FALLEY

Falley, Daniel, s. of Lieut. Richard and Margaret (Hitchcock)
Falley, was b. Westfield 11-15-1773. Was owner of Lot No.
137 Worth. Sec. on the River Road in 1794; prob. lived
where Jesse Wright later lived, selling this farm to Nathan
Wright about 1800. He was one of the leaders in founding
a class in Methodism in Mid. Moved to Norwich where he
kept store for a few years with Jesse Farnham near what
is now Huntington village, but then known as Falley's X
Roads. By 1810 he had moved to Fulton, N. Y., where he
founded a flourishing Methodist Seminary which bears his
name. His sister, Margaret, who lived in Worth. a short
time, m. William Cleveland, who was grandfather of President Grover Cleveland. Daniel Falley m. (int) 11-5-1795
Betsey, dau. of James and Mary (Bell) Mulholland, of
Chester. Daniel d. in Fulton, N. Y., aged 80.

Children:

WILLIAM, b. Chester 9-1-1796. Lewis, b. Norwich 1-6-1800. George, Frederick, b. Chester 1-31-1798.

FELLOWS

Fellows, Jacob, b. 1734 or 1735, m. Phebe d. Chester, Mass. 10-17-1803.

Children b. Woodstock, Conn.:

PRISCILLA, b. 8-17-1760.

PARKER, b. 10-13-1762. (See Fam. 1).

ABIGAIL, b. 3-7-1764, m. Chester, 4-17-1788, Thomas Elder. Jacob Jr., Olive, and Stephen Fellows whose marriages are recorded in Chester, Mass. were probably other children of Jacob.

Fam. 1. Parker Fellows, s. of Jacob and Phebe Fellows, b. 10-13-1762; d. Chester, Ohio, 5-9-1820; m. 5-29-1793, Dorcas, dau. John and Lucy (Parsons) Meacham, who d. 11-22-1813. Parker Fellows was a soldier in Rev. War. He settled in Mid. 1793, living in the northwest corner of the township, probably in one of the houses west of Factory Brook near "Wild Cat Ledge." Pw. 23, 1794. He joined Cong. Church 1808. He moved about 1818 to "New Connecticut," Geauga

County, Ohio, in which year he received a pension for war services in the Mass. Line.

Children b. in Middlefield:

ELIZABETH, b. 6-1-1794; m. —.
Odle; d. 1827. Their dau. Laura
m. Dr. Henry. She d. Virden,
Ill.

PARKER, b. 1-25-1796; d. 3-3-1807. LAURA, b. 9-7-1797; m. Orrin Blossom, 8-20-1818. (See Blossom Fam.)

ABIGAIL, b. 3-20-1799; m. John M. Burk. She d. on a journey to Missouri. He d. at Ogden, Utah. Children: Abi Salina and Charles A, the latter born in Kirtland, Ohio.

JOHN, b. 2-20-1801; d. in Youngstown, Ohio, 10-31-1869.

ISAAC, bapt. 8-16-1808, m. Elonia Bliss; lived in Youngstown, Ohio. Had a dau. Emily Louise who m. Thomas H. Wilson, of Brownhelm, Ohio.

ALICE, b. 1806; d. 1807.

Tabitha, bap. 8-16-1808; m. ——, Roberts; d. at Painesville, Ohio, Mar. 14, 1829. Had Harriet, who m. Mahlon Ross, of Virden, Ill., and Cutler of Colton, Ohio.

(The Fellows data collected from letters from Chas. A. Burk to Dea. Harry Meacham; D.A.R. pedigree of Mrs. Emily Fellows Wilson; Mack Genealogy; Chester and Middlefield V. R.; Woodstock, Conn. V. R.

FERRIS

Ferris, Henry, s. of John & Catharine (Hamilton) Ferris, was b. in New Milford, Conn., in 1818. He m. there Aug. 22, 1841, Celina Hall, who was b. there in 1823. He moved to Becket, Mass., about 1850, and to Mid. about 1864. He was a "waller," and many of the stone walls in town were made by him. He lived in the William Church, Jr., house which still occupies a sightly spot on West Hill. Mr. and Mrs. Ferris celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary in Chester in 1901. He d. Oct. 3, 1908; she d. 2-22-1904.

Children:

MARY JANE, b. 5-18-1842 in New Milford, Conn. She m. in Becket 12-14-1863, Willard S. Smith. She d. in Chester 3-5-1897.

John Henry, b. New Fairfield, Conn., 8-6-1845; d. Becket, 11-2-1860. CHARLES D., b. 1846; d. 6-19-1857. GEORGE HALL, b. Becket 2-12-1851; d. Chester 10-21-1877; bur. in Becket.

CLARA L., b. Becket 2-27-1859; m.
 10-18-1882, Willis B. Graves, of
 Mid. (See Graves Fam.)

KATE, b. 4-10-1862; m. George CHARLES H., b. 4-5-1864; (See Fam. Bardin, of Mid. She ni. 2nd. Mr. 1).

Kelley.

Fam. 1. Charles H. Ferris, b. 4-5-1864; m. 11-10-1886, Mary A., dau. of James M. and Martha A. Shaw, of Mid., who was b. 6-13-1868. He lived many years with his father on the West Hill farm, where he raised pure bred Hereford cattle. In 1912 he moved to Wyben, near Westfield.

Children b. in Mid.:

NORA LEONA, m. Thomas L. Stepenson.

JOHN WALTER, m. Helen Drozd, of Mid. Lives on the farm formerly owned by Orrin Wheeler. Children: John Walter, Mildred, Ralph Henry.

VIOLETTE ADELL, m. Charles H. Karnes.

W. E. Russell, m. Nellie M. Hayden.

MABEL JANE
GERTRUDE MARTHA
CHARLES EDWARD
ISABEL SELINA
CLYDE ERNEST.

FIELD

FIELD, ZECHARIAH, (Samuel⁵, David⁴, Ebenezer³, Zechariah², Zechariah¹), s. Samuel⁵ and Mary (Dickinson) Field, b. E. Guilford, Conn. 6-6-1755; d. Mid. 10-30-1843; m. 6-3-1779 Priscilla, dau. Benjamin Crampton. He first moved to Partridgefield, but in 1804 he bought of Abner Clapp the farm in Lot 40, Div. II, Murrayfield, located just north of the homestead of Mr. Arthur D. Pease, at Middlefield, and now a part of the Pease farm. The cellar hole can be faintly traced on the right hand side of the highway from Mr. Pease's to Mr. Sweeney's, a short distance beyond Mr. Pease's barn. In 1823 he is said to have moved to Jericho, Vt., but he returned to Middlefield and spent his last days at the Center. He was a deacon in the Congregational Church. He was a first cousin of Rev. David Dudley Field. Zechariah Field was soldier in Rev. War. (See Field Genealogy.)

Children:

HEPSIBAH, b. 8-6-1780.
PRISCILLA, b. 1781; m. 11-12-1811,
Benjamin Stewart. (See Stewart
Fam.)

Mary, b. Feb. 1783; d. 10-28-1872; m. 12-20-1820, Oliver Blush. (See Blush Family). CHARLOTTE, b. ——; d. ——. She THANKFUL, b. —-1788; d. Mid. 2-13-d. unm. in Mid., Mass. 1811.

Ruth, b. 11-27-1784; d. —1819; m. (int) 8-4-1803, Joel, son of Ithamar Pelton. (See Pelton Fam.)

FORD

Ford, John, (John, Matthew, Matthew) was son of John and Lucy (Mack) Ford. b. Hebron, Conn. 10-13-1749; d. 1782; m. 12-6-1773 Jemima, dau. Joseph and Phebe (Mack) Cary of Williamsburg. (See Cary Fam.) She m. 2nd Lewis Taylor of Mid. 6-6-1784, d. 1849. John Ford of Hebron purchased Lot No. 19 in the 3rd Div. Becket in 1777. land lies on top of Johnny Cake Hill. Just what year he moved to this region we are not certain. We know that in 1780 he sold this lot to Benjamin Blish of Bolton, Conn., and by March of that year had established on Factory Brook, where later the old Becket road was built, the first sawmill in Middlefield. Later a grist mill was built there. In 1781 he bought of Elnathan Taylor the portion of Lot 207, which occupied the southwest corner of Worthington and built a house on or near the site of the 'Wayside Lodge' at Middlefield Center. He was a signer of the Petition for incorporation in 1781. Dying in 1782 at the early age of 32, he left his widow with four little children. Widow Ford is mentioned in the town records of Middlefield in 1783, for a site for the meetinghouse was proposed on the highway between her house and that of her next-door neighbor, Joseph Blush. The Ford farm came into the Taylor farm again when Lewis Taylor, son of Samuel, married Mrs. Ford and went to live at the new house Ford had built. This was probably the old red house demolished by Hiram Taylor about 1848 and rebuilt into the original part of the "Wayside Lodge." (See Mack Gen. p. 859.)

Children, first marriage:

Lucy, b. 11-27-1774, d. 1774. Jemima, b. Hebron, 11-27-1774. Lucy, b. Hebron 11-2-1776. m. John Miller.

Lucina, b. — d. Peterboro, m. Reuben Rich.

John, b. Mid. 1781. d. Jefferson Co., N. Y. Had child Lewis.

BENJAMIN, b. Mid. 2-4-1783. d. 7-16-1865, Hillsdale, Mich. m. Mar. 1804, Polly Ward. Nine children.

FREELAND

FREELAND, JOSEPH, of Blandford; m. (1) Anna Mann; (2) Mary ——. Signed the Pet. Inc. of Mid., and was probably living on P.G. or on land adjoining in Part., but returned to Blandford.

Children:

Joseph, b. ——; inherited 100 a. in Becket.

Anna, b. —; m. — Loomis. Polly, b. Blandford, 6-12-1785; m;

int. 4-10-1805 Amariah Ballou, of Peru. They were among the founders of the Mid. Bap. Ch. Betsey, m. Wm. G. Raymond, of Peru, 1808.

Hannah, b. ——.

AMANDA, b. ——.

Lois, b. —. May have been the "Louis Freeland" who was a founder of the Mid. Bap. Ch.

GAMWELL

Gamwell, Samuel. A resident of Northboro, 1730, m. 1st. Margaret, who d. 6-18-1734. m. 2d. 3-11-1735, Ann, dau. of Patrick and Ann Hambleton, Hopkinton. m. 3d. Mrs. Eunice Dunsmoor, 10-11-1757. Lancaster. (Last marriage may possibly have been with Samuel, Jr.,

Children:

MARGARET, b. 11-1-1730, m. Wm. Brown of Groton, 3-16-1754.

Mary, b. 7-7-1732. m. 1-10-1764, John Mahan of Worcester.

Samuel, b. 4-4-1736, m. 1-10-1764, Jane Crooks of Hopkinton. was prob. the man of this name in Chester, 1800, and the Mr. Gamble who d. there 9-4-1825, ae, 91. A Mrs. Gamble d. there 5-2-1821, ae. 80.

ABIGAIL, b. 3-26-1738 m. int. 1-10-1764, John Canada of Worcester. John, b. 9-7-1742, See Fam. 1. Ann, b. 1758.

James, b. 8-23-1761. See Fam. 2

Fam. 1. John Gamwell. Son of Samuel and Ann, b. at Northboro, 9-7-1742. The Gamwells were apparently from the North of Ireland as they lived and married in the Sotch-Irish communities. John Gamwell, m. 2-12-1765, Elizabeth Elder of Worcester. He m. 2nd 11-11-1779, at Worcester, Jane, dau. of James and Margaret Hamilton, whose family moved to Chester. In 1777 John Gamwell served in the Revolution seven days in a Northboro company. He was

in Chester by 1785 where he was assigned to a pew in the meetinghouse. He d. there 4-10-1813, ae. 70. — w. of "old John" d. there 2-18-1813, ae. 49 (?)

Children:

By Elizabeth, in Northboro:
Rebecca, bp 11-16-1766.

John, bp. 6-18-1769. See Fam. 2.

Samuel, bp. 9-6-1773.

Elizabeth, bp. 9-4-1775.

By Jane in Northboro:
Betsey, b. 8-23-1780.

Moses, b. 4-16-1782. See Fam. 3.

Samuel, b. 1-20-1784. m. int. 9-19-1810, Clarissa Moore, of New Marlboro.

William, b. 9-5-1786.

James, b. 7-6-1789, m. Sally Chapin of Sheffield, Moved to Springfield Center, N. Y.

Born in Chester:

Jane, b. 6-19-1790.

Anna, b. 1-11-1792.

Sewall, b. 10-30-1793. See Fam. 4.

Aaron, b. 4-17-1796.

Fam. 2. John Gamwell. Son of John,² bap. 6-18-1769, Northboro. He was a resident of Chester in 1800, but in 1801 he purchased of Daniel Alderman, in Mid. East End of Lot 52, I Div. Mur., and dwelling house, later he bought the northern part of this lot and part of Lot 116. He sold out, in 1809, to Stephen Parsons. He was set off to Captain Nathan Wright's school district in 1803. He m. 2-21-1793, Marjory, dau. of James and Sarah Hamilton, who was b. 9-12-1769 and, d. in Palmer, 10-27-1825. He d. there 7-21-1855.

Children: (Born in Chester)

ANSEL, b. 7-23-1793. d. 1826.

SARAH, bp. 7-31-1803.

James, b. 10-24-1798.

Samuel, bp. 1807. d. 2-23-1826.

There were other children b. in Palmer.

Fam. 3. Moses Gamwell. Son of John² and Jane (Hamilton) Gamwell, b. Northboro, 4-16-1782; d. Mid. 7-19-1865, m. Chester, (int) 3-4-1805, Martha Bell who was b. 6-23-1781; d. 11-18-1868, Cen. 1840, 1850, 1860. He was deacon in the Baptist Church. Lived about 1840 at the "old Cottrell" place, so called, near the southern end of Ridgepole Road. In his later years he lived in the old William Wheeler house, just east of the Willis Graves place, on the West Hill. He lived in Peru in 1810.

FAM. 4. SEWALL GAMWELL. Son of John² and Jane (Hamilton)

Gamwell, b. Northboro, 10-30-1793, m. Amanda, dau. of William and Clarina Cheney of Tyringham who was b. 12-22-1798. Cen. 1840, 1850. Moved to Chester. He was living in Mid. about 1840, at the Warner place, so called, previously occupied by Jesse Johnson, near the lower end of Ridgepole Road.

Children:

Family).

WILLIAM H., b. 6-12-1823, m. Olive Gray, b. Ashfield, August 1832. Children: Clara; and Ellen, who m. Chas. H. Meacham of Mid. CLARINA A., b. 2-19-1825, m. 6-6-1843, Amos W. Cross. (See Cross Esther A., b. 8-27-1826. m. J. C.
Crocker, wdr. lumber merchant of Albany, N. Y.
John C., b. 12-13-1827.
Jane, b. 7-26-1829, Chester.

Fam. 5. James Gamwell. Son of Samuel¹ and Eunice Gamwell, was b. Northboro, 8-23-1761; d. Hinsdale 4-3-1830, m. 1st Mary — b. 1761. d. Mid. 11-19-1795, m. 2nd 6-26-1797, Polly Kingston. He was a soldier in the Rev. War. He bought in 1788 from Ebenezer Babcock the East part of Lot 42 II Div. Chester. Pew 19, 1792. Cen. 1800.

Among their children were:

LYDIA, b. 1798. See Family 6. SAWYER, b. —— See Family 7. SOPHRONIA, b. —— m. Samuel Robbins, had dau. Mary. Lived in Michigan.

- Fam. 6. Lydia Gamwell. Dau. of James and Polly Gamwell, b. 1798, d. Becket 9-10-1875, m. 1st Captain Alexander Dickson, (See Dickson Fam.) m. 2nd Hiram, son of Oliver Parish, of Worth., who was b. 1789, m. 3rd Becket, 11-18-1871, Lyman, son of Esther and Israel Frink, of Peru, b. 1792.
- Fam. 7. Sawyer Gamwell. Son of Jane and Polly Gamwell, b. ————. Lived with Captain Alexander Dickson in Mid. but went to New York State, married and lived in Rochester several years. He was an axemaker. Had a son.
- FAM. 8. MORGAN GAMWELL. Son of James and Polly Gamwell, b. ————, m. 1st (int) 11-4-1826, Julia Spring of Wash., who d. 9-5-1844, ae. 39. m. 2nd widow Amanda Chapel, 10-10-1844. He lived in Hinsdale the most of his life.

Children: born in Hinsdale.

MARCUS, b. 11-17-1827. MARY, b. 7-19-1829. JAMES, b. 7-1.1831.

HARLOW, b. 10-30-1832. He was a physician in Westfield. m. 2d. Sarah De Wolf of Chester. Children, Cornelia, Grace.

HERBERT, b. 4-24-1834. d. 12-16-1920, in Northamp. m. Helen Eliza, dau. of Harry Meacham of Mid.. He was a machinist at the Williams Basket Shop in Northampton.

ROSETTA, b. 2. 28-1836. CHARLOTTE, b. 1-26-1838. ALEXANDER, b. 10-17-1839. A son, b. 1-8-1847.

GEER

- Geer, John (Ezra, Joseph, George) b. in Kent, Conn., 4-2-1759; d. 12-25-1840 in Peru, Mass.; m. in 1780 Onorah, dau. of Obadiah and Zeruiah (Balch) Abbe, b. in Ashford, Conn., 9-26-1766. He settled on the Jewett Geer place about 1780. His children were Calvin, Alpheas (See Fam. 1), Luther, John (See Fam. 5), Susannah, Elizabeth, Obadiah, Peter, Ira, Lyman and Calvin. (Geer Gen.)
- Fam. 1. Alpheas Geer. Son of John and Onorah Geer, was b. Peru, 9-19-1783, m. (int) 1-1-1805, Casiah Jude. Lived in Peru. Had a son, Royal D. Geer, the youngest of nine Children. (See Fam. 2).
- Fam. 2. Royal Dwight Geer, son of Alpheas² and Casiah (Jude) Geer, was b. Peru, 7-19-1826; d. Mid. 10-18-1892, m. January, 1856, Lydia Jane, dau. Franklin Stowell, Peru, b. 10-9-1834; d. 1-9-1899. He moved to Mid. in 1856 and served many years as a carpenter and operator of a saw-mill for S. U. Church & Bros. He lived first at the center, but later moved to Blush Hollow. In 1884 Franklin Stowell deeded to Mr. Geer the house in the center which had been Church Bros. store, and there Mr. and Mrs. Geer spent the rest of their lives. Mrs. Geer was a loyal and active member of the Cong. Church. Mr. Geer sang in the choir and was janitor of the church for many years serving faithfully though his salary was but \$10 a year when he took the job.

Children b. Mid.:

EMMA J., b. 10-21-1856. (See Fam. VARA V., b. 1-24-1861. (See Fam. 3).

WILLIE D., b. 11-3-1858. m. 5-7-1884, Carrie Kershaw, No Children, Lives in W. Warren, (Box 366).

Frank R., b. 5-7-1868. d. 8-7-1868.
LILLIAN M., b. 9-26-1874. d. 4-30-1875.

Fam. 3. Emma J. Geer. Dau. of Royal Dwight³ and Lydia J. (Stowell) Geer, was b. Mid. 10-21-1856, m. 6-3-1896, George E. Leadbetter, who was b. 3-28-1863. They live in Orange. (South Road, Parker Farm). Mrs. Leadbetter studied nursing in Pittsfield where she graduated in 1889.

One son:

Ellsworth D., b. 2-17-1898, m. 12-21-1918, Alice Michand, who was b. 9-19-1900. They have one child Rosamond A., b. 4-10-1921.

FAM. 4. VARA V. GEER, dau. of Royal Dwight³ and Lydia J. (Stowell) Geer, was b. Mid. 1-24-1861; m. 1-30-1879, Arthur D. Judd, b. 7-31-1851. They live in San Diego, Cal. (1843 Irving Ave.)

Their son, Ernest A. Judd, b. 9-20-1899, m. 9-2-1920, Irena M. Jackson, b. San Diego, Cal., 6-17-1900. One child, Cecille Vara, b. 7-30-1921.

Fam. 5. John Geer, son of John¹ and Onorah Geer, was b. Peru, 3-30-1789, d. 11-26-1891; was living in Worth. when he m. 1st 11-28-1810, Polly, dau. of David and Nancy Cross of Mid. He lived in Mid. on lot 116, I Div. Mur. which he bought of his father-in-law. Here he lived on farm known as the "Jesse Wright" place in the Den until he sold it to Wright in 1835 and moved back to Peru. His wife d. 2-18-1831, ae. 44. He m. 2nd Charlotte, dau. Simeon and Rebecca Wood of Mid. She d. 1-29-1837, ae. 27. He m. 3rd Mrs. Lois Worden. Lived in Wash.

Children:

WILLIAM MATTHIAS, b. Mid. 7-2-1812. (See Fam. 6).

DAVID HOWARD, b. Mid. 4-9-1815. (See Fam. 7).

Betsey Samantha, b. 12-20-1817. m. Charles Crosier of Wash.

John Wesley, b. abt. 1825 m. 8-8-1849, Eliza Ann Eames in Wash. WILLARD, b. in Wash. Lived in Wash. & Becket.

SARAH EMILY, b. Wash. m. Orrin Hull.

EDWARD THOMAS, b. 2-7-1843 m. Sarah J. K. Emerson.

FAM. 6. WILLIAM MATTHIAS GEER, son of John² and Polly (Cross) Geer, b. Mid. 7-2-1812, d. Becket, 12-5-1894, m. 1st Charlotte Crosier of Wash. who d. 3-13-1887. He m. 2nd Canaan, N. Y., 12-31-1887, Mrs. Lydia P. (Thrasher) Drake Taylor, b. Chesterfield, 1833. He was a well known storekeeper in Becket.

Children, b. Wash.:

EMERSON, b. 1835, d. Chicopee, 11-13-1886. m. Mar. 1858, Mary F. Cushman, who d. 12-6-1891.

ADALINE, b. 1843, d. Mitteneague, 1908. m. 6-2-1870, Charles J. Alderman.

SARAH ANN, b. 9-1-1836. d. Mitteneague 2-23-1908. m. Becket, 6-24-1855, Rufus Ames, He d. Northampton.

FAM. 7. DAVID HOWARD GEER. Son of John² and Polly (Cross) Geer, b. Mid. 4-9-1815, m. Emily Dunham of Wash.

Children, b. Wash.:

ARABELLA, b. 3-10-1848.

CHARLES WESLEY, 10-20-1849.

GILBERT

GILBERT, CHARLES was among the first to settle in the sparsely settled region northeast of the Den. He may have been the Charles Gilbert who was living in Hartford, Ct. in 1790. In 1799 he bought Lot 135 Worthington, some distance northwest of the farm of Mr. C. B. Wright. Roads were laid out in this region in early days which can still be traced. The cellar hole can still be found. Gilbert was living here in 1800 and 1810. He had left town by 1820 and his farm was probably owned at that time by Ezra Phillips who was living in that neighborhood. Gilbert's wife was Lydia ——.

Children b. Mid.:

FANNY, b. 11-21-1796. Polly, b. 5-18-1798. WARNER, b. 1-16-1801, d. 12-18-1804, killed by a fall from a tree.

Lydia, b. 6-22-1803. Patty, b. 4-23-1806. MARYETTA, b. 7-30-1808.

GILLET

GILLET, RUSSELL, (Aaron, Jonathan, Josiah, Jonathan) son of Aaron and Anna (Pratt) Gillet, was b. 8-31-1769; d. 8-11-1811; m. 3-26-1794, Elizabeth, dau. James and Margaret (Gaston) Dickson. He was probably the man of that name listed in the poll list for Colchester, Conn., in 1787. He moved to Mid. between 1792 and 1794. He was assigned to Pew 14, 1794 in the meetinghouse. In 1793 he had an innholders license and kept tavern after Elijah Bartholomew at the Enos Blossom place. He sold out to Daniel Alderman in 1804.

Children b. Mid.:

BETSY, b. 3-6-1795. WEALTHY, b. 6-7-1797. Russell, b. 10-19-1799.

GLEASON

GLEASON, ISAAC GILLETTE, (Isaac, Issac, Isaac, Thomas) b. Enfield, Conn., 9-25-1747; m. Azubah Pease. Moved from Enfield to Mid. about 1796, where he bought land in lots No. 200 and 213 Worthington Section. Lived in old Wood house north of the Cottrell place. By 1820 he had moved to the house west of the center where Enoch Crowell first lived. He was a hand loom weaver, and did weaving at his home for Uriah Church, using wool and warp obtained from him. He moved to Worthington between 1830 and 1840.

Children:

AZUBAH, b. 1775. d. 1776.

AZUBAH, b. 9-1-1777; d. 5-6-1808; m. 1802 Hezekiah Allen.

ISAAC, b. 9-2-1779 (See Fam. 1).

MARTHA, b. 8-9-1781, m. 4-30-1805.
John Dickson. Lived in Mid. for several years. Moved to Liverpool, N. Y. and in 1865 to Beloit, Wis. where they died.

ARIEL, b. 1783; d. 1785.

Aurelia, b. 2-26-1786.

Horace, b. abt. 1785; d, Chester abt. 1880. m. (int) 9-11-1814, Huldah Gillett was shoemaker. Moved to Worthington.

IRA, b. April 1789, m. Mary Flint; moved to Suffield, Conn. in his youth. Moved in 1812 to Liverpool, N. Y. Was salt manufacturer, farmer and boatman. 11 children.

Persis, Bap. 5-19-1806; m. Isaac Follett. Lived in Mid. in Gleason place north of Cottrell farm. Moved to Worthington.

Fam. 1. Isaac Gleason, s. Issac⁵ Gillett and Azubah (Pease) Gleason; b. 9-2-1779; m. Mid. 11-24-1805, Sally, dau. James

and Margaret (Gaston) Dickson. He lived for some years on Ridgepole Road. He was a musician and played the bass viol in the Cong. Ch. for years. He lived in Worthington after 1830 until 1850 when he moved to Liverpool, N. Y., where he lived a number of years. Moved to Hinsdale where he died.

Children:

Harry Dickson, b. 6-17-1807.

ISAAC GILLETT, b. 10-15-1810, m. 1217-1855 Amanda, dau. Green and
Alice (Root) Church. He was a
musician and a good tenor singer.

INDEPENDENCE, b. 8-17-1812.

Monroe, b. 8-16-1814 was a butcher in Hinsdale.

Darwin, b. 5-23-1816, was a butcher in Hinsdale.

HARMONY, b. 3-29-1819; d. 9-5-1821. ALONZO, b. 12-2-1820, d. 9-18-1821.

GOODWIN

Goodwin, Zebidee, may have been the man of that name who served in the Revolutionary War from Hebron, Conn. Since he signed the Pet. Inc. circulated in 1782, it is assumed that he had been a resident. In November of that year he sold twenty-five acres of land in the northwest corner of Lot 40, II Div. Murrayfield, to Ephraim Sheldon. In 1790 he was living in Becket, where he was dwelling as early as 1782. He m. Caroline Birchard, at Becket, 11-5-1783.

GODDARD

Goddard, was b. Simsbury, Conn., 5-2-1744; d. before April, 1784; m. Lorohama — . In 1779 he bought from Thos. Spring, Lot 30 III Div. Becket, located in Blush Hollow south of the bridge over Factory Brook at Boyers sawmill. He had been a soldier in Rev. War. He signed Pet. Inc. 1781. He died early and widow Goddard was enumerated as head of the family in 1790. Seats were provided in the meetinghouse for her and for Sarah, Aaron, Susannah, and Desire Goddard, who were probably her children. As none of the family was mentioned in the pew list for 1794 and as their property came into the possession of Moses Herrick and others it is evident that the family left town before that date.

GOOLD

Goold, Samuel, was a very early settler in the Den region of Mid. having been a new tax payer in Murrayfield in 1774. He was appointed hog reeve in Mid. in 1783 and his house is mentioned in a road survey that same year. He was probably the same man, husband of Olive, whose children Pattey and Molley were born in Chester in 1777 and 1779 respectively. He left town before 1790.

GOWDAY

Gowday, Samuel, who lived for a few years in Mid. was probably the son of Samuel and Abiah (Pease) Gowday of Enfield, Conn., b. 6-10-1760. He m. 1-29-1784, Alice Gleason. In 1796 Gowday purchased of Noadiah Root of Westfield, Lot 11, 1st Div. East, Prescott's Grant, at the brow of the hill west of the Center near where the road turns to go to the farm of Harry Pease. Gowday served on the school committee in 1796. Gowday probably sold out to Samuel Taylor, Jr., who was living on this farm in 1804. He was a soldier in the Rev. War.

Children b. Mid.:

Calvin, b. 5-31-1796, d. 7-14-1796. Norman, b. 6-12-1801. Calvin, b. 2-17-1799.

GRAHAM

Graham, William, son of John and Jane Graham, was b. Spencer, 8-28-1753, m. Hannah Hatch, 9-6-1778, Hanover. He is mentioned as a citizen of Mid. as early as 1785. His wife joined the Cong. Ch. in 1794. He owned Lots 41 and 52, V Div. Becket which he sold to Joseph Cary and Lot 51 which he sold to Robert Bissell. Graham appears to have owned the mills on Factory Brook since "Graham's Mill" is mentioned between 1797 and 1802. He was enumerated in the census lists of 1790 and 1800 but had left town by 1810. Transactions with Oliver Blush are recorded in the latter's ledger up to 1803. Graham lived in the region of the mills where the old Becket road crossed Factory Brook, perhaps in "Taylor's Pasture."

Children:

Hannah Randal, bap. 11-30-1794. Jenny Thompson, bap. 11-30-1794.

Jesse, Graham, s. of John and Jane Graham, was b. Spencer, 3-31-1760; m. Anna Parker, 5-12-1785. A Jesse Graham, d. in Spencer, 2-18-1818. Jesse Graham lived in Mid. for a few years and may have been a partner with his brother William in the mill on Factory Brook. He lived in the same neighborhood. He was in town in 1790. His wife joined the Cong. Ch. in 1794. He was one of those persons warned to leave town in June, 1791. He was not in town in 1800.

Children:

Сигое, bap. 10-23-1794. Јеппу, bap. 10-23-1794. Јони, bap. 10-23-1794. William, bap. 10-23-1794.

A Jenny Graham, m. Ozem Merrifield, 4-17-1798. A Samuel Graham was drowned in Mid. in 1792.

GRANGER

Granger, James, (Henry, Jeremiah, Jeremiah, Samuel, Launcelot,) was b. at Sidney, N. Y., 11-3-1822; d. Mid. 12-7-1897; m. 9-24-1846, Lucy, dau. John and Armidda (Combs) Damon of Mid., b. 8-25-1823; d. 4-6-1865. He lived on the farm previously owned by John Ward, just north of the farm of Mr. E. H. Alderman. The farm is still familiarly called the "Granger Place."

LUTHER, (GRANGER), son of Abraham Granger and a descendant of Launcelot¹ Granger, was b. at Suffield, Conn., 2-11-1753; d. Worthington, 6-1-1826; m. 1st 1-11-1776, Miriam Wait, b. 9-5-1755; d. 4-22-1790. He m. 2nd 9-11-1790 Ruth Goodwill of Wilbraham, b. 1759; d. 1851.

Luther Granger was among the residents in Chester, in 1790. In 1794 he sold to Simpson Bell a part of Lot 40 and moved to Mid. He was assigned to Pew 18 in the meetinghouse that year. He was one of the first settlers in "Smith Hollow" his house being near the bridge over Tuttle Brook. He was enumerated in Mid. in the census of 1800 and 1810 but had moved to Worthington by 1820. "Granger Hill," one the heights overlooking "Smith Hollow" still

bears the name of this early settler. This hill is distinguished as having one the steepest roads in the state leading down its precipitous slope into the valley of the Middle Branch of the Westfield River.

Children:

WILLIAM, b. 3-15-1778; d. Rupert, Vt. Jan. 1825. He was listed on the minister tax list in Mid. in 1799.

CLARISSA, b. 6-17-1782; d. 7-30-1828; m. (int) 3-18-1804 Noah Lyman, 10 children. Lived in Columbia, N. H.

Lydia, b. 12-24-1785; d. 8-21-1860;m. 4-2-1807 Edward Hayward. 3children. Lived in Lebanon, N. Y.

Sally, b. 6-13-1788; d. 1-26-1824. m. Gen. Walter Martin of Martinsburg, N. Y. 1 child.

LUTHER, b. 7-8-1791; d. 4-10-1876; m. Susannah Geer of Worthington who d. 8-29-1832 ac. 40 yrs. He m. 2nd, Persis Smith. He lived for a while on Granger Hill. He had 7 children by 1st wife; by 2nd, Cornelia, b. 6-25-1837, who m. 5-1-1861, Richard Parish of Mid. They lived in Worthington.

Miriam, b. 7-28-1793; d. 10-9-1877; m. Lathrop Edwards, and then Holland Moore. Lived in Canada.

Ruth, b. —— 1793; d. —— 1853; m. James Baldwin. 4 children. Lived in Theresa, N. Y.

Anna, b. 1795; m. Lyman White; 8 children. Lived in Worthington and Hinsdale.

Polly b. —— 1797; m. Adam Martin, son of Gen. Walter Martin of Martinsburg, N. Y.

ABRAHAM, b. Mid. 1799; d. Hinsdale 5-23-1836; m. Jane Adams of Newbury, Mass. Lived in Worthington where he had a fine farm. 4 children.

John, b. 1801.

Samuel, b. 1802.

GRAVES

Graves, Amasa, (Nathan, John, John, John, John, Thomas) son of Nathan and L—— (Scott) Graves was b. 6-26-1743; d. Mid. 11-17-1820, m. Phebe, dau. Joseph and Phebe (Mack) Cary of Williamsburg, b. 1-17-1749; d. 7-13-1815. He was a soldier in Rev. War. Tradition says he came to Mid. shortly after 1775. The deed for lots 15 and 16 III Div. Becket, where he settled is dated 1781, but since he did not sign Pet. Inc. that year he may not have moved until 1783 when he was chosen tithingman. He was selectman 1790-91. The Graves homestead is located over a mile southwest of the Center where Mr. Harry Pease now lives. He joined Cong. Ch. 1802. (See "Graves Family Genealogy," p. 84.)

Children:

Anna, b. Hatfield, 1770. m. Jonah Williams of Goshen.

Erastus, b. Williamsburg, 9-23-1774. (See Fam. 1).

PHEBE, b. 10-6-1776; d. Mid. 9-12-1834. m. 11-12-1795, Pain Loveland. (See Loveland Fam.).

NATHAN, b. 2-18-1779. d. Nelson, N. Y. 1866. m. 2-1-1801, Lydia Bird of Whately, who d. 1852. Children; Sally, Stephen, Phebe, Asa, John, Lucretia, Nathan who m. Phebe Graves of Mid. 9-30-1839; Lydia. "See History of Whately", p. 490).

Lydia, b. 11-24-1780. m. Timothy Graves of Hatfield.

AMASA, b. 10-1-1783. (See Fam. 2). STEPHEN, b. 8-3-1788. (See Fam. 8).

Fam. 1. Erastus Graves, son of Amasa⁶ and Phebe (Cary) Graves, b. Williamsburg, 9-23-1774; m. Melinda, dau. Zebina Lyon of Whately, (See History of Whately, p. 489). He probably came to Mid. when his father settled. In 1797 he bought of his father lot 205 Worth. and was living there in 1800. The farm was at the lower end of Ridgepole Road on or near the "Warner Lot," where Jesse Johnson lived later. By 1810 he had moved to New York State. Later he moved to Michigan. He was a great hunter and is said to have died alone in camp.

Children:

MELINDA, b. 4-4-1801. AMASA, bap. 12-17-1805. SEVILA, bap. 12-17-1805.

FAM. 2. AMASA GRAVES, son of Amasa⁶ and Phebe (Cary) Graves, was b. Mid. 10-1-1783; d. Mid. 1871, m. 12-1-1803, Sally Bird of Whately, who d. 1868. He lived at the Graves homestead and on Walnut Hill. He was selectman 1854-55.

Children b. Mid.:

LYDIA, b. 11-8-1804. d. 1835. m. 9-9-1830, Franklin Stowell of Peru.
AMASA, b. 8-3-1806. (See Fam. 3).
NELSON, b. 6-16-1808. (See Fam. 7).
SARAH, b. 11-5-1810. m. 2-26-1833,
Barton Bisbee. Moved to Illinois.

Laura, b. 7-21-1815. m. 4-7-1836, Alanson Ballou, of Peru. Lived in Florence, Mass.

EMERANCY, b. 4-2-1817. m. 9-28-1843, Jarvis Norcott of Becket. (See Norcott Family).

FAM. 3. AMASA GRAVES, son of Amasa⁷ and Sally (Bird) Graves, was b. Mid. 5-3-1806; d. Mid. 5-17-1891 m. 1st



AMASA GRAVES, SR.

DEA. AMASA GRAVES, JR.

BARTON BISBEE GRAVES

Celina Bisbee of Whately, 10-13-1825, m. 2nd 1-24-1869, Mrs. Malina (Wing) Geer. (She m. 3rd Gordyce Bates of Worth.) He lived on several farms in Mid. In 1814 he was living with his father on the west slope of Walnut Hill, where they still lived in 1820. By 1830 he had moved to the fine farm at the head of the reservoir meadows. In 1840 he had bought the Eli Crowell house on the West Hill, where his grandson, Willis Graves still lives. At one time he lived at Leach's mill on Factory Brook, and at another at the Amos Cross place, Taylor's Pasture. He was appointed a deacon of the Cong. Ch. 6-2-1851. For many years he drove the stage which carried the mail from Bancroft to the Center. He lived during his later years at the Center in the home now owned by Miss Sarah Chamberlain.

Children b. Mid.:

HENRY ORESTES, b. 10-29-1826.

MARIA LEVINA, b. 1-4-1829. d. 4-15-

Barton Bisbee, b. 3-10-1832. (See Fam. 4).

AMASA, b. 8-25-1840. d. Florence, 9-8-1871. m. 12-4-1865 Annette H. dau. of Austin and Luthera Waite of Williamsburg. Child: Fannie Celeria, b. 2-10-1871.

ARTHUR CLAYTON, b. 6-26-1862; m. 9-27-1883 Fannie Louise Cobb, of Suffield, Ct. Lived in Pittsfield. Six children.

Fam. 4. Barton Bisbee Graves, son of Amasa⁸ and Celina (Bisbee) Graves, was b. Mid. 3-10-1832, d. Mid. 2-13-1909, m. 9-27-1852, Lucy, dau. of Daniel and Lucy Cone of Peru, who was b. 2-16-1832, and d. Mid. 11-14-1914. He lived six years in the West, two years in Northampton, two years in Hatfield, but made his home in Mid. the rest of his life. He was a painter as well as a farmer. He joined the Cong. Ch. in 1858. He was a deacon for 13 years, always taking an active part in church affairs.

Children:

Lucy Maria, b. 12-14-1853, d. Mid. Willis Barton, b. 10-13-1855. (See 3-28-1919. m. 2-3-1877. Edwin S. Fam. 5).

McElwain. (See McElwain Fam.). Cooley Wing, b. 9-7-1862. (See Fam. 6).

Fam. 5. Willis Barton Graves, son of Barton Bisbee⁹ and Lucy (Cone) Graves, was b. 10-13-1855; m. 10-18-1882,

Clara, dau. of Henry Ferris, who was b. 2-27-1859. He followed his father on the West Hill, where he still dwells in the fine old gambrel-roofed house built nearly 125 years ago by Eli Crowell.

Children:

Winifred May, b. 9-19-1883. Lives Ethel Lucy, b. 8-5-1892. m. Paul in Lee, Mass. Nickerson, 3 children.

Agnes Malina, b. 3-21-1887. d. 12- Amasa, b. 2-8-1896. 30-1914. m. 10-1-1913, Homer Olive, b. 3-7-1904. Bush.

Fam. 6. Cooley Wing Graves, son of Barton Bisbee⁹ and Lucy (Cone) Graves, was b. 9-7-1862; m. 12-28-1887, Katie Helena, dau. Thomas Bryan of Worth., who was b. 9-14-1865. He lives in Factory Village and is a painter by trade. Children b. Mid.:

ROY EUGENE, b. 1-10-1889. m. 6-28-1919, Dorothy Grey Sampson, of Huntington.

Edna Zell, b. 4-26-1890, m. 2-19-1916, Homer Bush of Westfield. Children: Barbara, b. 12-14-1916. Everett, b. 4-18-1918.

FAM. 7. Nelson Graves, son of Amasa⁷ and Sally (Bird) Graves, was b. Mid. 6-16-1808; d. Mid. 10-22-1848, m. 1st (int) 3-5-1836, Amanda Ballou of Peru, who d. 9-26-1843, aged 28 yrs., m. 2nd Mary Burghardt, of Stockbridge, (int) 6-14-1845. Lived in Mid.

Children:

Julia, b. 1839; d. 1840. Nelson Amarian, b. 6-10-1841. He was a soldier in the Civil War and was incapacitated by wound from a shell. SARAH, b. 10-15-1846. d. 4-26-1847. SELDEN, b. —— 1847, d. 1848.

Fam. 8. Stephen Graves, son of Amasa⁶ and Phebe (Cary) Graves, b. Mid. 8-3-1788; d. 1-1-1876, m. (int) 9-23-1809, Waitie Bird of Whately, who was b. 1788; d. 12-25-1836. He m. 2nd (int) 11-11-1837, Julia Ferguson of Peru, who was b. 1795; d. 3-10-1876. He lived at the old homestead and carried on his father's farm.

Children b. Mid.:

IRENE, b. Sept. 1812, d. 8-3-1894. m. AMBROSE STEPHEN, b. 7-9-1813. d. 9-23-1834, Selden Root. (See Root 11-25-1830. Family).

Phebe, b. 6-1-1815, m. 9-30-1839. Nathan Graves of Nelson, N. Y. Roxanna, b. June, 1817, m. Steven Peters, d. in Wisconsin. ENOCH DWIGHT, b. 9-5-1824. (See Family 9).

Fam. 9. Enoch Dwight Graves, son of Stephen⁷ and Waitie (Bird) Graves, was b. Mid. 9-5-1824; d. Mid. 1-21-1885, m. 7-4-1843, Mariette, dau. Selden and Mary (Hubbard) Root. He followed his father at the Graves homestead. He was a man of unusual musical talent, being connected with the Cong. Ch. choir for 40 years, for most of the time as leader and director.

Children b. Mid.:

EDWARD DWIGHT, b. 6-19-1844, m. 11-21-1864, Addie J. Humason of Suffield, Conn. Was a grocer in Worcester. Played the base viol and was a successful teacher of music when singing schools were common in farming communities.

HENRY STEPHEN, b. 9-19-1845, m. 1-1-1867, Emma S. Braithwait. Was superintendent of the farm at the Hospital for Insane, Worcester.

WILLIAM SELDEN, b. 7-31-1847, m. 9-14-1867, Carrie H. Braithwait, Lived in Worcester.

MARY E. b. ———.

Albert Nelson, b. 5-21-1856. Was a butcher in Suffield, Conn. Was prominent in Windsor Locks, Conn., where he was successful in livery and coal business. He dealt in high bred horses; was at one time the largest individual tobacco grower in New England, having the largest tobacco barn in New England on his farm.

CHARLES COIT, b. 2-13-1859. m. 12-27-1883, Emma, dau. Francis and Susan Wedemeyer, b. 3-5-1861. Lives in Suffield, Conn. One child: Frank Wedemeyer, b. 10-4-1885.

ELMER CLIFTON, b. 5-8-1863. m. 3-25-1884, Jennie Louisa, dau. Alfred and Eliza G. Beers, of Windsor Locks, Conn. who was b. 4-15-1862. Lives Hartford, Conn. One child; Frank Elmer, b. Suffield, 4-1-1885.

GRAY

Gray, Samuel, of Becket appears in Mid. between 1790 and 1792. He was not in town when the census of 1790 was taken but was assigned to Pew 23 in the Mid. meetinghouse two years later. He lived on Lot No. 13, 2nd Div. East Prescott's Grant, which is located in Blush Hollow just north of where Boyer's sawmill now stands. This land

Gray sold in part to Amasa Blush, and the remainder to Cyrus Cone, in 1800.

Samuel Gray and his wife joined the Cong. Ch. March 16, 1794, by letter from the church in Becket. He was included in the northwest school district in 1794. He probably left town after selling out in 1800.

Samuel Gray joined the Becket Church in August, 1787. A Merillah Gray joined in 1786. He bought land in Lenox in 1802 and died there 2-25-1825.

HAMILTON

Hamilton, James, an early resident of Worcester, of Scotch-Irish descent, was perhaps the son of the James Hamilton who settled there in 1718; m. Margaret ——, who d. 2-14-1761, aged 35. He m. 2nd 8-20-1761, Margaret Mahan. who was probably the Mrs. Hamilton who d. Chester, 5-20-1808, aged 83.

Children b. Worcester:

Moses, b. 8-26-1750.

Samuel, b. 3-29-1752; d. young.

JANE b. 11-25-1753; m. John Gam-

(See Gamwell Fam.). John, b. 4-10-1757. d. 1816; m. 1-27-1779, Katherine, dau. James and Isabel Quigley, who d. 6-23-1848. Their son, Samuel, m. Harmony Emmons of Mid. (See Emmons Fam.). He bequeathed \$2,000 to the Mid. Cong. Church and \$1,000 to the Mid. Bap. Church.

Samuel, b. 2-11-1759. (See Fam. 1). MARGARET, b. 7-4-1762.

WILLIAM, b. 4-1-1764. (See Fam. 3). DAVID, b. 10-15-1769. He was probably the man of this name whose farm consisted of parts of lots Nos. 116 and 51 (Mur) where he was living in 1793. His name is on Oliver Blush's ledger until 1808.

FAM. 1. Samuel Hamilton, son of James and Margaret Hamilton, was b. Worcester, 2-11-1759; d. Mid. 12-15-1826; m. 1st Worcester, 1-20-1785, Elizabeth Kingston, who was b. about 1767, d. Mid. 1-27-1814. He m. 2nd Mid. 1-4-1815, Patty Henry, who was b. 1767; d. Mid. 12-20-1824. He came to Mid. about 1789, settling in the southeastern part of the town in the Murrayfield section. His house stood on the sand knoll where the new cemetery is located on the road to the Den. He served on the School Com. in 1794 and 1799. He was a soldier in Rev. War.

Children:

WILLIAM, b. ——; m. Rachel Marks. d. Cleveland, N. Y. in 1858.

BETSY, b. ——; m. 3-23-1809, George Pratt, who d. Mid. 9-30-1813. He was probably son of Jacob Pratt, who d. Mid. 10-27-1813, and brother of Thomas Pratt who d. Mid. 8-29-1813.

Mary, b. Mid. 12-2-1789. d. 10-8-1813.

Samuel, b. 3-18-1792. (See Fam. 2).

John, b. 5-23-1794.

Dolly, b. 2-18-1797; m. 2-12-1816, William Mahanna of Chester.

Moses, b. 11-14-1799; m. 5-9-1822, Peggy Mahanna. Settled in Oswego, N. Y.

Jane, b. 4-3-1802; m. Andrew Taylor.

Ezra, b. 1-10-1805; m. Becket, 11-29-1827, Melissa Bidwell.

Chrystina, b. 9-15-1807; m. Dennison Gross. Settled in Middlefield, N. Y.

FAM. 2. SAMUEL HAMILTON, probably son of Samuel² and Elizabeth (Kingston) Hamilton, was b. 3-18-1792; m. Amanda.

Children b. Mid.:

Mary, b. 5-12-1821. Alviras, b. 8-5-1822. ARIEL, b. 6-14-1824. ELECTA, b. 11-14-1825.

Fam. 3. William Hamilton, was probably the son of Samuel² and Elizabeth (Kingston) Hamilton ,who was b. 4-1-1762; m. Holden, 8-10-1789, Elizabeth Smith of Worcester. He was living in the Worth. section of Mid. in 1800. Two of his children d. in 1799 and 1800. His wife d. Chester, 8-10-1804. He was of Chester when he m. 2nd in 1807, Tabitha Babcock of Mid.

A SARAH HAMILTON, widow of John, farmer d. Mid. 2-8-1847, aged 85.

HAMILTON

- Hamilton, Thomas, of Pelham was perhaps brother of James Hamilton Worcester. Probably came with his brother John of Pelham, with their parents from the North of Ireland in 1716. Had a son James. (See Fam. 1.)
- Fam. 1. James Hamilton, son of Thomas¹ Hamilton of Pelham, was b. 1729, d. Chester, 7-28-1806; m. 1-19-1758, Sarah, prob. dau. John and Margaret Lucor, of Pelham, b. 5-6-1732; d. Chester, 3-26-1813. Moved to Mur. about 1766. Was a soldier in the Rev. War. Had a son John. (See Fam. 2.)

Fam. 2. John Hamilton, son of James² and Sarah (Lucor) Hamilton, b. Pelham, 11-18-1760, d. Mid. 3-4-1847; m. (int) 1-25-1789, Sarah, dau. David and Sarah (Loughead) Fleming, of Palmer, who was b. 12-25-1760; d. Mid. 2-8-1847. They lived in Chester where their children were born.

Children:

Sally, b. 12-25-1789; was perhaps the one who m. George Smith in Becket 8-19-1827.

Polly, b. 1-21-1791; was probably the Mary, of Wash. who m. 6-2-1814 Dudley Taylor, of Mid.

Peggy, b. 1793; d. 1796.

SINY, b. 2-11-1795.

JOHN, b. 10-15-1796. The births of Asenath and Justin Orton, children of John, Jr. and Mary Hamilton, are given in Becket records. James, b. 2-20-1798; m. (int) at Wash. 5-19-1825 Mary Simmons, of Hinsdale.

DAVID, b. 1-3-1800; (See Fam. 3). Asa, b. 2-7-1802; m. (int) at Wash. 10-23-1831 Lemina Lamb.



House of David Hamilton

Fam. 3. David Hamilton, son of John³ and Sarah (Fleming) Hamilton, was b. Chester, 1-3-1800; d. Mid. 5-6-1857, m.

4-26-1827, Abigail, dau. Philip and Nabby (Leland) Meacham, who was b. Mid. 5-16-1803, d. Rantoul, III., 10-8-1894. After living awhile in Wash. he moved to Mid. between 1828 and 1830. He was a farmer. He built a house on the road north from the Center near the Peru line, next to his father-in-law, Philip Meacham who lived across the road a short distance further south. Here he made a home for his aged father and mother, who were natives of Pelham and had lived in Chester.

Children:

Franklin David, b. Wash. 6-29- Henry Leland, b. Mid. 1-17-1835 1828. (See Fam. 4). (See Fam. 7).

EBENEZER CUTLER, b. Mid. 4-22- JOHN MEACHAM, b. Mid. 3-7-1837. 1830. (See Fam. 5). (See Fam. 8).

THOMAS CLARK, b. Mid. 4-20-1832. CHARLES WESLEY, b. Mid. 10-21-(See Fam. 6). 1839. (See Fam. 9).

- Fam. 4. Franklin David Hamilton, son of David and Abigail (Meacham) Hamilton, was b. Wash., 6-29-1828; d. Titusville, Pa., 1886, m. 1st 2-22-1856, Mary E. Gray, m. 2nd Hattie Godwine. He spent the most of his life in the oil fields of Pennsylvania, where he is said at one time to have amassed quite a fortune. No children.
- Fam. 5. Ebenezer Cutler Hamilton, son of David⁴ and Abigail (Meacham) Hamilton, was b. Mid. 4-22-1830; d. 9-14-1909, Rantoul, Ill., m. Brooklyn, N. Y., 6-16-1858, Cecelia Jane Higgins. He was in mercantile pursuits in Brooklyn many years, going West in 1876. Was manager of a lumber yard in Penfield, Ill., for twelve years. Moved to Rantoul, Ill., where he was for a while engaged in the hardware business and later in the insurance business.

Children:

CHARLIE, d. young. EDWARD LELAND, b. 12-23-1872. FRANKLIN DAVID, b. 6-24-1861.

Fam. 6. Thomas Clark Hamilton, son of David⁴ and Abigail (Meacham) Hamilton, was b. Mid. 4-20-1832; d. Huntington, L. I., 9-11-1919, m. Marion Watkins. For many years a prominent physician in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Children:

Bertie, b. 1875 d. 1909.

HARRY, b. 1885.

- Fam. 7. Henry Leland Hamilton, son of David⁴ and Abigail (Meacham) Hamilton, was b. Mid. 1-17-1835; d. in Georgia, 10-29-1904, m. in Georgia, 2-13-1867, Cyntha Kennedy. He enlisted in the 22nd Georgia artillery under General Johnson. He was an ordained Baptist minister, a large land owner and a man of considerable influence in his community. Ten children: Ada, Anna, Charles, John, Clark, Parsons, Beula, William, Clarence, Vergil.
- Fam. 8. John Meacham Hamilton, son of David and Abigail (Meacham) Hamilton, was b. Mid. 3-7-1837; d. Rantoul, Ill., 9-30-1899, m. Mid. 10-29-1868, Helen Samantha, dau. Levi and Emily (Meacham) Olds. (See Olds Family). He was in the lumber business at Rantoul, Ill., from 1872 to 1892, part of the time with his brother Charles. He operated yards at Rantoul, Gifford and Penfield. He served as Village trustee, a police constable, as village clerk and in 1894-95 as president of the village board. He helped organize the Baptist Church at Rantoul in 1867; was clerk of the church from its organization until his death, and deacon for over twenty years.

Children:

DAVID, d. young.
ABBIE, d. young.
LAWRENCE, d. young.

Homer Willis, b. 7-31-1874. OSCAR OLIN, b. 3-28-1878.

Fam. 9. Charles Wesley Hamilton, son of David⁴ and Abigail (Meacham) Hamilton, was b. Mid. 10-21-1839, m. 1st 1-3-1859, Mrs. Eliza M. (Goldthwaite) Geer, m. 2nd Rantoul, Ill., 6-4-1908, Mrs. Emma (Booth) Luckey. He was in the lumber business with his brother John, at Rantoul, Ill., for ten years, when he moved to Creighton, Neb., where he started a lumber yard. Later engaged in real estate in Garden City, Kan., and McCook, Neb.

Children:

Frank C., b. 1-7-1860. Fred, b. 3-28-1868 or 1869. CLINTON, b. 3-26-1873. MAE, b. ———.