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DINSMORE GENEALOGY

BEING SOME OF THE DESCENDANTS OF

CAPT. ABEL DINSMORE,

ONE OF THE EARLIEST SETTLERS OF CONWAY, MASS.

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PREFACE.

MOST of the Dinsmore Genealogy contained in this pamphlet is the genealogy of the descendants of William Dinsmore and his wife, Submit (Belding) Dinsmore, of Conway, Mass., and was obtained while compiling some Belding Genealogy. Some of those descendants, who had kindly assisted in the compilation, having expressed a desire to have a copy of their genealogy, it has been prefaced with such previous Dinsmore Genealogy as could be conveniently obtained, and a few copies of the whole are printed mainly to meet their wishes, and not for circulation.

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SOME DINSMORE GENEALOGY.

CONWAY, Franklin Co., Mass., is situated among the beautiful hills that range along the western border of the Connecticut Valley. It is bounded on the north by Shelburne, on the north-east by Deerfield River, on the east by Deerfield, on the south by Whateley and Williamsburgh, and on the west by Ashfield. The settlement of Conway was begun in 1762, but the region now bearing that name was then included within the limits of Deerfield, which had then been occupied nearly one hundred years. Early in 1767 the inhabitants of the south-western part of Deerfield had become numerous enough to wish for a separate organization, and a petition to that effect having been agreed to by Deerfield, the new town of Conway was incorporated on 17 June, 1767, by Act of the General Court at Boston. The first meeting-house was built in the Spring and Summer of 1769, and the first town-meeting was held in it on 25 September, 1769.

1. Among the early settlers in Conway were Abel Dinsmore and Esther, his wife. The year of their settlement is not known, but they were among the original members of the Congregational Church formed in 1768. Neither of their ancestries has been traced, but all the Dinsmores, Densmores, and Dunsmores in the United States are believed to have descended from John Densmore, who first came to this country in the year 1719, and settled in Londonderry, N. H. He descended from Lord John Dinsmore, of Ashmead, Scotland, who purchased a large tract of land in the north of Ireland, in Londonderry Co., from which Londonderry, N. H., was named.

No genealogical or other history of Conway has ever been written, but the address delivered by Mr. Rice at the Centennial Anniversary of Conway, held on 19 June, 1867, gives much interesting

information about Conway and its early inhabitants. On page 22, he says: "Passing west to Cricket Hill we find Capt. Dinsmore, a revolutionary soldier, where his grandson, Alvin Dinsmore, now lives." On page 53, Capt. Dinsmore is mentioned as one of those who, in consequence of the hard times that followed the revolutionary war, were in sympathy with "Shay's Rebellion." On page 37, in a list of persons who have met their deaths by casualties is: "1803—Capt. Dinsmore, fall from horse" (he d. 27 Sept., 1803), and on the same page, in a list of persons who lived past the age of 90 years, is: "Widow Dinsmore, age 92."

The record of Capt. Abel Dinsmore's "Revolutionary War Service" in the Archives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is certified by the Secretary of the Commonwealth to be as follows:

"Abel Dinsmore appears among a List of Officers of the Massachusetts Militia, chosen by election of the Company as Captain in "12th Company of 5th Hampshire Co. Regt. Vol. 42, p. 150.

"Abel Dinsmore appears among a List of Officers of the Massachusetts Militia, as Captain in the 12th Company of the 5th Hampshire Co. Regt., commissioned May 3, 1776. Vol 28, p. 112.

"Abel Dinsmore appears with rank of Captain on pay-roll "of Capt. Abel Dinsmore's Co., Col. Ruggles Woodbridge's Regt., "dated February 17, 1778. Vol. 18, p. 184.

"Abel Dinsmore appears with rank of Captain on a pay abstract "of Officers of Captain Abel Dinsmore's Co., Col. B. Ruggles Woodbridge's Regt. Vol. 26, p. 343.

"Abel Dinsmore appears with rank of Captain on a pay abstract, "Col. B. Ruggles Woodbridge's Regt., Hampshire Co. Regt. Vol. "26, p. 338."

CHILDREN.

2. I.—Thomas, b. 18 Mar., 1757, d. 2 Jan., 1798.
3. II.—Ruth, b. 10 Oct., 1758, m. 29 Nov., 1779, Medad Montague, of Sunderland.
4. III.—Erl, b. 12 Mar., 1761.

13. IV.—Meriel, b. 19 Dec., 1762, m. 16 Jan., 1784, Phineas Rice. The family removed from Conway to Madison Co., N. Y., thence in 1804 to Seneca Tp., Ontario Co., N. Y., and thence in 1823 to Shelby, Orleans Co., N. Y., where he d. 15 Mar., 1824. She d. 17 Aug., 1826. Ch.—SYLVESTER, ESTHER, ENOS, BETSEY, PHINEAS, MERIEL, DEORA, MOSES and PHILURA.
4. V.—Zimri, b. 3 Feb., 1765, m. 5 Aug., 1810, Althea Delano.
7. VI.—Serene (Cyrena?), b. 9 Feb., 1767, m. 26 Mar., 1787, Daniel Maynard.
8. VII.—Abel, b. 19 Feb., 1771, m. Gitty Tippetts, d. 29 Jan., 1858. Ch.—SOPHIA, RANDOLPH, HARRIET, ABEL, EMILY, CHRISTIANA, ADIN and ELIZABETH. Res. Conway and Hawley, Mass.
9. VIII.—Asa, b. 28 July, 1772, m. 4 June, 1792, Betty Wheat. He removed from Conway to Seneca Tp., Ontario Co., N. Y., where he d. 20 Mar., 1838. She d. 3 July, 1849, in Barre Tp., Orleans Co., N. Y. He was a farmer. Ch.—JUSTIN, ANSEL, SILVIA, ZIMRI, EDWARD, WILLYS, AMANDA, ESTHER and SALLY.
10. IX.—John, b. 12 Sept., 1774, m. Mary —. "He was a farmer and a very ingenious carpenter. He was a fine singer; he had a fine high tenor voice, which in later days would have been a fortune to him." Ch.—MOSES, THOMAS, LAURA, CLARA, RUFUS, RUTH, ALVIN, LYDIA, MARY and SALLY.
11. X.—Samuel, b. 27 Aug., 1776, m. Deborah —. He removed from Conway to Seneca Tp., Ontario Co., N. Y., where he d. 19 Jan., 1836. She d. 23 July, 1853. He was a blacksmith. Ch.—WILLIAM, THOMAS, ESTHER and NANCY.
12. (12.) XI.—William, b. 30 May, 1780, m. Submit Belding.

13. (12.) William Dinsmore (Abel), b. 30 May, 1780, in Conway, Franklin Co., Mass., m. 6 Nov., 1802, Submit, dau. of Noah Belding, b. 26 Feb., 1782, in Conway. He d. 2 July, 1818. In 1821 his widow and all the children except one removed to Seneca Tp., Ontario Co., N. Y., where she m., 2d, 24 Aug., 1826, Daniel Dinsmore, who d. 22 Aug., 1829. She d. 15 Aug., 1831, in Eagle Harbor, N. Y.

CHILDREN.

14. (22.) I.—Melzar, b. 12 April, 1803, m. Huldah Clark and Elenor Wharry.
15. (33.) II.—Arnon, b. 27 Feb., 1805, m. Kezia Bigelow.
16. III.—Samuel, b. 19 Dec., 1806, m. 29 Jan., 1830, Anna Rice.
17. (39.) IV.—Miranda, b. 21 Sept., 1808, m. Elkanah Porter.
18. (47.) V.—William, Jr., b. 10 Jan., 1811, m. Jane Berry.
19. VI.—Esther, b. 3 April, 1813, d. 8 June, 1827.

20. VII.—Julius, b. 3 April, 1813, m. 10 Jan., 1833, in Barre, N. Y., Artemas Chase, b. 2 May, 1809, in Saratoga Co., N. Y. They removed to Raisin, Lenawee Co., Mich., in 1865. He d. 17 Dec., 1875; she d. 11 Jan., 1883. Ch.—
- (1) Infant, b. 11 Nov., 1833, d. 11 Nov., 1833.
 - (2) WILLIAM E., b. 19 Oct., 1835, d. 31 July, 1840.
 - (3) CHARLES A., b. 16 Nov., 1839, m. 17 Dec., 1870, Sarah Small—is a carpenter, res. Raisin, Mich., P. O. address box 741, Adrian, Mich.
 - (4) ANNA M., b. 7 June, 1842, d. 5 Oct., 1858.
 - (5) LEVI W., b. 13 Dec., 1846, m. 18 Mar., 1869, Minervia H. Masten—is a farmer, res. Raisin, Mich. Ch.—Charles Ernest, b. 2 Jan., 1875, d. 2 Feb., 1896.
21. VIII.—Polly, b. 13 Jan., 1816, m. 3 Mar., 1836, in Medina, N. Y., Aaron G. Scott. She d. April, 1842, in Albion, N. Y. He removed to Michigan in 1844, and d. 30 Nov., 1894, in Morenci, Mich. Ch.—
- (1) CHARLOTTE A., b. 1 Jan., 1837, in Albion, N. Y., m. 15 Nov., 1855, in Medina Tp., Lenawee Co., Mich., J. H. Snow, res. Morenci, Lenawee Co., Mich. Ch.—Elijah Scott, b. 24 Aug., 1856, d. 11 June, 1889, unm.; Alice L., b. 16 Sept., 1862.
 - (2) HEROD, b. 3 July, 1839, in Albion, N. Y., m. 20 Sept., 1860, in Adrian, Mich., Margaret A. Ney—is a farmer, res. Williamstown, Ingham Co., Mich. Ch.—Amy May, b. 21 May, 1862.

22. (14.) Melzar Dinsmore (William, Abel), b. 12 April, 1803, in Conway, Mass., removed thence to New York State about 1821, and thence to Wisconsin in 1848. He m. 20 Dec., 1824, in Castile, N. Y., Huldah Clark, who d. 6 Mar., 1859. He m., 2d, 17 Mar., 1852, in Geneva, Wis., Elenor Wharry. He d. 5 Sept., 1867. He was a farmer, res. Conway, Mass., Castile, Seneca Castle, Hopewell, and Gorham, N. Y., Spring Prairie and Geneva, Wis.

CHILDREN.

23. (53.) I.—Esther, b. 4 Mar., 1827, m. James Child.
24. (64.) II.—Harlow, b. 27 Jan., 1829, m. Mary S. Gray.
25. (68.) III.—Polly, b. 27 Feb., 1831, m. Ephraim P. Enos and Michael Quinn.
26. IV.—Emily, b. 9 July, 1833, in Seneca Castle, N. Y., m. 15 Nov., 1852, in Spring Prairie, Wis., Nelson Walker. She d. 8 April, 1861. Ch.—
- (1) ELMER, b. 13 Jan., 1854, in Belvidere, Ills.
 - (2) MAY, b. 31 Jan., 1858, in Alma, Wis., m. 4 July, 1876, in Sparta, Wis., Charles Houghton, res. Humbird, Clark Co., Wis.
27. V.—Daniel, b. 30 Sept., 1836, in Hopewell, N. Y., d. 4 June, 1852, in Geneva, Wis.

28. (81.) VI.—William, b. 16 Oct., 1839, m. Josephine Wharry.
 29. VII.—Chauncey, b. 6 June, 1841, in Hopewell, N. Y., res. East Troy, Wis. Unm.
 30. VIII.—Albert, b. 1 Jan., 1853, in Geneva, Wis., m. 1 Jan., 1880, Marietta Abbott. He is a farmer, res. Geneva, Wis. Ch.—ETHEL M., b. 14 Sept., 1886.
 31. IX.—Alfred, b. 19 Dec., 1854, d. 12 Jan., 1868.
 32. X.—Miranda, b. 25 June, 1856, d. 21 May, 1857.

33. (15.) Arnon Dinsmore (William, Abel), b. 27 Feb., 1805, in Conway, Mass., removed to Ontario Co., N. Y., about 1821, and thence to Ionia Co., Mich., in 1854. He m. 28 Jan., 1828, Kezia Bigelow, b. 11 Dec., 1806. She d. 24 June, 1862; he d. 15 Aug., 1880. He was a carpenter, res. Conway, Mass., Orleans and Phelps, Ontario Co., N. Y., and Portland, Ionia Co., Mich.

CHILDREN.

34. (85.) I.—William Derious, b. 4 May, 1829, m. Lucy L. Holmes, Cynthia A. Hunt, Harriet M. Blanchard, and Lydia A. Cooley.
 35. II.—Emily E., b. 21 Mar., 1832, d. 20 April, 1832.
 36. III.—Charlotte Eugenia, b. 13 Jan., 1838, m. Franklin Newman. She d. 12 Oct., 1866.
 37. (92.) IV.—Ezra Jones, b. 22 July, 1839, m. Susan Kelly.
 38. V.—Mary Elizabeth, b. 28 Mar., 1842, m. Norman T. Sandborn. She d. 12 Nov., 1862.

39. (17.) Miranda Dinsmore (William, Abel), b. 21 Sept., 1808, in Conway, Mass., removed about 1821 to Seneca Tp., Ontario Co., N. Y. She m. 31 Dec., 1828, Elkanah Porter, of Seneca, and on 20 Jan., 1829, the family removed to Barre, now Albion, Orleans Co., N. Y. He d. 16 Dec., 1875; she d. 31 Jan., 1888.

CHILDREN.

40. I.—Carlos Duquene, b. 26 Sept., 1831, m. 7 Feb., 1856, Clara B. Lee, who d. 6 Oct., 1889. Ch.—
 (1) WILLIS M., b. 2 June, 1857, d. 30 June, 1858.
 (2) NETTIE L., b. 20 April, 1858, d. 6 April, 1873.
 (3) CORA B., b. 23 Nov., 1860, m. 9 Dec., 1885, David L. Parker.
 (4) ALICE M., b. 21 July, 1863, m. 18 Feb., 1886, Artemas Goodwin.
 41. II.—Samuel Willis, b. 19 Dec., 1832, d. 17 Oct., 1854.

42. III.—Miron Luce, b. 10 Aug., 1834, m. 3 Nov., 1859, Mary Ferris. Ch.—MINIE and CLYDE.
43. IV.—Andrew Perry, b. 30 April, 1836, d. 21 Oct., 1858.
44. V.—Mary Submit, b. 30 May, 1838, m. 21 Jan., 1864, John Stocking, of Barre. She d. 7 Mar., 1874. Ch.—ELLA and PORTER.
45. VI.—George Wellington, b. 26 Dec., 1840, m. 1 Jan., 1862, Anna Stevenson. He d. 19 Dec., 1892, in Portland, Mich. Ch.—WELLINGTON.
46. VII.—Esther Ann, b. 4 April, 1842, m. 27 Jan., 1869, Jared Stocking, of Barre. Ch.—WARREN E. and LAURA.

47. (18.) William Dinsmore, Jr., (William, Abel), b. 10 Jan., 1811, in Conway, Mass., removed to Orleans Co., N. Y., about 1821. He m. 1 Jan., 1834, in Barre, Orleans Co., Jane Berry, b. 22 Dec., 1813. After a short residence in Caryville, Genessee Co., N. Y., he removed, in 1837, to Portland, Ionia Co., Mich., where he d. 13 Feb., 1873. He was a shoemaker and tanner, res. Conway, Mass., Caryville, N. Y., and Portland, Mich.

CHILDREN.

48. I.—Mary Jane, b. 1 Dec., 1835, in Elba, Genessee Co., N. Y., m. Sylvester Jenkins, who d. Oct., 1873, res. Portland, Mich. Ch.—
 (1) FLOYD J., b. 20 Nov., 1852, d. 23 July, 1856.
 (2) ELLA A., b. 25 Sept., 1855, d. 18 Sept., 1859.
 (3) WILLIAM S., b. 6 Sept., 1859, m. 29 Oct., 1879, Fanny Campbell. Ch.—Frank, Grace, and Sylvester.
 (4) JENNIE C., b. 16 April, 1862, m. 27 Nov., 1879, Charles C. Rice. Ch.—Oscar and Floyd.
49. II.—George, b. 15 April, 1838, in Portland, Mich., m. 29 Dec., 1858, Helen Scott, res. Portland, Mich. Ch.—
 (1) FLORA B., b. 22 Nov., 1861.
 (2) ADELBERT S. and ALBERT W., twins, b. 18 June, 1868; Adelbert S. m. Blanche Sandborn.
50. III.—John Berry, b. 27 Jan., 1840, in Portland, Mich., m. 18 Dec., 1860, Anna M. Sandborn. He is a boot and shoe merchant, res. Portland, Mich.
51. IV.—William, b. 7 Aug., 1843, in Portland, Mich. He enlisted 4 Jan., 1864, in the 27th Michigan Infantry, and d. 14 Sept., 1864, in hospital on Davids Island, N. Y., from a wound in the shoulder received at the explosion in front of Petersburg, Va.
52. V.—Alice Eva, b. 20 Jan., 1852, in Portland, Mich., m. 1 Jan., 1870, Oscar N. Jenkins, res. Portland, Mich. Ch.—
 (1) MINNIE B., b. 26 Oct., 1871.
 (2) RAYMOND, b. 5 Mar., 1890.

53. (23.) **Esther Dinsmore** (Melzar, William, Abel), b. 4 Mar., 1827, in Castile, Wyoming Co., N. Y., m. 15 Sept., 1847, in Gorham, N. Y., James Child. In Oct., 1847, they removed to Spring Prairie (East Troy P. O.), Wis., where they still reside.

CHILDREN.

54. I.—Melzar, b. 26 Aug., 1848, d. 29 Sept., 1849.
55. II.—Huldah D., b. 6 April, 1850, m. 29 Nov., 1871, Thomas H. Concklin, res. East Troy, Wis. Ch.—
 - (1) SUSIE M., b. 3 Jan., 1873.
 - (2) HENRY W., b. 5 Mar., 1878.
 - (3) ESTHER R., b. 26 June, 1881.
 - (4) Infant, b. 19 Feb., 1889, d. 12 April, 1889.
56. III.—Susan, b. 7 Mar., 1852, d. 22 April, 1869.
57. IV.—William, b. 14 Feb., 1854, d. 3 Oct., 1855.
58. V.—William (2d), b. 27 June, 1856.
59. VI.—Henry D., b. 25 Oct., 1858, d. 1 Sept., 1866.
60. VII.—Emma, b. 17 Mar., 1861, m. 29 Dec., 1877, in La Fayette, Wis., Leon M. Keats, res. East Troy, Wis. Ch.—
 - (1) CHAUNCEY L., b. 6 June, 1878.
 - (2) LOREN A., b. 11 May, 1892, d. 1 Nov., 1892.
61. VIII.—Chauncey, b. 6 May, 1863, d. 5 April, 1864.
62. IX.—Abby L., b. 9 Sept., 1864.
63. X.—Esther May, b. 13 Feb., 1869, d. 21 Sept., 1869.

64. (24.) **Harlow Dinsmore** (Melzar, William, Abel), b. 27 Jan., 1829, in Castile, Wyoming Co., N. Y., removed to Wisconsin in 1848 and m. 21 Oct., 1852, in Geneva, Wis., Mary S. Gray. He d. 31 July, 1895, in Delevan, Wis., where he then resided. He was a farmer, res. Castile, N. Y., Geneva, Wis., and Delevan, Wis.

CHILDREN.

65. I.—Frank C., b. 25 Oct., 1854, in Geneva, Wis., m. 10 June, 1886, in Delevan, Wis., Victoria Alexander. Ch.—AMY L., b. 28 Oct., 1888.
66. II.—James E., b. 18 Nov., 1856, in Geneva, Wis., m. 7 Aug., 1890, in Delevan, Wis., Nettie Fidler.
67. III.—Robert C., b. 26 June, 1864, in Geneva, Wis., m. 27 Sept., 1893, in Delevan, Wis., Hannah M. Judson.

68. (25.) Polly Dinsmore (Melzar, William, Abel), b. 27 Feb., 1831, in Castleton (Seneca Castle P. O.), Ontario Co., N. Y., m. 19 Nov., 1851, in Geneva, Wis., Ephraim P. Enos. He d. in 1861, and she m., 2d, 2 July, 1862, in Geneva, Wis., Michael Quinn.

CHILDREN.

69. I.—Joseph M., b. 25 Feb., 1852, d. 30 Mar., 1853.
 70. II.—Lucy T., b. 25 Feb., 1854, m. 31 Oct., —, in Waterford, N. Y., L. Stuyvesant Gibson. Ch—
 (1) CORNELIA.
 (2) ANNA E., m. 24 Sept., 1889, at Buffalo, N. Y., Edward D. Wilgus. Ch.—Edward P., b. 22 July, 1890; Lawrence E., b. 6 Dec., 1891; Robert S. and Joseph E.
 71. III.—Hannah M., b. 4 Dec., 1856.
 72. IV.—Lawrence, b. 25 Dec., 1858.
 73. V.—George E., b. 25 Jan., 1860.
 74. VI.—Rose, b. 22 April, 1863.
 75. VII.—James R., b. 29 April, 1864, m. 2 Jan., 1889, in Elk Horn, Wis., Margaret McCrossen. Ch.—LEO, b. 1 Jan., 1891, in Milwaukee, Wis.
 76. VIII.—Thomas, b. 24 April, 1865, m. 26 Oct., 1887, in Elk Horn, Wis., Mary E. Duffy. Ch—
 (1) GEORGE H., b. 22 June, 1889.
 (2) HOWARD E., b. 2 Sept., 1891.
 (3) SUSIE M., b. 16 Aug., 1893.
 (4) FRANCIS H., b. 21 July, 1895.
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 77. IX.—Ella M., b. 28 May, 1867.
 78. X.—William M., b. 4 Mar., 1869.
 79. XI.—Charles J., b. 22 Jan., 1871.
 80. XII.—Bernard, b. 22 Sept., 1873.

81. (28.) William Dinsmore (Melzar, William, Abel), b. 16 Oct., 1839, in Hopewell, Ontario Co., N. Y., removed with his father in 1848 to Wisconsin. He m. 26 April, 1859, in Geneva, Wis., Josephine Wharry. He is a farmer, res. Geneva, Wis.

CHILDREN.

82. I.—Orrie A., b. 20 Sept., 1861, d. 26 April, 1876.
 83. II.—Orpha E., b. 4 Jan., 1866, m. 31 Dec., 1884, in Geneva, Wis., Bion C. Ross. Ch—
 (1) MADGE A., b. 30 Aug., 1886.
 (2) DEWAR, b. 3 Sept., 1888.
 (3) GEORGE WILLIAM, b. 5 Dec., 1893, d. 20 April, 1894.
 84. III.—Maud Z., b. 12 Nov., 1869.

85. (34.) **William Derious Dinsmore** (Arnon, William, Abel), b. 4 May, 1829, in Orleans, Ontario Co., N. Y., m. 7 May, 1850, Lucy L. Holmes, of Phelps, N. Y. He removed to Portland, Ionia Co., Mich., in 1853. His wife, Lucy, d. 13 Nov., 1855, and he m., 2d, 28 Jan., 1858, Cynthia A. Hunt. She d. 14 Feb., 1867, and he m., 3d, 29 Oct., 1867, Harriet M. Blanchard. She d. 10 Sept., 1873, and he m., 4th, 12 April, 1874, Lydia A. Cooley. He d. 4 June, 1883. He was a carpenter and farmer.

CHILDREN.

86. I.—**Derious W.**, b. 10 July, 1851, d. 27 Sept., 1884.
87. II.—**George H.**, b. 17 Sept., 1855, m. 14 Mar., 1894, at Collins, Mich, Lena G. Stewart.
88. III.—**Rollin**, b. 5 Dec., 1858.
89. IV.—**Frank**, b. 5 Dec., 1860, d. 13 Sept., 1862.
90. V.—**Mary L.**, b. 13 July, 1862, d. 18 Sept., 1876.
91. VI.—**John M.**, b. 4 April, 1869.

92. (37.) **Ezra Jones Dinsmore** (Arnon, William, Abel), b. 22 July, 1839, in Phelps, Ontario Co., N. Y., removed to Portland, Ionia Co., Mich., in 1854. He m. there, 11 Nov., 1866, Susan Kelly. He served three years in the War of the Rebellion as a private in the 9th Michigan Infantry. He is a farmer, res. Danby, Ionia Co., Mich.

CHILDREN.

93. I.—**Emory Jerome**, b. 11 Oct., 1867.
94. II.—**Chester Arnon**, b. 26 Dec., 1870, d. 9 Jan., 1871.
95. III.—**Eve Lillian**, b. 25 Oct., 1872, d. 8 Sept., 1893.
96. IV.—**John Selvester**, b. 7 Dec., 1876.
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" Leon M.	60.
" Loren A.	60.
Kelly, Susan	37, 92.
Lee, Clara B.	40.
McCrosson, Margaret	75.
Masten, Minerva H.	20.
Maynard, Daniel	7.
Montague, Medad,	3.
Newman, Franklin	36.
Ney, Margaret A.	21.
Parker, David L.	40.

Porter, Alice M.	40.	Rice, Phineas,	5.
" Andrew Perry	43.	" Sylvester	5.
" Carlos Duquene	40.	Ross, Bion C.	83.
" Clyde	42.	" Dewar,	83.
" Cora B.	40.	" George William	83.
" Elkanah.	17, 39.	" Madge A.	83.
" Esther Ann	46.	Sandborn, Anna M.	50.
" George Wellington	45.	" Blanche	49.
" Mary Submit.	44.	" Norman T.	38.
" Minie	42.	Scott, Aaron G.	21.
" Miron Luce	42.	" Amy May	21.
" Nettie L.	40.	" Charlotte A.	21.
" Samuel Willis	41.	" Helen	49.
" Wellington,	45.	" Herod	21.
" Willis M.	40.	Small, Sarah	20.
Quinn, Bernard,	80.	Snow, Alice L.	21.
" Charles J.	79.	" Elijah Scott	21.
" Ella M.	77.	" J. H.	21.
" Francis H.	76.	Stevenson, Anna	45.
" George H.	76.	Stewart, Lena G.	87.
" Howard E.	76.	Stocking, Ella	44.
" James R.	75.	" Jared	46.
" Leo	75.	" John	44.
" Michael	25, 68.	" Laura	46.
" Rose	74.	" Porter	44.
" Susie M.	76.	" Warren E.	46.
" Thomas	76.	Tippetts, Gitty	8.
" William M.	78.	Walker, Elmer	26.
Rice, Anna	16.	" May	26.
" Betsy	5.	" Nelson	26.
" Charles C.	48.	Wharry, Elenor	14, 22.
" Deora	5.	" Josephine	28, 81.
" Enos	5.	Wheat, Betty	9.
" Esther	5.	Wilgus, Edward D.	70.
" Floyd	48.	" Edward P.	70.
" Meriel	5.	" Joseph E.	70.
" Moses	5.	" Lawrence E.	70.
" Oscar	48.	" Robert S.	70.
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REPORT ON THE HUGH A. DINSMORE HOUSE

by James E. Gibson



Architecture students at the University of Arkansas made this drawing

The Honorable (also "Col.") Hugh Anderson Dinsmore was born in 1850, in Arkansas, probably at Bentonville¹. He died at St. Louis, MO, on 2 May 1930², and is buried in Evergreen Cemetery in Fayetteville, AR, where an impressive monument had been erected to his memory. Col. Dinsmore was a son of Alexander Winchester and Catherine (Kate) Anderson Dinsmore of Bentonville, AR³ & ⁴, where Alexander was at one time owner of one of only five general stores in that town. Alexander was also prominent in the Presbyterian Church at Bentonville, a delegate to the 2nd state constitutional convention, from Benton County, 4 Mar. to 21 Mar. and 6 May to 3 June 1861⁵. He was also at one time (after 1888), Assistant Cashier, member of the Board of Directors, and stockholder of the Peoples Bank of Bentonville, organized in 1888 with a capital stock of \$50,000.

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We have not found⁶ record of Alexander W. Dinsmore's father, but Alexander was born in Pennsylvania⁷ on 24 April 1820. He died on 17 February 1894 and is buried in the Anderson Cemetery, which is about 1 1/2 miles south of Vaughn, AR⁸. A Fayetteville Presbyterian church (the one which once stood on the northwest corner of the intersection of north College Avenue and Spring Street) was organized in 1872 by a Presbyterian Committee consisting of A. W. Dinsmore, Rev. W.A. Sample of Ft. Smith, and Rev. D. C. Boggs of Bentonville⁹. In 1884 A. W. Dinsmore was a ruling elder of the meeting of the Presbytery at the Fayetteville Presbyterian Church.

Catherine (also Katherine, Kate) Anderson Dinsmore, wife of A.W. Dinsmore, was born in Alabama¹⁰ 31 August 1825¹¹, and died in Benton County 19 November 1885. She is buried beside A. W. in the Anderson cemetery¹² (q.v.). Kate was a daughter of Col. Hugh Allen Anderson and his wife Mary Anderson Anderson, probably a cousin¹³. Col. Anderson was born at Logan Station, KY, on 10 July 1782 and died 14 June 1848. He and Mary are buried in the Anderson Cemetery, in the Hazel Glenn area, near Vaughn, AR. After his marriage, Col. Anderson moved to Alabama in 1818 where Catherine Anderson Dinsmore was born. He then removed in 1836 to Arkansas, where he established his final home in the Hazel Glenn area near Vaughn, AR. He was a captain in the War of 1812¹⁴.

Colonel Anderson acquired other lands than those in the Hazel Glenn community, and this begins to bear on the origins of the Hugh A. Dinsmore house. The Platbook of Original Entries in the office of the County Clerk of Washington County, AR, shows, among other lands purchased from the United States, that the following described tract was entered by Hugh A. Anderson on 22 September 1835, to wit:

the S1/2 SE1/4 Sec.13 T16N R31W of the 5th Principal Meridian, containing 80 a. The Hugh A. Dinsmore house appears to be located on the eastern most 40 a. of this tract. Note that Goodspeed's History states that Col. Anderson located in Benton county in 1836; however, he entered the above described land in 1835. On 20 September 1839 Col. Anderson received a patent on the W1/2 NW1/4 and the SW1/2 SW1/4 of S18 T16N R30W containing 229.34 a. (There may be an error here. The description would normally indicated 160 a.) This land would be in the vicinity of Fayetteville's Ramay Jr. High School. The Platbook of Original Entries indicates that Col. Anderson, on 4 August 1838 entered the E1/2 SW1/4 S18 T16N R30W containing 80 a. This tract appears to include the old Washington County Fairgrounds. It might also be the approximately 80 acres seemingly included in a previously described tract. Other court records. (to wit: Power of Attorney signed by W. W. Anderson and Mary T. Anderson on 2 October 1852, recorded in vol. H, pg. 252), indicate that Col. Anderson acquired some 474 a. of land lying east and west of the Dinsmore House. Now, the purchase of 474 a. of land even at only \$1.25 per acre represented a very substantial cash outlay in the 1830's. It would seem to indicate an intention of locating in Washington County and thus that the Dinsmore House was likely built by Col. Anderson.

As before mentioned, Col. Anderson died on 14 June 1848, but it was not until 24 June 1852 that a "Partition & Deed" was signed by his heirs dividing the estate property into "8 unequal parts: among the following:

Robt. W. Mecklin &
Louisia A., his wife

Party of the 1st Part

Hiram Davis &
Elizabeth H. P., his wife

Party of the 2nd Part

Mary Kate Anderson by her
Gdn. A.R.V. Dinsmore

Party of the 3rd Part

Wlm. W. Anderson & Mary T., *Party of the 4th Part*
his wife, by their Attny.

Nathan M. Moran & *Party of the 5th Part*
Mary Jane, his wife

Alex. W. Dinsmore & *Party of the 6th Part*
Catherine A., his wife

Hugh A. Anderson *Party of the 7th Part*

Oliver Anderson *Party of the 8th Part .*

This instrument was acknowledged before P.P. Van Hoose, J.P. on 13 Nov., 1852¹⁵ and had the effect of transferring title of 474 a. of the land at Fayetteville, including the site of the Hugh A. Dinsmore House, to Robert W. Mecklin and Louisa Ann Mecklin, his wife ¹⁶. This opens up the possibility that, as the Mecklins held the land where the house is from 1852 until Louisa's death in 1874, that they built the Hugh A. Dinsmore House. Mention was made of "lands not herein abstracted" which appear to be the share of Hugh Allen Anderson's estate intended for the parties 2-8 above indicated (i.e., the Benton County and other property?). Next, on 3 April 1869, Robert W. Mecklin deeded to Louisa A. Mecklin, ¹⁷ his wife (and daughter of Hugh A. Anderson), all his interest in "an estate of inheritance descended to my wife Louisa A. Mecklin from her father, the late Hugh A. Anderson"; given is the legal description of the lands, which shows that it totaled 475 a., included the site of the Hugh A. Dinsmore House, and was the same property deeded to R.W. Mecklin and Louisa A. Mecklin by the other heirs of Hugh A. Anderson. (See foregoing "Partition & Deed). It was notarized by J.H. Van Hoose. It now appears that on 11 November 1870 Louisa A. Mecklin, daughter of Hugh A. Anderson (q.v.) sold certain lands "not herein abstracted" to James M. Hoge, husband of Louisa R. (Mecklin) Hoge, Louisa A.'s daughter. It

further appears that the children of Louisa A.'s deceased daughter, Mary E. (Mecklin) Fulbright, to wit Robt. E. Fulbright, Mary E.H. Fulbright and Louisa Belle Fulbright (later wife of Ewing Ira Graham), on 22 July 1882 brought suit ¹⁸ in Washington County Chancery Court alleging that certain "lands not herein abstracted" but transferred to defendant Jas. M. Hoge by Louisa A. Mecklin on 11 November 1870, were transferred to him in trust as an advancement to his wife Louisa R. Hoge¹⁹. The court held, however, that said lands were in fact sold and conveyed for valuable consideration to the said Jas. M. Hoge, and not "in trust as an advancement to his wife."

The court further found that Louisa A. Mecklin died intestate in 1874, seized and possessed some 216 acres of land ²⁰. The court also found that the sole heirs of Louisa A. Mecklin were her daughter, Louisa R. Hoge ²¹ and the children of her deceased daughter, Mary E. Fulbright (named above). The court found, too, that as Louisa R. Hoge was dead by 1876 ²², leaving as her sole heirs Helen Louisa Hoge. James Albert Hoge, Hugh M. Hoge and Oliver Mecklin Hoge (defendants) to whom said land descended in common, then the said land (216 a) is now held by the plaintiffs and defendants as tenants in common and that they are entitled to the land as follows:

Robt. Fulbright	1/6 interest
Mary E.H. Fulbright	1/6 interest
Louisa Belle Graham	1/6 interest
Helen Louisa Hoge	1/8 interest
James Albert Hoge	1/8 interest
Hugh M. Hoge	1/8 interest
Oliver Mecklin Hoge	1/8 interest

The court then ordered that partition of the 216 acres be made among the plaintiffs and defendants according to their interest and appointed James H. Van Hoose, C.S. Hauptman and W.M. Barnes, residents of Washington County, AR, commissioners to make the partition, if it could be made without great prejudice to the owners.

On 1 August 1882, in the same term of court (see Chancery Record "D" pg. 442), the above commissioners reported that the land could not be divided without great prejudice to the owners. The Court then ruled that the land be sold, and appointed C.M. Henry commissioner to make the sale.

During the January session of Chancery Court on 24 January 1883 (see Chancery Record "D" pg. 479) came C.M. Henry, Commissioner previously appointed to sell, among other lands, "the S1/2 SE1/4 S13 T16N R31W: (a tract which contains the Hugh A. Dinsmore house) belonging to the tenants-in-common last above mentioned (the Hoges and the Fulbrights) and reports that he did on 21 October 1882, sell to the highest and best bidder, Hugh A. Dinsmore, for the sum of \$1025, the above described land.

We have thus established how and when Hugh A. Dinsmore obtained the house which now bears his name. We also know that Col. Hugh Allen Anderson was a grandfather of Hugh A. Dinsmore²³ and his wife Co-authoring Anderson Dinsmore, a daughter of Col. Hugh Allen Anderson²⁴.

Hugh A. Dinsmore's obituary from the Fayetteville Democrat 3 May 1930 is quoted below:

A Distinguished Man Gone

Col. Hugh A. Dinsmore, who passed away in St. Louis yesterday is one more local man of distinction to go to his final resting place. Col. Dinsmore belonged to the Old South and the Old School of gentlemen. His has been an interesting and eventful life, and it was a tragic close that death came to him while entirely among strangers. His many friends here grieve with his son and his sister²⁵ in their loss. But for him, who wanted to go, it is a happy thought that all is well.

The Hon. Hugh A. Dinsmore was much involved in the affairs of Fayetteville and Washington Co. Fayetteville's Old Post Office, now occupied by a restaurant of that name, was a gift of the U. S. Congress obtained largely through the efforts of Congressman Hugh A. Dinsmore and John C. Floyd. It was completed in 1911²⁶.

On November 11, 1918, Congressman Dinsore, J.W. Grabiell and others addressed a crowd gathered in front of the Post Office to celebrate the end of World War I²⁷.

Congressman Dinsmore served in that capacity for 12 years (1893-1905) and was, during the administration of U.S. President Grover Cleveland, Minister to the Court of the King of Korea, for 4 years²⁸. He was also a trustee of the First Presbyterian Church of

Fayetteville and son of one of the church's founders. Congressman Dinsmore was Fayetteville's third congressman, and was a Democrat²⁹. While in congress Col. Dinsmore served also as a regent of the Smithsonian Institute. Locally he was a trustee of the University of Arkansas from 1893 to 1895³⁰. We quote from Campbell's 100 Years of Fayetteville: "...hear him stir the heroic in halls of state and on local rostrums with his eloquence. There are diversities of gifts; Hugh Dinsmore was a born orator, and more so because of the studied polish of his diction and his ready adaptability."³¹

After his last term in congress, Col. Dinsmore entered into a partnership with Judge E.S. McDaniel, and practiced law for some time, "devoting more time, however, to his stock and fruit farm in the famous valley west of Fayetteville."

Hugh A. Dinsmore and Miss Elizabeth LeGrand Fisher of St. Louis, MO, were married in 1893, and had one son, Hamilton Atwood Dinsmore, who became an attorney and seems to have lived and died in El Paso, TX. His wife was Meta ?. He arranged his father's funeral in 1930. A second obituary appearing in the Fayetteville Daily

Democrat on Sunday, May 4, 1930, follows:

Funeral Service for Mr. Dinsmore here Mon. PM; son to leave St. Louis Sun. PM arriving next day; Funeral Services for Hon. Hugh A. Dinsmore will be held in Fayetteville Mon. afternoon at 2:00 o'clock from First Presbyterian Church, with Rev. H.L. Paisley, officiating. Place of interment has not definitely been fixed, but will be here or in Benton County. Pallbearers were being selected this afternoon following a conversation between relatives here and Hamilton Dinsmore of El Paso, in St. Louis. Son in St. Louis today. Mr. Dinsmore reached St. Louis this morning from Texas, and will leave the city with his father's body Sunday night for Fayetteville, a sister Mrs. Ann McClure, of Oklahoma City, and a niece, Mrs. Frances Dinsmore Davis of Chickasha, Oklahoma, head of the Department of Dramatic Art in the Oklahoma College For Women (words omitted). Col. E.P. Watson, brother-in-law of Col. Dinsmore, with his daughters, Misses Katherine and Polly Watson, who have been in Brounwood, Texas, the past winter are expected tonight.

Neighbors have reported that the Dinsmore House was used as a "headquarters" by one or both sides during the Civil War, and that Civil War artifacts have been found nearby. Mrs. Jim Sisemore, who grew up within 1/4 mile of the house says that when she can first remember (probably about 1918) that the Dinsmore House had running water and bathrooms. Also unusual, she thought, were two fireplaces on the first floor and two upstairs. Anyone who has visited the house will understand why Col. Dinsmore liked to spend time there. It sets on the west side of the westernmost of two low mountains or hills, west of Fayetteville, just under the top of the hill, some 300-400 feet above the valley floor and commanding an impressive view to the north and west of one of the more fertile valleys of the County. On a clear day visibility extends to 20 or 30 miles.

The writer is grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Garland Reading,

present owners of the Dinsmore House, for their kindness in allowing him to examine their Abstract of Title to the property. All information concerning the property's ownership from Hugh A. Anderson to Hugh A. Dinsmore was taken from this document, and the named court records. The Readings lived in the house for many years, but have recently built a new house just below the original house.

NOTES

1. US Census of 1860, Benton County, AR.
2. *Fayetteville Democrat*, Saturday, 3 May, 1930
3. US Census of 1860, Benton County, AR.
4. *Goodspeed's History of Northwest Arkansas*, p.805.
5. *Goodspeed*, p. 70.
6. US Census of 1880, Benton County, AR.
7. US Census of 1860, Benton County, AR.
8. Benton County Cemetery Records, Vol. 4, Pub. NAGS, Rogers, AR.
9. *Goodspeed*, p.307
10. US Census 1880, Benton County, AR.
11. Benton County Cemetery Records, Vol. 4, Pub. NAGS, Rogers, AR.
12. Benton County Cemetery Records, Vol. 4, Pub. NAGS, Rogers, AR.
13. *Goodspeeds History of Northwest Arkansas*, P. 805.
14. *Goodspeeds History of Northwest Arkansas*, P. 805.
15. Deed Records, Vol. "H", p. 254, Washington Co., AR.
16. Ibid.
17. Washington County Deed Record, Vol. "S", p. 299.
18. Chancery Record "D", p. 410.
19. Ibid. It is unclear how proof of these allegations might benefit the plaintiffs, but proof thereof would seem to permit the Fulbright children to share in Louisa A. Mecklin's estate of some 475 a. instead of 276 acres. Louisa's two daughters, Mary E. and Louisa R. were dead by the time of the trial.
20. That land in S13 T16N R31W containing the Hugh A. Dinsmore House.
21. Rather than the 474 a. of her father's estate deeded to her by the other Hugh A. Anderson heirs.
22. Chancery Record "D", p. 410.
23. *Goodspeeds History of Northwest Arkansas*, P. 805.
24. US Census of 1860, Benton Co., AR.
25. Hamilton Atwood Dinsmore and Mrs. Ann McClure.
26. *100 Years of Fayetteville*, by W.S. Campbell, p.28.
27. Ibid., p. 51.
28. Ibid., p. 72.
29. Ibid., p. 95.
30. Ibid.
31. Ibid.



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Searching for names of parents of my ancestors Wm. Henry SMITH (1836-1870). and wife Nancy MYERS (1836-1901) of Dallas Co., MO.

Wm. SMITH died April 1870 in MO. Nancy probably came to Fayetteville about 1872 or '73 with the children Rachel, Mary (m. Riley DUNCAN), Amanda, Reuben J., and Nancy Ellen — all born Buffalo (Dallas Co.) MO. Who did the children marry? Did they live in AR or move elsewhere? Would appreciate any information regarding the early history of this family. Mrs. Charles G. Bowen, 4885 Academy St. San Diego, CA 92109-3460.

Seeking information about Onesimus or Lemuel D. EVANS. Onesimus Evans was born March 24, 1807 in Liberty, Smith Co, TN. He came to AR in 1834 and settled in Fayetteville where he engaged in the mercantile business. He married Eliza Wallace, daughter of Alfred Wallace of Fayetteville. He was the first president of the State Bank of Arkansas, Fayetteville Branch, one of the incorporators of the Fayetteville Female Academy and the first Worshipful Master of Washington Lodge #82. Onesimus moved to San Antonio, TX by 1849 where he continued in the mercantile business under the firm name of Evans, Howard & Company until his death on the 5th of October, 1855. His brother, Lemuel D. Evans, was a prominent attorney in Fayetteville in the early 1840's. He and George W. Paschal represented Stand Watie in Benton Co, AR. He represented Fannin Co.,TX in the 1845 Texas Constitutional Convention. In 1855 Lemuel was Congressman for the Eastern District of Texas. While in Congress in 1856 he was elected as a delegate to the