subject of the discourse was the vocation of Liberal Christians. The origin and position of this class of believers were briefly described, and then it was proposed to answer, in part, the question:— for what objects should Liberal Christians maintain the Christian Ministry and the Christian Church — take an interest in religious institutions and the spread of the Gospel. To this question, in the first place, negative answers were given. The preacher said they are not to act as antagonists of other sects, especially they are not to regard themselves as appointed to wage a war of extermination against the Orthodox. The time for this, if there ever was such a time, has gone by. Their appropriate work now is to *do*, and not to *undo*: to build up, not to pull down. Again, Liberal Christians, as a body, are not to propagate any fixed, unchangeable creed of their own. They have no such creed. Each man among them may have his own opinions, clear and distinct, to which he adheres as Gospel truth. Many principles and doctrines they may all hold in common, but still as a denomination they have no Confession of faith, shaped and expressed, to maintain and defend. Contrasted with other denominations, they are characterized rather by what they do *not*, than by what they *do*, believe. If you would describe their views, in contrast with those of any sect, you must, to a certain extent, describe them as a series of negations. In the third place, Liberal Christians are not to act together, in order to have a more indulgent form of religion than other denominations are willing to grant. The largest liberty — such as they claim — implies the highest bondage. Rightly understood, Liberal Christianity inculcates the strictest accountability. For where does the Liberal Christian stand? Alone! in the presence of God and his own soul. Alone! in the last result to seek for truth. Alone! to find

the way to heaven and escape the miseries of hell. — The Preacher next proceeded to answer the question under consideration affirmatively. He pointed it out as a first duty of Liberal Christians, to seek for more and more of Christian truth and to deepen faith in that already received. In this connection he met the objection — 'Is not the Gospel already known; and even now — when it has been in the world for almost two thousand years — even now do you say we must seek for its meaning and search for its doctrines?' All of Christianity, it was urged in reply, pure Christianity, has not as yet been distinctly seen and recognised by the human soul. There is proof of this, it was argued at some length, in the very nature of Christian truth. *That* is absolute truth — truth as it lives in the mind of God; and if it be such, how can we deem that man has already fathomed its depths and read its whole signification? That he has not done so, is farther seen in the fact, that Christianity has been corrupted — that a reformation became necessary; and there is no test by which it can be shown that any reformers have, thus far, stopped at precisely the right point. To this may be added another conclusive fact, brought out by a comparison of the promises of Jesus as to what his religion should accomplish with the existing moral condition of Christendom. The amount of Christian truth and Christian faith in the world may be measured by the prevalence of the results Christ predicted. Apply this test, and it will hardly be contended the work of inquiry has been finished. This work then Liberal Christians are to prosecute. And whilst doing so, they should translate the truth they find into life and carry it out into action, — in relation to themselves as individuals, and to the age in which they live. The solemn fact, that each man has a soul to save or lose, has the fearful problem of existence to solve by his own experience, enforces the duty of making personal use of the teachings of the Saviour. And Liberal Christians owe much to the age and to society. They should breathe the spirit of a large and widespreading philanthropy — be among the foremost of reformers; because if they hold to any thing in common, it is, that religion is a manifestation, in all life and all relations, of certain great Christian principles and a Christian spirit of humanity. The necessity for the cultivation of a more fervent spirit was next briefly touched upon; and the discourse closed with an allusion to the former pastor of the Society, Rev. George Wadsworth Wells, as a rare example of the Liberal Christian, and the expression of the

wish that his memory — the memory of his fearless, yet humble, his free, yet obedient spirit — might be immortal among those to whom he so recently, and so faithfully ministered.

In the other exercises also reference was made to the late Pastor, showing how highly he was appreciated and how much beloved, by all who knew him, as a Christian man and a Christian minister. The call of Mr. Smith was very cordial. The house in which he is to preach is neat, and in good taste; and the Society appears to be in a prosperous condition.

"The Monthly Miscellany of Religion and Letters" (Boston), IX. 119-121, for August, 1843.

THE OLD SIXTH MASSACHUSETTS.

During the late Rebellion no regiment in the Union Army played a more conspicuous part than the Old Sixth Massachusetts, which was mainly a Middlesex County organization. Of all the regiments throughout the country to answer the President's call for troops, it was the first to reach Washington in the hour of peril. The timely arrival there of these soldiers turned the scale, and saved the city. It is now a source of local pride that Groton men had a hand in the events of that day, when they behaved so well and so worthily of their Revolutionary sires.

See the first volume (Number IX., pages 21, 22) of the Historical Series, for allusions to this regiment under its different designations, and to the Groton company serving therein. A regimental association is kept up, which meets from time to time in Groton, and the company association holds also annual reunions.

FIFTEEN SAID "HERE."

VETERANS OF COMPANY B, SIXTH REGIMENT, HOLD A REUNION AT GROTON.

At Groton Tuesday, in the town hall, the veteran association of Company B, Sixth regiment (nine months) volunteers had its fifth annual reunion. The day was the 32d anniversary of the battle of

"Deserted House," which was fought in Virginia, and the company was very much in that battle.

At 11 o'clock the business meeting was called to order by W. H. I. Hayes, who served three years in addition to the nine months' regular enlistment. All last year's officers were re-elected, as follows, the secretary casting one ballot for them: W. H. I. Hayes, Lowell, president; vice president, C. W. Hildreth, Townsend; secretary and treasurer, F. W. Cragin, Lowell; executive committee, B. S. Gale, C. L. Nutting, John Condon, George Farnsworth, A. D. Turner, W. H. Souther, Kimball A. Stevens, W. H. Whitney, and H. P. Shattuck.

Col. Needham had dismissed the High school for the day, and the pupils in a body attended the public meeting, with many other people from Groton and other towns.

Gov. Greenhalge was expected to be present, but a telegram from his secretary informed the veterans that a bad cold prevented the Governor from venturing out.

At the dinner Rev. Mr. Hovey of Groton said grace, and the comrades partook of an elegant dinner given by the people of Groton and other towns. A roll call showed that of 77 original members only 15 were present, 41 dead and the others absent on duty.

President Hayes gave an historical address in which he described the part the company played in the battle of "Deserted House." Col. Daniel Needham followed, and F. M. Boutwell of Groton gave a history of the old company. Hon. Alfred S. Roe of Worcester gave a witty and interesting address, Rev. Joshua Young, D.D., read a poem, and Capt. M. P. Palmer of Groton spoke.

A vote of thanks was passed to the town for the use of the hall, to the W. R. Corps, and to all who contributed to make the reunion a success. The company was invited to have its next reunion in Groton. Rev. Mr. Voorhees gave the benediction.

"Lowell Weekly Journal," Friday, February 1, 1895.

"THE OLD SIXTH."

MOST PICTURESQUE REUNION OF THEM ALL.

THEY THINK STATE SHOULD ERECT A BUTLER STATUE. — FOUR MEMBERS DIED LAST YEAR. — ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

GROTON, Mass., April 20. — The "Old Sixth" Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteers, held its 35th annual reunion in Town Hall

to-day, 115 members being present, with several times that number of friends and comrades of other regiments.

The town was in holiday costume, the veterans being met at the railroad station by the local Reception Committee and local brass band and escorted to the hall.

The morning meeting was given over to the business of the association. At 11 o'clock President J. R. Shattuck of Pepperell called the meeting to order, and Capt. D. C. Sisson, Secretary for the past 22 years, read the reports of the year, which showed that but four members of the association had died during the year.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Lieut. William H. Young, Company L, Chelsea; First Vice President, Orick Look, Company K, Boston; Second Vice President, Capt. John F. Noyes, Company H, Lowell; Secretary, Capt. D. C. Sisson, Company K, Chelsea; Treasurer, H. Woodward, Company A, Somerville; Finance Committee, Lieut. Joseph Sanderson, Company K, Chelsea; Henry Jones, Company L, Stoneham; Capt. George V. Barrett, Company B, Ayer.

Letters of regret were read from Gen. Edward F. Jones of Binghamton, N. Y., the former Colonel of the Regiment, and Lieut. B. F. Watson of Boston, and Mrs. Lizzie Closson Rogers, a daughter of Col. Jones, and Daughter of the Regiment.

Major Marland, Company F, Caleb Sanders, Company I, and J. Crowley, Company C, were appointed a committee to see if the old flags presented to the regiment, the musket of C. A. Taylor, who was killed at Baltimore, and the drum of Major J. H. White, could not be given a place in the Governor's room at the State House.

On motion of Jeremiah Crowley, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"That it is the expressed opinion of the members of the Old Sixth Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteers, that a statue of Gen. Butler should be erected at the expense of the State."

Mr. Crowley delivered an eloquent eulogy of Gen. Butler, and throughout the exercises the name of Butler was greeted with tremendous applause. Portraits of Col. Jones and Lieut. Watson were suspended in the meeting hall, as was also a pennant presented

to the regiment by Mary B. Shelburne of Westminster, Md., who was adopted as a comrade of the regiment at the reunion at Baltimore in 1880, which was inscribed: "To the Sixth Massachusetts Volunteers, First in the Field, Baltimore, April 19, 1861."

It was voted to hold the next annual meeting in Boston. The after-dinner exercises were opened with prayer by the venerable chaplain Rev. Mr. Babbidge of Pepperell, who is in his 90th year. President Shattuck introduced as toastmaster Senator George J. Burns of Ayer, who paid an eloquent tribute to the services of the Old Sixth at Baltimore.

Speeches were made by Col. Parsons, the present Colonel of the Sixth Regiment, M. V. M., Rev. Endicott Peabody of Groton, W. H. I. Hayes of Lowell, ex-Gov. Boutwell of Groton, Luther Conant of Acton, Rev. L. B. Voorhees of Groton and Maj. Hadley of Lowell.

Representative Hayes of Lowell voiced the sentiment of the meeting when he denounced the action of Congress in refusing to grant medals to the members of the Old Sixth as the first regiment to go to the front, a claim which he said could not be disputed.

He also denounced the remonstrants to the bill for the erection of a statue to Gen. Butler, many of whom he said during the war were for peace at any price.

"Boston Journal," Tuesday, April 21, 1896.

CAPT. THOMAS LAWRENCE'S COMPANY.

AMONG the Shattuck manuscripts in the library of the New England Historic Genealogical Society is a Billeting Roll of Captain Thomas Lawrence's Company, which was published in "The New-England Historical and Genealogical Register" (L. 352, 353) for July, 1896, where it is printed with no indication that it was a Groton company. A Muster Roll of the same company is found in "Groton during the Indian Wars" (pages 163–165), but the minor details in the two lists are not identical. The company was raised during the French and Indian War mainly in Groton, though there were enlisted men from Pepperell and Westford, as well as officers. A copy of the Billeting Roll is as follows: —

BILLETING ROLL OF CAPT. LAWRENCE'S COMPANY; 1758.

A Billiting Roolle of Capt Thomas Laurance Companey in Cor^{ll}: Nichols Rigment 1758

Mens Names	when Commenced	Time Ends	Number of Days	what p^r day	Total sterling	old tenor
Moses Sawtell	march 29	may 25	58	6:^d	1:9:0	14:10:0
David Shattuck	Dt^o		58		1:9:0	14:10:0
Eleazer Parker	Dt^o		58		1:9:0	14:10:0
John Boydon	Dt^o		58		1:9:0	14:10:0
Simeon Foster	Dt^o		58		1:9:0	14:10:0
Henery Woods	Dt^o		58		1:9:0	14:10:0
Ephraim Severance	Dt^o		58		1:9:0	14:10:0
Abel Sawtell	Dt^o		58		1:9:0	14:10:0
Jonathan Shipley	Dt^o		58		1:9:0	14:10:0
Eleazer Ames	Dt^o		58		1:9:0	14:10:0
Joseph Kemp	Dt^o		58		1:9:0	14:10:0
oliver Laken	Dt^o		58		1:9:0	14:10:0
Joseph Page Ju.	march ye 30		57		1:8:6	14: 5:0
William Parker	Dt^o		57		1:8:6	14: 5:0
James Fisk Ju^r	Dt^o		57		1:8:6	14: 5:0
Lemuel Sheple	Dt^o		57		1:8:6	14: 5:0
obediah Perry	Dt^o		57		1:8:6	14: 5:0
Joseph Sawtell	April. 1.		55		1:7:6	13:15:0
John Erven	Dt^o	4.	52		1:6:0	13: 0:0
Daniel Douglass	Dt^o		52		1:6:0	13: 0:0
Nathaniel Lakin	Dt^o	5.	51		1:5:6	12:15:0
oliver Farnsworth	Dt^o	7.	49		1:4:6	12: 5:0
Stephen Peirce	Dt^o		49		1:4:6	12: 5:0
David Shattuck Ju^r	Dt^o		49		1:4:6	12: 5:0
Daniel Gilson	Dt^o	10.	46		1:3:0	11:10:0
Simeon Nutting	Dt^o		46		1:3:0	11:10:0
Simon Lakin	march. 30.		57		1:8:6	14: 5:0
Silas Kemp	Dt^o		57		1:8:6	14: 5:0
Isaac Nutting Ju^r	Dt^o		57		1:8:6	14: 5:0
Jonathan Phelps	Dt^o		57		1:8:6	14: 5:0
Nathan Wesson	Dt^o		57		1:8:6	14: 5:0
Thomas Shattuck	Dt^o	31.	56		1:8:0	14: 0:0
			1771		44:5:6	
Nathaniel Parker	April	3	53		1:6:6	13: 5:0
Eleazer Spalden	Dt^o		53		1:6:6	13: 5:0
Stephen Foster	Dt^o	4.	52		1:6:0	13: 0:0
Robert Blood	Dt^o	5	51		1:5:6	12:15:0
William Farnsworth	Dt^o		51		1:5:6	12:15:0

oliver Shattuck	Dt°		51	1:5:6	12:15:0
Thomas Scott	Dt°		51	1:5:6	12:15:0
Stephen Kemp	Dt°		51	1:5:6	12:15:0
John Chamberlain	Dt°	10	46	1:3:0	11:10:0
Aarron Blood	march	31	56	1:8:0	14: 0:0
Benjamin Nutting	April	3	53	1:6:6	13: 5:0
Benjamin Richardson	Dt°	5	51	1:5:6	12:15:0
Oliver Wright	Dt°	7	49	1:4:6	12: 5:0
Zachariah Willis	Dt°	10	46	1:3:0	11:10:0
Josiah Butterfield	Dt°	13	43	1:1:6	10:15:0
Joel Crosbey	Dt°	14	42	1:1:0	10:10:0
Archeles Addams	Dt°	10	46	1:3:0	11:10:0
John Nutting	Dt°	13	43	1:1:6	10:15:0
Simon Gilson	Dt°		43	1:1:6	10:15:0
Eleazer Fisk	Dt°		43	1:1:6	10:15:0
Leonard Parker	Dt°	14	42	1:1:0	10:10:0
John Gragg	Dt°	26	30	0:15:0	7:10:0
Benjamin Shattuck	Dt°	25	31	0:15:6	7:15:0
Josiah Shipley	Dt°		31	0:15:6	7:15:0
Benjn Woods	may ye 2		24	0:12:0	6: 0:0
Oliver Parker	Dt°		24	0:12:0	6: 0:0
Joseph Hartwell	Dt°		24	0:12:0	6: 0:0
Simon Wheler	Dt°		24	0:12:0	6: 0:0
Benjn Farmer	Dt°		24	0:12:0	6: 0:0
Moses Blood	Dt°		24	0:12:0	6: 0:0
Ephraim Hall	Dt°		24	0:12:0	6: 0:0
Nehemiah Gould	Dt°		24	0:12:0	6: 0:0
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		Brought over		44: 5:6	
				76:15:6	

EPHRAIM WESSON Capt

A few months after the date of the Billeting Roll, Captain Lawrence's company was destined to suffer severely. On July 20, 1758, Colonel Nichols's regiment was waylaid at the Half-way Brook, between Fort Edward and Lake George, and met with sore disaster. More than twenty soldiers were slain in the skirmish, and most of them scalped by the savage allies of the French. The Groton company suffered more severely than any other in the regiment. The loss comprised Captain Thomas Lawrence; privates Abel Sawtell, Eleazer Ames, and Stephen Foster, all of Groton; Corporal Nehemiah Gould, of Groton Gore (sometimes spoken of as Township No. 1, and now lying mostly in Mason, New Hampshire); and Sergeant Oliver Wright, and Private Simon Wheeler, both of

Westford. Sergeant Oliver Lakin, of Groton, and Private Joel Crosby, of Westford, were reported as missing, though one account says that Crosby was killed. It is known that Sergeant Lakin was taken prisoner during the action, and released from captivity the next year by paying a ransom.

An account of this fight is given in Lieutenant Samuel Thompson's Diary, printed in the Appendix to Reverend Samuel Sewall's History of Woburn (pages 547–558); and another account is found in Joseph Holt's Journal, printed in "The New England Historical and Genealogical Register" (X. 307–310) for October, 1856.

For many other facts connected with the company, see the Proceedings (second series, VI. 21–33) of the Massachusetts Historical Society for May, 1890.

CAPT. JAMES PARKER, JR.

AMONG the Suffolk County Court files are eleven manuscript papers relating to a dispute over some land among the descendants of James Parker, Jr., of Groton. They are numbered 23,139, and a few of them give facts of genealogical value; and for that reason such are here printed. The word "Nissatisick," mentioned in one of the depositions, is another form of Nissitissett, and probably refers to some place on the river of that name or in the immediate neighborhood.

Captain Parker was a son of an original proprietor of the town, and was born about the year 1653, perhaps at Billerica. The numerous families of the name in this neighborhood belong to the same stock.

Reverend Caleb Trowbridge lived near the site of the High School, and the parcel of land in dispute lay, probably, on the village street to the northward, between his lot and the brook.

James Nutting Aged About Seventy four Years and William Lakin Aged Upwards of Sixty Years Testify and say that we the deponents Well knew Capt James Parker late of Groton Deceased, and that

in his lifetime he was possessed of About fourteen Acres of Land Scituate in the Township of Groton, bounded Easterly on the highway, Northerly & Westerly on the Lands of the Said James Nutting, and Southeasterly or thereabout on Land formerly Mr Willards, Now in the Occupation or Improvement of Mr Caleb Trowbridge Trowbridge [*sic*], And we know the Said James Parker dwelt upon and Improved Said Land many Years before & untill the time of his Death. Further we the Deponents Testify & say we knew Sundry of the Grandchildren of said James Parker deceased that were so reputed Vizt Mary, Saml, Phinehas, James and Rebecca Children of James Parker second son of said deceased. John, Elizebeth, Josiah, Sarah, Joshua, Susannah, Anne, William & Mary Children of Josiah Another of said deceased's Sons, James, Saml, John, Abigail & Jonathan Children of Saml Parker another of the deceased's Sons. Elizebeth Daughter of Zechariah Another of the Sons of said deceased; Abial Daughter of Joshua One of the Sons of the deceased, Eleazer, Zechariah, Anna & Mary Children of Eleazer Parker One of the sons of the deceased. Nathaniel, Joseph, Anna, Elizebeth, Abigail, Mary and Ruth Children of Anna Blood One of the Daughters of the deceased

Middlx ss. Groton May 14th 1729. The Deponents James Nutting & William Lakin Personally Appearing made Solemn Oath to the Truth of the Above Deposition being duely Examined and Cautioned to Testify the Whole Truth the adverse party being not present nor within twenty miles– (The Deponents dwelling more than Thirty miles from Court.)

Sworn before me Benja Prescot Justice of the Peace

A true copy Examd p Saml. Phipps Cler

[Indorsed] Nutting & Lakin's deposition
Copy Exam
(14)

Middlx ss. At His Majesty's Inferiour Court of Common Pleas holden at Cambridge within & for the county of Middlx on the Third Tuesday of May being the twentieth day of said Month Anno Domini One thousand Seven hundred and twenty nine, In the Second Year of his Majesty's Reign By His Majesty's Justices of said Court - - - - - - -

George Herrington of Wattertown in the County of Middlx yeoman, and Abial his wife, And in right of his said wife Plaintf

Vs Caleb Trowbridge of Groton in the County of Middlx Clerk Defendt, In a Plea of Trespass & Ejectment, For that the Defendt hath entered into & Illegally withholden from the Plantis the Possession of the One & thirtieth part of fourteen Acres of Land Scituate in Groton aforesaid more or less bounded Easterly on the highway, Northerly & Westerly on the Land of James Nutting, & Southerly on the Defendts own Land, Or however Otherwise butted or bounded, Now the Plantis in fact say, that James Parker late of Groton aforesaid yeoman Decd On the twenty fifth day of May Seventeen hundred was seized (Among other Lands) of the premises in fee, And by his last will & testament of that date, After debts, Legacies & other devices paid & Satisfied gave and devised to his Grandchildren in these words, Item I give and bequeath to my Grandchildren all the rest of my Lands and Estate (of which the Plantis Averr the fourteen acres aforesaid to be part) in Houseing, Moveables and Whatsoever ellse equally Accordingly, at the Discretion of my Executor As by the said Will duely proved & approved in Court to be produced will Appear, And afterwards the said Testator dyed so seized of the said Premises leaveing behind him One & thirty Grand Children of whom the Plaintf Abial was one, and by Law and according to the true Intent and Meaning of the said Will is Intituled to, and ought to hold in Coñon with the other Grand Children, A One & thirtieth part of the sáid fourteen Acres but the Defendt (thô often requested) refuses to deliver the possession thereof unto the Plantis to the damage of the said George Herrington and Abial his Wife (as they say) the Sum̃ of Twenty pounds &c, As ℔ the writ on file dated the fifth day of August Anno Domini Seventeen hundred twenty eight. This Action Commenced at a former Session of this Court, When it was Continued that so Captt Josiah Parker of Cambridge might be vouched in to defend this Suit, who at the next court appeared & was admitted defendt in the Room of Mr Caleb Trowbridge the Original Defendt named in the writt And the Cause further Continued to this Term, the Parties Now Appearing, the Defendt as admitted pleaded not Guilty, Issue joyned, the writ, Plea, & papers as produced read, the case after a full hearing was Coñitted to a jury, who returned their verdict therein finding for the Plaintf a two & thirtieth part of the fourteen Acres as sued for & cost of Court. It is therefore considered by the Court that the Plaintf George Herrington shall Recover and have of the Defendt a two & thirtieth part of the fourteen acres of Land as sued for & cost of Court Taxed at - - - -

The Plan[t] and Defend[t] Appealed from the Judgment of this court to the Next Superiour Court of Judicature to be holden for Middl[x] at Cambridge on the Last Tuesday of July next, and Entered into Recognizance pursuant to Law to prosecute their Appeal as aforesaid with Effect

Att[t] SAM[L] PHIPPS Cler

A true Copy Exam[d] SAM[L] PHIPPS Cler.

[Indorsed] Judgment Copy Exam[d] (2) Eighteen papers one pound nine shillings Sixpence

Att[t] SAM[L] PHIPPS Cler

Eleazer Green and Joseph Parker both of Groton of lawful Age testifie and say that they went out with Cap[t] Josiah Parker and George Herrington over Nashaway River and there heard y[e] said Josiah Parker offer to y[e] said George Herrington sixty Acres of Land with a very good stream where there is now a very good corn mill and saw mill as his Wives Grand-child Portion which said Herrington refused; Said Parker offered him Land further up the River or one hundred Acres of Land at a place called Nissatisick which said Herrington also refus'd; further we hear s[d] Parker tell s[d] Herrington y[t] if there was any Land left after He had made up his Accompts, He should have his Part.

N B: According to y[r] best Remembrance this was said in y[e] year 1713.

Sworn in Court July 31 1729
by Eleazer Green

Att SAM[L] TYLEY Cler

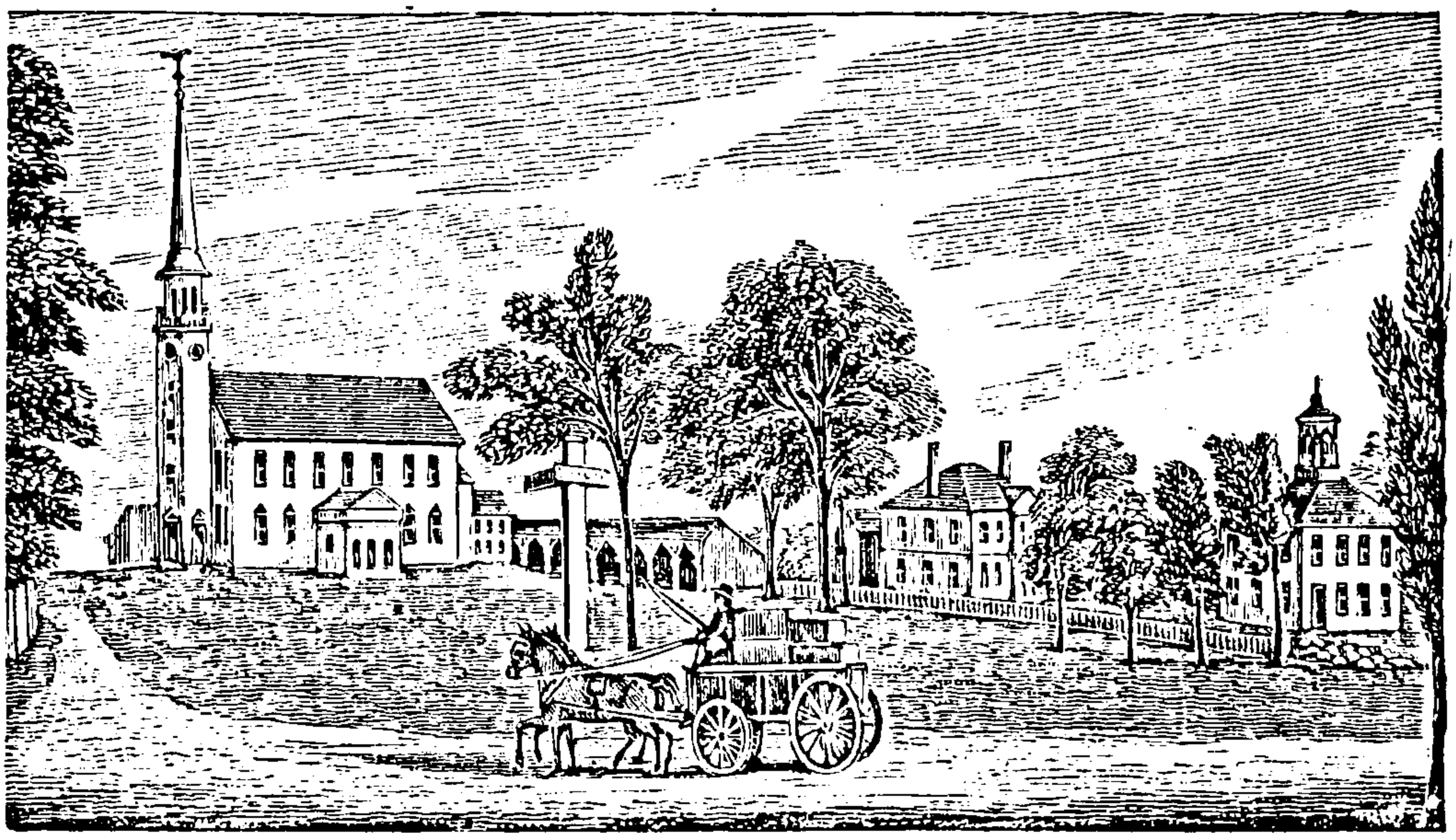
[Indorsed] Parker took y[e] Voir dire Oath:

HENRY YEEND.

In Charlestown, on Thursday evening [May 21], Mr. Henry Yeend, a native of Upton, county of Worcester, (Eng) aged 33.

"Independent Chronicle" (Boston), May 25, 1812.

See the second volume (page 414) of the Historical Series for a reference to Mr. Yeend, who lived in Groton, and, on March 30, 1806, was married to Sarah Davis of this town. See also T. B. Wyman's Charlestown Genealogies (II. 1060).



FIRST PARISH MEETING-HOUSE, GROTON.

THIS cut is taken from a drawing made in the year 1838 by John Warner Barber, and appeared originally in his Historical Collections of Massachusetts (Worcester, 1839). It represents the First Parish Meeting-house before it was remodelled in the year 1839, when it was partially turned round, and the north end made the front, facing the west. The Academy building on the extreme right was enlarged in the autumn of 1846, and afterward burned down on July 4, 1868. The fence was built around the Common in front of the Meeting-house in the autumn of 1842, the last post being placed at the north-west corner on October 3. The trees within the enclosure were set out about the same time, with the exception of the row of elms on Main Street, which were transplanted in 1828.

Among my earliest recollections is the time when Mr. Barber came to Groton in order to collect material for his sketch of the town. I remember distinctly that my father took him in a chaise and drove him around to see the place; and being told, too, that the drawing of the Meeting-house and Common, which I then saw, would appear in the book.

THE MORSE AND SHATTUCK FAMILIES.

SOME facts of a genealogical interest are found in the Honorable Charles Hudson's History of Marlborough (page 416) concerning the family of Joseph Morse, who was among the earliest settlers of Groton. Joseph's wife was Susanna Shattuck; and a brother Jonathan Morse (town-clerk of Groton, 1682–1686) married Abigail Shattuck, a sister of Susanna, both daughters of William Shattuck, who was the progenitor of all who have borne the name in this neighborhood. Sarah Morse, a sister of Joseph and Jonathan, was the wife of Timothy Cooper, who was killed in the assault on Groton, made by the Indians, on March 2, 1676. Timothy Cooper and Sarah Morse were married on June 2, 1669; and they had four children.

In the same History (page 444) are items of genealogical interest concerning the family of William Shattuck, another early settler of the town, who is mentioned above. He was born at Watertown on September 11, 1670; and was married first, on March 19, 1687–88, to Hannah Underwood, and, secondly, on March 24, 1718–19, to Deliverance Pease.

While this account of two Groton families has been made up mainly from Mr. Hudson's History, it has been supplemented from other sources.

MISS EMILY SEAVER.

MISS EMILY SEAVER died in Rutland, Vermont, on Thursday, December 3, 1896. She was the only daughter of Norman and Anna Maria (Lawrence) Seaver, and was born in Charlestown, Massachusetts, on November 5, 1835. She wrote the article on Samuel Lawrence, which is reprinted in this volume (pages 245–248) from "The American Monthly Magazine." Her mother was the eldest child of the Honorable Luther Lawrence, of Groton.

LIST OF MARRIAGES.

In Boston, ...—Mr. Jonas Eaton, of Groton, to Miss Eliza, daughter of Jos. Adams, Esq. of Killingly, Con.

"Concord Gazette & Middlesex Yeoman," March 13, 1824.

In Groton, Mr. David Wright, of St Stephens, N. B. to Miss Charlotte Eaton, of G.

Ibid. March 27, 1824.

In Groton, 29th inst. [April] by Rev. Doct. Chaplin, Mr. Silas Burges, of this town to Miss Ann Eaton, of Groton.

Ibid. May 1, 1824.

In Groton, Mr. Dexter Blanchard, to Miss Charlotte Capel, both of Groton.

Ibid. December 11, 1824.

At Groton, Mr. Eber Wood, to Miss Dorcas Brown, both of Groton.

Ibid. April 23, 1825.

In Groton, Mr. Levi Burges Jr. of this town, to Miss Lucy Lewis, of Groton.

Ibid. November 26, 1825.

LIST OF DEATHS.

Luther Gilman Osborn, a resident of Groton for more than sixty years, died in Worcester, on January 18, 1892, aged 82. He was a son of Luther and Patty (Brown | Flint) Osborn, and was born at Concord, on February 25, 1809. He was married, first, on November 26, 1829, to Katy, daughter of Benjamin and Mary (Litchfield) Reed, of Littleton, who was born on December 13, 1810, and died on September 11, 1834; and, secondly, on April 22, 1835, to Rebecca Haywood Reed, who was born on April 26, 1815, and a sister of his first wife.

Mrs. Susan (Barber) Wood, wife of Artemas Wood, died at Groton, on December 28, 1874, aged 80 years, 1 month, and 16 days. She was a daughter of William and Rachel (Cutter) Barber, of Mason, New Hampshire.

At Milford, N. H. Mrs. Susanna Bancroft, aged 61, formerly of Groton, Mass.

"Concord Gazette & Middlesex Yeoman," July 30, 1825.

At Groton, 3d inst. Abigail Foster, daughter of Mr. Otis Bardwell aged 2 years.

Ibid. Aug. 13, 1825.

At Groton, Henrietta, youngest child of Mr. William F. Brazer, aged 2 years.

Ibid. September 10, 1825.

At Groton, 29th ult. Miss Mary P. Child, only daughter of Mr. David Child, aged 18 years.

Ibid. September 17, 1825.

At Washington N. H. Deacon Thomas Farwell, aged 92, formerly of Groton, Mass.

Ibid. April 2, 1825.

In Charlestown on Saturday last [March 20], Miss Mary Ann Flint, aged 10, formerly of Groton.

Ibid. March 27, 1824.

In Groton, April 30, Albert B. Hoar, son of Mr. Joseph, and Charlotte Hoar, aged 14.

Ibid. May 8, 1824.

In Groton, 1st inst. Henry Emerson, youngest son of Joseph and Charlotte Hoar, aged 3 years.

Ibid. April 17, 1824.

At Groton, 10th inst. Martha Ann Mary, only daughter of Joseph and Charlotte Hoar, aged 20 months.

Ibid. August 20, 1825.

At Groton, 12th inst. suddenly, Mr. Joseph Robbins, aged 45.

Ibid. July 23, 1825.

In Groton, since Aug. 1st. — Mr. Jonathan Woods, Mr. Lewis Williams, Mr. Reuben Fiske, Miss Huldah Hoit, Miss Martha Tarbell, Miss Mary P. Child, Miss Mary Munroe, Miss —— Davis, Mrs. Ruth Woods, a child of Otis Bardwell, child of Joseph Hoar, a son of Calvin Boynton, a child of Jeptha R. Hartwell, a child of Calvin Child, a child of Dr. Green [on August 28, 1825], a child of William T. Brazer, a child of Mr. Lobdell of Boston, a child of Luke Farnsworth, a child of Abraham Simonds, a child of Luther Hartwell, a child of Eli Flint.

Ibid. September 17, 1825.

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ROLL OF HONOR.

LIKE many other towns in New England, the town of Groton has erected a monument in memory of her sons who fell during the War of the Rebellion. It is in the form of a marble tablet, affixed to the southerly wall of the entry-way in the Town House, and bears the names of the men, as well as of their company and regiment, and the date and place of their death. The names of forty soldiers, arranged in four columns of ten each, are cut in the marble immediately under the legend. Unfortunately, the list was not prepared with strict historical accuracy, and, as a result, various errors, both of omission and commission, have crept into the record. Unfortunately, too, the stone-cutter has not been uniform in his use of punctuation marks; and even the names are not placed in exact alphabetical order.

The tablet measures 7 feet 9 inches in width, by 6 feet 9 inches in height, including a moulding five inches in width round the four sides. The appropriation for the cost was made by the town, on April 3, 1882, but, according to "Turner's Public Spirit" (Ayer), May 31, 1884, the stone was not placed in position until May 28 of that year. The expense of the tablet, as given on page 24 of the Annual Report of the Town for the year ending March 20, 1885, was $293.30. The inscription is as follows: —

THE TOWN OF GROTON

places this tablet in memory of her sons who died in the service of their country during the Civil War.

1861——1865.

JOHN C. ALLEY.
Co. A. 22 Mass. Regt
Died at Annapolis, Md.
Dec. 19,. 1864.

JONATHAN BROOKS,
Co. C. 16 Mass. Regt
Killed at Fair Oaks. Va.
June 18, 1862.

AUSTIN W. BOND,
Co. I. 12 Conn. Regt
Died in Hospital,
May 29, 1863.

JAMES V. BARRETT,
19 Mass. Regt
Died at Salisbury, N. C.
Feb. 3, 1865.

WARREN BLAKE,
Co. H. 53 Mass. Regt
Died at Baton Rouge, La.
July 8, 1863.
[The Descriptive List and the Muster-in Roll both give his name as Warren H. Blake.]

EUSEBIUS S. CLARK,
Co. B. 26 Mass. Regt
Died of wounds [at Winchester, Va.],
Oct. 17, 1864.
[The Muster-out Roll gives the place of death.]

WILLIAM CROCKETT JR.
Co. E. 33 Mass. Regt
Killed at Lookout Val. Tenn.
Oct. 29, 1863.

JAMES CARLAN,
Co. C. 53 Mass. Regt
Killed at Port Hudson, La.
June 14, 1863.

JOHN B. CALDWELL,
Co. H. 53 Mass. Regt
Died at New York,
Aug. 25, 1863.

JAMES M. CHAPIN,
Co. H. 53 Mass. Regt
Died at New Orleans.
Apr. 30, 1863.

MICHAEL DONLAN,
Co. D. 20 Mass. Regt
Died at Andersonville, Ga.
June 26, 1864.

GEO. S. EVANS,
Co. C. 16 Mass. Regt
Died [at Manassas, Va.]
Nov. 11, 1862.

["Massachusetts in the Army and Navy" (II. 276) gives the place of death.]

GEO. A. FULLICK,
Co. C. 26 Mass. Regt
Killed at Winchester, Va.
Sept. 20, 1864.

GEO. A. GLEASON,
Co. B. 28 Mass. Regt
Died of wounds [at Washington, D. C.],
July 1 [June 26], 1864.

[The Hospital Report on file at the State House gives the date and place of death.]

JAMES A. HARTWELL,
Co. A. 36 Mass. Regt
Died at Camp Nelson, Ky.
Jan. 29, 1864.

[The Descriptive List and the Muster-in Roll both give his name as Adam J. Hartwell.]

EDMUND P. HALL,
Co. E. 30 Mass. Reg^{t}
Died at New Orleans,
Nov. 23, 1862.

GEO D. HAYNES.
Co. B. 26 Mass. Reg^{t}
Died at New Orleans,
Oct. 19 [Aug. 22], 1862.

[The Muster-in Roll gives his name as George H. Haynes, and the Muster-out Roll gives the date of death as August 22.]

ADRASTUS HAZZARD.
Co. F. 54 Mass. Reg^{t}
Died at Beaufort. S. C.
July 7, 1865.

CHARLES H. JAQUITH,
Co. B. 56 Mass. Reg^{t}
Killed in Wilderness, Va.
May 6, 1864.

LEANDER G. KING,
Co. C. 16 Mass. Reg^{t}
Killed at Gettysburg, Penn.
July 6, 1863.

LEANDER S. KENDALL,
Co. B. 26 Mass. Reg^{t}
Died [at New Orleans, La.]
Aug. 20 [18], 1862.

[The Muster-out Roll gives the date of death as August 18, and also the place.]

WILLIAM LAW, JR.
Co. E. 33 Mass. Reg^{t}
Died
July 14, 1864.

JOEL F. LAWRENCE,
Co. C. 16 Mass: Reg^{t}
Killed in Wilderness, Va.
May 10, 1864.

CHARLES H. LEONARD,
Co. H. 57 Mass. Regt
Killed in Wilderness, Va.
May 1, 1864.

OLIVER B. OSBORN,
Co. E. 33 Mass. Regt
Died [at Thoroughfare Gap, Va.]
Nov. 5, 1862.
[A. J. Boies's "Record of the Thirty-third Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry" (page 153) gives the place of death.]

TIMOTHY O'CONNOR
Co. B. 26 Mass. Regt
Killed at Winchester, Va.
Sept. 19, 1864.

CHARLES H. PIERCE,
Co. E. 33 Mass. Regt
Died of wounds,
July [1]8, 1863.
[The Muster-out Roll gives the date of death as July 18.]

WM. H. PRIEST,
Co. B. 26 Mass. Regt
Killed at Winchester, Va.
Sept. 19, 1864.

JEROME S. PARKER,
Co. C. 16 Mass. Regt
Died of wounds [at Gettysburg, Penn.],
July 12, 1863.
[The Monthly Report on file at the State House gives the place of death.]

ALFRED A. RICHARDSON,
Co. B. 6 Mass. Regt
Died at Suffolk. Va.
Dec. 8, 1862.

JACOB S. RAYNOR Jr.
Co. H. 53 Mass. Regt
Died at Port Hudson,
June 28, 1863.

WM. G. RAND,
Co. E. 33 Mass. Regt
Died of wounds,
Nov. 1863.

PATRICK READY,
Co. B. 56 Mass. Regt
Killed at Spottsylvania,
May 12, 1864.

EDWARD D. SAWTELL,
Co. B. 6 Mass. Regt
Killed at Deserted House. Va.
Jan. 30, 1863.

[The Muster-out Roll says at "Deserted House, near Suffolk, Va."]

ANDREW J. STEVENS,
Co. B. 26 Mass. Regt
Died at New Orleans.
July 9, 1862.

LUTHER E. TENNY,
Co. B. 26 Mass. Regt
Died at New Orleans.
March [3]1, 1863.

[The Muster-out Roll gives the date of death as March 31.]

HENRY E. TOSIER
[Co. I.] 8 Maine Regt
Killed [near Spring Hill, Va.]
Dec. [10], 1864.

[The "Official Army Register," Part I. (page 26), gives the date and place of his death, as well as the Letter of his company.]

JOHN WAIGAND,
Co. A. 22 Mass. Regt
Died in Rebel Prison [Andersonville, Ga.],
May 15, 1864.

[A letter from the War Department to the Adjutant General of the Commonwealth, dated October 24, 1896, gives the place of death.]

GEO. H. WILLIAMS,
Co. E. 33 Mass. Regt
Killed near Dallas, Ga.
May 25, 1864.

ANDREW L. WOODWARD,
Co. E. 33 Mass. Regt
Died
Nov. 8, 1864.

KING GEORGE'S WAR.

THE following papers refer probably to some service rendered during the early autumn of 1746, when an attack on Boston was threatened by the Duc d'Anville's fleet. The alarm was of short duration, and the term of enlistment on the part of the men correspondingly brief. The original papers are now in the possession of Mr. James Lawrence Bass, of Boston, to whose courtesy I am indebted for the use of them. See "Groton during the Indian Wars" (pages 150–153), for other facts relating to the same affair.

Groton Sept 8th 1746

then we the subscribers Recd of William Lawrance Esqr the full of what he Recd for Each of us of the Comtte of warr Either for ourselfs or such as as [*sic*] we are Consarned for the sums sett to Each of our names as witness our hands

Obadiah Parker
4 – 11 – 2
moses Bennet 11 – 19 – 1
James Blood 13 = 1 = 10
Jonathan Sawtell 22 = 1 – 9
her
Elisebath × Holdin mark 2 – 16 – 1
Samll Tarbell Garden [guardian] to william farnsworth
15 = 14 – 4
his
Phinihes O Barron mark 2 = 19 – 8
Benjamin willson 25 = 2 = 5
Abel Parker 17 = 1 = 7

I the subscriber do acknowlige that I haue Recd the money due to Dauld Nutting which William Lawrance tooke of the Com^tte of warr & prᵽmis to acoumpt for y^e same being the sum of

16 : 1 – 7 new tennor

october 8 1746. William Nutting

Jon^a Hubbard Jr. for Wm Watson	£11	=4 –	1
Hanah Green × her mark	0	18 –	6
Elisebath (her) × (mark) holdin	11	– 14 =	0
Obadiah Parker	1	– 4 –	
Jonas (his) × (mark) Fletcher	10	=6 =	0

December 15=1746.

then Rec^d of William Lawrance Eight Pounds Eleven shillings & three Pence old tennor in Parte of my Plunder money ℔

Phinehas (his) O (mark) Barron

Groton January 19th 1746

then we the subscribers Recd of William Lawrance the full of the money which the s^d Lawrance Rec^d for our Guns and Clowing as witness our hands.

W^m (his) & (mark) Durren

Esq Lawrence Sir Plees To Deliuer to cap^t John Bulkley the money that I Desierd your honnor to Draw for me and you will much oblidge your hombbel Saruant

Januarey ye 20 : 1746

Ebenezer Patt

oLiuer Blood

Samuel Blodget

Charles (his) × (mark) Stevens

Mickel (his) S. (mark) Coffin

Jonathan (his) O (mark) Shead

James (his) 0 (mark) Lasley

John Bulkley for Ebenezer Patt

Zachrah Withe

Sam^ll (his) × (mark) Phillops

TWO MILITARY DIARIES.

Two diaries kept by Groton soldiers near the middle of the last century have been published in the Proceedings (second series, IV. 384–406, and XI. 417–446) of the Massachusetts Historical Society, and they have also been printed as separate pamphlets.

One is the diary of Lieutenant Dudley Bradstreet, which was kept during the first siege of Louisburg, and gives many interesting episodes of that eventful period. It begins on April 22, 1745, and ends on January 17, 1746. Unfortunately the writer's name does not appear anywhere in its pages, but the authorship is learned both from family tradition and internal evidence. For several generations the diary has been in the keeping of the Kemp family, of Gorham, Maine; and among the various members it has been believed generally that the author was Dudley Bradstreet, whose daughter Mary married an ancestor, Ebenezer Kemp, and through this channel it is supposed that the diary came into their possession. On page 6 is written in an old hand "Mary Kemp her book," which seems to bear out this supposition; and the same name appears also in another place.

The little book in which the journal was kept now contains eighty-eight pages, and was made probably by folding sheets of folio writing-paper twice, and then stitching them together through the back; and this supposition is borne out by the water-mark, which is not the same on each half-sheet. It is interesting to note the fact that similar paper with the same water-marks is found scattered through the manuscripts among the Pepperrell Papers and Belknap Papers relating to the siege of Louisburg now in the possession of the Historical Society. The outer fold (4 pages), which made a leaf at the beginning and end of the book, is gone; and presumably the name of the diarist was written on the first page. Another fold near the middle is also gone, and the gap is found between the entry of Wednesday, June 5, and that of June 20. The first leaf of this missing fold contained the record of June 5 (in part), 6, 7, and 8 (in part); and the

corresponding leaf contained that of June 18 and 19. According to this statement the book had originally 96 pages, and was made from six full sheets of blank paper.

Of Dudley Bradstreet, the diarist, but little is known. He was the second son of the Reverend Dudley and Mary (Wainwright) Bradstreet, of Groton, where he was born on March 12, 1707–8. His father was the settled minister of the town from the year 1706 to 1712, when he was dismissed from his pastoral charge, presumably for his Episcopal tendencies; and soon afterward he went to England to apply for orders in the Anglican church. On April 28, 1727, Dudley Bradstreet, the son, was married to Abigail Lakin; and they had six children, namely: Abigail, born on June 27, 1728, and died probably in December, 1745, while her father was at Louisburg; Mary, born on August 7, 1730, and married Ebenezer Kemp; Ann, born on May 18, 1735, married Samuel Hobart, on March 26, 1755, and died at Hollis, New Hampshire, on May 20, 1773; Lucy, born on April 8, 1738, and married Jonathan Pratt, on February 26, 1756; Sarah, born on September 26, 1740; and Hannah, born on August 13, 1743. From the fact that all these children were girls, it is easy to see why the name of Bradstreet disappeared from the annals of Groton, as at that period the father was the only male representative of the family in town.

From internal evidence it is clear that the writer was a Groton soldier, and a member of Captain John Warner's company in the Fourth Massachusetts Regiment (Colonel Samuel Willard); and from contemporary records it is known that Dudley Bradstreet was an officer in this company. From time to time he mentions various Groton men who were then serving in the army, and, under date of December 6, he alludes to Samuel Shead, a recent arrival at Louisburg, who within a short time had seen his wife at Groton; and through him he heard from his whole family. Captain Warner was a resident of Lancaster, and presumably his company was made up of soldiers belonging there and in Groton and neighborhood.

The other diary is that of Sergeant David Holden, which was kept during the latter part of the French and Indian War. It begins on February 20, 1760, and ends on November 29. The writer was the youngest child of John and Sarah (Davis) Holden, and was born at Groton, on December 10, 1738. In Mr. Butler's History (page 407) his Christian name is given erroneously as "Daniel." Both branches of his family had suffered much from Indian warfare. His grandfather, Stephen Holden, with his "two biggest sons," — one of them David's father, — was taken by the savages during the summer of 1697, and held in captivity for nearly two years; and his mother was a niece of John Davis, who was killed by the Indians, in his own dooryard at Groton, on October 25, 1704.

David Holden was the First Sergeant in Captain Leonard Whiting's company; and there is a tradition in the family that the first time he ever saw his wife was while drilling a squad of men at Groton for the campaign of 1760. He was married, on July 13, 1761, to Sarah, daughter of the Reverend Phinehas and Sarah (Stevens) Hemenway, of Townsend, who was born on October 25, 1739. After his return from the army he lived for some years at Townsend, where most of his children were born. At the outbreak of the Revolution his sympathies were with the Crown; and so strong was the feeling in his neighborhood then against the Tories, that he was obliged to leave his home, when he took up his abode at Hollis, New Hampshire, a town lying just over the State line. His military service had laid the foundation of a loyalty to the King, which did not swerve even at the cost of his personal popularity.

Captain Whiting, his company commander, was a native of Billerica, where he was born on March 27, 1734; but at the time of this campaign he was living in Westford. The company was recruited from Middlesex County, and the muster roll is still preserved among the Massachusetts Archives (XCVIII.) at the State House, in the volume marked "Muster Rolls, 1760–1761" (VIII. 313–315). During the Revolution Captain Whiting was a resident of Hollis, and he, too, was

a Tory. An account of his adventures with some patriotic women of the neighborhood is given in Butler's History of Groton (pages 336, 337).

The diary consists of 64 pages of a small blank book; and 104 remaining pages are filled with the ordinary memoranda usually found in such a book, and extending over a period of twelve years. From these entries it appears that Sergeant Holden was a farmer and a cooper; and occasionally he let his horse or his cart and oxen to some of his neighbors to do work. In July, 1765, he has a charge of one pound for a "Pigg" against Archibald McIntosh, who ten years later was taken prisoner at the Battle of Bunker Hill, and died in Boston jail. On September 2, 1765, he carts a "Load of Cole from the Battrey to Tarbells mills," which were situated in Squannacook Village, now West Groton. In January, 1772, he opens an account with Henry Price, the first Provincial Grand Master of Masons in New England and North America, and he sells him some turnips and does some "hooping" for him.

GROTON REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIERS LIVING IN MAINE.

THE following Groton soldiers are mentioned in a list of "Names of Soldiers of the American Revolution who applied for State Bounty under Resolves of March 17, 1835, March 24, 1836, and March 20, 1838, as appears of record in Land Office," compiled by Charles J. House (Augusta, 1893).

The abbreviations may be explained thus: "e" for place of residence at time of enlistment, "d" for died, "w" for widow, and "m" for married. The name of a town following that of a soldier or widow shows the place of residence at the time when the application was made.

Amos Dole, e Groton, Mass., d Orrington July 20, 1832, w Matilda, Orrington. (Page 23.)

Oliver Hartwell, Stetson, e Groton, Mass. (Page 28.)

Asa Longley, St.Albans, e Groton, Mass. (Page 34.)

Zachariah Longley, e Groton, Mass., d Dover June 28, 1825, w Betsey, Dover. (Page 34.)

Abel Nutting, e Groton, Mass., d Lisbon January 18, 1827, w Rhoda, Lisbon, m Green. (Page 38.)

Calvin Russell, Moscow, e Groton, Mass. (Page 41.)

Amos Shed, e Groton, Mass., d Norridgewock July 11, 1800, w Lucy, Norridgewock, m Crosby. (Page 42.)

Thomas Stevens, Brooksville, e Groton, Mass. [See the first volume of this Historical Series, No. XVIII., page 23, for a notice of his death on May 7, 1853.] (Page 44.)

THE GROWTH OF TREES.

MANY years ago I set out some small trees in my father's yard, and at the time I jotted down the date in a current copy of the Old Farmer's Almanac. They consisted of a few elms, maples, and ash-trees; and not one of them then had more than two years' growth. According to the record in the almanac, they were transplanted on May 3, 1852; and now, after a period of forty-five years, it is interesting to note the size of the trunks of the largest. The measurements of these trees were taken by me on July 6, 1897; and at a height of four feet from the ground they give a circumference as follows: —

An elm, six feet two inches; another elm, five feet six inches; an ash, five feet six inches; a maple, five feet three inches; and another ash, four feet six inches. The first elm noted in this paragraph was struck by lightning on Sunday, June 13, 1897, but fortunately was not damaged.

Every tree in my front yard, — and there is a large variety of kinds, — was set out by my father during the last seventy years. The elm which stands in the southwest corner of the yard, and is mentioned on page 299 of this volume, at a height of four feet from the ground, has a circumference of ten feet and three inches; and another elm at the same height has a circumference of eleven feet and six inches.

A third tree of a different variety (*ulmus fulva*), standing in the same line as the other two, near Mrs. Shumway's fence, has a circumference of seven feet eight inches. This seedling was given to me about fifty-five years ago by the late Honorable John Boynton, when it was not more than two inches in height, though it was at first set out elsewhere.

MRS. ANNA P. DODGE.

MANY years ago Mrs. Anna (Parker) Dodge told me that the ash (*fraxinus*) standing on the westerly side of the road, perhaps twenty rods beyond the stone which marks the site of the first Meeting-house in Groton, was set out by her father when she was a very small girl. The tree is still sound, and at the butt, four feet from the ground, has a circumference of exactly eight feet. In comparison with many other trees the ash is of slow growth.

Mrs. Dodge was a daughter of Silas and Maria (Farnsworth) Parker, and was born at Groton on October 28, 1801. She was married on April 9, 1825, to George, a son of Samuel and Polly (Farnsworth) Dodge, and grandson of Andrew and Mary (Rindge) Dodge. She and her husband were cousins, as their mothers were sisters, both daughters of Oliver and Sarah (Tarbell) Farnsworth. Her grandparents were Peter and Prudence (Lawrence) Parker, though the name of her father Silas does not appear in the list of children belonging to the family, as printed in Mr. Butler's History (page 424); and presumably it is not given in the town-records. According to his epitaph he was fifty-one years old at the time of his death in 1812, which would make him born in 1761. He had a sister Rebecca, — probably older than himself, — whose name also does not appear in Mr. Butler's list, who was married to Peter Lawrence, of Pepperell. Another sister, Sibyl, whose name is given in the list, was married on November 21, 1769, to Benjamin Lawrence of the same town.

Mrs. Dodge died of old age at her residence in Common Street, Boston, on November 4, 1888. In her death passed away a lady of the old school, in whom were united all the graces of innate refinement as well as strength of character and cheerfulness of disposition.

ABIJAH L. WRIGHT.

ABIJAH LAWRENCE WRIGHT, who kept a tavern in Groton more than fifty years ago, died in Pepperell on January 6, 1897. He was a son of Washington and Eunice (Lawrence) Wright, of Brookline, New Hampshire, where he was born on October 20, 1813. For a long period he had lived in Boston, where he kept a livery stable. Three sons and a daughter survived him, as well as a second wife. His name is mentioned among the landlords of Groton in the first volume (Number VIII., page 8) of this Historical Series. On December 22, 1834, Mr. Wright was married to Betsey Baker, daughter of Abraham and Milly (Lakin) Simonds, of Pepperell; and on December 19, 1891, secondly, to Mrs. Mehetable G. (Rideout) Hale, of Pepperell. The second wife was a daughter of Jonathan and Rebecca Rideout, and a native of Nashua, New Hampshire.

LEACH-TUBS.

DURING my boyhood nearly every family in town had a "leach" standing within easy distance of the kitchen, which was looked after by the women of the household. It was used for draining water through wood-ashes in order to get lye, a needed ingredient in making soft soap. Sometimes a barrel or hogshead was called into requisition for holding the ashes, but these receptacles were rather temporary, as the lye would soon rot the staves; and I have seen a section of a hollow tree used for the purpose. The best leach-tubs were made of plank, and in the form of an inverted truncated cone

or pyramid, with a perforated bottom covered with straw or twigs, letting the liquid percolate into grooves cut in the supporting base in order to conduct it to a pot under the edge. From time to time this receiving vessel was emptied into the soap-fat barrel, which often stood in the woodshed near by; and occasionally a small piece of potash was added to supplement the lye. With some other details not necessary to mention here, the product of the mixture was the saponaceous article. Within the last forty years these leaching vats have about disappeared from this neighborhood, and ready-made soap is brought from the factory to the door of the house, where it is sold for cash or bartered for grease or ashes. The change in such matters is a phase of domestic evolution which is continually going on around us, and yet so gradually that it makes but little impression at the time, and is soon forgotten.

TALLOW DIPS.

In early times, throughout New England, tallow dips were commonly used for purposes of domestic lighting, as their cost was so small. Beef tallow was tried out in a big iron kettle hanging on a crane in the fireplace; and, while the fat was still hot, a piece of wick-yarn about ten inches long when doubled, was held by the loop in the middle, and dipped in the tallow. It was then hung over a stick and allowed to cool and harden. When ready it was dipped again, and so on, until it had grown to the proper size. Often a rude frame was used, holding a number of wicks, which were dipped in rotation, the first candle being ready for a second dip by the time that the others had passed through the same process. In order to make the tallow firmer and harder, sometimes bayberry wax was put into the kettle and melted with the fat. Owing to better methods of lighting, and to the cheapness of kerosene, the use of tallow dips has now entirely disappeared from the economy of house-keeping.

THE SHAYS REBELLION.

I AM indebted to the courtesy of Mr. Appleton P. C. Griffin for the following copy of a bill among the Emmet Manuscripts belonging to the Lenox Library, New York. Perhaps the "42 days," mentioned therein, was intended for 24 days, as this period of time would make the amount of the charge (£5.10) correct, according to the price *per diem*. For other references to the Shays Rebellion, see pages 283 and 327 of this volume.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO THE TOWN OF GROTON, Dr.

To sundry Provisions furnish'd for the Troops in the service of the Commonwealth, as follows — viz. —

1787

Jany 27th	To 65$^{lb.}$ Beef at 2½ per lb . . .	£0.	13. 6½
	54$^{lb.}$ Bread at 2^{d}	0.	9. 0.
29th	To 241$^{lb.}$ Bread at 2^{d}	2.	0. 2.
	362$^{lb.}$ Beef at 2½^{d}	3.	15. 5
	380 Gills rum at 1^{d}	1.	11. 8
To Transporting the above to Springfield		2.	6. 8
To a Horse & Slay & Driver for transporting the Baggage of the Troops during the Whole Expedition under Genl Lincoln 42 [24?] days a 4/8		5.	12.
		16.	8. 5.

ISAAC FARNSWORTH
JOSEPH MOORS
JOSEPH ROCKWOOD
AARON BROWN
Selectmen for Groton.

Errors Excepted.
GROTON, *April* 3rd 1787.

WILLIAM SWAN.

WILLIAM SWAN, of Groton, was Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas from the year 1783 to 1789. On December 2, 1789, he was commissioned Justice of the Peace, with authority to act as Trial Justice; and within a short time there has come into my possession the docket of cases

brought before him during the years 1790–1793. It contains some items of local interest, and shows clearly that there was then much more litigation in town than there is at the present day. At the end of the volume is a record of various papers acknowledged before him as Justice of the Peace, as well as a list of cases tried before him. There is also the record of four marriages solemnized by him, which are printed on page 329 of the present volume, as taken from the town-book. This docket has now been placed permanently in the library of the Massachusetts Historical Society.

For a sketch of Mr. Swan, see the third volume (pages 253, 254) of this Historical Series.

ANNAPOLIS COUNTY, NOVA SCOTIA.

In the "History of the County of Annapolis" (pages 195, 196), recently published, there is a list of persons from Massachusetts who applied to the Nova Scotia House of Assembly for a grant of 100,000 acres of land lying in the Annapolis Valley, which was subsequently made to them on June 27, 1758. In this list are found the names of John Blair (see page 227), Paul Fletcher, and Elijah Harding, all of Groton; Asa Holden and Ebenezer Gowing, Jr., of Shirley, Samuel Harper and Isaac Stone of Harvard, and Andrew Harding, of Littleton, besides the names of seven persons from Townsend, nine from Hollis, and seventy-five from Lunenburg. The name of Gowing, in the list printed in the History, is there erroneously spelled "Sowing."

DEANE WINTHROP.

Mr. Robert C. Winthrop, Jr., of Boston, has recently given to the Groton Public Library an autograph letter of Deane Winthrop, a younger son of Governor John Winthrop, and one of the founders of Groton. It had been suitably framed and is now hung in the Trustees' room, where it can

be conveniently seen. The name of Deane Winthrop stands at the head of the earliest list of selectmen appointed by the General Court in May, 1655; and in compliment to him and his family the town was named after their English home. The letter, of which a copy is given below, is supposed to have been written at our Groton, and is addressed to his elder brother, John Winthrop, Jr., Governor of the Colony of Connecticut, then in England on public business. See "Collections of the Massachusetts Historical Society" (fifth series, VIII. 232, 233), for another printed copy.

honored
Brother hauing an oppertunyty I doe present my seruis to you with my thankfullnes to you for your many fauers leting you understand tha I am in health my wife and Chilldren, I resaed your leter for which I returne you thanks, I was in hopes to haue sin you here be fore this time, my sister your wife ded staye here in the bay som part of this somer hoping to haue met with you but now she is gone home: I hope she is well I haue not herd letly from her, I haue som thoughts of remouing from the place that I nowe liue in into your Coloni if i cold lit of a conuant pleace: the please that I nowe liue in is to litel for me mi chilldren nowe groueing up haueing nothing elce at present to troble you with

I reste
the 16 of Desember: 1662:
my wife presents
her seruis to you
and thanke you for
your olifes

your Louing
Brother
Deane Winthrop

[Addressed] for his honored Brother
mr John Winthrop
this Present
London

A LOCAL SCANDAL.

By Hon. Samuel A. Green, LL.D., of Boston, Mas

The two following papers are found among the Shattuck manuscripts belonging to the New-England Historic Genealogical

Society, and refer probably to some local gossip or scandal at Watertown. All the persons therein mentioned had previously lived there, but at the date of the writing Lawrence, Ong, Shattuck and Whitney were residents of Groton, and among the earliest settlers of the town. Jonathan Phillips was son of the first minister of Watertown, and John Sherman was the third minister of the same town.

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we whose names are under writen doe testyfy that wharas John shadwick [Shattuck] hath reported that Jacob Ong did see & could testyfy that Jonathan philips hath acted unsiuely with mary dauis we disiscorsing with him the sayd Jacob Ong consarning it he sayd he could say nothing [that] could hurt the sayd Jonathan nor never saw any unsiuel caridg by him the sayd Jonathan witnes our hand this

1 October 66 nathannil Lawranc
from groten Joshua whitney
mary whitneys × marke

Honoured Sr

Mr Danforth

The bearer hereof desiring it with such importunity as her present exercize hath pressed her to ye use of, I am constreyned to signify yt Jo: Shathock (as I have been by knowing psons & of credit informed) carryed it soe at Groton in ye short time of his abode there, that, if ye character given of him be true, little credit is to be given to any thing which hath noe other & better evidence then his testimony.

Sr I am
yor humble Servant
Joh: Sherman

"The New-England Historical and Genealogical Register" (LI. 68, 69) for January, 1897.

AN OLD CLOCK.

The following query was raised in the "Notes and Queries" department of the "Boston Evening Transcript," September 5, 1896, and the answer given in the issue of October 10, 1896.

(6662.) I have a tall eight-day clock. It bears the name of Jonas Fitch. The date, 1772, is painted inside the case. Can anyone give me information about the maker?

Z. Y. X.

(6662.) Jonas Fitch lived, I think, at the date mentioned (1772), in Groton, Mass. He was not a professional clockmaker, but an ingenious farmer, who made a few clocks and sold them in the vicinity. I imagine the examples of his work in this line must now be exceedingly rare.

H. H. H.

Jonas Fitch was the youngest child of Zechariah and Elizabeth (Grimes) Fitch, and was born at Bedford, on February 5, 1740–1. He was a man of marked ingenuity, and with his own hands made all the works of his clocks. He was the grandfather of the late Jonas Fitch, of Boston.

A WILD DEER IN GROTON.

On June 8, 1897, rather early in the morning, Wheeler Wilson Ames, who lives in the Rocky Hill School District of Groton, saw a deer feeding in the meadow in front of the Shattuck homestead, a short distance southeasterly from Martin's Pond. On being discovered the deer ran and disappeared over the northern slope of Gibbet Hill, and soon afterward was seen in the outskirts of the village heading for the Four Corners below the soapstone quarry.

See Historical Series (III. 340, 341; IV. 208) for other instances of deer seen in Groton within very recent times.

The following item is taken from "The Pepperell Advertiser," May 22, 1897, and bears upon the subject:—

A deer was seen by six persons crossing the road in front of Mr. Walter B. Page's place on Townsend Street Tuesday morning, the 18th. It was apparently not afraid, as it leisurely walked from the south side to the woods on the north of the road. It is reported to have been seen again in the afternoon.

According to "The Groton Landmark," June 26, 1897, a large buck was seen in Harvard during the previous week, feeding in a cornfield belonging to Dr. Herbert B. Royal of that town. Possibly the animal seen in these three different places was one and the same.

GROTON WATER COMPANY.

On May 5, 1897, Messrs. George S. Boutwell, Milo H. Shattuck, Henry W. Whiting, William A. Lawrence, Michael Sheedy, Jr., James Lawrence, F. Lawrence Blood, John Lawrence, Charles H. Dodge, John G. Park, William B. Warren, William A. Moore, Grafton D. Cushing, Frank F. Woods, John H. Robbins, H. K. Richards, and William P. Lawrence, their associates and successors, were made a corporation under the name of the Groton Water Company, for the purpose of supplying the town of Groton and its inhabitants with water for the extinguishment of fires and for domestic, manufacturing, and all other purposes; with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties, restrictions, and liabilities set forth in the laws of the Commonwealth.

On Friday evening, May 14, the several persons named in the Act to incorporate the Water Company met in the Town Hall, and organized by the choice of the following officers: Amory A. Lawrence, Treasurer; William A. Moore, Clerk; George S. Boutwell, William F. Wharton, William A. Lawrence, Henry W. Whiting, John H. Robbins, Grafton D. Cushing, and Michael Sheedy, Jr., Directors. Immediately after the meeting the Directors chose the Honorable George S. Boutwell President of the Board.

At a later day the contract for digging the well near Baddacook Pond, building the reservoir on the eastern crest of Gibbet Hill, and laying the iron pipe through the streets, was awarded to Messrs. Joseph Long and Michael Little, of Leominster. Work was begun on Tuesday, June 1, and is now progressing in a satisfactory manner; and it is expected

that the undertaking will be completed during the autumn of the present year (1897).

At a town meeting held on Monday evening, June 21, it was voted to place forty hydrants throughout the village for fire purposes, and to accept the offer of a drinking fountain and watering trough to be given by James Lawrence and maintained by him for three years..

The Groton Water Company has secured one of the finest water supplies in the State. It is estimated by the engineers in charge of the work that the amount of water flowing into the well is from 500 to 600 gallons a minute.

"Boston Evening Journal," August 3, 1897.

The laborers engaged on the work are Italians; and they are provided with temporary quarters on the southern slope of Gibbet Hill. They began to dig in Main Street, near the Baptist Meeting-house, on Monday, August 9, and worked to the southward, though at this time a large part of the pipe had been laid between the well and the reservoir. The iron pipe is furnished by the McNeal Pipe and Foundry Company, Burlington, New Jersey.

Charles Henry Dodge, of Groton and Boston, will build the pumping station, which is to have a chimney 80 feet in height; and Charles Edwin Bigelow, of Groton and New York, has given the pumps to be used for forcing the water to the reservoir.

THREE SILVER MEDALS.

The Groton Historical Society has among its possessions three silver medals or badges which are closely associated with institutions of learning, and are worthy of description.

I. A lozenge-shaped medal bearing on one side the initials "D P" over the date "1804," and on the other side the letters "S F" separated by a spread eagle. The medal is about an inch and a half long and an inch wide, and has a small ring through the upper end of it, by means of which

it may be suspended by a ribbon. The letters "S F" stand for Social Fraternity, a literary and debating society composed of young men at Groton Academy, which started in the early days of that institution, and was kept up for nearly half a century. The initials "D P" are those of David Perham, of the town of Harvard, who began to attend school here in the year 1801. It was given to the Historical Society on August 14, 1895, by his daughter, Miss Rebecca H. Perham, of Plymouth.

II. The second medal is square in shape, a trifle more than an inch and a half across, with a curved handle passing round from one corner to the opposite one, and on the top of the handle is soldered a short tube, through which it may be hung by a ribbon. On the obverse are three Greek letters arranged thus: $\overset{\Theta}{\Phi\ \ \Gamma}$, underneath which are the initials "H A"; and on the reverse are "U B" placed over the date "1806," and separated from it by clasped hands. The initials on the obverse stand for Horace Adams, a graduate of Brown University in the Class of 1813; and those on the reverse for United Brothers. He was the youngest son of Joseph Adams, of Killingly, Connecticut, where he was born, on March 25, 1787, and a brother of Mrs. Eliza (Adams) Eaton, wife of the late Jonas Eaton, of Groton. A few months after his graduation Mr. Adams died very suddenly on December 25, 1813. He was one of seven sons, who all died in a similar sudden way; and Mrs. Eaton was the only daughter in the family. This medal was given to the Historical Society, on November 6, 1894, by a niece of the original owner, Mrs. Helen (Eaton) Blitz, of New York, who is a native of Groton.

III. The third medal is circular, an inch and three-quarters in diameter, bearing on one side the inscription: "Awarded | to | C. Stuart | for | Trans of Cicero;" and on the other "Scholæ Latinæ | Bostoniensis | 1824." Charles Stuart, the recipient, was the son of John and Sarah Taylor (Brazer) Stuart, who attended school at Groton Academy as well as at the Boston Latin School. He graduated at Harvard

College in the Class of 1830 and died unmarried, in Washington, D. C., on December 19, 1880. For a notice of his family, see the second volume (page 315) of this Historical Series. Through the upper edge of the medal a small ring passes, by means of which it may be suspended by a ribbon. It was given to the Historical Society, on November 10, 1894, by Mrs. Annie (Varnum) Eaton, wife of Commander Joseph Giles Eaton, United States Navy, whose mother, Mrs. Sarah Farwell (Brazer) Eaton, was a native of Groton.

INSCRIBED POWDER-HORNS.

THE Groton Historical Society has recently received an old powder-horn as an accession to its cabinet. It bears the name of "John Pars" as the original owner, and the date of 1747; and it was given to the Society by Miss Ellen Adelia Stone, of East Lexington. The horn is nineteen inches in length, and more than eleven in circumference at the base, and has cut upon it rude drawings of various animals, of which some are deer, foxes, and a peacock, besides others not easily recognized. It has also the usual amount of ornamentation, all made probably with a jack-knife.

On page 249 of this volume, under the heading given above, is described another horn in the possession of the Society, which once belonged to "Samuel Parce," and bears the same date of 1747. There is a strong probability that "John Pars" and "Samuel Parce" were brothers, and that they were sons of Daniel and Eleanor (Boynton) Pierce, of Groton, of whom John was born on October 4, 1720, and Samuel, on June 14, 1729. If this be true, it seems somewhat strange that these two horns should come together again after a separation of perhaps a century.

CULTIVATION OF HOPS.

GROTON, July 13, 1897.

Dr. SAMUEL A. GREEN, Boston:

DEAR SIR, — My reply to your inquiry as to the culture of hops in the northwestern part of Middlesex County and the northeastern part of Worcester County during the first half of this century, must, in the nature of the case, be brief and imperfect. I can only conjecture the time when the cultivation of hops there began, but the probability is very strong that it was during the last decade of the last century. My grandfather, Jacob Marshall, who lived in Lunenburg, was a hop raiser, and his experience in that business must have been as early as the first part of the present century. He was the inventor of the press for pressing hops, which was afterward and almost immediately used for pressing cotton also.

The power for pressing hops, used by him and used in that district as long as hops were raised, was the screw as applied in a common cider mill. The hop vine was trained, or trained itself, perhaps, on poles, which in the culture were from two to four inches in diameter at the base and fourteen to fifteen feet in length. The hills in the field were set at a distance of perhaps five feet apart, and averaged about one thousand to an acre.

The picking commenced usually in the last week of August, and continued often until far into the first half of September. The vines were cut and the poles taken out of the ground by men and laid upon long bins sufficient to receive the entire length of the vine, which was usually not less than twelve feet. The picking was done by young people, boys and girls, who stood on each side of the bin.

The product from one acre was about 1,000 pounds, or a pound to a hill, of dry hops. The drying was carried on in a building erected for the purpose, the hops being laid over lattice-work on the floor; and a fire of charcoal underneath furnished the heat for drying. This process was a delicate one, as it was necessary to extract all the moisture from the hops and to avoid scorching, as that injured the value in the market.

In the period of time when I had some knowledge of the trade in hops, say from 1836 to 1846, the price varied from $10 or $12 to $50 per bale, of about 200 pounds. The product of an acre in money, therefore, never exceeded about $250, and more frequently

the price was about 10 cents a pound or $20 a bale, which gave to the grower about $100 as the gross return per acre. This extreme variation in prices led to speculation in hops both by the growers and the traders. Sometimes a farmer would hold his crop, when it could have been sold at 12 to 15 cents per pound, with the idea that some time in the future he might realize 25 cents, and not infrequently he was doomed to sell his crop for 8 to 10 cents per pound, or even, occasionally, as low as 6 cents. For the purpose of the trade in hops, Groton was the center for the product of the towns of Pepperell, Townsend, Ashby, Dunstable, Tyngsborough, Westford, Littleton, Boxboro, Harvard, Shirley, and Lunenburg.

The product of all these towns in the years when the culture was largest may have amounted to 500 bales, equal to about 50 tons. Mr. Henry Woods at Groton, who was a dealer in hops, in one year bought and sold, either on his own account or on commission, about 350 bales, which may have been about seven-tenths of the entire product of the towns named.

Between the years 1840 and 1850 the growing of hops was transferred to the State of New York, where the crop could be produced at less cost; and more recently it has passed to the extreme northwest, largely to the State of Wisconsin. It is very doubtful whether a bale of hops has been raised in the towns named since the year 1855.

Yours truly,

GEO. S. BOUTWELL.

VIEWS OF BUILDINGS ON PORCELAIN.

As a supplementary paragraph to the article (pages 211, 212) with the heading given above, I wish to place on record the fact that in December, 1896, Messrs. John H. Sheedy & Co. received a second collection of china ware made in Germany, bearing views of Groton buildings. It consisted of 1481 pieces, and comprised coffee pots, pitchers, cups and saucers, tea-pot stands, trays, and plates, all in various sizes, besides other articles of different kinds.

REMARKS ON NONACOICUS,

THE INDIAN NAME OF MAJOR WILLARD'S FARM AT GROTON, MASS.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, held on May 11, 1893, Dr. Samuel A. Green spoke as follows: —

In the library of the Historical Society there is a copy of a book, written in Latin, by Joseph Acosta, and published at Cologne in the year 1596, which once belonged to Chief Justice Samuel Sewall, and bears his autograph signature, dated March 9, 1698–9. The volume is entitled "De Natvra Novi Orbis," etc., and has been in the possession of the Society for more than a century. On a fly-leaf, at the beginning of the book, is the following note in Judge Sewall's handwriting: "Nunnacôquis signifies an Indian Earthen Pot as Hañab Hahatan's Squaw tells me March, 24. $169\frac{8}{9}$:", — which throws some light on the meaning of an Indian word. I mention the fact, as I am inclined to think that the term is identical with or closely allied to Nonacoicus, the Indian name of Major Simon Willard's farm at Groton. William Hahatan, Hannah's husband, belonged to the Ponkapoag tribe. His name is sometimes written Ahauton, Nahatan, and even Nahaughton.

As the spelling of all such words by the early settlers was phonetic, Nonacoicus has several different forms; and it is easy to see how the one may have been taken from the other, or from a similar form. Another variation of the word, as given in Sewall's Letter Book (I. 98), is "Nonna Coyacas"; and Noñajcoyicus, Nonecoicus, and Nonacoiacus are also found in old manuscripts.

In the original survey of the farm, returned by Thomas Noyes to the General Court at the session beginning on October 18, 1659, it is said that the land lies "at the place wch is Called by the Indians nanajcoyijcus." From this it would seem that the name was given to the neighborhood by

the red men, and not by the whites. Perhaps earthen pots were made in that locality, as fragments of pottery, as well as various stone implements, were formerly found there and elsewhere throughout the township; and this fact may have given a distinctive name to the place.

Originally Nonacoicus included the district in Harvard now known as the Old Mill, — two miles away from Willard's farm, — where Jonas Prescott, of Groton, the grandfather of Colonel William Prescott, the American commander at Bunker Hill, had his grist-mill. John Prescott, of Lancaster, in his will, dated October 8, 1673, and on file in the Middlesex County Probate Office at East Cambridge, says in reference to his third son Jonas, named above, that "he hath Receiued a full Childs portion at nonecoicus in a Corne mill and Lands and other goods." After the death of Major Willard, Nonacoicus farm passed into the hands of Hezekiah Usher, and the deed speaks of the place as "Nonaicoicus farme"; and in Sewall's Diary there are many allusions both to Usher and his wife. Usher's will is dated at Nonacoicus, on August 17, 1689. The judge himself was a member of the Third Church of Christ in Boston, now known as the "Old South," where he was a constant attendant on Sundays; and the minister at the time of the writing on the fly-leaf, was the Reverend Samuel Willard, a former preacher at Groton, and son of the first owner of the farm. All these circumstances, trivial in themselves, tend to show that the Indian name of the place was familiar to Sewall. The farm was situated on the banks of the Nashua River, in a neighborhood full of Indian traditions and associations. Major Willard's house was the first dwelling burned by the savages, when the town of Groton was destroyed in the spring of 1676.

My friend George J. Burns, Esq., a lawyer of Ayer, who has passed his whole life in the neighborhood of Nonacoicus, and is withal an accurate antiquary, thinks that the name was owing to the natural conformation of the land. The following letter, written by him in answer to one from me, gives a high degree of plausibility to his theory in the matter: —

AYER, MASS., May 10, 1893.

Hon. SAMUEL A. GREEN,
30 Tremont St., Boston: —

MY DEAR DR. GREEN, — Upon the east side of the Nashua River, and just north of the mouth of Nonacoicus Brook, there is a very peculiar natural formation that could not have escaped the attention of the Indians; and it was of sufficient importance, both as a landmark, and as a post of observation commanding a view up and down the intervale, and rising above the floods that periodically inundate the surrounding lands, to have received a designation by them. While it is not alone the only "earthen pot" in this vicinity, it is just the kind of a formation to which such a name would be particularly applicable.

It consists of a promontory about 500 feet in length, varying from 300 to 500 feet in width, and protruding from the higher lands at the east in a succession of irregular ridges or small hills, which surround or enclose various hollows or basins, some of which contain water. During the last fifteen years I have often visited the place and wondered at its physical peculiarities, and I have tried to imagine what impression it made on the natives. I consider it the most interesting and curious natural feature of the territory called "Nonacoicus," and I am strongly of the opinion that it gave rise to the Indian name of this neighborhood.

Yours truly,

GEO. J. BURNS.

CAPTAIN FITCH'S NOTE-BOOK.

SOME years ago I bought at a second-hand shop in Boston a small note-book, which once had belonged to Captain Zechariah Fitch, of Groton, and been used by him while in command of a military company during the early part of the American Revolution. It consists of only twenty pages, of which three are blank, but it gives the names of the officers of the company and of many of the men, which, perhaps, are not found elsewhere. In these days of patriotic societies such facts have an interest and a value for the present generation. The note-book has also been used by him to record certain items in connection with a new township in Maine. The various entries throughout the pages have been made by

the writer, with little regard to any order; but in this printed copy I have brought such entries together and, after a fashion, have arranged them according to their subjects. This seemed to be the simplest way in which they might best be utilized.

Captain Zechariah Fitch was the eldest child of Zechariah and Elizabeth (Grimes) Fitch, and was born at Bedford, on April 1, 1734. According to Brown's "History of the Town of Bedford," he was married to Rebekah Davis, eldest daughter of Eleazer and Rebecca (Chandler) Davis, who was born on August 2, 1736; and they settled in Groton. By this marriage there were two daughters, of whom Abigail, probably the younger, was born in the year 1761. Neither the first wife nor the second lived a long time after the marriage, as it is entered in the church records, under date of August 4, 1763, "Zechariah Fitch of Groton to Lydia Tuck of Bedford;" and again, under date of February 3, 1767, "Zacheriah Fitch to Sibele Lakin both of Groton." By the second marriage there were two sons, Richard, born on October 25, 1763, and Joseph, born on February 13, 1766. His third wife, Mrs. Sibyl (Lakin) Fitch, was a daughter of John and Lydia (Parker) Lakin, born on October 16, 1739; and she died on October 11, 1806. By her there were four sons and three daughters. Late in life, on May 11, 1809, Mr. Fitch was married at Pepperell to Betsey Tuttle, of Littleton, as his fourth wife, who died on January 5, 1823. His own death had taken place previously, on September 2, 1820. His father was a younger brother of John Fitch, from whom the city of Fitchburg receives its name.

An acount of Officers.

Capt Zechariah Fitch
1st Leut Nathan Stow
2d Leut Josiah Bowers
Ensign Nemiah Blodget

Sarget Abijah Meeds
Sargt Levi Fletcher
Sargt John Scott
Sargt Silas Foster

Cop Zebediah Farrah
Corp Isaac Coary
Corp Joseph Lawrance
Corp Zacheus Richardson

Drumer Jonathan Hamblet
Fifer Benjaman Hazen

August ye 3^d 1776 I Rec^d my Comision ye 21st I Rec^d orders to march as soon as Posable to Bennington ye 28 I marched from

	miles
Groton to Leuningburg	11
Westmester Whores	13
Templetown Wright	8
Coock New Salem	16
Hadley Goodman	19
North hamton Edwards	8
Chesterfield Hunt	8
Pateridgefield [Peru] Wilcocks	12
New providence [Adams] Staford	9
Williams town Searls	19
Beningtown Jewett	10
dito dewe	2

September ye 10 we marchd From Beington

A Jornal of the way from Groton to Ticonderiga

From Groton to	
to Leuningburg ~~Ha~~skels	11
to Westamester Hoars	13
to templeton Wrights	8
to Petersham Winslows	8
to Newsalem Cookes	8
to Shutesbery Dickesons	5
to Amerhast Adams	9
to Hadley Goodmans	5
Over the River to Hampton	3
Dito Edwards	5
Chesterfield Baileys	5
Dito Hunts	3
Worthington Agers	5
Ditto Danielson	3
Paterdgefield Wilcaks	4

Gagesborough Dodges	4
Newprvidence Stafords	5
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East husok Wrights	6
Ditto Jones	5
Williamstown Searls	3
Pownal Wheeler	6
Benningtown Jewits	4
Ditto Fays	2
Shaftsesborough Gelasha	7
Arlington Hawlag	7
Ditto Powel	3
Dorset Sutle	5
Rupert	3
Ditto Herman	2
Polet Willards	5
Ditto Allens	5
Granvil Utter	4
Skeensborough first Landing	11
Ston house	5
Over South Bay to Ty	30
To Mount Hope $^{mil}_{2}$	103

November y^{e} 28th 1776

We all Marched From Mount Hope to Fourt Georg over the

Lake	45
From thence to Fort-Edward	14
Saratoge	15
Stillwater	10
Albuny there two Days	26
Green Bush Shuter	4
New Lebulon Buleses	18
Petsfield Wrights Noon	11
Patridgefieldfield Babcock	9
Worthington Ager	12
Dito Hunts	4/2
Chesterfield Baley	3/2
Nhampton Edwards	9
Dito	5
over the River to hadley	
from thence to Amrhest Fields	8

Shuts Bury Dicksons	9/2
New Salem Cook	5
Petersham Winslows	9
Templeton Whites	4
Dito Right	4
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Westmester Whores	8
Leuningburg	13
Groton Childs	11
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In the foregoing list the names of persons following the towns, with one exception, are undoubtedly those of the tavern-keepers along the way.

October 21 I hear that Daniel Billings was Dead: he Died the 9 Day of October

October 26 Sarg^{t} Silas Foster David Lakin Ephraim Furbush was Discharged

November 5th Sarg^{t} Abijah Meads. Thadeus Garfield Abner Kent. Samuel Kemp Simon Hunt Ebenezer Ston John Right Nathaniel Cuter was Discharged

November 14th 1776 Zebediah Farrar: Daniel Howard Zebulon Bootman: Aaron Wright William Campbell: Joseph Lawrence Peter Bitefield. Ephraim Brown John Simonds.. John Laughton James Adams. Amos Adams Bengaman Hazen Timothy Baker Job Page

November 22^{d} 1776 Ebenezer White Elnathan Sharwine Jonathan Bigford John Scott all went hom

November 27 these went hom

Jonathan Steavens Samson Walker John Pushe Pristol Cumings Elias Mackentire Pason Eaton John Eaton John Center Jonas Heseline Thomas Heseltine Oliver Green

The following entries have an interest as showing at that period the depreciation of the currency. The use of the word "sas" or sauce, as applied to culinary vegetables, still survives in some places, where the expression "garden sarce" even now occasionally may be heard:—

Rec^{d} 136 Dolars for sas and milk money

Cash 3186 Dolars Caried with me

Spent on my Jorney 2230 Dolars
Cash hired 15 Dolars and o – $\overset{s}{4}$ – $\overset{d}{8}$

The following names are of men in the company against whom charges have been made.

	£	s	d	Q
Sept 9th Abner Kent dr to Cash				
Lent him	o	6	o	o
Bristol Cumings dr to Cash . .	o	18	o	o
John Simonds dr to Cash . . .	o	7	o	o
thos Duton dr.	o	18	o	o
David Lakin dr to Cash . . .	1	10	o	o
James Adams dr to Cash . . .	1	4	o	o
Abiah meade dr to Cash . . .	5	2	o	o
Bristol Cuming dr	o	6	o	o
John Simonds dr	o	12	o	o
William Graves dr Cash . . .	o	12	o	o
William Graves dr Cash . . .	o	16	o	o
William Graves dr to a Coat .	1	2	o	o
Joseph Taylor dr to a Chest . .	o	2	o	o
to a Pare of Britches . .	o	1	6	o
to Stotens Drops	o	1	6	o
to Cash Lent	5	2	o	o
Jacob Durant dr to Cash . . .	o	18	o	o
Samson Walker dr to Cash . .	o	18	o	o
Jonathan Steavens	o	6	o	o
Bristol Cumings	o	6	o	o
Jonathan Steavens dr	o	3	o	o
Pason Eaton dr	o	2	4	o
For John Center				
John Center dr	o	1	7	o
Ephrm Forbush dr	o	1	9	o
Nemiah Blodget dr	o	1	1	o
Dr to Jonathan Steavens . . .	o	5	o	
Elias Mackentire	o	4	o	
John Pushe	o	o	5	
and	o	7	6	
John Center				
Ephraim Nash dr to Cash . .	1	6	o	
William Graves dr	o	12	o	

A Duty or Weekly Return of Capt Zecharial Fitchs Company in Col. Samuel Brewers Regement

1	Capt	Comison Officers
1	1 Leutenent	
1	2d Leutenent	
1	Ensign	
4	Sergents	Non Comision Officers
1	Drumer & fife	
28	Present fit for Duty	Effective Rank and File
10	Sick present	
4	Sick absent	
8	on Comand	
	on Furlough	
59	Totol	
	Dead	alteration sence Last Return
	Discharged	
	Deserted	

The following entries found in the book refer to a new township in Maine, perhaps Sebago. This itinerary would seem to lead to that neighborhood.

At Concord September. 14th 1780 the Proprietors of a New township met to act on Bisness of the warent and I was Chosen and Capt Brown and Wm Whitemore as a Comittee to Lot out said township

ye 29 I sot out from home on sd Buisness and went to Boston to Get a Plan and other meteriels for sd Jorney

October ye 2d I sot out from Bedford to Bilderica tuxbury andever Bradford 26 [miles] haverl Plasto Kingtoun Exeter Newmarket 26

Durham Dover Sumersworth Barwick over Quompeagen Bridge Wels 33[+]8 [miles] Kenebunck Sacco Dunston gorontown 25 Persontown Newtownship 19
September 21 1781
then I went to Cambridge to get a Copy of they Proprietors Votes 22 to Boston to Prvide Nesecerys and other Bisness 24 one Day to Borow money 25 I sot out my Jorney the 30 I arived to Bridgetown October 20 I arived hom

Groton June ye 4th 1782 then I sot out to go to the Eastward to agree with the setlers and Put them on in a township Latly Granted to Capt Samuel Whitemore and others and to Let out mils to Be Built and Roads to Be made &c
Newmarket Young
Persontown

Setlers that are on the town ship

Joshua Davis . . .	Lot N° 3	Range 2^d^
Moses Lowel	16	Range 1
Lazarus Row	15	2
Zebulon Leatherby . . .	1	5
Bartholomy thorn	3	Range 1
John Harvy	4	1
John Stout	7	1
Benj^a^ Row	8	
Richard Hine	22	

Benj^a^ ingels

Joshua Davis	4	Lot	2 Range
Samuel Bachelder	5	L	2 R
Jonathan Lowel	7		2
Ephraim Bachelder . . .	9		
Gideon Lowel	15		
Cristepher Noble			
Joshue Leatherby	2		5 Range
James Leatherby			

THE KEMP FAMILY.

Within a short time I have seen three letters, written many years ago by Joseph Sawtell, 3d, of Groton, to his

brother-in-law, Ebenezer Kemp, Jr., of Gorham, Maine; and from them I have gathered a few items of genealogical interest, which are given below.

The first letter, dated May 15, 1809, at Groton, mentions the fact that old Mr. Joseph Rockwood's wife had died and was buried on the last day of March (see Groton Epitaphs, page 134); that Deacon Lakin was dead; and that Stephen Kemp was buried on the last day of April. (*Ibid.*) The second letter, dated January 26, 1814, at Groton, says, that Alexander Smith died on November 25; and that Deacon Isaac Farnsworth died on October 2, and his widow on October 20, 1813. The date of Deacon Farnsworth's death, as given on page 296 of this volume, is October 1, which is probably correct, as the notice in the newspaper was inserted presumably by the family. The third letter, dated December 26 [1814], with no year given, mentions the death of Mrs. Daniel Shattuck in April, who is known to have died on April 8, 1814, — and the burial of Mrs. Asa Wheeler, on December 18. It also mentions the death of the writer's wife, Mrs. Hannah Sawtell, on December 21, 1814. Joseph Sawtell, 3d, was married to Hannah, youngest daughter of Ebenezer and Mary (Bradstreet) Kemp, on February 22, 1788; and Ebenezer Kemp, Jr., was her eldest brother.

David Smith, of ~~Shr~~ewsbury, was married to the eldest sister, Abigail Kemp, on April 23, 1781; and in a letter dated January 7, 1812, at Pepperell, written by him to Ebenezer, Jr., the writer refers to the death of his own eldest son more than a year previously; and also to his brother-in-law, Oliver Kemp, who had gone to Lake Champlain in the previous year, where he was drowned.

Ebenezer Kemp, Jr., the eldest child of his father's family, born on January 11, 1749, was married on August 31, 1773, to Relief Phillips, of Groton; and they had seven children. In the year 1782 he and his wife removed to Otisfield, Maine, with two children, who had been born at Groton. A deed of land given July 10, 1784, by James Prescott, of Groton, is still in existence, which conveyed to him at his new home a lot of a hundred acres "in consideration of five shill. & doing

settleing Duty paid & Performed by Ebenr Kemp." The acknowledgment of the deed was witnessed by Oliver Prescott, and by George Peirce who went to Maine from Groton near the beginning of the Revolution. After living at Otisfield for a few years, Mr. Kemp removed to Gorham, but not to the farm where he spent his last days, which was bought in 1797, and still remains in the possession of the family. On this homestead his mother, Mary Bradstreet Kemp, passed the declining years of her life, and was buried in the neighboring cemetery. Counting the small children of the family, six generations of Kemps have lived on the spot, covering a period of an even century.

Ebenezer Kemp was a member of Captain Henry Farwell's company of minute-men that marched to Cambridge from Groton on the memorable nineteenth of April; and under a later enlistment he belonged to the same company, and took part in the Battle of Bunker Hill, where he was severely injured. The tradition in the family is that he had his hip dislocated, when he was taken prisoner by the British; but immediately afterward he managed to escape, hobbling off, it is said, by the aid of General Warren's gun, which being better than his own he picked up after Warren fell. He was in the army in the year 1777, and his descendants have his powder-horn bearing that date. This horn previously had been carried by William Lennon, who had cut upon it a plan of Brookline Fort, when stationed there during the siege of Boston. The canteen used by Mr. Kemp throughout the Revolution, and bearing on one side the initials "E. K." can still be seen at the old homestead, which is now owned by Augustus F. Kemp, a great-grandson. He has been heard to say often that his family had bear-steak for dinner every Sunday during his first year's residence at Otisfield, which would seem to give him high rank among the hunters and trappers of that early period. His descendants are now scattered through the towns of Gorham, Otisfield, and Windham, and other places in Maine, and a few have wandered to distant States.

Mr. Kemp died in 1833, aged 83 years, and his wife died before 1800.

CHILDREN OF EBENEZER, JR., AND RELIEF (PHILLIPS) KEMP.

Elijah, born at Groton, probably in October or November, 1777, and died at Gorham, on October 7, 1846, aged 68 years and 11 months.

Submit, born at Groton; publishment of marriage to Josiah Clark, of Gorham, on September 30, 1797.

Relief, born probably at Otisfield, married to John Brown, of Gray, Maine, on May 3, 1807.

Mary, born probably at Otisfield, married to Levi Knight, of Windham, Maine.

Ebenezer, Jr., born probably at Gorham, married to Eunice Allen, of Windham, and is supposed to have been lost in a storm on the Great Lakes.

David, born probably at Gorham, in 1793, married to Anna Humphrey, of Gray, Maine, on October 21, 1819, and died on July 5, 1853.

Jonathan, born at Gorham; publishment of marriage, on May 1, 1825, to Martha Humphrey, of Gray, who was a sister of his brother David's wife.

CHILDREN OF DAVID AND ANNA (HUMPHREY) KEMP.

Julia Ann, born on March 3, 1820, married Ephraim Holt, of Portland, on December 27, 1835, and died on March 9, 1852; one child living in Kansas.

Willis Bradstreet, born on January 23, 1822, married to Elizabeth Prince Fellows, of Augusta, on April 15, 1849, and died on April 14, 1892.

Israel Humphrey, born on January 20, 1824, married to Amanda Trask, of Gray, on November 10, 1853; one child living at Gorham.

Sarah Maria, born on January 11, 1826, married Robert Dodge, of Londonderry, New Hampshire, on November 29, 1846, and died in Wisconsin, leaving five children, all married, and with families.

George Clinton, born on June 11, 1828, and died on October 19, 1846.

Lucius Sidney, born on July 13, 1831, married to Susan Kleinfelter, of Wisconsin, now living in the West; they have had eleven children, of whom nine are alive.

All the children of this generation were born at Gorham.

CHILDREN OF WILLIS BRADSTREET AND ELIZABETH PRINCE (FELLOWS) KEMP.

George Clinton, born on December 27, 1849, married to Ellen Peck; of Manchester, New Hampshire, on December 23, 1872; and they have three children; *Bertha*, born on December 24, 1873; *Frederick*, born on April 15, 1878; and *Phineas*, born on March 15, 1884.

Sarah Colburn, born on August 19, 1851, unmarried.

Willis Bradstreet, born on April 27, 1853, unmarried.

Anna Humphrey, born on August 16, 1855, and married William G. Clark, of Cumberland Mills, Maine, on November 13, 1883. No children.

Augustus Fellows, born on January 13, 1857, unmarried.

Lucy Elizabeth, born on April 6, 1859, married Benjamin Franklin Irish, of Gorham, on February 12, 1881; and they have three children: *Clyde Harold*, born on March 2, 1883; *Percy Clifford*, born on September 7, 1886; and *Ralph Willis*, born on June 22, 1891.

Jessie Benton, born on September 11, 1862, unmarried.

Eda Marian, born on July 8, 1865, unmarried.

All the children of this generation were born at Gorham.

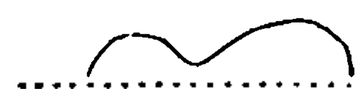
MOUNTAINS SEEN FROM GIBBET HILL.

SEVERAL years ago Mr. Edward G. Chamberlain, of Auburndale, in reply to a note, gave me some interesting facts in regard to certain hills and mountains, as seen from Gibbet Hill. Mr. Chamberlain is an enthusiastic member of the Appalachian Mountain Club, and very familiar with the heights and peaks of New England. By his courtesy in the matter he has placed me under great obligations to him for information that could not be gathered from other sources. While Mr. Chamberlain has never been on Gibbet Hill, his opinions in regard to the distant range of mountains, as seen from that point, are entitled to great weight. The following letter will explain itself: —

AUBURNDALE, MASS., November 29, 1893.

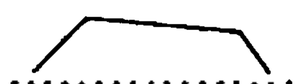
DR. SAMUEL A. GREEN: —

DEAR SIR, — I enclose the paper handed me on Monday at the Topographical Survey Office containing queries in regard to mountains seen from Gibbet Hill in Groton. I have laid out the bearings which you give, on a chart that I constructed some twenty years ago.

You make no question in regard to Joe English and the Uncanoonocks, and the bearings agree with the chart. Kearsarge you mark with a query, but it is undoubtedly correct. It is 2948 feet above sea, distant from Gibbet 55 miles. Its profile from Gibbet would probably be something like this:  , depending on how much of it you can see. This is compiled from sketches made from other points in Massachusetts. The mountain N. 8° 40′ E. marked in pencil "Saddleback?" is probably Gunstock, 63 miles distant, 2394 feet high, in the town of Guilford, N. H., just south of Lake Winnepesaukee. It is the middle and highest peak of the Suncook Mountains (or Belknap Mountains, modern name). I do not think I have ever seen it from any point in Massachusetts, unless from Wachusett. But from Groton you may look along the valleys of the Nashua, Merrimack, and Suncook Rivers, a direct line to the source of the latter in the Suncook Mountains. I wish the old name could be restored.

In regard to the two mountains seen from East Gibbet (N. 18° 50′ E. and N. 23° E.), I am not so confident. The former may be Fort Mountain in Epsom, 1428 feet high, and 41 miles distant; and the latter, Blue Job Mountain in Farmington, about 1400 feet high, and 55 miles distant.

There is a range of hills sometimes called the Blue Hills (or Frost Mountains), extending N NE–S SW in the towns of Milton, Farmington, Strafford, Northwood and Epsom, about 1000 to 1400 feet high. I have never explored them except from distant points with a glass. As near as I can make out, Saddleback is a comparatively low hill in the town of Northwood, which makes a fine show from the neighboring town of Deerfield, and used to attract some notice in stage-coach days; and so has become famous as *Saddleback* "in Deerfield." When any of its higher, but less known, neighbors are seen from a distance, they are at once identified as Saddleback. I do not think that I ever saw this mountain, but I have often tried to make it out.

Fort Mountain in Epsom would probably appear like this  from Groton. Blue Job I have never satisfactorily identified. The mountain seen in that direction you think is the most distant one visible. May it not thus appear so because of its low altitude, showing but little above the horizon, while Gunstock (if it be Gunstock) is not only better situated for exhibition, but (without computing) by its greater height may have greater apparent altitude, and so a clearer profile, even though further off?

Yours very truly,
E. G. CHAMBERLAIN.

Again, in continuation of the subject, Mr. Chamberlain writes, on December 20, 1893, as follows:—

When studying the view from a hill I always used to compute the azimuth, or direction to all the points whose position had been determined; and if the Latitude and Longitude of the view-point had not been determined, I took measures to determine them myself, so as to compute the bearings. If you have the "Appalachia" magazine in your library, you may find my methods described in Volume III. (page 122), and Volume IV. (page 132). I have never visited Gibbet Hill, so I have made an approximate position by comparing several maps, and have plotted on my chart with the following results:—

FROM GIBBET HILL.

APPROXIMATE BEARINGS AND DISTANCES.

	Approximate Height.	Azimuth.	Bearing.	Distance.
Wachusett Mt. . .	2018 ft.	$62\frac{3}{4}^\circ$	S. $62\frac{3}{4}^\circ$ W.	$18\frac{1}{2}$ miles.
Watatick " . . .	1847 "	110°	N. 70° W.	$17\frac{3}{4}$ "
Monadnock " . . .	3170 "	$121\frac{3}{4}^\circ$	N. $58\frac{1}{4}^\circ$ W.	$32\frac{1}{2}$ "
Temple " . . .	2050(?)"	132°	N. 48° W.	22 "
S. Pack Monadnock .	2289 "	$136\frac{1}{4}^\circ$	N. $43\frac{1}{4}^\circ$ W.	$23\frac{1}{2}$ "
N. " " .	2260 "	$140\frac{3}{4}^\circ$	N. $39\frac{1}{4}^\circ$ W.	$24\frac{1}{2}$ "
Crotchet Mt. . . .	2066 "	$149\frac{1}{4}^\circ$	N. $30\frac{3}{4}^\circ$ W.	$30\frac{3}{4}$ "
Lyndeboro Pinnacle	—	152°	N. 28° W.	$24\frac{1}{2}$ "
Joe English . . .	1280(?)"	167°	N. 13° W.	$23\frac{3}{4}$ "
W. Uncanoonock .	1300(?)"	$174\frac{3}{4}^\circ$	N. $5\frac{1}{4}^\circ$ W.	26 "
E. " .	1335 "	177°	N. 3° W.	$25\frac{1}{2}$ "

Joe English was a friendly Indian who in early times did many good turns for the white settlers; and he probably acquired his name from close association with them. While acting as a guard to Lieutenant Butterfield and wife, he was killed by hostile Indians between Dunstable and Chelmsford, in what is now Tyngsborough, on July 27, 1706. Joe English Hill in New Boston, N. H., the scene of some of his adventures, takes its name from him.

ITEMS FROM THE HARVARD RECORDS.

THE following genealogical items are taken from the "History of the Town of Harvard, Massachusetts," a work written by the Honorable Henry S. Nourse, of Lancaster, and published in the year 1894. As they appear neither in the town-records nor church-records of Groton, they are given here. The broad-faced figures after each item indicate the page of the volume where they severally are found.

MARRIAGES.

1769. Feby. 16. [At Littleton] Mathias Farnsworth of Groton and Sarah Farnsworth, by J. D. Noyes, Esq. **512.**

1778. Feby. 19. [At Groton] Nathaniel Whittemore and Lydia Stone of Groton, by Rev. Daniel Chaplin. **512.**

1784. Novem. 25. Joseph Parks of Groton and Alice Hamlen, by Rev. Ebenezer Grosvenor. **503.**

1785. Sept. 26. John Blanchard of Sutton and Huldah Carol of Groton, by Josiah Whitney, J. P. **508.**

1786. June 1. [At Pepperell] John Park Jr. of Groton and Lydia Hamlin, by Rev. John Bullard. **513.**

DEATH.

1740. June 11. Abiel Barran, wife of Nathan Barran of Groton. **516.**

HENRY TRUE.

DIVINITY SCHOOLS and Theological Seminaries are a growth of the present century. In earlier times, candidates for the pulpit studied with some minister who gave them practical lessons in the requirements of the profession, and thus they entered upon their chosen work. The following account of Mr. True, a graduate of Dartmouth in the Class of 1796, is taken from the Rev. Dr. George T. Chapman's "Sketches of the Alumni of Dartmouth College" (Cambridge, 1867), and gives an instance of such a case —:

Henry True, the son of the Rev. Henry and Ruth (Ayer) True, was born at Hampstead, May 20, 1770, and died at Augusta, Me., Apr. 17, 1857, Æ. 86. He taught at Salisbury, also at Beverly and Tyngsborough, both in Ms, 5 or 6 years; then studied divinity with the Rev. Nathaniel Lawrence of Tyngsborough and the Rev. Dr Daniel Chaplin of Groton, Ms; was ordained pastor of the Cong. Ch. at Union, Me, Sept. 21, 1806; dismissed Oct. 25, 1820; was without charge there until 1849; then went to Marion, Ohio; returned and lived at Augusta. He married Mary, dau. of Capt. Amos Barrett, of Union, Aug. 2, 1810. (Page 86.)

SAMUEL BLOOD.

THE subject of the following sketch, who died in the year 1859, was a graduate of Dartmouth in the Class of 1812. His father was a Revolutionary pensioner, and died at Groton, New Hampshire, on November 20, 1829, aged 67 years, — according to the first entry in the "List of Deaths" on page 242 of this volume. The account of him is taken from Chapman's "Sketches of the Alumni of Dartmouth College."

Samuel Blood, the son of Samuel and Sally (Bartlett) Blood, was born at Groton, Ms. [on December 14, 1788]. He taught at Gettysburg, Pa, two years, at Chambersburg, Pa, 30 years, at Pittsburgh, Pa, 10 years; then taught again at Chambersburg until disabled by severe bodily infirmities. He married, 1. Mary M'Lane, Aug. 8, 1815. 2. Mary M'Anulty in 1818. 3. Jane Purviance. (Page 159.)

WIDOW MARY COCKLE.

In the Early Church Records, as printed in this volume (pages 30, 31), there are allusions to widow Mary Cockle. By the light of an entry in William Nutting's Diary, under date of October 29, 1801, as given in the third volume (page 394) of this Series, it appears that she was a daughter of widow Mary Nutting. Probably she was the eldest child of Josiah and Mary (Blood) Nutting, as given in Mr. Butler's History (page 420); and if so, she was born on April 8, 1745. Her death took place near the end of October, 1801.

LIST OF MARRIAGES.

At Groton, 22d inst., by Rev. Thomas J. Mumford, Watson Kendall Barnard to Rebecca Phillips, daughter of the late William Henry Prichard.

"Boston Evening Transcript," October 27, 1863.

At Groton, 23d inst., by Rev. H. M. Dexter of Boston, assisted by Rev. Mr. Bulkley, of Groton, Sig. Antonio Blitz of Philadelphia, to Helen, only daughter of Jonas Eaton, Esq., of Groton.

Ibid. July 27, 1863.

At Townsend, 14th instant, by Rev. C. H. Hanaford, Mr. Joseph S. Brown, of T., to Miss Martha J. Sanderson, of Groton.

Ibid. August 19, 1863.

In Providence, Mr. T. F. CUNNINGHAM to Miss CHARLOTTE TARBELL, both of Groton, (Ms.)

"Columbian Centinel" (Boston), October 21, 1812.

In Groton, on Thursday morning, Mr. SIMEON GILSON, of this town, to Miss JANE WOODS, of the former place.

Ibid. October 17, 1812.

At Groton, 1st inst., by Rev. Mr. Fosdick, Charles R. Hoar to Sarah A. Simpson, both of Boston.

"Boston Evening Transcript," August 18, 1863.

In Groton, on Thursday last [January 12], by the Rev. Mr. Chaplin, Mr. JONATHAN LORING, to Miss MARY TROWBRIDGE.

"Columbian Centinel" (Boston), January 18, 1815.

In Groton, Mr. Joseph Sawtell to Miss Lucy Parker : Mr. Jonas Trowbridge to Miss Hannah Simonds.

Ibid. December 20, 1815.

In Groton, on Tuesday [October 31], Mr. Oliver Wentworth to Mrs. Lucy Worcester.

Ibid. November 4, 1815.

LIST OF DEATHS.

In Wellesley Hills, at the residence of her son, Rev. D. E. Adams, Mrs. C. H. Adams, widow of the late Rev. Darwin Adams, of Groton, and daughter of the Rev. Eli Smith, for 36 years minister of Hollis, N. H., aged nearly 95 years. Funeral on Tuesday at 11 A.M. Burial at Groton.

"Boston Morning Journal," July 20, 1897.

In Groton, Mrs. SARAH, wife of *James Brazer*, Esq. Æt. 47.

"Columbian Centinel" (Boston), April 11, 1810.

In Groton [September 3], Mr. DANIEL CHAPLIN, Æt. 32, son of the Rev. Daniel C.

Ibid. September 9, 1815.

In Groton, Mrs. EUNICE, wife of Mr. *Israel Conant*, Æt. 47.

Ibid. October 19, 1814.

In Groton, Mrs. ELIZABETH, wife of Mr. *Nathan Daboll*, Æt. 70.

Ibid. September 29, 1813.

In Groton, 27th ult., Mrs. LUCY DAVIS, wife of Mr. David D.

Ibid. January 4, 1815.

In Groton, JOHN MOSES FARRAR, Æt. 18.

Ibid. July 12, 1815.

In Groton, 23d inst., ABIGAIL, eldest daughter of *Thomas Gardner*, Esq. Æt: 18.

Ibid. March 27, 1811.

At Groton Centre, 9th inst., Stewart P., eldest son of John J. Graves, Esq,. 27 yrs. 9 mos.

☞Funeral from his late residence, Tuesday at 2 o'clock P.M. Relatives and Friends are invited to attend without further notice.

"Boston Evening Transcript," August 11, 1863.

At Groton, Mass., 9th inst., Miss Mary Hemenway, 76.

Ibid. October 10, 1863.

In Yokohama, Japan, Aug. 26, Col. Joseph Coffin Hill, son of the late Henry Hill of Groton, Mass., aged 56 yrs., of heart failure resulting from the grip.

"Boston Morning Journal," September 23, 1896.

[In Boston] Yesterday morning, Miss SUSAN LAWRANCE, aged 27, eldest daughter of Samuel Lawrence, Esq. of Groton. Funeral will be from her brother's house, in Southack's court, this morning, 9 o'clock, when the friends of the family are invited to attend.

"Columbian Centinel" (Boston), August 19, 1815.

In Groton, 14th inst. BENJAMIN LUTHER, son of Capt. *Benj. Leland*, of this town, Æt. 8y.

Ibid. September 19, 1812.

At Groton Centre, 7th inst., Mrs. Joanna Lord, 82, wife of the late David Lord, Esq., formerly of Salem.

"Boston Evening Transcript," August 10, 1863.

On his passage from N. Orleans, Mr. David Moors, late of Boston, and formerly of Groton.

"Columbian Centinel" (Boston), December 27, 1815.

In this city, June 4, Louise Lander, wife of Dudley F. Phelps, of New York, and daughter of the late Dr. William H. Prince, of Salem.

"Saturday Evening Gazette" (Boston), June 9, 1895.

[For an account of Mr. Phelps, see the third volume of this Historical Series, pages 275, 276.]

In Groton, Widow ABIGAIL TROWBRIDGE, Æt. 78.

"Columbian Centinel" (Boston), November 9, 1814.

In Groton, 28th ult. Miss ANN, daughter of Mr. *Samuel Wright*, of Westford, Æt. 30. . . In the flower of life she fell a victim to an unrelenting consumption, and left society to mourn an irreparable loss. Her many virtues procured her numerous friends, to whom her example now speaks, "A heart benevolent and kind the most resembles God."

Ibid. February 8, 1812.

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THE LAWYERS OF GROTON.

THE following sketches of Lawyers are supplementary to those which have already appeared in the third volume (pages 187–318, 335, 336) of this Historical Series. The first three are those of residents of the town, and the fourth sketch is that of a native who has practised law elsewhere.

WILLIAM FISHER WHARTON is the elder son of William Craig and Nancy Willing (Spring) Wharton, and was born at Jamaica Plain, on June 28, 1847. He pursued his preparatory studies at Mr. Dixwell's school in Boston, and graduated at Harvard College in the Class of 1870, taking honors in Latin, Greek, and Ancient History. Immediately after leaving Cambridge he began the study of law in the office of John C. Ropes and John C. Gray, Pemberton Square, Boston, where he remained during one year. He then entered the Harvard Law School, receiving the degree of LL.B. in 1873, and was admitted to the bar, on September 22 of that year. Soon afterward he went abroad, and travelled in Europe for two years, at the end of which time he returned home and engaged in the active practice of his profession.

Mr. Wharton was a member of the Common Council of the city of Boston from 1880 to 1884 inclusive; and in 1883 was appointed by the Mayor one of the commissioners to revise the city ordinances. He also served, from 1885 to 1888 inclusive, as a member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, where he was chairman of various important com-

mittees. After a term of four years in that body, he declined a re-election. In April, 1889, he was appointed by President Harrison to the office of Assistant Secretary of State, which position he held with distinguished ability until the end of the administration, on March 4, 1893. Two months later he resumed the practice of law in Boston. On April 30, 1896, he was appointed by the Acting Governor of the Commonwealth as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners to investigate the Charitable and Reformatory Interests and Institutions of the State. In 1881 he edited the seventh edition of Story on Partnership.

In the year 1893 Mr. Wharton bought the large mansion in Groton, situated near the head of Farmers' Row. It was built by Judge Samuel Dana in 1815, and at one time was occupied by the Honorable Timothy Fuller, who had been Speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, and later a member of Congress. In this house Margaret Fuller, otherwise known as the Countess d'Ossoli, dwelt for a term of years.

On October 31, 1877, Mr. Wharton was married in Boston to Fanny, only daughter of William Dudley and Caroline (Silsbee) Pickman, of Beverly, who died on October 5, 1880; and, secondly, in Washington, D. C., on February 10, 1891, to Susan Carberry Lay, daughter of Colonel Richard Gregory and Caroline Young (Kimball) Lay, of Washington.

GRAFTON DULANY CUSHING is the elder son of Robert Maynard and Olivia Donaldson (Dulany) Cushing, and was born in Boston, on August 4, 1864. He graduated at Harvard College in the Class of 1885, and at the Harvard Law School in June, 1888, also at the same time taking his degree of A.M. The following year was passed in teaching at the Groton School, and the next two years were spent in the office of Messrs. Shattuck and Munroe, Boston, after which period he went abroad and continued his studies. During the past six years he has been an assistant teacher at the Groton School. Mr. Cushing is one of the directors in the newly organized Groton Water Company.

ARTHUR PARKER STONE is an only son and the youngest child of Valancourt and Ellen Anna (Mason) Stone, and was born in that part of Groton which is now Ayer, on January 16, 1870. In October, 1874, his parents removed to Boston, where he received his early education, attending successively the Primary and Grammar Schools, until his graduation from the Dorchester High School in 1886. During the autumn of that year, his family removing to Cambridge, he went through the Latin School there, and entered the freshman class of Harvard College in 1889. At the end of three years he obtained leave of absence from the academic authorities, and entered the Harvard Law School, doing at the same time the work of the senior class at college and the work of the first year in the Law School. In 1893, with his class he took the degree of A.B., and, two years later, the degree of LL.B. from the Law School. In August, 1895, his father's family returned to Groton, where they live on High Street, and he accompanied them. He passed the Suffolk bar examinations and on December 20, 1895, was admitted to practise law.

While in college Mr. Stone was actively interested in athletics, being successively Treasurer, Manager, and President of the University Base Ball Club. He was a member of the Theta Delta Chi Fraternity and also of the Hasty Pudding Club; and on graduation he was chosen to preside at the Class meeting. In January, 1892, while a Junior, and again in January, 1893, while a Senior, he was selected after a competitive trial as one of three students to take part in a public debate with Yale College. In Cambridge he was president of the Harvard Republican Club, and, under the direction of the State Committee, has spoken on the stump, more or less, since the presidential canvass of 1892.

After his admission to the bar he went into the office of Warren K. Blodgett (H. C. 1878) and William A. Bancroft (H. C. 1878), No. 28 State Street, Boston, — at the same time also practising his profession in his native town, — and remained with them until the autumn of 1897, when the arrangement was dissolved. In September of that year, he associated himself with Frederick W. Dallinger (H. C. 1893),

a classmate; and as attorneys-at-law they still keep their office at No. 28 State Street. In March, 1896, Mr. Stone was chosen a Trustee of the Groton Public Library.

JOHN ANDREW TOOHEY, named after the War Governor of Massachusetts, is a son of John and Mary (Heaphy) Toohey, and was born at Groton Junction, on October 16, 1863. When he was about fourteen years old, his father removed to Lee, where the son graduated from the High School in 1881. For some years he was engaged in teaching at different places, even while studying his profession; and he read law in the offices of Charles Edmund Hibbard, Esq., then of Lee, but now of Pittsfield, and of James Eugene Walsh, Esq., of Danbury, Connecticut. Mr. Toohey was admitted to the bar in Bridgeport, Connecticut, on October 21, 1887. For a short period he practised his profession at Danbury, and in April, 1889, removed to Rockville in the same State, where he was appointed by the General Assembly, on March 6, 1893, Judge of the City Court. His selection for that office was brought about by a strong recommendation on the part of his brother lawyers and other influential citizens. In the spring of 1895 he gave up the position, and removed to Hartford, where he continues the practice of his profession. Judge Toohey is a ready speaker, and this facility, added to a high reputation for probity and to a thorough knowledge of law, gives him a sure standing at the bar.

His father died at Lee, on November 29, 1885, aged 57 years and 6 months.

The following facts relating to the Lawyers of Groton, etc., are in addition to those given in the third volume of this Series. The figures within parentheses immediately after the names indicate the pages where the various references to the persons are found.

Mrs. Bradford Russell (231) died at Clinton, on November 12, 1893.
John Spaulding (235) died in Roxbury, on May 24, 1893.
Daniel Needham (240) died at Groton, on February 20, 1895.
Mrs. Dudley Farley Phelps (276) died in Boston, on June 4, 1895.

Mrs. Norman Seaver (278) died in Rutland, Vermont, on January 25, 1895.

William Prescott Wright (289) died in Chicago, on May 9, 1896, and was buried in the Groton Cemetery.

William Amory (292) died in Boston, on December 8 (not 9), 1888.

Augustus Peabody (308) died in Roxbury, on October 2, 1850 (not 1851).

Thomas Rice, Jr. (311), died on August 24 (not 25), 1854.

John Stuart (315) graduated at Williams College in the Class of 1804. He is said to have died in Cincinnati, Ohio.

FRANK LAWRENCE BLOOD has attended lectures at the School of Law, Boston University. He is the youngest child of Andrew and Susan Maria (Sanderson) Blood, and was born at Groton, on September 18, 1854. He was married, on July 15, 1884, to Grace, only daughter of John Mark and Ann (Tileston) Hollingsworth, of Groton.

FREDERICK WHITING MANSUR is an only child of Isaiah Melvin and Sarah Louise (Parkhurst) Mansur, of Groton, where he was born on April 20, 1871. He graduated at Harvard College in the Class of 1897, and during the next season entered upon the study of his chosen profession at the Harvard Law School, and at the present time (1898) is still connected with that institution.

The following young men are now (May, 1898) students at the School of Law, Boston University.

FRANK APPLETON TORREY, eldest child of Appleton Howe and Josephine Emma (Nutting) Torrey, born at Groton, on December 21, 1874. He is a graduate of the Groton High School, and at the present time is in his second year's attendance at the Law School.

ANDREW JOSHUA BLOOD, eldest son of Charles Edwin and Frederica (Moody) Blood, born at Groton, on May 17, 1878. He attended the High School, but is not a graduate.

HOWARD WILLIAMS RADDIN, third son of Joseph Brown and Sarah Frances (Chase) Raddin, born at Groton, on January 13, 1879. He is a graduate of the High School.

THE PHYSICIANS OF GROTON.

THE following sketches of Physicians are supplementary to those given in the third volume (pages 1–90) of this Historical Series.

DR. PHILLIP FOWLER was a physician in Groton near the middle of the last century. My authority for this statement is found in Mr. Nourse's "History of the Town of Harvard," which contains all the information I have concerning him. The entry there is as follows:—

Phillip Fowler was the physician earliest mentioned in the town records. During the epidemic of 1746, he lost two young children. He owned lands in the Old Mill district, bought of Justinian Holden, which he sold in 1754, being then called of Groton (page 429).

MEDICAL STUDENTS.

The following are sketches of scholars of Groton or Lawrence Academy, who have afterward studied medicine; and they are additional to the list given in the Appendix to the first number of the third volume of this Historical Series.

For other facts relating to the Physicians of Groton, see pages 163–168, and 407–412 of that volume.

DR. WILLIAM LAMBERT RUSSELL is the eldest son of James and Mary (Butler) Russell, and was born at Carlisle, on October 21, 1799. He had a sister and three brothers, of whom one is still living at the advanced age of ninety years. He began to attend school at Groton Academy in the autumn of 1817, when he boarded in the family of Eli Flint, said to have been a kinsman, who lived on the Hillside Road, and later in the family of Mrs. Brazer near the Academy. He remained here during one term in the year 1817 and one term in 1818, and after leaving Groton taught district schools in his native town for several terms. At a later period, he

continued his preparatory studies at Westford Academy, and in 1822 entered Harvard College, where he graduated in the Class of 1826. Next for a short period he taught in two private schools, after which he took up the study of medicine. To this end he at first entered the office of Dr. Leonard Proctor, of Lexington, and later that of Dr. George Bartlett Doane, of Boston, with whom he completed his professional studies, in the meanwhile availing himself of instruction from Dr. Rufus Wyman, in charge of the McLean Asylum, then situated in Charlestown; and in 1831 he took the degree of M.D. at the Harvard Medical School. Soon afterward he began the practice of medicine at Barre, where he has since resided.

On June 2, 1836, Dr. Russell was married to Mary Ann Warren, only daughter of Calvin and Caroline (Carter) Warren, of Hubbardston, who died at Barre, on January 6, 1892, aged 75 years, 10 months, and 14 days. Three children were born of this marriage, — a son, who died at the age of eight years, and two daughters. The elder daughter, Caroline, married William Howland, of Lynn; and both she and her husband died several years ago. On June 21, 1880, the younger daughter, Marian, married John Calvin Bartholomew, a native of Hardwick, at the present time a prominent business man of Barre.

Dr. Russell has always been methodical in his habits, and has paid strict attention to the laws which govern health; and to this fact he attributes his longevity and sound physical condition. He retains his mental faculties to a remarkable degree, and would easily pass for a man many years his junior. He keeps a diary of his doings, and manages his own business affairs; and he is a director in the First National Bank of Barre, and a punctual attendant at the directors' meetings, where he takes much interest.

In point of years, Dr. Russell is the oldest alumnus of Harvard College, though there is a graduate who took his degree before he did; and Dr. Russell is also the oldest graduate of the Harvard Medical School, as well as of Lawrence Academy.

DR. TIMOTHY NUTTING HOLDEN is the seventh son and tenth child of Luke and Mary (Nutting) Holden, and was born at Shirley, on November 21, 1853. In 1872 he began to attend school at Lawrence Academy, where he remained for three years. After leaving this institution, and before taking his first course of medical lectures, he taught school for a year, and then matriculated at the Medical Department of the University of the City of New York, where he attended one course of lectures. At the end of this term, for a period of two years he resumed his former occupation of teaching, and at the same time kept up his professional studies under the guidance of Dr. Alfred Miller, of Fitchburg, Dr. Charles J. Towne, of Townsend, and Dr. Miles Spaulding, of Groton. He then took his second and final course at the University of the City of New York, where he graduated in the Class of 1880. Soon after this Dr. Holden became an assistant to Dr. Ira M. Long, of New York, meanwhile pursuing his studies in special branches of medicine; and this connection lasted until Dr. Long's death on May 2, 1886. Since that time he has continued the practice of medicine in the same office, at No. 294 East Broadway.

On June 18, 1884, Dr. Holden was married in Boston to Love Maria Sprague, eldest child of Samuel Hazen and Ann M. (Miles) Sprague, of Westminster, Massachusetts; and they have three sons.

The following facts relating to the Physicians of Groton, etc., are in addition to those given in the third volume of this Series. The figures within parentheses after the names indicate the pages where the various references to the persons are found.

Dr. Miles Spaulding (33) died at Groton, after a long illness, on October 16, 1896.

Dr. Noah Torrey (53) died at South Braintree, on May 9, 1897.

Dr. David Stockbridge White (67) died in Charlestown, on May 28, 1894.

Dr. Luther Franklin Locke (72) died in Nashua, New Hampshire, on February 14, 1894.

Dr. Isaac Newton Kerlin (72) died at Elwyn, Pennsylvania, on October 25, 1893; and his wife at the same place, less than a year previously, on December 30, 1892.

Dr. Charles Amory (73) died in Dorchester, where for some years he had been living, on February 10, 1898, at the advanced age of 89 years and 9 months.

Dr. Frederic Augustus Sawyer (86) died at Wareham, on February 10, 1895.

Dr. Albert Milo Shattuck (411) graduated at the Dartmouth Medical School in the Class of 1895. He has since passed a year abroad in the study of his profession, and has now (May, 1898) established himself in Worcester.

GEORGE THOMAS LITTLE, an only son of John and Edna Maria (Woodward) Little, was born at Groton, on November 24, 1877. He graduated at Lawrence Academy in 1897, and is now (1898) attending a course of medical studies at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Boston.

DR. OLIVER PRESCOTT.

THE following sketch of Dr. Prescott is taken from the second volume of "A Collection of American Epitaphs and Inscriptions, with occasional Notes. By Rev. Timothy Alden, A.M." (New York, 1814). The clergyman, alluded to in the note, was the Reverend Daniel Chaplin, D.D, minister of Groton for nearly half a century. In some respects the account supplements the sketch of Dr. Prescott printed in the third volume (pages 4–9) of this Historical Series.

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299. Erected to the memory of the hon. OLIVER PRESCOTT, esquire, M.D. A.A.S. M.M.S.S. who departed this life, 17 November, A.D. 1804, aged 73 years, 6 months, and 9 days; also, of

Mrs. LYDIA PRESCOTT, consort of the above said Oliver Prescott, and daughter of the late David Baldwin, esq. of Sudbury, who died, 27 Sept. A.D. 1798, aged 62 years, 11 months, and 11 days.

Note. — The following sketch of the character of the hon. judge Prescott is drawn, principally, from a sermon, delivered, on the sabbath succeeding his interment, by a very respectable and worthy clergyman, who had enjoyed a long and intimate personal acquaintance with him, and who had the means of correct information.

He was born at Groton, Massachusetts, 27 April 1731. His father was the hon. Benjamin Prescott, of the same town, a very distinguished statesman, who died, 3 August 1738, in the 43 year of his age, when the subject of this article was about 7 years old. His mother was Abigail, daughter of the hon. Thomas Oliver, of Cambridge, a near relation of the provincial governour of that name. She died at Groton, 13 September, 1765, in the 69 year of her age. Judge Prescott was educated at Harvard university, Cambridge, where he received his first degree in 1750. During the course of his collegiate studies he acquired and supported a distinguished character, not only for the regularity of his behaviour, but for his great literary attainments; and this has been the case ever since that period. Accordingly, he was early noticed and his name enrolled as a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Soon after receiving his baccalaureate he commenced the study of physick under the tuition of doctor Roby, of Sudbury, a disciple of the celebrated Boerhaave. His distinguished professional acquirements, his prompt and unremitting attention to his patients, his peculiarly tender and pleasant manner of treating them in their distress, his moderate charges, and forbearance towards the poor and the general success, which attended his practice, operated to render him, for nearly half a century, one of the most popular, while he was, unquestionably, one of the most eminent and useful physicians in the commonwealth. As an instrument in the hand of Providence, he saved the lives of thousands. His high standing, among his brethren of the faculty, gave him a place in the Massachusetts Medical Society at the time of its institution. He was also an honorary fellow of several Medical Societies out of the commonwealth. He was likewise president of the Middlesex Medical Society, and, many years previous to his death, received from Harvard university the honorary degree of doctor of physick.

As a husband, he was affectionate, tender, generous, and condescending. He commenced the care of a family with regularity and constantly maintained domestick religion to the close of life. As a father, he was pleasant, affable, and liberal. His children, ten were born to him, although but two sons and two daughters survive,

were his glory; and, to make them virtuous, respectable, useful, and happy, was his persevering endeavour. He, therefore, took unwearied pains to furnish their minds with knowledge, to establish in them the habits of probity, benevolence, justice, and virtue, and to encourage them to laudable pursuits. His domesticks experienced, in his treatment of them, the kindness of a parent more, than the severity and rigid justice of a master.

Having with his consort, on entering the connubial state, made a publick profession of religion, he was a conspicuous, influential, and useful member of the church at Groton, and contributed much to its peace, regularity, and reputation.

Judge Prescott was active in whatever he undertook, upright in all his dealings, remarkable, at once, for suavity and dignity of manners, and justly possessed, and in an eminent degree, the confidence of his fellow-countrymen, wherever known. Hence in his native town, he held, for many years, several of the most important offices, and from his sound judgment, wonderful address, and facility of transacting business, was extremely useful. He regarded schools and the education of the rising generation as highly interesting to the community, and being a trustee of the academy in Groton he was its patron and benefactor, employing his extensive influence to promote its reputation and usefulness.

We find him also connected at one period of his life with military men. He was first appointed major of a regiment; soon after, he rose to the office of brigadier general, and then to that of major general. In these honourable offices he improved his talents for the publick good and with eminent success.

For many years he held the commission of justice of the peace throughout the commonwealth, and was very respectable and useful as a magistrate. His care and exertions were steadily directed to the due operation of government and the good order of the community. He was a patriot of the old school, "which like old wine is preferable to the new." He took an early and decided part in the revolution; assisted cheerfully and largely in the defence of our national rights; and had his influence in forming the government into its present shape, the invariable assertor and defender of which he uniformly was to the close of his active life. He did much to suppress a dangerous insurrection, which, in 1786, threatened the liberties of our country with ruin, constantly and strenuously supported the independence of his native state, and always disdained the idea of subjection to any other in the union, no less, than to a foreign power.

We must follow him to the chambers of the legislature, where he had a seat, for a period, as a member of the supreme executive council, and exerted the popular and active talents, which he possessed, to promote the publick happiness. He was also chosen a member of the board of war, in 1779. On the death of that great and good man, the hon. John Winthrop, L.L.D. S.R.S. he was appointed his successor in the office of judge of probate for the county of Middlesex. In this important station he acquitted himself to the general satisfaction of those, who did business in his court. He always appeared desirous to dispatch business, and prevent, as far as he consistently could, the accumulation of cost. In this department, it was evident to all acquainted with his punctuality, correctness, and condescension to the poor and ignorant, he exceeded most in the same office.

He was very industrious. His active powers and disposition were such as have seldom been surpassed. Business, books, and ingenious conversation were all the amusements he required. He was hospitable and publick spirited in an uncommon degree. He was not only distinguished, but almost unrivalled, for his urbanity and politeness. He possessed much social affection. His wit was pleasant, his imagination lively; and his wish to please in company, a striking trait in his character to the last. His facetious, sportive manner of conversation, united to a great fund of information and learning, rendered him peculiarly captivating to the young, until the close of his life. His colloquial talents made him a pleasing companion, notwithstanding his hearing was, many of the last years of his life, imperfect; and fortitude was not an inconsiderable quality of his mind. In a word, justice requires that his name should be enrolled with the distinguished worthies of this country. (Pages 58–63.)

STATE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OF 1853.

Our fellow-townsman, Mr. Boutwell, was one of the foremost leaders in the State Constitutional Convention of 1853; and his recollections of that body are full of historical interest and value. At my request he has prepared the following paper, for which I am under great obligations to him:—

GROTON, MASS., September 28, 1897.

TO THE HONORABLE SAMUEL A. GREEN:

MY DEAR SIR, — It is not altogether agreeable to me to comply with your verbal request for a sketch of my connection with and services in the Constitutional Convention of 1853, for use in your valuable Historical Series relating to the town of Groton.

If I attempt to meet the demand that you thus make upon me I must speak of myself, and in violation of a rule which all should observe, the aged as well as the young, — a good rule, beyond question. It was laid down by Demosthenes, it was violated occasionally by him, and it was disregarded utterly by Cicero. Thus I find some ancient authority for the course on which I now venture. As I had some part in the proceedings and events which gave rise to the Convention, my sketch would be imperfect if I were to omit all reference to those proceedings and events. The controversy over slavery, which wrought a division in the Whig and Democratic parties as early as the year 1848, led to a reorganization of parties in 1849, under the name of Whig, Democratic, and Free Soil parties, respectively. Of these the Whig party was the largest, but from 1849 to 1853 it was not able to command a majority vote in the State, and at that time a majority vote was required in all elections. There was a substantial agreement between the Democratic and Free Soil parties upon the leading question, of State politics. Of these questions a secret ballot law and the division of counties for the election of senators, and the division of cities for the election of representatives, were the chief. Under the law then existing the county of Middlesex, for example, elected six senators, and each year all were of the same party. Boston was a Whig city, and each year it chose forty-six members of the House on one ballot and always of the Whig party. What is now the system of elections was demanded by the Democratic and Free Soil parties. The change was resisted by the Whig party. In 1849 I was nominated by the Democratic party for the office of Governor, and a resolution was adopted denouncing the system of slavery. In that year coalitions were formed in some of the counties and in cities and towns between Democrats and Free Soilers, which demonstrated the possibility of taking the State out of the hands of the Whig party, if the coalitions could be made universal. This was accomplished in 1850, and in 1851 I became Governor by the vote of the Legislature, and Mr. Sumner was elected to the United States

Senate. It was the necessity of the situation that the two offices should be filled, and the necessity was not less mandatory that one of the places should be filled by a Democrat, and the other by a member of the Free Soil party. There were expectations and conjectures, no doubt, but until the Legislature assembled in 1851 no one knew what the arrangement would be. I am sure that I had no assurance that either place would be assigned to me. The leaders of the Free Soil party were resolute in demanding the place in the Senate, so that their views on the subject of slavery might be there set forth, and there were many Democrats who preferred the control of the State. I was not consulted, and I am confident that Mr. Sumner was not consulted.

The coalition had control of the State for the political years of 1851 and 1852. An act was passed which provided for a secret ballot, and by another act the question of a Constitutional Convention was submitted to the voters of the State. In March, 1853, an election was held for the choice of delegates. A majority of the delegates elected were members of the Democratic and Free Soil parties. It was provided in the statute which authorized the Convention that a constituency might elect its delegate from any part of the State. A number of delegates, about ten (10) in all, represented towns in which they did not reside. Of these I mention Sumner, Burlingame, Dana, Hallett, Griswold, and Phinney.

I was a candidate in Groton. I was defeated, and a Whig, Mr. John G. Park, was elected. The town had sustained the Democratic party from the year 1846, and my defeat was attributed to my action in signing a prohibitory liquor law in 1852. Mr. Wilson had been apprehensive of a defeat in his own town, Natick, and he had therefore secured a nomination in the town of Berlin. He was elected in both towns. When the Convention met he took his seat for Natick, and the seat for Berlin became vacant. The Convention ordered an election in Berlin, and I was chosen in that town by a unanimous vote. I took my seat in the Convention on the thirtieth of May. It was the twentieth day of the session.

The Convention was engaged upon a proposition for the abolition of the Executive Council. Its author was Mr. Hallett. He was supported by Governor Morton, and the indications were that the project would receive the votes of the coalition members, generally. I was of the opinion that the Council was an important branch of the government. The Whig members were friendly to the Council. I undertook to stem the movement against the Coun-

cil by a proposition to reduce the number to eight and to divide the State into eight districts, each district to elect one member by a popular vote. This plan received the support of the Convention, and by an amendment to the Constitution it is now the law of the State.

For the moment my action seemed unfortunate, as Hallett and some others of my party friends were much embittered against me.

Mr. Hallett's friendship for me was again disturbed by my opposition to a second and his only other pet scheme. He had been deeply interested in the Dorr Rebellion in Rhode Island. The Supreme Court of the United States had given a decision adverse to the views of Mr. Hallett, he having been counsel for the supporters of Dorr, who had attempted to overthrow by force the government then existing. Mr. Hallett introduced a proposition by which it was provided that it should be constitutional to overthrow by force the constitutional government of Massachusetts which the Convention was then attempting to set up.

Such a proposition could only have proceeded from a very peculiar mental organization. That organization was the unfortunate possession of Mr. Hallett. He did not perceive that his proposition was at once unwise and impracticable. Indeed, to him it was both wise and practicable. His obliquities were mental rather than moral, and this view is a charitable, and, probably, it is a just exposition of his illogical public career.

The two great subjects of debate and of anxious thought were the representative system and the tenure of the judicial office.

It was my earnest purpose to preserve town representation, and in the debate I made two elaborate speeches. It was then and upon that subject that I encountered Mr. Choate for the first time. He was a supporter, and, of course the leading advocate, in favor of the district system.

The Convention adhered to town representation in a modified form. The proposition was defeated by the vote of Boston, which gave a majority against the new Constitution of about one thousand in excess of the negative majority of the entire State.

More serious difficulties, even, were encountered in the attempt to change the tenure of judges, and no inconsiderable portion of the Convention favored an elective judiciary. To that project I was opposed. By the coöperation of a number of the members of the coalition party with the Whigs the proposition was defeated. Next, a proposition was submitted by Mr. Knowlton of Worcester, to

continue the appointment in the Executive Department, limiting the tenure to seven years. After an amendment had been agreed to extending the term to ten years, the proposition was adopted.

With some misgivings I assented to the compromise. The attempt to change the tenure of the judges was a grave mistake, and it was the efficient cause of the defeat of the work of the Convention. Beyond this error the defeat of the new Constitution was made certain by the course of Bishop Fitzpatrick of the Catholic Church. For many years the Irish population of Boston had acted with the Democratic party. Upon the question of calling a Convention the adverse majority in Suffolk had been 2,800 only, but upon the question of ratifying the work of the Convention the adverse majority was nearly six thousand. To this result the influence of Bishop Fitzpatrick had contributed essentially. His reason he did not disguise. Portions of Boston were under the control of the Irish. A division of the city would open to them seats in the House and the Senate. The Bishop deprecated their entrance into active, personal politics. Hence he used his influence against the new Constitution. Such was his frank statement when the contest was over.

About the twentieth of June, when I had been a member of the Convention for twenty days only, General Banks said to me that it was the wish of our friends that I should move for a committee to prepare the Constitution for submission to the people. At that time the thought of such a movement had not occurred to me. The committee was appointed upon my motion, and, according to usage, I was placed at the head of it, and from that time I had in my own hands, very largely, the direction of the business of the Convention. As is usual, the work of the committee fell upon a few members. In this case the working members were Richard H. Dana, Jr., and myself. Marcus Morton, Jr., a volunteer, was a valuable aid. After considerable experience in other places I can say that the preparation of the new Constitution was the most exacting labor of my life. The committee were to deal with the Constitution of 1780, with the thirteen amendments that had been adopted previous to 1853, and with thirty-five changes in the Constitution that had been agreed to by the Convention. The practical problem was this: —

(1) To eliminate from the Constitution of 1780 all that had been annulled by the thirteen amendments.

(2) To eliminate from the Constitution of 1780, and from each of.

the thirteen amendments, all the provisions that would be annulled by the adoption of the thirty-five changes that had been agreed to by the Convention.

(3) To furnish constitutional language for the new features that were to be incorporated in the Constitution.

(4) To arrange the matter of the new Constitution and to reproduce the instrument, divided upon topics and into chapters and articles.

All the work under the first two heads was done by myself. The language was so much the subject of criticism and of rewriting that the responsibility for item three cannot be put upon any one. The same may be said of the work under item four, although that work was unimportant comparatively.

The copy of the Constitution which was used by me in making the eliminations is still in my possession.

It is to be observed that the Convention did not furnish language in which the amendments that had been agreed to were to be expressed in the new Constitution.

The resolutions, as adopted, were in the form following:

"Resolved, That it is expedient so to alter and amend the Constitution as to provide for a periodical division of the Commonwealth into equal districts on the basis of population."

This form was observed in all the results reached by the Convention.

The Convention had named the first day of August as the day of adjournment, and the serious work of preparing the Constitution was entered upon about the 15th day of July. The Committee as a body, consisting of thirteen members, took no part in the preparation of the Constitution. It sanctioned the work as it had been done by Mr. Dana, Mr. Morton, and myself.

As my constant presence in the Convention was required, the work imposed upon me as chairman of the Committee was performed in the mornings, in the evenings, and during the recesses. Thus the days from the early morning until ten o'clock at night were given to labor and without thought of eating or drinking. At ten o'clock I ate a hearty supper and then retired, always getting a sound sleep, whatever might have been the work of the day preceding.

In the last fifteen days of the session the *project* of the Constitution was printed for proof-reading and for corrections twenty-four times. The record shows that there were but few changes made

by the Convention, and those were formal and unimportant; and never in the canvass that followed was the suggestion made that the proposed Constitution failed to represent the mind and purpose of the Convention.

The Address to the People of the State was written by me on the last day of the Convention, August 1, 1853, and, as I now recall the events of that day, it was not submitted to the Committee, although the members, by individual action, authorized me to make the report.

On the same day and upon the motion of Mr. Frank W. Bird, of Walpole, the Convention adopted the following order: —

"Ordered, That the resolves contained in Document No. 128, and the Address to the People signed by the President and Secretaries, be printed in connection with the copies of the Revised Constitution ordered to be printed for distribution; and that thirty-five thousand additional copies of said Constitution, with the resolves and Address, be printed for distribution, in accordance with the orders already adopted."

The Convention adjourned at ten minutes before two o'clock on the morning of August 2.

The work as a whole was rejected by the voters of the State, but the mind and purpose of the Convention have been expressed during the forty-four years now ended, in the many amendments that have been engrafted upon the Constitution of 1780.

Very respectfully,

GEO. S. BOUTWELL.

SIMON ROGERS AND ELIZABETH PARKER.

SOME years ago, when I was trying to find out the given name of one Rogers, of Concord, who married Elizabeth Parker, of Groton, I applied to Mr. George Tolman, of Concord, who is the recognized authority on all genealogical matters pertaining to that town. In answer to my queries he kindly wrote me, under date of November 4, 1887, as follows:

> There is no record here of the marriage of —— Rogers and Elizabeth Parker, nor of the "intention." I find, however, that (1) Elizabeth, wife of Simon Rogers died 2 Oct. 1794, aged 34

years, according to the church records; (2) Simon Rogers and Abigail Buttrick were married 25 March, 1797; and (3) Simon Rogers, aged 40, died 1 June, 1797. There is no record of any children being born to Simon Rogers by either wife, but I think that he left a son Luke. "Mary, daughter of widow Abigail Rogers was baptized" in 1798.

Simon Rogers was son of Daniel and Mary. His birth is not recorded, but the baptismal entry makes the fact sure. (1) Mary, daughter of Daniel and Mary Rogers was born 12 May, 1759; (2) Widow Mary Rogers owned the covenant 17 August, 1760; and (3) Simon and Mary, children of Mary, widow of Daniel Rogers were baptized 5 October, 1760.

The name of Rogers does not belong in Concord. I find on my record against the first appearance of the name of Daniel Rogers, the pencilled memorandum "prob. son of Rev. Daniel of Littleton," but I cannot now remember on what authority I made it. You can probably verify or confute that conjecture more easily than I can.

Daniel Rogers, Jr., the son of the Littleton minister, did not die until March 16, 1803, which throws him out of the question, as Simon's father was dead in the autumn of 1760, when his mother is called "widow of Daniel Rogers."

For other references to Simon Rogers and Elizabeth Parker, see the second volume (page 86, under "Parker") of this Historical Series, and also the fourth volume (pages 330, 331, under "Parker Family").

LIST OF MARRIAGES FROM THE CHELMSFORD RECORDS.

A list of early marriages recorded at Chelmsford is printed in "The New-England Historical and Genealogical Register" (LI. 307, 308; 447, 448) for July and October, 1897. In this list is the entry of several marriages of Groton men, which do not appear in the town-book. The record also furnishes the maiden names of the wives, which were not previ-

ously known, though in some instances their given names are found in the Appendix to Mr. Butler's History. The several entries are as follows:—

Joseph Gilson mar. Nov. 10, 1661, Mary Cooper.
Robert Parise mar. May 22, 1663, Seborne Cromwell.
Robert Parise mar. April 16, 1667, Mary Crispe.

Josiah, son of Capt. James Parker, mar. May 8, 1678, Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Saxon, of Boston.

James, son of Capt. James Parker, mar. Dec. 11, 1678, Mary, daughter of Abraham Parker.

Daniel Cadye mar. July 6, 1683, Mary Green.

John Parise of Groton mar. Dec. 29, 1685, Mary, daughter of John Wattell of Chelmsford.

Samuel, son of Samuel Wood of Groton, mar. Dec. 30, 1685, Hannah, daughter of Joseph Farwell.

William, son of William Laking of Groton, mar. Jan. 4, 1685, Elizabeth, daughter of James Robinson of Groton.

Nicholas, son of Nicholas Cady, of Groton, mar. March 20, 1685, Percime, daughter of William Redland of Groton.

LIST OF MARRIAGES, ETC., FROM THE TYNGSBORO RECORDS.

The following list of Tyngsboro marriages, etc., is taken from a copy, made from the town records by Jonathan Franklin Bancroft, who has kindly allowed me to use it.

MARRIAGES.

June 14, 1798. John Woodward, of Tyngsboro, to Widow Mary Fletcher, of Groton.

April 9, 1803. Frederick Dolt, of Groton, to Nancy Bell, of Tyngsboro.

July 3, 1810. John Johnson, of Groton, to Mary Blodgett, of Tyngsboro.

June 21, 1819. Benjamin Moors, of Groton, to Abagail Farwell, of Tyngsboro.

MARRIAGE INTENTIONS.

February 5, 1803. Benjamin Tenney, of Tyngsboro, to Betsey Taylor, of Groton.

December 13, 1823. John Woodward, of Tyngsboro, to Rebecca Sawtell, of Groton.

This man is the same person whose marriage is recorded above, on June 14, 1798.

August 28, 1836. Amos R. Barker, of Tyngsboro, to Maria Ames, of Groton.

The following marriage is also recorded, but with only a year-date, as having taken place at Groton. See page 99 of this volume for the exact date, which was November 30.

1797. Jonas Jewett, of Pepperell, to Mary Danforth, of Tyngsboro.

THE AGE OF APPLE-TREES.

On my place in the village of Groton there are several old apple-trees which sixty years ago bore well, and still continue to bear a fair crop of fruit. While they begin to show the signs of age, they do not seem to be very much larger or taller than they used to be, when I first remember them, though, of course, they are thicker through the butts. Perhaps to my youthful fancy these trees then appeared larger than they really were. I mention the fact here in order to show that apple-trees will continue to bear during a long period of time, probably through a century.

PUBLIC CLOCK.

The new clock in the tower of the Baptist Meeting-house was made by the E. Howard Watch and Clock Company, Boston, and was first put in running order between three and four o'clock on Thursday afternoon, November 18, 1897. Henry Wm. Whiting did the carpentry preparatory to the placing of the time-piece in position.

ABEL SPAULDING.

ABEL SPAULDING, who died at Groton, on October 15, 1897, aged 94 years, 10 months, and 25 days, at the time of his death was the oldest person in town. He was a son of Hezekiah and Sarah (Lewis) Spaulding, whose children were as follows: —

Eliza, born at Groton, on January 25, 1799.
John, born at Groton, on November 30, 1800.
Abel, born at Groton, on November 20, 1802.
Sally, born at Mason, New Hampshire, in August, —

Mr. Zara Patch, another well-known citizen, was also born on November 20, just ten years after Mr. Spaulding; and for a long time this venerable couple, who were neighbors, used to celebrate the anniversary by dining together. He is still hale and hearty, and his familiar figure is seen daily on the street.

John Spaulding, the elder brother of Abel, graduated at Middlebury College in the Class of 1825, and at the Andover Theological Seminary in 1828. The statement, made in John B. Hill's "History of the Town of Mason, N. H." (page 299), that he was born there, is probably incorrect, as the entry of his birth is found in the Groton records, as given above.

REV. CALEB TROWBRIDGE.

IN Mr. Butler's History of Groton (page 174) it is said that the Reverend Caleb Trowbridge, minister of the town from 1715 to 1760, was born at Newton, on November 17, 1692; and this statement is repeated in the "Historical Sketch of Groton" (page 74). In Francis Jackson's History of Newton (page 420) November 7 is given as his birth-day; and I have reason to think that this is the correct date. In the Chelmsford church records the following entry is found: — "The Revd Mr Caleb Trowbridge Pastor of Groton died

Sep^{t} 9, 1760 Æ^{t} 68 & in y. 46 year of his Ministry." At the time of his death he lacked two months of being sixty-eight years old; and the inscription on the tablet over his remains in the Groton Burying Ground keeps up a similar inaccuracy in regard to his age.

RICHARD BRENTON.

ACCORDING to tradition Richard Brenton was a soldier in the British army who deserted during the Revolution. At a later period he took up his abode in this town, where, on September 8, 1832, he ended his days in the poor-house. He was a man of great ingenuity; and fifty years ago there were many persons who remembered him and told of his deft handiwork.

GROTON WATER COMPANY.

THE reservoir on Gibbet Hill was filled with water for the first time on Monday, November 29, 1897. The height from the pumping station to the bottom of the reservoir is 280 feet. The town has forty hydrants for fire purposes, for which it pays $1,000 annually.

GROTON IN FICTION.

IN the "St. Nicholas" magazine (XXV. 246–251) for January, 1898, is the story of a giant, of which the scene is laid in Groton. It is entitled "Johnny and the Giant," and was written by J. Rowe Webster. The time of its occurrence was many years ago, when "there was no Groton school at all, and in the village there were only nine houses and no town hall." The giant lived in a "big stone house on Gibbet Hill," and was jolly and kind, and "always ready to do all he could for everybody."

For other references to "Groton in Fiction," see Volume II. (pages 382, 383) of this Series, under the heading of "An Uncloseted Skeleton;" and page 319 of the present volume, under that of "Groton School."

GROTON PEACHES.

Ex-Gov. George S. Boutwell, of Groton, will send to market this fall 2,000 baskets of peaches grown on his farm; and Capt. Moses P. Palmer, also of Groton, will send to market 1,000 baskets. While these peaches may not be so handsome to look at as the New Jersey or California fruit, they have a better and richer flavor which is the true test of their quality.

"Boston Morning Journal," September 11, 1897.

WILD DEER.

DURING the year 1897 wild deer were seen in Dunstable, Tyngsboro and Chelmsford, and I have talked with various persons who saw them. Since June 8, deer have been seen in Groton on three different occasions. (See page 369 of this volume.) These repeated instances of their appearance in the northern part of this Commonwealth in modern times show their natural increase, due, doubtless, to the protection they receive from the State of New Hampshire, whence they migrate over the boundary line, and to the further protection here given.

A CORRECTION.

ON page 100 of this volume a suggestion is made that the marriage of Nathaniel Whittemore, of Lancaster, to Polly Stone, of Groton, there recorded, on May 30, 1799, is a duplicate entry of the marriage of Nathaniel Whittemore, of Lancaster, to Sarah Stone, of Groton, on December 20, 1798, which is found on the preceding page. Since making that

suggestion I have learned from "The Birth, Marriage and Death Register, Church Records and Epitaphs of Lancaster, Massachusetts" (pages 150, 151), edited by the Honorable Henry S. Nourse, that the person, who was married to Polly Stone, on May 30, 1799, was Nathaniel Whittemore, Jr.; and presumably he was a son of the other man.

According to Mr. Nourse's book (page 444), Mrs. Mary, wife of Nathaniel Whittemore, died at Lancaster, on August 15, 1828, aged 49 years; and probably she was the same person as Molly, eldest daughter of Amos and Molly (Moors) Stone, of Groton, who was born on April 21, 1778, as their ages are near enough to correspond with each other. According to the same work (page 193), Mrs. Sarah, wife of Nathaniel Whittemore, died at Lancaster, on March 17, 1809, though no age is given; and undoubtedly she was the same person who was married at Groton, on December 20, 1798.

JOHN KEMP AND SAMUEL STONE.

In Glazier's "History of Gardner, Massachusetts," there is an account of some of the early settlers of that town; and among them are two from Groton, who are mentioned as follows: —

"Kemp, John, from Groton, was a miller in the south part of the town. He m. Sarah Shattuck" (page 39); and then follows a list of their children and grandchildren.

"Stone, Samuel, from Groton, purchased a lot of wild land in the north part of the town; the same that is now the town farm; he cleared the land and erected buildings thereon; he was a very substantial man, and a great help in building up the town. He m. Martha Wilder" (page 49); and then follows a list of their children and grandchildren.

John Kemp, born on March 3, 1771, was married at Groton to Sally Shattuck, on April 10, 1798. See Shattuck Memorials (page 292).

Samuel Stone was probably the youngest son of Joseph and Mary Stone, born on November 7, 1751. See Butler's History of Groton (page 439).

ANOTHER ARTESIAN WELL.

In the autumn of 1896 an Artesian well, six inches in diameter, was drilled in the house lot of Dr. William B. Warren, on the southerly side of his dwelling. It was carried through solid rock one hundred and four feet below the bottom of his old well nineteen feet deep, from which it started, thereby reaching a depth of one hundred and twenty-three feet in all. When water was struck, it came suddenly and copiously, and was of an excellent quality.

Work was begun in September, 1896, and lasted about six weeks. The contractor was James Starr, of Groton, a man of large experience in drilling wells of this kind.

For an account of three other Artesian wells in town, see pages 198–200 of this volume.

STEEL BRIDGE.

The new steel bridge over the Nashua River at Groton was finished on Saturday, February 12, 1898. It takes the place of a wooden one on the same site, built by Luther Blood in the year 1871. For many years the bridge at this spot has been known as Fitch's Bridge, so called from Captain Zechariah Fitch who lived in the immediate neighborhood, and who for a long time had an agreement with the town to keep it in repair. Captain Fitch was a prominent citizen in the community, having served with distinction as an officer during the Revolution.

In the summer of 1817 a bridge over the Nashua River on this site was built by Zechariah Fitch, Jr. I have seen a memorandum made by him which says that he began to take down the old bridge on July 7 of that year, and that he finished the new one on July 26. For three or four days during the work he employed eight men, though generally less than that number. A few months later this new bridge was carried off by a freshet, on March 3, 1818.

For an allusion to Fitch's Bridge, see the second volume (page 108) of the Historical Series; and for an account of Captain Fitch, see pages 379–385 of the present volume.

NEW BRIDGE AT GROTON.

The town of Groton has recently voted to replace Fitch's Bridge, over the Nashua River, by an iron structure. To that end a contract has been made with the Berlin Iron Bridge Company of Connecticut, and it is expected that the work will be completed during the coming winter.

"Boston Evening Journal," November 27, 1897.

AN EPITAPH.

The following inscription is taken from a stone in the burying ground at Littleton Common, as given in the Proceedings (page 162) of the Littleton Historical Society:

This Stone | Erected to the Memory | of Mr. Joseph Morton | of Boston, who died at | Groton July 25th 1793; | Ætatis 81. — And in Memory | of Capt Dimond Morton | his son, who died Feby 2d | 1792 Æt. 49.

Death great proprietor of all, 'tis thine
To tread out Empires & to quench the stars.
Young's night thos

Joseph Morton was the father of Perez Morton, a graduate of Harvard College in the Class of 1771, and afterward Attorney-General of the Commonwealth; and of Ephraim Morton, a graduate in the Class of 1787.

HON. JOSIAH G. ABBOTT.

"A Memoir of Hon. Josiah Gardner Abbott, LL.D.," by Charles Cowley, LL.D., is printed in the "Contributions of the Old Residents' Historical Association, Lowell, Mass." (Vol. V., No. I, pp. 49, 50), in which appear the reminiscences of various persons who had been closely associated with Judge

Abbott. Among these several writers was the late Honorable Benjamin Dean, of Boston, a noted fisherman as well as lawyer, who had studied his profession in Lowell; and in giving his recollections of the judge, he says:—

He lived on Stackpole Street and I on Alder Street, in Lowell, and after one o'clock in the morning whichever awoke first would rattle his fish-pole against the other's window, and we would walk to Raymond Kimball's stable, ride to the Ridge [Hill] Tavern in Groton, and put up the horse: "Peter" would then take us in a wagon to Knop's Pond, where we would begin our sport. "Peter" came for us at meal times, and the evening would see us on our way home. We became very expert, and we never failed of a handsome catch of pickerel. . . . . I once, when with Hapgood Wright, caught one in Springy Pond, in Groton, weighing four pounds and two ounces.

ST. PAUL'S LODGE.

ST. PAUL'S LODGE was installed at Groton on August 9, 1797; and the account of the ceremonies at that time, given below, is taken from the "Columbian Centinel" (Boston), Saturday, August 12, 1797. The Centennial Anniversary of the Lodge was duly celebrated at Ayer, on January 26, 1897, when an historical address was delivered by the Honorable George J. Burns, which has since been printed.

On Wednesday last [August 9], *St. Paul's* Lodge was consecrated, and its officers installed, in ample form, at *Groton*, by the Rt. W. SAMUEL DUNN [Dana], Esq. D. G. M. attended by the officers of the Grand Lodge. The ceremonies were performed in the Meeting-House, before a large assembly; of which the ladies formed a brilliant and beautiful part. The Rev. Br. HARRIS, delivered a pertinent and pointed discourse on the occasion; and an ingenious Oration was pronounced by R. W. Br. THOMAS, acting D. G. M. After the business was finished, the Lodge which had proceeded in order from *Richardson's* tavern to the Meeting-House, repaired in like order, to an arbour, where they partook of a liberal entertainment, and closed the day with festive hirality [*sic*], social greeting, and deeds of benevolence. The clergy of the vicinity were guests, and appeared gratified.

TWO GROTON SOLDIERS IN THE EXPEDITION AGAINST CARTHAGENA.

War between Great Britain and Spain was declared on October 23, 1739; and early in the year 1740 the English government sent out an expedition against the Spanish possessions on this continent. The English provinces in America were called upon to furnish their share both of men and means toward the undertaking; and Massachusetts sent five hundred soldiers who took part in the operations against Carthagena, the principal town on the Spanish main, in the province of New Granada. Of this number only fifty men lived to return, the others for the most part dying of pestilential disease. Among the Massachusetts Archives (XCI. 333) at the State House is an imperfect Muster Roll of Captain John Prescott's Company, which gives the names of two soldiers, natives of Groton, and presumably residents of the town, who served in that unfortunate expedition. They were Josiah Blanchard, aged 40, a blacksmith by trade, who enlisted on May 10, 1740; and Joshua Parker, aged 39, "Gentelman," who enlisted on July 1. Probably neither lived to return, as there is no later reference to them in any public record. Blanchard was an only son of James and Anna Blanchard, and was born on June 24, 1698. For eight years his father was town-clerk of Groton. I am unable to identify Parker, who belonged to a family very numerous in the town.

BURNT MEADOW.

I have recently learned that Burnt Meadow, mentioned in the early records, lies in the easterly part of the town, east of the highway running from the Lowell road to the Rocky Hill School, now called the Trowbridge School. There is a small pond within its limits, which is still known as Burnt Meadow Pond. I have seen an old deed which speaks of Burnt Meadow farm, and also mentions both the meadow

and the pond. In the printed edition of "The Early Records of Groton" (page 142), it is said that this meadow lies in the neighborhood of Cow Pond, which is not a close identification of the site, though correct as far as it goes.

THE SCHOONER "GROTON."

THE despatch, given below, is printed in the "Boston Morning Journal," November 12, 1897. It would be an interesting fact to know when and where the schooner was built, and why she was so named. See the third volume (page 135) of this Historical Series, for similar queries in regard to the ship "Groton."

SCHOONER LOST.

Port Stanley, Ont., Nov. 12. — The schooner Groton of Detroit left Cleveland yesterday loaded with slack coal for London, Ont. She was caught in the gale that night and came to anchor 12 miles west of this place, where she foundered. The crew of six men took to the yawl boat and were discovered drifting down the lake yesterday. Capt. Berry of the life boat station here got his crew together and rescued them. The vessel, with her cargo, will no doubt be a total loss.

THE SURNAME "GROTON."

DURING the twenty-five years immediately preceding 1897, each issue of the Boston Directory contained the addresses of a few persons, on an average two or three, who bore the surname of "Groton." Among the graduates of Harvard College is the Reverend William Mansfield Groton, class of 1873; and among those of Bowdoin College were Nathaniel Groton, class of 1814, and Isaac Giddings Groton, class of 1821, both lawyers.

WIDOW PAGE.

I HAVE a scrap of paper which contains the following memorandum, though I know not by whom written. The record was made in the year 1818, doubtless, and may be correct, though it differs slightly from that in Mr. Butler's History of Groton (page 436). Perhaps it will serve as a clew to something else.

Elizebeth Shed the daughter of daniel Shed and abagail his wife born in groton March 9 1724 and now the widow page aged 94 1818. She hes been the mother of fouteen children and hes but three living

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CENTURY DICTIONARY.

IN the Century Dictionary (New York) one definition of the word "squadron" is "a division of a town for highway care;" and the authority there given for such usage is "*Town Records*, Groton, Mass., 1671." This reference is found on page 40 of the printed edition of the Records.

Mr. Butler, in his History of Groton, says: —

The terms "*angles*" and "*squadrons*" were, for many years, used for what we now call school districts. (Page 221.)

About this time [1790] the term *district* began to be used instead of *angle* or *squadron*. (Page 222.)

BILLERICA BRIDGE.

IN very early times the town of Groton was required by law to share in the expense of a bridge over the Concord River at Billerica, then on the line of travel to Boston, or to the Bay, as the expression was. This requirement was deemed a hardship by the inhabitants of the town; and more than once they sought from the public authorities relief from

the tax. An account of the case, somewhat in detail, is given in the first volume (No. XIX., pages 8–13) of this Historical Series. See also an article on "Middlesex County Bridges" in the third volume (pages 379–381). A petition relating to the subject, addressed to the General Court, is found among the manuscripts of the Massachusetts Historical Society. It is in the handwriting of the Reverend Samuel Willard, the second minister of the town, and, according to the official endorsement, was presented to the Court in May, 1668.

The petition once belonged to Mr. Butler, the local historian, and was given to the Society by his grandson, Mr. Charles Butler Brooks, on June 19, 1894. It is as follows: —

To the Honor'ed Genll Co'rt, Assembled in Boston:
The Humble Petition & Addresse of ye Inhabitants of Groton:

Wheras it hath seemed meet unto you heretofore (most Honor'ed Senate) to impose upon us, together with some other plantations, the building, repairing, & constant mainteining, of the Bridge, vulgarly knowne by the name of Billerikey Bridge; & now we are called upon, in obedience to y^t^ order, to collect o^r^ pportion for ye building of it; we have delayed to doe it as yet, wch we humbly request, may not bee imputed as disobedience: it being only in order to this p^r^sent opportunity, of Rationally submitting o^r^selves to yor censure, when we shall have given you the account of o^r^ grievances, in this respect: And what we have to plead for o^r^ Immunity, from this Charge is much, though the weight of it lyes in yor candid Judgm^t^ to interpret: But (not to tire yor patience with many words) in briefe, wee, upon true intelligence, find, that yor hono^r^s were informed that this was like to be o^r^ proper roade to ye market, & therfore thought it fit wee should beare o^r^ proportion in mainteining of it: wee crave leave to plead both by way of supposition & negation: first, supposing that were a truth; yet wee would beg favo^r^ to be considered, as a new-plantation, remote, in o^r^ beginning, who have in the necessityes of such an undertaking (buying o^r^ food from other places divers yeers, setting up a place of worship, constant necessary charges of, Towne, Church, & Coñonw;), well neere wasted o^r^ substance, & though, by the blessing of God hopefull not to lose o^r^ Labo'rs, yet at present it is in hopes, not in hand:.

Withall, what other Townes have gotten off from this very worke by, we may as well plead as they, viz. the necessity of much time & cost to be laid out in reparation of wayes, & building of bridges in o^{r} owne plantation, partly in o^{r} way to the Market, partly, because a River as troublesome & chargeable to be kept with bridges as that it runes through neere the midst of o^{r} land; to the maintenance of which wee can expect no foreigne helpe: But besides all this, we can plead by way of absolute denyall; that we have no more ordinary use or need in way of traffique of that road & bridge, then any other Towne in the County, or Countrey: Neither yet hath it bin the practice of us (Such only excepted, who tooke that way, their friends living in some of those Townes) to follow that tracke, The way Lying by Concord, being (when repaired) every whit as feisable, & not only soe, but (as wee are able to vindicate) neerer by many miles: Yea, so little use have wee of that way in order to the market, that many, yea most of us, if need required, durst engage to pay o^{r} charge for every time wee shall passe to market that way, although 5^{d} for a time should bee demaunded: & therefore if needs wee must repaire out of o^{r} owne bounds, wee had rather doe it where it might be beneficiall to us, then otherwise:

But wee ly at yor feet; & (knowing wee have to doe with men Just, wise, & mercifull,) we rejoyce that wee soe doe, & (nothing doubting but we shall find such favor as may stand with equitye, which is all wee desire) wee freely resigne o^{r} whole case to you, & Remaine

Yo^{r} Hono^{rs} Humble Suppliants & Serv^{ts}.

JAMES PARKER.
RICHARD BLOOD

in the name and by the apontment of the towne

The Comittee having Considered this Petition heard ptys concerned & pvsed orders of Court in ye Case, Doe find ye matter of weighty consideration, & should it pve as Groaten holds forth that their way lys by Concord & y^{t} they shall not make vse of Billerikey Bridge for theire Coming to ye Bay, wee thinke that they should not be Imposed vpon, But Considering ye orders of Courts wch haue passed in ye case, & ye Ingagements wch Groaten ly vnder, we Judge it meete that Groaten doe discharge theire first paym^{t} wch we vnderstand is about fourteene Pounds And then in case they shall make it appeare to their County Court or to ye next

Generall Court that they doe not ordinaryly goe y^t^ way, or make vse of y^t^ Bridge called Billreca Bridge: They viz Groaten shall be freed frō ye charge thereof for future

JOHN· PYNCHON·

3^d^ Mo.8. 68.

EDWARD JACKSON

OLIUER PURCHIS

The Deputyes approue of the returne of the Comittee In answer to this petition with refference to the Consent of o^r^ Hon^rs^ magists hereto

WILLIAM TORREY *Cleric.*

The Magists consent not heereto

EDW RAWSON *Secrety*

[Endorsed] Inhabitants of Groten peticoñ:

Ent^r^d wth ye Majists & X^s^ reed

Read & Referd ℔ Curiam

,nothing donne

1668

STODDARD, N. H.

A HISTORY of Stoddard, New Hampshire, by Isaiah Gould, has recently been published by a daughter of the author. It contains the following items relating to men from Groton:

OLIVER PARKER, was quite an early resident in town. He came from Groton as early as 1772 or 3.

When the town was incorporated in 1774, Mr. Parker was appointed to call the first meeting, and was chosen moderator, town-clerk and first selectman. Mr. Parker soon lost his popularity. At the breaking out of the Revolution war, his attachment to the mother country was so strong, that he found it necessary for him to leave town and took up a residence in the British dominions, off New Brunswick. He lived on the hill west of the village, built the house where Gardner Towne lives, and the town-meetings and religious meetings, for some years were held at his house. This house is the oldest dwelling house in town. (Page 114.)

HARBOR FARNSWORTH, lived on the farm that Jacob Taylor now owns.

SAMUEL FARNSWORTH, lived on the place long owned by Capt. John Barker, afterwards Guile Barker occupied it, now owned by Francis Picher. (Page 124.)

Harbor Farnsworth was the eldest child of Ebenezer and Mary (Nichols) Farnsworth, and was born on June 10, 1756, in Boston Harbor, hence the name. During the Revolution he was a soldier from Groton; and without doubt Samuel belonged to the same family.

OBADIAH JENKINS, was on the 12th lot, 10th range. Abel Adams succeeded him, he moved to Dublin, 1857.

DAVID JENKINS, lived on the 10th lot, 10th range but left and went to 10th lot and 13th range, the William Howard place, now owned by Asa Davis, Jr.

JONATHAN JENKINS, was on 11th lot and 10th range. John Farrar afterwards owned it, also Noah Blodgett and Job Barrett lived there. (Page 126.)

These three men by the name of Jenkins all served in Captain Farwell's company of Groton minute-men that marched on April 19, 1775.

CAPT. HENRY FARWELL.

HENRY FARWELL, the fifth child of William and Elizabeth ( ) Farwell, of Groton, was born on July 21, 1724. He was a soldier during the French and Indian War; and commanded a company of Minute-men that marched from Groton on the memorable Nineteenth of April. He also commanded a company at the Battle of Bunker Hill where he was severely wounded. A musket ball passed through his body and lodged near the spine, whence it was taken out soon after the fight. Captain Farwell lived near the head of Farmers' Row; one or two hundred feet south of the little brook which runs toward Hazel Grove and forms the source of 'Tuity Brook. An old well near the site of his house is the only trace of the habitation now left. At this homestead he died on January 9, 1804, according to his epitaph.

During my boyhood a wooden house stood just north of the aforesaid brooklet, in which lived Asa Lawrence, who about the year 1837 built the brick dwelling still further to

the north. For a while these two structures stood side by side in close proximity to each other; but soon afterward the wooden house was moved away, and now stands on Pleasant Street, just west of the railroad. I am led to record these facts somewhat in detail, as a slate tablet placed on the brick dwelling gives a wrong idea in regard to the home of Captain Farwell. The inscription is as follows:—

·IN·A·HOUSE·STANDING·WHERE·THE·PRESENT·BRICK·HOUSE·
IS: DIED·IN·1803·CAPTAIN·FARWELL·ONE·OF·THE·CAPTAINS·
OF·MINUTE·MEN·UNDER·COMMAND·OF·COL·PRESCOTT·AT·
THE·BATTLE·OF·BUNKER·HILL: HE·WAS·WOUNDED·THERE·AND·
CARRIED·OFF·FOR·DEAD: BUT: ON·REGAINING·CONSCIOUS-
NESS·UTTERED·THOSE·MEMORABLE·WORDS: "I·AM·NOT·
DEAD·AND·SHALL·NOT·DIE·TILL·I·SEE·MY·COUNTRY·FREE."
·PLACED·HERE·BY·
·JAMES·LAWRENCE· · · 1893·

Captain Farwell was married, first, on December 6, 1749, to Lydia, eldest child of Samuel and Lydia (Farnsworth) Tarbell; and, secondly, on June 3, 1761, to Sarah Taylor, of Westford. By the first marriage there were three children, and by the second, four children. An entry in the Groton church records, under date of October 12, 1800, probably relates to him also, which would make a third marriage. It is as follows: "Capt. Henry Farwell to Hannah Worster both of Groton."

Captain Asa Lawrence, who commanded the second company of Minute-men that marched from Groton, on April 19, and also the second Groton company at the Battle of Bunker Hill, died on January 16, 1804. It is somewhat singular that these two Revolutionary veterans should have lived for a generation after the dangers of a military campaign, and then have died within a week of each other. During the latter part of his life, Captain Lawrence dwelt in the north part of the town, where he ended his days; but at the breaking out of the Revolution he was living on what is now known as the Lowell Road, about a mile from the First Parish Meeting-house. He was the grandfather of Asa Lawrence,

previously mentioned in this article, and the great-great-grandfather of William Asa Lawrence, of Groton.

CAPT. FARWELL'S BULLET.

THE following query was raised in the "Notes and Queries" department of the "Boston Evening Transcript," May 25, 1895, and an answer given in the issue of May 1, 1897.

(5873.) Captain Henry Farwell, who commanded a company of Minute Men from Groton at Bunker Hill, was severely wounded by a musket bullet that entered his body, lodging near his spine.

It was extracted the evening of that day, as recorded in Butler's "History of Groton" [page 268], and he engraved 1775 on the ball, leaving it as a precious relic.

A great-grandson of Captain Farwell's wishes to know who has possession of the engraved ball.

W. P. B.

5837 [5873]. Concerning a musket ball that was extracted from the body of Captain Henry Farwell—Captain Henry Farwell was my great-grandfather. My father, James B. Farwell, had that ball in his possession after the death of my grandfather, Jonathan Farwell. During the absence of my father and mother the house was entered and the box containing the ball was stolen. My father never found it; 1775 was engraved on the ball. It was many years ago that it was stolen. If W. P. B. is a great-grandson of Captain Farwell, I would like to know who he is, as I have no relatives with those initials. There are grandsons by name of May.

If W. P. B. will write to me I will answer any questions concerning the ball.

C. J. F. P.

The initials "W. P. B." stand for William Phillips Brazer, of Lowell; and those of "C. J. F. P." for Mrs. Caroline J. Farwell Pettengill, the wife of Henry Emmons Pettengill of Wilton, New Hampshire, a great-granddaughter of Captain Farwell, through her father, James Brazer Farwell, and her grandfather, Jonathan Farwell, who was the youngest child of the old hero.

JOHN CHAMBERLAIN, THE INDIAN FIGHTER.

In the "Collections and Proceedings of the Maine Historical Society" (IX. 1–14) for January, 1898, is an article by George Walter Chamberlain, of Weymouth, on the claims of John Chamberlain, of Groton, as the slayer of the Indian chief Paugus in the Pigwacket Fight, on May 8, 1725. The writer of the paper has made an exhaustive and a convincing study of the subject; and he seems to have left no stone unturned that bears upon the case. The article, somewhat enlarged, has since been reprinted in pamphlet form, and in this new shape will make an interesting addition to the local literature of early New England history.

LEXINGTON CHURCH RECORDS.

The following extracts are taken from the early church records of Lexington, which, through the courtesy of the Reverend Carlton Albert Staples, I have been enabled to examine. The first minister of that town after its incorporation was the Reverend John Hancock (Harv. Coll. 1689), grandfather of the signer of the Declaration of Independence, who was ordained over the Lexington church, on November 2, 1698, and continued their pastor until his death, on December 6, 1752, "in the 82d Year of his Age, and 54th of his Ministry." Before receiving his call to Lexington, he had preached for some months during the years 1691 and 1692 at Groton, where he was invited to settle, but declined. Down to the date of Mr. Hancock's death the records at Lexington were kept by him; and since that time by many different persons.

The extracts here printed relate more or less directly to the town of Groton; and after each entry there is given, in heavy-faced type within brackets, the page of the record-book where such item is found. At the date (November 25, 1705) of the first list of baptisms, there was a vacancy in the pulpit at

Groton, which lasted from the dismissal of Mr. Hobart in 1704 till the ordination of Mr. Bradstreet in 1706. At the dates (March 28 and November 21, 1714) of the other two lists of baptisms, there was a vacancy following the dismissal of Mr. Bradstreet. The figures or paging that follow the record of the first two marriages are counted from the end of the volume inverted toward the beginning, as many pages of entries have been made in this manner.

At the Request of the Church of Christ In Groaton (Nemine Contradicente) I went up on 25: Novemb^{r} 1705. And Administred the holy ordinance of the Lords Supper to them. & Baptised these persons following.

John Blood
Rachel Farnworth
Reuben Farnworth
Benjm^{n} Hutchins.
Benjn Holding
Samuel Scripture
David Peirce
Eunice Cadee.
Amos Farnworth.
James Tarboll
Elizabeth Shattuck
Elizabeth Chamberlain
Thomas Lakin
Jane Shipley
Elizabeth Parker
Eunice Parker
Sarah Parker
Elizabeth Green
Esther Woods
Elizabeth Robbins
Joseph Boyden.
Susanna Gilson
Isaac Lawrence
Daniel Sawtell.

28: March: 1714 I baptised at Groaton
Lydia Pierce
Mary Parker
John Farnsworth
Joseph Bennett
Sibil Parker.

21 Novemb^{r}: 1714 I baptised at Groaton
David Lakin
Nathaniel Shipplee
Joshua Whittney
Mary Warner
David Shattuck
Eleazar Robbins
Deliverance Parker
Simon Stone
Ruth Hobbart
Emme Parker
Sarah Bush
Sarah Hall
James Blood
Sarah Kemp [6]

13: Aprill 1712: . . . . : chose two messengers to send to the Councell at Groaton vizt: Samuell Stone & Joseph Bowman. [38]

Without doubt the Council, here mentioned, was called to consider the dismissal of the Reverend Dudley Bradstreet, who left town in the summer of 1712. The Groton church records are very imperfect, and do not allude to the event.

15
20 february 1714 Chose [Deacon Miriam / Sam[ll]: Stone / John Lawrence] Messengers for the ordination at Groton

[41]

This entry refers to the ordination of the Reverend Caleb Trowbridge, which took place on March 2, 1714–15.

April 18, 1780. Married Elisha Cory of Groton and Mary Munro of Lexington. [27]

1794. Feb[y] 12. Married Samuel Pierce of Groton and Sally Farmer of Lexington. [30]

May 22nd 1838. [Married] Mr. Joseph Nelson Hoar of Groton to Miss Eliza Ann Nelson of Lincoln [unnumbered 189]

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The following list of titles is supplementary to those already given in previous numbers of this Series. See page 303 of the present volume for exact references to the several places.

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The last Words and Dying Speech of Levi Ames, who was executed at Boston, on Thursday the 21st Day of October, 1773, for Burglary. Taken from his own Mouth, and Published at his desire, as a solemn Warning to all, more particularly Young People . . . Boston: Printed and Sold at the Shop opposite the Court-House in Queen-Street. Broadside.

1864.

Attention! [Poster giving notice of a Draft, signed by the Select-men and dated at Groton, August 22, 1864.] Broadside.

Enrollment of the Town of Groton, from which the Draft of Sept. 5th, 1864, will be made. Broadside.

1880.

First Parish Meetinghouse, Groton. 4to. 1 p.

The cut, taken from a drawing made in the year 1838, appears on page 200 of "The Early Records of Groton." A very few impressions of the engraving with the letterpress, signed "S. A. G.," were struck off separately. This is reprinted on page 345 of the present volume, with slight changes.

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Town of Groton. Specimen Ballot for the Town of Groton, April 4; 1898. Appleton H. Torrey, Town Clerk. Broadside.

[Letter from Samuel A. Green to Michael Sheedy, Jr., Esq., Chairman, etc., dated at Boston, March 16, 1898, in relation to a Town Seal.]

This appears also on page 38 of the Annual Report of the Selectmen for the year ending March 19, 1898, and on page 442 of the present volume.

"The Groton Messenger" is the title of a small newspaper, published quarterly by the Union Congregational Church. The first number appeared on January 1, 1898.

For many years Alpheus Richardson kept a bookstore and bindery at the corner of Elm and Main Streets. He also published several books, of which the most important were two editions of the New Testament, one of them appearing in the year 1833, and the other in 1846. (See the second volume (page 179) of this Historical Series for a short notice of Mr. Richardson.) Below are given the titles of the two editions: —

The New Testament of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ: translated out of the Original Greek; and with the former translations diligently compared and revised. Stereotype edition. Groton, Mass. Printed and published by Alpheus Richardson. 1833. 16mo. pp. 335, (1).

The frontispiece is a rude cut representing Christ and little children; and following Revelation is "An account of the Lives, Sufferings, and Martyrdom, of the Apostles and Evangelists" (pp. 331–335), and also "A table of Kindred and Affinity, wherein whatsoever are related are forbidden in Scripture, and by our Laws, to marry together" (1 p.).

The New Testament of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, translated out of the Original Greek; and with the former translation diligently compared and revised. Stereotyped by Luther Roby, Concord, N. H. Groton, Ms. Published by A. Richardson. 1846. 16mo. pp. 254.

During my boyhood these two editions of the Testament were common, particularly in the public schools where they were used, but now they are very rarely seen. On page 306 of this volume of the Series the title of the latter edition is given, with facts about Luther Roby.

TOWN SEAL.

THE following letter relating to a Town Seal will explain itself. It was printed, first, on a sheet for limited circulation, and, later, in the Annual Report of the Selectmen for the year ending March 19, 1898. It was adopted by a vote of the town, on April 4.



BOSTON, March 16, 1898.

MICHAEL SHEEDY, JR., ESQ., Groton:

DEAR SIR, — Agreeably to your request I send herewith a design, as given above, for a Town Seal of Groton. For the convenience of the voters, who are the final judges in the matter, I have had it printed, so that at a glance its general effect may be more readily seen. The design is a simple one, and is intended to typify the character of its inhabitants.

The Bible represents the faith of the early settlers of the town, who went into the wilderness and suffered innumerable privations in their daily life as well as danger from savage foes. Throughout Christendom to-day it is the corner-stone of religion and morality. The Plough is significant of the general occupation of the people. By it the early settlers broke up the land and earned their livelihood; and ever since it has been an invaluable help in the tillage of the soil.

Very respectfully,

SAMUEL A. GREEN.

JOSEPH DENNIE.

Among the early American writers who took up literature as a profession was Joseph Dennie. A native of Boston, where he was born on August 30, 1768, he entered the Sophomore class at Harvard College in 1787, and graduated in 1790. During the first term of his Senior year, for some youthful pranks which were contrary to the discipline of the institution, he was suspended for six months, and sent to Groton, where he was placed under the charge of Dr. Chaplin, the minister.

The following extract is taken from a pamphlet entitled "Joseph Dennie: Editor of 'The Port Folio,' and Author of 'The Lay Preacher,'" by William W. Clapp, and refers to Mr. Dennie, while a resident of this town: —

Early in 1790 Dennie took up his residence at Groton, in the family of the Rev. Mr. Chaplin, and pursued his studies with the idea of returning to college. It was while here that he formed an acquaintance with Mr. Timothy Bigelow, then just commencing the practice of law in Groton, and with whom he was on terms of intimacy. Many of his leisure hours were passed in the office of Mr. Bigelow, and in after life Dennie alludes to conversations which then passed between them as moments productive of much good.

While it cannot be claimed that there was much method in his course of studies, he was diligent, covering in his researches a wide range of topics. His letters to his classmates, especially those addressed to Roger Vose, who subsequently attained to high honors as a legislator in Congress and as a jurist in New Hampshire, indicate his love of general literature, by the demands made upon the College library. His six months' residence in Groton was one of the happiest periods of his life. He enjoyed the acquaintance of those who appreciated his attainments, and he found that society which he craved. (Page 10.)

I have seen a letter written by Dennie to a classmate, dated February 24, 1790, wherein he says: "A better, more royal, social club of Lads cannot be found in America,

College excepted, than at Groton." He used to say that he was sent away from Cambridge to let his class catch up with him in their studies.

EXEMPTION FROM TRAINING.

THE following petitions, found among the Court files of Middlesex County at East Cambridge, relate to some of the earliest settlers of Groton: —

Groton the 22. 7. 65.

To the Honored The County Cort at Cambridge, Octob. 3. 65.

The Humble Request of Jnõ Lawrence of Groton.

That I having a Son being now neere upon age & being called upon to attend service in training, I wⁿᵈ crave libertye to request that hee may bee considered, & if yoʳ Worsʰᵖˢ see cause freed from training: his Infirmitye is a losse of more then two joynts on his left Thumb which is his hand hee is most active withall, & is much disenabled frõ doing any activity by it: I am not unwilling in my spheare to bee beneficiall to ye publique service, yet I psume this may bee a disobligemᵗ upon this accᵗ: The case of ye Lad oʳ Chief officer is able to informe you of further, & y fore not any farther to trouble yoʳ Honoʳˢ: depending upon yoʳ equall determination

I leave my selfe with you, & Rest
Yoʳs Humbly engaged,
JNÕ LAWRENCE

What is Aboue Exspresed by
Jnõ Larance is the treuth
witnes my hand
JAMES PARKER

[Endorsed]
Mathias farnworth
Ri: Holden &
Jno. Laurane
freed from trayneing.

In connection with the Request just given, see the third volume (pages 360, 361) of the Historical Series for an entry in regard to Enosh, a son of John Lawrence, though perhaps this allusion is to Peleg, another son.

To the Honored The County Cort In Cambridge:
Octob. 3. 1665.

The Humble request of Richard Holden of Groton.

Whereas the Providence of the alewise God hath ordered, that sicknesse & weaknesse in body hath followed mee & increased upon mee this twenty yeere, & now a lingring Consumption is more then formerly prvailing upon mee, disenabling mee from service, especially to beare armes, & being never like to bee capable of any good in a military way, my weaknesse & destemper being come to such a height, & God knowes how it is likely to bee with mee, but it is little likely that yt body shld rise agen, which hath soe long been failling: I wld yrfore entreat yt yor Wpps wld consider mee, & release me frõ training: Loth I have been, to trouble yr Wpps this 7 yeers, though I had cause enough, but now I am enforced to ly at yor feet, & wait yor pleasure, but not to trouble yor Wps any further, confiding in yor benignitye

I commẽd my selfe
to yor Wps & Rest
RICHARD HOLDEN

Groton. Sept. ult
1665.

I doe Conceiue what is Aboue expresed by Richard Holden is reall
Witness my hand
JAMES PARKER

To the Honred the County Cort At Cambridge. Octo. 3. 65.

The Humble request of Mathias Farnworth of Groton,

It having pleased Alwise God to incapacitate mee frõ publicke service; both by a fall & wound received at the fall of the draw-bridge In Boston;[1] ever since which I have had a constant numbnesse in my right arme, & also am dayly troubled with a breach in my body, dayly encumbring of me, in such wise as though I have attended the company, I yet for these many yeers have not borne

[1] This reference is to an accident which happened on October 27, 1659, at the Draw over the canal, in Ann Street. The bridge fell through, as the people were passing over it, on their return from witnessing the execution of William Robinson and Marmaduke Stephenson, two Quakers hung on the Common. One woman was fatally hurt, and several other persons were severely injured.

armes, my request to yor W^ps is, that you w^ld consider my case, & grant me a release from the service of training, Soe shall you engage

yor W^ps ever devoted:

MATH: FARNWORTH.

Groton. Octo.
2. 1665.

I doe Conceiue that what is here
Aboue exspresed by Mathias Farnworth
is real

Witnes my hand
JAMES PARKER

WILLIAM L. GREEN.

WILLIAM LAWRENCE GREEN, eldest child of Dr. Joshua and Eliza (Lawrence) Green, died at his father's home in Groton, on October 21, 1847. Within a few days of that date, the following notice of him appeared in a Boston newspaper, though I am unable now to name the journal. It was written by the late Dr. David Keyes Hitchcock, of Newton.

MR. WILLIAM L. GREEN.

DIED in Groton, Mr. WILLIAM L. GREEN, of the firm of Jewett, Tebbetts & Green, of Boston, aged 21 years.

One of the most interesting and promising young men in our city has been smitten in death. In the morning of life, in the midst of usefulness; surrounded by a large circle of devoted friends, the manly form has been laid low by the King of Terrors. Disease which before had never visited him, soon assumed a dangerous form; and in a few days — and to his affectionate relatives, days of anxious fear and hope — life's silver cord was loosed and the golden bowl was broken! . .

Bitter as is this bereavement, it cannot but be a sweet consolation to the afflicted parents to know, that though death has deprived them of a most amiable, affectionate and beloved son, it cannot rob them of the sweet recollections of his virtues or the sacredness of his memory; for as deep as the wounds which this

bereavement has made, are they embalmed in their hearts, where time shall neither deface nor erase them, but where they shall live forever.

The funeral of the deceased was numerously attended, and among those assembled were to be found a number from the city. The Rev. Mr. Phelps, of G, made an appropriate address and a very impressive prayer, and all present seemed to feel that they were in the 'house of mourning.' As the tear stole down the cheeks of those who came to pay their last tribute of respect and affection to the memory of the departed, the silent prayer ascended to heaven in behalf of the sorrowing parents, that they might be sustained in this their hour of trial and sadness, and that it might work out for them 'a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.'

H.

PRONUNCIATION OF "GROTON."

THE two notes, given below, appeared in the "Boston Evening Transcript," Saturday, January 1, and Thursday, January 6, 1898, respectively, and are self-explanatory:—

CALL IT "GROTTON."

To the Editor of the Transcript:

Will you kindly tell me the true pronunciation of the town of Groton in your State? In Lippincott's Gazetteer it is called Grawton; in the Century Dictionary Groton, long o in the first syllable, and among people who have boys at school in the town it is pronounced to rhyme with "rotten." I am an old man, and don't like to change the pronunciation of my early days. I have been told that the late Robert C. Winthrop is authority for "Grotten." Much as one may respect Mr. Winthrop's scholarship and general knowledge of things, is he infallible? On page 297 of his biography, edited by his son, I find Horace's proverb, "Non cuivis homini contigit adire Corinthum," quoted in this way: "Non cuivis contigit adire Corintho," the dative case instead of the accusative for the last word. How do the old people of Groton call their town?

J.

PROVIDENCE, R. I.

CALL IT GRAW-TON.

To the Editor of the Transcript:

Your Providence correspondent "J." is right in his pronunciation of the word Groton. The natives of the town and those to the manner born always call it Graw-ton; and this pronunciation holds good not only in England but also in the American towns bearing the name. I have myself visited six of these towns in the United States, which include all but the one in South Dakota, and have also visited the English town of the name. In all these places I have made special inquiries on this very subject, and as a result have found that the inhabitants without exception call the word Graw-ton. I have often heard the late Mr. Winthrop speak of the Massachusetts town, and he always called it after the native fashion; so that he is not the authority for "Grotten." For the same reason that strangers make the name rhyme with "rotten," New Yorkers, following the analogy of their Croton, are apt to say Grow-ton. If the natives of the town and the old settlers are a final tribunal in the matter, then the orthodox pronunciation of the word is most assuredly Graw-ton. G.

A LIST OF CIVIL OFFICERS.

RESIDENTS OF GROTON HOLDING COMMISSIONS, ETC.

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.

THE following names are to be appended to the list given on page 271 of this volume.

March 11, 1897	David Roscoe Steere.
March 11, 1897	Grant Warren Shattuck.
May 20, 1897	Myron Perley Swallow.
October 28, 1897	Appleton Howe Torrey.
January 5, 1898	Charles Woolley.

A GENEALOGICAL PUZZLE.

AMONG the genealogies recorded by the Reverend Seth Chandler, in his History of Shirley, are the following, which are given under the respective surnames: —

Hayden, Caleb, and Abigail, his wife, lived in Shirley about the middle of the last century, and left upon the records of the town the following imperfect family registry:

I. ABIGAIL, b. March 20, ——.
II. SARAH, b. Jan. 11, 175 –.
III. JOHN, b. in Shirley, Nov., ——.
IV. CALEB, b. in Shirley, Jan. 19, 1755. (Page 445.)

Hazen, Caleb. This name occurs in the records of the town, and the presumption would be that Caleb was a relative of the families given in the preceding registry; but the most careful investigation fails to give the most distant kinship. This is the more strange on account of the uncommonness of the name in New England.

The following are the names and birth-dates of the children of Caleb and Abigail Hazen, b. at Shirley:

I. ABIGAIL, b. March 20, 17 —; date imperfect.
II. SARAH, b. Jan. 11, 1750.
III. JOHN HOLDEN, b. Nov. 2, 1753.
IV. CALEB HOLDEN, b. Jan. 17, 1756. (Page 453.)

Holden, Caleb,[4] (John,[3] Stephen,[2] Richard,[1]) b. at Groton, Feb. 1, 1723, m. Abigail ——, and had four children:

I. ABIGAIL, b. at Groton, March 25, 1748.
II. SARAH, b. at Groton, Jan. 11, 1749.
III. JOHN, b. at Groton.
IV. CALEB, b. at Shirley, Jan. 19, 1755. (Page 457.)

From the resemblance between the surnames of these three families, together with the exact identity of the names of the children and the similarity in their ages, it is evident that there is an error somewhere in the record. In the middle of

the last century what is now Shirley was a part of Groton, and its population less than 350 inhabitants. According to the doctrine of chances, in such a small community, it is not at all likely that there would have been this singular sequence of facts. The confusion of these several entries may be explained, perhaps, as follows: —

Caleb Holden, a son of John and Sarah (Davis) Holden, was a resident of Groton, where he was born on February 1, 1723–4. While living here, he was married, — though there is no record of his marriage, — and two children were born, whose names are duly entered in the town-book. Mr. Butler, in his History, gives a record of the family, as follows: —

CALEB HOLDEN and ABIGAIL.

Abigail, born March 25, 1748.
Sarah, " Jan. 11, 1749. (Page 408.)

The year of Sarah's birth is necessarily 1749–50; and that entry in the records is the last one which relates to the Caleb Holden family. Presumably soon after the birth of this daughter, they left town and removed to Shirley.

Again, in Mr. Butler's account of Shirley, given in connection with his History of Groton, the following record appears: —

CALEB HOLDEN and ABIGAIL.

Abigail, born Mar. 20, 17 —.
Sarah, " Jan. 11, 175 –.
John, " Nov. —, ——.
Caleb, " Jan. 19, 1755. (Page 491.)

This entry of Holden's family by Mr. Butler agrees with that made by Mr. Chandler under "Hayden, Caleb." Why there should be three distinct entries in the Shirley records, all relating evidently to the same family, I do not understand. It seems clear that in some mysterious way the three families have been mixed up either by the town clerk or by a copyist. While these several records differ slightly from each other, without much doubt they belong solely to Caleb Holden's family.

THE PHYSICIANS OF GROTON.

THE following sketch should have been inserted in its proper place among the Physicians of Groton who were born in the town, but practised their profession elsewhere. Under the heading given above, see pages 1–90 of the third volume of the Historical Series, where this sketch should have appeared on page 52; and see also the several supplementary additions to that article.

DR. CHARLES HALE BROWNE was the second son of Isaac and Susan (Hale) Browne, and was born at Groton, on April 14, 1812. During his boyhood the family removed to New Salem, Franklin County, where they lived for a while; and later the son took up his abode in Ipswich. While residing there he began the study of medicine in the office of Dr. Thomas Manning of that town; and he graduated at the Harvard Medical School in the Class of 1839. Immediately afterward he became a member of the Massachusetts Medical Society, and entered upon the practice of his profession at Ipswich, where he remained until the year 1857, when he removed to Boston. After a short illness his death took place on February 28, 1898, at No. 11 Hancock Street, which had been his home for nearly forty years.

On January 21, 1847, Dr. Browne was married in Portland, Maine, to Cornelia Maria, daughter of Captain Nathaniel Blake of that city, who died on August 13, 1894. By this union there was one daughter, Nellie Maria Browne, born in Ipswich on November 3, 1847, who married in Boston, on October 22, 1872, Carl Edward Pruefer; and both are dead. They left one child, Mrs. Nellie Hildegarde (Pruefer) Smith, now a widow, who has a daughter Lillian Hildegarde, nearly three years old.

Dr. Browne's eldest brother, Samuel Somes, was born at Groton, on June 26, 1810, and died at Burlington, Vermont, on November 13, 1879. Three other brothers and two sisters were born at Stow and New Salem.

INSTANCES OF LARGE FAMILIES IN GROTON.

THE following are some instances of large families in Groton between the years 1700 and 1800. The maiden names of the mothers, so far as known, are given within parentheses.

Robert and Deborah Parker had sixteen children, and Jonathan and Ruth (Shattuck) Farnsworth had fifteen. Ebenezer and Abigail Blood, Joseph and Abigail (Sawtell) Parker, and Oliver and Sarah (Tarbell) Farnsworth were blessed, each couple, with families of fourteen children.

Mrs. Joseph Parker, named above, "left two Hundred or upwards of Children & Grandchildren," according to the inscription on her gravestone. She died on February 19, 1787, in the 90th year of her age.

Jonas and Jemima (Holden) Green were the happy parents of ten children, all born within a period of less than eleven years, and among them were twins and triplets. By a second marriage, Jonas became the father of nine more children.

Elisha and Elizabeth (Adams) Rockwood were favored with thirteen children. Isaac and Priscilla (Dodge) Bowers, John and Ruth Frost, Jonathan and Esther (Shedd) Lawrence, Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Page) Nutting, John and Elizabeth (Nutting) Nutting, Joseph and Mary (Prescott) Stone, Captain John and Molly (Everett) Williams, and Nathaniel and Alice Woods were each the parents of twelve children.

INSTANCES OF LONGEVITY IN GROTON.

SOME remarkable cases of longevity and of regular succession of deaths, during a single year, are given in the Groton "Spirit of the Times" for July 26, 1848. The list was furnished by Mr. Butler, and is as follows: —

Molly, widow of Amos Stone, died May 13, 1847, aged 94 years and 1 month.

Abigail, widow of John Lawrence, died July 10, 1847, aged 93 years and 9 months.

Mary, widow of John Capell, died September 6, 1847, aged 93 years, 4 month and 25 days.

Major Amos Farnsworth, died October 19, 1847, aged 93 years, 6 months and 1 day.

Elizabeth, his widow, died December 11, 1874, aged 90 years, 7 months and 24 days.

Lucy, widow of Deacon Samuel Rockwood, died May 12, 1848, aged 90 years, 8 months and 23 days.

All these persons, with the exception of Mr. and Mrs. Capell, were natives of Groton, and each one of the six, at the date of death, was the oldest person in town.

FASHION IN GIVEN NAMES.

It is interesting to note the changes that have occurred in baptismal names within a few generations. During the early days of New England, certain names that now seem uncouth to the ear were common in every community. They were taken largely from the Bible, which was the only book universally read at that period. Zerubbabel Kemp was living in Groton at the beginning of the last century, and he gave the same name to one of his sons, who lived to grow up, notwithstanding the infliction. Mephibosheth Adams was a resident in the west parish of Groton a hundred and fifty years ago, — and tradition says that he was known among his neighbors as "Fib" Adams, — but he spared his own boys. A class of girls' names, common in the last century, and representing abstract qualities, such as Faith, Hope, Charity, Temperance, Prudence, and Virtue, have now become obsolete. The good old names of Molly, Polly, Dolly, and Sally are never seen in their original spelling. Susie is considered a better form than Sukey, and Bessie is preferred to Betty or Betsey. At the present time, however, there is a tendency to take up certain names long out of fashion, such as Dorothy, Rachel, Esther, etc., and to bring them again into vogue.

The name of Gabriel Lakin, of Groton, was kept up through several generations, and the name of Sibyl was in common use in the same family. John Frost, perhaps a kinsman of the well-known "Jack Frost," had among his twelve children one called Scripture, possibly the maiden name of the mother. His eldest daughter was Jemima, and his three youngest children were named respectively Tryphena, Patience, and Submit.

THE FITCH FAMILY.

Zechariah Fitch, eldest child of Zechariah and Elizabeth (Grimes) Fitch, was born at Bedford, on April 1, 1734. He was married to Rebekah, eldest daughter of Eleazer and Rebekah (Chandler) Davis, who was born on August 2, 1736; and they settled in Groton. By this marriage there were two daughters: Rebecca, born in 1759, who married Benjamin Whitney, of Pepperell, as his second wife, and died on June 23, 1793; and Abigail, born in 1761. Neither Mr. Fitch's first wife nor his second lived a long time after their marriage, as it is entered in the church records, under date of August 4, 1763: "Zechariah Fitch of Groton to Lydia Tuck of Bedford;" and again, under date of February 3, 1767: "Zacheriah Fitch to Sibele Lakin both of Groton." By the second marriage there were two sons, Richard, born on October 25, 1763, and Joseph, on February 13, 1766. Mr. Fitch's third wife was Sibyl, second daughter of John and Lydia (Parker) Lakin, of Groton. She was born on October 16, 1739, and died on October 11, 1806. By her there were four sons and three daughters, as follows, with their dates of birth: William, February 18, 1768; Betty, December 30, 1769; Sibyl, May 7, 1772; Zechariah, April 21, 1775; John, September 20, 1777; Sally, May 19, 1780; and Luther, January 28, 1783.

Late in life, on May 11, 1809, Mr. Fitch was married at Pepperell to Betsey Tuttle, of Littleton, as his fourth wife, who died on January 5, 1823. His own death had taken place previously, on September 2, 1820.

In the army during the Revolution Mr. Fitch served with credit as an officer. He was First Lieutenant in a company of Minute-men which marched from Groton on April 19, 1775; and in the autumn of 1776 he commanded a company at Fort Ticonderoga.

For references to Captain Fitch's note-book, see pages 378–385 of this volume.

A NAVAL HERO.

THE following extract is taken from "The History of our Navy from its Origin to the Present Day 1775–1897" (New York, 1897), by John R. Spears. An account is there given of the last battle fought by the United States frigate "Essex" against two British vessels in the harbor of Valparaiso, on March 28, 1814. Owing to more men and heavier guns on the part of the enemy, Captain David Porter, the American commander, was obliged to give the order to strike the colors.

At that, Benjamin Hazen, a Groton seaman (who, though painfully wounded, had remained at his post, and at the last had joined in the request to haul down the flag to save the wounded), bade adieu in hearty fashion to those around him, said he had determined never to survive the surrender of the *Essex*, and jumped overboard. He was drowned (III. 43, 44).

For several generations the name of Benjamin Hazen has been a familiar one in Groton. Heroes do not spring up, here or elsewhere, in such numbers that the town can afford to forget such a son, who long since passed into obscurity. Hazen's name, numbered 180, is given in a list printed in the "Journal of a Cruise made to the Pacific Ocean" (Philadelphia, 1815), by Captain David Porter. It is found on page 9 of the first volume, where he is rated as a "seaman;" and on page 161 of the second volume it appears in the list of those killed in action.

OBITUARY NOTICES.

THE following items, taken from the "The New England Historical and Genealogical Register" for 1853, relate to men connected with this town. Thomas Tarbell was an only son of Nehemiah and Martha Tarbell, of Groton, where he was born on February 15, 1783; and he had two sisters.

BLODGETT, Mr. William, Groton, (formerly of Tyngsboro',) 15 Nov., [1852] æ. 90-8-12; a revolutionary pensioner. His descendants were 6 children, 37 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and 1 of the next generation. (Page 97.)

See the first volume of this Series (No. XVII., pages 22, 23), for a fuller account of Mr. Blodgett.

TARBELL, Thomas, Esq., at Jamaica Plain. A well known merchant of Boston. While walking, in [West] Roxbury, he dropped down dead, supposed from disease of the heart. He was for many years one of the Overseers of the Poor; a Director of the House of Industry, and an active member of the Howard Benevolent Society. He d. 28 April, æ. 69. (Page 101.)

GRAGG, Rev. William, Groton, 19 Nov., 1852, æ. 66; son of T. G., of Groton; 17 Sept., 1786; H. C. 1820; ord. at Windham, Me., 15th Oct., 1828; after a few years was dismissed and removed to Carlisle, Mass.; thence to Bedford and finally returned to his native place, Groton. His wife d. 29 Nov., having survived him but ten days. (Page 375.)

See "Groton Epitaphs" (page 212).

MRS. DENNISON KIMBERLY.

The news from Paris of the death from grippe of Mrs. Martha A. Kimberly, the wife of the now venerable artist Mr. D. Kimberly, will be received with regret. Her life has been devoted to her husband, and a few short stories, poems, and translations alone testify to her rare literary ability. She was a descendant of the first Parkers of Groton, Mass., her great-grandfather being Captain Nathaniel Parker of Groton, a lineal descendant. Her gentle, loyal

nature and wit made and held many friends, who will sympathize with the bereaved husband.

FAREWELL.

Farewell, dear one! I will not say, "How sad
To part! How long before we meet!"
But I will say, "How full of joy the past!
How full the future of dear memories!"
If I return not in the years to come,
Yet I am blest beyond the common lot,
For I have known you, I have been your friend.

E. W.

"Boston Evening Transcript," March 19, 1898.

In Dedham, November 29, 1892, William Ames, aged 85 years, a native of Groton.

For an account of his family, with references to himself, see the third volume (pages 158–160) of this Series.

MITCHELL — In Chelsea, April 13, at the Soldiers' Home, William C. Mitchell, private, Company B, Fifteenth Massachusetts Infantry, 65 yrs. Born in Canada; admitted to the Home Aug. 13, 1897, from Groton, Mass.

"Boston Morning Journal," April 14, 1898.

John McKeen Gilson, the oldest inhabitant of Groton, died on Thursday last [April 28] at the age of 93 years and 19 days. His birthday on April 9 was duly celebrated by a large number of descendants and other kindred.

"Boston Sunday Journal," May 1, 1898.

Francis Worcester Died in Groton November 5th 1836
Mrs. Worcester relick of Francis Worcester Died in Groton Aged 80 May 17 1839

Town-records, "Births & Deaths" (III. 87).

At Groton, on the 12th instant, Capt. JAMES LEWIS, aged 74, (formerly of Billerica.) In every situation in which he was placed through a long and active life, he bore an upright and honorable character. He was an officer of the militia during the whole of the revolutionary war; the companion of Buttrick, Davis, and others who composed the valient little band that resisted a superior British force, at the bridge in Concord, on the memorable 19th of April,

1775. He continued a uniform and firm supporter of those republican principles, for which he so early stood forth, and ever supported the character of an exemplary citizen, tender husband and kind parent — he lived respected and died lamented.

"Boston Patriot," Saturday, June 23, 1810.

FARNSWORTH, Mr. Ezra, Groton, 25 Nov., æ. 86; the oldest male inhabitant. "The house in which he died was on the same spot where he was born, and the same land had been occupied by two generations of the same name before him; and in fact, was never owned by any one but Ezra Farnsworth since held by the Indians. He left no children, but there are two relatives of the second and third generation, of the same name." The deceased was born 30 Nov., 1770; the 3d of 10 childn. of Ezra F. (b. 1744) and Elizabeth (Sheple) F.; of Ezra (b. 1703) and Abigail (Pierce) F.; of Benjamin and Mary (Prescott) F.; of Matthias and Mary F. who settled in Groton. — Wyman, *from Butler's Groton.* Samuel, bro. of Benj. F. m. 1706, Mary, widow of Simon Willard, and dau. of Josiah Whitcomb of Lancaster. — Ib. *from Probate Files.*

Of the Groton Farnsworths was descended the late worthy member of the Historical and Gen. Society; the Rev. James D. Farnsworth, whose sudden death is recorded in Vol. IX. p. 98–9.

"The New England Historical and Genealogical Register" (XI. 90) for January, 1857.

For the notice of the Rev. Mr. Farnsworth, here alluded to, see the second volume (page 148) of this Historical Series.

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VOLUME II.

Page 1: fifth line from the bottom, for "October 26" *read* "October 25."

Page 12: near the bottom, add the name of Joseph Moors, as a representative for the years 1805 and 1806, to that of Timothy Bigelow.

Page 13: near the end of the list, insert the name of Luther Lawrence, as a representative for the year 1829, before that of Caleb Butler.

Page 64: near the bottom, Samuel Brown was the youngest son of Aaron Brown.

Page 161: eighth line from the top, for "Colbrook, Maine," *read* "Colebrook, New Hampshire."

Page 230: ninth line from the top, for "men" *read* "even."

Page 231: fourth line from the top, for "there" *read* "these."

Page 336: first line of Dr. Cragin's notice, for "Josiah" *read* "Isaiah."

Page 353: "Uncle Oliver" was married on October 31, 1815, to Mrs. Eunice (Nutting) Worcester, who died in November, 1824.

Page 360: near the middle, for "three or four days" *read* "three or four weeks."

Page 408: At the beginning of the second paragraph, for "westerly end" *read* "easterly end."

Page 440: The building mentioned in the first line of the paragraph, following the Act, was burned on June 7, 1842.

VOLUME III.

Page 33: Mrs. Catharine Palliseur (Barrett) Fuller died at Orange, Connecticut, on April 11, 1898, aged 84 years and 3 months.

Page 35: Dr. Richard Upton Piper was born in 1816 (not 1818), and he died at Newport, Maine, on August 3, 1897.

Page 67: Mrs. Agnes Thompson (Chamberlin) White, mentioned in the first paragraph, died in Cambridge, on November 3, 1894, aged 61 years and 3 months.

Page 68: Dr. James Dennis Brown was married in Cambridge, secondly, on December 21, 1869, to Ella, a sister of his first wife.

Page 77: Dr. Nathan Brown Edwards died at North Chelmsford, on June 12, 1893.

Page 86: Dr. Augustus Robbins was married to Juliana, daughter of Josiah and Susanna (Carlton) Wilder.

Page 219: eleventh line from the bottom, for "Common and Main Streets" *read* "School and Main Streets."

Page 231: Mrs. Maria Prudence (Prouty) Russell died at Clinton, on November 12, 1893.

Page 312: Thomas Rice, Jr., died on August 24 (not 25), 1854.

Page 372: Rev. Gershom Hobart died on December 19 (not 18), 1707.

VOLUME IV.

Page 69: Under date of February 17, 1782, after "James Brazer & Sarah his Wife," *insert* "& he propounded for full communion."

Page 232: seventh line from the bottom, for "Number XII." *read* "Number XI."

Page 241: Under the heading "Names from Church Manuals," *insert* in its proper place the following: —

October 2, 1857, George Messer, "Groton Centre."

"A Brief History of the First Baptist Church, in Cambridge; with the Declaration of Faith, the Church Covenant, and List of Members" (Cambridge, 1860), page 56.

Page 438: third line from the bottom, for "One Hundred and Fortieth Anniversary" *read* "One Hundred and Fourth Anniversary."

Page 453: seventh line from the top, for "1874" *read* "1847."