

ORIGIN OF NAME.

Taken from Barber's "British Family Names" Spicer, from the old French *espicier*; see (Rotuli, de Oblatis et Finibus time of Regis Johannis) Benedict le Spicer.

The practice of borrowing names from various avocations of life is of high antiquity. As local names had generally the prefix *de* or *et*, so these frequently had *le*; as, Stephen le Spicer, in the records of the twelfth and the two subsequent centuries.

These anecdotes of the origin of the name may interest and amuse the family at large: (From a letter written by a grandson of Jacob⁴ Spicer of New York State) "My grandfather Jacob Spicer once told me that the name originated in England at the time of the Gunpowder Plot; that the King knighted the discoverer of the plot and gave him the name of Spy, Sir, since changed to Spicer." Another correspondent writes: "It is a fact the Spicers are, of Irish origin, though those emigrating to this country were born and reared in England. This is the tradition as to the origin of the name: 'In one of the early wars an Irishman was captured by the English; such were the appearances that they said to him, "You are a spy, sir." The captive with ready Irish wit replied, "Spicer? Spicer! Yes, Spicer begolle, that is my name." "But you are a spy, sir, and must die." "Yes, yes, begolle, that is my name, Spicer, but you don't hang people for having a name you know, do you?" The English were so much pleased with his wit that they let him live and he was ever after known as Spicer."

OUR ENGLISH ANCESTRY.

It is with great regret that the compilers of this book feel obliged to publish it before having discovered our English progenitor. We have spent several hundred dollars endeavoring to establish the parentage of Peter Spicer, and Mrs. Cyrus McCormick, Senior, has contributed eight hundred dollars to this search. The genealogist to whom we intrusted our latest research in England informed us that he had succeeded in locating our ancestor, the father of Peter, and in establishing a most illustrious line back to 1300, but all we have to show of his work is the will of Elizabeth Spicer. He promised a finished narrative the latter part of 1908, and we have waited until November, 1910, for the fulfillment of his promise. It is impossible to wait longer. If an article comes from him before the printing is finished, which after verification proves reliable, it will be inserted at the back of the book. If it comes after the printing is finished will be issued separately.

It is our opinion that Peter Spicer was a son of Edward Spicer, who came to Virginia in 1635, and that he belonged to the Exeter family to whom the coat of arms pertain, but this may be an entirely erroneous opinion.

For the record of the Spicers in England taken from "The Bruces and Cumyns" we are indebted to Mr. William Spicer of Providence, Rhode Island, who kindly sent a printed pamphlet, which has been verified from the copy of the book found at the New England Historical Society Rooms. We thank Mrs. Cyrus McCormick, Miss Sarah Spicer, Mr. A. B. Roberts, Mr. M. Arlington Spicer and Mrs. H. A. Baldwin for their contributions towards English research.

To which coat of arms we are entitled, if any, we are not able to state, but have chosen for our frontispiece the one which pleased us most because of the motto.

COAT OF ARMS.

The colors used in the following descriptions of Spicer coats of arms are: Argent, white or silver; Gules, red; Or, golden; and Sable; and these are abbreviated. The descriptions are given as found in various books of Heraldry.

1. Spicer (Weare in Topsham, Co. Devon. An ancient family one of whose ancestors was mayor of Exeter 1273 as was his grandson John Spicer "temp" of Edward III. About 1804 Wm. Francis Spicer Esq. sold the estate of Weare) Sa., a *chev erminois* between three towers triple towered or. Crest: Out of a ducal coronet or, a cubit arm habited and gloved holding a fire ball ppr.

2. Spicer (Exeter, Co. Devon, Visitation of Devonshire 1620) Per pale gu., and sa., three castles in bend or cotised within a bordure enge, erm.

3. Spicer (From ent. Ulsters Office 1654. Francis Spicer of Dublin Gent. made his will Dec. 22, 1644) Sa., a fess embattled between three lions rampant or.

4. Spicer Or a fess embattled between three lions rampant sa. Crest: A round tower embattled and cupola arg.

5. Spicer: Gu. on a chev. or, between three escallops of the second a tower sa.

6. Spicer (Stone, Co. Worcestershire Visitation of Worcestershire 1682-3) Sa., a fess embattled between three lions rampant or. Crest: A round tower embattled and domed surmounted by a cross pattu or.

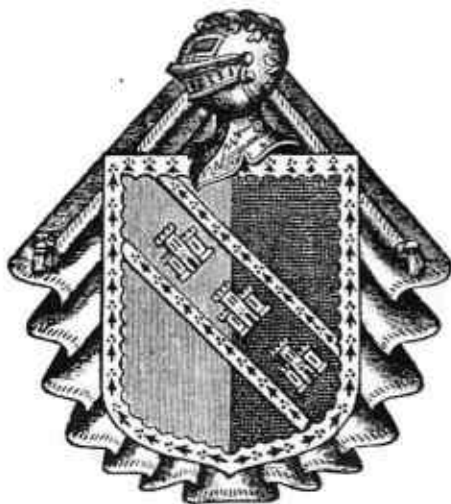
7. Spicer Crests: Devonshire. 1 Out of a viscounts coronet ppr a cubit arm vested and gloved of the first holding a fire ball. 2 A round tower embattled with cupola.

Motto — Fortissimus qui se.

THE SPICER GENEALOGY

THE SPICERS IN ENGLAND.

The following record of the Spicers in England is from a volume entitled "The Bruces and the Cumyns," published in Edinburgh and London, 1870, a copy of which is in possession of Mr. F. M. Ballou, of Providence, R. I.:



The above are the Ancient Spicer Family Arms, as they appear in a window of old painted glass in the Exeter Town Hall.

"Some account of the ancient family of the Spicers, taken from an original manuscript extracted from a chorographical description of the County of Devon, written by Tristram Risdon, Gent., of Winscot, Devon, A.D. 1714. [Page 650, Appendix U.]

"Three brothers of this name (Spicer), who were of an honourable family in Normandy, came over as gentlemen volunteers with William the Conqueror. The first settled in Devonshire, the second in Warwickshire, and the third in Kent. The two former still remain in the said counties. Of the state of which family an abstract is here given from an original MS. written in the thirty-sixth year of Queen Elizabeth's reign (1594), which gives an account

of them, from their first being officers and magistrates of the honourable City of Exeter, beginning with the first year of King Edward I, and continued down in the same family to the seventh of Queen Anne, which, to the present year, 1714, is 441 years, of which time there have been twelve mayors of the City of Exeter, of this name, and the particular time of each is hereafter mentioned. 'Tis observable that few families can show such a precedent of the office of mayor of so ancient and honourable a city, continuing for so long a course of years, their estate being also equivalent to their antiquity — they having also bestowed a considerable one on the chamber of Exeter, to uphold its grandeur. Arms, Partie per pale, Mars et Saturn; in bende, three turrets of the sonne cotyzed, and a border grayley ermyn."

"Abstracts from the manuscript of 1594, as given by Tristram Ridsen, A.D. 1714. — "In the reign of King Edward III, John Spicer was sundry times Mayor of the City of Exeter, and in the third year of his mayoralty, being the thirty-first of the said King's reign, Anno 1357, he received private letters from the King, and also a commission under the great seal of England, dated the 25th of March, and directed thus: 'To our loving, the Mayor of our honourable City of Exeter, for three ships, to be provided and sent unto him, and to be well and thoroughly appointed, to the wars and for the defense of the realm against the French King, who had then a great fleet and navy on the seas of men of war, which thing the Mayor with all celerity performed; and in the year then following, he also being Mayor, the Prince, called the Black Prince, came from out of France, and brought with him prisoner, King John of France, whom he had taken a little while before at Poitiers. He landed at Plymouth, and came to this city, whom the Mayor received, and the King, his prisoner, with all the honour he could; and entertained them most bountifully, and after the best manner he might. which the Prince did not only thankfully receive, but he made also his father acquainted with the same, who sendest back his commendations unto the said Mayor."

"The Arms of the family you will find recorded in a very ancient Roll in the office of the Heraultes (if it be not lost), of a visitation taken by the Herault in the time of King Edward III, which I have seen. For, about twenty-nine or thirty years ago, Mr. Wm. Hervey, then claremicux and king-at-arms, made his visitation in this city, and among other things he showed me this Roll, and the said Arms. In the same manner I have likewise seen them in the collections of various gentlemen, who have a great delight to collect and to keep a book of all gentlemen's Arms."

"The family of the Spicers, in the times of Edward I, II, and III,

were principal officers and magistrates of this city, and were then considered for their many and gentlemanlike qualities and *vertues*; for in those days such men, for their wisdom and not for their wealth, were magistrates and governors of this city, and in all places of trust."

MAYORS OF THE CITY OF EXETER OF THE NAME OF SPICER.

LIST OF THE CHIEF OF HOUSE OF THE NAME OF SPICER.				A. D.
JOHN SPICER,	in the	1st year of King Edward I.,	1273	
JOHN SPICER,	"	26th " " Edward III.,	1352	
JOHN SPICER,	"	27th " " " "	1353	
JOHN SPICER,	"	30th " " " "	1356	
JOHN SPICER,	"	32d " " " "	1358	
JOHN SPICER,	"	33d " " " "	1359	
NICHOLAS SPICER,	"	34th " Queen Elizabeth,	1592	
THOMAS SPICER,	"	35th " " "	1593	
NICHOLAS SPICER,	"	45th " " "	1603	
NICHOLAS SPICER,	"	5th " KING CHARLES I.,	1629	
NICHOLAS SPICER,	"	20th " " "	1644	
EDWARD SPICER,	"	7th " Queen Anne,	1708	

"Richard Spicer, born in 1617, died in 1670, having married, Jane, daughter of Nicholas Darrell, Prebendary of Winchester, who was alive in 1672.

* Christopher Spicer, who was born in 1673, died in 1735, aged 61. He married Mary, daughter of William Davie, of Dyra, in Sandford County, Devon. Mary was sister to Sir John and Sir William Davie, of Creedy, in Sandford County, Devon; died 1728.

“William Spicer, born in 1688, will dated 1762, was a Master in Chancery; died unmarried. His sister was his heir-at-law, but he left large fortunes to the two grandsons of his brother Edward, of whom

“William Spicer, of Wear House, in the County of Devon, sometime M.P. for the City of Exeter, and High Sheriff for the county in 1764, was baptized 1733; died 1788. He married Elizabeth, second daughter of and co-heir of Francis Parker, of Blagden, uncle of the first Lord Boringden, ancestor of the present Earl of Morley. Elizabeth Spicer, married to James Bruce, of Kinnaird, in 1798, was their third daughter, born in 1773, died 1867, ætat. 93. They had one daughter, Mary Elizabeth, who succeeded her father in 1810; she had one daughter, Elizabeth Mary, Countess of Elgin and Kincardine, who died June 7, 1843.”

KENT.

The Spicers have for many years been located in Kent, where in the earlier days they were farmers. The first family is thought to have located at Lodendon. There were three if not more branches; Lodendon & Staplehurst, Staplehurst & Marden, Smar-

STEPHEN SPICER.

Sometime prior to March 14, 1663, Stephen Spicer came from Topsham, Devonshire, England, and settled in Barbados. He was evidently a merchant. He died June 10, 1665, and left no direct heirs. (See Appendix for his will). Ralph Hooker of Barbados in 1663 mentions him in his will. (Gen. and Hist. Register, Vol. 16, p. 329; Vol. 38, p. 323).

PETER SPICER.

Peter Spicer is found in New London, Connecticut, in 1666.

ARTHUR SPICER.

In 1688 Arthur Spicer was a member of the House of Burgesses for Rappahannock County, Virginia, and also March 2, 1692-3 ("Eng. Calendar of State Paper's Col.") (Journal).

His name appears frequently in the county records as a lawyer.

He had the following land grants: (Northern Neck Grants). Granted March 22, 1691-2, to Mr. Arthur Spicer, 1174 acres in Rappahannock County on the north neck of the river, 495 acres, part thereof, formerly granted to Job Weise, Feb. 20, 1662. The residue, 679 acres, was contained in a patent formerly granted to John Payne, June 2, 1673, beginning at the "Miles End of other dividends of land belonging to John Payne"; some of the boundaries named are "Island Swamp," an "Old Field," "Charles his beaver dam," & crossing all the swamps tract standing by Rappahannock Road Side.

A grant of land was made to him of 2250 acres in the freshes of Rappahannock in Rappahannock County on the south side of the river, near about two miles up a creek called Powmans End, the boundary line crossing over several paths that go to Nanyatico, adjoining the land of William White & Mr. Robert Payne, near the main run of Portesbaco Creek; said land was formerly patented by Alexander Fleming, but was deserted by him (his patent dated April 17, 1667), and is now granted April 29, 1693, to Arthur Spicer for the importation of 55 persons into the colony. (Rappahannock County now comprises Richmond and Essex counties.)

His will, dated Sept. 18, 1669, proved in Richmond County, April 3, 1700, bequeaths to son John Spicer, to Lidia, eldest daughter, and Elizabeth, youngest daughter of brother John Spicer, deceased, of London, and Francis Robinson (wife of William Robinson of Richmond County), daughter of Samuel Bloomfield. He directs that his son John be sent to England to be educated, preferably at the Charter House, London. Inventory included considerable number of books in Greek and Latin, "Macbeth,"

Bunyan's "Holy War," "Religious History of the World," 12 pieces of silver plate, 12 silver spoons, etc.

CHILD.

2. JOHN² SPICER (Arthur¹) was probably born in Virginia; he died prior to June 4, 1737, on which date Mary Spicer was summoned to attend the orphan's court and settle the estate of John Spicer, gentleman, deceased. He was one of the first justices of King George County, in 1721.

FAMILY TRADITIONS OF EARLY AMERICAN SPICERS AND THEIR NATIONALITY.

One correspondent has stated that it was said two brothers and a cousin came to America; two settled in New York and one in Ohio.

Another writes three brothers came; one settled in Canada, one in New England, and the other in the South.

Some say that Peter Spicer came from Wales, also Thomas Spicer of Long Island. Others, the majority, give them English ancestry, and one says that his Spicer ancestors came from Ireland.

Research into the family history has shown that it is not always possible to accept family tradition as authentic history.

FIRST GENERATION.

THE DESCENDANTS OF PETER SPICER OF NEW LONDON, CONNECTICUT.

In the early colonial days the township of New London embraced a large area both east and west of the Thames River, so that prior to 1705 the settlers east of the river are listed as inhabitants of New London; during that year a separation was made, and that territory, measuring fourteen miles north and south and an average of over six miles east and west, became the town of Groton; its boundaries being the Preston or town of Norwich line on the north, the Mystic River and its Lantern Hill tributaries, which separated it from the town of Stonington, on the east, Fishers Island on the south, and the Thames River on the west. In 1836 the town of Groton was divided and the larger portion, including all the North Parish, was called the town of Ledyard. This tract of land is mostly fertile and quite picturesque, being comprised of hills and valleys and having several small water-courses. Part of the peaceful village of Poquetanuck now lies on its northern border, the remainder being within the limits of Preston. About two miles south of this village is located the first tract of land granted to Peter Spicer. It is not known when this grant was

The Probate Records of New London, Connecticut, furnish additional data. "Aug. 10, 1714. Mary Spicer widow and relict of Peter Spicer late of New London deceased and administratrix of his Estate appeared at this Court and made an addition to the inventory of the said Estate of a lott of land in the plantation given the Volunteers and the other inventoried Estate having been already distributed this Court distributes the said lott as followeth viz: one third part thereof to the widow during her natural life, to the Eldest son a double portion thereof and to the other nine children & ye representatives of one that is deceased equal portions.

"Sept. 13, 1715 Mary Spicer widow of Peter Spicer late of New London deceased having put the Estate into the hands of her eldest son Edward to pay his brothers and sisters as they come of age said Edward has this day presented in Court Receipts under the hands of his s'd brothers and sisters for their portion to full satisfaction the Court does thereupon order a quietus off to the s'd administrator."

The marriage of Peter Spicer and Mary, daughter of Peter and Mary (—)Busecot, is recorded in Warwick, Rhode Island, as follows: "Peter Spicer of Mohegan or now Norridge in the Collony of Conticott and Mary Busecot of the town of Warwick in ye Collony of Rhode Island were married Dec. 15, 1670." Eleven children were born to them, whose names are recorded in a Bible formerly owned by Abel⁵ Spicer. The birth dates were not given and can only be conjectured from the dates of marriages known.

CHILDREN.

2. i. EDWARD¹, b. —; d. —; m. Katharine Stone.
3. ii. PETER², b. —; d. —; m. —.
4. iii. WILLIAM², b. —; d. —; m. Hannah Roath.
5. iv. RUTH², b. —; d. —; m. Samuel Newton.
6. v. SAMUEL², b. —; d. 1748; m. Susannah Olmsby.
7. vi. JABEZ², b. —; d. —; m. Margaret Park.
- vii. ABIGAIL².
- viii. HANNAH².
- ix. JANE².
- x. MARY².
- xi. SARAH².

SECOND GENERATION.

2. EDWARD² SPICER (Peter¹) was born probably about 1674 in New London, Connecticut. His date of death is not known, but his name ceases to appear on record after 1731. He married his cousin Katherine, daughter of Hugh and Abigail (Busecot) Stone. She was born Aug. 22, 1674. He is mentioned in Groton Town Records as a freeman and landholder in 1708; in 1711 he was

chosen one of a committee about school lands; in 1712 and 1716, surveyor for highways; in 1714, fence viewer. Dec. 5, 1718, it was decreed that he should take care of the youths on the Lord's Day; Dec. 30, 1718, he was chosen grand jurymen. From the Groton Land Records it is learned that he received in the first division of land at "Nowayank Neck" (lands taken from the Pequot Indians and allotted to the inhabitants of Groton, Connecticut, on July 3 and 4, 1712, and Jan. 23, 1712-13). Jan. 23, 1712-13, "in the second teer, the 2nd lot North 5 rods to a mear stone"; he sold this, and also lot 30 in the second division, to James Morgan, Dec. 12, 1713, the two lots comprising three and one half acres. He sold, Sept. 7, 1719, to Christopher Avery for ten pounds a tract of land situated in the township of Voluntown, New London County, "one hundred and forty acres in the fifth lot, twelfth teer, in second division," Jan. 24, 1721-2, the committee appointed to lot out the commons laid out to him and to his son John Spicer "to each of them a wood lot beginning at a large white oak tree marked formerly on four sides said tree being one of the boundaries of the twenty acres of land granted by the town of New London to Edward Spicer's father & from said white oak tree running Southwest in a straight line to a small white oak which is another boundary of said Spicer's land and upon the same line to said land formerly called coyots and turning Northward thirty two rods to a said white oak tree reputed to be a corner of said Coyots and Peter Spicer's land & from said tree running East by North nearest eighty eight and one half rods to a heap of stones & from said heap of stones running South east by South nearest ninety six rods to a white oak tree marked on four sides the tree standing on the east side of a path & from the white oak running Southwesterly forty rods to a white oak stoddle marked on four sides standing near the head of a swamp where a spring runs into a swamp & from the stoddle bounds by Peter Spicer's land to first mentioned bound being a white oak tree marked on four sides as abovesaid." Samuel Whipple, Joshua Bill, Nicholas Street, Nehemiah Smith, committee.

He deeded in 1719 his homestead farm of twenty acres to his son John. (See Appendix.) Dec. 10, 1723, he sells to John Spicer for three pounds and five shillings, four acres more or less, and Jan. 12, 1724-5, for the sum of five pounds sells him part of his woodlot; witnesses, Jacob Park Jr., Richard Christopher, Jr. May 13, 1727, he sold to Isaac Geer for nine pounds and ten shillings his "second and all after division in the common or undivided land in Groton, 'excepting my right in the land that was laid out to the Pequot Indians to improve on the east side of the road that goes from the head of Mystic to Norwich.'" Witnesses, Jonathan Wickwere and Nathaniel Brown. Jan. 15, 1729, for fifteen pounds he sold to son

John Spicer, husbandman, from ten to twelve acres; witnesses, Henry Pelton and Peter Tift.

Feb. 5, 1730-1, for five pounds he sold to Humphrey Avery all "my Right and Title in or Challenge unto the sequestered corner or Indian land at Mashantucksitt to the East or Northeast of the road that leads from the head of Mystick to Poquetannuck Cove or Norwich that is to say to all that sequestered corner or undivided land which the Indians improve or pretend to improve in township of Groton aforesaid;" witnesses, James Morgan and Ann Morgan. In the deed he is styled farmer and husbandman. He had seven children recorded in Groton.

CHILDREN.

- i. CATURN³, b. Oct. 6, 1696.
8. ii. JOHN³, b. Jan. 1, 1698; m. Mary Geer.
- iii. MARY³, b. May 8, 1701.
- iv. ANNE³, b. May 28, 1703; d. —; m. —, 1732, Peter Teft; two children are recorded in Groton: 1. Peter Teft, b. Feb. 5, 1734 (perhaps was the Peter Teft who m. Oct 12, 1746, Sarah Barnes of Scituate, R. I.); 2. Daniel Teft, b. July 23, 1735.
- v. JERUSA³, b. Aug. 2, 1706, d. prior to 1743; m. May 13, 1730, in Providence, R. I., Peter Teft, late of Groton, Conn.; children: 1. William Teft, b. Oct. 31, 1731; 2. Daniel Teft, b. Oct. 27, 1733; 3. James Teft, b. Aug. 31, 1735.
- vi. ABIGAIL³, b. April 8, 1708; d. —; m. Dec. 11, 1734, in Providence, R. I., Sylvanus White of Scituate, R. I.
- vii. JEMIMA³, b. April 14, 1710.

3. PETER² SPICER (Peter¹) was born in New London, Connecticut. The dates of his birth, death, and marriage not known. He was an inhabitant of Norwich, Connecticut, in 1702, and Nov. 11, 1702, he bought of Josiah Rockwell for fifty shillings three acres of land lying on the east side of "Showtuckit River on the road that leadeth from Norwich to Stonington within the bounds of Norwich abutting Easterly on the highway otherwise abutting wholly upon the rocks"; witnesses, Benajah Bushnell and Thomas Lathrop. Dec. 31, 1706, he bought five acres more of Josiah Rockwell for four pounds and ten shillings lying same side of the river "abuttet Southerly on land formerly belonging to Owen Williams, twenty rods, abutting Westerly on the highway, eighty rods, Northerly to a point Easterly on the Commons eighty rods;" witnesses, Benjamin Peck and Thomas Waterman. Jan. 30, 1706-7, he sold to Samuel Bliss for twenty shillings the twenty acre grant of land granted him by the town of Norwich; said Bliss, to take up said land and to attend the order of the town therein and to pay the charges thereof; witnesses, John Downs and Joseph Elderkin. He was granted a license by the town of Norwich,

June 4, 1717, "to set up and use the art & mistery of tanning leather." Jan. 24, 1721-2 he bought of John Clark in consideration of one cow valued at three pounds, "paid to brother James Clark in his lifetime," eight acres of land, "part of the thirty acre grant made to the heirs of honored father John Clark deceased to be taken up by the proprietor inhabitants of Norwich of the common undivided land"; Aug. 18, 1737, he bought of John Cook, Jr., for four hundred and twenty pounds, twenty acres and a dwelling house on the east side of the Shetucket River; witnesses, William Hide and Anne Hide. April 3, 1739, he sold to Jonathan Brewster for twenty-two pounds, five and one-half acres on the easterly side of Great River, in said Norwich boundaries mentioned, land belonging to Josiah Rockwell and own land; witnesses, Isaac Huntington and Isaac Huntington, Jr. March 30, 1744, and June, 1744, he deeded to son Daniel part of his homestead (see Appendix). March 13, 1754, he sold to Joseph Brewster for four hundred pounds, twenty acres of land in Norwich, "beginning at an ancient land mark of Owen Williams's land adjoining Northerly partly on land of Paul Pelton to the heighth of a high ledge of rocks or hill;" he redeemed this land Feb. 20, 1755, and sold it same day to John Baldwin for nine hundred pounds; witnesses, Ebenezer Baldwin and Elisha Fitch. March 20, 1754, he sold to his son Daniel his four and one-half acres of land next Brewster's land; witnesses, Elisha Wilcocks and Elisha Fitch. Sept. 4, 1754, he purchased of Paul Pelton for one hundred pounds, three acres in Norwich East Society, part of the land laid out to Paul Winthrop abutting southerly and easterly on his own land, westerly on Joseph Williams' and Daniel Roth's, northerly on Paul Pelton's own land; witnesses, Uriah Holmes and Ebenezer Brewster. May 20, 1757, he sold to Joseph Brewster three and one-quarter acres in the East Society for twenty-seven pounds, four shillings, ten pence; the deed mentions land of Elisha Wilcocks and of heirs of Jonathan Brewster. April 8, 1757, he deeded land to his son Daniel.

CHILDREN.

10. i. PETER³, b. —; m. Patience Park.
 11. ii. DANIEL³, b. —; m. Jane Newton.
 - iii. ZURVLAH³, b. —; d. —; m. Elisha Wilcocks.
 12. iv. ZEPHANIAH³, b. —; m. Sarah Starkweather.
- Probably others.

4. WILLIAM² SPICER (Peter¹) was born in New London, Connecticut. His date of death is not known but in 1770 he is mentioned in a deed as "late of Groton deceased" (this may have been his son). He married, Nov. 25, 1703, in Groton, Connecticut, Hannah, daughter of Robert and Sarah (Saxton) Roath. She was

CHILDREN.

34. i. EZEKIEL¹, b. Aug. 19, 1716; m. Luce Shepard.
35. ii. JEREMIAH², b. Jan. 28, 1718.
36. iii. EBENEZER³, b. Jan. 5, 1722.
- iv. DESIRE², b. Feb. 15, 1724; m. Nov. 11, 1742, Nathaniel Holmes, son of Jehosaphat and Sarah (Waldo) Holmes; no chi. found.
- v. PHEBE², b. Aug. 8, 1730; m. June 21, 1750, Nathan Whiton, in Chatham, Conn. (Second Church, Middle Haddam).
- vi. NATHAN, b. Sept. 10, 1735; m. (1) Leah ———; m. (2) Abigail Mahew.

THIRD GENERATION.

8. JOHN³ SPICER (Edward², Peter¹) was born Jan. 1, 1698, in New London, Connecticut. He died, Aug. 28, 1753, in North Groton, on the same farm on which he was born. He married first, Oct. 22, 1720, in Groton, Connecticut, Mary, a daughter of Robert and Martha (Tyler) Geer. She was born May 14, 1701, in North Groton, Connecticut. Her date of death has not been ascertained, but she was living in 1744. He married second, date of marriage not ascertained, Patience ——. (It was probably his widow, Patience Spicer, who died in North Groton, May, 1788. aged 80 years.)

It is possible that his father was not in good health in 1719, for he deeded that year the homestead farm to his son John, subject to life lease of himself and wife. (See Appendix.) Jan. 24, 1721-2, a woodlot was laid out to him by the town. He purchased four acres of land from his father for three pounds five shillings, Dec. 10, 1723, and Jan. 12, 1724, five acres of his father's woodlot, for five pounds. Sept. 2, 1727, he exchanged fourteen acres for seven acres with Isaac Geer, "beginning at a mear stone the North-west corner of John Spicer's twenty acre lot thence Westerly on John Spicer's land ninety rods to a white oak tree which stands in the head of a swamp thence Southwesterly on the highway forty four rods to a white oak tree; thence abutting Easterly partly on Isaac Geer's Land and partly on the common ninety rods to the first bound mark." The seven acres "beginning at a white oak tree the Southwest corner of Edward Spicer, his land, and is bounded Northerly with ye said Spicer his land, to a mear stone and thence running Southerly to a craked rock near a great rock & so running to the bounds first mentioned"; witnesses, James Morgan and

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Sarah Park X. Jan. 15, 1729-30, he obtained from his father

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for fifteen pounds ten or twelve acres "beginning at a mear stone near a brook, running Westerly twenty eight rods to a flat rock with stones on it and thence Southerly five rods to a mear stone and from thence Easterly to a white oak tree, thence to first

bound, and is encompassed around with John Spicer's own land"; witnesses, Henry Pelton and Peter Tift. Feb. 11, 1730-1, he had laid out to him by the town his second division of undivided land, which he sold April 1, 1734, to Christopher Avery for ten pounds. April 17, 1731, a division of land was made between his land and that of Daniel Whipple, "beginning at a heap of stones on the highway in the fence between Zephaniah Whipple and Isaac Geer's land a straight line West five degrees South to a tree on brow of the hill by the fence then a straight line West seven degrees South to a peperidge tree in the edge of swamp next to Capt. Avery's land; he to have south side." April 3, 1733, he sold all "Right and Title to the Sequestered Land" to Christopher Avery for eight pounds; witnesses, William Chapman and Luke Perkins. May 22, 1735, he sold to Christopher Avery a parcel of land "beginning at the Southwest corner formerly Isaac Geer's land now Christopher Avery's land & John Spicer's land running South thirty five rods to a white oak tree the Northwest corner bound of the twenty acres granted to Peter Spicer by the town of New London, giving up all right to the Westward of said line"; witnesses, Joseph Heath and Elijah Morgan. He was styled husbandman in deeds.

CHILDREN.

40. i. EDWARD⁴, b. April 4, 1722; m. (1) Hannah Bill; m. (2) Abigail Allyn.
41. ii. JOHN⁴, b. Feb. 17, 1724; m. Mercy Chapman.
42. iii. OLIVER⁴, b. May 28, 1726; m. Alethia Allyn.
43. iv. ABIGAIL⁴, b. Dec. 16, 1729; m. Daniel Geer.
44. v. PRISCILLA⁴, b. Feb., 1732; m. Joseph Lee.
45. vi. ABEL⁴, b. March 9, 1736; m. Sarah Allyn.

10. PETER³ SPICER (Peter², Peter¹) was born in Norwich, Connecticut. He died in March, 1755, in Norwich, Connecticut. He married, Jan. 7, 1735, in Norwich, Connecticut, Patience Park. Her parentage not ascertained. March 30, 1744, his father deeded him thirty-four acres of land in the East Society of Norwich, twenty acres on the east side of the highway, and the remainder on the west side. (See Appendix.) Feb. 26, 1746, he sold to Joseph Williams, his neighbor on the west side of road, twenty-one rods of land near his dwelling house, beginning at the northwest corner of land deeded him by his father and abutting on land owned by Joseph Williams; witnesses, Ebenezer Backus and Daniel Huntington. May 4, 1756, his brother Daniel, as executor, sold three acres, one rod, and thirty perches of land and another small piece to pay just debts; consideration, one hundred and eight pounds and fifteen shillings. The births of his children are recorded in Norwich.

CHILDREN.

- i. MARTHA⁴, b. Aug. 18, 1735; d. March 26, 1818; m. Samuel Roath. (Prior to March, 1755.)
- ii. SILENCE⁴, b. Feb. 2, 1738; d. ———; m. in Norwich, Alexander Rogers; chi.: Alexander and James Rogers, b. Dec. 3, 1774.
- iii. FREELOVE⁴, b. Dec. 24, 1739.
- iv. PRUDENCE⁴, b. Feb. 19, 1742; unm., May 6, 1788.
- v. SIMEON⁴, b. May 16, 1744.
- vi. ABEL⁴, b. July 16, 1746; d. probably 1787; m. Mary ———; the inventory of his estate (not dated) am't to 53 £ 8 s. 11½ d. May 6, 1788, a settlement was made with his creditors; June 4, 1789, his widow, then wife of Timothy Clark, sold her right of dower to Nehemiah Corning. Jan. 26, 1776, he quitclaimed to his brother Simeon part of deceased father's estate, and same date sold for twenty pounds land in East Society of Norwich; boundaries mentioned, Samuel Roath's, Samuel Wentworth's, Moses Williams's, Simeon Spicer's and his own land; witnesses, Robert Geer and Amos Geer.
- vii. ELIZABETH, b. Dec. 17, 1748.
53. viii. MARY⁴, b. Nov. 30, 1750; m. Peleg Rose.
- ix. NATHAN⁴, b. Nov. 29, 1753; m. Jan. 17, 1775, i London, Conn., Sarah Clark; marriage recorded First of New London. Oct. 1, 1774, he sold all his right in tract of land in East Society of Norwich for eight rods, to Peleg Rose, it being the same tract on which his father's land was given and divided by his father's last will and testament unto his three sons. July 13, 1776, Nathan Spicer enlisted in Coast Guard from Kirtland's Co., to Capt. Satltonstall's Co. of Matross (Vol. VII, "Conn. Hist. Soc. Coll.," p. 140). 1770, Nathan Spicer a sailor on Continental Ship "Confederacy" ("Conn. Men of the Rev."). It is not known positively that the above Rev. record belongs to this Nathan Spicer.

11. DANIEL³ SPICER (Peter², Peter¹) was born in Norwich, Connecticut. He died, 1793, in Norwich, Conn. He married, Sept. 12, 1734, his cousin Jane, a daughter of Samuel and Ruth (Spicer) Newton. June 5, 1744, his father deeded to him nine and one-quarter acres of land, part of the homestead farm. March 20, 1754, he bought of his father, for ten pounds, four and one-half acres of land in the East Society of Norwich, "beginning the Northwesterly corner at a chestnut tree with stones about it thence running South twenty degrees East seventeen and one half rods to a red oak tree marked a corner of the Brewster's land then East eight degrees South twenty six rods to a heap of stones thence North thirty rods to a heap of stones, thence Southwesterly twenty eight and one half rods to ye first corner"; witnesses, Elisha Willcocks and Elisha Fitch. The same day he sold to Elisha Willcocks, for ten pounds, "four and one half acres in the East Society with dwelling house upon it where s'd Willcocks now dwells beginning at a heap of stones the Westerly corner running North fourteen degrees East abutting Westerly on Brewster's land

forty rods to red oak tree marked, thence East three degrees North five rods to walnut tree with stones about it, thence South sixteen degrees East forty four rods to a white oak tree; thence West fourteen degrees South twenty four rods to a heap of stones; bounding Southwest on said Brewster's land seven rods to the first corner, excepting and reserving to myself and heirs and assigns one rod wide through the said land as the path now goes for an open way forever hereafter"; witnesses, Elisha Fitch and Joseph Brewster. June 28, 1768, he bought of Jacob Vanderlyden of New York, for forty pounds, twenty-two acres of land originally belonging to Abel Brewster. March 1, 1774, he deeded half his farm to his son Asa. (See Appendix.) April 5, 1784, he sold to Robert Craig a piece of land situated in the East Society of Norwich near the junction of two roads leading from Poquetannuck to Shawtuckit; witnesses, Anne Mortimer and Amos Geer.

From "Long Society Records" it is learned that Jan. 28, 1760, he was given liberty to build a stable "at the south end of Mr. Brewster's stable," March 20, 1760, he voted. Dec. 31, 1761, he was chosen School Committee. Feb. 6, 1775, he was "chosen Society Agent to collect the fines of the men chosen Society Collectors who refuse to serve." He served in same capacity, Feb. 22 and Dec. 28, 1779. He made his will in 1770, mentioning his daughters and but one son, Asa, which may indicate that his other sons had died previously; also that the Daniel Spicer, Jr., who had tax rate abated in Long Society, Jan. 21, 1783, was not his son. He had five children, whose births are recorded in Norwich.

CHILDREN.

- i. SIMEON⁴, b. June 27, 1735.
- ii. NATHAN⁴, b. Oct. 16, 1738.
- iii. ANNA⁴, b. May 25, 1741; d. Feb. 22, 1808; m. Dec. 20, 1764, Capt. Robert Craige. He was probably the Robert Craige of Annapolis, master of the Maryland sloop "Bennington," Aug. 18, 1770; and certainly the Robert Craige, master of the Connecticut galley "Lyon," Oct. 14, 1782. ("Naval Records of the American Rev."): He died Dec. 28, 1814, aged 80 years. Anna Craige and her daughter, Nancy, are buried in the cemetery at Brewster's Neck, one stone marking the spot. Anna Craige sold, Oct. 10, 1793, all right in her father's estate to Asa Spicer. Nancy Craige, b. Oct. 9, 1765; d. April 25, 1801; m. —, Capt. Benjamin Mortimore. He died April 10, 1832. The census of 1700 gives Benjamin Mortimore as head of a family of four females.
- iv. ASA⁴, b. March 1, 1746; d. —; m. Jan. 5, 1772, Mary, a daughter of Robert and Mary (—) Stanton; they had one daughter and only child, as the inscription on her gravestone informs us, Mary Stanton, b. Aug. 21, 1772; d. Jan. 3, 1791; m. Abiel Roath; had dau. Nancy Roath, b. Dec. 24, 1790.
- v. HANNAH⁴, b. May 2, 1749; unm.

- iv. PRISCILLA³, b. Aug. 28, 1752, in Groton; d. March 8, 1830, in Groton; m. 1770, in Groton, Andrew Lewis; he b. Feb. 8, 1749; d. Nov. 15, 1783; was drowned while crossing the Thames River from New London to Groton; chi.: Andrew Lewis, d. unm.; Lydia Lewis, b. March 22, 1781, in Groton; m. William⁶ Spicer.
134. v. EDWARD³, b. Nov. 17, 1755; m. (1) Esther Ames; m. (2) Deborah Brown.
135. vi. MARY³, b. —; m. Roswell Button.
- CHILDREN BY SECOND WIFE.
136. vii. LYDIA³, b. Aug. 10, 1762; m. Roswell Button.
137. viii. BENJAMIN CLAY³, b. Dec. 18, 1763; m. Elizabeth³ Spicer.
138. ix. JOSEPH³, b. Sept. 14, 1765; m. (1) Fanny Thurston; m. (2) Mrs. Mary (Saunders) Cottrell.
139. x. JOHN³, b. Aug. 14, 1770; m. Elizabeth Latham.
140. xi. MINER³, b. May 29, 1776; m. (1) Cynthia Allyn; m. (2) Hannah (Allyn) Williams.

In 1790 Edward⁴ Spicer is given as head of the family with twelve males over sixteen and three females.

It is possible that there was another son in this family by first marriage, who was a sea captain and had a daughter HANNAH born while he was away at sea, the mother dying at her birth (See unplaced descendants.)

41. JOHN⁴ SPICER (John³, Edward², Peter¹) was born in North Groton, Connecticut, Feb. 17, 1724. He died in North Groton, June 28, 1769. He married in North Groton, Oct. 25, 1744, Mercy, a daughter of William and Mary (Stoddard) Chapman. She was born Oct. 13, 1723, in North Groton. She died Sept. 21, 1812, in Pittstown, New York. She married second, Daniel Ellis of Groton; after his death she resided with her son Cyrus, and removed with him to New York State.

It is learned from "Groton Records" that April 17, 1731, the boundary line between John Spicer's and Daniel Whipple's lands was determined, "beginning at a heap of stones by the Highway in the Grove between Zephaniah Whipple and Isaac Geer; thence a straight line to a white oak tree dead on the brow of the hill by the fence from thence a straight line West by South to a pepridge tree standing in the swamp next to Capt. Avery's land, John Spicer having all South of the line"; witnesses, John Rouse and Joshua Hempstead. The line between his lands and James Geer was settled March 4, 1737-8, and between him and Christopher Avery, Sept. 27, 1742.

He was chosen grand jurymen Dec. 15, 1752. In 1763 was a surveyor of highways; in 1765, chosen lister; in 1766, selectman.

Jan. 2, 1767, he bought, for sixty pounds and two shillings, sixteen acres and eleven rods of land from Daniel Whipple, "beginning at a Brook near by an old stump in North line of said Whipple's land; thence Buts on the Highway; thence West 6 degrees South

115 rods to Nathan Avery's land; thence South 20 degrees East 27 and $\frac{1}{2}$ rods to said Spicer's own land; thence East 10 degrees North 102 rods to the Brook Butting on said Spicer's own land; thence North as the Brook runs 23 rods and 10 links to first mentioned Bound"; witnesses, Benjamin Geer and Benadam Gallup. April 6, 1769, he sold to Constant Eddy, "late of Swansey in the Massachusetts Bay and now residing in said Groton," 19 rods of land for 1s. 6d. "the Northeast part of the land I lately purchased of Daniel Whipple, beginning at a mear stone at the corner of a fence thence Southerly as the Fence stands 7 rods to a white oak bush marked thence Easterly 1 & $\frac{1}{2}$ rods to the middle of a Brook thence down stream said Brook 7 rods in the middle stream of said Brook and from thence near about 4 & $\frac{1}{2}$ rods to the first Bound;" witnesses, Humphrey Avery and Keziah Spicer.

He inherited by his father's will the homestead farm. He bequeathed it to his two elder sons, John and Cyrus.

CHILDREN.

- i. MERCY^s, b. Aug. 4, d. Dec. 7, 1745, in N. Groton.
- ii. MARY^s, b. Jan. 28, 1746-7; d. Jan. 10, 1750, in N. Groton.
143. iii. JOHN^s, b. April 20, 1749; m. Mary Park.
144. iv. CYRUS^s, b. March 13, 1750-1; m. Mary Eddy.
- v. MOLLY^s, b. Jan. 27, 1753; m. probably Mr. Whitman and d. soon, leaving a dau. Cynthia Whitman, of whom no record has been obtained.
- vi. Keziah^s, b. March 13, 1755; d. unm.
- vii. SOLOMON^s, b. Oct. 6, d. Oct. 11, 1757.
148. viii. ABEL^s, b. June 1, 1760; m. (1) Sarah Park; m. (2) Elizabeth Morse; m. (3) Sarah Rose.
149. ix. MERCY^s, b. Aug. 5, 1764; m. Joseph Randall.

42. CAPT. OLIVER⁴ SPICER (John³, Edward², Peter¹) was born May 28, 1726, in North Groton, Connecticut. He died Feb. 11, 1804, in North Groton. He married, Aug. 15, 1749, Alithea, a daughter of James and Alithea (Avery) Allyn. She was born April 4, 1731, in North Groton, Connecticut, and died there Sept. 19, 1816. They were both interred in a small cemetery in a pasture on the farm now owned by James Gray, two and one half miles north of Ledyard Center.

The "Groton Records" furnish the following information: Dec. 17, 1754, he was chosen grand juryman and surveyor of the highways; Feb. 6, 1755, he bought, for 1096 pounds, from James Lamb twenty-three and one-quarter acres of land with buildings and fences thereon, "beginning at a mear stone the West side of a Highway by a walnut bush which Bound is a Southeast corner of Ithamar Bellow's land and the Northeast corner of said tract; thence West 10 degrees North by s'd Bellow's sixty eight rods to a mear stone standing in a swamp; thence South about 23 degrees

East twenty eight rods to a small white oak tree marked; thence South about 23 degrees West thirty six rods to a mear stone standing in a Brook; thence East 80 rods to a black oak tree called the Indian Corner and thence Northerly by the Highway about fifty rods to the Bound first mentioned"; witnesses, John Bellows and Daniel Williams. Dec. 8, 1755, he was chosen tithingman; he served as surveyor of highways, 1760-78; Nov. 22, 1764, he bought of Daniel and Damaris Ellis, for forty-five pounds, sixteen and one-quarter acres, "beginning at a large rock the West side of the Highway which is the Southeast corner of a lot of land set off to Ithamar Bellows; thence West 34 degrees North 76 rods to a mear stone which is the Southwest corner of Ithamar Bellows' lot; thence running South about 32 degrees West 34 rods to a mear stone which is the corner Bound of John Bellows' land; thence running East 44 degrees South 40 rods to a mear stone; thence Easterly abutting South on land of John Bellows' about 28 rods to a mear stone by the Highway; thence running Northerly abutting East on the Highway 34 rods to the first Bound"; witnesses, Humphrey Avery and Daniel Ellis, Jr. Oct. 18, 1765, he bought from Ephraim and Elizabeth Upham of Windham, for fifty-one pounds, seventeen acres "lying North and adjoining the land where said Spicer now dwells abutting Northerly on said Spicer's farm about 82 rods; Westerly on the land of Walter Capron 24 rods and 3 feet; Southerly on land of John Bellows about 97 rods; Easterly partly on the Mashantuxet and partly on the Highway and as being otherwise Bounded in the Records reference thereunto being had it being the same land that did formerly belong to Zachariah Maynor Dec'd"; witnesses, Humphrey and Christopher Avery. Jan. 14, 1771, he bought of Joseph Tyler, for 65 pounds, two and one-half acres and nine rods of land, "beginning at a mear stone the East side of the Highway and is the West Bound of a tract of land taken from Job Tyler by Walter Capron and is the Southwest Bound of said tract; thence East 18 degrees South 101 rods to a mear stone thence North 9 degrees East 12 rods to a mear stone; thence East 10 degrees North 3 rods to a mear stone; thence North 7 degrees West 24 and $\frac{1}{2}$ rods to a mear stone; thence West 18 degrees North 103 rods to a mear stone by the Highway; thence Southerly by said Highway 36 and $\frac{1}{2}$ rods to the first mentioned Bound, said land lying near the dwelling house of Job Tyler"; witnesses, John Bellows and John Dibell. April 25, 1777, he sold to John Bellows, for seven pounds, two acres of land, "beginning at a mear stone standing in the line of land I bought of Daniel and Damaris Ellis and is the Southwest corner of a lot of land Ithamar Bellows had set off to him from his father's farm; thence running South about 39 degrees West 34 rods to a mear stone to said Bel-

lows' land; thence East 14 degrees South 11 rods and 4 feet to a mear stone; thence Northerly 31 and $\frac{1}{2}$ rods to a mear stone in Ithamar Bellows' line; thence with Ithamar Bellows' land 5 rods and 3 feet to the first mentioned Bound," as also another lot "beginning at a mear stone standing 41 rods Easterly from a pepperidge stump which is a corner Bound of Walter Capron's land and of Oliver Spicer's home farm and a corner Bound of a lot of land John Bellows had of his Grandfather Nathaniel Bellows; thence Southerly with John Bellows' land 5 rods to a mear stone; thence running with said Bellows' land 30 & $\frac{1}{2}$ rods to a mear stone standing in a lot of land John Bellows sold to Oliver Spicer and is said Spicer's Northwest Corner of said lot and thence running Westerly and abutting Northerly on Spicer's land to first mentioned Bound"; witnesses, William and Zerviah Witter. December, 1771, he was chosen lister, also 1779. April 25, 1771, he bought part of the farm John Bellows was then living on, for ten pounds, one acre and 91 and $\frac{1}{2}$ rods, in two lots, the first "beginning at the Southeast corner of said Spicer's land where he now dwells running Westerly to a mear stone, Southerly to a mear stone standing by the Highway; thence Bounding by said Highway to first mentioned Bound; the second beginning at the Southwest corner of said Spicer's land; thence Easterly to a mear stone, Southerly to a mear stone, Westerly to first Bound mentioned"; witnesses, Jonas Allyn and Benadam Gallup. April 28, 1777, he, with others, was appointed a committee to inquire how many soldiers had enlisted in the Continental Army since April 17, 1777. (Committee reported 27.) He was also appointed to provide for the soldiers' widows. Dec. 31, 1777, he was one of a committee appointed to take into consideration the Articles of Confederation and Perpetual Union recommended by the Congress of the Thirteen United American States. Feb. 23, 1779, he bought, for two hundred and eighty pounds, fourteen acres from Daniel Robbins, "beginning at the end of a stone wall being the Northeast corner of a lot of land said Spicer bought of Joseph Tyler of Preston, thence running Northeast 1 degree West 80 rods butting Easterly on land of Joseph Latham and Joseph Latham Jr. to a mear stone; thence West about 26 degrees South abutting Northwardly on said Joseph Latham's land; thence West about 10 degrees South about 26 rods abutting Northwardly on end of John Williams' land which he purchased of Job Tyler Jr. to a heap of stones in the field Fence; thence Southeasterly by said Williams' land as the fence now runs about 10 rods the North line of a Lot which the said Williams purchased of Thomas Gates; Thence East about 6 degrees North abutting Southwardly on said Williams' and about 11 rods to a mear stone in the wall; thence South by said Wil-

liams' land about 39 rods to said Spicer's Lot; thence by said Lot Easterly about 25 rods to first mentioned Bound"; witnesses, Amos and Robert Geer. Nov. 4, 1779, he purchased of Simeon Capron, for seven pounds and two shillings, one acre more or less "beginning at a white oak tree in the Northwest corner of said Spicer's field, thence Northerly by said Spicer's land 28 rods to a mear stone standing in a ditch; thence Westerly by said ditch 4 rods adjoining land of the heirs of Ithamar Bellows; thence Southerly by side of a swamp 16 rods to a mear stone in the Southeast corner of a Field belonging to the heirs of Ithamar Bellows late of Groton Deceased; thence Easterly as the Fence now stands to the first mentioned Bound"; witnesses, Elizabeth Park and Amos Spicer. In 1780 he was appointed on the committee to adopt some plan in order to engage the quota of men to be furnished by the town of Groton, to send to the Continental Army. In 1781 he was chosen one of a committee to assess the inhabitants to raise one hundred and ninety-eight pounds to pay the soldiers "that were hired into the Continental Army last spring"; also to purchase and supply clothing for the soldiers and to hire money to pay for above supplies.

Aug. 22, 1791, he bought, for thirty-two pounds and sixteen shillings, from Nathaniel Bellows, one hundred and fifty rods of land, "beginning at a mear stone by the road leading from Preston to New London a corner of said Spicer's own land; thence running north 31 degrees West abutting said Spicer's own land 16 rods and 10 links to a mear stone at the end of a stone wall; thence North 81 degrees West still with said Spicer's own land 72 rods and 15 links to a mear stone in the edge of a meadow a corner of land of Daniel Thomas; thence South 57 degrees West with said Thomas land 9 rods and 2 links to a tree in the Fence; thence South 38 and $\frac{1}{2}$ degrees East 3 rods and 18 links to a small maple tree; thence South 60 degrees East with land of John Bellows, Jr. and John Avery Esqr. 75 rods to a mear stone at the aforesaid Road; thence Northerly with said Road about 30 rods to first mentioned Bound"; witnesses, Amos Geer and John Bellows, Jr.

He served in the Revolutionary War as captain. } In 1776 was in the regiment of Colonel Smith which served in the campaign around New York; in 1778, in the 8th regiment of foot in the militia of the State of Connecticut. ("Connecticut Men of the Revolution," p. 56.) He was on the pay roll from April 1 to Nov. 1, 1779, and also served in Colonel Gallup's regiment. ("Connecticut Historical Society Collections," Vol. VII, pp. 206-211.)

In 1790 he is given as head of the family, consisting of another male over sixteen, probably Benjamin Spicer, his son-in-law, and four females, probably his wife, his daughter Elizabeth, and granddaughters Lydia and Alithea Spicer.

He lived a useful member of the community, and at his death the stone erected to his memory was inscribed as follows:

"Mark the perfect man,
and behold the upright,
for the end of that man is peace."

CHILDREN.

150. i. ALITHEA^s, b. Feb. 26, 1749; m. Aaron Meech.
151. ii. MARY^s, b. Feb. 27, 1751-2; m. Abisha Woodward.
- iii. MARTHA^s, b. March 30, 1755; d. Nov., 1779, in North Groton.
- iv. DEBORAH^s, b. April 26, 1757; d. Feb., 1776.
154. v. AMOS^s, b. Feb. 20, 1762; m. Eunice —.
- vi. ELIZABETH^s, b. July 25, 1764; m. Benjamin Spicer. —
156. vii. OLIVER^s, b. Nov. 20, 1766; m. Eunice Tyler. —
157. viii. LUCY^s, b. May 2, 1770; m. Jonas Gray.
- ix. DEBORAH^s, b. 1771; d. Feb., 1801; m. Robert Forsyth.
- x. JERUSHA^s, b. July 9, 1774; d. prior to May 24, 1799; m. William Holdridge; dau. Hannah Holdridge, b. July 5, 1796.

43. ABIGAIL⁴ SPICER (John³, Edward², Peter¹) was born Dec. 16, 1729, in North Groton, Connecticut. She died in Griswold, Connecticut. She married May 31, 1750, in North Groton, Daniel, a son of Daniel Geer. He was born June 15, 1700. They settled in Griswold, Connecticut, and prospered.

CHILDREN.

160. i. ROGER^s GEER, b. May 18, 1753; m. Keziah Tucker.
- ii. ROBERT^s GEER, b. Nov. 25, 1754; m. Salvina Gates.
162. iii. NATHAN^s GEER, b. Dec. 12, 1756; m. (1) Mary Gates; m. (2) Olive Gates.
- iv. ABEL^s GEER, b. May 27, 1759.
- v. JACOB^s GEER, b. —; m. Tammy Partridge.
- vi. ABIGAIL^s GEER, b. —; m. Stephen Herrick.
- vii. MARY^s GEER, b. —; m. Zoath Tucker.
- viii. ALATHEA^s GEER, b. —; m. Eleazer Herrick.

44. PRISCILLA⁴ SPICER (John³, Edward², Peter¹) was born in North Groton, Connecticut, February, 1731. She died Nov. 25, 1812, in North Groton. They are both buried on the James Gray farm, Ledyard. She married Joseph, a son of Joseph Lee, between Jan. 22, 1754, and Feb. 1, 1755, in North Groton. He was born, 1732, in Norwich, Connecticut. He died July 17, 1820, in North Groton, aged 88. He left a widow, Abigail. He sold, Dec. 5, 1754, to Joseph Brewster, for one hundred and sixty pounds, forty acres of land in the East Society of Norwich, in three lots; the first lot lying on the south side of the road leading from Norwich to Groton, adjoining northerly on the road, easterly and southerly on Joseph Brewster's own land, and westerly on another highway; the second lot lying on the north side of the road that leads from Norwich to Groton, adjoining southerly on said road, easterly on Lieut. Joseph Williams' land, northerly on James



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- ix. ELIZABETH⁶, b. Feb. 21, 1815; d. June 28, 1854; m. April 14, 1841, Jacob L. Gallup, son of Jacob and Parthenia (Morgan) Gallup, b. Nov. 27, 1818; d. Dec. 11, 1877; chi.: Fanny E., b. Sept. 21, 1842; d. May 2, 1861; son b. Aug. 11, d. Aug. 19, 1848.

140. MAJOR MINER⁵ SPICER (Edward⁴, John³, Edward², Peter was born May 29, 1776, in North Groton, Connecticut. He Sept. 11, 1855, in Akron, Ohio. He married first, 1797, in C Cynthia, daughter of Ephraim and Rebecca (—) Ally died Sept. 10, 1828, in Akron, Ohio. He married second, 1829, in Akron, Ohio, his sister-in-law, Hannah (Allyn) Williams. She died March, 1856, in Akron, Ohio. He learned the carpenter's trade of his brother John. He was contractor and builder in Groton until 1810, when he and his cousin, Amos Spicer, went on horseback to Ohio and purchased a tract of three hundred acres of land on the Western Reserve in Portage County, now Summit County. They then returned home. In the early spring of 1811 he, Capt. Youngs Morgan, and others, started West with their families in ox teams. They lived in their wagons; cooked by the roadside, adding to their provisions by picking berries and killing game. After six months of hard travel they reached their destination. He built a log cabin, in which they lived eight years, in a wilderness among the Indians and wild beasts, enduring the hardships of pioneer life. About fifty-five years ago there was printed in "The Hartford Times" a little story relative to this particular pioneer which may be of interest to his descendants.

"Miner Spicer and his wife Cynthia lived alone in a little log cabin in the wilds of New York. There was no highway near their dwelling, but a bridle path by their door led through the almost unbroken forest. One night they were aroused by the sound of a horse's footsteps stopping at their door. Mr. Spicer went to the door and in the dim light saw a solitary Indian on horseback who by sounds and gestures made it understood that he wished shelter for the night. The Indian was completely armed, and carried upon his horse the carcass of a deer. Mr. Spicer, not wishing to offend a self-invited but unwelcome guest, allowed the Indian to dismount, fasten his horse for the night, and enter the cabin. The venison was carried into the house and by signs the Indian made Mrs. Spicer understand that he was hungry and wished some of the meat prepared for his supper. In much trepidation of spirit the venison was cooked and placed on the table with other food. The Indian ate but little, and to the anxious observers appeared to be displeased. Nothing, however, was said, and the silent guest soon rolled himself in his blanket, lay down on the rude hearthstone before the fire, and to all appearances was soon wrapped in

deer ~~slumber~~^{slumbering} room. Mr. and Mrs. Spicer uneasily retired to their sleeping room, which adjoined the room where their swarthy guest ~~was~~^{was} ~~reposing~~^{reposing}. Through a wide aperture in the wall they could see the recumbent figure of the Indian, and anxious and less their eyes watched for any movement. Sometime during the night they discovered that the figure was alert and moving with exceeding caution. The Indian sat upright, glanced quickly toward the bedroom door, reached carefully for his long and murderous-looking hunting knife which he had been careful to place within reach ere he lay down by the fire, ran his finger lightly along the edge to test its sharpness, softly whetted the weapon, and tested it again, gave a low grunt of satisfaction, still keeping a close watch of the door of the adjoining room. Mr. Spicer fully believing that his life and that of his wife was in danger, grasped firmly his loaded gun, which stood near his bedside, and prepared to take deadly aim and shoot his treacherous guest as he crossed the threshold. The Indian stealthily arose from the hearth, grasped his long sharp knife and glided swiftly and noiselessly across the floor toward the bedroom door. It was a supreme moment. Mr. Spicer held the gun with his finger on the trigger. Mrs. Spicer, a little behind her husband, watched with fascinated eyes, but with a wildly beating heart, the swift approach of the desperate red man. On he came with, if possible, a more wary tread, paused an instant to listen at the door, then glided past, crossed over to a corner of the living room where the carcass of the deer had been placed, cut a generous slice of the meat, carried it cautiously to the fireplace, raked open the coals, laid it thereon, noiselessly attended its cooking, and in due time feasted upon it with evident relish, wrapped again his blanket about him, covered the coals, and silently laid down in quiet slumber. Early in the morning he quietly stole away, leaving a generous portion of the venison for his pale-faced entertainers."

Mr. Spicer received a commission as Major in the War of 1812, from the Governor of Ohio, and was in the engagement at the time of Perry's victory on Lake Erie. In 1819 he built a model New England house, where he lived and saw the wilderness grow into the manufacturing city of Akron, with forty thousand inhabitants. Bucktel College stood near the center of his homestead farm on land he gave the town for a public cemetery. The house in which he lived and died is situated on the southwest corner of Spicer and Carroll streets. Fourteen years after his death the bodies interred in the Spicer cemetery were removed to Glendale cemetery preparatory to erecting Bucktel College on the site of the former. The lid of the metallic burial case in which his body was inclosed was removed from over the face, which was found to be

in a perfect state of preservation, the features both in form and color being as at the time of his decease.

He was for sixteen years Justice of the Peace.

CHILDREN.

- 366. i. AVERY^s, b. Oct. 26, 1799; m. Harriet King.
- 367. ii. LUCINDA^s, b. Feb. 8, 1801; m. Stephen Ayres.
- 368. iii. CYNTHIA^s, b. May 21, 1803; m. Jonah Allen.
- 369. iv. PHOEBE^s, b. Dec. 12, 1804; m. Levi Allen.
- 370. v. TEMPERANCE^s, b. Oct. 15, 1807; m. Talmon Beardsley.
- 371. vi. EMILY^s, b. Aug. 8, 1809; m. Itheal Mill.
- 372. vii. LYDIA^s, b. Feb. 16, 1811; m. Warren H. Smith.
- 373. viii. MINER^s, b. March 20, 1813; m. Dorinda Beardsley.
- 374. ix. HIRAM JEFFERSON^s, b. Oct. 24, 1816; m. (x) Marilla King; m. (2) Mrs. Cerenia (King) Barnett.

143. JOHN^s SPICER (John⁴, John³, Edward², Peter¹) was born April 20, 1749, in North Groton, Connecticut. He died Oct. 8, 1826, in North Groton. He married Dec. 29, 1794, in North Groton, Mary, a daughter of James and Mary (—) Park. She was born Dec. 1, 1756, in North Groton, and died July 19, 1839, in Ledyard. He was a cabinet maker, carpenter, and farmer. For some years he made coffins, and is said to have been the first to engage in this business in southern New London County; later there was an establishment in the city of New London. When the homestead farm was divided between him and his brother Cyrus he had the westerly portion. He served in the War of the Revolution as corporal, in 1775, in Capt. Abel Spicer's company, Col. S. H. Parson's regiment. He took part in the battle of Bunker Hill and the siege of Boston. In 1776 he served as sergeant in Colonel Smith's regiment, Capt. Oliver Spicer's company, in the campaign around New York. He also furnished two thousand dollars in money towards defraying expenses of the war. He served the town in minor offices in 1776, 1783, 1799, and 1800. April 12, 1790, he bought of Richard Geer for 42 s., 80 rods of land, "beginning at the Northeast corner of his orchard, running Easterly with the stone wall to the brook 8 rds; thence Southerly 10 rds; thence Westerly 10 rds to his orchard wall 8 rds south of the 1st mentioned bound; thence Northwardly with said wall to the first bound"; witnesses, James Shad and Hannah "Gere." Dec. 25, 1794, he bought of Jacob Avery, Jr., for 73 lbs. 10 s., ten and one-half acres of land, "beginning in his West line which is the East line of said Avery's land; thence South 69 degrees West 37 & $\frac{1}{2}$ rods to the wall on declivity of a hill descending Eastward; thence East 7 degrees West 51 rods and 14 links with his own land and wall to stone in line of land of Elias Brown Esqr; thence North 75 degrees East 28 rds to own land; thence Southerly with his own land about 46 rods to the bound first



HOMESTEAD FARM OF CYRUS SPICER,



FAMILY CEMETERY ON THE FARM OF CYRUS SPICER

- ix. WILLIAM WOODWARD.
- x. EBEN WOODWARD.
- xi. HATTIE WOODWARD, said to have d. y.
- xii. MARY WOODWARD, d. in New York State.
- xiii. GURDON WOODWARD, b. Feb. 21, 1795; d. Dec. 8, 1874; m. April 14, 1819, in Whitestown, N.Y., Mary Shepard Savage; chi.: Lucy, Abishai, Amos, William, Mary, Rachel and Julia Woodward.

154. CAPT. AMOS⁵ SPICER (Oliver⁴, John³, Edward², Peter¹) was born Feb. 20, 1762, in North Groton, Connecticut. He died Sept. 6, 1830, near Akron, Ohio.

He married Eunice —. She died Oct. 14, 1822, near Akron, Ohio. From the "Land Records" of Groton it is learned that Nov. 3, 1802, he leased land from Susannah Charles and her son, Josiah Charles, for a term of four years. April 9, 1807, he bought all his brother Oliver's right and title to his father's estate; witnesses, Martha Spicer and Amos Geer. In 1808 he was surveyor of highways; in 1810 selectman. April 6, 1811, he sold to Asa Bellows for \$2045, four lots of land together with all his rights and property in and to the dwelling house and other buildings late his "Honored father's Capt. Oliver Spicer late of Groton dec'd." The first lot "beginning at the North-east corner bound of Daniel Thomas' land." The second lot was an orchard "beginning at the road Southeast of the dwelling house." The third lot "beginning at a maple tree a corner of Thos. Halsey's land, . . . containing about four acres." The fourth lot was a certain tract of land known as the "Tyler and Robins Lot," about thirty-five acres; "bounded Westerly on the Preston Road so called, Southerly on land of Peter Williams, Easterly on lands of Jonas Latham and Northerly on lands of same . . . and it is further understood that I by these presents transfer and make over to said Bellows all my Rights and Privileges given to me as an Heir of my Father's Estate mentioned in the distribution as passing and repassing in the lane from the road to the house from thence to the barn and other Lanes and avenues about the house and barn, and in the spaceway around the house, shop and cornhouse together with the doorways and entry ways stair ways and avenues within the house so far as may be necessary or convenient for due of his Right or Property there about"; witnesses, Moses Kimball and Martha Spicer. July 8, 1811, he gave Capt. Phillip Gray power of attorney to act for him in Groton. March 31, 1817, he, then of Portage County, Ohio, sold a debt of thirty dollars to Thomas Bellows; witnesses, Jared and Polly Gallup. April 3, 1817, he sold land to Thomas Bellows for five hundred and forty-four dollars. During the year 1810 he made a trip on horseback to Ohio and bought land on the Western Reserve in

Portage County, now Summit County. He returned home, and in 1811, in company with his cousin, Miner Spicer, and others traveled west with his family in ox carts. In the War of 1812 he was appointed captain in Major Miner Spicer's regiment, and was in the engagement on Lake Erie at the time of Perry's victory. He probably returned to Connecticut after his mother's death, as we find him there in 1817 selling land; after that date his name ceases to appear on record. Unfortunately the exact record of his family has not been ascertained. What data are given have been obtained from his mother's will and from recollections of descendants and friends. The census of 1790 makes him head of a family of four females.

CHILDREN.

- i. SARAH⁶, b. —; m. — Williams.
- ii. ALTHEA⁶, b. —.
- iii. CLARISSA⁶, b. —; d. it is said in Columbus, Ohio, and a grandson, Wm. Hurtzill, said to be residing there in 1899.
- iv. PAMELIA⁶, b. —; d. it is said in Columbus, Ohio; had daughter, Purlie McLane, said to reside in Lockburn, Ohio.
394. v. AMOS⁶, b. Feb. 19, 1792; m. Lucretia Hamlin.
- vi. OLIVER⁶, b. —; was a millwright, said to have settled in Nashville, Tenn.
- vii. PIERPONT⁶.
- viii. EUNICE⁶, b. —; m. Barney Williams. She died early, leaving son Oliver, who lived with his uncle Amos until his death in 1834.
- ix. THOMAS J.⁶, b. —, 1803; d. January, 1805.
- x. MARTHA⁶?, b. 1824; d. Aug. 16, 1826. Mr. Frederic Spicer of Eaton Rapids, Mich., has record of death of Capt. Amos Spicer, wife Eunice and above Martha, who may have been a granddaughter.

✓ 156. CAPT. OLIVER⁵ SPICER (Oliver⁴, John³, Edward², Peter¹) was born Nov. 20, 1766, in North Groton, Connecticut. He died Nov. 22, 1839, in Preston, Connecticut. He married, Dec. 31, 1789, in Preston, Connecticut, Eunice, daughter of Deacon Joseph and Lucy (Utley) Tyler. She was born Sept. 20, 1768, in Preston. She died Feb. 16, 1849, in Preston. He sold his share in his father's estate to his brother Amos, and located in Preston City. He was a carpenter and farmer. It is told of him that as a boy he was remarkable for courage, endurance, ingenuity, and good humor, and the following anecdotes have been remembered which may possibly interest his descendants and others.

One evening he ingeniously fastened some turkey wings to his shoulders and mounted the gable of the barn to show his boyish companions how to fly. He slipped and fell to the ground, badly bruising himself and cutting his face, but he sprang up with a joke, and although he must have suffered greatly he kept about and did his daily duties as if nothing had happened. At another time he

promised to show the boys how to sweep a chimney. A new house was being erected in the neighborhood and was nearly completed. The boys selected Fast Day, when no work was being done, for the exploit. He mounted the top of the chimney, sang a song which ended with the words "Sweep, oh sweep," and plunged down into the chimney. The boys crept into the house and looked to see him emerge from the fireplace; but he remained invisible. A faint voice was heard to say, "Boys I'm stuck." In vain his friends tried to aid him. He could move in no direction. The builders of the house were called to the relief of the prisoner. The huge jamb was pried off and Oliver was released, rather the worse for his escapade, but still joyous. In manhood he met with a serious accident in the shipyard in New London. He was struck on the head by a heavy piece of timber which the ship carpenters were swinging into place. He was taken up lifeless, as was supposed, but after a time he was found to be living, and his injuries received careful dressing. His jaw was badly fractured, and after being bandaged he was told not to attempt to speak lest his bones should be displaced. It was not expected that he would survive his injuries. Two friends went to inquire after the wounded man. They were invited to enter the sick room, which they did with very solemn faces. He hailed them with a joke and began to talk, notwithstanding they besought him to be silent. He would not allow them to retire and continued to converse, occasionally putting his hand to his face and, with a grimace, slipping the displaced bones into position. They were obliged to laugh in spite of themselves, and when they were permitted to withdraw from the room one of them remarked, "Mr. Spicer will live." And he did for many years.

He received his commission as captain during the War of 1812. He was a member of the First Congregational Church in Preston City, and an influential and much esteemed citizen of the town. It is to be regretted that he left no sons to perpetuate in his line the Spicer name. His daughters were honored women in the towns in which they lived, and their children highly respected and influential.

CHILDREN.

395. i. EUNICE⁶, b. Oct. 7, 1790; m. (1) Henry Harris; m. (2) Ephraim Meech.
- ii. OLIVER⁶, b. April 9, 1792; d. July 17, 1793.
- iii. LUCINDA⁶, b. May 4, 1794; d. April 7, 1818, in Cornwall, Conn.; m. (1) April 23, 1820, in Preston, Joseph D. Utley; m. (2) Dec. 30, 1840, Capt. Bartlett W. Holmes; (3) Charles Tillinghast.
396. iv. ALURA⁶, b. April 23, 1797; m. Robert Miner.
397. v. ATHALIA⁶, b. Oct. 14, 1800; m. Alfred Kinne.
398. vi. DIANA⁶, b. March 25, 1804; m. Asa Kinne.
- vii. JOSEPH TYLER⁶, b. Aug. 12, 1809; d. Oct. 14, 1810.

157. LUCY⁵ SPICER (Oliver⁴, John³, Edward², Peter¹) was born May 2, 1770, in North Groton, Connecticut. She married Jonas, the son of Philip and Hannah (Latham) Gray. She died, September, 1813, in Ledyard, Connecticut. He married second, Mary Gardner, and removed to Pennsylvania.

CHILDREN.

- i. PHILIP GRAY.
- ii. WINTHROP GRAY.
- iii. OLIVER GRAY.
- iv. ABISHAI GRAY.
- v. HANNAH GRAY.
- vi. MARY GRAY.
- vii. ALTHEA GRAY.

160. ROGER⁵ GEER (Abigail⁴, John³, Edward², Peter¹) was born May 18, 1753, in that part of Preston, Connecticut, now called Griswold. He married, Nov. 24, 1774, Kezia Tucker.

CHILDREN.

- i. DANIEL GEER 3d. b. May 6, 1776; m. Sarah Geer; nine chi.
- ii. CYRUS GEER, —; m. Polly Lathrop.
- iii. JAMES GEER, —; m. Mary Geer; seven chi.
- iv. ELISHA GEER, —; m. Penelope Davis.
- v. EUNICE GEER, —; m. Cyrus Davis.
- vi. KEZIAH GEER, —; m. Mr. Stackhouse.
- vii. ABBY GEER, —; — Newton.

162. NATHAN⁵ GEER (Abigail⁴, John³, Edward², and Peter¹) was born Dec. 12, 1756, in Preston, now Griswold, Connecticut. He married first, Oct. 1, 1778, Mary Gates; he married second, Olive Gates, a sister of Salvina Gates, his brother Robert's wife. He was a man of high principle and good judgment and was universally esteemed. Though a successful business man he found time for other interests and held town offices. He was a member of the Pachaug Congregational Church and much interested in church work.

CHILDREN.

- i. SARAH GEER, b. Sept. 13, 1779; m. Daniel Geer and removed to Lake George, New York; later to Erie Co., Pa.; has descendants West.
- ii. MARY GEER, b. Jan. 11, 1784; m. James Geer; removed to Erie Co., Pa.; left descendants.
- iii. LUCY GEER, b. May 27, 1787; m. Vaniah Abell.
- iv. ABBY GEER, b. April 15, 1791; d. in Griswold; m. Elijah Weeden.
- v. ALATHEA GEER, b. Nov. 28, 1793; m. Joseph Phillips; d. Erie Co., Pa., leaving descendants.
399. vi. NATHAN GEER, b. Sept. 5, 1797; m. Priscilla Lee.

He married second, Jan. 3, 1837, in Sweden, Mrs. Deborah Younglove Salisbury (née Wilder). She was born Jan. 2, 1802, in Pawlet, Vermont. There were five children by the first marriage, two born in German Flats and three in Sweden, New York.

CHILDREN.

- i. BETSEY⁷ RANDALL, b. Nov. 18, 1814; d. Jan. 11, 1820, in Sweden.
678. ii. HARRIET⁷ RANDALL, b. July 11, 1817; m. Sept. 25, 1839, Zenas M. Case.
- iii. MORGAN⁷ RANDALL, b. March 25, 1823; m. June 6, 1850, in Sweden, Cornelia Phelps; b. Jan. 20, 1823, in Sweden; chi.: Walter Randall, b. Jan. 20, 1851; Gertrude Belle Randall, b. Sept. 6, 1868, in Girard, Ill.
- iv. MILTON⁷ RANDALL, b. March 25, 1823; m. Oct. 11, 1843, Sophia Phelps, in Sweden, N. Y.; she b. Oct. 28, 1822, in Sweden; son, Wallace J. Randall, b. Sept. 13, 1854.
679. v. MAYNARD⁷ RANDALL, b. Sept. 7, 1832; m. June 23, 1856, Martha Blodgett.

392. ALBERT⁶ RANDALL (Mercy⁵, John⁴, John³, Edward², Peter¹) was born May 3, 1796, in Warren, New York. He died Sept. 10, 1849, in Hartland, New York. He married, July 2, 1815, in German Flats, New York, Elizabeth Wells. She was born July 15, 1793, in Cambridge, New York. She died Jan. 8, 1868. They had seven children born in Gaines, New York, and two in Newfane, New York.

CHILDREN.

- i. JOSEPH WELLS⁷ RANDALL, b. May 31, 1816; d. Feb. 12, 1875; m. July 6, 1839, Samantha Maria Lewis, in Newfane, N. Y. She was born April 12, 1819, in Sweden, N. Y. She died Jan. 5, 1858; dau.: Emily Maria Randall, b. June 5, 1840, in Newfane, N. Y.
680. ii. MERCY EVELYN⁷ RANDALL, b. Aug. 12, 1818; m. Dec. 31, 1839, Joseph Bragley.
681. iii. DANIEL AZZAN⁷ RANDALL, b. Oct. 2, 1820; m. Lucretia Carpenter.
- iv. ANNA MARCIA⁷ RANDALL, b. Sept. 1, 1825; m. Sept. 14, 1842, in Gaines, N. Y., Marshall J. Fancher; chi.: Sally Maria Fancher, b. Sept. —, 1843, in Bethany, N. Y.; Nathaniel Elias Fancher, b. June 29, 1846, in Lamartine, Wis.
- v. JAMES W.⁷ RANDALL, b. March 14, 1828; d. Jan. 2, 1864, in Knoxville, Tenn.; m. July, 1857, in Wilson, N. Y., Alfreda Adair.
682. vi. SANFORD MERTON⁷ RANDALL, b. June 21, 1830; m. Elizabeth Wemple.
- vii. MARY ELLEN⁷ RANDALL, b. Oct. 31, 1832; m. March 18, 1866, in Hartland, N. Y., Josiah Chase, her brother-in-law; son Albert Fenner Chase, b. April 2, 1867, in Algansee, Mich.
- viii. LAURA ADELAIDE⁷ RANDALL, b. June 29, 1835; m. March 12, 1856, David N. Colby; b. April 16, 1834, in Somerset, N. Y.; chi. b. in Wilson, N. Y., Lizzie A. Colby, b. Dec. 27, 1859; Willis D. Colby, b. April 25, 1865; Curt Albert Colby, b. May 8, 1866.
- ix. FANNIE ALBERTIE⁷ RANDALL, b. July, 1837; d. Oct. 16, 1865; m.

March 18, 1861, Josiah Chase, in Hartland, N. Y. He b. May 23, 1819, in Maryland, N. Y.; dau. Martha Bell, b. May 7, 1862, in Algansee, Mich.

393. JOHN SPICER⁶ RANDALL (Mercy⁵, John⁴, John³, Edward², Peter¹) was born May 17, 1799, in Warren, New York. He married, May 13, 1821, in Murray, New York, Almira Grace Fanning. She was born Feb. 22, 1804, in Pharsalia, New York.

CHILDREN.

- 683. i. ALLEN WIGHTMAN⁷ RANDALL, b. March 23, 1822; m. Sarah Jane Knight.
- ii. SANFORD MERTON⁷ RANDALL, b. April 11, 1824; d. July 9, 1845, in Gaines, N. Y.
- iii. LUCY ANN⁷ RANDALL, b. May 16, 1826; d. Aug. 27, 1827, in Gaines, N. Y.
- 684. iv. ADELINE ELIZABETH⁷ RANDALL, b. July 3, 1828; m. Jedediah W. Peck.
- 685. v. MARY ANN⁷ RANDALL, b. Dec. 11, 1830; m. Jeremiah Williams.
- vi. HARRIET RIVEN⁷ RANDALL, b. March 16, 1833; m. Feb. 2, 1855, in Columbus, Wis., Robinson Charles Penny, b. in Eng.
- 686. vii. JOHN JAY⁷ RANDALL, b. June 16, 1835; m. Amelia Doane.
- 687. viii. CAROLINE HOLCOMB⁷ RANDALL, b. Sept. 26, 1837; m. (1) Stephen Penny, b. in Eng.; m. (2) Joseph Potter.
- ix. JANE⁷ RANDALL, b. June 24, 1840; d. Dec. 10, 1840.
- 688. x. JOSEPH HENRY⁷ RANDALL, b. June 12, 1843; m. (1) Emmeline Amanda Bliss; (2) Anna Eliza Conklin.

394. AMOS⁶ SPICER (Amos⁵, Oliver⁴, John³, Edward², Peter¹) was born Feb. 19, 1792, in Akron, Ohio. He died April 6, 1896, in Middleburgh, Ohio. He married, April 11, 1813, Lucretia Hamlin. She was born Nov. 2, 1795; she died in April, 1871. In 1832 he went to Nashville, Tennessee returning later to Middleburgh, Ohio.

CHILDREN.

- 689. i. LUCY ANN⁷, b. Jan. 16, 1814; m. Stephen Rogers Hosmer.
- 690. ii. ALATHEA⁷, b. Feb. 14, 1817; m. (1) Benjamin Knight; m. (2) H. Waldron.
- 691. iii. EUNICE⁷, b. Nov. 9, 1825; m. (1) Horace Hamlin; m. (2) Wm. Tompkins; (3) J. L. Holmes.
- 692. iv. FREDERIC⁷, b. Sept. 13, 1827; d. Jan. 31, 1909, in Eaton Rapids, Mich., m. (1) Jane E. Tompkins; m. (2) Helen Auls; (3) Ophelia Gile.

395. EUNICE TYLER⁶ SPICER (Oliver⁵, Oliver⁴, John³, Edward², Peter¹) was born Oct. 7, 1790. She died July 18, 1847, in East Haddam, Connecticut. She was baptized in Preston, Aug. 7, 1814. She married first, in Preston, Connecticut, Henry Harris. He was drowned at sea. She married second, in Preston, Jan. 2,

1822, Ephraim, a son of Daniel and Zerviah (Witter) Meech, as his second wife. He was born Nov. 9, 1790. He died Aug. 22, 1863, in East Haddam.

CHILDREN.

- i. ELIZA⁷ MEECH, d. Dec. 8, 1864, aged 25 or 30 years.
- ii. CLARISSA⁷ MEECH, m. Mr. Wetherel; r. West.
- iii. JOSEPH⁷ MEECH, served in Civil War; r. West.
- iv. OLIVER⁷ MEECH, r. West.

396. ALURA⁶ SPICER (Oliver⁵, Oliver⁴, John³, Edward², Peter¹) was born, April 23, 1797, in Preston, Connecticut. She died Sept. 4, 1840. She was baptized Aug. 7, 1814. She married, Dec. 24, 1816, in Preston, Robert, son of Nathan and Mercy (Miner) Miner. He was born March 7, 1789, in North Stonington. He was a farmer. Nathan Miner was son of Elnathan Miner.

CHILDREN.

- i. ROBERT TYLER⁷ MINER, b. Jan. 26, 1818, in North Stonington; d. Nov. 19, 1891, in Cornwall, Conn. He married Lydia M. Baldwin of Cornwall. He was a faithful Christian, an unobtrusive, reliable man of great common sense and good judgment. He was a deacon of the First Church for more than thirty years; he represented the town in the Legislature several years. He had no chi., but brought up two orphan nephews with sincere affection and tender care.
- ii. ALURA ANN⁷ MINER, b. Dec. 25, 1819, in North Stonington; d. Aug. 20, 1875, in Cornwall, Conn.; m. (1) Hon. Julius B. Harrison; m. (2) 1857, Rev. Jacob Eaton, pastor of the Congregational Church, So. Meriden, Conn. He was chaplain of the 10th Conn. Vol. during the Civil War. He died March 10, 1865; no chi.
- iii. GILBERT SMITH MINER, b. Nov. 8, 1821, in North Stonington, Conn.; d. Sept. 6, 1870, in Virginia; m. Miss Virginia Windsor of Hayfield, Va.; no record of his eight children.
693. iv. MARY ELIZABETH⁷ MINER, b. Aug. 8, 1824, in North Stonington; m. Joseph North.
694. v. GEORGE LEWELLYN⁷ MINER, b. Feb. 2, 1827; m. Jane Elisa Guild.
695. vi. EMILY FRANCES⁷ MINER, b. Feb. 23, 1829; m. Ira W. Pettibone.
696. vii. FREDERIC WILLIAM MINER, b. Feb. 19, 1832; m. Anne Belle Faver.
697. viii. FRANK SPICER⁷ MINER, b. May 19, 1835; m. Mary E. Houston.
- ix. LUCRETIA VICTORIA⁷ MINER, b. Oct. 3, 1837, in Goshen, Conn.; m. Feb. 19, 1861, Erastus Hubbard. They had no children, but did much for the children of others in many ways, having a pleasant home, means, and willingness.
- x. SARAH ELEANOR⁷ MINER, b. Feb. 27, 1842, in Cornwall, Conn.; d. Sept. 2, 1863, just on the eve of consummating an engagement of marriage.
- xi. RALPH JAY⁷ MINER, b. Jan. 16, 1844, in Cornwall, Conn.; m. Sarah Yale of Meriden, Conn.; no chi., but brought up a nephew from infancy, giving him every advantage of a delightful home and education in New Haven. He has been a deacon in the Cong.

Church for many years; is a reliable citizen, influential in town and church; is head of the firm of Miner, Reed, and Tullock, wholesale grocers, New Haven, Conn.

397. **ATHALIA⁶ SPICER** (Oliver⁵, Oliver⁴, John³, Edward², Peter¹) was born Oct. 14, 1800, in Preston, Connecticut. She died in June, 1882. She married, Sept. 22, 1829, in Preston, Alford Kinney of of Voluntown. He died in October, 1888.

CHILDREN.

- i. **EUNICE⁷ KINNEY**, b. July 14, 1833; d. Feb., 1834.
- ii. **LUCY EMILY⁷ KINNEY**, b. June 28, 1835; m. Nov. 10, 1863, Edwin Kirkland; chi.: Luella Alma, Nellie May, George Alfred, and Grace Jennie Kirkland.
- iii. **ALFRED⁷ KINNEY**, b. Oct. 4, 1836; m. 1877, Flora Corven.
- iv. **MATILDA⁷ KINNEY**, b. Dec. 9, 1837; m. Dec. —, 1871, Anson Seagar; chi.: Alfred, Alice, and Anson Seagar.
- v. **SARAH⁷ KINNEY**, b. Dec. 3, 1839; m. June, 1862, John Hammond; chi.: John, Frank, Sadie, and Lida Hammond.
- vi. **SALLY A.⁷ KINNEY**, b. March 7, 1841; d. Nov., 1842.
- vii. **OLIVIA A.⁷ KINNEY**, b. Nov. 11, 1842; m. 1879, Hiram Blanchard.
- viii. **CHRISTIANA ATHELIA⁷ KINNEY**, b. Sept. 28, 1846; m. Dec., 1868, Nathan Snout.

398. **DIANA⁶ SPICER** (Oliver⁵, Oliver⁴, John³, Edward², Peter¹) was born March 25, 1804, in Preston, Connecticut. She died, 1834, in Conewango, Cattaraugus County, New York. She married, Sept. 15, 1830, Asa Kinney of Homer, New York.

CHILDREN.

- i. **INFANT⁷**, d. inf.
- ii. **ALURA⁷ KINNEY**, m. Mr. Stearns; r. Wisconsin.
- iii. **EUNICE⁷ KINNEY**, b. April 16, 1834; d. Dec. 1, 1837. She was adopted by her aunt, Lucinda Utley, and was burned to death in her grandfather's house in Preston, Conn.

399. **NATHAN⁶ GEER** (Nathan⁵, Abigail⁴ Spicer, John³, Edward², Peter¹) was born Sept. 5, 1797, in Griswold, Connecticut. He died August, 1882. He married, Feb. 5, 1824, in Ledyard, Priscilla L., daughter of Robert and Sarah (Lee) Stoddard. She had two brothers, Russell and Erastus, who erected the first house in Rochester, New York. She was one of twelve children, and was born about 1788. She died 1890. He was a carpenter and farmer, inheriting the homestead farm of his father, to which he added until he owned two hundred acres. He became prosperous. He was at one time a Whig, but became later a Republican. He was a member of the Congregational Church. He was not particularly active in public affairs, but held minor town offices.

Jane E. Tompkins. He married second, June 24, 1855, Ellen, daughter of Samuel and Minna Auls of Vermont. He married third, April 14, 1867, in Clifton Springs, New York, Ophelia, daughter of James and Mary Gile. He died Jan. 31, 1909, in Eaton Rapids, Mich.

CHILDREN.

- i. ALATHEA⁸, b. Jan. 28, 1850; m. March 30, 1868, Zerah Brainard; chi.: Alathea, Floyd, and Harry Brainard.
- ii. IDA J.⁸, b. Nov. 22, 1856; m. Feb. 17, 1876, in Eaton Rapids, Mich., Benjamin F. Derneer; chi.: Benjamin, Pike, and Ruby Derneer.
- iii. CARRIE⁸, b. Sept. 6, 1859; m. Sept. 1, 1876, in Eaton Rapids, Oliver D. Herrick; chi.: Claude, Maude, and Gay Herrick.
- iv. FRIEND CLAY⁸, b. June 4, 1871; m. June 30, 1889, in Eaton Rapids, Etta Mull.

693. MARY ELIZABETH⁷ MINER (Alura⁶, Oliver⁵, Oliver⁴, John³, Edward², Peter¹) was born Aug. 8, 1824, in North Stonington, Connecticut. She died March 18, 1898, in Goshen, Connecticut. She married, Sept. 21, 1841, at the Miner Homestead in North Stonington, Joseph, son of Dr. Joseph North of Cornwall, Connecticut.

CHILDREN.

- i. MARY ELIZABETH⁸ NORTH, b. Oct. 1, 1842; m. Oct. 22, 1862, Lucien Whiting. *No. C.*
- ii. JOSEPH HOWARD⁸ NORTH, b. Jan. 15, 1846; m. July 16, 1871, Mary C. Hurd; is a physician of note in Goshen, Conn.; chi.: Joseph, is m.; Caroline, a successful physician in Wallingford, Conn.; Harry, is m.
- iii. FRANCES EMILY⁸ NORTH, b. Feb. 22, 1848; d. June 23, 1866.
- iv. FREDERIC SMITH⁸ NORTH, b. March 16, 1850; d. Oct. 16, 1862.
- v. GEORGE ROLLO⁸ NORTH, b. Dec. 29, 1852.
- vi. WILLIAM RICHARD⁸ NORTH, b. Feb. 8, 1856; m. —; two chi.
- vii. ANNA⁸ NORTH, b. Sept. 12, 1858; d. Jan. 7, 1860.
- viii. WINNIE MYRTLE⁸ NORTH, b. Nov. 30, 1860; m. E. E. Allyn of Goshen, Conn.; r. Omaha, Neb.; eleven chi.
- ix. ELLA⁸ NORTH, b. May 15, 1863; d. April 25, 1899.

694. GEORGE LEWELLYN⁷ MINER (Alura⁶, Oliver⁵, Oliver⁴, John³, Edward², Peter¹) was born Feb. 2, 1827, in North Stonington, Connecticut. He died Feb. 20, 1893, in Cornwall, Connecticut. He married, Sept. 22, 1851, in Cornwall, Jane Eliza, daughter of Trueman Guild of Cornwall. He was superintendent in the public schools for over thirty years, and a writer of fine literary ability.

CHILDREN.

- i. CLARENCE LEWELLYN⁸ MINER, b. Aug. 9, 1852; m. Sept. 2, 1885, Amelia J. Amos; dau.: Georgia Eliza, b. March 29, 1890; d. May 22, 1897.
- ii. IDA ALURA⁸ MINER, b. Dec. 25, 1854; m. Sept. 26, 1901, Royal K. Southwick; r. Cornwall, Conn.

- iii. JANE ELIZA^s MINER, b. April 28, 1857; d. Aug. 16, 1907; m. Jan. 6, 1881, William Roberts Coe.
- iv. CAROLINE^s MINER, b. May 3, 1859.
- v. FREDERIC Wm.^s MINER, b. June 12, 1861; m. Sept. 26, 1888, Laura A. Hinman; chi.: Ralph Hinman, b. Feb. 25, 1891; d. May 6, 1903; Ruth Elizabeth, b. March 13, 1895; Helen Laura, b. Dec. 30, 1904.
- vi. LEIGH RICHMOND^s MINER, b. Aug. 5, 1863.
- vii. RUTH^s MINER, b. Oct. 5, 1865; d. Dec. 4, 1906.

695. EMILY FRANCES⁷ MINER (Alura⁶, Oliver⁵, Oliver⁴, John³, Edward², Peter¹) was born Feb. 23, 1829, in Preston, Connecticut. She died April 10, 1869, in Winchester, Connecticut, and is buried in Cornwall. She married, April 16, 1856, in Cornwall, Connecticut, Ira Welch, son of Rev. Ira Pettibone.

CHILDREN.

- i. FREDERIC ROBERT^s PETTIBONE, b. May 27, 1857, in Cornwall; m. April 21, 1881, in Chicago, Ill., Florence Pettibone; r. Chicago.
- ii. CHARLES IRA^s PETTIBONE, b. April 3, 1859, in Cornwall; m. Sept. 26, 1883, in Milwaukee, Wis., Huldah Swanson; r. Kansas City, Mo.; chi.: Ira Frederic; Margaret Huldah.
- + iii. EMILY FRANCES^s PETTIBONE, b. Sept. 14, 1862, in Winchester, Conn.; m. Aug. 3, 1886, in Winchester, Elliott Bronson; chi.: Emily Rachel Bronson, b. June 24, 1892; Elliott Pettibone Bronson, b. Oct. 9, 1899.
- iv. FREDERICK^s PETTIBONE, b. May 14, 1867, in Winchester, Conn.; m. June 10, 1890, in Winsted, Conn., Mabel Price; r. Chicago, Ill.; dau.: Mabel Pettibone, b. July 6, 1899.

696. FREDERIC WILLIAM⁷ MINER (Alura⁶, Oliver⁵, Oliver⁴, John³, Edward², Peter¹) was born Feb. 19, 1832, in Goshen, Connecticut. He died Aug. 21, 1896. He married, Nov. 21, 1865, Anne Belle Faver. She was born at her father's house near Naples, Texas. He was a graduate of the University of Virginia, in Charlottesville, Virginia, and became a well-known lawyer in Dallas and Paris, Texas.

CHILDREN.

- i. ALURA^s MINER, d. y.
- ii. ELEANOR^s MINER, d. y.
- iii. MAY ALICE^s MINER, m. John McLain Dorchester; chi.: Charles Miner, Frances May, John McLain, and Samuel Garvin Dorchester; r. Pauls Valley, Okla.
- iv. CARRIE DELLA^s, d. y.
- v. VIRGINIA IRENE^s MINER, m. Charles Ficklin Dorchester; chi.: Ralph Miner, Frederick Miner, Charles Ficklin, Dorothy, and John Dorchester.
- vi. FREDERICA WILLIMENA^s MINER, m. William Otis Hill; chi.: Eleanor Faver and William Otis Hill.
- vii. ANNE BELLE^s MINER, m. George Gibbs Calmes; chi.: Marquis and Elise Calmes.
- viii. LUCRETIA VICTORIA^s MINER, d. y.

697. FRANK SPICER⁷ MINER (Alura⁶, Oliver⁵, Oliver⁴, John³, Edward², Peter¹) was born May 19, 1835, in Goshen, Connecticut. He died April 25, 1873, in Cornwall, Connecticut. He married, Sept. 26, 1860, Mary Elizabeth, daughter of Joseph Houston.

CHILDREN.

- i. MOLLIE HOUSTON⁸ MINER, b. July 20, 1861; d. Sept. 4, 1877.
- ii. ROBERT FRANK⁸ MINER, b. July 3, 1869; m. Oct. 18, 1906, Caroline Ida Doane; son: Robert Tyler, b. June 12, 1908.
- iii. GRACE FRANCES⁸ MINER, b. Jan. 14, 1872; d. Aug. 17, 1887.
- iv. FRANK⁸ SPICER, b. Jan. 14, 1872; m. Jan. 14, 1902, Betsey Montgomery Hosmer; chi.: Edward Hosmer, b. March 14, 1903; Frank Erastus, b. Sept. 28, 1904.

698. NATHAN⁷ GEER (Nathan⁶, Nathan⁵, Abigail⁴ Spicer, John³, Edward², Peter¹) was born April 8, 1825, in Griswold, Connecticut. He married, July 3, 1851, Mary, daughter of Samuel and Annie (Geer) Geer. She was born Aug. 24, 1821. At the age of nineteen, typhus fever having claimed as victims his two cousins, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Vaniah Abell, he made his home with his uncle and aunt; at their death he purchased their farm in the southern part of Sprague; later he added to it the Thompson farm which adjoined his own, although located in the town of Norwich. The two farms contain three hundred and fifty acres. He was a successful teacher for seven years afterwards, confining himself to farming and stock raising on an extensive scale. He and his son are among the most substantial agriculturists in their part of the country, much regarded for their industry and high character as well as for their prosperity. He is a member of the Methodist Church.

CHILDREN.

- i. MARY GEER, d. y.
- ii. GEORGE GEER, b. May 7, 1858.

699. HORACE⁷ BILLINGS (John⁶, Phebe⁵ Spicer, Abel⁴, John³, Edward², Peter¹) was born, 1819, in Windham, Connecticut. He died July 15, 1894. He married Martha, daughter of Pomeroy and Althea (Smith) Dewey. She was born in Suffield, Connecticut.

CHILDREN.

- i. SARAH F.⁸ BILLINGS, b. April 1, 1845; unm.
- ii. MARTHA E.⁸ BILLINGS, b. July 27, 1847; m. April 30, 1873, James Matthews.
- iii. PHEBE ALICE⁸ BILLINGS, b. Aug. 10, 1848; d. April 2, 1850.
- iv. JOHN H.⁸ BILLINGS, b. Oct. 20, 1849.
- v. THOMAS SEYMORE⁸ BILLINGS, b. Oct., 1851; d. May 8, 1889; m. —.
- vi. FRANK⁸ BILLINGS, b. July 8, 1854; d. Oct. 5, 1873.
- vii. EUGENE G.⁸ BILLINGS, b. March 25, 1856; d. May 2, 1906; m. —; chi.

700. HARRY ALBION⁷ SPICER (Samuel⁶, William Ripley⁵, Jabesh⁴, Zephaniah³, Peter², Peter¹) was born Oct. 15, 1840, in Waterbury,

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