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**DEWING, HIRAN'S**, inf. d. d. 20 July, 1851.

**DEWITT, MARTHA**, d. 5 Apl., 1841, ae. 68.—*Weth. Ins.*

ABRAHAM VAN HORN, m. Martha **Belding**, 22 Aug., 1792.—*W. C. R.*

HENRY ALBERT, d. Petersburg, Va., 12 Sept., 1820.

**DEWOLF**, (*Dewoolf*), Mrs. PRUDENCE, d. 16 June, 1737, in 61 yr.—*Weth. Ins.*

BALTHAZER, ancestor of prominent families in Rhode Island, and Nova Scotia, of Senator Dolph and many other persons of distinction; lived in Weth. before his removal to Lyme, Conn. See Salisbury's *Family Historica & Genealogica*. See, also, Chapt. VII, Vol. I.

CHARLES, of Ashfield, Mass., m. Abigail **Blinn**, 20 Nov., 1828.

**DEUSLAR, ELIHU**, of Windsor, Ct., m. Mary **Rhodes**, 21 Nov., 1832.

**DIBBLE, ABIGAIL** an orphan, who lived with Rich Butler, bp. 17 July, 1715.—*Mir. MSS.*

**DICKINSON**, (*Dykinson, Dykenon, Dykensanne, Dickemsonne*). Much kindly help on this family rec'd from Mrs. C. S. PRINCE, and Mrs. A. C. HAWLEY, of Hartford. Contrary to a fam. trad. which claims a Scotch origin, the author of the *Morton Memoranda*, p. 131, traces its descent from Walter de Caen, a kinsman and companion of William the Conqueror, and through him to Rollo, first Duke of Normandy; also that Walter wedded the dau. of the last Saxon lord of Kenson, and was afterward known as Walter de Kenson. In this he is supported by the author of the most recent genealogy of the D. fam.,<sup>1</sup> who traces the Weth. Settler, Nathaniel Dickenson, back thro' 14 gen. to the said Walter de Kenson.

Just when the fam. took the Anglicized form of the surname is unknown, but prob. in the early part of the XIV Century. Its two most ancient forms were *Dickenson*, then *Dicconson*. The former appeared in the reign of Henry VIII; but it is not until a century later that the second syllable is spelled with an *i*, which is clearly a corruption of the original orthography.

The arms of the family, as given by the *Morton Mem.*, are "Vert. a cross betw. 4 hinds' heads, coupled, or. — Motto, *Esse quam videri*—i. e. "to be, rather than seem to be." These arms are said to date from Henry VIII's reign, and were used by John de Caen, of Kenson, in the time of Edward I; their heraldic meaning (being, that the green field of the shield and the 4 hinds' heads,) signify that the orig. bearers were rangers of the Royal forests—most likely Epping, in Co. York; the cross, added in the time of the last crusade signifying that the D's participated in that holy war. These, however, do not accord with the arms assigned to them by the author of the D. genealogy—viz.—those of Yorkshire and Bradly—"Az fesse ermenc, betw. 2 lions passant, or. Crest, a demi lion rampant per pale ermnoise et azure." The arms first described were those of one Hugh Dickinson, who lived abt. 1422, the supp. ancestor of the Americans, and who d. 1523.

Deacon NATHANIEL DICKINSON, an early Settler in Weth. was the s. of William & Sarah *Stacey* Dickinson, of Ely, Cambridge, Eng. where he was b. 1600, and with his wife Anna (Gull) and 3 ch., came to Watertown, Mass., in 1634; to Weth., 1636, perhaps 1637, where he seems speedily to have become a prominent citizen; was on the Jury, Oct., 14, 1642 (*Col. Rec. I. p. 76*); was

<sup>1</sup>Extract of a letter of Nathaniel P. Mass., to Samuel

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OLD DICKINSON LETTER

Facsimile of a letter of Nathaniel Dickinson, an original settler of Wethersfield and later of Hadley, Mass., to Samuel Foreman of Wethersfield, October 28, 1666.

Original in possession of William F. J. Boardman.

app. Town Clerk, or "recorder," 1 Dec., 1645 (perhaps earlier—*Col. Rec.*, I. 76) the earliest town vote rec. on the oldest extant *Weth. Recs.*, being in his handwriting; was dep. to Gen. Ct. 1640-56; townsman, 1647-8; his homestead rec. to him 1649—(See Chapt. VII, Vol. I); and Oct., 1654, one of a comm. of 3 app. by the Ct. to advise with the constables of the 3 River Towns, abt "pressing men for the exp. into the Ninigret country," in the Narr. War. When the movement on the part of many dissatisfied members of the Weth. Htd. and Windsor chhs., took place, Apl., 1659, for the emigration to Hadley, Mass., he and his sons, Nath'l and John, were present and active among the 59 persons concerned, and the father was one of the delegates chosen to lay out the new plantation East of Northampton. The three were also of the 29 present at a town meeting, Oct., 1660, at which rules and regulations for the new enterprise were adopted and signed. At Hadley, as at Weth., he became the first Town Clerk; was Town assessor; a magistrate; a member, at its formation, 1663, of the Hampshire Troop under Capt. Pyncheon; and connected with the founding of Hopkin's Acad., of which he was one of the first trustees; when Maj. Pyncheon purchased the Hadley tract, he accepted Mr. D. and Nath'l Ward as reps. of the planters, and they signed the final sett., 29 Oct., 1663. In both communities, Weth. and Hadley, he was justly esteemed as an upright, intelligent, active and capable citizen, bearing well his share in the labors, privations and dangers incident to a frontier life. Worn out at last by these, especially those incurred in the defense of Hadley, and the Ind. war of 1675-6, and depressed by the tragic loss of his 3 sons in that strife, he d. 16 June, 1676, a noble example of Puritan godliness, and manly loyalty to duty. His will, dated 29 May, 1676, describes him as "late of Hatfield, now of Hadley."

Dea. Nathaniel Dickinson, m. Jan., 1630, at East Bergholst, Co. Suffolk, Eng., Anna (wid. of William) Gull.

*Children (Dickinson Genealogy & Weth. Rec.): 5 births only rec. at Weth.*

1. John, b. 1630, in Eng. FAM. 2.
2. Joseph, b. 1632, in Eng.; res. Nh., was a freeman of Conn., 1657; res. Nh., 1664-74; then rem. to Northfield, Mass.; was killed in battle, 4 Sept., 1675; m. at Hadley, 1665, Phoebe (dau. John & Phoebe *Berbridge*) *Bracey*, who was gd-dau. of Wm. Blaby, gent. of London, Eng. He was a deacon in Had. Ch.; seems to have gone to Weth. abt. 1661; prob. did not stay long; had 5 ch.—See Chapt. VII, Vol. I.
3. Thomas, b. 1633, in Eng. FAM. 3.
4. Anna, (or Hannah), b. 1638; m. (1) Jan., or June 18, 1670, John Clary, Jr.; m. (2) Enos Kingsley, of Nhm.
5. Samuel, b. "abt. the middle of July, 1638;" m. 4 Jan., 1668, Martha *Bridgman*; res. at Hadley; for his posterity, see *Judd's Hist. Hadley*.
6. Obediah,\* b. "abt. the middle of April," 1641. FAM. 4.
7. Nathaniel, b. 1644, acc. to *D. General*, p. 33; *Weth. Rec.*, or acc to some auth. (p. 33); not ment. in his father's will, but distinctly identified as his son, by Nath'l, Sen., in a deed in *Weth. Ld. Rec.*, Vol. II, p. 133, dated 1 Apl., 1661; but Judd prob. gives date of birth, Aug. 1643, more correctly; he res. in Hatfield; was 3 times m.; his posterity is given in Sheldon's *Deerfield*, II, p. 144.
8. Nehemiah, b. "abt. the middle of Aug., 1643, (Judd says "abt. 1644"); m. and res. Had.; for post, see *Judd's Hadley*; had 14 ch. For *Weth. Ld. Rec.*, see Chapt. VII, Vol. I.
9. Hezekiah, b. "the last of Feb.," 1645; mcht. at Had., Hat. and Spgfd.; m. 4 Dec., 1679-80, Abigail (dau. Samuel) *Blakeman*, of Stratford; was the father of Rev. Jonathan D., b. 22 Apl., 1698; grad. Y. C., 1706; pastor of 1st Pres. Ch., of Newark, N. J., and first Pres. of Coll. of N. J. (Princeton); was a phys. as well as a minister, was a D. D., and as a writer on divinity, was classed with Jonathan Edwards. Orcutt's *Hist. Stratford* says Hez., a Nath'l, came to St., abt. 1679, from Weth.; m. there; rem. to Conn. River & thence to Spgfd.
10. Azariah, b. 4 (or 10) Oct., 1648; res. Hadley; slain in the Swamp Fight at Whately, Mass., 25 Aug., 1675; m. Dorcas \_\_\_\_\_, who m. (2) Jonathan Marsh, and d. 15 Aug., 1675, ae. 69.
11. Frances, acc. to *D. Gen.*; ment. in will of Nath'l.

FAM. 2. Sgt. JOHN,<sup>2</sup> (Nathaniel,<sup>1</sup>), b. 1630; m. at age of 17, Frances \_\_\_\_\_, —*Weth. Rec.*; the *Foote Gen.* supplies her family name, *Foote* (dau. of Nathaniel) and that they m. at Weth. 1648. He was a surveyor of highways, 1651; one of a comm. to run the S. line of Weth., 1659; for ld-rec. see Chapt.

\* The *D. General* gives 1638, as date of Obediah's birth, which (in the face of *Weth. Rec.*) could not be, unless, poss., a previous Obed. was b. and d. after Samuel.

VII, Vol. I; rem. to Hadley with his father, 1659; he was killed in the Falls (Turners) Fight, in King Philip's War, 19 May, 1676; his wid. m. (2) Francis Barnard, of Hadley.

*Children (born in Weth.):*

1. Hannah, b. 6 Dec., 1648; m. (1) Samuel Gillet, of Hat., who was killed in same battle as her father; she m. (2) 5 May, 1677, Stephen Jennings; 4 mths. after was herself capt. by Inds. and carried into Canada, whence she escaped the next yr.; in 1768, her son Joseph Gillet was wounded and her dau.'s husband killed, and in 1719, her husband (Jennings) was killed by Ind.

(Given by Judd, and also D. Gen.):

2. Mary, b. 1650; m. Samuel Northam, of Hat., Deerfield and Colchester, Ct.
3. Jonathan, b. 1654; d. before Mch., 1678.
4. Sarah, b. 1656; m. (1) 11 Dec., 1677,

Samuel Lane; m. (2) 27 Feb., 1691, Martin Kellogg.

5. Rebecca, b. abt. 1658; m. 31 Feb., 1691, Joseph Smith, and d. 16 Feb., 1721, ae. 72.
6. Elizabeth, b. abt. 1660; d. before Mch., 1678.
7. Abigail, b. 1662; m. (1) 6 Dec., 1683, Thos. Croft; m. (2) 30 Nov., 1704, Samuel Crowfoot.
8. Mercy, b. 1664 (Judd says 1665); m. 8 June, 1688, Joseph Chamberlain, of Hat. and Colchester, Ct., and d. 30 June, 1735, ae. 67.
9. Mehitable, b. 1666; m. 26 June, 1689, John Ingram, Jr.

FAM. 3. THOMAS,<sup>2</sup> (Nathaniel<sup>1</sup>), b. 1634, D. Gen.; m. (acc. to D. Gen. 7 Mch., 1668, at Had., Hannah (ygst. dau. John & Elizabeth Goodwin) Crow, b. at Htfd., 13 July, 1649; he was freeman in Ct., 1657; and of Mass., 1661; was an early sett. of Had., but ret. to Weth. abt. 1678; and d. there, 1716; will dated, 7 June, 1710, at W.—*Htfd. Co. Prob. Rec.*, IX, 140; his lds. rec.—*Ld. Rec.*, I, 106; he was fence-viewer on E. side Conn. River, 1691; in 1703, the town gave him "the piece of ld. which his ho. stands on" in Weth.; his wife was memb. of So. Ch., Htfd., 23 Jan., 1680.—*So. Ch. Rec.*

*Children (acc. to Judd's Hadley):*

1. Elizabeth, b. 6 Dec., 1668; m. Benjamin Adams, of Weth.
2. Hannah, b. 20 May, 1670; m. Samuel Leffingwell; res. Norwich; d. before her father.
3. Thomas, b. Had., 15 Feb., 1672; m. 1694, Mehitable Meekins, at Hat., where he d. 1723.
4. Esther, b. 22 Jan., 1674; m. (1) Nathl

Smith, of Htfd.; m. (2) Hez. Porter, of Htfd.

5. Mehitable, b. 20 Oct., 1675; d. inf.
6. Nathaniel, b. 15 Nov., 1677; bu. 26 Jan., 1678.
7. Elihu,<sup>2</sup> b. 1678.
8. Ebenezer, b. 1679; bp. in So. Ch., Htfd., 7 Nov., 1679. FAM. 5.

FAM. 4. Sgt. OBEDIAH,<sup>2</sup> (Nathaniel<sup>1</sup>), b. 1641; accompanied his father to Hadley, 1659, took part in King Philip's War; in 1677 his ho. was burned by Inds. and he, wounded and with ch., capt. by Inds., but he escaped fm. captivity in Canada; he returned to Weth. in 1679; he and (2d wife) memb. of Weth. ch., 1694—*Mis. MSS.*; he was constable, 1687-8; dr. ld. in allot. of same yr; comm. to lay out ld. in 1694. He m. (1) 8 Jan., 1668-9, Sarah (dau. Wm.) Beardsley, of Stratford; m. (2) 1690, Mehitable Hinsdale, of Hadley, or Hatfield, Mass., she was not living in 1702—*Htfd. Co. Prob. Rec.*, VII; he d. 10 June, 1698, in 58th yr.; his seal on will (dated 7 June, 1698) tho' defaced, still bears traces of the "lion passant" described on the D. arms. Invent. £678-08-08 taken 7 July 1698, by William Warner, Joseph Churchill, William Goodrich, Will dated 7 June, 1698: I give to my three sons, Daniel, Eliphalet and Noadiah Dickinson, to my dau. Sarah Smith, to Mehetabell Dickinson, to each £40, not counting the wearing apparel or the child's clothes that were her mother's, my former wife. I give to my wife Mehetabell Dickinson—the use of my houseing & home-lot, etc., for her comfort and the bringing up of the two children I had by her—while she remains my widow I give her the use of my son Noadiah's estate until he come to the age of 21 years—and that of my dau. Mehetabell until 18 years of age or shall be married. If my son Obadiah be living he to have an equal share with my sons, Obadiah Dickinson & Witnesses, John Chester, Samuel Northam—I give my servant Sarah Couch a cow, my son Eliphalet to be executor.—*Court Records*, 1st Sept., 1698, Will & invent. Proven.

*Children (Judd's Hadley)*

1. Sarah, b. 20 Aug., 1670; m. — Smith (acc. to father's will).
  2. Obadiah, b. 29 Jan., 1672—*Mis. MSS.*, VII, Vol. I; prob. a sailor and d. intestate, before 8 Mch., 1715; invent. of his est. adm. upon bros. Daniel and Eliphalet, 8 Apr., 1701 (*Htfd. Co. Prob. Rec.*, 7 to 255, 62a., and included 92 ples. that came from Madagascar; father's will also refers to 1 one, "whom he knows not who or dead."
  3. Daniel, b. 26 Apr., 1674; prob. FAM. 4.
- ELIHU,<sup>2</sup> (prob. s. Smith, 13 Nov., 1718, who Lucy Deming, 2 Apr., 1722

*Children (Weth. Rec.):*

1. Mary, b. 26 Jan., 1725.
2. Hannah, b. 28 Feb., 1727.
3. Samuel, b. 28 Oct., 1729.
4. Esther, b. 30 Jan., 1732.
5. Ebenezer, b. 21 Feb., 1734; m. — m. (2) 12 July, — and had (W. R. and Hannah, bp. 11 Oct., 1761 (by 2 Gervis, bp. 28 Sept., 1766; Ebenezer, bp. 4 Aug., 1771; Sarah,

FAM. 5. EBENEZER,<sup>2</sup> (Thos. Susannah (dau. John & 72d yr. (Mrs. A. C. Haw of gift from his father T love and affection which hath been so serviceable carry on and advance eor

*Children (Weth. Rec.):*

1. Thomas, b. 29 Dec., 1707; 1707-8.—*Mis. MSS.*, FAM. 7.
2. Anne, b. 6 bp. 19 Sept., 1710.

FAM. 6. ELIPHALET,<sup>2</sup> (Obadiah Brunson, of Far., Ct., 24 wid. d. 2 May, 1755, ae. Feb., 1728-9; proven, 4 S.—*Htfd. Prob. Off. Sec.*

*Children (Weth. Rec.):*

1. Sarah, b. 8 Nov., 1698.
2. Obadiah, b. 14, bp. 17 (MIS 1701. FAM. 8.
3. Eliphalet, b. 1, bp. 8 (MIS 1700; \* ment. by his bro. living 1761.

FAM. 7. THOMAS,<sup>2</sup> (Ebenezer Hannah (dau. Thos. & 3 May, 1782; he d. ae. 75, 1786, ac. 86.—*W. C. R.*

\* It is noticeable that the M (1703), the bp. of a child of which, from frailness of health,

- 1828; d. Apl. 1891; m. J. McLean, of Oswego, N. Y.; had: (a) Mary Elizabeth (McLean), m. Mr. \_\_\_\_\_, of Chicago; (b) Louisa (McLean), m. \_\_\_\_\_; (c) Frank Flower (McLean), of N. Y. City.
6. Timothy Smith Madison, b. 22 May, 1808; d. 13 Oct., 1853.
7. Joseph Manly, b. 28 Feb., 1812; d. 10 Apl., 1853.
8. Sarah Ann (b. Lorraine, N. Y.); m.

FAM. 12. SPENCER,<sup>4</sup> (Timo,<sup>2</sup> Joseph,<sup>2</sup> Lamrock,<sup>1</sup>), b. 1785; res. Feeding Hills, Mass.

*Children:*

1. Lester, b. 10 Aug., 1807; d. 24 Mch., 1895, at Htfd., Ct.
2. Hannah, b. 19 Mch., 1809; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Holiday; d. 9 May, 1899.
3. Julia, b. 2 Mch., 1811; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Ely.
4. Nancy, b. 5 Apl., 1813; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Worthington; d. 9 May, 1882.
5. Spencer L., b. 8 Aug., 1815; res. Htfd.,

- Perly Wickes.
9. Elam LeGrand, b. Apl., 1819; d. at Weeping Waters, Neb., of which place he was a pioneer.  
(By second marriage):
10. George Warren, b. Clayton, N. Y.
11. Stephen Warren, b. 21 Aug., 1837, at Clayton, N. Y.; res. (1901) Toledo, O.; wealthy and memb. Bd. of trade; m. Nellie \_\_\_\_\_; s. p.

FAM. 13. EBENEZER,<sup>4</sup> (Timo,<sup>2</sup> Joseph,<sup>2</sup> Lamrock,<sup>1</sup>), b. 1787; m. Ann Granger, of Feeding Hills, Mass., b. 1781, was a prominent and wealthy business man of Htfd., of which city he was at one time (1853) Mayor; an active memb. of Episc. ch. and owner of lines of steamboats plying betw. Htfd. and New York and Boston.

*Children:*

1. Margaret, b. Sept., 1819; d. 24 Feb., 1834.
2. Henrietta, b. \_\_\_\_\_; d. 19 Apl., 1834.

- Ct., (1900).
6. Cornelius, b. 1 Apl., 1818; d. 18 July, 1888.
7. Homer, b. 26 Apl., 1820; d. 23 Apl., 1868.  
*Issue:*
- I. Homer, of Feeding Hills, Mass.
- II. Mrs. Lois M. Smith, of W. Htfd., Ct.
8. Henry E., b. 15 Nov., 1822.

The death of these ladies was signalized by a poem written by Mrs. Sigourney.

FAM. 14. MARCUS T. C.,<sup>3</sup> (Horace,<sup>2</sup> Ozias,<sup>2</sup> Joseph,<sup>2</sup> Lamrock,<sup>1</sup>), b. 1814; m. 20 Nov., 1836, at Comorant, O., Sybil Brooks; res. (1900) at St. Paul, Minn.

*Children:*

1. Cordelia, b. Dec., 1838.
2. Mark D. (Gen.), b. 31 Mch., 1842; enl. as private in Co. C, 7th Reg., Ill. Vol., Apl., 1861, until Aug., same yr., when term expired and he re-enlisted July, 1862, in Co. A, 36th, Reg., Ill. Inf. Vols. for 3 yrs., or during the war. June, 1863; was prom. Capt., and served as Asst. Adjt-Gen. until

- June, 1865, when he was hon. mustered out, and rem. to Minn., where (Mch., 1867) he was app. Adjt-Gen. of the State of Minn., which he resigned after 4 yrs. incumbency. Res. in St. Paul, Minn.; has dau. Grace.
3. Lydia, b. 25 Oct., 1853.
4. May, b. 18 Apl., 1860.

FAM. 15. JOSEPH,<sup>3</sup> (Roswell,<sup>2</sup> Timo,<sup>2</sup> Joseph,<sup>2</sup> Lamrock,<sup>1</sup>), b. 1795; m. 1820, Maria Flower Leonard.

*Children:*

1. Mary, m. Wm. Stearns.
2. Dwight, d. yg.
3. Byron, b. 1838; d. (as a Surgeon) in War of Civil Rebell., 1863.

4. Julia, m. Henry Smith; their only s. Kirby Flower (Smith) is (1900) Prof. in John Hopkins Univ., Baltimore, Md.

JOSEPH, m. Mary Francis, 29 Nov., 1821.—W. T. R.

MARY W., m. Edward D. Wills, of Htfd., 25 Oct., 1846.

WILLIAM, of Willimantic, Ct., m. E. Maria Pihsbury, of Weth., 18 Dec., 1849.—W. T. R.

**FOOTE.** This most reputable Conn. family, commenced its American history in Weth., yet, owing to an apparently inconquerable migratory tendency in its earlier representatives, the name had entirely disappeared from the town by the end of the third generation. Through its various early intermarriages with other Weth. families, however, the history of these early generations possess

Colchester, Conn., and Htfd., Mass. The family has been carried by a competent hand, h

NATHANIEL FOOTE, the e with his wife Elizabeth settlers, for many years entees named in its Cha They had seven children, in England.

It is by no means certain settler at Weth., but it known as "adventurers," largest holder of so-called the town, 1640, he received East side, and gradually Great Meadow, east of See Chapt. VII, Vol. I. Court,\* an, evidence of been held by his fellow-t Capt. John Mason was b it was "ordered, y<sup>t</sup> that design in hand, wch. [f. Nathaniell Footes"—a ce Foote's ability in raising

His wife was Elizabeth De ae. abt. 51 yrs.; his wid afterwards Governor of 1683, ae. abt. 88 yrs. T is evidenced by the fact was by the Particular Co "admitted to administer (Welles) "she was to e remained a widow, - - A conspicuous feature in th is the deaths, sufferings with them by marriage, a

*Child (Weth. Rec.):*

1. Nathaniel, b. Eng., abt. 1620.
2. Robert (Lieut.), b. Eng., abt. (says Savage) Sarah \_\_\_\_\_, 1655 Wallingford, Ct.; d. ae. 52; 1686, Aaron Blatchley, of Htfd., later rem. to Guilford, Ct.; were 8, b. betw. 1660 and 1672—win's *Geneal. Foote Fam.*
3. Elizabeth, b. Eng., abt. 1616; Churchill, of Weth., 1638, w 1 Jan., 1686; she d. 8 Sept., 1700

\* THE FOOTE FAMILY, of th of Weth., Conn. . . . . 115 Co., 1849, 8 vo., xlvi, 360 pp.

\* *Conn. Col. Rec.*, 1, 6, 7, 69, 70. We owe it to Mr. James S. Sarah's full name. She was the Blatchley, or Blakesley, as rec. in p. 130: "Sarah Blatchley, alias full share in the estate of her 1796.

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Colechester, Conn., and Hadley, Hatfield, Deerfield and other old towns in Western Mass. The family has also been fortunate in having had its history written by a competent hand, half a century ago.\*

NATHANIEL FOOTE, the emigrant ancestor, b. Eng. 1593, came to New England with his wife Elizabeth (sister of Mr. John Deming, also one of Weth's first settlers, for many years a Magistrate of the Conn. Colony and one of the patentees named in its Charter) whom he had married about 1615, in England. They had seven children, all, with, perhaps, the exception of the youngest, born in England.

It is by no means certain that Mr. Foote, as some have asserted, was the first settler at Weth., but it is probably true that he was one of the first ten men, known as "adventurers," who absolutely first settled here; and that he was the largest holder of so-called "Adventurer's lands." In the original lay-out of the town, 1640, he received a home-lot of ten acres, at South End of Broad St., East side, and gradually became the owner of other pieces of ld., partly in the Great Meadow, east of his home-lot, and amounting in all to over 400 acres. See Chapt. VII, Vol. I. In 1641-2-4, he represented the town in the General Court,\* an, evidence of the respect and confidence in which he seems to have been held by his fellow-townsmen. In May 1637, when the little army under Capt. John Mason was being provisioned for the memorable Pequot campaign, it was "ordered y<sup>e</sup> that there shalbe 1 hogg p<sup>r</sup>vided att Wythersfeild for the design in hand, wch, [i. e. the hogg, not the expedition] is conceived to be Nathaniell Footes"—a compliment, certainly from the Col. authorities, to Mr. Foote's ability in raising good pork!

His wife was Elizabeth Deming, whom he m. in Eng., abt. 1615. He d. in 1644, ae. abt. 51 yrs.; his wid. m. (2) abt. 1646, Mr. Thomas Welles, Magistrate, afterwards Governor of the Colony, whom also she survived, dying 28 July, 1683, ae. abt. 88 yrs. That she was a woman of character and a good wife, is evidenced by the fact that her first husband (Foote) dying intestate, she was by the Particular Court to whom the inventory of his estate was presented, "admitted to administer the estate;" and by the will of her second husband (Welles) "she was to enjoy and improve" his whole estate, so long as she remained a widow, - - - "that she may keep the better hospitality."

A conspicuous feature in the history of the first generations of the Foote family, is the deaths, sufferings and captivities of its members, and of those connected with them by marriage, at the hands of the Indians.

Child (Weth. Rec.):

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| <p>1. Nathaniel, b. Eng., abt. 1620. FAM. 2.<br/>         2. Robert (Lieut.), b. Eng., abt. 1627; m. (says Savage) Sarah —, 1659; * rem. to Wallingford, Ct.; d. ae. 52; his wid. m. 1686, Aaron Blatchley, of Branford, and later rem. to Guilford, Ct.; Foote's ch. were s. b. betw. 1669 and 1672.—See Goodwin's <i>Geneal. Foote Fam.</i><br/>         3. Elizabeth, b. Eng., abt. 1618; m. Josiah Churchill, of Weth., 1638, who d. abt. 1 Jan., 1686; she d. 8 Sept., 1700; 7 ch.; see</p> | <p>Churchill.<br/>         4. Mary, b. Eng., abt. 1623; m. (1) 1642, John Stoddard, of Weth., who d. 1664; m. (2) 1674, John Goodrich, Sen., of Weth., who d. 1689; m. (3) Lieut. Thos. Tracy, of Norwich, Ct., who d. 1685; Mrs. Mary (Stoddard-Goodrich) Tracy d. —; had 7 ch., all by first husband.—See Stoddard.<br/>         5. Frances, b. Eng., abt. 1623; m. (1) 1648, John Dickenson, of Weth., but later of</p> |
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\* THE FOOTE FAMILY, or the descendants of Nathaniel Foote, one of the first settlers of Weth., Conn. \* \* \* \* \* By Nathaniel Goodwin, Hartford, Press, of Case, Tiffany and Co., 1849, 8 vo., xlv, 360 pp.

\* Conn. Col. Rec., 1, §, 7, 69, 70-113.  
 \* We owe it to Mr. JAMES SHEPARD, of New Britain, Conn., that we now have this Sarah's full name. She was the dau. of Wm. Potter and after Foote's death, she m. Aaron Blatchley, or Blakesley, as rec. in the following item from the *New Haven Ld. Rec.*, Vol. V, p. 130: "Sarah Blatchley, alias Foote, alias Potter, acknowledges that she has received her full share in the estate of her father, William Potter, of New Haven, deceased—23 Aug., 1796.

Hadley, Mass., who d. 1676; m. (2) 1677, Francis Barnard, of Hfd., later of Hadley, as his second wife; had 10 ch., all by first husband.\*

6. Sarah, b. abt. 1632; m. 1652, Jeremiah Judson, of Stratford; she d. 1673, ae. abt. 41; he m. (2) wid. Cath. Fairchild; she had 7 ch.—See Goodwin's *Geneal. Notes*.
7. Rebecca, b. abt. 1634; m. (1) abt. 1657, to Lieut. Philip Smith, orig. of Weth., later (after 1659) of Hadley, Mass., who d. 19 Jan., 1685; "murdered with an hideous

witchcraft." of which Rev. Cotton Mather's account will be found in Chapter XIII, Vol. I, of this History. Mrs. Philip Smith m. (2) Maj. Aron Cooke, of Windsor, Ct., and later a first settler of Northampton, Mass., 5 Oct., 1688, she being then 54 and he 78 yrs. of age; he d. 1690, ae. 80, and Mrs. Cooke d. 6 Apl., 1701, ae. 67. By Lieut. Smith, she had 8 ch., concerning whom see Goodwin's *Geneal. Notes*; also our *Smith and Stillman Genealogies*.

FAM. 2. NATHANIEL,<sup>2</sup> (*Nath'l*), b. abt. 1620; m. 1646, ld-owner in Weth., see Chapt. VII, Vol. I, Elizabeth (dau. Lieut. Samuel) Smith, of Weth., later of Hadley, Mass.; he d. 1655, ae. 34; wid. m. (2) Wm. Gull, of Weth., later of Hadley, by whom she had 4 ch. She survived her second husband. Will and invent. dated 23 Sept., 1656.—See State Off., Vol. 2.

#### Children:

1. Nathaniel, b. 10 Jan., 1647, FAM. 3.
2. Samuel, b. 1 May, 1649; was of Hatfield; m. Mary Merrick, of Springfield, Mass., 1671; d. 7 Sept., 1689; his second s. Samuel was slain by Ind., at Deerfield, 1704; for details see Judd's *Hadley*, p. 455.
3. Daniel, b. 1652, was of Stratford, Ct.; m. (1) Sarah \_\_\_\_\_; m. (2) May,
4. Elizabeth, b. 1654; m. 10 Nov., 1676, Daniel (s. of Wm.) Belden, of Hatfield, but later

of Deerfield, Mass.; but b. Weth., 30 Nov., 1648, and d. at D., 14 Aug., 1732; his wife was killed by Ind., 16 Sept., 1696.—*Hatf. T. Rec.* At the attack in Deerfield, Sept. 26, 1696, at which time, also, the following of their 14 ch. were capt., wdd. or killed by Ind., viz.: Elizabeth, b. 1673, capt.; Esther, b. 1682, capt.; Samuel, b. 1687, severely wdd.; Abigail, b. 1690, wdd.; and John, b. 1693, and Thankful, b. 1695, killed.

FAM. 3. Quarter-Master NATHANIEL,<sup>2</sup> (*Nath'l*,<sup>2</sup> *Nath'l*), b. 1647; m. Margaret (dau. Nath'l & Margaret) Bliss, of Springfield, Mass., 2 May, 1672; sett. Hatfield, Mass., where he res. two yrs.; then res. successively at Stratford, Bramford and finally at Weth., (See Chapt. VII, Vol. I), where he d. 12 Jan., 1703, ae. 55 yrs. 2 days; wid. d. Colchester, Ct., 3 Apl., 1745, ae. 95. His death prevented another removal which he had planned, to a new settlement prospected by him at "Jeremy Farms" since called Colchester, Ct., which was on ld. gr. to Mr. F. by the Ind., "as a consideration of love and affection" to be utilized as he saw fit, except 50 acres which they desired him to reserve for himself and heirs forever. The settlement was commenced in 1710—but failing health prevented his being one of the company, and his wife and ch. after his dth. became the first settlers of Colchester. Mr. Foote was a house-carpenter and also practiced as an attorney in the Colonial Courts.

*Children (Weth. Rec., except the two eldest daus.)* who were b. Hatfield:

1. Sarah, b. 1672; m. Thos. Olcott, of Hfd.
2. Margaret, b. 1 Dec., 1674.
3. Elizabeth, b. 23 June, 1677-9; m. Robt. Turner, of Weth.; later of Coventry, Ct.
4. Mary, b. 24 Nov., 1679; m. Daniel Rose, of Weth.; later of Coventry, Ct.
5. Nathaniel,<sup>3</sup> b. 9 Sept., 1682, FAM. 4.
6. Ephraim, b. 11 Feb., 1685.

7. Josiah, b. 27 Sept., 1688.
8. Joseph, b. 28 Dec., 1690; of Hfd. and Colchester; m. 12 Dec., 1719, Ann Clothier, prob. of N. Lond. (*Hfd. Times*), 25 Mch., 1901.
9. Eunice, b. 10 May, 1694.  
All rem. to Colchester with their mother, abt. 1703-4.—See Judd's *Hadley*, p. 494.

FAM. 4. Capt. NATHANIEL,<sup>3</sup> (*Nathanic* *Nath'l*), b. Weth., 8 Sept., 1682; d. Colchester, 20 Aug., 1774. He was app. *Ens.* by the Gen. Ct., 1721; *Lieut.*, May,

\* Of these Hannah Dickinson, the eldest, m. Samuel Gillett, of Hatfield, who was killed in the Ind. fight at Turner's Falls, in 1676. She m. (2) Stephen Jennings, of Hatfield, and in 1677, was captured by Indians, six months after her marriage, and carried to Canada, but was soon released; a daughter b. soon after her return was appropriately named "Captivity." But the family's ill luck did not stop here. In 1690, they rem. to Brookfield, where, in one of the Ind. surprises so common to that locality, Mr. Jennings, with five others, engaged in making hay, July, 1710, were ambushed and killed. The daughter Captivity, before referred to, m. Abigail Bartlett, and he too was killed by Ind., Oct., 1708. The third dau. Sarah Dickinson, m. (1) Samuel Lane, of Hadley, later of Suffield, Mass., by whom she had 5 ch., b. in S.; she m. (2) 1691, Martin Kellogg, of Hatfield, and Deerfield, Mass., later of Suffield, by whom (as his 2d wife, she had 4 ch., 3 of whom were capt. at the Deerfield massacre), and had Ind. experiences in Canada, as will be more fully seen in our *Kellogg Genealogy*.

\* From this Nathaniel, 4th, descends (Capt. Aaron, Amasa, of Colchester, who m. 5 Mch., 1820, Lydia Worthington Tracy) JOSIAH ISHAM, Esq., of Middletown and Brooklyn, N. Y., b. 20 Oct., 1825; m. Frances Maria Spirman, of Attlebury, N. Y.

'32, *Capt.* '36; dep. to Gen. '32, '38, '39, '42, '43, '44. Hfd. Co. by the Gen. Ct. uous service. He m. (1)

Hannah Coleman. He had From Daniel his 4th ch. and Feb., 1717, in Colchester, 21 sess. and Justice of Hfd. of Springfield, Mass., m. Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, b. 1746 rem. to Stafford, C. Herk. now in Chenango Co. He was rep. to Gen. Ct. o served in Revol. War in 2d '83; was one of the dele Constitution of the U. S.; Assemb., 1798, 1802-3, and In 1810 was app. first Jud 7th, *John*,<sup>5</sup> b. Stafford, Ct. U. S. Dist. Atty.; res. Har His 1st wife was Mary B. Foote, of Delhi, N. Y., as 2d s. *John Johnson* b. 11 of Hon. Amos Crocker, He was a prominent man i active in the raising and State. He was the first Co and in every way an ardu N. Y. City P. O. under P and regulations for the rec been adopted by the U. S. In 1900 he was res. in Bel

#### Children:

1. Mary Annette, b. Hamilton, Sept., 1840; m. 2 Sept., 1862, 1 *Clarke*, a prominent lawyer of Mo.

FAM. 2. JOHN CROCKER, *Nath'l*, b. 1841; grad. f Hamilton to Belvidere, Ill. Missouri Soc. of Colonial Conn. Soc. of Mayflower He m. in N. Y. City; *Ap Garvin*, and who is also a first sett. of Weth.

#### Children:

1. Mary Helen, b. 11 Apl., 1858; 1 1897, Rev. Harry Edward P Chicago, Ill., who is a grad. Univ. (1894); of Theol. Dep Univ. (1897); pastor of Broad Ch., Denver, Col., for a yr.; s Ch., Marquette, Mich. *Issue*:  
1. Raymond Chivers (Pur Denver, 17 Nov., 1898.

DANIEL, of Wintonbury, m. 3



Oct. 29, 1651. Mr. Janes desired to know of the town if they would not give him liberty to go to Wethersfield to accept of the proffer made him to teach school, for he hears there is another coming hither. He had liberty granted. He was at Weth., however, only a few months, and ret. to N. H., and finally (1656), rem. to Northampton, Mass. His wife, to whom he was m. in Eng., was Mary ———. Their Children (*Janes Geneal.*), were:

1. Joseph, res. in Northampton, 1704.
2. Samuel, ditto; had wife and 3 ch.
3. Benjamin, b. 30 Sept., 1672. *FAM. 2.*

4. Benoni, res. Northampton, 1704; wife and 4 ch.

**FAM. 2. BENJAMIN,**<sup>2</sup> (*William*,<sup>1</sup>), b. 1672; m. Hannah (dau. of Samuel) **Hinsdale**, of Hadley. On May 13, 1704, a little vill. betw. Mt. Tom and Westfield, Mass., was attacked by Indians. Of the five families there res., Benjamin's bro., Samuel Janes, with his wife and 3 ch.; and Benoni Janes and 2 ch., were killed, and Benjamin's wife Hannah, was knocked down and scalped, but survived and was taken to Weth., so as to be under the care of Dr. Gershom Bulkeley, and other surgeons. She ultimately recovered and lived to be over 80 yrs. of age. Benjamin and family rem. to Coventry, Ct., in 1712-13.

*Children (b. in Mass.):*

1. Hannah, b. 14 May, 1696; killed by Inds. 13 May, 1704.
2. Miriam, b. 7 Jan., 1700; killed by Inds. 13 May, 1704.
3. Nathan, b. 18 Jan., 1703; killed by Inds. 13 May, 1704.
4. Hepzibah, b. 14 Dec., 1706; d. inf.
5. Ebenezer, bp. (*Rev. Mr. Mix*) 5 Sept., 1708.
6. Silence, b. 1708 (perhaps twin to Ebenezer); m. Henry Curtis.

7. Hannah,\* (twin), b. 16 June, 1710, bp. by *Rev. Mr. Mix*; m. John Brown, of Northfield, Mass.
  8. Hepzibah,\* (twin), b. 16 June, 1710, bp. by *Rev. Mr. Mix*; m. George Hawkins, of Coventry, Ct.
  9. Seth, b. 1713; m. Sarah Larrabee.
  10. Elisha, b. 1715. *FAM. 3.*
- (*Weth. Rec.*\*)—These twins not ment. in *Janes Geneal.*

**FAM. 3. ELISHA,**<sup>2</sup> (*Benjamin*,<sup>2</sup> *William*,<sup>1</sup>), b. 1715; m. 23 Apl., 1740, Wid. Mary **Dimock**; he d. in Coventry Ct., and after his dth., the family rem. to Canaan, N. Y.

*Children:*

1. Elisha, b. 20 June, 1741; m. (1) Elizabeth **Davenport**; m. (2) Desire **Thompson**.
2. Bathsheba, b. 10 Feb., 1742; m. John **Tilden**, of Lebanon, Ct. *Issue:*
  - i. Lois (Tilden).
  - ii. Lucina (Tilden).
  - iii. Ann (Tilden).
  - iv. John (Tilden), d. 15 Aug., 1790.
  - v. Oliver (Tilden).
  - vi. Cynthia (Tilden).
  - vii. Elmer (Tilden, m. Polly **Younglove Jones**; had (a) *John*; (b) *Mary*; (c) *Elizabeth*; (d) *Moses Y.*; (e) *Samuel J.*, the late distinguished lawyer and statesman, of N. Y. City; (f)

- and (g) *Henry* and *Henrietta* (twins).
3. Mary, b. 10 Feb., 1744.
4. Samuel, ( twins, b. 6 Feb., 1747; d. inf.
5. Daniel, ( twins, b. 6 Feb., 1747; d. inf.
6. Benjamin, b. 3 Feb., 1748; m. Irene **Sawyer**.
7. Daniel, b. 1750; d. 4 Dec., 1770.
8. Jerusha, b. 27 July, 1752; m. 1 June, 1776, **Moses Badger**.
9. Tryphena, b. 8 July, 1755; m. 18 Feb., 1773, Daniel **Robertson**, gd-father of Mr. Austin Robertson, of Weth.
10. Tabitha, b. 22 Feb., 1757.

**LEONARD T.**, Sgt. Co. B-10 Reg. C. Vols., d. 4 Sept., 1895.—*Weth. Ins.*

**JENNINGS, JOSHUA**, a joiner, W. T. V., I. 25, 20 Apl., 1647; his wife was Mary, (perhaps dau. of Matthew **Williams**), m. 23 Dec., 1647; rem. to Fairfield, Ct. See Chapt. VII; also, p. 220, Vol. I.

**SIMEON**, m. Elizabeth **Kilby**, 13 Dec., 1764.—*W. C. R. Children.*—(*Weth. Rec.*), (1) *Mchitable*, b. 26 Apl., bp. 14 July, 1765; (2) *Simcon*, b. 17 Oct., 1766.

**JOSEPH**. See Chapt. VII, Vol. I.

**JESSUP**, (*Gisoppe, Gessup*) 1637; at Weth. before 1640; of inhab. at Stamford, 1640; at Chester, 1664, and L. I. *Reg. X.* 358.

**JOHNSON, ALEXANDER**, 20 July, 1797.—*W. C. R.*

**EZEKIEL PORTER**, (Dr.), 1 his wife Maria Dolores C Oct., 1807.—*W. Ins.*

**HARVEY**, m. Caroline **Webb**

**JAMES**, of Midd., m. Sarah M bp. 28 Meh., 1784; *Willia W. C. R.*

**JACOB**, drew ld. as a Weth. h

**JOHN**, d. 3 Aug., 1818, ae. 21.

**ISAAC**, of Windsor, Ct., m. L.

**MARGARET**, convicted as a V

**MARTHA M.**, (wife of Perry)

**SARAH**, (wife of Otis **Pasco**,

**WILFORD**, Anna **Giffin**, wife

*W. Ins.*; he d. ae. 41, dr.

*W. C. R.*

**WILLIAM**, of Htfd., m. Elizabeth

**WILLIAM'S** wife, Sylvia, d. ae.

**JONES**, (*Joans*), **LEWIS** a rem. to Saybrook (!)

**JOEL**, b. 24 Meh., 1761; had—

**SOLOMON**, bp. 2 Meh., 1755

**ISAAC**, bp. 21 Nov., 1756.

**WILLIAM**, bp. 15 July, 1759.

**JOHN**, ae. 21, bu. 3 Aug., 180

**JOSIAH**, m. Sarah **Whittlesy**

**LEWIS**, m. Deborah —

**LYDIA**, dau. of Josiah, d. Sep

**JORDAN, SARAH**, had lds.

**JOREY**, (*Stepney*), **JOSEPH**,

d. 12 June, 1858, ae. 33;

1849; *Martha Sophia*, b. 2

**WILLIAM**, d. 24 Apl., 1845, in

**WILLIAM**, d. 25 Apl., 1849.