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INTRODUCTION.

Willard Egerton Stearns, the compiler of the following pages, was born in Langdon, N. H., May 29, 1808, and died unmarried in Fitchburg, Mass., May 10, 1901. Late in life he labored several years in collecting records of persons and families bearing the name of Stearns. He was not a genealogist, and the general arrangement is not logical or conspicuous. He added paragraphs as he secured the material, with a thought that an index of names would direct the reader in connecting families immediately related. At his age it would be unreasonable to expect that he had time and strength to rewrite and rearrange the original manuscript.

Mr. Stearns labored for his friends, and never expected any remuneration from the sale of the work. With him it was a fond anticipation that he might print and distribute the book during his life. At the time of his death 160 pages had been printed, and there was incompleting manuscript for many additional pages.

During the year of his death, *The Stearns Genealogy*, compiled under the direction and supervision of Mrs. Avis (Stearns) Van Wagenen, was published. It is a complete and excellent genealogy of the family, and it seems unnecessary to go over the same ground anew by continuing the present work. Therefore the friends of the compiler of these pages have concluded to issue the book in his memory and in the form he left it when he laid down the burdens of life.

Copies of the book will be presented to libraries and to his friends, from a list which he prepared a few weeks before his death.

NOTE.—Nearly all the persons named in the following pages are descendants of the emigrant ancestor, Isaac Stearns. The following are descendants of Charles Stearns, an emigrant ancestor of one branch of the Stearns families, and a kinsman of Isaac Stearns:

George Stearns, born April 25, 1762, page 22.

Daniel Stearns, born 1756, page 25. He was a son of Samuel and Jemima (Hoyt) Stearns, and not a brother of Samuel Stearns, page 24, as stated.

Timothy Stearns, page 45, was a son of Timothy and Elizabeth (Jenkins) Stearns of Leominster, Mass. The author confuses two persons of the same name.

Abijah Stearns, born March 8, 1747, page 49. He was a son of Jonathan and Beulah (Chadwick) Stearns of Milford, Mass.

George W. Stearns, born March 16, 1817, page 80.

Thomas A. Stearns, born Sept. 2, 1811, page 156. He was a son of Thomas and Mary (White) Stearns of Leominster, Mass., and Enosburg, Vt.

THE STEARNS FAMILY.

Isaac Stearns and Mary, his wife, with two daughters, Mary and Ann, embarked in the ship *Arabella* from Nayland, England, on the 12th of April, 1630, for America. Among their fellow passengers were Gov. Winthrop, Sir Richard Saltonstall and Edward Garfield, ancestor of President Garfield, who settled in Watertown, Mass., near Mt. Auburn.

Isaac Stearns was made freeman in 1631, which was the earliest date of any such admissions. He was selectman for several years. He died June 19, 1671; his wife died April 2, 1677.

CHILDREN OF ISAAC AND MARY STEARNS:

- I. Mary, born in England.
- II. Ann, born in England.
- III. John, born in England.
- IV. Isaac, born in Watertown Jan. 6, 1632.
- V. Sarah, born Sept. 22, 1635.
- VI. Samuel, born April 24, 1638.
- VII. Elizabeth, married Dea. Samuel Manning.
- VIII. Abigail, married John Morse.

SECOND GENERATION.

John Stearns, son of Isaac, married Sarah, daughter of Isaac and Sarah Mixer of Watertown, married second, 1656, Mary, daughter of Thos. Lothrop. Children:

1. John, born May, 1654.
2. Isaac, born April 17, 1658.
3. Samuel, born Sept. 3, 1659.

4. Isaac, born Dec. 23, 1661.
5. Nathaniel, born Nov. 30, 1663.
6. Thomas, born Dec. 6, 1665. Children:
 - (1.) Rebecca, born 1689.
 - (2.) Mary, born 1692.
 - (3.) Sarah, born 1694.
 - (4.) Hannah, born 1696.

SECOND GENERATION.

Samuel Stearns, son of Isaac, married Feb. 1, 1663, Hannah Manning, daughter of William and Dorothy Manning of Cambridge. Children:

1. Samuel, born May 4, 1664.
2. Hannah, born Dec. 8, 1666.
3. Nathaniel, born Dec. 13, 1668.
4. Sarah, born April 23, 1671.
5. Samuel, born March 29, 1673.
6. Isaac, born Dec. 31, 1674.
7. John, born June 24, 1677.
8. Mary, born April 5, 1679.
9. Abigail, born April 16, 1680.
10. Joseph, born Dec. 11, 1682.

THIRD GENERATION.

John Stearns, son of Samuel and Hannah (Manning) Stearns, married Abigail Fiske Feb. 24, 1702. Children:

1. John, born Nov. 18, 1702.
2. Josiah, born Oct. 14, 1704.
3. Joseph, born July, 1706.
4. Abigail, born June 3, 1708.
5. Rev. David, born Dec. 24, 1709.
6. Thomas, born Oct. 8, 1711.
7. James, died young, 1713.
8. Hannah, born 1713; married Samuel Johnson.
9. Benjamin of Lunenburg, born 1715, died Nov. 22, 1761.
10. Peter, left heirs.
11. William, born March 11, 1718.

12. Lydia, born 1719; married Joshua Goodrich of Lunenburg. Children:
- (1.) Lydia, born Aug. 1, 1740.
 - (2.) Mehitable, born May 9, 1742.
 - (3.) Relief, born March 25, 1744.
 - (4.) Joshua, born Aug. 10, 1746.
 - (5.) Catharine, born Aug. 28, 1749.
 - (6.) Ruth, born Sept. 13, 1751.
 - (7.) Abigail, born Feb. 21, 1754.
 - (8.) Abigail, born Nov. 24, 1756.
 - (9.) Phinehas, born Oct. 17, 1759.
 - (10.) Lois, born March 9, 1763.
13. James, born July, 1721; died young.
14. Lois, born Jan. 18, 1723; married Jonas White.
15. Abijah, born Dec. 19, 1724; settled in Lunenburg; a colonel in the Revolution.

FOURTH GENERATION.

Benjamin Stearns, son of John and Abigail (Fiske) Stearns, married Anna Taylor Jan. 15, 1754, and settled in Lunenburg, Mass. He died Nov. 22, 1761. Children:

1. Benjamin, born Dec. 3, 1754.
2. Joseph, born Aug. 22, 1756.
3. Ann, born Feb. 7, 1759. Ann went to Nova Scotia with her mother.

FIFTH GENERATION.

Joseph Stearns, son of Benjamin, and Anna (Taylor) Stearns, married Anna Putnam, born in Danvers, Mass., July 30, 1758, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Nourse) Putnam, and settled in Lunenburg. He died January, 1782. They had children:

1. Benjamin, born Feb. 27, 1779.
2. Joseph, born Dec. 27, 1781; he died in Danvers, Mass. Aug. 9, 1859, unmarried.

The widow of Joseph Stearns married, second, Jan. 26, 1787, Philip Nourse of Danvers, and removed to Langdon, N. H.; they had four daughters, viz:

1. Nancy, born May 26, 1788; married Laurin Moody of Unity, N. H.
2. Betsey, born March 16, 1790; married William Jackson of Unity, N. H.
3. Clarissa, born Aug. 7, 1794; married S. Hartwell Moore of Peru, N. Y.
4. Lucy, born Dec. 30, 1796; married William McClure of Acworth, N. H.

Mr. Nourse died at Langdon, N. H., Mar. 12, 1798; and Mrs. Nourse married, third, James Campbell of Acworth, N. H., and had one daughter:—

1. Mindia Campbell, born June 21, 1801, who married Asa D. Moore, and settled in Keeseville, N. Y.

Mrs. Anna (Putnam) Campbell descended from John Putnam, the emigrant, through Thomas, 1st, Thomas, 2d, Thomas, 3d, and Samuel Putnam. She was a woman of strong physical powers to stand the hardships incident to the settlement of a new country. She died in Acworth, N. H., Sept. 20, 1846, aged 88 years.

Benjamin, son of Joseph and Anna (Putnam) Stearns, married, April, 1806, Bathsheba Egerton, daughter of James Egerton of Langdon, N. H. He died June 11, 1817. Children:

1. John Walker, born Sept. 12, 1806.
2. Willard Egerton, born May 29, 1808.
3. Abigail Snow, born March 16, 1810.
4. Nancy Maria, born April 18, 1815.
5. Sarah Alexander, born Dec. 6, 1817.

John Walker Stearns married, July 12, 1837, Betsey Maria Eaton of Peru, N. Y., daughter of Obadiah and Abigail (Woodbury) Eaton. She was born Jan. 12, 1812. Mr. Stearns was a merchant. He removed from Peru, N. Y., to Chicago, Ill., where he was extensively engaged in mercantile pursuits. He died there March 19, 1890. Children:

1. James Egerton, born June 15, 1838; married, May 21, 1868, Annette Freeman of Chicago. He died April 5, 1873, leaving one daughter, Maria Annette, born June 19, 1871.

2. Frances Maria, born June 24, 1840.
3. Harriet Eaton, born May 17, 1842; married, Aug. 12, 1873, John C. Whitmarsh of Chicago.
4. Jane Abigail, born Aug. 29, 1844.
5. John Walker, born June 19, 1846.
6. Woodbury Eaton, born March 2, 1851.

Willard Egerton Stearns, born May 29, 1808; about 1831 settled in Detroit, Mich., where he resided till 1879, when he removed to Danvers, Mass., and in 1891 to Fitchburg, where he now resides, unmarried. He is the compiler of this genealogy.

Abigail Snow Stearns, born March 16, 1810; married, April 5, 1832, Luke Putnam, son of Samuel and Ruth (Spencer) Putnam of Charlestown, N. H. Mr. Putnam died in Danvers, Mass., Feb. 5, 1890. Mrs. Putnam died Feb. 7, 1890. They had two children: John Wells, born June 2, 1833, died June 22, 1833; Ann Maria, born July 5, 1834; died March 4, 1890.

Nancy Maria Stearns, born April 18, 1815; married, Dec. 26, 1839, William Moore Morrison, born June 18, 1811, son of David and Hannah (Miller) Morrison of Langdon, N. H. Mrs. Morrison died in Danvers, Mass., May 20, 1891. He died May 24, 1891.

Sarah Alexander Stearns, born Dec. 6, 1817, married, June 29, 1842, Samuel W. Prouty, born Dec. 22, 1814, son of Willard and Sally (French) Prouty of Langdon, N. H. Mr. Prouty died at Alstead, N. H., Sept. 19, 1876. Mrs. Prouty died at Alstead, Sept. 12, 1889. They had one son, James Stearns, born Jan. 27, 1856; married March 22, 1893, Emily D. Savary of Alstead.

Bathsheba, widow of Benjamin Stearns, married, second, Elisha Garfield, Dec. 26, 1820. Children:

1. Esther Jane, born March 8, 1822.
2. Benjamin Stearns, born June 19, 1823.
3. Edmund Holden, born Feb. 6, 1825.
4. James Freeman Dana, born Aug. 14, 1828.

Esther Jane Garfield, born March 8, 1822, married, Oct. 18, 1849, Joseph Garfield of Spencer, Mass. Mr. Garfield was a farmer and resided in Spencer. He occupied the ancient homestead of his grandfather, Samuel Garfield, who first settled there in 1748. He died June 5, 1876. Children:

1. George Elisha, born Nov. 12, 1850.
2. Jane Stearns, born Aug. 6, 1852; married, Oct. 14, 1875, George Austin Putnam of Spencer. They have two sons, Robert Garfield, born Nov. 20, 1886; and George Frederick, born May 7, 1888.
3. Mary Abigail, born Sept. 19, 1855, died Nov. 4, 1894.

Benjamin Stearns Garfield, born June 19, 1823, married, Dec. 11, 1850, Catherine Palmer Davis, daughter of Joseph and Lucinda (Prouty) Davis of Langdon. He died at Detroit, Mich., December 17, 1853, while on a visit there, with a view of emigrating to Michigan. A son, Benjamin Herbert, was born May 25, 1854.

Edmund Holden Garfield, born Feb. 6, 1825, married, Oct. 19, 1859, Eliza Strong Smith, daughter of Jacob and Mary (Hudson) Smith of Vergennes, Vt. He was a merchant of Keeseville, N. Y., died Sept. 24, 1875. Children:

1. Mary Eliza, born Dec. 18, 1860.
2. Jennie Maria, born Oct. 23, 1862.
3. Jessie Bathsheba, born Jan. 27, 1867; married, Oct. 10, 1888, Joshua I. Arthur of Peru, N. Y. They have four children: Garfield Van Rensalær, born Sept. 2, 1889; Mary Hudson, born Aug. 28, 1892; Philip Egerton, born August 22, 1895; Anna Eliza, born April 4, 1898. A son, Charles Dana, born Mar. 23, 1891, died in infancy.
4. Edmund Dana, Oct. 28, 1873.

James F. Dana Garfield, born Aug. 14, 1828, married Emily Charlotte Newton, daughter of Capt. Martin and Susan (Chamberlain) Newton of Fitchburg.

They reside in Fitchburg. Mr. Garfield is a coal merchant. Children:

1. Emma Susie, June 2, 1861; married William A. Blodgett Oct. 9, 1882. They have two daughters—Emily Louise, born July 6, 1883, and Margaret P., born Nov. 21, 1885. A daughter, Helen Newton, born Aug. 19, 1887, died March 28, 1889.
2. Mary Louise, Oct. 1, 1863.
3. Edmund Dana, Oct. 12, 1866.
4. Theresa Newton, Feb. 18, 1879.

John Stearns, the first of that name and son of Isaac of Watertown, was one of the first settlers of Billerica. He had the industry to convert the barren wilderness into fruitful fields, thereby helping to develop the resources to support a civilized people. His wife, Sarah Mixer, who died June 14, 1656, was the first adult person buried in Billerica. He died March 5, 1669. Their son

Lieut. John Stearns was born May, 1654—the first birth recorded in Billerica. He married, first, Elizabeth Bigelow, daughter of John Bigelow of Watertown. She died April 18, 1694, and he married, second, Joanna, widow of Jacob Parker of Malden. He settled upon the homestead of his father in Billerica, which remained in the possession of the family for more than one hundred years. He died Oct. 26, 1728. He had nine children, all but one of whom were by his first wife. Their fifth child,

John Stearns of Billerica, the third of that name, and fourth generation from Isaac the first, married Esther, daughter of Capt. Edward Johnson of Woburn, born January, 1691; died April 13, 1786, aged 95 years. She was granddaughter of Capt. Edward Johnson of Woburn, the author of the *History of New England*. He died Aug. 2, 1776. Children:

1. Esther, born Nov. 9, 1716.

2. John, born May 27, 1718.
3. Esther, born June 6, 1720.
4. Isaac, born June 16, 1722.
5. Johanna, born July 29, 1724.
6. Edward, born May 9, 1726.
7. Benjamin, born Nov. 21, 1729.
8. Josiah, born Jan. 20, 1731.
9. William, born Dec. 11, 1733.
10. Timothy, born Aug. 15, 1737.

Hon. Isaac Stearns of Billerica, son of John and Esther (Johnson) Stearns, grandson of John and Elizabeth (Bigelow) Stearns, and great-grandson of John and Sarah (Mixer) Stearns, all of Billerica. He was a soldier in the French war, was a representative and senator in the legislature and was highly esteemed as a soldier, civilian and Christian. He married, Feb. 11, 1748, Sarah Abbot, born April 22, 1729; died January 9, 1815, aged 86, daughter of Obed and Elizabeth Abbott of Bedford. He shouldered his gun in the French and Indian war, and faced two sets of warriors, civilized and savage, in the field of action. The Indians are superior strategists as they have proved upon a hundred battle-fields. Isaac Stearns became the owner, by grant and purchase, of a large tract of land in Ashburnham, upon which two of his sons, Isaac and William, made their homes. In September, 1806, the aged couple visited their sons in Ashburnham, he being at that time 84 years of age, and his wife 78. They rode all the way from Billerica in a single day and returned a few days later. He died March 23, 1808.

Capt. Edward Stearns was a son of John and Esther (Johnson) Stearns of Billerica, born 1726; died 1793. He was in the fight at Concord, 1775, and took the command of the company at the death of his brother-in-law, Capt. Wilson. Capt. Edward Stearns married, 1755, Lucy Stearns, daughter of Thomas and Rachel (Stearns) Wyman, half-sister to the wife of Capt. James Wilson. A commission was offered him for

service in the army of the Revolution, but he declined to accept it.

Elijah Stearns, son of Capt. Edward Stearns of Billerica, born May 2, 1770, died April, 1831. He was for many years a merchant of Bedford, Mass., postmaster from the establishment of the office until his decease. He married, 1802, Elizabeth Stearns, his cousin, daughter of Rev. Josiah Stearns of Epping, N. H. He was more eminent for his sound practical knowledge, unblemished integrity and executive force of character than for his intellectual acquirements. His native genius and good sense made up for the want of a liberal education. Business talent was the factor that gave him his good reputation with the people of Bedford. They esteemed him as a citizen and showed their confidence in his integrity and ability by electing him to some of the best offices in the gift of the town. He was treasurer for many years.

John Stearns was a descendant from Isaac Stearns, through John, John, John and Isaac, who married Sarah Abbot. He was a farmer of Billerica, Mass. He married, first, Feb. 10, 1801, Mary Lane, born Aug. 15, 1776. He married, second, May 15, 1817, Susannah Winn, daughter of Joseph Winn of Burlington, Mass. She died Jan. 28, 1842. He was killed Nov. 5, 1836, by a locomotive on the Boston & Lowell railroad in Woburn. Children:

1. Franklin, born Jan. 25, 1802, a farmer of Billerica; married, Dec. 28, 1828, Sally Lane, born Dec. 18, 1801, daughter of Benjamin Lane of Ashburnham.
2. Mary, of Billerica, born Dec. 28, 1803; married, May 13, 1832, William Whitford, born Oct. 5, 1799, son of William Whitford of Hillsborough, N. H.
3. John Owen of Elizabethtown, N. J., born April 13, 1805, a director and superintendent of the Central railroad of New Jersey; married, April 5, 1842, Margaret C. Walker, born Oct. 9, 1821, daughter of

William Walker of Rehoboth, Great Valley, Chester county, Penn.

4. Onslow, born Feb. 2, 1807; died 1808.
5. Eliza Ann, born Oct. 4, 1808; married, May 17, 1832, John Dennis Billings, born Nov. 10, 1805, son of John Billings of Lincoln, Mass.
6. Onslow, of Concord, N. H., born Aug. 30, 1810, president of the Northern railroad of New Hampshire; married, June 26, 1845, Mary Abbott Holbrook, daughter of Adin Holbrook, then of Athol, later of Lowell.
7. Lorenzo, born May 13, 1813; died at Elizabethtown, N. J., May 13, 1836.
8. Bernard, of New York city, born Nov. 23, 1815; married, Dec. 30, 1851, Lovina B. Haynes, daughter of Simeon Haynes, formerly of Haddonfield, N. J.

John Stearns was a farmer, but he had a mechanical genius that proved useful in the mechanic arts. He, like some of his ancestors, turned his attention from cultivating the soil to building habitations for families, and converting the sturdy oaks into ships for the benefit of commerce.

Rev. David Stearns, son of John and Abigail (Fiske) Stearns, was born Dec. 24, 1709. He was ordained pastor of the Congregational church of Lunenburg April 13, 1733. He married Ruth Hubbard of Lunenburg, an intelligent and accomplished lady. He died May 9, 1761. Children:

1. Ruth, born Jan. 3, 1737, married, March 24, 1757, Benjamin Redington of Lunenburg. They had a large family. About 1797 they removed to Langdon, N. H., where she died in 1798. He died in 1811, aged 82.
2. Rebecca, born Nov. 4, 1738, married, July 10, 1758, Thomas Sparhawk, born in Cambridge, Mass., 1737. He graduated at Harvard college, and settled in Lunenburg. Mr. Sparhawk removed to Walpole, N. H., in 1769; he had eight children.

3. Abigail, born July 6, 1740; married, Sept. 1, 1763, Rev. Ebenezer Sparhawk, pastor of the church in Templeton, Mass.
4. Elizabeth, born April 20, 1742; married Rev. Zabdiel Adams, an eminent divine, who succeeded her father, David Stearns, as pastor of the church at Lunenburg.
5. David, born Jan. 8, 1744.
6. Lucy, born 1745; died young.
7. Jonathan, born 1747; died young.
8. Hannah, born Nov. 14, 1748.
9. Mary, born 1750; died young.
10. Jonathan, born April 19, 1751.
11. John, died in the army, 1775.
12. Thomas, born March 8, 1756.
13. Sarah, born April 25, 1758; married Hon. D. Newcomb and settled in Keene, N. H. The lineage of this branch of the family traces from Isaac, through Samuel, who married Hannah Manning, John, who married Abigail Fiske, and Rev. David, who married Ruth Hubbard.

Jonathan Stearns, son of Rev. David Stearns of Lunenburg, born April 19, 1751; died in Halifax, Nova Scotia, May, 1798. He graduated at Harvard college in 1770, and studied law with Col. Worthington of Springfield, Mass. On the breaking out of the Revolution he followed the example of his preceptor and took sides with England. This excited the indignation of the people and they were both compelled to leave Springfield to escape mob law. Jonathan went to Westminster, Vt., but his opposition to the struggle for independence endangered his own liberty, if not his life. He took refuge in the house of his brother-in-law, Judge Sparhawk of Walpole, N. H., to escape the mob. From Walpole he went to New York city, where he was made judge-advocate in the British army with a liberal salary. From New York he went to Halifax, where he practiced his profession. His profound knowledge of law gave him a lucrative

practice and he stood at the head of the bar in that province. He was appointed solicitor-general of Nova Scotia and held that office at the time of his death in 1798. His wife died about two years after his decease. She was Mehitable Robie, a daughter of Thomas and Mary Robie of Salem, Mass. Her father was a merchant of Salem, who had fled from there to Halifax on account of his loyalist sentiments.

William Stearns was born March 13, 1792, son of Jonathan Stearns, grandson of Rev. David Stearns. His father was persecuted in the Revolution for his royalist sentiments, and removed to Halifax, Nova Scotia, where he became eminent in his profession as a lawyer. William, his son, acquired an academical education at Exeter, N. H., studied the profession of law with his uncle Robie at Halifax, Nova Scotia, and settled in Liverpool, Nova Scotia, where he practiced his profession. He married, July 20, 1824, Margaret J. G. Power, who died Aug. 28, 1826, and he married, June 28, 1828, Amelia Caroline Calkins. They had twelve children:

1. Harriet, born 1825.
2. Margaret, born 1829.
3. Eliza, born 1830.
4. Roby Sewell, born 1832.
5. William Henry, born 1833.
6. Edward, born 1834.
7. Ann, born 1837.
8. Henry, born 1838.
9. Thomas C., born 1840.
10. Amelia C., born 1841.
- 11 and 12. Twins, born and died April, 1843.

The Hon. Josiah Stearns of Lunenburg was of the fifth generation from Isaac Stearns, the founder of the family, being a son of Thomas and Abigail (Reed) Stearns of Littleton. He was born in Littleton July 18, 1747. When the news of the battle of Lexington reached him he marched his company of fifty

men to meet the invaders. He served his country with fidelity, not only with his sword, but with his pen, which is often more powerful than the sword. In 1776 he was made one of the committee of public safety, a position of great responsibility, and served from time to time in every office of importance in the gift of the town. The family of Josiah Stearns, like other great families, has in its genealogy an array of scholars and statesmen, eminent civilians and soldiers, that speaks no uncertain sound in regard to the effects of hereditary law in the improvement of the human race. He married, March 6, 1769, Mary Corey, born March, 1750; died Dec. 28, 1828. They had ten children. He died in Lunenburg April 6, 1822, aged 75 years.

Luther Stearns, the oldest child of the Hon. Josiah Stearns, born Feb. 17, 1770, graduated at Harvard college in 1791, and was tutor in that university for several years. He subsequently studied medicine and practiced in Medford, Mass. He established an academy in Medford, which rose to distinction for giving to scholars a liberal education.

George Luther Stearns, born Jan. 8, 1809, was a son of Luther and grandson of Josiah Stearns. He graduated at Harvard college, and subsequently became a merchant in Boston. He accumulated a fortune and retired from business. He was chairman of a committee to raise funds to prevent slavery being introduced into Kansas. About \$80,000 in money and \$40,000 worth of clothing was raised, which he devoted to the exclusion of slavery from the free soil of Kansas. In the rebellion Gov. Andrew employed him to recruit colored regiments for the war. He was subsequently commissioned by the Secretary of War as major, and sent to Tennessee to recruit colored regiments for garrison duty. He recruited ten regiments. Much of this service was at his own expense or from contributions which he raised to aid in crushing out the rebellion. It proved success-

ful as a means of hastening the conclusion of the war. It took away the producers that were feeding the rebel army while fighting against the government. He gloried in fighting slavery and lived to see it abolished. He died April 9, 1867.

Asahel Stearns, son of Luther Stearns, graduated at Harvard college. He was selected as professor of law in that institution, and retained that office as long as he lived, which implies a profound knowledge of the rudiments of law, and the decisions of courts of jurisprudence. He was selected with two other lawyers to revise the statutes of Massachusetts in 1836. This proves him to have been a lawyer worthy of confidence, one of the great luminaries of jurisprudence, a leading member of the bar in the commonwealth.

John Stearns, son of Rev. Josiah Stearns of Epping, N. H., born Jan. 13, 1762. He married, 1783, Sarah Lane of Poplin, N. H. They settled first in Pittsfield, N. H., but removed to Deerfield, N. H., where he died Jan. 23, 1843. He showed a determined resistance to tyranny by entering the army of the Revolution at the age of 16, and discharging the same duties required of his older comrades.

Noah Stearns was a son of Thomas Stearns of Littleton, born March 12, 1753. He died in Littleton Sept. 22, 1829. He was represented to be one of the most intelligent and influential men of the town, noted for his benevolence and kind-hearted disposition. After the death of his brother Levi he took four of his orphan children into his family and educated them, that they might take the same honorable part in society that their father and grandfather had done in their day. He bequeathed most of his property to his youngest nephew, Charles Stearns.

Phinehas Stearns, son of Josiah and Susanna (Ball) Stearns, and grandson of John and Abigail (Fiske)

Stearns, was a blacksmith of Watertown. He was in the French and Indian war, and was a member of the "Boston Tea Party." He also commanded a company on Dorchester Heights when the British evacuated Boston. He married, first, Hannah Bemis of Watertown; and second, Esther Sanderson, cousin of his first wife. He was born Feb. 5, 1736; died March 27, 1798. Children:

1. Hannah, born April 28, 1768. She married Henry Bond, who died March 27, 1796. They had (1) Henry Bond. (2) Hannah Bond. She married, second, Zebedee Rose, and had (3) Zebedee Rose; (4) George Stearns Rose, who married Mary Francis, and had (1) Hannah Bond; (2) Mary Elizabeth; (3) Ann Matilda; (4) George Volney.

Moses Stearns married Ruth Houghton June 13, 1754, and settled in Westminster, Mass. He removed to Walpole, N. H., previous to the Revolution, and purchased a farm of Benjamin Bellows. That farm remained in the possession of Moses Stearns and his descendants for 90 years. He died in 1808, aged 80. The family has now become extinct in Walpole. Children:

1. Ephraim, born April 6, 1755.
2. Esther, born April 11, 1757.
3. Reuben, born Sept. 4, 1759.
4. Relief, born March 8, 1762.
5. Elizabeth, born Sept. 4, 1764.
6. Lois, born Aug. 7, 1766.
7. Benjamin, born Oct. 11, 1768. He was a physician and settled in Hillsborough, N. H.
8. Lucy, born Jan. 14, 1771.
9. Abigail, born Feb. 27, 1775.

Aaron Stearns first settled in Walpole, N. H. When the town of Langdon was incorporated, 1787, his district was set off to the town of Langdon. He died Sept. 11, 1807. He married Esther Glazier and resided in Langdon about 20 years. He was a

brother of Moses, above mentioned, and they were sons of John and Anna (Coolidge) Stearns and grandsons of John and Abigail (Fiske) Stearns. Children:

1. Jesse, born in Walpole Aug. 3, 1766.
2. Levi, born Dec. 29, 1767.
3. Lydia, born Feb. 29, 1770.
4. Zenas, born June 3, 1772.
5. Esther, born June 24, 1775.
6. John, born July 16, 1777.
7. Aaron, born Feb. 11, 1780.
8. Rhoda, born Feb. 11, 1780.

This family appear to have left their native town on arriving at manhood. None of their descendants are to be found now in Langdon or Walpole.

Levi Stearns was a son of Benjamin Stearns of Rutland, Mass., born in 1755. He enlisted in the Revolutionary army May 1, 1775. He was in the battle of Bunker Hill, in the company of Capt. Jedediah Waterman and under the command of Gen. Putnam. After the war he settled in Pomfret, Conn. In 1781, he married Lois Stoddard of Pomfret, born Oct. 10, 1759; died Oct. 13, 1803. He married, second, Mrs. Sarah Butler of Leominster, Mass., who died March 12, 1830, aged 73. He was descended from the first Isaac, through Isaac, Jr., and Samuel of Lexington, and Benjamin of Rutland.

Col. Ephraim Stearns, born Jan. 10, 1740, was a son of Ebenezer Stearns of Worcester, Mass. He settled in Petersham, of which town he was treasurer for twenty years, and was selectman and assessor for a very long time. He commanded a company of militia during most of the Revolutionary war, and rose to the position of colonel. He married Prudence Wilder, born Sept. 16, 1746, who died March 29, 1825, and he died Sept. 2, 1808. He had the patriotism to draw his sword when the exigencies of his country needed his services, and the wisdom to

sheathe it when it was no longer needed in the conflict of arms. He was a man of superior abilities, and his executive capacity made him a leading citizen in the town in which his lot was cast.

Samuel Stearns of Waltham, son of Isaac and Mary Stearns, married, Feb. 1, 1662-63, Hannah Manning, born June 21, 1642, eldest daughter of William and Dorothy Manning of Cambridge, Mass. The ancient homestead in Waltham first fell into the possession of his son John, then to his grandson Josiah, then to his great-grandson, Capt. Phinehas. It has since been owned by a descendant of the family by the name of White. Children:

1. Samuel, born May 4, 1664; died 1671.
2. Hannah, born Dec. 8, 1666; married, Dec. 26, 1684, Thomas Biscoe, by whom she had (1) John, born Oct. 22, 1685; (2) Thomas, baptized May 16, 1689.
3. Nathaniel, born Dec. 13, 1668; died Aug. 24, 1716. In the division of his father's estate he received the farm which had been the residence of his grandfather, Isaac Stearns, the founder of the family.
4. Sarah, born April 23, 1671; married, Oct. 27, 1714, Joseph Winship of Cambridge, born 1661, son of Lieut. Edward and Elizabeth Winship of Cambridge.
5. Samuel, born March 29, 1673. He was town clerk, and he represented Watertown in the legislature eight years, between 1714 and 1731; many years selectman. He died Aug. 16, 1746.
6. Isaac, born Dec. 31, 1674; died 1737.
7. John, born June 24, 1677; died 1729. He settled on his father's homestead.
8. Mary, born April 5, 1679; married, Nov. 2, 1699, Samuel Jennison, born Oct. 12, 1673, died Dec. 2, 1732, son of Samuel and Judith (Macomber) Jennison.
9. Abigail, born April 16, 1680; married, Jan. 10, 1706-7, Benoni Garfield. She died July 11, 1710.
10. Joseph, born Dec. 11, 1682; died Feb. 4, 1683-84.

Ephraim Stearns was son of Moses and one of the early settlers of Walpole, N. H. He assisted in laying the foundation of Walpole upon the virtue, intelligence and patriotism of the people. These early emigrants established schools, churches and literary institutions that gave universal education to all free of charge. Ephraim Stearns was a Revolutionary soldier. He married Molly Gilman, by whom he had thirteen children. He entered the army when the country needed his services to defend the frontier against the army of General Burgoyne, and served through the war. The town of Walpole, which these early emigrants assisted to establish, has become the home of an intelligent, enterprising and industrious people.

Rev. Josiah Stearns was a son of John and Esther (Johnson) Stearns of Billerica, born Jan. 20, 1732. He graduated at Harvard college, 1751, and was ordained at Epping, N. H., March 8, 1758. He was celebrated for his knowledge of the Hebrew language, and his intelligent interpretation of the Scriptures. He could repeat Scripture more readily than any other man of his day. It was his peculiar talent to extract from the Scriptures the Divine truths and apply those precepts to the salvation of souls. He could explain the dark passages of Scripture because of his knowledge of the language in which the Scripture was first written. It appears to be a law of nature that great moral philosophers will rise up at critical periods to reform and enlighten the world. They use the weapons of truth and the precepts of religion to correct the evil propensities and elevate the moral sentiments that civilize and enlighten the community. Christianity is the fruit of these apostles of learning. They have fulfilled their mission as faithful disciples of their Redeemer.

Rev. Samuel Stearns was a son of Rev. Josiah Stearns, born in Epping, N. H., April 8, 1770. He graduated from Harvard college in 1794, studied theology with Rev. Jonathan French of Andover, and was ordained

in Bedford, Mass., April 27, 1795, where he died Dec. 26, 1834. He married Abigail, daughter of Rev. Mr. French of Andover. Rev. Samuel Stearns lived to see three of his sons in the ministry, viz:

Rev. Samuel Horatio Stearns, born Sept. 12, 1801, ordained over the Old South church, Boston, April 16, 1834. He died in France, July 15, 1837. His remains sleep in Mount Auburn cemetery.

Rev. William Augustus Stearns, born March 17, 1805, was ordained at Cambridgeport, Dec. 11, 1831. He married, Jan. 10, 1832, Rebecca Frasar of Duxbury.

Rev. Jonathan French Stearns, of this family of divines, born Sept. 4, 1808, was ordained pastor of the Presbyterian church of Newburyport, Sept. 16, 1835.

Sarah Caroline, daughter of Rev. Samuel Stearns of Bedford, born April 15, 1803, married Rev. Forrest Jefferds, who was ordained pastor at Epping, N. H.

Charlotte Esther, daughter of Rev. Samuel Stearns, born Sept. 17, 1814, married Rev. Jonathan Leavitt, ordained at Bedford, and installed at Providence, R. I.

Rev. Josiah Howe Stearns, son of Deacon William Stearns, and grandson of Rev. Josiah Stearns of Epping, N. H., was ordained pastor of the Congregational church at Dennisville, Maine, Nov. 6, 1844. The mother of Rev. Josiah H. Stearns was Abigail Richards Howe of Templeton, Mass. She was a descendant of John Alden, who landed at Plymouth from the Mayflower, in 1620. Here is a long line of eminent divines who have devoted their lives to expounding the Christian religion. If they were true disciples of their Redeemer they are reaping their reward in a glorious inheritance beyond the grave.

Timothy Stearns, son of Samuel and Mary (Hawkins) Stearns, grandson of Samuel and Hannah (Manning) Stearns, was born Oct. 8, 1701. He removed to Framingham in 1724. He married Bethiah Adams of Medway, and had nine children. He assisted his

cotemporaries in converting the rough elements of society into a civilized community. He died 1757.

Daniel Stearns, son of Daniel and Mercy (Grant) Stearns, grandson of Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Dix) Stearns, great-grandson of Samuel and Hannah (Manning) Stearns, was baptized Aug. 5, 1733, went to Hardwick, and there enlisted in the company of Capt. Ebenezer Learned, went to Crown Point in 1756, where he was killed. His brother, Stephen, took out letters of administration March 25, 1758. The vicinity of Crown Point was the scene of atrocious cruelties in the French and Indian war of 1756. The French governor of Canada had offered a reward for English or Colonial prisoners, which stimulated the enemy to make desperate efforts to capture prisoners, American or British, in order to secure the reward. This was a violation of civilized warfare, for it included in its proscription women and children.

William Stearns, son of Peleg Stearns, grandson of Isaac and Mary (Bemis) Stearns, and great-grandson of Samuel and Hannah (Manning) Stearns, was born in Cambridge, April 10, 1754. He graduated from Harvard college, 1776, studied medicine with Dr. Joshua Bracket of Portsmouth, N. H., and practised in Marblehead, Mass. He changed his occupation to the sale of drugs and medicines, in Salem, Mass., in which he was very successful. He was a member of the legislature and often overseer of the poor, where he could exercise his feelings of benevolence. He never tired in relieving the distressed. He was the open-hearted physician of charity, and his life was crowned with the most generous acts of benevolence. His kindness to the poor, sympathy for the sick, and noble acts of charity, deserve a monument erected to his memory.

George Stearns, born April 25, 1762, son of Daniel Stearns, grandson of George Stearns, great-grandson of John and Judith (Lawrence) Stearns. He was a farmer of

Waltham, married Aug. 11, 1790, Ruth Watson. He subsequently settled in Newton. He was a Revolutionary soldier. Children:

1. Bradshaw, born March 11, 1791; married, 1822, Sarah Stevens of Newton.
2. George, born Feb. 2, 1793. He was engaged in the ice trade. He represented West Cambridge in the legislature. He married, Jan. 16, 1820, Abigail B. Bridge of Boston.
3. Nathaniel, born Dec. 3, 1794. A trader of Waltham, of the firm of Stearns & Crehore; married Adeline Willington of Waltham.
4. Daniel, born April 17, 1796; died in Lowell in 1844; married Eliza Sparhawk of Waltham.
5. Mary Watson, baptized Sept. 24, 1797; married, Oct., 1822, Elisha Crehore of Waltham, of the firm of Stearns & Crehore. He has represented Waltham in the legislature. He was one of those reliable men selected to discharge important trusts in the business affairs of the town. Children:
 1. Mary W., married Samuel B. Whitney of Waltham.
 2. Maria, married Lemuel P. Smith of Waltham.
 3. Elisha, born June, 1826; died Oct., 1852; unmarried.

Thomas Stearns, son of Isaac Stearns, grandson of Isaac Stearns, great-grandson of John Stearns, all of Billerica. Born January 8, 1694; married, March 14, 1751, Bette Manning. Children:

1. Bette, born Dec. 2, 1751; married Abijah Wyman of Ashby.
2. Isaac, born Dec. 31, 1753; married, March 12, 1778, Mary Crosby.
3. Rhoda, born March 17, 1756.
4. John, born Nov. 21, 1759.
5. Alice, born April 30, 1762; married, June 2, 1785, Samuel Stearns, Jr.
6. Abel, born April 9, 1765; died in Ashby, Mass., 1848. He was a Revolutionary soldier. His wife, Susanna, died July 4, 1841.
7. Sarah, born Nov. 11, 1767.

Jonathan Stearns, born June 16, 1729, was a son of Isaac Stearns of Billerica, and brother of Thomas Stearns, above mentioned. He married Abigail Moore of Sudbury, and settled in Rutland. Children:

1. Ruth, born Sept. 3, 1763; married, Nov. 26, 1789, Jonas Davies of Holden.
2. Sarah, born May 18, 1768.
3. Jonathan, born May 2, 1771; married, 1803, Tabitha Newton of Princeton.

Samuel Stearns of Cavendish, Vt., son of Thomas Stearns of Littleton, grandson of Samuel Stearns of Lexington, was born May 25, 1762. He served three years and three months in the Revolutionary army. He married, in Keene, N. H., Phebe Whittemore, born in Winchester, N. H., 1773, and moved to Cavendish, Vt., 1802. His death was caused by the fall of a tree, Aug. 2, 1828. Samuel Stearns had the reputation of a faithful soldier in the Revolution. His comrades bore testimony to his energy and perseverance, and he endured the hardships and privations of the camp, covered with the clouds of adversity, with commendable resolution. He had seven children, viz:

1. Noah, born April 19, 1793; married, 1816, Betsey Brown, and settled in Parishville, N. Y.
2. Esther, born Feb. 14, 1799; lived in New Haven, Vt.
3. Samuel, born March 19, 1801; was a farmer of Cavendish.
4. Levira, born Sept. 9, 1804; married David Odel, and settled in the West.
5. Lorenzo, born April 16, 1806. He was a carpenter and joiner, went to East Middlebury, Vt., in 1824, married, Oct. 7, 1830, Rachel Farwell, born Oct. 8, 1811, daughter of Jesse and Rebecca Farwell.
6. Cephas, born Dec. 21, 1808; married, 1840, Orpha Turner; settled in Waltham, Vt.
7. Emily, born Sept. 9, 1810; resided in Waltham, Vt.

Daniel Stearns was a brother of Samuel Stearns, last mentioned, born about 1756, served three years in the Revolutionary war, married (1) 1776, Jerusha Clarke, born Oct. 30, 1756, daughter of Joseph and Jemima Clarke of Saybrook, Conn. She died Oct. 31, 1816. He married (2) Jan. 1, 1820, Lois, daughter of Hezekiah Rice of Claremont, N. H., who died March 19, 1847. He died in Newport, N. H. (with his daughter, Phebe), May 4, 1849, aged ninety-three. He settled first in Claremont, and resided afterwards twenty-seven years in Cornish, N. H., before going to Newport. He was in some of the great battles of the Revolution, and in many skirmishes and preliminary conflicts. He left the service with considerable distinction as a bold, fearless veteran of the war.

Thomas Stearns, son of Hon. Josiah Stearns of Lunenburg, and a brother of Luther, was born Sept. 8, 1778; an officer, and a farmer of Lunenburg, Mass.; married, Feb. 26, 1806, Priscilla Cushing, daughter of Hon. Charles Cushing of Hingham, born July 6, 1779. He died Nov. 23, 1826. He was reported to have cultivated his farm upon scientific principles, by analyzing the soil and applying the appropriate fertilizers for its enrichment, thereby increasing the growth of the crop to pay the cost of production. He indulged his propensity for a choice breed of cattle by securing the offspring of imported stock, a great improvement upon the degenerated stock of that generation.

Ruth Stearns was the oldest daughter of Rev. David Stearns of Lunenburg, born Jan. 3, 1737; married, March 24, 1757, Benjamin Redington of Lunenburg. They resided in Lunenburg, Mass., forty years. In 1797 they removed to Langdon, N. H., where she died March 14, 1798, and he died Aug. 23, 1811, aged 82 years. They left their impress upon their native town of Lunenburg and their

adopted town of Langdon. She raised a large family of intelligent children that honored her memory. They were the treasures of her heart that consoled her in her declining years. The world sees their lustre, she knew their worth. Children:

1. Lucy, born Feb. 8, 1758; married, Oct. 4, 1787, Capt. Elijah Putnam of Lunenburg (his second wife). About 1790 they moved to Langdon, N. H.; resided there about 20 years and then moved to Covington, Penn., where they died at an advanced age. Children: (1) Lucy, born Aug. 11, 1788, a teacher; (2) Thomas, born in Langdon, N. H., June 19, 1790; (3) Christiana, born July 16, 1792; (4) Sally, born July 19, 1794.
2. Mary, born Sept. 15, 1759; married, late in life, Dr. Taylor of Charlestown, N. H.; died 1838.
3. David, born July 1, 1761; died at Hudson, N. Y., 1793.
4. Benjamin, born April 7, 1763; died 1790, at Walpole, N. H.
5. Ruth, born April 30, 1764; married, May 17, 1787, James Gilchrest, who died Nov. 2, 1838, aged 74 years.
6. Thomas, born March 29, 1766; married, 1796, Mary Stowell of Worcester, and settled in Walpole, N. H., a merchant, where he died 1824, and his widow died in 1826. Children: (1) Charles Thomas, a merchant, died aged 25, unmarried; (2) Mary Stearns, married George Ely, a hotel keeper at St. Johnsbury, Vt.; four sons and one daughter; (3) George Benjamin, (4) William Ebenezer, (5) Henry Cornelius, married, 1836, ——— Richardson—three merchants—first in Walpole, then in Littleton, and later, manufacturers of scythes; (6) Frances Ann, unmarried; mind deranged by epilepsy.
7. Rebecca, born Nov. 13, 1767; married, 1793, Levi Prentiss of Winchendon, and settled in Newport, N. H.; thence moved to Covington, Penn., where they died, leaving one son and two daughters.
8. Hannah, born Nov. 6, 1769; married, March 4,

1788, John Prentiss, a soldier of the Revolution, born in Sterling, Mass., Dec. 17, 1760. He died in Langdon, N. H., Feb. 21, 1840. Mr. Prentiss was wounded in the war and drew a pension many of the last years of his life. He was one of the first settlers of Langdon, N. H. In the Revolutionary war the troops of New England were sent to Saratoga to capture Burgoyne's large army. Some of the greatest battles of the Revolution were fought at Saratoga. The capture of the army of Burgoyne was the crisis upon which the war turned. After the capture of this army the northern frontier was not disturbed by British soldiers. After the battles of Saratoga the forces upon the Northern army were sent South, under Gen. Greene and Gen. Gates, to recover the Carolinas. These officers resorted to the Fabian policy to give battle when they had the advantage of position, the benefit of impregnable mountains to shield them from the cannon of their enemy. This proved successful. The British were compelled to abandon the possession of the southern states to save their army from destruction. They concentrated their forces at Yorktown, where they were finally captured. The children of John and Hannah (Redington) Prentiss were: (1) John, born March 26, 1789; died Aug. 12, 1790; (2) Henry, born Feb. 18, 1791; died July 7, 1813; (3) John R., born Feb. 6, 1793; died March 29, 1797; (4) Fanny, born July 1, 1795; married, 1815, Asa Locke of Rockingham, Vt., afterwards of Langdon. They had ten children: 1. Hannah Frances, born 1818, died 1831; 2. Nancy Stearns, born Feb. 16, 1820; 3. Ann Jeannette, born 1822, died 1831; 4. Catherine Baylis, born Sept. 24, 1823; married, 1848, Ira Holmes of Lempster, N. H.; 5. Lucia Isabel, born 1826, died 1844; 6. Samuel Prentiss, born May 17, 1828; 7. George Francis, born May 9, 1831; 8. Frances Ann, born 1833; 9. Susan Caroline, born June 5, 1836; 10. Hannah A., born July 7, 1838. (5) George, born March 17, 1798, died Jan. 27, 1800; (6) Samuel,

- born Oct. 15, 1800, a farmer of Langdon, N. H.; married, Nov. 13, 1828, Almira A. Seaver of Walpole, N. H. Children: 1. Henry, born Nov. 8, 1829; 2. Harriet Lucia, born Sept. 23, 1831; 3. Mary, born Nov. 4, 1833; 4. John R., born Nov. 29, 1836; 5. Elizabeth Barstow, born Aug. 27, 1839; a teacher at Mt. Holyoke seminary. (7) Thomas Redington, born March 19, 1803; a paper manufacturer at Paper Mill Village, Alstead, N. H.; married, first, 1830, Betsey Garfield of Langdon. She died April, 1839, aged 28, and he married, second, January, 1840, Sophia Thayer. Children: 1. Charles Redington; 2. George Stearns; 3. Lewis Merriam; 4. Thomas Elbridge. By second wife: 5. Frederick LeRoy. (8) Ann, born October, 1805; died May, 1831; (9) Mary Elizabeth, born 1808; died 1810; (10) Hannah Stearns, born Oct. 29, 1811; married, 1851, Asa Locke, widower of her sister Fanny.
9. Isaac, born Oct. 10, 1771; a merchant of Walpole and Keene, N. H.; married, 1797, Mercy, daughter of Rev. Josiah Dana of Barre. Children: (1) Isabella Brigham, born February, 1798; married Phinehas Fiske of Keene. She died in 1841, leaving one child, Francis Skinner, born Nov. 9, 1825; (2) Isaac Dana, born April 20, 1801, died 1832; (3) Caroline Stearns, born Oct. 14, 1803; married Oliver Holman of Keene. Four children. (4) Louisa, born Aug. 13, 1805; married, February, 1828, Benjamin F. Adams of Keene. Five children. (5) Edward Caldwell, born July, 1809; married, 1838, Caroline Stearns, born December, 1817, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Chandler) Stearns of Chelsea, Vt. They had two children. (6) Henry Prentiss, born April 6, 1814; a farmer of Rockland, Ill.; married, Oct. 28, 1838, Jerusha Bradford, formerly of Keene, and had four children.
10. John, born July, 1774, died aged three years.
11. Eunice, born June 17, 1777; married, 1799, Thomas Seaver of Walpole, and had seven children: (1) Harriet S., born June 15, 1804; (2) Almira A., born Sept.

- 4, 1806, married, Nov. 12, 1828, her cousin, Samuel Prentiss, son of John and Hannah Redington Prentiss of Langdon, N. H. (see page 27); (3) Susan C., born June 5, 1808, married, Aug. 18, 1828, Leonard Worcester, son of Rev. Leonard Worcester of Peacham, Vt., and died, 1835, in Newark, N. J.; (4) Mary E., born Nov. 13, 1809, married, Dec. 25, 1832, Francis G. Lopez, and had several children; (5) Hannah L., born Oct. 11, 1811, married, Aug. 12, 1838, Rev. John C. Wier, and settled in Canton, Ala.; two children; (6) Eunice, born Dec. 26, 1815, married, Jan. 12, 1846, William Thomas Matthews, a planter in Canton, Ala.; (7) Thomas H., born Oct. 20, 1818, resided in Canton, Ala.
12. Susan, born 1779; died 1799.
13. Nancy, married Dr. John Brooks of Bernardston, Mass., and died aged 40, leaving four children, all daughters.

Rebecca Stearns, second daughter of Rev. David Stearns of Lunenburg, was born Nov. 4, 1738; married, July 10, 1758, Thomas Sparhawk, born 1737; graduate of Harvard college 1755. Settled first in Lunenburg, Mass., and in 1769 removed to Walpole, N. H. The first settlers of Walpole were an intelligent and enterprising people. They favored the popular theory of laying the foundation of the new town upon the virtue and intelligence of the people, whereby the idea of popular sovereignty was accomplished. Thomas Sparhawk was clerk of the court and judge of probate. He took an active interest in promoting the prosperity of Walpole. He established the first store in the place, and was the first man to represent the town in the New Hampshire Assembly, held at Exeter. Rebecca (Stearns) Sparhawk was an accomplished woman, of more than ordinary intelligence, force of character and Christian virtues, and one capable of taking a leading part in society, wherever her lot might be cast. Judge Spar-

hawk died 1802. She died May, 1807. They had eight children:

1. Thomas, born April 12, 1760; married, 1791, Octavia Frink of Keene, and settled in Walpole, N. H. They had nine children.
2. Oliver Stearns, born July 23, 1764, died Oct. 18, 1765.
3. Rebecca, born July 17, 1768, died 1792; married Josiah Bellows of Walpole.
4. Oliver Stearns, born in Walpole July 16, 1771; graduated at Dartmouth college in 1793. He was a lawyer. He married Hannah Stearns Whitney, his cousin. She died Aug. 25, 1818. He married, second, Naomi Sparhawk, his cousin; had nine children.
5. Mary, born 1773; married, 1793, Josiah Bellows, Esq., widower of her sister Rebecca.
6. John Stearns, born about 1775; graduated at Dartmouth college 1796; died 1800.
7. Jonathan Hubbard, born 1781; graduated at Dartmouth college 1812. He was appointed surgeon in the U. S. army and stationed at Fort Wayne. He married, 1814, Clarissa, daughter of Dr. Thomas Porter of East Windsor, Conn. He died in 1819; three children.
8. Samuel, born 1786, died 1835. He was a merchant. He married Sophronia Brown and had a family of eight children.

Abigail Stearns, third daughter of Rev. David Stearns of Lunenburg, was born July 6, 1740; married, Sept. 1, 1763, Rev. Ebenezer Sparhawk, pastor of the church at Templeton, Mass. She was a woman whose superior natural abilities were cultivated by education. She delighted to elevate the down-trodden, and devoted her energies to reclaiming those who had never been educated in the schools or trained in the catechism of the church, who had never heard of Christ, and knew nothing about the salvation of sinners. Her example of kindness and charity to the unregenerate indicated to those who had violated the

commandments that they might be forgiven by repentance and faith in their Redeemer, and good works. Her labors in connection with those of that eminent divine made more than ordinary progress in inducing the people of their charge to accept the Holy Scriptures as their spiritual guide,—as the mariner's compass that leads to the salvation of souls. Mrs. Sparhawk died April 21, 1772, and he married second, Dec. 2, 1773, Naomi, daughter of Rev. Abraham Hill of Shutesbury, by whom he had eight children. He died Nov. 25, 1805, and his widow died Mar. 21, 1829. Children by first wife:

1. Ebenezer, born May 28, 1764; married Azubah, daughter of Joseph and Ruth Jepherson of Rochester, Vt., where he settled. He had nine children; he died Oct., 1836.
2. Henry, born April 26, 1766; married Lucinda Lamb of Kingston, Vt., and settled in Rochester, Vt. He was a deacon of the church; died 1813.
3. Thomas Stearns, born June, 1768; died July, 1769.
4. Thomas Stearns, born May, 1770, graduated at Dartmouth college, 1791; studied law and settled in Bucksport, Me., where he died, June, 1807. He married Mary Kinsman of Hanover, N. H., and had five children.

Elizabeth Stearns, fourth daughter of Rev. David Stearns of Lunenburg, Mass., born April 20, 1742; married Rev. Zabdiel Adams, born Nov. 5, 1739, a graduate of Harvard college. Mr. Adams was successor of her father in the church of Lunenburg. Mrs. Adams was active and energetic in aiding the work of her husband in offering the means of redemption to the people of his charge, and labored constantly to improve the condition of the poor and destitute of their flock. She inherited her religious views from her father, who held that sin was wiped out by the decree of omnipotent power, through faith in the Redeemer. This doctrine reclaims the sinner from a hopeless doom. It is the shortest road to future

happiness, and paves the spiritual path to everlasting life. Mrs. Adams died Aug., 1800, and he died Mar. 1, 1801. He was first cousin to President John Adams. Rev. Zabdiel Adams had eleven children:

1. Elizabeth, born Mar. 22, 1766; married, Nov. 26, 1787, Dr. Peter Snow of Fitchburg, Mass. Dr. Snow was the principal magistrate, and also the leading physician in Fitchburg for over forty years. From 1801 to 1808 and from 1817 to 1820 he was a member of the board of selectmen of Fitchburg, and from 1817 to 1824 he was town clerk. He died Nov. 22, 1824, aged 65 years. His widow died at the residence of her son in Tuscaloosa, Ala. They had four sons: (1) Peter Stearns, born Dec. 25, 1792, a physician and a valued citizen of Fitchburg, married Abbie Chase of Leominster, and died Nov. 25, 1884. He had one son, Charles Henry Boylston, a leading lawyer of Fitchburg, who died Sept. 18, 1875; (2) Henry A.; (3) Boylston; (4) Charles. The three last named went to Tuscaloosa, Ala., where they engaged in mercantile business, and continued to reside during life. Charles, the younger, died Jan. 15, 1884, aged 80 years.
2. Ann, born June 1, 1767, married, Nov. 3, 1791, Nathaniel F. Cunningham, Esq., of Lunenburg, and died soon after.
3. Hannah, born May 21, 1769, married, Dec. 7, 1794, N. F. Cunningham, widower of her sister Ann. Children: (1) Abigail F., married John Shepley, a lawyer of Saco, Maine; (2) Nathaniel F., born Feb. 7, 1798, a merchant of Boston, married, 1825, Martha Putnam of Lunenburg, and had children: 1. George A., born 1828; 2. James A., born 1830; 3. Charles H., born 1833; 4. Edward B., born 1835; 5. Caroline W., born 1843. (3) Zabdiel Boylston Adams, born Nov., 1805; married Mary C. Cushing of Lunenburg. He died, leaving one child, Mary, born Nov. 1828; (4) James, born 1815, died 1826.
4. Zabdiel Boylston, born Aug. 25, 1770; died Feb. 17, 1814, graduate of Harvard college, and a lawyer

- of Charlestown, Mass. He married Martha Fox of Fitchburg, and had (1) Abel Fox Adams, a farmer of Fitchburg; and (2) Lucy Ann, who died in Italy, unmarried.
5. Lucy, born 1772, died young.
 6. Mary, born May 17, 1774, married Joseph Bellows, Jr., of Walpole, N. H., and had three children: (1) Henry A., a lawyer of Littleton, N. H.; (2) Fanny Anne; and (3) William J., a lawyer of Littleton, N. H.
 7. Sarah, born April 2, 1776; married, Nov. 23, 1801, Dr. John Hosmer of Watertown. She died in Charlestown, Mass.
 8. Catherine, born Nov. 24, 1777, married William Kimball, moved to the West, where she died, leaving no children.
 9. Henry, born May 13, 1779, a graduate of Harvard college, 1802, married, first, Susan Foster of Charlestown, and second, Mrs. Sarah Hawkins. He resided in Somerville and was for many years a member of the Middlesex bar. Three children, all by first wife, two of whom died in childhood. The third, (1) Henry, was a merchant of Charlestown.
 10. Frances, born Jan. 25, 1781; married, May 30, 1802, Samuel Houghton of Fitchburg, had one daughter, (1) Frances, who married in 1825, Hon. Ebenezer Torrey of Fitchburg. She died in 1831, leaving one daughter, Frances Isabel, who married Hiram A. Blood of Fitchburg.
 11. Abigail, born Jan. 25, 1783; married David Devans of Charlestown, and had seven children.

Hannah Stearns, sixth daughter of Rev. David Stearns of Lunenburg, born Nov. 14, 1748, married, 1772, Aaron Whitney, Jr., a merchant of Northfield. They had six children:

1. Aaron Stearns, born Aug. 27, 1773; died in Charleston, S. C., Aug. 6, 1796.
2. Sally Baker, born Feb. 28, 1775; married Erastus Barnard and resided in Canandaigua, N. Y. She died

July 15, 1825. Children: (1) Maria Augusta, born Nov., 1800; (2) Sally, born Sept., 1803; (3) Erastus Stearns, born May, 1805; died in New Orleans, 1854; (4) Charles Backus, born April, 1807; (5) Selah Ebenezer, born July, 1809; (6) Ann Elizabeth, born Sept., 1812; (7) David, born June, 1815; (8) Manning Goodwin, born April, 1818.

3. Hannah Stearns, born March, 1777; married Oliver Sparhawk, Esq., of Walpole, N. H.

4. William Henry, born Jan. 22, 1779, married, May 30, 1802, Clarissa Woolcot, and settled in the northern part of the state of New York. Children: (1) Aaron Stearns, born July, 1803; (2) William Henry, born 1805; (3) George Sparhawk, born 1807; (4) Marietta Evans, born 1809; (5) Nathaniel Woolcot, born 1811; (6) David Josiah, born January, 1814; (7) Elizabeth, born 1816; (8) Erastus Hubbard, born 1818; (9) William Henry, born 1821.

5. Nahum Hubbard, born Aug. 15, 1781; resided in Vermont; unmarried.

6. David Stearns, born Dec. 22, 1783.

The three following children of Mr. Whitney were by his second wife:

7. Susanna Willard, born Sept. 17, 1785; died Jan., 1786.

8. Susanna Willard, born Dec. 14, 1786; married Theodore Lyman, and had ten children.

9. David Stearns, born Aug. 22, 1778; married at Canandaigua, N. Y., Aug. 4, 1834, Hannah Huntington Partridge, daughter of Cotton and Hannah (Lyman) Partridge, and granddaughter of Rev. Dr. Lyman of Hatfield, Mass. He died in Gainesville, Alabama, April 1, 1840, leaving one son, David Stearns, born Feb. 29, 1836.

Sarah Stearns was the youngest daughter of Rev. David Stearns of Lunenburg, Mass., born April 25, 1758. She married Hon. Daniel Newcomb, a man of a classical education, and a distinguished lawyer, who practiced his profession in Keene, N. H. He was

judge of the supreme court of New Hampshire for many years, in the New Hampshire legislature for several successive terms, six years a member of congress, and a delegate to the convention that formed the first constitution of the United States. There was no man that held more important trusts in Keene than Mr. Newcomb, and perhaps there was no man that discharged the duties with greater ability. Mrs. Newcomb died in Keene Nov. 13, 1796. They had ten children:

1. Sally, born Sept. 11, 1782; died April 16, 1848; married, in 1802, Hon. John G. Bond, a merchant who settled in Keene, N. H. He removed to the state of New York, and was appointed judge of court of common pleas, and afterwards removed to Michigan. Seven children.
2. George, born Oct. 16, 1783. He was a boy of great promise; was examined and admitted to the freshman class of Dartmouth college, but before joining his class was drowned while bathing in Ashuelot river, June 10, 1796, aged 12 years, 8 months.
3. Daniel, born April 2, 1785, graduated at Harvard 1803; received from University of Pennsylvania the degree of M. D. 1806, and settled in Boston. He died in Keene, N. H., May 13, 1809, unmarried.
4. Seth, born Oct. 20, 1786; graduated at Harvard, 1804; studied law and settled in Keene, where he died Oct. 31, 1811.
5. Henry Stearns, born July 20, 1788. He entered Harvard college, but before graduating entered the U. S. navy. He was highly distinguished as a naval officer. He was lost on a homeward voyage in November, 1825. He married and had six children.
6. Levi, born March 7, 1790; died in 1811, while a member of the senior class in Dartmouth college.
7. Fanny, born Oct. 31, 1791; married Daniel Dennison Hatch of Norwich, Vt. He was a merchant in Keene, afterwards in Rochester, N. Y., where he died Dec. 17, 1837; six children.

8. Charles, born Nov. 28, 1792; for two years a member of Harvard college. Being obliged by reason of ill-health to leave, he went west and settled as a farmer in Fulton county, Ill., where he was high sheriff and later a judge of the county court. He married Betty Hallett of Yarmouth, Mass., and had eight children.
9. Walter, born July 14, 1794; entered the U. S. navy in 1812, and died in the island of St. Thomas Nov. 24, 1822.
10. Patty, born June 1, 1796; married, first, in Rochester, N. Y., in 1823, Dr. Martin Johnson, by whom she had two children. She married, second, in 1831, David Jones Garrett of Cleveland, Ohio, and had one child.

Mrs. Ruth (Hubbard) Stearns, widow of Rev. David Stearns of Lunenburg, was a lady highly distinguished for the vigor of her mind and the virtues of her heart. After the death of Mr. Stearns, May 9, 1761, she married, second, Nov. 9, 1768, Rev. Aaron Whitney, born 1714, a graduate of Harvard college 1737, son of Moses Whitney of Littleton. Mr. Whitney settled in Petersham, Mass., where he died in 1779. His widow died Nov. 1, 1788, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Daniel Newcomb, of Keene, N. H. By a former marriage Rev. Mr. Whitney had eight children, viz:

1. Abel, died in Cambridge, Mar. 15, 1756, a member of Harvard college.
2. Peter, a graduate of Harvard college 1762, minister at Northboro, Mass., author of a History of Worcester county; died 1816.
3. Charles, settled in Phillipston, Mass.; died in Vermont.
4. Aaron, a merchant of Northfield, Mass.; married, 1772, Hannah Stearns, daughter of Rev. David Stearns of Lunenburg.
5. Alice, married Ensign Mann of Petersham, and died 1806.

6. Lucy, married Dr. Samuel Kendall of New Salem.
7. Paul, a graduate of Harvard 1772, a physician in Westfield, Mass., where he died, 1807.
8. Abel, born 1756, graduated at Harvard 1772, died 1807; a merchant at Westfield, Mass.

Josiah Stearns, a farmer and blacksmith of Watertown, son of John and Abigail (Fiske) Stearns, born Oct. 4, 1704, settled on his father's homestead. He was a brother of Rev. David Stearns of Lunenburg. He married, first, Dec., 1729, Susanna Ball, daughter of James and Elizabeth (Fiske) Ball. He married, second, about 1740, Dorothy Prentice, daughter of Rev. John and Mary (Gardner) Prentice of Lancaster; and third, April 23, 1752, Mary Bowman of Cambridge. He died April 11, 1756. He had eleven children:

1. Josiah, born July 11, 1730; married, 1765, Abigail Emerson, born 1732; settled first in Lunenburg, and about 1770 moved to Westminster, Mass. He died in Wilmington, Vt., Jan. 31, 1802. She died in Westminster, September, 1802. They had five children.
2. Susanna, born 1731, died young.
3. John, born May 8, 1733; married, first, Martha Harrington, daughter of Joseph and Martha (Hastings) Harrington. He married, second, Feb. 2, 1779, Mary Parks, daughter of Ephraim Parks of Lincoln. He settled in Watertown, but about 1798 moved to Bethel, Me., where he died, Oct. 6, 1804. His widow died 1818. They had twelve children, several of whom settled in Bethel, Me.
4. Phinehas, born Feb. 5, 1736. (See page 16.)
5. Jonas, born Feb. 27, 1738; married in Lunenburg, Mass., May 14, 1758, Submit Davis, born 1742. About 1763 he moved to Chesterfield, N. H., where he died, Sept. 13, 1782. She died in Marlboro, Vt., Feb. 24, 1815. He was a cabinet maker, and a deacon in the church. He had ten children.
6. Peter, born Aug. 3, 1742; enlisted in the French war and never returned.

7. Dorothy, born June 4, 1744; married David Coolidge, Jr., of Watertown. Had eleven children. Died Nov. 2, 1815.
8. Susanna, born April, 1746, died young.
9. William, born Mar. 3, 1748; married and settled in Lunenburg. He died, leaving no children.
10. Relief, born April 10, 1749; married May 10, 1770, Stephen Whitney, son of John and Susan Whitney of Watertown. They moved to Lunenburg about 1783 to live with her uncle, Col. Abijah Stearns, who had no children. Mrs. Whitney had ten children. She died Jan. 17, 1803.
11. Mary, born Jan. 5, 1754; married Nov. 17, 1773, Benjamin Hurd of Charlestown, Mass., born Feb. 1, 1750. He was bred a leather dresser, but early engaged in trade. His wife, Mary (Stearns), died Feb. 2, 1816, and he married, second, Mary, daughter of Benjamin Fessenden. He died May 5, 1821. He had eleven children, all by his first wife. He was driven from Charlestown in June, 1775, by the British, but returned in 1788.

Daniel Stearns, son of Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Dix) Stearns of Watertown, born March 1, 1701, resided in Watertown, and probably upon the homestead of the first Isaac Stearns. By his first wife, Anna, he had one daughter, Anna, born 1723. He married, second, Mercy Grant. He died about 1747. Of his ten children, Isaiah Stearns was his second son, born 1728. He resided in West Cambridge. He (Isaiah) had a son, Daniel, by wife Elizabeth, who was born Dec. 17, 1760. Daniel was in the Revolutionary army for several years. He participated in the daring and impetuous charge upon Stony Point, under the brave General Wayne, one of the most remarkable victories of the Revolution.

Ephraim Stearns was son of Ebenezer and Mary (Spring) Stearns of Worcester, grandson of Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Dix) Stearns of Watertown, born Jan.

10, 1740. He was treasurer of the town of Petersham, Mass., for twenty years, and an assessor for many years. He commanded a company of militia during most of the Revolutionary war, and rose to the command of a regiment. He was in several battles and in many skirmishes, and was promoted for faithful services upon the field of action. Besides being a faithful soldier, he was a useful citizen, as the records of Petersham testify, by his long continued employment in the municipal affairs of that town. He married Prudence Wilder in 1746, and had ten children. He died Sept. 2, 1808, at Petersham. His widow died March 29, 1825.

William Stearns, son of Rev. Josiah Stearns of Epping, N. H., born Nov. 26, 1773, married May 6, 1800, Mary Bryant, daughter of Walter Bryant of Newmarket, N. H. She died Oct. 1806, and he married, second, Jan. 2, 1809, Abigail Richards, daughter of Samuel Howe of Templeton, Mass. He was a deacon in the church, and a justice of the peace in Epping. Children, all by second marriage:

1. William R., born Nov. 1, 1809.
2. Josiah Howe, born Oct. 1, 1812, graduated at Dartmouth college 1840, married, Sept., 1844, Eliza Kilby, born April, 1820, daughter of John Kilby of Dennisville, Me., where he was ordained and installed as pastor, Nov. 6, 1844.
3. Mary E., born March 6, 1815.
4. Samuel R., born Aug., 1817; died Oct., 1820.

Hannah Stearns was a daughter of Isaac and Hannah (Waters) Stearns of Stoughton, granddaughter of Isaac and Rachel (Randall) Stearns of Billerica, born Aug. 3, 1746, married, May 3, 1770, Capt. Noah Pratt, settled in Winchester, N. H. Isaac Stearns, the father of Hannah, went away clandestinely and was never heard from afterwards.

Elizabeth Stearns, daughter of Moses and Ruth (Houghton) Stearns of Walpole, N. H., born Sept. 9, 1764, married John Adams. They settled in Walpole, N. H., where they spent their days. He was a butcher and followed the business many years. He died Oct. 24, 1851. His wife survived him nineteen years and died July 8, 1870, aged ninety-two years.

Stephen Stearns was a son of Ephraim and Molly (Gilman) Stearns, grandson of Moses and Ruth (Houghton) Stearns, born, lived, and died on the old homestead in Walpole, N. H. He was one of the most solid, reliable, and estimable citizens of the town. He was a member of the legislature in 1839, and again in 1842. His first wife, Harriet (Hosmer), died Dec. 20, 1827. He married, second, Widow Lora Burroughs. He died Jan. 28, 1855. His wife, Lora, survived him fifteen years, and died Jan. 22, 1870.

Josiah W. Stearns, son of Stephen above, abandoned the old homestead in 1863, that had been occupied by the family for 90 years, and removed to Watseka, Ill. There are now none of the descendants of this family residing in Walpole.

Hon. Charles Stearns was a son of Eli and Mary Whitney Stearns, grandson of Benjamin Stearns of Rutland, born in Lancaster, Nov. 15, 1788. He early showed a genius for mechanics, and was sent to Boston to learn the trade of stone mason. In 1812 he settled in Springfield, Mass. He invested in real estate and built upon his lots, which increased in value and proved a profitable adventure. He was active in every public enterprise. He formed joint stock companies for the building of costly blocks and stately mansions, thereby giving employment to labor and investment to capital, which nurtured the trade and commerce of Springfield, now one of the most prosperous cities in the valley of the Connecticut. Mr. Stearns was active in the introduction of railroads

into Massachusetts. He served Springfield as a representative in the legislature in 1834 and 1835, and was elected senator from Hampden county in 1845. He married Dec. 30, 1816, Julia Ann Woodward of Wilbraham, granddaughter of Rev. Benjamin Trumbull of New Haven, the historian. She died Jan. 28, 1833, and he married, second, May 6, 1834, Amanda, daughter of Abner Brown of Monson, Mass. She died April 7, 1836, and he married, June 10, 1838, Mary, daughter of Festus Stebbins of Springfield, Mass. He had one son, Charles Woodward Stearns, born Sept. 24, 1817. He graduated at Yale college, 1837, and received the degree of M. D. from the Pennsylvania university in 1840. He made one campaign as U. S. Army surgeon in Florida, in 1842. He made the tour of Europe in 1845, where he spent two years in scientific investigations, after which he returned and settled in New York.

John Stearns of Billerica, son of John 1st and grandson of Isaac, the emigrant, born 1654; married Elizabeth, daughter of John Bigelow of Watertown. She died 1694. He married, second, Johanna, widow of Jacob Parker. Children:

1. Elizabeth, born Sept. 23, 1677.
2. John, born Jan. 22, died April 4, 1680.
3. Sarah, born March 21, 1682.
4. Mary, born July 23, 1684.
5. John, born Nov. 26, 1686.
6. Isaac, born May 1, 1689.
7. Abigail, born Aug. 22, 1691; married, Oct. 23, 1711, Sergt. William Wyman of Woburn, second son of William and Prudence (Putnam) Wyman.

Isaac Stearns of Billerica, brother of John Stearns, above named, married Mary Merriam. He died in Billerica in 1739. Children:

1. Isaac, born Aug. 21, 1701, died 1739.
2. Mary, born Jan. 26, 1702.

3. Sarah, born March 26, 1704.
4. Miriam, born Aug. 5, 1705.
5. Lydia, born April 21, 1707.

Samuel Stearns of Watertown was a son of Samuel and Hannah (Manning) Stearns, as recorded on page 4. He married, March 2, 1698, Mary Hawkins, who was born April 30, 1677, and died April 23, 1759, daughter of Timothy, Jr., and Mary Hawkins. July 8, 1700, he bought of Daniel Smith and wife Rahanah, for £100, all their right, title and interest in the Hawkins estate in Watertown. He died Aug. 16, 1746. He was a lieutenant of the militia, was selectman of Watertown seventeen years, and town treasurer seven years. Children:

1. Mary, born July 20, 1699; married George Lawrence of Waltham.
2. Timothy, born Oct. 8, 1701; married Bethia Adams of Medway.
3. Samuel, born Nov. 30, 1703; married Sarah Bowman of Cambridge.
4. Joshua, born Dec. 15, 1705; died 1724, unmarried.
5. Sarah, born May 9, 1708; married Isaac Barnard of Sutton.
6. Jonathan, born July 2, 1710; died June, 1738.
7. Prudence, born April 27, 1713; married Francis Harrington of Grafton.
8. Eunice, born Dec. 23, 1715; married Nathaniel Adams of Grafton.
9. Anna, born Aug. 2, 1718; married, May 26, 1748, Joshua Fuller of Newton.

Capt. Edward Stearns of Billerica and Bedford was a son of John and Esther (Johnson) Stearns of Billerica. He married, 1755, Lucy, daughter of Thomas and Rachel (Stearns) Wyman. She died Nov. 28, 1802, and he died in Bedford, Mass., June 11, 1793. He was in the Concord fight 1775, and upon the death of Capt. Wilson (who married a daughter of Samuel

Stearns, and who was killed by the British in the retreat,) the command of the Bedford militia devolved upon him. He followed the enemy to Cambridge, and caused, by his successful strategy, so many of the British stragglers to make their last fight, that the American commander offered him a commission, which was, however, declined. He had ten children.

Mary Stearns was a daughter of Hon. Josiah Stearns of Lunenburg, Mass., born Oct. 25, 1776; married, Nov. 20, 1800, Hon. Edmund Cushing of Lunenburg, born Dec. 2, 1772, died March 22, 1851; son of Hon. Charles Cushing of Hingham (who moved to Lunenburg 1797). He held some municipal offices of the town, as selectman, assessor and town clerk, and treasurer nearly all the time for forty years. He was representative to the state legislature from Lunenburg in 1804, and for several years afterwards was honored with a seat in that body. He was chosen an elector of president and vice-president in 1824, senator of Worcester county in 1825, was the first postmaster in Lunenburg and held the office for twelve years. He was captain in 1799, major in 1801, lieutenant colonel in 1808.

Josiah Stearns was an early settler of Rindge, N. H. As early as 1768 his name is found upon the records of that town. He probably resided there but a few years, when he removed to Westminster, Mass., and subsequently to Bennington, Vt., where he died Jan. 31, 1802. He was a son of Josiah and Susanna (Ball) Stearns, a grandson of John and Abigail (Fiske) Stearns, a great-grandson of Samuel and Hannah (Manning) Stearns, who was a son of Isaac and Mary Stearns, the emigrants. He is said to have numerous descendants, some of whom have proved scholars and statesmen with accomplished abilities in several generations.

Joseph E. Sprague of Salem was the eldest son of Dr. William Stearns, and was born in Salem Sept. 9, 1782. He was a graduate of Harvard college, class of 1804. Soon after he graduated he took the name of Sprague, which was the family name of his mother. He was a member of the Essex bar. He was appointed by President Jefferson United States marshal. In 1815 he was appointed by President Madison postmaster of Salem and retained the office until the accession of Gen. Jackson to the presidency in 1829. He was clerk of the court and sheriff of the county of Essex. Mr. Sprague died of apoplexy, Feb. 22, 1852, and it is a singular coincidence that his grandfather, whose name he assumed, died in the same way, in the same room, at nearly the same age, in the same month, February, 1808. Mr. Sprague was twice married and had nine children.

Daniel Stearns was a son of Josiah Stearns of Westminster, Mass., a farmer and blacksmith. He was a grandson of Josiah Stearns of Watertown, and great-grandson of John and Abigail (Fiske) Stearns, recorded on page 4. He was born May 18, 1776. He married, Aug. 7, 1800, Elizabeth Heywood, daughter of Timothy and Patience (Stebbins) Heywood of Westminster. In 1804 he removed to Wilmington, Vt., afterwards to Brattleboro, and in 1818 to Gerry, Chautauqua county, N. Y. In May, 1846, he removed with his family to Freeport, Stephenson county, Illinois, where he engaged in business as a blacksmith, receiving a fair remuneration for his services, and where his skill and perseverance in his trade were of much benefit to the public. He had thirteen children.

Benjamin Stearns, son of Samuel and Phebe Stearns of Lexington, born Jan. 6, 1719, settled in Rutland, Mass. He was a carpenter. He married Mary, widow of Benjamin Warren of Hardwick. Children:

1. Levi, born 1755. He joined the army May 1, 1775, was in the battle of Bunker Hill, in the company of Jedediah Waterman, under the command of Gen. Putnam.
2. Eli, born 1757. He was an apprentice of Whitaker, a carpenter of Princeton, Mass., who enlisted early in the Revolutionary war. Eli was sent a short time as a substitute for his master, and was stationed near Bunker Hill, where he could hear the roar of the cannon in that bloody conflict. In 1777 he enlisted in Daniel Shays's company. In a skirmish he was wounded by a ball passing through his head. He was sent to the hospital at Albany. Strange as it may appear he recovered and served through the war.
3. John, born 1760; died on board the Jersey prison ship, unmarried.
4. Mary, born 1763; died Oct. 6, 1807; married Asa Rice of Princeton. Four children.
5. Jonas, born 1765, a house carpenter of Princeton, Mass.; married Lydia Savage of Princeton. He died November, 1805. She died Jan. 20, 1845. Four children.

Timothy Stearns, son of Timothy and Bethia (Adams) Stearns of Framingham, grandson of Samuel and Mary (Hawkins) Stearns of Watertown, was born Aug. 28, 1731, and settled in Reading, where his five children were born. He removed to Framingham in 1778 and died there Jan. 15, 1831. He had three wives—Lydia Walton, Widow Sarah Williams and Dolly Bowers. His children were all by his first wife, viz:

1. Timothy, born Sept. 14, 1767; married Mary Look Sept. 3, 1794.
2. Lydia, born March 16, 1769; married Col. Nathan Parker of Reading.
3. Elizabeth, born April 2, 1771; married Samuel Peters of Reading.

4. Amos, born Aug. 27, 1774; married, first, Sally Watts, and second, Nancy Blodgett, both at Chelsea.
5. Ruth, born March 26, 1776; married William Johnson of Reading, and was mother of eighteen children. Most of them grew to adult age and perpetuated numerous descendants.

Jesse Stearns was born in Ashburnham, Mass., Aug. 29, 1784. He married Lucinda Davis of New Ipswich June 6, 1811. His father was Isaac Stearns, a sergeant in the Revolutionary army, and his grandfather, Hon. Isaac Stearns of Billerica, was a member of the Massachusetts senate. Lucinda Davis, his wife, was born in New Ipswich Feb. 19, 1791. She was a woman of remarkable ability and great force of character. She was ardently devoted to the education and welfare of her children. She taught them early the precepts of morality and pressed them forward in literary and scientific knowledge. It was, perhaps, her energy that made them gifted scholars and respected citizens. Jesse Stearns died in New Ipswich Nov. 18, 1866. His widow died Oct. 9, 1868. Their children were:

1. Jesse George Davis, born in Ashburnham, Mass., Feb. 24, 1812; entered Amherst college 1832, graduated 1836; principal of Hopkins academy 1836-38, entered Andover 1838, tutor in Amherst college 1839 (two years), returned to Andover 1841, graduated in 1842, ordained in Billerica May 10, 1843.
2. Eveline Lucinda, born in Ashburnham Feb. 16, 1814; married Rev. Samuel S. Tappan of Boston Nov. 4, 1835, died in Conway, N. H., March 27, 1850.
3. Josiah Milton, born in Ashburnham June 17, 1818; graduated at Marshall college, Pennsylvania, 1844, graduated at Lane seminary; married F. McIntire May 24, 1847, ordained at Lunenburg, Vt., June 6, 1849, died at Brentwood, N. H., June 12, 1853.

4. Isaac Crosby, born in New Ipswich, N. H., Feb. 28, 1820, married Nov. 27, 1845; is a farmer in Zumbrota, Minn., has been a member of the legislature, and a trustee of the college recently founded in that state.
5. Abigail Mary, born in New Ipswich July 24, 1822; married Rev. Seneca Cummings of Antrim, N. H., Oct. 23, 1847, a missionary to China. Mr. Cummings died Aug. 12, 1856.
6. Lucy Estabrook, born in New Ipswich April 13, 1824; married Rev. Charles Hartwell of Lincoln Sept. 6, 1852, a missionary to China. She died in China.
7. John Newton, born in New Ipswich May 24, 1829, married Feb. 9, 1854. He was editor of *Merry's Museum* of New York city, publisher of the *National Temperance Advocate* and the *Youth's Temperance Banner*.

Abel Stearns, born Feb. 9, 1798, was a son of Levi Stearns of Lunenburg, and grandson of Thomas Stearns of Littleton. He went to California about 1822, before the acquisition of that territory by the United States, purchased several thousand acres of land, and raised several thousand head of cattle. He married a Mexican lady and settled upon his ranch. When the gold excitement raged in 1849-50 he was receiving a large income from his immense herd of cattle. He was later engaged in trade at Angelos de las Palos in Upper California. He was an enterprising citizen of the Golden State, and a member of the convention that formed its first constitution.

Hon. Edwin Stearns, son of Samuel and Mary (Bigelow) Stearns of Lexington, grandson of Capt. Samuel Stearns of Waltham, was born in Lexington, Mass., March 22, 1804. He became a merchant and manufacturer in Middletown, Conn. His business capacity and financial abilities enabled him to establish manufacturing plants that returned an income, paid wages

to labor, and distributed wealth to the community around him. In 1852 he was elected treasurer of the state of Connecticut. He performed the duties with remarkable ability. He found the state in debt. He left it free from debt with a surplus in the treasury. He was a member of the legislature and faithfully performed his duties. He was an honest man, a terse and vigorous writer. He left some valuable reports in the archives of the state of Connecticut. He married, April 17, 1828, Maria Brewer, born June 27, 1809, daughter of Charles Brewer of Middletown, and had five children.

Dr. George Stearns was the youngest child of Ephraim and Molly (Gilman) Stearns (page 20), and was born in Walpole, N. H., May 10, 1802. He graduated at the Harvard medical college, in the class of 1827, and perfected his studies in Boston, where he practiced his profession about three years, when he removed to Groton, Mass. He married, July 2, 1868, Mrs. Ann (Moulton) Gilson, widow of Joshua Gilson of Groton. Dr. Stearns died March 7, 1882, aged 80. He was the oldest physician in Groton at the time of his death. Dr. Stearns's father, Dea. Ephraim Stearns, was a Revolutionary soldier. After the close of the war he settled upon his father's homestead in Walpole, where he died Oct. 19, 1843, aged 88 years. Mrs. Stearns died Oct. 27, 1850. They had 13 children. Ephraim's father, Moses Stearns, died Sept. 24, 1808, aged 80 years. His wife, Ruth (Houghton), died Feb. 27, 1815, aged 82. Josiah W. Stearns, great-grandson of Moses, abandoned the old homestead of his ancestors in 1863. It had been occupied by the family for ninety years. He removed to Illinois and settled in Otseka.

Gov. Onslow Stearns, son of John and Mary (Lane) Stearns of Billerica, was born Aug. 30, 1810; elected governor of New Hampshire 1869 and 1870. He was an eminent engineer and constructor of rail-

roads and canals. His enterprise and public spirit accomplished more for New Hampshire than any other man, living or dead. As chief engineer he superintended the construction of that great work, the Chesapeake & Ohio canal, which was an honor to his genius as a mechanic. He finished and run the Nashua & Lowell railroad with success from 1837 to 1845, when he built the Boston & Montreal road, which links together Canada and the United States. Mr. Stearns was one of Nature's noblemen. He was the architect of his own fortune, and distinguished himself by his genius for constructing public works which will stand for generations to bear testimony to his genius and enterprise.

Abijah Stearns came from Connecticut to Chesterfield, N. H., some time previous to the Revolution. He enlisted in the Revolutionary army in 1775 and was never heard from after he left home. His brother Abraham lived in Chesterfield until the latter part of his life, when he moved to Swanzey, N. H., where he died in 1825. He was a farmer and reared up a numerous family of twelve children, three of whom were living in 1885. Two of his offspring, Abraham and Mrs. Eunice Eaton, settled in Woodstock, Vt.

Nathaniel Stearns, son of Samuel and Hannah (Manning) Stearns, was born in Watertown Dec. 13, 1668. In the partition of his father's estate he received the farm which had been the homestead of his grandfather, Isaac Stearns, and the same which continued to be the home of his descendants bearing the name of Stearns for four generations. It continued to be owned and occupied by the more remote descendants for six generations from Isaac Stearns. He married, 1694, Elizabeth Dix, born Dec. 4, 1671, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Barnard) Dix. She died June 16, 1712. He married, second, Oct. 29, 1713, Sarah Nevinson, born July 22, 1672, daughter of John Nev-

inson. He died Aug. 24, 1716, and his widow married Samuel Livermore. Children:

1. Nathaniel, born Oct. 8, died Dec., 1694.
2. Nathaniel, born Jan. 18, 1696, died 1749.
3. Elizabeth, born Sept 26, 1697. Married, first, Jonathan Shattuck. He died July, 1724, and she married, second, Dec. 15, 1726, Daniel Bond, and had children: (1) Mary, born July 12, 1731; and (2) Isaac, baptized Nov. 18, 1733. She died previous to 1742.
4. Hannah, born 1699, died 1716.
5. Daniel, born March 1, 1701, died 1747; see page 38.
6. Lydia, born Nov. 2, 1702; married July 29, 1731, Nahum Ward of Boston.
7. Isaac, born July 24, 1704, a tailor of Boston. Married Mehitable — and died prior to 1732; had daughter Elizabeth, born Feb. 12, 1726.
8. David, born August, died Oct., 1706.
9. Ebenezer, born Apr. 22, 1708, a clothier of Worcester. Married Apr. 12, 1737, Mary Spring of Newton, who died Oct., 1798, aged 88 years, 11 months. He died Sept., 1777. They had nine children.
10. Mercy, born Apr. 22, 1708 (twin to Ebenezer).
11. Deborah, born Nov. 5, 1709; married — Salisbury.
12. Phebe, born Feb. 11, 1712; married Nov. 1, 1731, Josiah Greenwood, a tailor of Newton, by whom she had (1) Joshua, (2) Isaac, (3) Hannah, (4) Ebenezer.

Ebenezer Stearns, son of Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Dix) Stearns, was born in Watertown, Mass., Apr. 22, 1708. Married, Apr. 12, 1737, by Rev. John Cotton, to Mary Spring of Newton. He was a clothier of Worcester, Mass., where he died Sept., 1777. His widow died Oct., 1798, aged 88 years. Children:

1. Mary, born June 24, 1739.
2. Ephraim, born Jan. 10, 1740, died 1808.
3. Ebenezer, born Oct. 3, 1741, died 1823 in Warwick.
4. Nathaniel, born Oct. 26, 1743, a mason of Warwick.

5. Simeon, born June 10, 1745, a Revolutionary soldier in 1777.
6. Joanna, born April 7, 1747.
7. Betty, born May, 1750.
8. Lucretia, born July 7, 1752.
9. William, born Aug. 5, 1754.

Joshua Stearns was a son of Dea. Isaac and Elizabeth (Child) Stearns of Waltham. He was born July 10, 1748, and married, Oct. 8, 1772, Lois Peirce of Waltham, born Feb. 2, 1754, daughter of Ephraim and Lydia (White) Peirce. They had eleven children, nine of whom lived to adult age and were married, viz. :

1. Lois, born Feb. 18, 1773, died 1795.
2. Elizabeth, born April 13, 1776; married Sept. 22, 1794, Joel Smith, born June 1, 1771, son of Eben Smith of Lexington. They had eight children.
3. Lydia, born Apr. 19, 1778; married Apr. 17, 1800, Elijah Smith, born May 28, 1769, son of Josiah Smith of Lexington. He died in Medford Feb., 1830. They had nine children.
4. Nancy, born May 13, 1780; married May 16, 1805, Nehemiah Wellington; nine children.
5. Sarah, born Sept. 16, 1782; married July 8, 1804, Converse Bemis, born Dec. 21, 1781, son of Isaac Bemis of Waltham.
6. Priscilla, born Mar. 12, 1784; married, 1803, Moses Holden of Shirley.
7. Susanna, born Mar. 24, 1786; married Nov. 25, 1809, Capt. Francis Wheeler, born Mar. 24, 1787, son of Noah Wheeler of Concord, Mass. Nine children.
8. Avis, born August, 1788.
9. Lucy, born June 1, 1792; married Feb. 5, 1817, William Bemis, son of Isaac Bemis of Waltham. Nine children.
10. Cyllinda, born May 2, 1794; married May 14, 1826, Elijah Sanderson, born Mar. 7, 1796, son of Jonathan Sanderson of Waltham, Mass.; four children.

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11. Ephraim, born June 15, 1797; married Jan. 15, 1822, Rachel Learoyd, born in Bradford, England, Dec. 9, 1799, daughter of John and Ann Learoyd; seven children.

Abijah Stearns, son of John and Abigail (Fiske) Stearns of Watertown, born Dec. 19, 1724, married Nov. 12, 1751, Sarah Heywood of Lunenburg, where he settled. She died Sept. 4, 1782, and he died Nov. 6, 1783. He was a colonel. In 1777 a convention of the free-men of Fitchburg and adjoining towns was held at the tavern of Abijah Stearns of Lunenburg, to fix a price upon the wages of labor, and upon the necessaries of life. The convention chose Deacon William Stearns moderator, and Thomas Cowdin of Fitchburg clerk. The committee reported a schedule of prices for labor and a scale of prices for various kinds of produce and articles of consumption. Their report showed that they understood neither the laws of trade nor the laws of Nature; as the market price of commodities depends upon demand and supply—and conventional or municipal law can neither increase nor diminish the supply. But capital will give a spur to industry and thereby increase the supply of the necessaries of life, and lower the price to the consumer.

Simon Stearns, son of Simon and Margaret (Hixon) Stearns of Stoughton, born Nov. 19, 1733, married Jan. 23, 1764, Mary Johnston of Bridgewater, and lived in Stoughton and in several other towns. He died in Stoughton Feb. 1, 1816. His widow died 1819, aged 80. Children:

1. Oliver, born Oct. 14, 1765. In 1780 he went to Vermont and was never heard of afterwards.
2. Rhoda, born May 16, 1770; married Daniel Streeter of New Pollard, Me.; three children.
3. Susan, born Oct. 10, 1771; married John Allen and lived in Stetson, Me.

4. Mary, born July 16, 1778; married — Moland, who died 1810, leaving one daughter.
5. Bethuel, born July 4, 1780; a farmer of Wilton, Me. Children: (1) Bethuel Melvira, born Sept. 21, 1804; (2) Sarah W., born Feb. 23, 1806; (3) Lewis Ellison, born Aug. 6, 1807; married, 1835, Hannah Walker; (4) Albert Irvin, born Jan. 19, 1809; (5) Sarah B., born May 18, 1812; (6) William H., born and died Aug., 1813; (7) George P., born Oct. 30, 1814; (8) Charles W., born Nov. 27, 1816; (9) Saloma D., born July 28, 1819; (10) Climela Raney, born Feb. 10, 1821; married, 1848, Samuel Morse of Fairfield, Me.; (11) Clarissa Hillman Whitney, born Feb. 10, 1821, of Lubec, Me.; (12) Thaddeus Constantine, born April 4, 1823; (13) Pembroke Beaufort, born May 22, 1824, of Hampden, Me.; (14) Ruth Auril, born July 11, 1828.

Capt. Elijah Stearns of Rutland, Mass., son of Isaac and Alice (Wilson) Stearns of Billerica, great-grandson of Isaac and Mary (Merriam) Stearns of Billerica, born June 15, 1735; married Feb. 20, 1760, Lucy Lane of Bedford. She died Aug. 4, 1793, and he died Oct. 3, 1801. Children:

1. Elijah, born Oct. 14, 1760, died Aug. 10, 1761.
2. Lucy, born June 26, 1762; married Feb. 16, 1783, Luther Stevens of Rutland.
3. Mary, born March 28, 1765; married Sept. 27, 1797, Bezaleel Hale of Stow.
4. Elijah, born May 1, 1767; married June 25, 1795, Jane, daughter of John and Martha (Dickee) Boyes of Rutland, where he settled.
5. Josiah, born June 18, 1769; married Ruth Hunt, and settled in Leominster, Mass., where he raised a family of seven children.
6. Martha, born Aug. 15, 1771; married April 3, 1798, Joseph Wood.

William Stearns, son of Dea. William and Elizabeth (Johnson) Stearns of Lunenburg, grandson of John and Abigail (Fiske) Stearns of Watertown, was born in Lunenburg, Mass., April 20, 1749; was graduated at Harvard college, class of 1770; studied divinity and preached a short time, when he left the pulpit and studied law and was admitted to the bar in Dec., 1776. He practiced his profession in Worcester, Mass., with good success until his early death Oct. 22, 1783. He married, April 24, 1776, Mary Dana, and had two daughters. In 1776 he formed connection with Daniel Bigelow, Esq. (who studied law in his office) for the publication of the *Massachusetts Spy*, which they conducted for one year, when they disposed of their interest to other parties.

Hon. Asahel Stearns was a son of Hon. Josiah and Mary (Corey) Stearns of Lunenburg, born June 17, 1774. [Brother, not son of Luther Stearns, as stated p. 16.] He was graduated at Harvard college in 1797, and was appointed professor of law in that institution. He practiced his profession in several towns and was one of the leading members of the bar in the Commonwealth. He was one of a committee to revise the Statutes of Massachusetts in 1836. He married in 1800 Frances W. (Shepherd) daughter of Benjamin Whitney of Hollis, N. H. They had two children:

1. Mary Hall, born Dec. 25, 1802, died Aug. 30, 1836, unmarried.
2. William Gordon, born Nov. 22, 1804, graduated at Harvard college in 1824.

Hannah Stearns, daughter of Isaac and Hannah (Waters) Stearns of Stoughton, married Capt. Noah Pratt of Wrentham, as recorded on page 39. They had seven children, all born in Wrentham. About 1790 the family all moved to Winchester, N. H. Children:

1. Henry, born May 14, 1771, died Aug. 28, 1841. A justice of the peace of Winchester; married Rebecca,

daughter of Dea. Asahel Jewell of Winchester. They had ten children.

2. Nathan, born May 2, 1773; married Hannah Hammond of Winchester. They had five children.
3. Hannah, born Feb. 11, 1777; married Reuben Alexander, son of Col. Alexander of Winchester, and had seven children.
4. Sarah, born March 3, 1779, died 1790.
5. Susannah, born Sept. 7, 1781; married Erastus Wright of Winchester, and had nine children.
6. Noah, born March 17, 1784, a physician; died in Rockingham, Vt., Oct. 10, 1847; married Sarah Brown of Chesterfield, N. H.; had eight children.
7. Olive, born May 17, 1787, died March 28, 1830; married Rufus Jewell, son of Dea. Asahel Jewell of Winchester, and had eleven children.

Charles Stearns, son of Josiah and Ruth (Hunt) Stearns of Leominster, Mass., grandson of Elijah Stearns of Rutland, Mass., was born Aug. 23, 1796. He married Jan. 1, 1824, Rebecca Greene Robbins of Sterling, Mass., and settled in Ashburnham. He was a prominent citizen—twenty-four years town clerk, and for ten years deputy sheriff of Worcester county. He died June 11, 1874. Children:

1. Emma Hobart, born Dec. 18, 1824; married 1851 Charles Wright of Northfield.
2. Charles Lorenzo, born 1826, died 1839.
3. Rebecca Hill, born Sept. 3, 1828; married Capt. Addison A. Walker of Ashburnham.
4. Josephine Pierce, born Sept. 3, 1830; married Hartwell Tenney of Ashburnham.
5. Francis Barnet, born July 20, 1833, died 1833.
6. George Henry, born Sept. 28, 1834; married Martha J. Greene of Colerain.
7. Cassius Clement, born Aug. 23, 1838; married in 1873 Gertrude Bottomly.

Ephraim Stearns, born in Athol, Mass., July 19, 1798, son of Samuel and Lydia (Clement) Stearns, grand-

son of Col. Ephraim and Prudence (Wilder) Stearns of Petersham; great-grandson of Ebenezer and Mary (Spring) Stearns; great-great-grandson of Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Dix) Stearns of Waltham. Ephraim Stearns, the subject of this notice, married Feb. 11, 1824, Lucy Willard, born July 4, 1802, daughter of Silas and Molly (Jones) Willard of Ashburnham. They settled in Rindge, N. H., about 1844, and had ten children.

Josiah Atherton Stearns, son of Rev. Samuel and Abigail (French) Stearns, was born in Bedford, Mass., April 1, 1812. He early showed a disposition to acquire a superior education and he was trained in the schools for that purpose. He chose teaching as a profession and proved successful. He became a principal among teachers. He was for many years connected with the Boston schools, becoming in 1854 principal of the Mather school in South Boston, later known as the Lawrence school in honor of Amos Lawrence, one of its benefactors. The successful teacher has a magnetic power to convey instruction to the juvenile mind, thereby paving the way to education. The preceptor who demonstrates his subject to a mathematical certainty will fill the mind of his pupil with the treasures of knowledge as sure as effect follows the cause. Reason enters the intellect—drives error from its hiding place and leaves intelligence master of the situation. The school master makes scholars—his scholars make useful citizens and eminent statesmen. The Lawrence school building stands on historic ground—the spot made memorable by the fort built by Gen. Rufus Putnam, which forced the evacuation of Boston by the British army in 1776.

Samuel Stearns, son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Knowlton) Stearns and of the seventh generation from Isaac Stearns the emigrant, was born Aug. 27, 1802. He married, Mar. 4, 1830, Mary Fitch Moore, daughter

of William and Mary (Fitch) Moore of Sharon, N. H. Mr. Stearns raised a family of seven children.

Ezra Scollay Stearns, son of Samuel and Mary Fitch (Moore) Stearns, grandson of Daniel and Elizabeth (Knowlton) Stearns, born in Rindge, N. H., Sept. 1, 1838. He is the historian of Rindge, N. H., and Ashburnham, Mass., and for several years occupied the position of Secretary of State for New Hampshire. He is an accurate historian and has collected many authentic facts and compiled much interesting information upon the genealogy of the first settlers, and upon the early history of New Hampshire and Massachusetts. He resides at Rindge.

Samuel Henry Stearns, born July 27, 1840, was son of Samuel and Mary Fitch (Moore) Stearns of Rindge, N. H. He was three years in the war of the Rebellion. He showed his attachment to the Union by staking his life upon the altar of his country. It was the young men who made breaches in the ranks of the Rebellion. They had the hardy courage and the vigor of youth to stand discipline and to endure long marches, and became veterans invincible to the enemy. Their valiant services and brilliant deeds upon the battlefield led to a triumphant success of the Union arms.

George Stearns was son of Samuel Stearns, and brother of Samuel H. above named, born Aug. 16, 1842. He enlisted in the 9th N. H. Vols. and died at West Philadelphia hospital Dec. 24, 1862. The regiment in which he was enrolled made a splendid record. They were in the famous siege of Vicksburg, and fought like veterans in the desperate battle of Antietam. In 1864 they were ordered to reinforce the army of the Potomac in Grant's onward to Richmond. They shared in the fearful slaughter in the battles of the Wilderness and at Cold Harbor.

George Henry Stearns was son of Charles Stearns of Ashburnham, born Sept. 28, 1834. In the civil war of 1861, he was musician in Brigade Band of 20th corps of the Union army. He married, Jan., 1873, Martha J. Greene of Colerain, and settled in Ashburnham, Mass. He was from a musical family. His brother, Cassius Clement, is an organist in Worcester, and a composer of music.

Thomas Stearns, son of Samuel and Phebe Stearns of Lexington, grandson of Isaac and Sarah (Beers) Stearns, born July 4, 1710; married, first, Abigail, daughter of Ebenezer Reed of Uxbridge, mother of three children. By second wife he had two children. His third wife was Mary Heald of Chelmsford, mother of six children. She died April 22, 1809. He was eminent for his Christian virtues; resided in Littleton. Children:

1. Ebenezer, born Jan. 28, 1744; settled first in Uxbridge—where by wife Chloe he had seven children—and later moved to Vermont. Children: (1) Thomas, born 1770; (2) George 1772; (3) Mercy and (4) Micah, twins, 1774; (5) David 1776; (6) Moses 1778; (7) Josiah 1781.
2. John, born June 2, 1745, of Petersham, 1774 and later of Templeton; married, 1773, Martha Cleveland of Westford; had one child and moved to Vermont.
3. Josiah, born July 18, 1747, settled in Lunenburg, where he died April 6, 1822. He married, March 6, 1769, Mary Corey, and had ten children: (1) Luther, born Feb. 17, 1770; married Mary Hall of Brattleboro, Vt., and had three children. (2) Susanna, born April, 1772, died Sept., 1784; (3) Asahel, born June 17, 1774; (4) Mary, born Oct. 25, 1776, married Hon. Edmund Cushing of Lunenburg; (5) Thomas, born Sept. 8, 1778, married Feb. 26, 1806, Priscilla Cushing of Hingham. He died Nov. 23, 1826. They had four children. (6) Elizabeth, born March 28, 1781; died Dec. 27, 1828; married Maj. Levi Hough-

ton of Lunenburg, and had nine children; (7) Sarah, born Feb. 6, 1784; died in Lunenburg Nov. 17, 1843; married, 1805, Capt. James Patterson, and had seven children; (8) Oliver, born March 4, 1786; married, 1810, Dorcas, daughter of J. B. Varnum of Dracut. They had eight children; he died in Dracut, July 1826; (9) Susanna, born Dec. 15, 1790; married, Jan., 1811, Joseph Bicknel and died Aug. 22, 1813; (10) Ann, born April 29, 1794; married Oct. 7, 1839, Benjamin Snow of Fitchburg, born Jan. 7, 1782, (his second wife).

4. Abigail, born 1749; died young.
5. Mary, born 1751; died young.
6. Noah, born March 12, 1753; died in Littleton Sept. 22, 1829, unmarried. See page 16.
7. Abigail, born March 19, 1755; died July 1825, unmarried. She lived with her brother Noah.
8. Lydia, born April 9, 1758; married, 1778, Joshua Cheever Fowle, and settled in Savoy, N. H.
9. Molly, born Feb. 12, 1760; died Oct. 14, 1813; married Silas Smith of Leominster and had four children.
10. Samuel, born May 25, 1762; died Aug. 2, 1838. See page 24.
11. Levi, born Jan. 12, 1765; died Dec. 25, 1811; married Elizabeth Goodrich.

Levi Stearns, son of Thomas and Mary (Heald) Stearns of Littleton, born Jan. 12, 1765; married Jan. 7, 1794, Elizabeth Goodrich, who died Oct. 11, 1810. He was a farmer of Lunenburg; died Dec. 25, 1811. He had ten children:

1. Thomas, born April 1, 1794, a tanner and carrier of Leominster.
2. Levi, born March 19, 1796; died Nov. 11, 1800.
3. Abel, born Feb. 9, 1798; settled in California about 1822. See page 47.
4. William, born Nov. 17, 1799; married Oct. 11, 1831, Dorinda Joslin of Leominster, who died Oct. 17, 1850, aged 43. He was a trader in Boston.

5. Elizabeth, a twin, born Nov. 17, 1799; married April 11, 1819, Elias Joslin, Jr., a farmer of Leominster.
6. Levi, born Dec. 15, 1802, a farmer of Townsend; married Oct. 5, 1826, Direxa Jewett of Townsend.
7. Abigail; died young.
8. Theresa, born Jan. 11, 1806; married Apr. 11, 1832, James Warren of Littleton, who died Feb. 13, 1838.
9. Nancy, born June 30, 1807; married Dec. 5, 1833, Dr. Peter Manning, for many years a physician in Lowell.
10. Charles, born June 16, 1809, a trader in Littleton, Mass. He inherited the estate of his uncle Noah Stearns. See page 16.

Thomas Stearns, son of Levi and Elizabeth (Goodrich) Stearns of Lunenburg, born April 1, 1794; married June 1, 1817, Thirza Burrage, daughter of Dea. William Burrage of Leominster. She died May 24, 1819 and he married Nov. 2, 1820, Polly, daughter of Joel and Elizabeth (Maynard) Brigham of Leominster. She was born Dec. 29, 1792. He was a captain, and a tanner and currier of Leominster. His children were:

1. William Alonzo, born Aug. 14, 1821, of Boston.
2. Oliver, born March 1, 1823; married Oct. 27, 1847, Charlotte Alice Whitcomb, daughter of Alonzo Josiah Whitcomb.
3. George, born March 16; died April 19, 1826.
4. Thirza, born Sept. 28, 1827; died Sept. 20, 1846.
5. Henry, born August 19, 1829; married Mary A. Phipps of Holliston; died Jan. 14, 1882.
6. Caroline Matilda, born June 27, 1831.
7. Mary Ann, born Feb. 22, 1833.

Henry Stearns, son of Thomas and Polly (Brigham) Stearns of Leominster, born Aug. 19, 1829; married in 1850, Mary A. Phipps of Holliston. He was for many years engaged in heavy teaming and contract work in Leominster, and was an energetic, enterprising and useful citizen. His death occurred Jan. 14, 1882, the

result of an accident, being thrown from a carriage causing the fracture of a thigh, followed by heart disease. He left a widow and two daughters.

Josiah Stearns, son of Josiah and Susan (Ball) Stearns was born in Watertown July 11, 1730. He married, 1765, Abigail Emerson, born 1732. He settled first in Lunenburg, removed from there to Rindge, and from Rindge to Westminster, Mass. previous to the Revolution, where he resided several years. He afterward removed to Wilmington, Vt., where he made his permanent residence. He died there Jan. 31, 1802. His children were:

1. Abigail, born in Lunenburg Feb. 6, 1766; married James Miller of Westminster and moved to Wilmington, Vt., where he died 1818. They had seven children.
2. Susanna, born in Lunenburg Feb. 18, 1768.
3. Elizabeth, born in Westminster Aug. 1, 1770; married John Whitney of Westminster; died 1838; four children.
4. Josiah, born in Westminster May 25, 1773; married Lucy Allen of Hubbardston and settled in Wilmington, Vt. He had nine children.
5. Daniel, born in Westminster May 18, 1776; married, Aug. 7, 1800, Elizabeth Heywood of Westminster; resided in Wilmington, Vt., Brattleboro, and Gerry, Chautauqua Co., N. Y., and late in life removed to Freeport, Stephenson Co., Ill. They had a family of thirteen children.

John Stearns, son of Phinehas and Mary (Wellington) Stearns of Waltham, grandson of Isaac and Elizabeth (Child) Stearns, born 1768. He married Chloe, daughter of Benjamin Phinney of Lexington, Mass., May 22, 1794. She was born in Falmouth, Me., in 1770. They settled in Waltham, Mass., where all but one of their children were born. In 1810 they removed to Jaffrey, N. H., and settled on the farm in after years owned by Samuel W. Pierce. They had nine children:

1. Mary Morse, born Feb. 9, 1795; married William Ainsworth of Jaffrey, N. H.; had four children.
2. Caroline, born Nov. 23, 1797; married Moses T. Runnels of Cambridge, Vt. One son, Rev. Moses T. Runnels, born Jan. 5, 1830.
3. Fidelia, born Oct. 25, 1799; married Feb. 26, 1828, Dr. Albert Smith of Peterboro, N. H. He died 1878; three children.
4. Josiah Phinney, born May 22, 1801; resides in Illinois.
5. Chloe Frances, born March 16, 1803; died 1825.
6. Margaret, born March 18, 1805; married William S. Smith; died in Bellville, Upper Canada, March 20, 1851; five children.
7. Diademia, born Aug. 17, 1807; married Martin Wiers, Cambridge, Vt. She died July 2, 1834.
8. Susan, born May 30, 1809; married Dea. John Smith of Peterboro, N. H.; died Jan. 9, 1870; seven children.
9. Elizabeth, born in Jaffrey March 14, 1813; married William Smith. He died at La Harpe, Ill., Oct. 25, 1873. They had four children.

Jacob Stearns, born Feb. 15, 1774, son of Capt. Samuel and Mary (Bigelow) Stearns of Waltham, grandson of Lieut. Samuel and Sarah (Bowman) Stearns of Watertown, great-grandson of Lieut. Samuel and Mary (Hawkins) Stearns of Watertown, great-great-grandson of Samuel and Hannah (Manning) Stearns of Watertown. He was a merchant of Boston and a colonel in the militia. Investing his capital in vessels he engaged in foreign commercial traffic, carrying the surplus products of this country to foreign ports and exchanging them for such products as were needed here in return. These he furnished to the trade, thereby supplying the community with such choice fruits and luxuries as tropical climates afford, as well as with many of the necessaries of life. Jacob Stearns married, July 7, 1803, Sally Call, born Sept.

20, 1784, daughter of Nathaniel and Elizabeth Call of Boston. She died March 20, 1820, and he married, December 14, 1820, Mrs. Hannah Davis, born Nov. 7, 1779, sister of his first wife. His children were:

1. Nathaniel Call, born June 10, 1804; died May 5, 1821.
2. George Bumstead, born Jan. 20, 1806; married October 27, 1828, Louisa Page, born April 6, 1809, daughter of John and Sarah Odlin of Hallowell, Me. They had ten children.
3. Elizabeth Call, born May 30, 1808; married April 30, 1846, Thomas Tolman, Esq., counsellor at law of Boston, a graduate of Brown University 1811, son of Samuel and Elizabeth Tolman of Stoughton.
4. Oliver, born June 28, 1810; married Louisa Denton of New Hampshire—four children.
5. Charles Jacob, born July 14, 1812; merchant of Boston.
6. Sally Call, born April 9, 1814; died Jan. 22, 1820.
7. John Bumstead, born Nov., 1817; died Feb 9, 1820.
8. Nathaniel Call, born Sept. 24, 1822; a merchant of Boston.

Rev. William A. Stearns, D. D., son of Rev. Samuel and Abigail (French) Stearns of Bedford, was born in Bedford March 17, 1805; graduated at Harvard college 1827, and was ordained pastor of the First Congregational church at Cambridgeport Dec. 14, 1831. He resigned Dec. 14, 1854 to accept the office of president of Amherst college, to which he had been elected. His services in the pulpit were characterized by energy, perseverance and fidelity, and proved eminently successful. He was a gifted and eloquent speaker. It is understood that his great executive capacity raised Amherst college from moderate prosperity to an enviable rank among literary institutions. He died June 8, 1876. He married Jan. 10, 1832, Rebecca Alden Frazer. They had children:

1. Eliza C., born May 20, 1833.
2. William French, born Nov. 9, 1834.
3. Frazer Augustus, born June 21, 1840.
4. Abigail Eloisa, born Nov. 30, 1844.
5. Rebecca Frances, born Sept. 27, 1847.
6. Winfred Alden, born July 13, 1852.

Rev. Jonathan French Stearns, D. D., son of Rev. Samuel and Abigail (French) Stearns of Bedford, was born Sept. 4, 1808. He was graduated at Harvard University 1830; D. D. 1850. He was ordained pastor of the Presbyterian church in Newburyport Sept. 16, 1835, and installed over the First Presbyterian church in Newark, N. J., Dec. 13, 1849. He was the author of several discourses giving a history of the church and a biographical description of the people, comprising an excellent history of the town of Newark, both civil and ecclesiastical. He married Nov. 15, 1843, Anna S. Prentiss of Portland. Children:

1. Sergent Prentiss, born Nov. 20, 1844.
2. Lewis French, born March 10, 1847.
3. Ann Prentiss, born June 27, 1853.

William St. Agnan Stearns, only son of Richard Sprague Stearns, and grandson of Dr. William Stearns of Salem, a graduate of Harvard college, class of 1841. He was a lawyer of Malden, Mass. He married Hannah Emery Whitman of Boston, May, 1849. He possessed untiring perseverance in the pursuit of his profession and secured a lucrative practice.

Col. Benjamin Stearns of Langdon, N. H., was a descendant from Isaac, the emigrant who settled in Watertown, Mass., through his son John of Billerica, and his son Samuel who married Hannah Manning. Samuel had John, who married Abigail Fiske, and they had Benjamin who married Anna Taylor. Benjamin had Joseph, who married Anna Putnam,

daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Nourse) Putnam of Lunenburg, Mass. Joseph Stearns had Benjamin, who married Bathsheba Egerton, daughter of James and Bathsheba (Walker) Egerton of Langdon, N. H. They had five children, as recorded page 6.

Isaac Stearns, the emigrant who settled in Watertown, 1630, was the progenitor of a large branch of the Stearns family. He had a son Samuel who married Hannah Manning and settled in Watertown. Samuel had a son John who married Abigail Fiske, and succeeded to his father's homestead in Watertown. John had Benjamin who married Anna Taylor of Salem, and settled in Lunenburg. Benjamin had Joseph, who married Anna Putnam of Salem. Joseph had Benjamin, born in Lunenburg, Mass., 1779; married Bathsheba Egerton of Langdon, N. H., daughter of James and Bathsheba (Walker) Egerton. Benjamin had John Walker Stearns, born in Langdon, N. H., 1806, who married Betsey Maria Eaton, daughter of Dr. Obadiah and Abigail (Woodbury) Eaton of Montpelier, Vt. Their eldest son was James Egerton Stearns, who married Annette Freeman of Chicago, Ill., 1868. James Egerton Stearns died April 5, 1872, leaving one daughter, Maria Annette Stearns, born June 19, 1871. She resides in Chicago.

John Stearns, son of Isaac of Watertown, had a long line of descendants that bore his name. He died in 1669, leaving his name to his son John, who was born in 1654, and died 1728. John, Jr., had a son, Capt. John, born 1686; died 1776, aged 90 years. Capt. John had a son Isaac, born 1722; died 1808. He was an officer in the French war. Isaac had a son Isaac, born 1750; died 1807. Isaac, Jr., had a son Jesse, born 1784, who was a school master in New Ipswich for 22 years. Jesse had a son Jesse George Davis Stearns, born 1812, graduated Amherst college 1836, at Andover Theological Seminary 1842, and

was ordained in Billerica 1843. Three of his sisters, viz.: Eveline Lucinda, Abigail and Lucy E., married ministers, who devoted their lives to converting the heathen to the Christian religion.

Abigail (French,) the wife of Rev. Samuel Stearns of Bedford, Mass., was a daughter of Rev. Jonathan French of Andover. They had twelve children:

1. Infant, born and died 1798.
2. Abigail French, born Jan. 7, 1800; married Jonas Monroe of Bedford, and died January, 1833, leaving one daughter.
3. Samuel Horatio, born Sept. 12, 1801; pastor of Old South Church in Boston; died in France, 1837.
4. Sarah Caroline, born April 15, 1803; married Rev. Forest Jeffords, son of Samuel Jeffords of Wells, Me. They had nine children.
5. William Augustus, born March 17, 1805; president of Amherst college. His wife, born 1803, was a daughter of Samuel A. and Abigail (Drew) Frazar. Six children.
6. Mary Holyoke, born Nov. 14, 1806.
7. Jonathan French, born Sept. 4, 1808; graduated at Harvard college, 1830; D. D., 1850; pastor at Newburyport 1835; installed at Newark, N. J., 1849; married, Nov., 1843, Anna S. Prentiss of Portland. Children: (1.) Sergent Prentiss, born 1844. (2.) Lewis French, 1847. (3.) Ann Prentiss, 1853.
8. Elizabeth W., born July 29, 1810; married Dea. Charles James of Medford, Mass. Children: (1.) George Edwin, born 1832; (2.) Lyman, 1834; (3.) Mary Elizabeth, 1836; (4.) Charles W., 1842; died. (5.) Harrison W., 1852.
9. Josiah Atherton, born 1812.
10. George Washington, twin, born and died 1812.
11. Charlotte Esther, born Sept. 17, 1814; married Rev. Jonathan Leavitt of Providence, R. I., and died Feb. 27, 1850, leaving two children: (1.) Edward Chalmers, born 1842; (2.) Charlotte Elizabeth, 1848.

12. Ann Catherine, born October 10, 1816.
13. Eben Sperry, born Dec. 23, 1819; graduated at Harvard university 1841; was for several years principal of the State Normal school at Newton and at Framingham, Mass. In 1854 he submitted to the Board of Education the plan of a model school to be carried on in connection with the normal school in Framingham, in which instruction should be given to the pupils of the public schools by the advanced scholars of the normal school, free of charge to the town. The plan was adopted and the system, afterward perfected, is still in successful operation in the several normal schools of the state.

Eli Stearns, son of Benjamin Stearns of Rutland, Mass., born 1757, married Feb. 9, 1786, Mary, daughter of Jonathan Whitney of Lancaster. She was born Jan. 14, 1767, and died May, 1827. They resided in Lancaster. As stated (page 45) Eli Stearns, while serving in the army of the Revolution was shot through the head, a ball entering the left cheek and passing out under the right ear. Recovering from the wound, he became *assistant commissary*, and continued in the service till his discharge in 1783. He was justice of the peace and representative 1806–1810. He died March 7, 1825. Children:

1. Charles, born Nov. 15, 1788. [See page 40.]
2. Mary, born Jan. 26, 1791.
3. Eliza, born Nov. 18, 1793; married Francis Faulkner, a manufacturer of Keene, N. H.—seven children.
4. Sophia, born September, 1795.
5. Harriet, born November, 1797.
6. William, born Nov. 2, 1799, a mason of Boston; married, 1826, Elizabeth Sawyer Wilder, daughter of Joseph Wilder of Lancaster. They had four children.
7. Catharine, born February 18, 1802.
8. Sarah Whitney, born May 13, 1804; died Jan. 11, 1837; married, Sept., 1833, Amos Chase of Groton—two children.

9. Nancy, born April 13, 1806; married, May 17, 1832, Otis Haskell, a cabinet maker of Claremont, N. H.—three children.
10. Augustus, born Oct., 1807; died Sept. 1811.

Dr. Henry Bond was born in Watertown, Mass., May 21, 1790. He was the only son of Henry and Hannah (Stearns) Bond, a graduate of Dartmouth college, 1813; M. D., 1817. He removed when a child with his parents to Livermore, Me., where his father had previously purchased land and one-half of a saw and grist mill. His father was the first deacon of the first church in Livermore. He died March 27, 1796, aged 44, and his widow married, May, 1798, Zebedee Rose, a housewright and farmer. [See page 17.] She died Aug. 13, 1803, aged 35. Dr. Henry Bond commenced the practice of his profession in Concord, N. H.; from there he removed to Philadelphia in 1819, where he resided until his death, a period of nearly forty years. In 1855 he published his crowning work, *The Genealogies of the Families and Descendants of the Early Settlers of Watertown, including Waltham and Weston, Mass.* This work for patient investigation, thorough research and untiring industry is, perhaps, unrivalled by any similar work in this country. Dr. Henry Bond's grandfather, William Bond, was lieutenant colonel under Col. Thomas Gardner, who fell mortally wounded at the battle of Bunker Hill, and died soon after that event. Col. Bond succeeded to the command of the regiment, and in 1776 received marching orders for New York, where the regiment arrived on the 30th of March. The regiment was ordered to continue its march through the wilderness to Canada to relieve Col. Arnold in his disastrous campaign to capture Quebec. Col. Bond retired from Canada to Ticonderoga, where from severe hardship and disease he died August 31, 1776, aged 42.

Mary (Corey), wife of Hon. Josiah Stearns of Lunenburg, Mass., was born March 28, 1750; died Dec. 28, 1828. Her children were:

1. Luther, born Feb. 17, 1770; married Dec. 29, 1799, Mary Hall of Brattleboro, Vt. He died April 30, 1820. He graduated at Harvard university in 1791 and was for several years principal of an academy in Medford. In 1811 he received the degree of M. D. at Harvard, and commenced practice at Medford, where he became distinguished as a skilful physician. His children were (1) Elizabeth Hall, born Feb., 1806; died Oct. 28, 1828; (2) George Luther, born Jan. 8, 1809; (3) Henry Laurens, born March 30, 1812.
2. Susanna, born April 6, 1772; died Sept. 3, 1784.
3. Asahel, born June 17, 1774; died Feb. 5, 1839. [See page 54.]
4. Mary, born Oct. 25, 1776; married, Nov. 20, 1800, Hon. Edmund Cushing, as recorded page 43. Children: (1) Luther Stearns Cushing, born June 22, 1803; (2) Mary Croade Cushing, born May 6, 1805; married, Jan. 6, 1829, Zabdiel Adams Cunningham, and had one daughter, Mary Caroline, born Oct. 6, 1829. (3) Edmund Lambert Cushing, born May 3, 1807; (4) Henry Albert Cushing, born May 4, 1809, died June, 1810; (5) William Cushing, born May 15, 1811; (6) George Augustus Cushing, born Aug. 8, 1813; (7) Caroline Augusta Cushing, born Nov. 1, 1815; (8) Martha Ann Stearns Cushing, born Oct. 9, 1818.
5. Thomas Stearns, born Sept. 8, 1778; died Nov. 23, 1826. [See page 25.] His children were: (1) Oliver, born June 3, 1807, a graduate of Harvard 1826; pastor Unitarian church at Hingham; married May 14, 1832, Mary, daughter of Gen. Thomas Blood of Sterling. Four children. (2) Hannah, born Jan. 7, 1810; (3) Thomas, born Oct. 17, 1811; married Charlotte, daughter of Gen. Thomas Blood of Sterling; (4) Martha Laurens, born March 12, 1814; married, August, 1843, Hon. Joseph S. Cabot of Salem, and died May, 1844.
6. Elizabeth, born March 28, 1781; died Dec. 27, 1828; married, Jan. 13, 1803, Major Levi Houghton of Lunenburg. Children: (1) Josiah Stearns Houghton,

born Nov. 22, 1804; married March, 1827, Catherine White of Leominster. They had three children. (2) Samuel Andre Houghton, born Jan. 4, 1807; married, Sept., 1834, Martha Warren Heywood of Townsend; four children. (3) Elizabeth Ann Houghton, born March 1, 1809; married, Dec., 1839, Joel Proctor of Littleton, Mass.; four children. (4) Henry Albert Houghton, born July 21, and died Dec. 1811. (5) George Albert Houghton, born Sept. 9, 1812; married, Nov., 1843, Hepzibah Collins Brigham; three children. (6) Levi Richardson Houghton, born Feb. 10, 1815; married Sept., 1837, Harriet Newell Hadley of Lunenburg, and had five children. (7) William Augustus Houghton, born July 16, 1819; married, Oct., 1842, Mary Jones Houghton of Leominster; four children. (8) Mary Corey Houghton, born Oct. 24, 1821; married Oct., 1842, John Howe of Boylston, and had three children. (9) Francis Houghton, born Dec. 1, 1826.

7. Sarah Stearns, born Feb. 6, 1784; married 1805, Capt. James Patterson of Nashua. She died in Lunenburg, Nov. 17, 1843. Children: (1) James H. Patterson, born Nov. 8, 1807; married, Nov., 1834, Isabella Graham Gates, daughter of Barnabas Gates, Esq., of New York. (2) Susan, born and died in Nashua. (3) Mary Stearns Patterson, born March 3, 1811. (4) Stearns Patterson, born Jan. 2, 1813. (5) Lucius Patterson, born May 11, 1815; married, Oct., 1844, Hannah Jane Marshall of Nashua. Children: 1. Sarah Margaret, born Sept., 1845. 2. Susan Lincoln, born Dec., 1848. (6) Oliver Stearns Patterson, born Sept. 22, 1818; became a practising physician in Waterloo, N. Y.; married, Sept., 1843, Caroline Fatzinger; two children. (7) Sarah Stearns Patterson, born March 15, 1821; married, Nov., 1844, John R. Rollins, Esq. Children: 1. Elizabeth Stearns, born Nov., 1848. 2. John James, born and died 1851. 3. Herbert William, born June 19, 1852.
8. Oliver Stearns, born March 4, 1786; graduate at Harvard university 1808; studied law and settled in

Amesbury; representative 1819; died in Dracut July, 1826. He married, 1810, Dorcas, daughter of Hon. J. B. Varnum of Dracut. Children: (1) Anne Dorcas, born Aug. 2, 1811; married, 1832, Freeman Huggins of Saco, Me. She died, January, 1838, leaving one daughter, Frances Ann, born 1833. (2) Charles Oliver, born Nov. 8, 1813; married Sept. 10, 1833, Adaline Eastman of Salisbury, Mass.; had six children. (3) Susan Maria Corey, born Dec. 29, 1815; married, July, 1845, Joseph Chandler of Winthrop, Me. (4) George Parker, born Sept. 22, 1817; died April 20, 1845. (5) Luther, born Aug. 19, 1820. (6) William Henry, born March 22, 1822; married, Dec., 1847, Mary Ann Durant of Northampton. (7) Laurens, born Jan. 7, 1825; died May 21, 1846. (8) Mary Elizabeth, born Jan. 7, 1825.

9. Susanna Stearns, born Dec. 15, 1790; married, Jan., 1811, Joseph Bicknell, and died Aug. 22, 1813; no children.

10. Ann Stearns, born April 29, 1794; married, Oct. 7, 1839, Benjamin Snow of Fitchburg, born Jan. 7, 1782—his second wife.

Luther Stearns Cushing, born June 22, 1803, was a son of Edmund and Mary (Stearns) Cushing of Lunenburg. He was clerk of the Massachusetts House of Representatives 1832 to 1834; judge of the Court of Common Pleas 1844; reporter of the Supreme Court of Massachusetts 1848; author of Cushing's Manual of Parliamentary Rules. He married, May, 1840, Mary Otis Lincoln, who died May 21, 1851, daughter of James O. and Elizabeth Lincoln. Children:

1. Mary Otis, born in Boston March 30, 1841.
2. Elizabeth Stillman, born Feb. 25, 1845.

Edmund L. Cushing, son of Edmund and Mary (Stearns) Cushing, was born in Lunenburg, Mass., May 3, 1807. He entered Harvard college in the fall of 1823 and graduated with distinction in 1827. After

teaching for several years, he studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1834, and opened a law office in Charlestown, N. H. He soon became one of the most distinguished lawyers in the state. In 1855 he was appointed a justice of the Circuit Court of New Hampshire. The court was subsequently abolished and he returned to the practice of law. He was sent to the Legislature of New Hampshire from Charlestown in 1850-52-53. In 1874, when the courts were remodeled, he was selected as chief justice of the Superior Court of New Hampshire, which office he accepted and honored by his able and learned decisions. Chief Justice Cushing married, April 1, 1835, Laura Elizabeth Lovell, daughter of Vryling and Laura (Hubbard) Lovell, born in Charlestown, March 25, 1810. He married, 2d, Nov. 24, 1858, Martha Robbins Gilchrist, daughter of Capt. James Gilchrist, born Oct. 27, 1818. Children:

1. Catharine Lovell, born July 25, 1836. She married, March 5, 1864, Francis Mathew Green, son of Mathew and Margaret Augusta (Gilchrist) Green. Mr. Green was a lieutenant in the United States navy.
2. Edmund Henry, born July 22, 1838; died March 11, 1869. He was in the United States service in the war of the Rebellion and received the appointment as secretary to Admiral Foote, which position he continued to hold until the death of that distinguished commander. After Admiral Foote's death he was promoted to paymaster of the navy, an office which he held at the time of his death. He died of yellow fever and was buried at sea.
3. Rebecca Dean, born Sept. 27, 1843; married Livingston Stone, April 8, 1875.
4. Mary Stearns, born Nov. 14, 1851.

Rev. William Cushing, son of Edmund and Mary (Stearns) Cushing of Lunenburg, born May 15, 1811, graduated at Harvard university 1832; was editor for a short time of a weekly religious paper at Fitchburg,

called the *Christian Messenger*; taught seven terms in Fitchburg academy, 1833-34; in private schools for boys in Lowell and Boston 1834-37; studied divinity at Harvard Divinity school, graduated in 1839; preached for short periods at Calais, Me., and at Milwaukee, Wis., and later at Lunenburg, Mass.; then taught the Cambridge high school two years and the Westford academy two years. After this he preached at Bedford about four years, keeping meanwhile and afterward a boys' family school. In 1857 he removed to Clinton, Mass., where he remained ten years, occasionally supplying pulpits; removed to Cambridge 1868, where he was an assistant in Harvard college library for ten years. In 1878 he published an *Index to the North American Review*, and in 1879 an *Index to the Christian Examiner*. In 1886-87 he published a work in two volumes entitled *Initials and Pseudonyms, a Dictionary of Literary Disguises*; and in 1891 a companion volume entitled *Anonyms, a Dictionary of Revealed Authorship*, comprising the titles of some twenty thousand anonymous books and pamphlets, with the names of their authors, followed by brief biographical notices. These volumes are a great convenience to students of English and American literature and represent a great amount of labor in their preparation. Mr. Cushing married, July 25, 1843, Margaret Louisa Wiley of Lunenburg. He died in Cambridge. Children:

1. Margaret, born June 1, 1844.
2. Charles Chauncy, born Dec. 22, 1845.
3. Henry Prescott, born March 20, 1847.
4. John Eliot, born June 15, 1849.
5. Mary Louisa, born Dec. 14, 1850.

Martha Ann Stearns Cushing, daughter of Edmund Cushing of Lunenburg, was born Oct. 9, 1818; married Sept. 5, 1837, Franklin Forbes, son of Eli and Clarissa Forbes of Cambridge, a graduate of Amherst college, 1833. He was for some time principal of

the Lowell high school, and afterward civil engineer at Lowell. Children:

1. Caroline C., born June 19, 1838.
2. Clarrisa N., born April 8, 1841.
3. James C., born July 10, 1844.
4. Frank C., born Oct. 15, 1846; died 1849.
5. Eli B., born Feb., 1849.
6. Edmund Cushing, born Aug. 14, 1851.

Capt. John Stearns of Billerica, son of John the first of that town; married first, Elizabeth Bigelow, born June 18, 1657, daughter of John and Mary (Warren) Bigelow of Watertown. He married second, April 22, 1696, Joanna, widow of Jacob Parker, and daughter of Thomas Call, Jr. His long continuance in several offices of a civil and military character, affords proof of the confidence reposed in him by his fellow citizens. In the oldest burying ground in Malden, Mass., there is an inscription of much interest: "Here lies buried the body of Mrs. Joanna Stearns, wife of John Stearns (formerly wife of Mr. Jacob Parker) who died Dec. 14, 1737." There are other memorials of the dead there much older than this, but their dates and names are so defaced by time that they are illegible and the records they once bore are buried in oblivion. Children of Capt. John Stearns:

1. Elizabeth, born in Watertown Sept. 23, 1677.
2. John, born in Billerica Jan. 22; died April 4, 1680.
3. Sarah, born March 21, 1682.
4. Mary, born July 23, 1684; married, May 28, 1705, Samuel Barron of Chelmsford.
5. John, born Nov. 26, 1686; died Aug. 2, 1776; married Esther Johnson.
6. Isaac, born May 1, 1689; shipwrecked and lost in an expedition to Port Royal in 1711.
7. Abigail, born Aug. 22, 1691; married Sergeant William Wyman of Woburn, Oct. 23, 1711; and had three children.

8. Samuel, born Jan. 8, 1694; married Rachel Crosby.
9. Joanna, (by second wife) born June 24, 1697.

Mary Stearns, daughter of Samuel and Hannah (Manning) Stearns of Watertown; married, Nov. 2, 1699, Samuel Jennison, a son of Samuel and grandson of Robert Jennison of Watertown. They had eleven children:

1. Mary, born Aug. 17, 1700; married, 1733, John Gerrish of Salem.
2. Hannah, born July 17, 1702; married, Feb. 15, 1725, Jonathan Stone, Jr. She married second, John Goddard of Brookline.
3. Samuel, born Sept. 26, 1704; married, 1734, Abigail Holden of Waltham.
4. William, born Feb. 9, 1707; graduate of Harvard college 1724; died 1750.
5. Nathaniel, born April 5, 1709; married, Oct. 23, 1729, Abigail Mead of Weston.
6. John, born Feb. 19, 1711; married, 1740, Mary Hubbard, sister of Ruth, the wife of Rev. David Stearns of Lunenburg.
7. Lydia, born April 2, 1712; married, 1737, Rev. Ebenezer White of Brookline.
8. Abigail, born April 22, 1715; married in Lunenburg, 1739, Jonathan Hubbard, Jr.
9. Mercy, born March 11, 1718; married, 1740, Stanton, Prentice a physician of Lancaster.
10. Sarah, born August; died Nov., 1720.
11. Eunice, born Feb., 1722; married, 1739, Joshua Richardson of Woburn.

Hannah Stearns, daughter of John and Abigail (Fiske) Stearns of Watertown, was born Dec. 20, 1713. She married, Jan. 6, 1746, Dea. Samuel Johnson of Lunenburg. They resided in Lunenburg, where he died Feb. 10, 1794; she died Aug. 4, 1779. Children:

1. Mary, born Sept. 8, 1747. She married, June 30, 1768, Mighil Davis of Lunenburg, Mass. He died

- July 13, 1770. She died in Weathersfield, Vt. They had two children, Samuel and Hannah.
2. Benjamin, born July 8, 1749; married, June 26, 1788, Polly Wood of Lunenburg, and had seven children. He died Feb. 27, 1827. She died April 15, 1831.
 3. Samuel, born Sept. 6, 1751; married, Aug. 3, 1784, Elizabeth Sanderson, daughter of Jacob Sanderson of Lunenburg, and settled in Winchendon, Mass. They had six children.
 4. Lucy, born Aug. 5, 1753; married, Feb. 2, 1783, John Billings of Lunenburg. She died Dec. 12, 1793. He died March 15, 1834. They had six children.
 5. Namaan, born Nov. 6, 1755; married, 1786, Catherine Stearns, daughter of John and Martha (Harrington) Stearns of Watertown. They settled in Rindge, N. H., where she died Nov. 5, 1833, and he died Sept. 5, 1838. They had four children.

Capt. Samuel Stearns of Waltham, son of Samuel and Sarah (Bowman) Stearns of Watertown, married, May 15, 1760, Mary Bigelow. Children:

1. Samuel, born Oct. 23, 1761. He was a farmer and miller at first of Waltham; afterward of Lexington; married, 1799, Elizabeth Brown, daughter of Capt. Francis Brown of Lexington.
2. Mary, born March 6, 1763; married, Sept. 22, 1781, Capt. Jonathan Bemis, and about 1800 removed to Paris, Maine.
3. William, born July 28, 1765; married, March 27, 1788, Mary Stearns, daughter of Phineas Stearns of Waltham, and settled in Paris, Maine.
4. Susanna, born Oct. 2, 1766; married Silas Wright, a merchant of Boston. She died Sept. 1, 1820, leaving one child, Thomas Jefferson.
5. Abigail, born June 24, 1768; married first, Samuel Hastings, of Waltham, second, Dea. Thomas Bigelow of Weston. She had five children.
6. Thomas, born Feb. 6, 1770; died March 19, 1836; a furrier and merchant of Boston; married Sarah Buckman Brown of Lexington—had two children.

7. Sarah, born April 20, 1772; died March 11, 1822; married Nathaniel Brown of Waltham.
8. Jacob, born Feb. 15, 1774; a colonel and merchant of Boston; married Sally Call, daughter of Nathaniel Call of Boston. He married second, Mrs. Hannah Davis, sister of his first wife.
9. Jesse, of Boston, born Feb. 20, 1776; was married but wife died leaving no children.
10. Lois, born February 12, 1778; died May, 1818—unmarried.
11. Nancy, born Sept. 18, 1780; married, 1801, John Brown, a joiner of Lexington, afterward of Boston. He died December, 1846. They had nine children.
12. Hannah, born Nov. 30, 1782; married Benjamin Kendall, a farmer of West Cambridge, who died July 12, 1832, leaving no children.
13. James, born July 31, 1785, formerly a merchant of Boston; resided on the homestead in Waltham—unmarried.

Dr. Luther Stearns, oldest child of Hon. Josiah Stearns was born in Lunenburg Feb. 17, 1770; entered Dartmouth college, but was graduated from Harvard university in 1791, receiving his degree from both Dartmouth and Harvard. He studied medicine with Dr. John Brooks of Medford, and succeeded him in his practice when he was elected Governor of Massachusetts. He established an academy in Medford which became one of the most celebrated schools in New England. In Dec., 1799, he married Mary Hall, daughter of Col. Willis Hall of Medford. Luther Stearns died 1820, leaving three children:

1. Elizabeth Hall, who died unmarried in early womanhood.
2. George Luther, born Jan. 8, 1809. He was an earnest worker for the abolition of slavery, and lived to see it accomplished.
3. Henry Laurens, who was born March 30, 1812, died unmarried in June, 1859.

Benjamin Stearns, son of Joseph and Anna Putnam Stearns, was born in Lunenburg, Feb. 27, 1779. He married Bathsheba Egerton, daughter of James Egerton of Langdon, N. H. They settled near her father's homestead in Langdon. They had five children, [page 6] all but one of whom, Willard Egerton Stearns, have gone to their everlasting home. The house in which their eyes first saw the light was the first one built in Langdon. It has long since gone to decay. The farm whose fertile acres once waved with bountiful fields of grain has become a barren waste—not a spear of grain is found upon its premises. It has become an abandoned farm with not a building to mark the spot where once were sheltered the earliest pioneers of Langdon.

Henry Adams, born in Lunenburg, May 13, 1779; died at Somerville, Mass., Nov. 13, 1862, aged 83 years. He was a son of Rev. Zabdiel Adams (H. C. 1759) and Elizabeth (Stearns) Adams, who were the parents of eleven children, ten of whom lived to adult age. His father, Rev. Zabdiel Adams, was son of Ebenezer Adams of Quincy, where he was born Nov. 5, 1739. He was ordained at Lunenburg Sept. 5, 1764; died March 1, 1801, aged 61. The mother of Henry Adams, Elizabeth (Stearns) Adams, was a daughter of Rev. David and Ruth (Hubbard) Stearns of Lunenburg. She was born April 20, 1742, and died in Keene, N. H., Aug. 1800, aged 58 years. Rev. Zabdiel Adams was successor to his wife's father as pastor of the church in Lunenburg. Henry Adams, the subject of this notice, was fitted for college, partly at Groton, partly under the tuition of Dr. John Hosmer of Medford. He studied law with his brother Zabdiel Boylston Adams (H. C. 1791) in Charlestown, where he afterward practised his profession. Subsequently he removed to Richmond, Va., where he taught a private school about four years; then returned to Massachusetts and practised his profession in Ashburnham about four years. He then relinquished his

profession and devoted his energies to farming. He followed his favorite pursuit of cultivating the soil for the last twenty years of his life. He married Jan. 1, 1806, Susan Foster, daughter of Jacob and Rebecca Foster of Charlestown, Mass., by whom he had three children (all sons). Of these children the *only one who lived to adult age* was Edwin Foster Adams, a merchant of Boston. His wife died in Lexington Jan. 12, 1834. He married for his second wife, Oct. 8, 1835, Sarah K. Hawkins.

Charles Goddard Stearns was a highly educated classical scholar. He graduated at Amherst college in 1874; took his *degrée* at Harvard medical school in 1881. He was principal of West Springfield high school in 1874. He taught the High street grammar school in Fitchburg with success from 1875 to 1878. He completed his studies in medicine in 1881, and practised his profession as physician and surgeon in Brookfield, Mass. He married Carrie F. Willard, daughter of Joseph Willard of Fitchburg.

Caroline Stearns, daughter of John and Chloe (Phinney) Stearns of Jaffrey, N. H., was born in Waltham, Mass., Nov. 23, 1797, being in the seventh generation from Isaac Stearns of Watertown. She married Moses Thurston Runnels, who was born in Vershire, Vt., March 5, 1791. Mr. Runnels was a teacher in Waltham, and afterward a merchant of Cambridge, Vt., and a leading citizen in the municipal affairs of that town. He died Oct. 5, 1831. He left one son, Moses Thurston Runnels, who was a distinguished clergyman, formerly settled at Sanbornton, N. H., now residing at Newport, N. H.

Foster Waterman was a son of Rev. Jotham Waterman of Boston. He was married, April 13, 1830, to Mrs. Charlotte Vose Cushing, daughter of the late George Cushing of South Scituate. They had four children, two sons and two daughters, none of whom survived

their father, except the younger daughter, Mrs. Louisa M. Waterman, the wife of Richard H. Stearns, of the well known firm of R. H. Stearns & Co., of Tremont street, Boston. Mr. Waterman was engaged in commercial and mercantile enterprises in Boston, and died with an ample fortune. He left legacies in his will to the Home for Aged Men, and to the Home for Orphans, and many other charitable institutions.

Rev. Jesse George Davis Stearns, son of Jesse and Lucinda (Davis) Stearns, was born in Ashburnham Feb. 24, 1812. His parents moved from Ashburnham, Mass., to New Ipswich, N. H. in 1820, where he prepared for college and graduated at Amherst in 1836. He was principal of Hopkins academy in Hadley 1836-38, and tutor in Amherst college in 1839-41. He was ordained pastor of the church at Billerica, the home of his ancestors, May 29, 1843. Dismissed May 8, 1867, after a successful pastorate of twenty-four years. He was subsequently acting pastor of a church at Zumbrota, Minn., where he died Nov. 1, 1882. While at Billerica he was superintendent of the public schools, and represented the town in the legislature. He was a scholar of exceptional diligence and culture and was the author of several printed discourses and pamphlets. He married June 27, 1843, Lucy Murdock of Rutland, Mass.

George W. Stearns was a son of Freeborn Stearns of Rindge, N. H., born March 16, 1817; married, Sept. 23, 1841, Nancy Brooks. He was a blacksmith and worked at that business with success for several years in Rindge. He finally changed his occupation and established a store at Rindge centre, where he remained through his active life in the mercantile traffic. He was one of the committee selected to conduct the centennial anniversary in Rindge, held to commemorate the first settlement of the town. He was much respected as a citizen.

Samuel Stearns, born Jan. 8, 1694, was a son of Capt. John and Elizabeth (Bigelow) Stearns of Billerica. He married Rachel, daughter of Joseph Crosby, by whom he had six children, viz:

1. Rachel, born June 6, 1720; married Nathan Hutchinson.
2. Elizabeth, born April 3, 1722; married Capt. Jonathan Wilson of Bedford, who was killed in the Lexington fight April 19, 1775.
3. Prudence, born March 30, 1724; married, 1742, John Needham of Tewksbury. She died Dec. 29, 1781; had eight children.
4. Samuel, born June 1, 1726.
5. Mary, born July 1, 1728.
6. Benjamin, who chose, Dec. 5, 1757, Thomas Miriam to be his guardian.

After the decease of Samuel Stearns, his widow Rachel married Thomas Wyman of Billerica, by whom she had: (1) Thomas, born 1731. (2) Lucy, born Aug. 23, 1733; married Capt. Edward Stearns. (3) Sybel, born 1735. (4) Simon, born 1739.

Capt. Edward Stearns, as stated page 42, was a son of John and Esther (Johnson) Stearns of Billerica. He had some military fame from commanding a company of militia at the battle of Lexington where the first gun summoned the patriots of liberty to strike for their independence. Besides his military record, he was an honest man—the noblest work of the Creator. He adopted the golden rule to do to others as he wished to be done by. He covered the faults of his neighbors with broad-minded charity. He was born May 9, 1726; married Lucy, daughter of Thomas and Rachel (Stearns) Wyman. They had ten children. They resided in Billerica and Bedford, Mass. Children of Capt. Edward and Lucy (Wyman) Stearns:

1. Lucy, born May 24, 1756; died May 20, 1768.
2. Solomon, born May 12, 1757; enlisted in the Revolutionary army, but died of disease May 8, 1775.

3. Rachel, born Nov. 3, 1758; married, Nov. 14, 1782, Dea. Moses Fitch of Bedford, who died Oct. 12, 1825, aged 71. She died May 23, 1817. They had seven children, viz: (1) Solomon, born Nov. 8, 1783; married, Jan. 7, 1808, Susan Fuller, and settled in Littleton, N. H., where he raised a family of twelve children. (2) Lucy, born July 17, 1785; married John Page of Bedford, and settled in Woburn. (3) Moses, born March 28, 1787; married Polly Brown of Plymouth, Vt., and settled in Bedford, Mass. He died Aug. 1, 1824, leaving one child, John Moses, who settled in Michigan. (4) Elijah, born Jan. 1, 1790; married Mary Morse of Boston, where he settled and died May 7, 1840. (5) Rachel, born Nov. 30, 1791; married, Feb. 18, 1819, Joseph Brown of Bedford, born in Plymouth, Vt.; had two children, Joseph, born 1820, and Moses, born 1823. (6) Joel, born June 12, 1794; married, Feb. 18, 1819, Susanna Hill of Bedford. He was a captain, a justice of the peace and a deacon of the church. He died Aug. 4, 1845. He had seven children. (7) Nathan, born Oct. 22, 1797; died Feb. 9, 1800.
4. Edward, born Jan. 10, 1761; died May 24, 1768.
5. Susanna, born Dec. 19, 1762; married Nehemiah Wyman of Medford, afterward of Charlestown, Mass. She died April 17, 1847. Children: (1) Nehemiah; (2) Edward Stearns; (3) Francis; (4) Susan; (5) Lucy Stearns; (6) Eliza; (7) Nancy; (8) William; (9) George; (10) Isaac Stearns; (11) Isaac Stearns.
6. Alice, born Aug. 13, 1764; married Dec. 7, 1786, Moses Abbott, Jr. of Bedford. He died Feb., 1802, and she married, May 1, 1806, Stephen Lane of Bedford, who died May 7, 1827. Children: (1) Henry, born March 24, 1787; died March 26, 1787. (2) Alice, born Sept. 22, 1788; married Simon Davis and settled in Bedford, where she died leaving children and grandchildren. (3) Betsey, born Feb. 25, 1790; died Nov., 1792. (4) Lucy Stearns, born Feb. 11, 1792; married Timothy Kinsman, and settled in Bedford; had five children. (5) Benjamin, born Jan. 11, 1794;

- died April, 1795. (6) Moses, born Aug. 16, 1795; married, 1820, Susan Jaquith of Billerica. He was a captain; resided in Bedford, where he died July 7, 1836. He had six children. (7) Edward Stearns, born Feb. 5, 1797; died Dec. 18, 1798. (8) Oliver Reed, born March 26, 1800; a captain; married, first, Mary Ann Wilson of Bedford. She died Dec. 26, 1819, aged 19, and he married, second, June 24, 1827, Mary Ann Buttrick of Bedford. He died June 23, 1842. He had five children. (9) Eliza, born Dec., 1801; died Jan., 1802. (10) Lydia Harriet, (by second husband) born March 26, 1808; married, April 26, 1827, Capt. John White Heywood of Bedford; three children.
7. Abner, born July 9, 1766; died Dec. 11, 1838; a captain and a machinist, resided in West Cambridge. He married, May 1, 1796, Anna, daughter of Jonathan Hill of Billerica. She died Oct. 22, 1807, and he married, second, June 30, 1808, Mrs. Anne Estabrook, widow of John Estabrook, and daughter of Thomas Russell of West Cambridge. She died Nov. 29, 1839. Children: (1) Abner, born April 1, 1797, a machinist of Winchester, N. H.; married, 1824, Mary Dresser of Chesterfield, N. H. He died Dec. 17, 1835, leaving two children. His widow married James G. Nelson of West Rupert, Vt. (2) Mary Ann Hill, born May 23, 1809; married, 1834, James Monroe, a merchant of Bedford, and had four children. (3) Edward Harrison, born Dec. 16, 1814, a machinist in Covington, Ky.; married, 1837, Harriet Cutter Raymond of Charlestown, Mass. (4) George Sullivan, born May 17, 1816; married, May, 1844, Amelia, daughter of William Stephenson of Cincinnati, where he resided. (5) Albert Thomas, born April 23, 1821, a lumber merchant of Waltham, Mass.; married June, 1843, Salome, daughter of Samuel Maynard of Sudbury, Mass. (6) Henry Augustus, born Oct. 23, 1825, a manufacturer of Cincinnati.
8. Edward, born June 25, 1768; a lieutenant; married Polly, daughter of Col. Timothy Jones of Bedford. One child, Edward, died Feb., 1796, aged 18 months.

She died June, 1796, and he married, second, Jan. 1, 1798, Nabby Jones, sister of his first wife. He died May, 1798, and his widow married Rev. Ebenezer Hill of Mason, N. H.

9. Elijah, born May 2, 1770, of whom mention is made on page 11. His children were: (1) Edward, born and died 1804. (2) Edward Josiah, born Feb., and died Dec., 1806. (3) Mary Elizabeth, born Oct. 31, 1807; died July 12, 1818. (4) Edward Josiah, born Feb. 24, 1810; a graduate of Harvard university 1833; rector of Grace church, Elkton Ridge Landing, Md.; teacher of a classical school in Baltimore, and later professor of modern languages and history in St. John's college, Annapolis, Md. (5) Elijah Wyman, born Jan. 8, 1813; a graduate of Harvard university 1838; resided in Bedford. (6) George, born Aug. 30, 1815, a surgeon dentist in Pittsburg, Penn. (7) Samuel French, born April 25, 1818, a surgeon dentist in Boston; married Nov. 20, 1848, Catherine Elizabeth, daughter of William R. Frost of Boston.
10. Simeon, born April 17, 1772; married Sally, daughter of Onesimus Cole of Sherborn, Mass., and settled in Bedford. Their children were: (1) Elbridge Wyman, born April 22, 1803; married Dec. 17, 1826, Ruth Tidd Wright; residence Bedford. (2) Lucy Minerva, born Sept. 6, 1805; married May 1, 1823, Ezekiel Warren Preston of Bedford; three children. (3) Sally Miranda, born May 12, 1808; married, Oct. 12, 1829, Stephen Norman Nichols of Westford, Mass. She died 1848.

Silas Stearns, born March 6, 1734, son of Dea. Isaac and Elizabeth (Child) Stearns of Waltham; married, 1765, Elizabeth Wellington, daughter of Jonathan Wellington of Lincoln, by whom he had nine children. He died Dec. 31, 1804. Children:

1. Lucy, born April 25, 1766; married, Oct. 21, 1790, Isaac Lee, of Concord, Mass.

2. William, born May 8, 1768.
3. Elizabeth, born May 4, 1770; married, Sept. 21, 1794, Joel Smith of Lexington.
4. Phinehas, born April 7, 1772; married, Feb. 14, 1812, Abigail Stearns, daughter of Jonathan Stearns of Waltham, and had (1) Mary E., born Oct. 8, 1819; married, Feb. 8, 1844, Benjamin Wellington. They had children: (1) Mary Elizabeth, born Feb. 20, 1845; (2) Ellen Frances, born June 8, 1847.
5. Eunice, born April 15, 1774; married Nov. 2, 1795, William Hyde of Newton.
6. Isaac, born March, 1777; died Jan., 1787.
7. Keziah, born May 18, 1779.
8. Elijah, born Nov. 23, 1781.
9. Silas, born July 26, 1784.

Nathan Johnson, born in Lunenburg, Mass., Nov. 6, 1755, was a son of Dea. Samuel and Hannah (Stearns) Johnson, and a grandson of John and Abigail (Fiske) Stearns of Watertown. He married, 1786, Catherine Stearns, born Dec. 16, 1759, daughter of John and Martha (Harrington) Stearns of Watertown, and settled in Rindge, N. H., where he died Aug. 15, 1838. His wife died Oct. 5, 1833. Children:

1. Nathan, born April 16, 1787; died 1789.
2. Catherine, born Jan. 17, 1789; married, Aug., 1812, John Demary, and had one child, John Demary, born April 22, 1814, a mechanic of Rindge, who died Nov. 29, 1859. She was divorced on account of his bad conduct, resumed her maiden name and died December 26, 1832.
3. Thomas, born April 9, 1791; *non compos mentis*; died July 16, 1862.
4. Nathan, born Oct. 2, 1793; married, July, 1829, Sarah Cobb of Wrentham, Mass. They settled in Rindge, N. H., where he died May 6, 1860. Children: (1) Nathan Edwin, born Aug. 29, 1830; died March 12, 1845. (2) Mary Catherine, born June 4, 1832; married Henry Daggett of North Attleborough, Mass.

(3) Sarah Ellen, born April 24, 1835; married Frank Randall of Winthrop, Mass. (4) Daniel Webster, born March 21, 1837; died Jan. 30, 1846.

Moses Stearns, who with his son Ephraim settled in Walpole, N. H., in 1772, purchased a farm of Benjamin Bellows, the founder of Walpole. They built a house in the woods. That house is now standing. It was occupied by the family for over ninety years—first by Moses and his son Ephraim, and then by Stephen, son of Ephraim, and later by Josiah W. Stearns, the only child of Stephen by his first wife. Josiah W. sold the old homestead in 1863 and removed to Watseka, Ill., where he settled. Moses Stearns married Ruth Houghton, June 13, 1754, and settled in Westminster at the base of Wachusett mountain. They removed to Walpole in 1772. Their children were:

1. Ephraim, born April 6, 1755. He was in the Revolution.
2. Esther, born April 11, 1757; married James Eastman, and removed to Newfane, Vt.
3. Reuben, born Sept. 11, 1759; resided in Shrewsbury, where he died April 26, 1791, unmarried.
4. Relief, born March 8, 1762; married Simon Farmer of Herkimer, N. Y.
5. Elizabeth, born Sept. 4, 1764; married John Adams of Walpole.
6. Lois, born Aug. 7, 1766; married James Knapp, Nov. 26, 1789.
7. Benjamin, born Oct. 11, 1768; married Esther Simonds of Kingsborough, and settled in Trumbull, La.
8. Lucy, born Jan. 14, 1771; died Nov., 1796.
9. Abigail, born Feb. 27, 1775; married Isaac Gibson of Grafton, Vt.

Ephraim Stearns, son of Moses and Ruth (Houghton) Stearns of Walpole, N. H.; married Molly Gilman, Dec. 30, 1781. Children:

1. Simon, born Feb. 3, 1783; married Sarah Noyes in 1815.
2. Calvin, born Jan. 24, 1784; married Deborah Allen; died April 27, 1840.
3. Stephen, born April 27, 1786; married, first, Harriet, daughter of Dea. Jonas Hosmer, and had one child by his first wife, Josiah W., born Aug. 15, 1823, who married Abby Martin, April 25, 1850. He was much respected as a citizen and was honored with a seat in the Legislature in 1839, and again in 1842. He buried his first wife Dec. 20, 1827, aged 31, and married, second, Widow Lora Burroughs, April 27, 1830. He lived and died on the old homestead that had sheltered the family for 90 years. After his death it fell into the possession of Josiah W., his eldest son, who sold it in 1863, and removed to Illinois.
4. Ephraim, born June 2, 1788; died July, 1806.
5. Molly, (twin) born June 2, 1788; died in infancy.
6. Mary (Polly), born Aug. 16, 1790; married, July 7, 1823, Zephaniah Kidder of Walpole, and had one daughter, Harriet W., born 1826, who married George Huntington, Sept. 5, 1854.
7. Lyman, born Aug. 13, 1792; died March 27, 1803.
8. Curtis, born June 23, 1794; married, March 18, 1827, Rebecca Barron of Alstead. He died May 2, 1868; she died Aug. 30, 1874, aged 69 years. Their children were: (1) Mary, born 1831; died 1852. She was of a gentle and lovely disposition, and endowed by nature with more than common abilities and true poetic genius, as evidenced by many of her literary productions, still treasured in the family. (2) Frances A., born March 25, 1839; married Silas M. Bates of Walpole, and had one daughter, Mary G., born March 10, 1861, and a son, Edward S., born Dec. 3, 1865.
9. Willard, born June 6, 1796, was a merchant of Boston; married, 1827, Harriet Pettingill of Charlestown, Mass., and died 1828; no children.
10. Wilder, (twin) born June 6, 1796; married, Feb. 5, 1823, Hannah Wier, and resided in Herkimer, N.

Y. Children: (1) Mary A., born April 17, 1824. (2) Sarah E., born April 15, 1825. (3) Curtis, born Jan. 6, 1827. (4) Fanny A., born Nov. 20, 1828. (5) George W., born April 4, 1832. (6) Corson G., born Oct. 15, 1834. (7) Ephraim M., born May 29, 1836.

11. Elijah, born June 27, 1798, a merchant in Boston; married, 1832, Sarah Blanchard of Billerica, and had three children.
12. Harvey, born June 3, 1800, of Walpole; married, Jan., 1829, Rebecca Brown of Leominster, Mass.
13. George, born Aug. 10, 1802; married, July 2, 1868, Mrs. Ann (Moulton) Gilson, widow of Joshua Gilson of Groton, Mass. He was a physician of Groton, where he died March 7, 1882, aged 80 years. [See page 48.]

Josiah W. Stearns, son of Stephen and Harriet (Hosmer) Stearns, born Aug. 15, 1823; was the occupant of the old homestead in Walpole that had sheltered the family for 90 years. He married, April 25, 1850, Abby Martin, and had three children. He removed to Otseka, Ill., in 1863. Children:

1. Henry C., born May 11, 1851; graduated at Union college, Chicago, in 1876, the first in his class. He was admitted to the bar as an attorney in the state of Illinois.
2. Harriet H., born Nov. 4, 1857.
3. Martha P., born March 4, 1862.

Capt. Noah Pratt, born March 5, 1748; married in Wrentham May 3, 1770, Hannah Stearns, only daughter of Isaac and Hannah (Waters) Stearns of Stoughton. Capt. Pratt removed with his family to Winchester, N. H., in 1790. Children:

1. Henry, born May 14, 1771, a justice of the peace in Winchester; married Rebecca Jewell of that place, and had twelve children.

2. Nathan, born May 2, 1773; married Hannah Hammond of Winchester; had four children.
3. Hannah, born Feb. 11, 1777; married Reuben Alexander, son of Col. Alexander of Winchester, and had seven children.
4. Sarah, born March 3, 1779; died April 27, 1790.
5. Susanna; married Erastus Wright of Winchester; had nine children.
6. Noah, born March 17, 1784; married Sarah, daughter of Capt. Brown of Chesterfield, N. H.; had eight children. He was a physician, and died in Rockingham, Vt., Oct. 10, 1847.
7. Olive, born May 17, 1787; married Rufus Jewell, son of Dea. Asahel Jewell of Winchester. She had eleven children, and died March 28, 1830.

Capt. John Stearns, born July 23, 1712, son of Samuel and Phebe Stearns of Lexington; married Rebecca Dean of Dedham, where he resided until after the birth of his fifth child, when he moved to Attleborough, Mass. By her he had ten children. After her decease he married widow Molly Corey of Dedham, by whom he had two children. He was highly respected, was a captain, town treasurer for a long time, and representative to the General Court in 1775 and 1776. Children:

1. Rebecca, born Nov. 17, 1737; married James Dagget of Rehoboth, and had fifteen children.
2. Phebe, born Feb. 25, 1739; married John Bradford of Rehoboth and had five children.
3. Ruth, born Nov. 13, 1740; married Samuel Slack.
4. Hannah, born May 25, 1743; lived to advanced age unmarried.
5. Mary, born July 29, 1745; married Sabin Mann of Medfield and died leaving no children.
6. Samuel, born Oct. 17, 1747; died young.
7. Lydia, born Oct. 3, 1749; lived to advanced age unmarried.
8. Joseph, born Oct. 7, 1751; died June 2, 1829.

9. John, born Sept. 27, 1753; died while a member of Princeton college.
10. Isaac, born Jan. 7, 1756; died young.
11. Job; died young.
12. Abigail; married Lemuel Stratton of Foxboro, and had two children, Lemuel and Mary.

Jonathan Stearns, born May 22, 1750, was a son of Isaac and Elizabeth (Child) Stearns of Waltham. He married, April 29, 1779, Mary Bigelow of Weston. Children:

1. Polly, born Oct. 19, 1779; married, Nov. 15, 1804, Amos Carter of Lincoln.
2. Abigail, born Sept. 18, 1781; married, Feb. 14, 1812, Phinehas Stearns, son of Silas Stearns of Waltham.
3. Louisa, born Nov. 19, 1783; married, Feb. 16, 1809, Jonas Livermore, son of Abijah Livermore of Waltham. They had nine children.
4. Isaac, born Jan. 19, 1785; married, Aug. 15, 1810, Narcissa Morse, daughter of Joseph and Martha Morse of Waltham. She died in 1816, and he married, second, widow Hannah French, daughter of Charles Wheeler of Concord, Mass. She died in Spencer, Jan., 1828, and he married widow Betsey Stone, daughter of Jonathan Bent of Sudbury. He died in Spencer, May 2, 1837. He had fourteen children.
5. Nathaniel, born March 15, 1787; married, April 10, 1817, Sophia, daughter of Jonathan and Elizabeth Hammond of Waltham. He married, second, May, 1837, Sally, daughter of Converse Bigelow of Sherborn. He had six children, three by first and three by second wife.
6. Grace, born June 19, 1790; married, May 28, 1815, Jacob Barnard, an innkeeper of Boston. He died Aug. 7, 1830, and she married, Dec. 5, 1835, Dr. Nathan Richardson of South Reading, who died Sept. 17, 1837. She had seven children, all by first husband.

7. Jonathan, born April 1, 1792; died Feb. 6, 1803.
8. Prentice, born and died March, 1795.
9. Uriah Bigelow, born Feb. 25, 1800; died Sept. 15, 1848; married, Dec. 23, 1824, Alice, daughter of Amos Smith of Waltham. They had ten children.

Stephen Stearns son of Stephen and Mary (Boardman) Stearns of Cambridge, and grandson of Daniel Stearns of Watertown, was in the battle of Bunker Hill and served in the army during the Revolution. He was for some time tent master for Gen. Washington and was with that great leader in his campaign at Valley Forge, where soldiers could be tracked through the snow in footprints of blood from shoeless feet and where they had to breast the cold winds of winter with empty stomachs and insufficient clothing. The country owes a debt of gratitude to the soldiers of the Revolution for their determined resistance to oppression, and for their sacrifices in securing our national independence. Stephen Stearns married, May 2, 1781, Mary Robbins, and settled in Cambridge, where he died about 1810. He had only one child, viz:

1. Stephen, born Aug. 24, 1781; married, Sept. 8, 1806, Martha, daughter of Dea. Samuel Stratton of Princeton, Mass. He was a chairmaker, and first settled in Worcester, but about 1812 moved to Shrewsbury. His wife died Sept. 30, 1837, and he married, 1839, widow Mary (Garland) Holmes. He died Aug. 15, 1849. He was a deacon of the Baptist church and much esteemed for his exemplary, consistent Christian character. He had six children, five of whom, all daughters, lived to adult age, and were married.

Abel Stearns, born April 9, 1765, was a son of Thomas and Bette (Manning) Stearns, the record of whose family is given on page 23. He died in Ashby, Mass.,

in 1848. His wife Susanna died July 4, 1841, aged 77 years. He was a soldier in the Revolution, and participated in some of those sanguinary contests that crowned the veterans of the Revolution with un fading renown. He was represented to be a soldier of some mechanical ingenuity, whose skill could be made useful in building bridges, in constructing fortifications and making intrenchments.

Capt. Phineas Whitney, born April 1, 1766. He married Jan. 17, 1793, Phebe Stearns, born 1774. She died April 7, 1794, leaving one son, Phineas, who died July 12, 1804. Mr. Whitney was the most prominent business man in Winchendon. He owned a farm stocked with a superior breed of cattle. In addition to his farm he owned an oil mill and a woolen manufactory, and was engaged in keeping a hotel for public entertainment. He was enterprising and possessed great perseverance. He delighted in fine horses, improved horned cattle and fine wooled sheep, and was ambitious to excel in their production. Mr. Whitney married, second, 1796, Bethiah Bartlett and they had eight children. He died May 10, 1831.

Mary Stearns, daughter of Josiah and Dorothy (Prentice) Stearns, born in Watertown Jan. 5, 1754; married Benjamin Hurd, born Feb. 1, 1750, of Charlestown. He was educated a leather dresser, but early engaged in trade, and in the latter part of his life had his son Benjamin in partnership. He was driven from Charlestown by the British in 1775, but returned in 1788. Children:

1. Grace, born in Charlestown, Sept. 5, 1774; died 1825, unmarried.
2. Benjamin, born in Concord, Mass., Aug. 29, 1777.
3. Mary, born in West Cambridge, Aug. 23, 1779.
4. Hannah, born in Billerica, July 12, 1781.
5. John, born in Billerica, May 15, 1783.
6. Isaac, born in Billerica, May 15, 1785.

7. Nabby, born in Billerica, April 27, 1787.
8. John, born in Charlestown, March 30, 1789.
9. Harriet, born in Charlestown, Nov. 16, 1791.
10. Abigail, born in Charlestown, Nov. 14, 1793.
11. Josiah Stearns, born in Charlestown, Mar. 14, 1796.

Elizabeth Stearns, born Aug. 1, 1770; married in Westminster, Mass., in 1790, John Whitney. He was born in Waltham, Mass., and moved with his parents when quite young to Westminster, where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death, June 25, 1802. He was a strong temperance man, a staunch anti-slavery politician and a devoted christian. His widow married, second, James Walker, who died the next year, and she married, third, Luke Warren and had two children, Mary and Aaron. She was a faithful matron and devoted christian. She died Oct. 30, 1838. Children:

1. John, born Jan. 15, 1795; died Feb. 22, 1796.
2. John, born Feb. 20, 1797; married Lydia Allen.
3. Betsey, born May 3, 1799; married, April 30, 1829, Thomas Merriam; settled in Westminster.
4. Linda, born March 3, 1802; married, Nov. 20, 1823, Joseph Raymond of Hubbardston.

Asa Stearns, son of William and Lydia (Davis) Stearns, was born in Ashburnham, Mass., Oct. 14, 1784; graduate of Harvard university 1807. He was studying as a candidate for the ministry when he was cut off in the prime of life. He died Dec. 19, 1809, aged 25 years.

Abigail Stearns, born Jan. 31, 1793, daughter of Isaac and Mary (Crosby) Stearns of Ashburnham; married, June 5th, 1818, Chauncey Perry of Rindge, N. H. They removed in 1823 to New Ipswich, N. H. They raised an intelligent family of children. Three of their sons, John Philander, Albert, and Isaac Stearns Perry, were

clergymen; two other brothers, Chauncey, Jr., and Timothy Perry, were successful lawyers in Brooklyn, N. Y. Mrs. Perry died in New Ipswich April 14, 1853.

Bryant Stearns, born Jan. 22, 1807, son of John and Sarah (Lane) Stearns of Deerfield, N. H., and grandson of Rev. Josiah Stearns of Epping, N. H. He was a justice of the peace, machinist and farmer of Deerfield; married, Jan. 1, 1834, Sally G. Vesey of Deerfield, born Feb. 2, 1810. They had one child, Sarah E., born Aug. 23; died Sept. 26, 1834. Mrs. Stearns died Sept. 11, 1834, and he died Dec. 31, 1838. He bequeathed \$2,800 for charitable purposes.

Timothy Stearns, born Jan. 3, 1810, son of Timothy and Sarah (Low) Stearns of Billerica, after graduating at Amherst college in 1837, studied theology at Andover Theological seminary. After completing his theological course he became associate teacher in a female seminary at Chillicothe, Ohio, of which his sister Sarah was principal, and a year later became principal of the high school at Columbus, Ohio. He was a teacher well qualified to give to his pupils a classical education. He subsequently accepted a call to the ministry and was settled as pastor of a church in Kingston, Ohio. He married, Dec. 13, 1837, Catherine Taylor of Athens, Ohio. They had two children.

Martha Laurens Stearns, daughter of Thomas and Priscilla (Cushing) Stearns of Lunenburg, was born March 12, 1814. She married, August, 1843, Joseph Sebastian Cabot of Salem, and died May, 1844. She was a sister of Rev. Oliver Stearns, pastor of the Unitarian church at Hingham. Joseph Sebastian Cabot was son of Joseph Cabot and grandson of Hon. Joseph Cabot. Joseph, the grandfather, was deprived of the benefit of an education, but he rose from his natural abilities to become a member of the Assembly and senator of the United States from New Hamp-

shire. Joseph Sebastian Cabot was a merchant of Salem for many years—mayor of the city in 1845, and president of the Asiatic bank.

Joseph Stearns, born Oct. 7, 1751, son of Capt. John and Rebecca (Dean) Stearns of Dedham and Attleborough, married, Dec. 1, 1774, Rhoda Tingley, born August 17, 1775, daughter of Thomas and Martha Tingley. She died Dec. 21, 1837. He died June 2, 1829. In 1783 he moved from Attleborough to Tolland, Conn., and in 1793 to Mt. Pleasant, Wayne Co., Penn. Children:

1. Lucy, born Oct. 21, 1775; married Benjamin Dix, son of Elijah and Margaret Dix of Williamstown, Mass. He died March 22, 1805, and his widow married, 1815, Latham Williams of Brooklyn, Susquehanna Co., Penn. She died March 14, 1826. Children: (1) Lucy, born June 1, 1798; married Elisha Williams of Gibson, Penn. (2) Margaret, born April 19, 1800; married Abraham Craton, and moved to Illinois. (3) Benjamin, born June 17, 1801; married Betsey Blanchard, and settled in Owego, N. Y. (4) Rhoda, born Feb. 19, 1803; married Philip Craton. (5) Elijah, born Feb. 17, 1805; died Aug. 8, 1838. (6) John, by her second husband.
2. John, born March 18, 1777; married, Sept. 8, 1801, Polly Thompson, born Jan. 3, 1780, died Jan. 23, 1843, daughter of Epaphras and Margaret Thompson from Connecticut, and settled in Preston, Penn., where he died Sept. 3, 1849. Children: (1) Orinda, born Aug. 8, 1802; married, March 24, 1825, Isaac Theal, by whom she had two children. Mr. Theal died and she married, May, 1839, Rodman H. Barrows, by whom she had three children. Mr. Barrows died March 28, 1842. (2) Lucinda A., born March 8, 1804; married, Jan. 3, 1847, John Simpson of Gibson, Penn. (3) Manna, born Nov. 14, 1806; a carpenter; married, Nov., 1830, Angelina Comstock,

and settled in Galena, Delaware Co., Ohio. He had four children. (4) Otis T., born March 8, 1809. (5) Jabez D., born May 6, 1811; died May 20, 1828. (6) John, born May 10, 1813, of Preston, Penn., married, Dec. 24, 1841, Maria, daughter of William and Hannah Coleman, and had two children. His wife Maria died July 17, 1846. (7) Mary A., born April 20, 1819; married, Feb. 6, 1838, Curtis F. Sherwood. They had four children. (8) Sheldon U., born April 10, 1822; married, Jan. 1, 1849, Mary Jane, daughter of Eleazer J. and Catherine (Roberts) Munroe.

3. James, born Aug. 5, 1779; died May, 1835; married, 1802, Angelina, daughter of Amos Harding, and moved to Bloomfield, Richland Co., Ohio.
4. Phebe, born Oct. 10, 1781; married, Aug., 1803, Benjamin Newton, born Feb. 3, 1777; resided in Susquehanna Co., Penn., till 1835, when they moved to Wyoming, Putnam Co., Ill. Children: (1) Phebe, born April 15, 1804; married, Feb. 7, 1821, Hiram Miller, and had two children. Mr. Miller died and she married, second, July 25, 1830, Robert Sharer, by whom she had four children. (2) Nelson, born Nov. 22, 1805; married, Dec. 5, 1830, Hannah Burdick, born March 25, 1814; five children. (3) Sarah, born April 18, 1809; married, March 20, 1828, Peter Sharer, born March 29, 1801, and had nine children. (4) David, born Sept. 6, 1811; married Sept. 4, 1834, Sarah A. Brondage, born July 5, 1814. She died Feb. 11, 1838, and he married Adah Delamater, born Dec. 6, 1816. There were two children by first marriage, and four by second. (5) Joseph, born April 12, 1813; married, Jan. 3, 1841, Jane White, born Jan. 4, 1822; three children. (6) Benjamin, born May 4, 1817; a farmer. (7) Newman, born April 19, 1819; a farmer and carpenter. (8) Flora, born Aug. 29, 1821; married May 3, 1845, H. S. Gregory. (9) Naomi; married, March 24, 1844, C. A. Mount; had two children, and died Nov. 16, 1847. (10) Rhoda, born May 14; died Nov. 6, 1827.

5. Otis, born Oct. 14, 1783; a justice of the peace and deacon of the Baptist church; married Nov. 30, 1809, Lois Potter, and resided in Gibson, Penn. Children: (1) Louisa, born Dec. 5, 1811; married, Dec. 26, 1837, Reuben Harris of Jackson, Susquehanna Co., Penn.; three children. (2) Marvelles, born July 7, 1816. (3) Soissina, born Nov. 5, 1818; married March 5, 1838, Eli Barns, born Aug. 31, 1818, of Gibson. (4) Almon Otis, born July 19, 1821; married, Sept. 30, 1841, Lydia Phillips; born July 6, 1819, daughter of Austin Phillips of Gibson. (5) William Warren, born March 15, 1824; married Almira Rogers, born March 9, 1823, daughter of John Rogers of Harmony, Susquehanna Co., Penn. (6) Horace Wheeler, born Feb. 12, 1832. Three sons and a daughter of this family died in infancy.
6. Rhoda, born Jan. 22, 1785; married, Feb. 22, 1806, David Kennedy, son of David and Eunice Kennedy of Mount Pleasant, Penn. Children: (1) Nancy, born April 2, 1807; married, Sept. 5, 1832, Kenneth Anset Johnson of New Milford, Penn. (2) Alvira, born Sept. 20, 1809. (3) Eunice, born Aug. 22, 1811. (4) Harvey, born Nov. 8, 1813, a merchant of Honesdale, Penn.; married, Sept. 11, 1841, Catherine Thayer. (5) Rhoda Minerva, born Feb. 26, 1816; married, Sept. 8, 1835, Rev. Marcus K. Cushman, a Presbyterian minister. (6) Harriet, born Nov. 26, 1817; married, Oct. 17, 1844, William Bonner, son of Charles Bonner. (7) David, born Jan. 15, 1820. (8) Athalinda, born April 23, 1822.
7. Joseph, born Aug. 25, 1788; married, Feb. 1, 1820, Milissa Gaylord, daughter of Amasa Gaylord, and settled in Bloomfield, Ohio. Children: (1) Samuel Austin. (2) Caroline Amelia. (3) Sylvester Corydon. (4) Rhoda Mindwell. (5) Harriet Arvilla.
8. Ira, born March 5, 1791; married, April 28, 1814, Maria Plumb, daughter of Jacob Plumb, and resided in Hartford, Susquehanna County, Penn. Children: (1) Ira Edwin, born May 12, 1815. (2) Charles P., born Dec. 22, 1817. (3) Alvan, born Jan. 18, 1819.

- (4) Oscar, born April 17, 1821; married, March 6, 1845, Eliza Theal, daughter of Isaac and Orinda (Stearns) Theal. (5) George W., born Feb. 8, 1824. (6) Joseph Ansel, born June 6, 1829. (7) Amanda. (8) Mary. (9) Alonzo. (10) Henry Melvin.
9. Jabez, born June 18, 1794; married, Feb. 1, 1821, Roena Worcester, daughter of David and Polly Worcester, and resided in Damascus, Penn. Children: (1) Harriet Emily, born Nov. 9, 1822. (2) David Worcester, born March 21, 1826. (3) Polly, born Aug. 21, 1828. (4) Lucretia, born Nov. 25, 1830. (5) Irene, born Dec. 8, 1833. (6) Francis R., born May 9, 1836.
10. Ashbel, born Sept. 24, 1796; married, Feb. 21, 1819, Sophia Hare, daughter of Stephen and Elizabeth Hare, and resided in Mount Pleasant, and later in Clinton, Penn. Children: (1) Samantha Elizabeth, born June 5, 1821; married, Sept., 1847, George Fulkerson, born Dec. 27, 1819. (2) Stephen Warner, born Jan. 27, 1824. (3) Sylvia Charlotte, born March 3, 1827. (4) Nancy Eloisa, born Nov. 1, 1828. (5) Seymour Augustus, born Feb. 6, 1833. (6) Ruth Almira, born Aug. 3, 1834. (7) Mary Eliza, born June 27, 1838.

Isaac Stearns, son of the first Isaac and Mary Stearns, born Jan. 6, 1633, in Watertown, married, June 24, 1660, Sarah Beers, and settled in Cambridge Farms, now Lexington. He died Aug., 1676, and his widow married, July 23, 1677, Thomas Wheeler of Concord, Mass. Isaac Stearns had six children:

1. Sarah, born Jan. 14, 1662; married, Dec., 1678, John Wheeler of Concord.
2. Mary, born Oct. 8, 1663; married, Jan. 1, 1694, John Cutter of Lexington; had five children.
3. Isaac, born Aug. 26, 1665; married Elizabeth Stone.
4. Samuel, born Jan. 11, 1668; married Phebe Wheeler and had eleven children.

5. Abigail, married, Nov. 29, 1792¹⁶⁹², Samuel Hartwell of Concord. She died May 11, 1709.
6. John, born 1675, of Concord, afterwards of Bedford, where he died June 14, 1734. He was married and had children: (1) Mercy Kendall. (2) Zachariah. (3) Eleazer. (4) Abigail. (5) Benjamin.

Isaac Stearns, born Aug. 26, 1665, son of Isaac and Sarah (Beers) Stearns of Lexington, married Elizabeth Stone of Watertown. His first four children were recorded in Cambridge, the others in Lexington. The children settled in Stoughton, viz:

1. Isaac, born Oct. 19, 1697; married Rachel Randall.
2. Simon (twin) born Oct. 19, 1697; married Margaret Hixon of Stoughton, where he died 1767.
3. Jabesh, born Jan. 27, 1700; died April 30, 1700.
4. Jonathan, born Nov. 20, 1701; died in Stoughton 1769, leaving widow and six children.
5. Hannah, born Jan. 26, 1704.
6. Mary, born Nov. 10, 1706; married, about 1729, Dr. Edward Esty of Stoughton, who lived to be one hundred years old. They had fourteen children, of whom twelve died without families.
7. Martha, baptized Feb., 1709; married, Nov. 1, 1734, Daniel Talbot of Stoughton and had eight children.
8. Ebenezer, baptized July 8, 1711, was a Baptist clergyman in Stoughton; about 1770 he moved to Maine. He had nine children.
9. Abigail, baptized Nov. 12, 1713.

Simon Stearns, born Oct. 19, 1697, son of Isaac and Elizabeth (Stone) Stearns, married in Dorchester, Dec. 13, 1726, Margaret Hixon. He died in Stoughton 1767. Children:

1. Mary; died April 6, 1728.
2. Margaret; married, Nov. 28, 1762, Turel Allen of Stoughton, and died 1797.

3. Simon, born Nov. 19, 1733, whose family record is given on page 52.

Rev. Ebenezer Stearns, baptized July 8, 1711, son of Isaac and Elizabeth (Stone) Stearns of Lexington, married (his second wife), Aug. 12, 1762, Jane Phillips of Bristol, and about 1770 moved to Maine. Children:

1. Eliphalet.
2. Nathaniel; married, 1769, Eunice Kenney; had three children: (1) Joseph, 1770. (2) Hannah, 1772. (3) Eunice, 1774.
3. Ezekiel, born 1772; died in Boston of small pox, 1848.
4. Joshua of Foxboro; married, Sept. 10, 1778, Hannah Hewes of Mansfield; had eight children.
5. Elijah.
6. Achsah.
7. Sarah; married, Dec. 27, 1764, Job Hewitt of Easton, Mass., and had a daughter Sarah, who married Col. Southworth of Easton.
8. Molly.
9. Abigail.

Samuel Stearns, born Jan. 11, 1668, son of Isaac and Sarah (Beers) Stearns of Lexington, married Phebe WALT and had eleven children. He was killed by a casualty Nov. 19, 1721. His widow moved from Lexington to Littleton in 1730. Children:

1. Sarah, born Jan. 15, 1697; married, May, 1729, William Wheeler of Stoughton; had two children.
2. Mary, born Jan. 27, 1699; married John Powers of Shutesbury.
3. Abigail, born Feb. 18, 1700; married, 1717, Joseph Temple of Concord.
4. Samuel, born March 7, 1703; went first to Littleton, and later settled in Hollis, N. H. He had nine children; died 1787.

5. Ruth, born May 25, 1704; married, Feb. 5, 1724, Oliver Livermore of Watertown. She died Feb. 5, 1726, and Mr. Livermore married, second, Ruth, widow of Nathaniel Bowman of Cambridge.
6. Phebe, born Feb. 23, 1707; married — Cummings of Uxbridge.
7. Rebecca, born April 15, 1708; married — Whittemore.
8. Thomas, born July 4, 1710; was thrice married and lived in Littleton. The record of his eleven children is given on page 58.
9. John, born July 23, 1712; married Rebecca Dean of Dedham and, second, Molly Corey of Dedham.
10. Joseph, baptized April 15, 1715.
11. Benjamin, born Jan. 6, 1719; of Rutland, Mass.; married Mary, widow of Benjamin Warren of Hardwick. Their record is given on pages 44 and 45.

Samuel Stearns, born March 7, 1703, son of Samuel and Phebe Stearns of Lexington, resided for a time in Littleton, but died in 1787 in Hollis, N. H. His children were:

1. Samuel, settled in Plymouth, N. H., and had (1) Nathan. (2) Samuel. (3) Eunice. (4) Aaron. (5) Caleb. (6) Sarah.
2. Peter, who settled first in Plymouth, N. H., and afterwards in Hinesburg, Vt., where he died.
3. Isaac; married Rebecca Jewett and settled in Monkton, Vt., where he died, aged 82.
4. Joseph, a farmer of Hollis, N. H.
5. Ebenezer; married Rachel Ames of Hollis, N. H.—born Dec. 25, 1744, and died April 6, 1841—and moved to Monkton, Vt., where he died 1816.
6. John; married Sarah Hamlin, born Sept. 22, 1760. They settled in Monkton, Vt., where he died July 1, 1823.
7. Ruth.
8. Kezia.
9. Phebe.

Isaac Stearns, born Dec. 31, 1674, son of Samuel and Hannah Manning Stearns of Watertown; married, Oct. 26, 1708, Mary Bemis, daughter of John and Mary (Harrington) Bemis of Watertown. He died in Watertown 1737. Children:

1. Isaac, born May 14, 1710; married Elizabeth Child, daughter of Daniel and Beria (Bemis) Child. He died Nov. 25, 1779.
2. Mary, born May 14, 1712; married, May 7, 1741, Jonathan Sanderson, and died soon, leaving no children.
3. Susanna, born Jan. 11, 1716; married, Nov. 18, 1736, Jonathan Smith, son of Elisha Smith of Weston.
4. Nathaniel, born April 23, 1718; married, Oct. 22, 1747, Grace Hammond, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Harrington) Hammond, and settled in Holden.
5. Peleg, born Jan. 2, 1721; married, 1763, widow Elizabeth Swinerton, daughter of Capt. Peter Harris of New London. He died March 5, 1789.
6. James.

Isaac Stearns, born May 14, 1710; son of Isaac and Mary (Bemis) Stearns of Watertown; married, July 21, 1729, Elizabeth Child, born Feb. 18, 1707, daughter of Daniel and Beria (Bemis) Child. She died July 10, 1791, aged 85. He died Nov. 25, 1779. He resided in Waltham, was a deacon of the church, selectman thirteen years, from 1754 to 1772, and held other responsible offices. Children:

1. Elizabeth; died May, 1832.
2. John, born Jan. 2, 1732; died Jan., 1735.
3. Silas, born March 6, 1734; married, 1765, Elizabeth Wellington and had nine children, as recorded on page 84.
4. Isaac, born Jan. 18, 1736; married, Nov. 17, 1768, Eunice Lawrence, born Sept. 19, 1738, daughter of George and Mary (Stearns) Lawrence of Waltham. She died Feb. 8, 1802.

5. Phinehas, born Feb. 28, 1738; married, July 9, 1761, Mary Wellington and settled in Lexington. They had nine children. He died Oct. 7, 1792; she died Feb. 13, 1790.
6. Susanna, born April 9, 1740; married, March 26, 1765, Josiah Wellington, son of Thomas Wellington, Jr., of Waltham. She died May 11, 1766.
7. Joshua, born May 26, 1742; died Oct. 27, 1746.
8. Sarah, born May 22, 1744; married, Jan. 16, 1769, Joseph Hastings.
9. Joshua, born July 10, 1748; married, Oct. 8, 1772, Lois Pierce, born Feb. 2, 1754, daughter of Ephraim and Lydia (White) Pierce of Waltham; eleven children.
10. Jonathan, born May 22, 1750; married, April 29, 1779, Mary Bigelow of Weston. The record of their children is given on page 90.
11. Elizabeth, born March 17, 1752; married, Nov. 5, 1770, Phinehas Lawrence, born Feb. 19, 1749, son of John and Mary (Hammond) Lawrence of Waltham. They had ten children.

Nathaniel Stearns, born April 23, 1718, son of Isaac and Mary (Bemis) Stearns of Watertown; married, Oct. 22, 1747, Grace Hammond, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Harrington) Hammond, and settled in Holden, Mass. Children:

1. Nathaniel, born June 30, 1749; married, Dec. 15, 1774, Lydia Cushing, daughter of Col. Job Cushing of Shrewsbury and granddaughter of Rev. Job Cushing of Hingham. He settled in Paxton, Mass., where he died Jan., 1785, leaving one son, who died young.
2. Mary, born Sept. 4, 1751; married Alpheus Brown of Paxton.
3. Ruth, born April 20, 1754.
4. Phebe, born Nov. 17, 1755; married John Davis and settled on her father's homestead.
5. Reuben, born Feb. 6, 1759; married, March 10, 1779, Anna Stewart, born March 4, 1760, daughter

of Dea. Daniel Stewart of Holden. He moved in 1787 to Brattleboro, Vt., where he died Jan. 29, 1845. His wife, Anna, died Sept. 4, 1839. They had twelve children.

6. Eunice, born Feb. 8, 1761; married Rev. John Foster of Paxton.

Timothy Stearns, born Oct. 8, 1701, who married Bethia Adams, as stated on page 21, settled in Framingham, Mass. He bought, April 25, 1723, ninety-two acres of land of Joseph Buckminster, the consideration being £158. Here he lived a farmer until his death in 1757. His wife, Bethia Adams, whom he married in 1728, was daughter of John Adams of Medfield. They had nine children:

1. Sarah, born Dec. 1, 1729; died unmarried Feb. 8, 1825, aged 95 years.
2. Timothy, born Aug. 28, 1731; died unmarried Jan. 3, 1820, aged 88 years. He served in the French and Indian war, first in Capt. Hosmer's company and again in Capt. Nixon's company of Massachusetts Volunteers for the expeditions against Crown Point in 1755 and in 1758. He assisted in driving the French under Gen. Montcalm out of our domains into Canada. Montcalm took refuge in Quebec, where he was attacked and defeated by Gen. Wolfe and his whole army captured. This conquest gave Canada to the English, closed a long and expensive war and secured peace and prosperity to the American colonies. Timothy Stearns also enlisted in the Revolution, serving in Rhode Island in the campaigns of 1780 and 1781. In 1790 he started a newspaper and mail route between Boston and Worcester, making the trip on horseback once a week, which he continued to do until about 1802.
3. Nathan, born Aug. 2, 1733; died unmarried, being drowned in Sudbury river, Feb. 28, 1788. He was a soldier in the French and Indian war, being a member of Capt. Nixon's company from Framingham in the expedition against Crown Point in 1757.

4. Bethia, born Oct. 6, 1735; married Col. Thomas Nixon of Framingham and had five children, viz: (1) Kate, born July 31, 1758; married William Stowell and moved to Paris, Me., where she died, 1842. (2) Thomas, born March 19, 1762. (3) Asa, born Aug., 1767; died Dec., 1771. (4) Hannah, born Sept. 21, 1772; married John Nichols of Southboro. (5) Bethia; died in Southboro, March 19, 1823.
5. Joshua, born Aug. 8, 1737; died July 24, 1751.
6. Jonathan, born Sept. 19, 1739; died unmarried May 10, 1807.
7. John, born June 5, 1741; married — Newton and lived in Southboro.
8. Asa, born May 3, 1744; died Aug. 13, 1751.
9. Hannah, born May 20, 1746; married Benjamin Flagg of Worcester, and died 1843, aged 97.

Mary Stearns, born April 5, 1679, daughter of Samuel and Hannah (Manning) Stearns of Watertown, married, Nov. 2, 1699, Samuel Jennison, born Oct. 12, 1673, son of Samuel and Judith (Macomber) Jennison and grandson of Robert Jennison, the emigrant, who came from England and settled in Watertown in 1636. Samuel and Mary (Stearns) Jennison settled in Watertown, where they raised a family of eleven children.

1. Mary, born Aug. 17, 1700; married, Nov. 6, 1733, John Gerrish of Salem.
2. Hannah, born July 17, 1702; married, Feb. 15, 1725, Jonathan Stone, born 1702, son of Jonathan and Ruth (Eddy) Stone of Watertown. He died Oct., 1725, and she married, second, Sept. 4, 1729, John Goddard of Brookline.
3. Samuel, born Sept. 26, 1704; married, Feb. 13, 1734, Abigail Holden, born May 30, 1710, daughter of Samuel Holden of Cambridge.
4. William, born Feb. 9, 1707; graduated at Harvard college, 1724; died in Watertown, April, 1750.
5. Nathaniel, born April 5, 1709, of Watertown, after-

- wards of Weston, married, Oct. 23, 1729, Abigail Mead of Weston. They had nine children.
6. John, born Feb. 9, 1711; married, in Lunenburg, July 21, 1740, Mary Hubbard, sister of Ruth, wife of Rev. David Stearns. He died about 1751, and his widow married Col. Benjamin Bellows (his second wife).
 7. Lydia, born April 2, 1712; married, Jan. 11, 1737, Rev. Ebenezer White of Brookline, a graduate of Harvard college, 1733.
 8. Abigail, born April 22, 1715, married, in Lunenburg, Sept. 24, 1739, Jonathan Hubbard, Jr. Children: (1) Grace, born Aug. 22, 1740. (2) Abigail, born Sept. 17, 1742. (3) Rebecca, born Sept. 27, 1744.
 9. Mercy, born Mar. 11, 1718, married June 26, 1740, Stanton Prentice, a physician of Lancaster.
 10. Sarah, born August, died Nov., 1720.
 11. Eunice, born Feb., 1722, married, July 11, 1739, Joshua Richardson of Woburn.

Daniel Stearns, born Mar. 1, 1701, son of Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Dix) Stearns (referred to on page 38), was a cordwainer of Watertown. He married, first, Anna —, by whom he had one child; second, Mercy Grant. Children:

1. Anna, born 1723; married, May 22, 1755, Stephen Calf of Waltham. They had five children.
2. Elizabeth, born Feb. 22, 1725.
3. Stephen, born Sept. 21, 1726; married, May 24, 1748, Mary Boardman of Cambridge.
4. Isaiah, born Jan. 23, 1728, of West Cambridge, married, and had seven children. He died 1768.
5. Mary, baptized Aug. 5, 1733; married — Frothingham.
6. Daniel, baptized Aug. 5, 1733, was a soldier in the expedition to Crown Point, in 1756, as stated on page 22, in which service he was killed.
7. Ruth, born 1733.

8. Nathaniel.
9. Sarah, baptized 1739; married, 1761, William Godding; they had eight children.
10. Mary, married, 1766, James Bradish of Charlestown.

Lieut. Samuel Stearns, born Nov. 30, 1703, son of Lieut. Samuel and Mary (Hawkins) Stearns of Watertown; married, Feb. 13, 1732, Sarah Bowman, daughter of Capt. Nathaniel and Ann (Barnard) Bowman of Cambridge. He resided in Watertown, where he died Aug. 16, 1746. Children:

1. Ezekiel, born Dec. 29, 1732; died 1734.
2. Sarah, born Oct. 26, 1735.
3. Sarah, born Oct. 26, 1736; married, May 24, 1758, Col. Abijah Brown, born Nov. 27, 1736, son of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Simonds) Brown of Watertown. He settled in Waltham, where for many years he held the most important and responsible trusts in the town. He was engaged in the battle of Bunker Hill and held a commission as Lieut. Colonel in the *army of the Revolution*. He moved late in life from Waltham to Lincoln, Mass., where he died May 25, 1818.
4. Samuel, born Nov. 4, 1739; married, May 15, 1760, Mary Bigelow, born Dec. 9, 1739, daughter of Jacob and Susanna (Mead) Bigelow of Waltham. The record of their children is given on page 76.

Isaac Stearns, born Aug. 21, 1701, son of Isaac and Mary (Merriam) Stearns of Billerica, married Alice Wilson, daughter of John Wilson of Billerica. He died Sept. 20, 1739, and his widow married John Pollard. Children:

1. Thomas, born Feb. 12, 1724; married, March 14, 1751, Belle Manning. (See page 23.)
2. Sarah, born Dec. 10, 1726; married Joshua Abbott of Billerica. She died Sept. 7, 1803.

3. Jonathan, born June 16, 1729; married Abigail Moore of Sudbury, and settled in Lancaster. (See page 24 for the record of his children.)
4. John, born May 27, 1731; died Jan., 1754.
5. Oliver, born July 5, 1733. In 1757 he was in Capt. Flint's company at Lake George; he died unmarried.
6. Elijah, born June 15, 1735; married, Feb. 20, 1760, Lucy Lane of Bedford, as recorded page 53.
7. Alice, born July 21, 1737; married, Aug. 3, 1758, Elisha White of Lancaster.
8. William, born Jan. 15, 1739; died April 22, 1756.

Dea. William Stearns, born March 10, 1718, son of John and Abigail (Fiske) Stearns of Watertown, married, Jan. 22, 1746, Elizabeth Johnson, born Jan. 2, 1721, daughter of Samuel and Rebecca Johnson of Lunenburg, where he settled. She died Feb. 25, 1784. He died July 10, 1792. Children:

1. William, born April 20, 1749; graduated at Harvard college 1770; studied law and practiced his profession in Worcester, Mass. He married, April 24, 1776, Mary Dana, and died Oct. 22, 1783, leaving two daughters: (1) Mary, born March 10, 1777, and (2) Elizabeth, born Sept. 17, 1779. See page 54.
2. Mary, born May 7, 1751; died, unmarried, Sept. 28, 1800.
3. Joseph, born Aug. 21; died Sept. 25, 1754.
4. James, born Sept. 1, 1758; married Elizabeth—, and had: (1) Thomas, born Jan. 19, 1781. (2) James, born March 29, 1782. (3) William, born Jan. 14, died Feb. 8, 1784. (4) Elizabeth, born March 14, 1786. (5) William, born July 14, 1789. (6) Polly, born Feb. 24, 1791.

Capt. Edward Stearns, of whom mention is made on pages 10 and 42, had ten children, viz:

1. Lucy, born May 24, 1756; died May 20, 1768.
2. Solomon, born May 12, 1757; enlisted in the army of the Revolution; died May 8, 1775.

3. Rachel, born Nov. 3, 1758; married, Nov. 14, 1782, Dea. Moses Fitch of Bedford, who died Oct. 12, 1825. She died May 23, 1817. They had seven children.
4. Edward, born Jan. 10, 1761; died May, 1768.
5. Susanna, born Dec. 19, 1762; married Nehemiah Wyman of Medford and Charlestown; they had eleven children. She died April 17, 1847, aged 85 years.
6. Alice, born Aug. 13, 1764; married, Dec. 7, 1786, Moses Abbott, Jr., of Bedford, who died Feb. 19, 1802, and she married, May 1, 1806, Stephen Lane of Bedford, who died May 7, 1827. She had ten children.
7. Abner, born July 9, 1766; died Dec. 11, 1838; married, May 1, 1796, Anna Hill. She died 1807 and he married, second, June 30, 1808, Mrs. Annie Estabrook, daughter of Thomas Russell of West Cambridge.
8. Edward, born June 25, 1768; married Polly, daughter of Col. Timothy Jones of Bradford, Mass. She died June, 1796, and he married, second, Jan. 1, 1798, Nabby Jones, sister of his first wife. He died May, 1798, and his widow married Rev. Ebenezer Hill of Mason, N. H.
9. Elijah, born March 2, 1770; for many years a merchant in Bedford, Mass.; a justice of the peace and postmaster of Bedford. He married, Dec. 30, 1802, Elizabeth Stearns (a cousin), daughter of Rev. Josiah Stearns of Epping, N. H. He died April 10, 1831; seven children.
10. Simeon, born April 17, 1772; married Sally, daughter of Onesimus Cobb of Sherborn, Mass., and settled in Bedford. He had three children: (1) Elbridge Wyman. (2) Lucy Minerva. (3) Sally Miranda.

Elias Stearns, born Sept. 30, 1753, son of John and Anna (Coolidge) Stearns of Watertown; married, in Westminster, Mass., Dec. 12, 1776, Sarah Keyes, born in Shrewsbury, Mass., Dec. 21, 1756. She died May 21,

1842, aged 85 years. He was a clothier and resided successively in Walpole, N. H., Hartland and Bradford, Vt., and Haverhill, N. H. He died in Haverhill April 2, 1845, aged 91 years. Children:

1. Sally, born in Walpole, Jan. 28, 1778; married, 1800, John S. Little, a farmer of Corinth, Vt. They had seven children.
2. Billy, born in Walpole, March 11, 1780; died Dec. 3, 1836, unmarried.
3. Asa, born in Walpole, Feb. 3, 1782; married, 1807, Sophia Higby. They removed to Ohio. They had six children.
4. Ezra, born in Hartland, Vt., April 8, 1784; a house carpenter; married, 1808, Desire Holmes, born in Dedham, Mass., 1781. She died 1809, and he married, Oct. 21, 1810, Susanna Belcher, born in Chelsea, Mass., Jan. 18, 1792. His first eight children were born in Boston, and two others in Charlestown.
5. Amos, born in Hartland, April 26, 1786, a merchant of Marietta, Ohio. He died Dec. 6, 1812.
6. Mary, born in Hartland, May 21, 1788; married, June 10, 1811, Elisha Travy, born in Whately, Mass., Feb. 3, 1790. They had ten children, all born in Haverhill, N. H.
7. Rufus, born in Bradford, Vt., March 19, 1791; a farmer of Haverhill, N. H.; married, Feb. 22, 1815, Sarah P. Davis, born Nov. 18, 1794. They had thirteen children.
8. Roxana, born in Bradford, Jan. 28, 1794; resided in Haverhill.
9. Lucy, born in Bradford, Sept. 19, 1797; married, Aug. 9, 1842, Chester Farnam, a farmer of Haverhill, born in Stafford, Conn., Feb. 12, 1773.

Samuel Stearns, born Oct. 23, 1761, son of Capt. Samuel and Mary (Bigelow) Stearns of Waltham, a farmer and miller; at first of Waltham, afterward of Lexington; married, 1799, Elizabeth Brown, born Dec. 30, 1770, daughter of Capt. Francis Brown of Lexing-

ton. He died in Lexington, June 13, 1805. They had children:

1. Samuel, born in Waltham Aug. 20, 1800, a merchant and manufacturer of Middletown, Conn.; married June 13, 1824, Esther P. Oliver, born 1803, daughter of Eben Oliver of Boston. She died July 19, 1832, and he married, Oct. 10, 1833, Sarah Cook, born March 22, 1811, of Middletown. Children: (1) Samuel, born March 26, 1825; died April 9, 1826. (2) Mary Elizabeth, born June 9, 1827. (3) Ellen Maria, born Aug. 23, 1829; died Dec. 12, 1833. (4) Harriet, born Oct. 12, died Oct. 24, 1831. (5) Samuel, born Nov. 16, 1834; died March 25, 1836. (6) Samuel, born Oct. 31, 1836; died March 27, 1837. (7) Harriet, born March 2, 1839. (8) Augustus Cook, born Feb. 23, 1841. (9) Henry Oliver, born Nov. 2, 1843. (10 and 11) Sarah and Ellen, twins, born Jan. 2, 1848.
2. Charles, born in Lexington, May 22, 1804; died in Boston, May 28, 1830, unmarried.
3. Edwin (twin), born in Lexington May 22, 1804, a merchant and manufacturer of Middletown, Conn., (of whom it is erroneously stated on page 47 that he was a son of Samuel and Mary (Bigelow) Stearns, they being his grandparents), married, 1828, Maria Brewer of Middletown, and had children: (1) William Edwin, born Sept. 13, died Sept. 29, 1829. (2) Charles Edwin, born April 19, 1831. (3) William Samuel, born June 9, 1833. (4) George Frederick, born Oct. 9, 1838. (5) Mary Jane, born July 8, 1842, died May 25, 1843.

Jesse Stearns, born Aug. 3, 1766, son of Aaron and Esther (Glazier) Stearns of Walpole, N. H.; married, Oct. 6, 1791, Betsey Gibson. Children:

1. Joseph G., born Sept. 16, 1792, of Corinth, Saratoga County, N. Y., married, Jan. 2, 1814, Prudence Houghton.

2. Aaron, born July 3, 1794; married, Sept. 25, 1820, Sarah Symons.
3. Alvah, born Aug. 10, 1796; married, June 2, 1825, Mary Darling.
4. Betsey, born Dec. 15, 1799; married, April 29, 1835, Noah Safford.
5. John C., born June 30, 1802; married June 6, 1827, Orphia M. Clarke.
6. David, born Aug. 3, 1804; married, Dec. 26, 1836, Philenda Gleason; he died Nov. 23, 1839.
7. Lyman, born Mar. 11, 1808; married, Sept. 8, 1834, Rhoda Ann Graves, born Oct. 2, 1811, daughter of Aaron Graves, Jr., of Walpole. They were much respected for their moral worth. Aaron Graves, Sr., the head of the Graves family in Walpole, was a leading citizen of the town. His opinions were equivalent to an ordinance with his townsmen. He died Aug. 8, 1814, aged 92 years. His wife, Phebe, died Mar. 20, 1813, aged 85 years.
8. Frederick W., born July 3, 1810; died Sept. 11, 1819.
9. Zenas H., born Jan. 2, 1813.
10. Harriet, born April 10, 1815; died Oct., 1819.

Abigail Stearns, born Aug. 22, 1691, daughter of Capt. John and Elizabeth (Bigelow) Stearns of Billerica, married in Watertown, Oct. 23, 1711, Sergeant William Wyman of Woburn, born 1685, died 1753, second son of William and Prudence (Putnam) Wyman. According to Bond's History of Watertown (see page 455), the Wyman family is intimately connected with the Stearns family by intermarriages through several generations. Sergeant William and Abigail (Stearns) Wyman had children:

1. Abigail Wyman, born Aug. 31, 1713; married, Nov. 12, 1735, Ezekiel, son of John and Rebecca (Reed) Wyman, settled in Lunenburg, and had a large family.
2. William Wyman, born Mar. 10, 1715.

3. Nehemiah Wyman, born June 25, 1722, was a sergeant; he had ten children, of whom the eighth, Lucy, married Francis Wyman; the tenth, Nehemiah, of Medford, baptized 1762, married Susanna Stearns, born Dec. 19, 1762, daughter of Capt. Edward and Lucy (Wyman) Stearns of Billerica, the record of whose family is given on pages 81 to 84 of this genealogy.

Nehemiah Wyman, son of Nehemiah Wyman of Woburn, baptized Feb. 21, 1762, married Susannah Stearns, born Dec. 19, 1762, daughter of Capt. Edward and Lucy (Wyman) Stearns of Billerica. She died April 17, 1847, in her 85th year. He was a butcher and resided successively in Bedford, Medford and Charlestown. Children:

1. Nehemiah Wyman, born in Bedford Feb. 17, 1786; married, Dec. 3, 1812, Susan F. Cutter.
2. Edward Stearns Wyman, born Oct. 5, 1787; died in New York, Jan. 6, 1809.
3. Francis Wyman, born at Medford April 27, 1790; married, 1818, Susan Jackson, who died July 3, 1843, aged 44; they had two children.
4. Susannah Wyman, born March 24, 1792; married Benjamin Adams.
5. Lucy S. Wyman, born March 15, 1794; married, 1820, R. W. Rowland of St. Johns. She died March 24, 1843.
6. Elizabeth Wyman, born Jan. 6, 1796; married Archibald Babcock.
7. Nancy Wyman, born at Charlestown May 7, 1798; married, Jan. 24, 1821, Hon. Charles Thompson of Charlestown; eight children.
8. William Wyman, born and died 1800.
9. William Wyman, born Mar. 10, 1801; president of Phœnix bank, Charlestown; married, June 6, 1833, Mary Lapham of Medford; had four children; died Aug. 7, 1877.
10. George W. Wyman, born Jan. 10, 1804; died May 5, 1846.

11. Isaac S. Wyman, born July 31, 1806; died at Matanzas, April 30, 1825.

Ezekiel Wyman, son of John and Rebecca (Reed) Wyman, who married, Nov., 1735, Abigail, daughter of Sergeant William and Abigail (Stearns) Wyman, settled in Lunenburg and had a large family. One of his sons was William Wyman, who married Polly Gibson of Lunenburg, and settled in Walpole, N. H. They had (1) Susanna, born Jan. 10, 1783. (2) William Wyman, born March 15, 1785. (3) Frances, born May 17, 1787. (4) Polly, born June 3, 1789. (5) Sally, born Jan. 23, 1792. (6) Thomas, born May 1, 1794. (7) Willard, born Dec. 10, 1796, killed by a fall from a tree. (8) Elnathan Winchester, born Jan. 30, 1799. (9) Gibson. (10) John. (11) George.

William Wyman, son of Ezekiel and Abigail (Stearns) Wyman of Lunenburg, married Polly Gibson of that town and settled in Walpole, N. H. They had ten children. Their eldest son (1) William Wyman, born March 15, 1785, married, Dec. 1, 1815, Anna, daughter of David Palmer. He was an iron merchant of Charlestown and Cambridge, Mass., and later moved to Fitchburg, where he died Aug. 16, 1852. They had five children, of whom (1) William Gibson Wyman, was for a long time a prominent farmer of Fitchburg; now (1900) living in Saratoga, Santa Clara County, California; and (2) Winchester Wyman, also a farmer of Fitchburg, a member of the common council of that city in 1882.

Thomas Bellows Wyman, born in Walpole, N. H., May 1, 1794, son of William and Polly (Gibson) Wyman; married, Oct. 27, 1816, Mary Frothingham, who died June 9, 1875. He was an iron merchant of Charlestown, Mass., and died June 24, 1867. Children:

1. Thomas Bellows Wyman, born Dec. 11, 1817. He was the author of a "*Genealogy of the Wyman Fam-*

ily," and also the compiler of the "*Genealogies and Estates of Charlestown, Mass.*," a work of much labor and persevering research. His valuable works greatly enriched the genealogical history of New England. He died unmarried, May 19, 1878.

2. Richard Frothingham Wyman, born March 5, 1819; married and settled in Evanston, Cook county, Ill.
3. James Kettell Wyman, born Nov. 12, 1821; died single Aug. 12, 1854.
4. Mary Frothingham Wyman, born Dec. 15, 1832; married Florimond A. Downing; and there were three others who died in infancy.

John Stearns, son of the first Isaac, was born in England. He was one of the early settlers of Billerica, having settled there when it was an unbroken wilderness. He, in connection with his friends, laid the foundation of the town upon rigid economy—upon the policy, pay as you go. By their industry, enterprise and perseverance the people of the town soon rose to a state of independence, paid their debts and had a surplus in the treasury. John Stearns acquired a large estate and was one of four persons who purchased the large farm of Gov. Dudley in Billerica. He owned a large plantation previous to this purchase. He introduced the same system of economy into his private family that he practiced in the municipal affairs of the town. He educated his children to the pursuits of industry and to the practice of economy to prepare them for the perils and privations of a frontier life, surrounded as they were by a wilderness, destitute of the necessaries and comforts of civilized life, a discipline of vital importance to their future welfare. Those children lived to see the town that first greeted their eyes as a wilderness, flourishing with comfortable mansions; the ancient abode of wild beasts occupied with beautiful homes; the Indian wigwam superseded by the abode of a civilized and enlightened people. John Stearns married Sarah, only daughter of Isaac and Sarah Mixer of Watertown.

She died June 14, 1656, and he married, second, in Dec., 1656, Mary Lathrop, born Oct. 4, 1640, daughter of Thomas Lathrop. John Stearns died March 5, 1669, and his widow married Capt. William French of Billerica. Capt. French died Nov. 20, 1681, aged 78. She survived him many years. Children:

1. Jane, born May, 1654; first child born in Billerica.
2. Samuel, born 1656; a lunatic.
3. Isaac, born April 17, 1659.
4. Isaac, born Dec. 23, 1661.
5. Nathaniel, born Nov. 30, 1663.
6. Thomas, born Dec. 6, 1665; married, June 20, 1688, Rebecca Chamberlain.

Hon. Isaac Stearns, born June 16, 1722, son of John and Esther (Johnson) Stearns of Billerica; married, 1748, Sarah Abbot of Bedford, as stated on page 10. Their children were:

1. Esther, born April 13, 1749; married, Oct. 19, 1773, Abraham Andrews of Concord, and settled in Lovell, Me. She died March 11, 1799, and he died July 13, 1823. They had seven children.
2. Isaac, born June 13, 1750; married, Dec. 18, 1777, Mary Crosby, and settled in Ashburnham, Mass. They had eleven children. He died April 29, 1807.
3. William, born Aug. 4, 1752; married, Sept. 25, 1777, Lydia Davis, and settled in Ashburnham, Mass. They had nine children. He died Aug. 13, 1826.
4. Benjamin, born May 10, 1754; died 1756.
5. Sarah, born April 1, 1756; died next November.
6. Benjamin, born Sept. 12, 1757; married, Feb. 15, 1792, Susanna Frye of Fryeburg, and settled in Lovell, Me. She was born June 16, 1765, and died Sept. 27, 1829. They had eight children.
7. Sarah, born Aug. 3, 1759; married, Sept. 28, 1779, Thaddeus Davis of Bedford. He died May 26, 1807.
8. Mary, born Oct. 25, 1761; married, 1787, Capt. Nathan Fiske of Weston. She died Sept. 13, 1834; he died Jan. 24, 1852. They had five children.

9. Timothy, born Sept. 25, 1763; married, Nov. 1, 1787, Sarah Low of Bedford, and settled in Billerica. They had ten children.
10. John, born Sept. 18, 1765; married, first, Feb. 10, 1801, Mary Lane, born Aug. 15, 1776, daughter of Samuel Lane of Bedford. She died Nov. 30, 1815, and he married, second, May 13, 1817, Susanna Winn, born Nov. 2, 1771, daughter of Joseph Winn of Burlington, Mass. She died Jan. 28, 1842. He died at Woburn, Nov. 5, 1836. He had eight children whose record is given on page 11.
11. Elizabeth, born Sept., 1767; died 1768.
12. Obed, born Oct. 2, 1770, a physician of Hampton, N. H.; died 1800, much esteemed.

Phineas Stearns, born Feb. 28, 1738, son of Dea. Isaac and Elizabeth (Child) Stearns of Waltham; married, July 9, 1761, Mary Wellington, and moved to Lexington as early as 1768. He was a soldier in the Revolution and participated in the battle of Lexington. He was one of the selectmen of Lexington in 1781 and '82. His wife died Feb. 13, 1790, and he died of small-pox Oct. 7, 1792. Children:

1. Sarah, born Dec. 29, 1761; married Isaac Hastings of Lexington, born Dec. 26, 1755, son of Samuel and Lydia (Tidd) Hastings. Mr. Hastings was a deacon and a leading member of the church. He was with Capt. Parker on Lexington common on the 19th of April, 1775, was at the capture of Burgoyne, and was also detailed to guard the prisoners at Prospect Hill (now Somerville). He died July 2, 1831, aged 76, and his widow died March, 1834, aged 73. They had nine children, the youngest of whom, Maria, born March 1, 1801, married 1828, William H. Carey, a distinguished merchant of Brooklyn, N. Y.
2. Mary, born March 6, 1764; married, March 27, 1788, William Stearns, son of Samuel and Mary (Bigelow) Stearns of Waltham, and settled in Paris, Me., where she died Dec. 9, 1814. They had nine children.

3. Peleg, born April 25, 1766; married, May 22, 1794, Susan Phinney, born July 8, 1775, daughter of Benjamin and Chloe Phinney of Lexington. They had eight children.
4. John, baptized April 24, 1768; married, May 22, 1794, Chloe Phinney, daughter of Benjamin Phinney of Lexington. She died Oct. 19, 1833. They had nine children, the record of whose births is given on page 62. The foregoing two brothers were married at the same time, their wives being sisters.
5. Phinehas, born 1770; died in infancy.
6. Susanna, born August 8, 1774; married, Nov. 29, 1800, Maj. Jonas Wyeth of Cambridge (his second wife). Maj. Wyeth was a large landholder in Cambridge, was selectman in 1819, '20 and '21, and died July 8, 1828, aged 66; his widow died March 28, 1855, aged 80. They had four children.
7. Isaac, born 1776; died in infancy.
8. Rebecca, baptized Aug. 20, 1778; married, April 11, 1805, Capt. David Wellington, a farmer of Lexington; born Nov. 1, 1771, son of William and Mary (Whitney) Wellington of Waltham. She died Feb. 18, 1821; seven children.
9. Dorcas, baptized Aug. 8, 1780; married, Dec. 1, 1808, Luke Chase, a justice of the peace and deacon of the church in Paris, Me. They had five children.

John Stearns, born Nov. 26, 1686, son of Capt. John and Elizabeth (Bigelow) Stearns of Billerica; married Esther, daughter of Capt. Edward Johnson of Woburn; born Jan., 1691; died April 13, 1786, aged 95. She was great grand-daughter of Capt. Edward Johnson, author of the history of New England entitled "*Wonder-Working Providence of Sion's Savior in New England*," and grand-daughter of William Johnson, Esq. John Stearns died in Billerica Aug. 2, 1776, aged 90. Children:

1. Esther, born Nov. 9, 1716; died February, 1718.
2. John, born May 27, 1718; in 1788, aged 70, he moved to Lovell, Me. He died aged 86; five children.

3. Esther, born June 6, 1720.
4. Isaac, born June 16, 1722; married Sarah Abbot; died April 23, 1808. See page 10.
5. Joanna, born July 29, 1724; married — Fletcher.
6. Edward, born May 9, 1726; married, 1755, Lucy Wyman; died June 11, 1793. See page 42.
7. Benjamin, born Nov. 21, 1729; died Aug. 25, 1734.
8. Josiah, born Jan. 20, 1732; graduate of Harvard college 1751; ordained at Epping, N. H., March 8, 1758; married, first, Sarah Abbot, born Dec. 4, 1726, daughter of Uriah and Elizabeth (Mitchell) Abbot of Andover. She died Nov. 5, 1766, and he married, second, Sarah Ruggles, born Nov. 25, 1731; died April 2, 1808, daughter of Rev. Samuel Ruggles of Billerica. Rev. Josiah Stearns died at Epping July 25, 1788. (See notice page 20.)
9. William, born Dec. 11, 1733; died July, 1734.
10. Timothy, born August 15, 1737; a soldier in the French and Indian war in 1757.

Isaac Stearns, born June 13, 1750, son of Isaac and Sarah (Abbot) Stearns of Billerica; married, Dec. 18, 1777, Mary Crosby, born May 6, 1754, daughter of Jazaniah and Mary (Hosley) Crosby of Billerica. In 1778 he removed to Ashburnham, then known as Dorchester Canada, and settled in the northeasterly part of the township, where in the unbroken wilderness he cleared and brought under cultivation a fruitful and productive farm. Previous to his removal to Ashburnham Isaac Stearns was a soldier in the Revolution. He participated in the battle of Bunker Hill and served during the siege of Boston. At the time of the Shays rebellion he was one of a company from Ashburnham who volunteered to aid the government in suppressing the insurrection. He kept a diary in which he preserved a record of the last named service, which is published in *Stearns's History of Ashburnham*. He died April 29, 1807. He had eleven children:

1. Betsey, born Aug. 30, 1778; died unmarried, Nov. 6, 1854.
2. Isaac, born March 12, 1780; died June 16, 1781.
3. Isaac, born Oct. 28, 1781; married, Nov. 7, 1822, Belinda Bedlow, born Nov. 17, 1791, daughter of Stephen and Sarah Bedlow of Ashby. Children: (1) Sarah, born Sept., 1823; died Feb., 1824. (2) Isaac, born Sept. 24, 1825. (3) Sarah Whitney, born Dec. 24, 1827. (4) Albert, born Dec. 30, 1833.
4. Mary, born Feb. 19, 1783; married, April 29, 1806, Job Davis.
5. Jesse, born Aug. 29, 1784; married, June 6, 1811, Lucinda Davis of New Ipswich. See page 46.
6. Sarah, born Feb. 4, 1786; married Job Davis.
7. Martha, born Oct. 19, 1787; married, April 8, 1818, Capt. Sewell Fiske of Weston. They had eight children.
8. Orpah, born May 9, 1789; married Joel Davis, son of Josiah Davis of New Ipswich, N. H. She died March 9, 1866.
9. John, born March 11, 1791; died unmarried, Sept. 10, 1824, in Washington, D. C., where he was engaged in teaching. He graduated at Union college, 1821; studied divinity, and was ordained but without charge.
10. Abigail, born Jan. 31, 1793; married, June 5, 1818, Chauncey Perry, born Feb. 8, 1788, son of John and Abigail (Bigelow) Perry of Rindge, N. H. See page 93.
11. Alice, born July 11, 1796; died May 28, 1812.

Abigail Stearns, born June 3, 1708, daughter of John and Abigail (Fiske) Stearns of Watertown; married Oct. 7, 1735, Col. Benjamin Bellows, the founder of Walpole, N. H. She was the mother of seven children, among whom was Gen. Benjamin Bellows of Walpole, who commanded a regiment at the battle of Bennington and at the battle of Saratoga at the surrender of Burgoyne's army. She died in Walpole Nov. 8, 1757. Col. Bellows married, April, 1758, Mrs. Mary (Hubbard) Jennison, widow of John Jennison of Lunen-

burg. Mr. Jennison was a son of Samuel and Mary (Stearns) Jennison of Watertown, and was born Feb. 19, 1711, and died in Lunenburg in 1751, leaving six children who went with their mother to Walpole.

Col. Benjamin Bellows, youngest son of Benjamin Bellows and grandson of Dr. John Bellows of Marlboro; married, in Lunenburg, Oct. 7, 1735, Abigail Stearns, born June 3, 1708, daughter of John and Abigail (Fiske) Stearns of Watertown, granddaughter of Samuel and Hannah (Manning) Stearns, and great-granddaughter of Isaac Stearns, the emigrant ancestor of the family. She died in Walpole Nov. 8, 1757, and he married, second, April, 1758, Mrs. Mary (Hubbard) Jennison, widow of John Jennison, and sister of Ruth, the wife of Rev. David Stearns of Lunenburg. By his first marriage, Col. Bellows had seven children, and by his second marriage five. Col. Bellows was the founder of Walpole, New Hampshire. He procured of Gov. Wentworth a charter for the township in 1752, and moved to the place the same year with his family, consisting of his wife and five children. John Kilburn had moved there three years before and commenced a settlement by erecting a substantial log house planned for defense in case of attack. Col. Bellows, also, built a fort or fortified house, as a protection for himself and other settlers against the Indians, and prevailed upon the governor of Massachusetts to garrison it with soldiers. About a mile from his fort he built a mill for grinding corn. On the 17th of August, 1755, as he and his men, about thirty in number, were returning from the mill to the fort, each with a bag of meal upon his shoulder, the dogs began to growl and to give indications of an enemy in the immediate vicinity. Knowing that the actions of the dogs signified Indians in ambush, he promptly ordered his men to lay down their bags, to advance to a rise of ground near by, carefully crawling up the bank, then springing to their feet, to give a loud whoop and instantly drop into

the brush out of sight. As the whoop was given the Indians rose from their ambush, when the Bellows party fired upon them. The volley so disconcerted the savages that they immediately darted away without firing a gun,—and Bellows and his men made their way to the fort in safety. The Indians then proceeded to the house of John Kilburn a mile or two away and made an attack, first calling on him to surrender. The family consisted of Kilburn, his wife, son and daughter and two hired men—six persons in all, to defend themselves against four hundred savage Indians. On his refusal to comply with their demand to surrender, the Indians sounded the war whoop and rushed to the attack. At the first fire, says an early account of the affair, probably not less than four hundred bullets lodged in Kilburn's house. They attempted to break in the door, but the fire from within was too hot for them. Kilburn had several guns in the house, which were kept hot by incessant firing—the women assisting in the loading. All the afternoon the attack was kept up, till the shades of evening began to appear, when as the sun went down behind the western hills the sound of the guns and the war whoop died away in silence. The Indians buried their killed near the mouth of the Cold river, not far from where now stands the station house of the Cheshire railroad. When that road was built several Indian skeletons were exhumed in making the excavations—thereby confirming the statement of an aged Indian many years before, who said he was present at the Kilburn fight and described the place where they had buried their dead. One of Kilburn's men, named Peak, unfortunately received a wound in the hip, which for want of proper surgical aid proved fatal on the fifth day. It was the last time that Walpole was molested by an Indian raid. Col. Benjamin Bellows was a man of wonderful energy, and a remarkable capacity for business. He was distinguished for his generous benevolence and kind hearted sympathy for those who needed assist-

ance. No man ever came to his house hungry and he gave him not meat. No man came naked and he gave him not clothes, and sent him on rejoicing from the gifts of his benefactor! Col. Bellows' children were:

1. Abigail Bellows, born in Lunenburg Dec. 21, 1736; died 1756.
2. Peter Bellows, born in Lunenburg Jan. 6, 1739; went to Walpole with his father the year he was fourteen. He married Mary Chase of Cornish, N. H., and settled in Charlestown, N. H., where he died April 5, 1825; his widow died April 18, 1830. They had nine children.
3. Benjamin Bellows, born Oct. 6, 1740, familiarly known as the General; married Phebe Strong, a sister of Gov. Caleb Strong of Northampton. They had five children. He died June 4, 1802.
4. John Bellows, born Nov. 3, 1742, known as Col. John; married Rebecca Hubbard, a niece of his father's second wife. He died in Walpole Aug. 19, 1812; she died Dec. 26, 1810. They had twelve children.
5. Joseph Bellows, born June 6, 1744; married, Oct. 3, 1764, Louisa Whitney of Lunenburg, where he followed the occupation of a farmer until 1784, when he removed to Walpole, N. H., where he died May 3, 1817. He had fourteen children.
6. Jonathan Bellows, born March 29; died April 26, 1746.
7. Abigail Bellows, born March 20, 1748; died Nov. 17, 1754.
By second marriage:
8. Abigail Bellows, born Jan. 13, 1759; married, March 28, 1779, Seth Hunt, a graduate of Yale college 1768, a lawyer of Northampton. She married, second, April 17, 1782, Capt. Josiah Richardson of Keene. She had two children, one by each marriage. She died May 5, 1844.
9. Theodore Bellows, born Aug. 13, 1760; married Sarah, daughter of Capt. Phinehas Hutchins of Wal-

pole, and settled in Charlestown, N. H. They had ten children.

10. Thomas Bellows, born Sept. 17, 1762; married Eleanor Foster, who died Aug. 29, 1840; he died April 18, 1848. They had five children. He represented Walpole in the state legislature, and was councillor for five years, and held the office of sheriff of Cheshire county for more than thirty years.
11. Mary Bellows, born Oct. 28, 1764; married, Oct. 24, 1784, Hon. Martin Kinsley of Hardwick, Mass., who died 1835. They had four children, only one of whom lived to maturity: (1) Mary, born July, 1801; died 1839; married Samuel J. Gardner, a lawyer of Roxbury, Mass.
12. Josiah Bellows, born Oct. 31, 1767; married, first, April 13, 1788, Rebecca, daughter of Hon. Thomas Sparhawk, who died Oct., 1793; he married, second, Mary Sparhawk, sister of his deceased wife. By his first wife he had two children, and by the second marriage nine.

Gen. Benjamin Bellows, born Oct. 6, 1740, son of Col. Benjamin and Abigail (Stearns) Bellows, was a native of Lunenburg, where he resided until twelve years of age, when he went with his father to the new town of Walpole, N. H., which became his home for life. He was town clerk at the age of nineteen, which office he held for thirty-two years. He held almost every office of the town or county; was register of deeds for thirty years, and served in the state legislature. He was state senator and councillor from his district, and was chosen a member of the Continental Congress in 1781; was elected a member of the convention that formed the Constitution, but declined serving. He was a member of the convention that ratified the Federal Constitution, and was president of the Electoral college of New Hampshire of 1789, and elector at each succeeding presidential election during his lifetime. In the state militia he rose from a corporal to the command of a brigade. He was colonel of a

regiment in the Revolution and fought at Bennington under the gallant Stark, and assisted to achieve one of the most important victories in the Revolution—a victory that revived the drooping hopes of the patriot soldiers, and was an omen of the future victories at Saratoga. Stark and Bellows pressed forward and assisted Gen. Gates in capturing the army of Burgoyne with 9000 prisoners. These were the great battles that animated the soldiers at Yorktown to capture the army of Cornwallis, thereby to secure our national independence. Gen. Bellows married Phebe Strong of Northampton, a sister of Gov. Caleb Strong, for eleven years governor of Massachusetts. Gen. Bellows died June 4, 1802. He had five children:

1. Caleb Bellows, born July 29, 1769. He was a colonel of the militia, married, March 6, 1791, Mary Hartwell, born Aug. 24, 1770, daughter of Ephraim Hartwell, Jr., of New Ipswich. The wife was an only daughter, reputed rich and well educated. Caleb's father built him a large and costly house, which was furnished with the most expensive furniture. Caleb Bellows was engaged in various lines of business during his life, but did not succeed financially, becoming comparatively poor in the last years of his life. He had twelve children. He died April 17, 1822; his widow died July 11, 1846, aged seventy-five years.
2. Phebe, born Aug. 23, 1770; married Hon. Samuel Grant of Walpole, N. H. They had six children.
3. Mary, born April 23, 1774, died Oct. 31, 1794.
4. Esther, born Dec. 9, 1777, died Nov. 1, 1779.
5. George, born and died 1779.

Col. John Bellows, born Nov. 3, 1742, son of Benjamin and Abigail (Stearns) Bellows; married Rebecca Hubbard, who was a niece of his father's second wife. He resided in Walpole, N. H., where he died Aug. 19, 1812, aged 70. His wife died Dec. 26, 1810, aged

60. Col. Bellows was a representative, a senator and a councillor. He was distinguished for his sagacity in business, his large hospitality, and his strict observance of moral and religious duties. His immense landed estate brought him a good return yearly, which enabled him to accumulate a handsome addition to his property, besides supporting a large and expensive family. He yearly raised a large quantity of wool, which he employed the farmers' wives and daughters in the vicinity to spin for him. Their visits to procure wool and return yarn, with their horses hitched about his yard, made his home wear the appearance of a public house on a festive day. He had twelve children:

1. Rebecca Bellows, born 1771; married, Jan. 4, 1801, Roger Vose of Walpole, a graduate of Dartmouth college 1790. He was a member of Congress and a judge of probate for many years in Cheshire county, N. H. They had four children.
2. John Bellows, born 1773, graduated at Dartmouth college 1793; studied law, and died in the island of St. Thomas 1797, unmarried.
3. Josiah Bellows, born Jan., 1775; married Lydia, daughter of Dr. John Preston of New Ipswich, and settled in Lancaster, N. H. They had six children.
4. Hannah Bellows, born 1777; died 1785.
5. Roswell Bellows, born March, 1779; married — Lovell of Rockingham, Vt., and settled in Albany, where he died 1844; four children.
6. Frances Bellows, born 1781; married David Stone, a merchant of Walpole, afterwards of Dayton, Ohio. She died 1803, her two children having died in infancy.
7. Sophia Bellows, born 1783; died Nov. 1, 1802.
8. Hannah Bellows, born 1785; married David Stone of Dayton, Ohio, widower of her sister Frances. They had five children.
9. Hubbard Bellows, born 1787; married, April 12, 1815, Louisa Morgan; lived on the homestead in Walpole, where he died May 9, 1835. They had five children.

10. Henry Bellows, born 1789.
11. Maria Bellows, born June, 1791; died 1833; married, 1824, Asa H. Centre, a merchant of New York city. Had daughter Maria, born 1831.
12. Harriet Bellows, born 1795; died Oct. 24, 1824.

Col. Joseph Bellows, born June 6, 1744, son of Benjamin and Abigail (Stearns) Bellows; married, Oct. 3, 1764, Lois, born 1744, daughter of Salmon Whitney of Groton, Mass. He was lieutenant colonel in his brother Benjamin's regiment when he went to Saratoga in 1777. He was a farmer of Lunenburg until 1786, when he removed to Walpole, N. H. The prominent traits of his character were refined and elevated feelings; a deep religious sentiment, generosity in excess, and a warm sympathy with the distressed. These dispositions, united with extreme nervous sensibility, so involved him with every one that asked his assistance, that he suffered some pecuniary loss, which led to anxiety about the support of his family, and induced a mental derangement that continued during the last thirty years of his life. He died May 13, 1817. He had fourteen children:

1. Salmon Bellows, born and died 1765.
2. Salmon Bellows, born Sept. 9, 1766; married Lydia Cox, and moved to Ashtabula, Ohio.
3. John Bellows, born Jan. 12, 1768; married, first, Betsey Eames, and second, Anne Langdon. He resided in Boston and Walpole. He died Feb. 10, 1840. He had eleven children, one of whom was Rev. Henry W. Bellows.
4. Benjamin Bellows, born April 7, 1769; married Lucy Cox, and settled in Ascott, Lower Canada. He had ten children.
5. Joseph Bellows, born 1770; married, first, Jan. 7, 1794, Deborah Wright of Lunenburg, by whom he had two children. He married, second, Mary Adams, daughter of Rev. Zabdiel Adams of Lunenburg, by whom he had three children.

6. Oliver Bellows, born and died 1771.
7. Levi Bellows, born Oct. 23, 1772; died unmarried April 29, 1852.
8. Oliver Bellows, born and died 1774.
9. Abel Bellows, born June 27, 1776; married Harriet Houghton of Northfield, Mass. He died April 7, 1857, aged 81 years; she died January 28, 1864, aged 72. They had three children, one of whom (1) Abel Herbert, born 1821; graduated at Harvard university 1842, studied law and practiced his profession in Concord, N. H., and at Walpole.
10. Thomas Bellows, born March 15, 1779; a merchant of Walpole; married Sarah J., daughter of Rev. Mr. Dana of Barre, Mass. A daughter (1) Sarah J., born 1820; married George W. Grant of Walpole.
11. Susan Bellows, born Aug. 18, 1780; married Maj. Jonas Robeson, a merchant of Fitzwilliam, N. H. A son (1) Abel Bellows, born 1817; graduated at Yale college 1837; married Susan, daughter of Prof. N. G. Taylor of Yale college. He was a physician; died 1843.
12. Sarah Bellows, born May 18, 1782; married. Feb. 27, 1800, Calvin Ripley of Lowell; seven children.
13. Louisa Bellows, born May 9, 1785; married, June 3, 1819, Jacob Newman Knapp of Walpole; a graduate of Harvard university 1802. Children: (1) Francis Bellows Knapp, born May 29, 1820; graduated at Harvard university 1843. (2) Frederick Newman Knapp, born Nov. 9, 1821; graduated at Harvard university 1843; pastor of a Unitarian church at Brookline, Mass., 1849 to 1856, and was later settled over the first church in Plymouth, Mass., which pastorate he held for several years.
14. Polly Bellows, born and died 1786.

Rev. Henry Whitney Bellows, D. D., born in Boston June 11, 1814, son of John and Betsey (Eames) Bellows. He was a distinguished Unitarian clergyman, pastor of All Souls church, New York city, for over forty years, in which position he was continually growing

in influence and in the esteem of his fellow citizens as a man of worth, of public spirit and large hearted philanthropy. In 1846 he took part in founding the *Christian Inquirer*, a Unitarian paper in New York city, and was editor for some years of the *Liberal Christian* and a frequent contributor to the *Christian Examiner*. His published works relate principally to living questions of the day. When the war with the South broke out Dr. Bellows organized the Sanitary Commission, and as its first and only president, directed the distribution of \$15,000,000 in supplies, and \$3,000,000 in money for the benefit of the Union soldiers—supplying medicines, clothes, ambulances and watchful care, establishing hospitals, bringing sick soldiers home in hospital cars and trains, and applying whatever skill, science and benevolence could devise for mitigating the horrors of war. In this munificent work he set an example of philanthropy which has been copied in Europe, and has prompted and will continue to prompt measures for reducing the sufferings which always follow in the train of war. Dr. Bellows died on the 30th of January, 1882. He was twice married, first to Eliza Townsend, by whom he had five children, and second to Anna, daughter of Rev. Ephraim Peabody of Boston.

Edward Stearns Bellows, born June 11, 1814, son of John and Betsey (Eames) Bellows, was a twin brother of Rev. Henry W. Bellows. He studied the profession of law and was in practice in Adrian, Mich., when his death occurred about the 30th of March, 1837, at the age of 23 years. Having occasion to go on business into the unsettled part of the state, on reaching a point where there was no stage conveyance, he attempted to reach his destination on foot through the forest and alone, for no guide could be procured. After eleven days his friends became alarmed, and went to search for him. He was found dead in the woods. It is supposed that having lost his way and being overcome with fatigue, want of food

and cold, he had seated himself to rest and giving way to sleep was soon chilled to death. He was a promising attorney, with superior natural abilities, connected with mental attainments of a high order.

Josiah Bellows, born Oct. 31, 1767, son of Benjamin and Abigail (Stearns) Bellows of Walpole, N. H.; married, April 13, 1778, Rebecca, eldest daughter of Thomas and Rebecca (Stearns) Sparhawk. She died Oct., 1792, and he married, 2d, Mary Sparhawk, sister of his first wife. He died in June, 1846, from injuries received by being thrown from a carriage. He followed the vocation of farming, and was one of the most substantial and useful citizens of Walpole. He was respected for his sound judgment, his elevated religious sentiments, his unadulterated honesty, and his public generosity. He represented Walpole in the General Court of New Hampshire several years. He was also a state senator and a major in the militia. His farm comprised a part of the large estate of his father. He had ten children, two by first marriage and eight by second, viz.:

1. Josiah Bellows, born Nov. 25, 1788; died Jan. 13, 1842. He was twice married; 1st to Stella C., daughter of Stephen R. Bradley of Westminster, Vt. She died 1833, and he married 2d, 1839, Mrs. Mary Ann Hosmer, widow of Dr. Alfred Hosmer of Newton, Mass. He was an active business man in Walpole for more than thirty years, being principally engaged in mercantile pursuits. He represented the town in the legislature in 1823, '24 and '25, was captain of the artillery company during its service at Portsmouth in 1814, was town clerk from 1831 to 1838 and post-master from 1826 to the time of his death, besides holding many other offices of honor and trust in town and county. Children: (1) Stella Louisa, born Oct. 7, 1814; died 1839. (2) Sarah Adeline, born April 13, 1818; died 1837. (3) Gratia Rebecca, born Jan. 1, 1821; died 1836. (4) Stephen Rowe, born Oct. 17,

- 1822; married, 1843, Sarah K. Hale, and died 1844.
- (5) Josiah G., born July 24, 1841; married, 1st, Anne E., daughter of Dr. Alpheus Morrill of Concord, N. H.; she died, and he married, 2d, Katherine H. W., daughter of Aaron P. Howland. He is a lawyer of Walpole.
2. Louisa Bellows, born July 16, 1792; married, 1824, John Hayward, a lawyer of Sudbury, Mass., son of Dr. Lemuel Hayward of Boston. She died in 1878. Children: (1) Louisa, born 1826; married Rev. Charles T. Canfield. (2) John White, born July 5, 1828; married Esther C., daughter of Dr. Ebenezer Morse. (3) Waldo Flint, born Dec. 26, 1831.
3. Thomas Sparhawk Bellows, born 1794; educated at Dartmouth college; died 1821.
4. Mary Bellows, born 1798; married, 1821, Benjamin Bellows Grant, born April 23, 1796, son of Maj. Samuel and Phebe Strong (Bellows) Grant of Walpole. He was for many years engaged in mercantile business in Boston, but spent his declining years in Walpole, where he died Jan. 17, 1870. Children: (1) Edward Bellows Grant, born Jan. 3, 1822; married Maria L. W. Mead of Watertown, Mass. (2) Benjamin Bellows Grant, born Oct. 8, 1824; married Emily Goodall of New York, where he was occupied as a bank clerk.
5. Ellen Bellows, born 1805; married, 1st, 1828, Gill Wheelock, a merchant of Boston, by whom she had three children. Mr. Wheelock died, and she married Jonathan Howe. Children by first husband: (1) Ellen; married Nathan Chandler; (2) Henry Gassett; married Harriet S., daughter of Joseph and Eliza (Bellows) Dorr; (3) George Gill.
6. Edward Bellows, born Oct. 31, 1806; drowned 1809.
7. William Bellows, born June 29, 1808; died May 8, 1862. He married, June 16, 1836, Sarah H., daughter of Nehemiah Giles of Walpole. Children: (1) William, born 1837, and (2) Edward Warren, born 1842.
8. Julia Rebecca Bellows, born 1811; married, June 16, 1836, Robert Barnet, a merchant of Boston. She

died 1840, leaving a daughter: (1) Mary Elizabeth, who died April 10, 1873, aged 35.

9. Catharine Walley Bellows, born 1815; married, June 16, 1836, Hon. Henry A. Bellows, son of Joseph and Mary (Adams) Bellows. She died June 24, 1848. She had six children, viz.: (1) Josiah, born 1837; (2) Sarah; (3) Stella; (4) Fanny; (5) Catherine; (6) John A.; the latter a clergyman.

10. Anne Foster Bellows, born 1817; married, June 16, 1836, Rev. Thomas Hill, born in Brunswick, N. J., Jan. 7, 1818; graduate of Harvard university 1843. He died at Waltham Nov. 2, 1891. He was a Unitarian clergyman, president of Antioch college 1859 to 1862, and of Harvard university from 1862 to 1868, and at the time of his death had charge of a Unitarian church at Waltham. Mrs. Hill died leaving six children, viz.: (1) Henry; (2) Mary; (3) Elizabeth; (4) Catherine Joy; (5) Ann and (6) Thomas Roby.

Hon. Henry A. Bellows, born Oct. 25, 1803, son of Joseph and Mary (Adams) Bellows; married June 16, 1836, Catherine Walley, daughter of Josiah and Mary (Sparhawk) Bellows of Walpole. They had six children. He chose the profession of law, and after completing his legal studies in 1826, commenced practice at Walpole. In 1828 he removed to Littleton, N. H., where he continued in successful practice till 1840, when he removed to Concord, N. H. Having gained a high reputation at the bar he was appointed, Sept. 23, 1859, an associate justice of the supreme judicial court of New Hampshire, a position which he filled till Oct. 1, 1869, when he was appointed Chief Justice of the state. His death occurred March 11, 1873, but a short time before his office of chief justice would have expired by limitation. The ermine descended untarnished to his successor, and his decisions bear testimony to his honest judgment and wise discrimination. Without superior educational advantages he rose to a high position of honor and trust, which he filled with conspicuous ability and honesty of purpose.

Dea. Samuel Johnson, of Lunenburg, married, first, Rebecca —. She died Aug. 29, 1731, and he married, second, Mary Coolidge, born Jan. 6, 1695, daughter of Nathaniel and Lydia (Jones) Coolidge of Weston. Dea. Johnson died in Lunenburg July 11, 1765. Children, all by first wife:

1. Rebecca, born Nov. 2, 1719; married, Oct. 21, 1742, Thomas Garfield, born April 5, 1713, son of Lieut. Thomas and Mercy (Bigelow) Garfield of Weston—ancestors of President Garfield.
2. Elizabeth, born Jan. 2, 1721; married, Jan. 22, 1746, Dea. William Stearns of Lunenburg. See page 108.
3. Samuel, born Jan. 2, 1723; married Jan. 6, 1846, Hannah, daughter of John and Abigail (Fiske) Stearns of Watertown. For a record of their children see page 75. The name of their 5th child printed Naaman should be Nathan.
4. Keziah, born Sept. 7, 1725; married, Feb. 4, 1745, Isaac Gibson of Lunenburg. Mr. Gibson resided in that portion of Lunenburg afterward incorporated as the town of Fitchburg, his farm being located on the east side of Pearl hill, his house being one of the several garrison houses erected for defence against the Indians. Children: (1) Isaac, born Nov. 28, 1745. (2) John, born July 25, 1747; killed at Bunker hill, June 17, 1775. (3) Abraham, born June 13, 1749. (4) Jacob, born March 6, 1751. (5) Nathaniel, born Feb. 22, 1753. (6) Jonathan, born Dec. 22, 1754. (7) David, born Jan. 2, 1757. (8) Solomon, born Nov. 9, 1758. (9) Abraham, born June 13, 1760. (10) Kezia, born Feb. 10, 1762.
5. Hannah, born Oct. 8, 1727; married, March 20, 1749, John Hubbard.
6. Nathan, born Aug. 18, 1731; died April 2, 1755.

Rev. William Jennison, born Feb. 9, 1707, son of Samuel and Mary (Stearns) Jennison of Watertown; graduated at Harvard college 1724; was ordained May 2,

1728, minister of the East church in Salem; was dismissed therefrom Sept. 13, 1736, and afterward preached temporarily in Westboro, Holden and other places. He married, May 15, 1730, Abigail Lindall, born June 16, 1713, daughter of James Lindall of Salem. He died in Watertown, April 1, 1750, aged 43. His widow Abigail died about 1764. The grandfather of Rev. William Jennison was Robert Jennison, who came from England and settled in Watertown in 1636; and who is supposed to be the ancestor of all the New England families who bear the name. Among the children of Robert Jennison was Samuel, born Oct. 12, 1673, who married Mary Stearns, as recorded on page 105—the parents of Rev. William, the subject of this notice. The children of Rev. William Jennison were:

1. Abigail, born Feb. 10, 1731; died before 1736.
2. William, born March 19, 1732; married Mary Staples of Mendon; was a physician of Mendon and of Douglas; died in Brookfield May 8, 1798.
3. Samuel, born 1733. He was a lieutenant in the public service in 1756. He married at Oxford, Naomi Everden, and settled in that town. He was a member of the Provincial Congress from Oxford in 1774. He died 1790, leaving no children. His widow married John Walcott and died in 1848, aged over 100 years.
4. Timothy, and 5 James; both died in Salem before 1736.
6. Mary; married, Nov. 4, 1753, Thomas Giles of Danvers.

William Manning, born 1614, son of William and Susanna Manning, was a resident of Cambridge as early as 1638; probably came to America with his father. He died in Cambridge March 14, 1691. His wife Dorothy died July 26, 1692, aged 80. In the probate office of Middlesex county there is a record of the estate of William Manning in which are men-

tioned Samuel, the only son; Hannah Stearns, eldest daughter; Sarah, wife of Joseph Bull of Cambridge. Children:

1. Hannah Manning, born June 21, 1642; married, 1663, Samuel, youngest son of Isaac and Mary Stearns of Watertown. (See page 19).
2. Samuel Manning, born July 21, 1644; married, April 13, 1664, Elizabeth Stearns, fourth daughter of Isaac and Mary Stearns of Watertown. She died early, leaving two sons: (1) Samuel and (2) John, both of whom settled in Cambridge. Samuel, the father, married, 2d, Abiah Wright, by whom he had twelve children. He died Feb. 22, 1711.
3. Sarah Manning, born Jan. 28, 1646; married, April 11, 1671, Capt. Joseph Bull, a mariner of Hartford. She died soon, leaving one daughter, (1) Sarah, who died young.
4. Abigail Manning, born Jan. 15, 1648; died May 10, same year.
5. John Manning, born March 31, 1649; died Nov. 25, 1678.
6. Mary Manning; married, Oct. 21, 1674, Rev. William Adams, graduate of Harvard college, 1671; ordained at Dedham Dec. 3, 1673. She had three children, two of whom died in infancy. She died June 24, 1679. A son (1) Eliphalet Adams, born March 26, 1677, graduated at Harvard college, 1694, and was ordained at New London, Conn., in 1709. In 1723 he was elected president of Yale college, but declined the office. He died Oct. 4, 1753. The father, Rev. William Adams, married 2d, March, 1680, Alice Bradford, daughter of Maj. William and Alice Bradford, and granddaughter of Gov. William Bradford. He died Aug. 17, 1685.
7. Timothy Manning; died Nov. 8, 1653.

Isaac Stearns, born Oct. 19, 1697, son of Isaac and Elizabeth (Stone) Stearns of Lexington; married Rebecca Randall, born Nov. 15, 1697, daughter of Thomas

and Rachel Randall of Easton. They resided in Stoughton, Mass., and had children:

1. Isaac, born July 7, 1723; married Hannah Waters and had one daughter, (1) Hannah, born Aug. 3, 1746, who married Capt. Noah Pratt, as stated page 39.
2. Nathan, born July 12, 1728; married, March 25, 1762, Mercy, daughter of Jonathan White, and settled in Wrentham, where he died Jan. 25, 1764, aged 35 years. They had one child, (1) Isaac, born Feb. 21, 1763; married, Nov. 4, 1788, Susanna Smith, born Dec. 31, 1765; died April 30, 1840, daughter of Nicholas and Hannah Smith of Mansfield, where he settled. Nathan Stearns' widow Mercy married, 2d, Ichabod Ware, Feb. 13, 1766, and had three children, Ebenezer, Sally and Cyrus.
3. Mary, —.

Col. Ephraim Stearns of Petersham, Mass., who married Prudence Wilder, and of whom mention is made on pages 18 and 38, had ten children, viz.:

1. Cornelius, born Jan. 12, 1765; died April 10, 1769.
2. Samuel, born Oct. 3, 1766; married Lydia Clement, born May 8, 1777. They had eight children. He died December, 1817.
3. Abel, born Oct. 6; died Oct. 19, 1768.
4. Arethusa (twin), born Oct. 6, 1768; married, March 23, 1786, Newhall Mason, and settled in Petersham, where he died Sept. 18, 1803. They had five children.
5. Polly, born Nov. 18, 1770; married Elijah Hildreth of Petersham, born Dec. 27, 1770, who died June 4, 1823. She died Jan. 15, 1824. They had five children.
6. Ebenezer, born March, 1773; died Dec. 10, 1787.
7. John, born Jan. 28, 1775; married Lydia —; died in Petersham Oct. 9, 1825. They had seven children.
8. Joel, born June 23, 1777; married, April 28, 1804, Lucy Carter. They had two children.
9. Betsey, born May 29, 1780; married, Oct. 9, 1804, Daniel Goddard, and settled in Reading, Vt. He died

June 29, 1840; and she married, April 23, 1843, William Clark of Petersham, where she died Sept. 11, 1846; no children.

10. Sally, born May 9, 1789; married, July 29, 1832, John Carter of Petersham.

John Stearns, born Nov. 18, 1702, son of John and Abigail (Fiske) Stearns of Watertown, married Feb. 15, 1725, Anna Coolidge, born July 23, 1706, daughter of Dea. John and Margaret (Bond) Coolidge. He resided in Watertown until about 1741, when he moved to Westminster, Mass., where he died 1775. He had forty acres of land assigned to him in Westminster (Narraganset No. 2) by order of the Court, "he having a house and occupied it three years agreeable to the order of the Court in 1718." This grant of land was a fulfillment of a long deferred reward to the soldiers and descendants of the soldiers who had served their country in the Narraganset war. John and Anna (Coolidge) Stearns had seven children:

1. Moses, born May 29, 1728; died in Walpole, N. H., Sept. 24, 1808. See page 86.
2. Jerusha, born Nov. 5, 1730; married, Feb. 5, 1749, Darius Houghton of Lunenburg, Mass., by whom she had (1) Darius, born Oct. 4, 1751; died Oct. 3, 1753. (2) Darius, born April 12, 1754. (3) David, born April 8, 1756. (4) Adonijah, born May 8, 1758. (5) Asahel, born Jan. 11, 1760. (6) Elizabeth, born Nov. 9, 1761. (7) John, born Nov. 21, 1763. (8) Anna, born Sept. 22, 1765. The family removed to Windsor, Vt.
3. Anna, baptized March 3, 1736.
4. Abigail, baptized October 13, 1739; married 1757, Roger Wellington of Lexington. They settled in Brookfield.
5. Hepzibah, baptized Nov. 12, 1741; married Feb. 2, 1764, Benjamin Stratton, born May 19, 1732, son of Joseph and Sarah (Hagar) Stratton of Waltham.

Children: (1) Lois, baptized Feb. 16, 1772. (2) Joseph, baptized May 14, 1775.

6. Aaron, born Feb. 2, 1746; died in Langdon, N. H., Sept. 11, 1807. His wife's name was Esther Glazier. See page 17.
7. Elias, born Sept. 30, 1753; married Sarah Keyes; died in Haverhill, N. H., April 2, 1845. See page 109.

John Stearns, born May 8, 1733, son of Josiah and Susanna (Ball) Stearns of Watertown; married first, May 15, 1760, Martha Harrington, at Hampton Falls, N. H. He married second, Feb. 2, 1779, Mary Parks of Lincoln. He settled first in Watertown, afterwards resided in West Cambridge, and about 1798 moved to Bethel, Me., where he died Oct. 16, 1804. During the later years of his life he was more or less afflicted with insanity. His widow died 1818. He had twelve children:

1. Catherine, born Dec. 16, 1759; married, 1786, Nathan Johnson of Lunenburg, and settled in Rindge, N. H. They had four children, whose record is given on page 85. She died 1833, and he died 1838.
2. John, baptized Aug. 22, 1762, a farmer of Bethel, Me.; married, May 23, 1792, Priscilla Holt of Bethel, born June 2, 1768. He died Sept. 14, 1826, and she died Jan. 4, 1848. Children: (1) John, born July 25, 1792; died June 13, 1820, unmarried. (2) Calvin, born Aug. 24, 1793, a schoolmaster and deputy sheriff; married, Feb. 8, 1825, Susan Brown of Bethel. He died Feb. 23, fifteen days after his marriage, and his widow became the wife of his brother James. (3) Henry, born Aug. 7, 1795, a farmer on the paternal homestead, unmarried. (4) Joseph, born April 2, 1797, a farmer; married, Jan. 3, 1827, Mary Dustin of Bethel. They had eight children. (5) Hannah, born Nov. 11, 1799; married, 1827, Capt. William White of Gilead, Me. (6) James, born July 8, 1802; died June 17, 1844; married, March 22, 1827, Susan, widow of his brother Calvin. They had six children.

- (7) Priscilla, born May 14, 1806; died April 8, 1847, unmarried. (8) Abigail, born Sept. 3, 1811; married Alonzo Holt of Rumford, Me.; two children.
3. Thomas, baptized Jan. 2, 1764, a farmer of Bethel; married, Sept., 1792, Lois Colby of Fryeburg, Me., born Sept., 1771. Children: (1) Martha, born April 12, 1794; died 1848; married Nathan A. Foster of Newry, Me., and had eleven children. (2) Mary, born April 18, 1795; married, May 4, 1814, William Holt of Bethel, Me. They had six children. (3) Susan, born Dec. 30, 1797; married, Dec. 4, 1817, Capt. Joseph Holt of Bethel; three children. (4) Lois, born March 20, 1799; married Jacob B. Littlefield of Newry, Me., and had eleven children. (5) Sumner, born June 21, 1802; married March 2, 1824, Mahala Bass of Paris, Me.; resided on the homestead, and had seven children. (6) Harriet, born March 6, 1804; married — Robins; three children. (7) Sally, born Aug. 11, 1806; married Peter Bowers of Bethel; four children. (8) Thomas, born Jan. 18, 1807; married, April 4, 1833, Ann Bowers of Bethel. She died 1842, and he married Emily Rowe of Newry; two children. (9) Rufus, born March 8, 1811; married Lavinia Eames of Newry; two children. (10) Mahala, born Feb. 11, 1821; married, 1844, Josiah Smith of Cambridge, Mass.
4. Joseph, baptized Sept. 22, 1765; married, July 12, 1807, Betsey (Hagar) widow of Daniel Stearns of Waltham, Mass., and daughter of Benjamin and Esther Hagar of that town. She was born Jan. 8, 1776, and died Oct. 9, 1843. He was a blacksmith, having served an apprenticeship with his uncle, Capt. Phinehas Stearns, and settled in Waltham, Mass. In 1812 he moved to Weybridge, Vt., where he engaged in farming, and 1816 removed to Middlebury, Vt. Children: (1) John, born Nov. 19, 1811; married Harriet Tower of Addison, Vt., born Nov. 19, 1820. (2) Eliza, born June 1, 1813; died March 6, 1834, unmarried. (3) Sylvia, born June 11, 1814; died Dec. 24, 1833, unmarried. (4) Catherine, born Feb. 11,

1816; married, Aug., 1844, George Peck, a machinist of Granville, N. Y., son of Benjamin Peck of Milton, Saratoga Co., N. Y.

5. Josiah, baptized May 31, 1767; died aged 3 years.
6. Charles, baptized Jan. 8, 1769, a farmer of Bethel, Me.; married, Oct. 8, 1792, Thankful Bartlett of Bethel, born May 17, 1776. She died Feb. 3, 1853. Children: (1) Theodore, born March 4, 1793, a farmer of Bethel; married, Oct. 30, 1818, Mary Besse of Paris, Me. They had eleven children. (2) Charles, born March 10, 1795, a physician and justice of the peace; married, May 22, 1819, Betsey Fuller, born Feb. 20, 1792; died May 20, 1851, daughter of Dea. Thomas and Elizabeth (Bond) Fuller of Jay, Me. He settled first in Sangersville, and in 1826 removed to St. George, Me. They had six children. (3) Thankful, born Oct. 17, 1798; died March, 1801. (4) Thankful, born April 9, 1801; married, April 29, 1820, Anthony Besse of Paris, Me.; nine children. (5) Phinehas, born Dec. 17, 1803, a saddle and harness maker of Bethel, Me.; married, Jan. 22, 1835, Betsey Martin of Rumford, Me.; five children. (6) Jonathan, born Aug. 4, 1806; resided on the homestead; married, March 27, 1836, Mary Chapman of Bethel. They had five children. (7) Nathan, born April 1, 1809; married, April 1, 1832, Mary Ann Frost of Bethel. He died Aug. 25, 1833, leaving one daughter. His widow married Perley P. Pratt, a Mormon preacher, and went to the West. (8) Salome, born July 14, 1812; married, Sept. 22, 1832, Jonas Barbour Willis of Hanover, Me.; five children. (9) Betsey E., born Sept., 1814; married, Dec. 4, 1843, Isaac Adams of Gilead, Me. (10) Martha, born Aug. 3, 1816; married, Jan. 5, 1840, Stephen Bartlett of Hanover, Me.; two children. (11) Benjamin Franklin, born April 11, 1821; married, Dec. 17, 1842, Julia Andres of Bethel; two children.
7. Martha, baptized Sept. 16, 1770; married, 1799, Dea. Thomas Fuller of Jay, Me., (his second wife). He died June 26, 1844, aged 80. Children: (1) Sa-

- lome, married — Carlton and had one son. (2) Myra, died 1842, unmarried. (3) John, died 1831, unmarried. (4) Martha, married Joseph Webster of Wilton, Me. (5) Maria, died June, 1846, unmarried. (6) Catherine, died 1816. (7) George Washington, married Martha Noyes of Jay, and lived on the homestead. (8) Isaac, married and resided in Wilton, Me.
8. Mary, baptized March 14, 1773; died aged 11 years.
9. Sally, born 1779; married, April 9, 1801, Amos Twitchell, a stone cutter of Bethel; had two children; both died young.
10. Josiah, born Jan. 17, 1781, a farmer of Gilead, Me.; married, Nov. 28, 1805, Elizabeth Wight of Gilead; born Jan. 17, 1782. Children: (1) Eri, born June 19, 1806. (2) Joel, born Dec. 6, 1807; died Sept. 9, 1831. (3) Eliza, born March 23, 1809; married, Sept. 23, 1833, Aaron Conner of Gilead; six children. (4) Rufus, born April 19, 1811, a farmer of Gilead; married Ann Conner; three children. (5) Olive, born April 7, 1813; married, Oct. 28, 1834, Daniel Conner of Gilead; four children.
11. Mary, born Jan., 1784; married, 1805, Winchester Macomber of Jay; ten children.
12. Isaac, born Jan. 12, 1786; married, Feb. 11, 1812, Ann Wight of Newry, Me. In 1834 he removed to Elmira, N. Y., where in 1837 his wife died. He married again and settled on Rock River, Ill., where he died Aug., 1845. Children: (1) Daniel, born Sept. 5, 1812; died. (2) Anna, born Aug. 6, 1814; died. (3) Isaac, born Nov. 12, 1816. (4) Dorcas, born Dec. 18, 1818; died on Rock River, Aug., 1845. (5) Mary. (6) John. (7) Harriet.

Nathaniel Stearns, born Oct. 26, 1743, son of Ebenezer and Mary (Spring) Stearns of Worcester, (page 50); married in Worcester, Oct. 13, 1768, Mary Rice, and settled in Warwick, Mass. He died Feb. 17, 1819. Children:

1. Mary.
2. Eunice.
3. Nathaniel.
4. John, born Aug. 20, 1780; married, Feb. 6, 1806, Sarah Gale, born October 20, 1784. Children: (1) Edward, born May 14; died 29th same month, 1805. (2) Edward A., born June 30, 1806; resided in Brattleboro, Vt. (3) Jonathan G., born Sept. 30, 1808; a cabinet maker in Amsterdam, N. Y., where he died Oct. 10, 1835. (4) Priscilla E., born May 27, 1811; married Sullivan Hodge of Warwick, afterwards of Northfield, Mass. (5) Lucretia B., born Feb. 19, 1814; married Abijah Eddy, a merchant of Warwick, afterwards of Winchester, N. H. (6) Nathaniel, born July 25, 1816; married Clarissa Horton of Hinsdale, N. H.; settled in Brattleboro, Vt. (7) John, born Sept. 25, 1819, a merchant of Winchester, N. H.; married Mary Hastings of Warwick. (8) Augustus A., born July 4, 1822; married and lived in Gardner, Mass. (9) Andrew Jackson, born May 19, 1826. (10) Dwight C., born and died May, 1829.
5. Tamar.
6. Calvin, born Nov. 5, 1778, a carpenter of Northfield, Mass.; married, Nov. 24, 1807, Statira Richardson of Cambridge, born March 20, 1789. Children: (1) Elizabeth Stratton, born March 7, 1808; married, Aug. 1, 1850, Martin Maynard. (2) Martha Richardson, born Nov. 20, 1810. (3) Eunice Wilson, born Dec. 20, 1812; died Dec. 7, 1837. (4) George Augustus, born Nov. 15, 1815, a carpenter of Northfield; married, July 9, 1845, Charity Bush Richardson, daughter of George P. Richardson of Duxbury. (5) Charles Harrison, born Nov. 22, 1817, a carpenter of Northfield. (6) Calvin Stratton, born Aug. 5, 1820. (7) Charlotte Oakes, born Aug. 19, 1822; married, Sept. 21, 1845, Capt. Samuel Lane of Northfield. (8) Marshall Spring, born Nov. 5, 1824, a tanner and currier. (9) Albert Dinsmore, born Jan. 24, 1826. (10) Edward Bartholomew, born March 13, 1830.

7. Samuel Spring; married Olive Ball of Athens, Vt. Children: (1) Ebenezer. (2) Nathaniel. (3) Hannah.

William Stearns, born Aug. 4, 1752, son of Isaac and Sarah (Abbot) Stearns of Billerica; married Sept. 25, 1777, Lydia Davis, and settled in the northeast part of Ashburnham in 1778. For two or three years previously he and his brother Isaac (page 119) had been in the place a part of the summer season clearing land for a future settlement. The houses of the two brothers were about a quarter of a mile apart, and the farm of William has continued in the possession of his descendants. He was a man who commanded in an eminent degree the respect and confidence of his townsmen. He died July 12, 1826; his widow died July 31, 1835. Children:

1. William, born June 19, 1778; married, Feb. 12, 1801, Betsey Davis, daughter of Dea. Thaddeus Davis of Bedford. He resided in Bedford, where he died Sept. 29, 1823. She died July 27, 1844. They had six children, viz.: (1) Horatio D., born 1802; died 1803. (2) Selinda, born Sept. 1, 1804. (3) Matilda E., born 1806; died 1808. (4) William Albert, born Oct. 12, 1809; married, April 12, 1835, Clarissa Talbot. (5) Elizabeth E., born Dec. 9, 1811. (6) Charles B., born Aug. 16, 1814; married, April 5, 1835, Mary S. Bracket.
2. Lydia, born March 24, 1780; married, Feb. 5, 1799, Samuel Foster, born Feb. 9, 1776, son of Samuel and Lydia (Wood) Foster of Ashburnham. He was a blacksmith and farmer, and settled in Stoddard, N. H., where he died April 24, 1868; she died July 1, 1867. They had nine children.
3. Solomon, born June 18, 1782; a merchant in New Orleans, where he died Feb. 9, 1815, unmarried.
4. Asa, born Oct. 14, 1784; died Dec., 1809. (See page 93.)
5. Timothy, born Sept. 1, 1786; succeeded to the homestead of his father in Ashburnham; married,

January 26, 1820, Eliza Adams, daughter of Capt. Ebenezer T. Adams of that town. He died Oct. 25, 1843; she died July 18, 1883.

6. Calle, born March 24, 1789; married, Dec. 20, 1810, John Farrar, born April 15, 1784, son of Jacob Farrar of Concord, Mass. She died March 26, 1843, leaving eight children; and he married, 2d, Lucy Houghton. He died in Winchendon Jan. 25, 1859.
7. Charles, born March 21, 1791; married, Oct. 19, 1821, Rebecca Converse, born Feb. 18, 1794, daughter of Zebulon and Sarah (Merriam) Converse of Rindge. He moved to New Ipswich, N. H., where he died March 6, 1838. She died in Lowell, Sept. 3, 1870. They had four children.
8. Roxanna, born May 7, 1793; married, Feb. 15, 1821, Rev. Amasa Jones, born April 18, 1796, son of Asa Jones of Rindge, N. H. He was a missionary among the Indians; died in Missouri April 17, 1870. She died Oct. 17, 1875.
9. Charlotte, born Sept. 8, 1795; married, July 12, 1820, Reuben Rice, born Jan. 20, 1789, son of Reuben and Sarah (Metcalf) Rice of Ashburnham; (his second wife). He served in the war of 1812, and subsequently was commander of the Ashburnham Light Infantry. In 1837 he removed to Fitchburg, where his wife died Aug. 31, 1849. Her death was caused by a fall at a neighbor's house, where she had gone to assist in the care of the sick; owing to a misstep being thrown from the top of a stairway to the floor below. Mr. Rice died in Lunenburg. His first wife was Dorcas Polley, who died Sept. 17, 1816. He had one son by each marriage: (1) George Proctor Rice, born April 4, 1816. (2) Charles Stearns Rice, born Oct. 18, 1824; married Catherine L. Brown of Westminster, where he went to reside.

Capt. Timothy Stearns, born Sept. 1, 1786, son of William and Lydia (Davis) Stearns of Ashburnham, was a captain of the militia, a town officer for many years, and an able, influential citizen. He married, Jan. 26,

1820, Eliza Adams, daughter of Capt. Ebenezer T. Adams of Ashburnham. He died Oct. 25, 1843. She died July 18, 1883. In 1843, without disposing of his farm, he set out with his family for Missouri. He died during the journey. After a short residence at Little Osage, Mo., his family returned to their old home in Ashburnham. Children:

1. Eliza Roxanna, born Jan. 2, 1821; married, Oct. 1, 1842, Cecil D. Ball of Little Osage, Mo. He died Nov. 24, 1860, and she married, 2d, June 2, 1863, Col. Robert W. McNeil. They reside at Nevada, Mo.
2. Mary Adams, born July 21, 1822; married, June, 1844, Isaac D. Stearns, son of William and Betsey (Davis) Stearns. She died in Ashburnham July 11, 1854.
3. Timothy Wray, born Sept. 30, 1824; died Oct. 16, 1825.
4. Timothy Wray, born March 16, 1826; died, unmarried, at Little Osage, Mo., Oct., 1885.
5. William Dike, born Feb. 17, 1828; died, unmarried, Nov. 17, 1861.
6. Edwin Jewett, born Jan. 17, 1831; married, Nov. 27, 1862, Mary Elizabeth, daughter of James A. Weston. They reside in Ashburnham.
7. Emma Lincoln, born Jan. 30, 1833; married, April 26, 1862, Charles E. Burnap of Fitchburg. He died, and she married, 2d, Oct. 14, 1875, Jonas Wood. They reside in Rindge, N. H.
8. Urania Anderson, born Oct. 23, 1835; married, Jan. 1, 1857, John P. Whitney, son of William and Fanny (Lincoln) Whitney of Ashby; reside in Ashby.
9. Joseph Henry, born Feb. 12, 1838; married, 1868, Martha C. Bradshaw; married, 2d, 1879, Addie Modrel, both of Little Osage, Mo., where he resides.

Isaac Stearns, son of Samuel Stearns of Hollis, N. H., and grandson of Samuel and Phebe Stearns of Lexington, married Rebecca Jewett and settled in Monk-

ton, Vt., where he died at the age of eighty-two years. Children:

1. Rebecca, born 1768; married — Pomancy of Ferrisburg, Vt., and had four sons and six daughters.
2. Sally, married, first, — Tibbets; second, — Gage; had five sons and two daughters. She died in Adams, Jefferson county, N. Y.
3. Phebe, died of a casualty.
4. Lois, married — Williams; had four sons and two daughters. She died Oct. 1, 1846.
5. Susan, went to Ohio.
6. Isaac, was twice married; died in Monkton, Vt., 1823.
7. Nathaniel, had three children; was blind for forty years before his death.
8. Amos, a Baptist minister; settled in Argyle, Washington county, N. Y.

Samuel Stearns, son of Samuel and Rachel (Crosby) Stearns of Billerica (page 81), born June 1, 1726; married, Oct. 3, 1749, Elizabeth Hutchinson. She died March 12, 1750, and he married, second, Hannah Trask. He died July 23, 1801, and she died Dec. 7, 1801, aged sixty-eight. Children:

1. Samuel, baptized 1750; died young.
2. Elizabeth, born June 20, 1751; married, Feb. 24, 1774, Henry Jefts, born Nov. 4, 1737, son of Henry and Mary (Geary) Jefts of Stoneham. They had (1) Elizabeth, born 1775; died 1777; (2) John, 1778; (3) Henry, 1781; (4) Aaron, 1782; (5) Elizabeth, 1784.
3. Hannah, born Oct. 3, 1752; married, May 4, 1779, Joseph Spaulding of Chelmsford.
4. Nathaniel, born March 29, 1754; married, 1784, Sarah Carlton, and in 1791 married Lydia Wilson.
5. Samuel, baptized Sept. 28, 1755; married, June 2, 1785, Alice Stearns, born April 30, 1762, daughter of Thomas and Bette (Manning) Stearns of Billerica.

6. Jonathan, born May 9, 1758; married, first, July 1, 1784, Molly Wright, and second, Betsey —.
7. Josiah, born May 16, 1760.
8. Joseph, born June 27, 1763; married, Dec. 5, 1787, Zilpah Crosby.
9. Molly, born April 12, 1765; married, April 13, 1803, Jonathan How.
10. Issachar, born April 5, 1767; married, Sept. 16, 1790, Dolly Page of Bedford.
11. Alice, born March 9, 1770; married, Sept. 29, 1789, David Trull of Billerica.
12. Elijah, born March 29, 1774.

Rev. Josiah Stearns, born Jan. 20, 1732, son of John and Esther (Johnson) Stearns of Billerica, of whom mention is made on page 20 of this genealogy, married, first, Sarah Abbot, born Dec. 4, 1726, daughter of Uriah and Elizabeth (Mitchell) Abbot of Andover. She died, Nov. 5, 1766, aged 40, and he married, second, Sarah Ruggles, born Nov. 25, 1731, daughter of Rev. Samuel Ruggles of Billerica. She died April 2, 1808. He died at Epping, N. H., July 25, 1788. Children:

1. Sarah, born Sept. 12, 1756, married, May 29, 1781, Solomon Lane of Bedford. She died, Aug. 13, 1825. Children: (1) Anna, born Aug. 19, 1782, married, first, Samuel Dutton of New Ipswich, by whom she had four children: 1, Samuel Stearns Dutton, born Sept. 14, 1806; 2, Solomon Lane Dutton, born Nov. 21, 1808; 3, Laura Ann Dutton, born June 20, 1812; 4, Sarah Abigail Dutton, born and died July, 1815. Mr. Dutton died Oct. 21, 1815, and she married, second, Samuel Parkhurst of Chelmsford, by whom she had,—5, Susan Elizabeth Parkhurst, born Nov. 14, 1818; (2) Josiah, born July 9, 1785, died April 18, 1787; (3) Josiah Stearns, born Nov. 11, 1787, married, Feb. 11, 1813, Amelia Gregg of Groton; he died Sept. 21, 1815; (4) Sarah, born April 30, 1789, died unmarried; (5) Enoch, born Feb. 7, 1793,

died Oct. 1799; (6) Oliver Wellington, born June 16, 1794, married, July 23, 1818, Catherine Watson of Bedford. She died July 30, 1841, and he married Mrs. Harriet Blinn, daughter of Jacob Gregg of Bedford; nine children; (7) Abigail French, born Mar. 23, 1799; (8) Daniel, born Nov. 5, 1800; died, Oct. 1803.

2. Betsey, born July, 1758, died aged 21, unmarried.
3. Dudley, born April 8, 1760, married, April 6, 1784, Lydia Burbank, born 1760, daughter of Benjamin and Jane S. Burbank of Kennebunk. He was a teacher in Hiram, Me.; left home in 1793 and never returned; was reported to have been drowned in Canada in 1812. His widow died Nov. 23, 1830. They had five children.
4. John, born Jan. 13, 1762; married, 1783, Sarah Lane of Poplin, N. H., born May 16, 1759. She died April 25, 1845 (see page 16). They had children: (1) Sally, born May 21, 1784; died Dec. 17, 1802; (2) Betsey, born June 29, 1786; died Dec. 29, 1826; married, September, 1807, Hon. John Chadwick of Dover, N. H.; five children; (3) Joseph, born March 10, 1788; married, Aug. 2, 1811, Jane Thompson, and moved to Wilmot, N. H. She died June 11, 1822, and he married, Sept. 4, 1822, Mrs. Susan (Sawyer) Cross, born June 19, 1791. She died May 14, 1828, and he married July 8, 1828, Nancy Brown of Andover, N. H., born March 23, 1795; he had twenty-one children; (4) Ruth, born Nov. 6, 1789; married, Dec. 13, 1810, Hon. Dudley Freeze of Deerfield, N. H., born Oct. 16, 1787. He was in early life a teacher, afterwards a farmer and miller. He was a representative, and judge of the Court of Common Pleas. He died April 5, 1843; children: 1, Sally S., born Aug. 7, 1812; married, 1835, William Norris of Lowell. He died Oct. 17, 1841, and she married, August, 1843, George W. Norris, brother of her first husband; 2, Dudley, born March 29, 1814, a merchant of Deerfield; died June 14, 1838; 3, Mary E., born Sept. 9, 1817; married, Nov. 17,

1836, Enoch F. Stevens, Jr., of Deerfield, born Oct. 30, 1808, a merchant, deputy sheriff and postmaster; six children; 4, Abigail S., born July 22, 1819; married, Dec. 31, 1840, Capt. Jeremiah D. Tilton, a farmer and shoemaker of Deerfield, born March, 1816; six children; 5, Caroline S., born June 19, 1821; married, Jan. 15, 1843, Nathan Griffin, born July 3, 1817; a teacher and farmer; 6, William G., born June 24, 1823, a farmer and miller; 7, Martha W., born May 10, 1827. (5) John, born Oct. 23, 1791; died 1793; (6) John, born Oct. 28, 1793; a joiner and cabinet maker of Deerfield; married, May 4, 1817, Margaret M. Wallace of Deerfield, born May 3, 1792; she died Aug. 9, 1841, and he married, Feb. 22, 1842, Abba Tarlton of Epsom, born Sept. 16, 1798; children: 1, Samuel, born December, 1817; a Free-will Baptist preacher of Nashua, N. H.; 2, Sally F., born Jan. 25, 1819; died November, 1825; 3, Abigail, born Jan. 6, 1821; died November, 1825; 4, Mary J., born Dec. 1, 1822; 5, Susan C., born Oct. 16, 1824; 6, George W., born July 14, 1826; died January, 1828; 7, Sarah A., born Dec. 7, 1828; 8, Margaret A., born Dec. 15, 1830; 9, John G., born June 19, 1837. (7) Samuel, born April 10, 1795, a deacon, farmer and cabinet maker; married, March 4, 1818, Mary French of Deerfield, born Nov. 5, 1799; children: 1, Richard J., born May 25, 1819; a captain; married, Feb. 29, 1844, Harriet Betton of Danbury, N. H.; 2, William B., born March 23, 1821; married, Sept. 9, 1845, Caroline Thompson of Concord, N. H.; 3, Sarah E., born April 17, 1823; 4, Abigail J., born Oct. 2, 1825; 5, Horace B., born July 17, 1827; 6, Mary Ann, born Aug. 16, 1829; 7, John, born July 25, 1832; 8, De Witt Clinton, born Sept. 14, 1835; died March, 1838; 9, Caroline Clinton, born Sept. 23, 1838. (8) Mary, born Jan. 1, 1797; married, December, 1818, Jonathan Goodhue of Deerfield, born June 27, 1790. In 1836 he moved to Amesbury, Mass. Five children. (9) Abigail, born Nov. 20, 1798; died December, 1814. (10)

- Joshua, born Jan. 3, 1801, a farmer of Deerfield; married, Jan. 10, 1826, Betsey Page of Deerfield, born Aug. 5, 1805; children: 1, Ann Elizabeth, born 1827; 2, Joshua B., born 1828; 3, Gilman, born 1830; 4, Martha J., born 1832; 5, Sally, born 1835; died 1840; 6, William R., born 1839; 7, Sally, born 1841. (11) William, born Aug. 5, 1803; a colonel, and machinist of Dover, N. H.; married, Dec. 26, 1826, Martha Winkley of Barrington, N. H., born March, 1803; children: 1, John W., born Nov. 22, 1828; 2, Martha E., born May 27, 1831; died November, 1835; 3, William B., born Jan. 25, 1838; 4, Isabella, born Dec. 31, 1839. (12) Sally, born March 21, 1805; married, April 5, 1825, David Lamprey, a farmer of Northampton, N. H., later of Deerfield, born Oct. 18, 1801. Children: 1, Nancy C., born 1826; 2, Morris J., born 1827; 3, Sally Stearns, born 1829; 4, John Stearns, born 1830; 5, Martha F., born 1832; 6, Malvina C., born 1834; 7, William B., born 1836; 8, Daniel C., born 1839; 9, Uri L., born 1842; 10, Almond S., born 1843; died 1844. (13) Bryant, born Jan. 22, 1807. (For record of his family see page 94.)
5. Josiah, born Jan. 23, 1764, a carpenter and farmer, married, 1791, Sarah Whittier, and settled in Mt. Vernon, Me.; died Feb., 1824. Children: (1) Betsey, born Dec. 13, 1793, married Elder Ward Locke. He died Nov., 1828, and she married, 1829, Samuel Cushman of New Gloucester, Me.; (2) Sarah, born Sept. 9, 1795, married, Oct. 15, 1815, Varnum Cram of New Sharon, Me.; they had seven children; (3) Hannah, born April 7, 1798, married, 1817, Jesse Lovejoy of Fayville, Me.; she died June, 1840; they had six children; (4) Sophia, born Aug. 31, 1800, married, April 22, 1824, Cyrus Whitney of Chesterfield, Me. He died 1829, and she married James M. Manson of Farmington, Me.; he died in 1841; she had two children by first husband, and four by second; (5) John R., born Sept. 2, 1805, married and resided

in Boston; a silversmith; (6) Samuel, born July 4, 1811, a house carpenter of Boston; unmarried.

6. Esther, born and died in infancy.

By second wife:

7. Esther, born July 14, 1768, married Abraham Tilton of Epping, N. H.; she died Dec. 18, 1843. Children: (1) William Frederick, born Oct. 16, 1795; married Mary, daughter of Deacon William Osgood of Epping. Children: 1, George William Frederick, born 1829; 2, Arthur Edwin, born 1840; (2) Mary B., married Charles Blaisdell of Epping.

8. Samuel, born April 8, 1770; graduated at Harvard college, 1794; pastor of the Congregational church in Bedford, Mass., where he died Dec. 26, 1834; (for a record of his children see page 66.)

9. Timothy, born May 9, 1772, died in Virginia, unmarried; a teacher.

10. William, born Nov. 23, 1773; (for his record see page 39.)

11. Mary, born July 2, 1776; died Nov. 21, 1825; unmarried.

12. Elizabeth, born Mar. 9, 1779, married Dec. 30, 1802, Elijah Stearns of Bedford; (see page 84 for record of their children.)

Ebenezer Stearns, son of Samuel Stearns of Hollis, N. H. (page 101), married Rachel Ames of Hollis, born Dec. 25, 1744, and settled in Monkton, Vt., where he died in 1816. His widow died there April 6, 1841. Children:

1. Ebenezer, in 1817 moved to Ohio and in 1844 settled in Illinois; had a large family.

2. John, born April, 1778; a Baptist clergyman, ordained in 1817 at Whitney, Vt., was later located at Tyler, Winnebago County, Ill.; married, July 22, 1804, Asenath Campbell, born Oct. 18, 1785, daughter of David Campbell of St. Albans, Vt. Children: (1) Harry Franklin, born in Monkton, Oct. 18, 1805;

married 1828; died April 14, 1840, leaving four daughters and a son, Franklin, residing at Sardinia Village, Ohio; (2) David Ebenezer, born in Monkton, Vt., Feb. 11, 1808; married, Sept. 19, 1840, Fidelia S. Canon, born Sept. 30, 1820; resided at Tyler, Ill. Children: 1, Oscar Levy; 2, Orson Avery; 3, Nuel Doskey; 4, Amanda Melissa; (3) Orrin Orlando, born in Monkton, Vt., Feb. 27, 1810; graduated at Brown University, 1837; married, Sept. 14, 1837, Nancy C. Valentine, daughter of Elijah F. Valentine of Cambridge, Mass.; she died in Manchester, N. H., Mar. 28, 1849; he was ordained at Sturbridge, Mass., Sept., 1837, and was later pastor of a Baptist church in Manchester. Children: 1, John William, born Aug. 10, 1839; 2, James Henry, born Jan. 9, 1841; 3, George Albert, born March 30, 1843; 4, Charles Arthur, born Aug. 1, 1844; 5, Edward Francis, born Aug. 16, 1846; (4) Myron Newell, born in Monkton, Jan. 1, 1812, graduated at Granville college, Ohio; was pastor of a Baptist church in West Plattsburg, N. Y., married April 12, 1838, Carolina Sophia Mead, born March 18, 1816, daughter of James and Sarah Howard Mead of Monkton, Vt.; she died Dec. 29, 1844, and he married, Nov. 12, 1845, Dorcas Rebecca Ray, born Feb. 4, 1822, daughter of Calvin and Dorcas (Howard) Ray of Hinesburg, Vt. Children: 1, Theresa Maria, born Jan. 29, 1839; 2, Leonora Asenath, born July 12, 1841; 3, Myron James, born Oct. 4, 1844; 4, John Ray, born Dec. 18, 1848; (5) Samuel Eastman, born in Monkton, Vt., Mar. 22, 1814; married, Nov. 12, 1844, Susan Terry Whitaker, born May 5, 1826, daughter of Israel and Lucretia Whitaker; resided in Almeria, Hamilton county, Ohio. Children: 1, Louisa Olivia, born Sept. 26, 1845; 2, Emily Viola, born Aug. 10, 1847; 3, Frances Juliette, born May, died July, 1849; (6) Annis Maria, born in Monkton, Vt., Feb. 5, 1816, married Robert Kern Jordan, resided in Fulton, Ohio; (7) Avery Perry, born in West Haven, Vt., Sept. 25, 1818, a lawyer in Brantsville, Kentucky; (8) William

Orson, born in West Haven, Vt., Nov. 13, 1820, married Dec. 25, 1845, Maria A. Campbell, daughter of Numan Campbell; resided in Tyler, Illinois; (9) Velina Asenath, born in Panton, Vt., Jan. 13, 1824, married, 1844, Rev. Benjamin F. Leavitt, resided in Fulton, Ohio; (10) Louisa Melissa, born in Panton, Vt., July 2, 1825, married, 1846, Rev. Charles Button of Illinois; (11) Charlotte Emily, born in Panton, Vt., May 1, 1827; (12) Harriet Jane, born in Elizabethtown, N. Y., April 7, 1829, died June, 1830.

3. Stephen, married, and with family resided at West Plattsburg, N. Y.
4. Rollins, died in Georgetown, Brown county, Ohio, 1838, unmarried.
5. Samuel, died in childhood.
6. Nathan, born March 19, 1788, married July 16, 1809, Mary Monkton of Grand Isle, Vt., born Jan. 28, 1791; in 1817 moved to Perryville, Ashland county, Ohio. Children: (1) Lucius Sawyer, born June 15, 1810; (2) Warren Lewis, born Jan. 19, 1814, died in Cincinnati, June 20, 1846; married, Dec. 31, 1838, Jane McCraden. Children: 1, Martha Eliza, born Aug. 23, 1839; (3) Charlotte Matilda, born July 22, 1817, married April 12, 1835, Philemond Holland Plummer, born April 27, 1800, postmaster of Perryville, Ohio; (4) Horace Loomis, born July 31, 1821, married, Jan. 14, 1844, Barbara Ann Charrow, born Aug. 17, 1822, who died June 25, 1845, leaving one child, Barbara Ann, born Dec. 24, 1844; (5) Norman Lamson, born May 27, 1824, married, June 27, 1844, Rebecca Smith; (6) Alonzo Merrill, born Dec. 14, 1827; (7) Milo Eloftus, born Oct. 4, 1830.

Benjamin Stearns, born Sept. 12, 1757, son of Isaac and Sarah (Abbot) Stearns of Billerica; married, Feb. 15, 1792, Susanna Frye of Fryeburg, and settled in New Suncook (Lovell), Me. She was born June 16, 1765, and died Sept. 27, 1829. He was a justice of the peace; died May 24, 1829. Children:

1. Isaac, born Dec. 30, 1792; was a physician, and postmaster of Dunbarton, N. H. He married, May 25, 1826, Eunice P. Marshall of Dunbarton. She died Oct. 1, 1830, and he married, second, April 25, 1833, Elizabeth Lund Page of Dunbarton. Children: (1) Susan Frye, born Feb. 8, 1828; (2) Elizabeth, born Oct. 11, 1829; (3) Sarah Page, born and died July, 1834; (4) Isaac H., born May 3, 1837.
2. Benjamin, born Sept. 1, 1794; married, Dec. 13, 1819, Mehitabel Frye Swan, daughter of Joseph T. Swan of Fryeburg. He was deacon of a church in Lovell, Me. Children: (1) John F.; (2) Olive; (3) Benjamin F.; (4) Rowland H.; (5) Eliza Ann; (6) Edward Payson.
3. John F., born Aug. 1, 1796; died Oct. 15, 1819, unmarried.
4. Solomon, born July 21, 1798; died 1849. He was a brigadier general of Lovell, Me.; married, Jan. 11, 1824, Sally Heald, and had a large family of children.
5. Nathan, born and died 1800.
6. Susanna, born Oct. 28, 1801; died 1802.
7. Obed, born Feb. 4, 1804; married, June 3, 1835, Eliza Barker, daughter of Capt. Stephen and Betsey (Andrews) Barker of Lovell. Children: (1) Irene Emeline; (2) Elizabeth Susanna; (3) Arthur Tappan; (4) Joseph Fessenden; (5) Stephen; (6) Austin.
8. Sarah F., born July 24, 1806; married, June 3, 1842, LeRoy Rensselaer Mills, a farmer of Dunbarton.

Timothy Stearns, born Sept. 25, 1763, son of Isaac and Sarah Abot Stearns of Billerica, married Nov. 1, 1787, Sarah Low of Bedford, and settled in Billerica. He died Aug. 18, 1816; she died Dec. 10, 1851, aged 93 years. Children:

1. Timothy, born Sept. 8, 1788; died Nov. 22, 1791.
2. Calle, born Sept. 21, 1790; died Feb. 23, 1793.
3. Timothy, born Nov. 12, 1792; died April, 1795.

4. John, born Sept. 15, 1794; died March 3, 1809.
5. Sewall, born Sept 2, 1796, married May 27, 1820, Lucretia Hill. He was a justice of the peace in Billerica, and died there Oct. 31, 1849.
6. Sarah, born July 8, 1798; died June, 1800.
7. Obed, born March 21, 1801; married, May 27, 1827, Mehitabel Carlton. He was a farmer. Children: (1) Obed Josiah, born Oct. 17, 1830; (2) Amos Carlton, born Oct. 21, 1831; (3) Eckley Washington, born Oct. 9, 1835.
8. Sarah Abbot, born Feb. 27, 1803; married, Dec. 19, 1842, Aaron Lawrence of Amherst, N. H. Previous to her marriage she was for several years principal of a large female seminary at Chillicothe, Ohio. She had two children: (1) Sarah Lucretia, born Nov. 6, 1843; (2) Ann Maria, born April 4, 1847.
9. Eckley, born June 12, 1805; married Sept. 1, 1831, Hannah Pratt of Weymouth, Mass.
10. Timothy, born Jan. 23, 1810; graduate of Amherst college, 1837; married, Dec. 13, 1837, Catherine Taylor of Athens, Ohio. Two children. He was pastor of a church in Kingston, Ohio.

Peter Stearns, son of Samuel Stearns of Hollis, N. H., a farmer, first settled in Plymouth, N. H., and afterwards in Hinesburg, Vt., where he died. He was a soldier in the French and Indian war in 1762. He was twice married; the second wife was Judith Bartlett. Children:

1. Peter, a carpenter of Peru, N. Y.
2. Nathaniel W., a Methodist preacher.
3. Hannah.
4. Judith, born Oct. 6, 1791; married, Oct. 4, 1809, Caleb Harding, born Nov. 18, 1778; resided till 1840 in Charlotte, Vt., then removed to Peru, Clinton county, N. Y. They had twelve children.
5. Abigail.
6. Betsey.

7. Keziah.
8. Rebecca.
9. Sally.

Samuel Belknap, born May 24, 1707, son of Thomas Belknap of Woburn; married Lydia Stearns, born April 21, 1707, daughter of Isaac and Mary (Merriam) Stearns of Billerica. He died at Newburgh, N. Y., Jan. 1, 1771. Children:

1. William, born May 27, 1730; married Hannah Flagg.
2. Ruth, born Nov. 11, 1731.
3. Isaac, born Dec. 14, 1733.
4. Samuel, born Oct. 18, 1735.
5. Lydia, born Feb. 28, 1737.
6. Abel, born Jan. 13, 1739.
7. Mary, born Jan. 9, 1740.
8. Ruth, born May 14, 1742; died May 6, 1745.
9. David, born Jan. 14, 1744; died May 11, 1831, at Newburgh.
10. Abigail, born April 17, 1745.
11. Jonathan, born Sept. 7, 1748.
12. Olive, born April 5, 1751.

Thomas A. Stearns, a farmer and brickmaker; in 1847 removed from New Ipswich to Jaffrey, N. H. He married, first, Sarah E., daughter of Phineas and Sarah (Fisk) Spaulding; married, second, Mrs. Almeda S. Gilmore, daughter of Benjamin M. and Lydia (Sparhawk) Stanley. He died July 28, 1879, aged 66. Children:

1. Harriet E., born in Hollis, N. H., Jan. 7, 1844; married, April 14, 1869, George F. Lowe; three children.
2. Henry M., born 1848; married, Feb. 20, 1871, Mary C. Lowe.
3. Mary C., born 1851.
4. Sarah A., by second wife, born 1860. She resided in Jaffrey, where she died, unmarried.

Levi Stearns (referred to on page 18), son of Benjamin Stearns of Rutland, Mass., was born 1755; married, first, 1781, Lois Stoddard, who died Oct. 13, 1803. He married, second, Widow Sarah (Joslin) Butler of Leominster, who died March 12, 1830, aged 73. He died at Charlemont Aug. 5, 1839, at which place he had resided from 1799. His children were:

1. Horatio, born Dec. 21, 178—; married, June 20, 1801, Vashti Wilder, daughter of Abel and Dorothy Wilder of Charlemont; he was a farmer of Charlemont; died Dec. 12, 1833. Children: (1) Levi Wilder, born Nov. 24, 1805; a saddler; married, Oct. 27, 1830, Cordelia Maria Belding, born Sept. 10, 1806, daughter of Augustus Belding of Whately, Mass. They had five children. (2) Louisa, born Nov. 7, 1807. (3) Nancy Emily, born October, 1810; died August, 1814. (4) Charles Stoddard, born April 3, 1813; a trunk maker of New York city; married, Sept. 20, 1834, Sarah Bovie, daughter of John and Tabitha Bovie of Pownal, Vt. (5) Emily, born Jan. 11, 1815; married, Nov. 14, 1833, Jonathan Hartwell, Jr., son of Jonathan and Hannah Hartwell of Charlemont; three children. (6) Dorothy, born April 2, 1817; married, Oct. 3, 1843, Pliny Dewey Walbridge, born Feb. 9, 1820, son of Charles and Sarah Walbridge of Bennington, Vt. He was a saddle and harness maker of Adams, Mass. (7) Vashti, born Aug. 3, 1819; married, April 8, 1838, David Ingraham, born April 4, 1813, son of Obadiah Ingraham of Savoy, Mass; a farmer of Savoy. (8) Mary, born Nov. 26, 1821; married at Savoy, Nov. 27, 1850, Daniel D. White. (9) Edwin Horatio, born June 12, 1826; died August, 1829. (10) Henry Otis, born Oct. 30, 1828. (11) Elizabeth, born Nov. 24, 1831.
2. Eli, born Feb. 10, 1784; married, Dec. 28, 1808, Maria Webb, daughter of Col. Ebenezer Webb of Palmer, Mass., and settled in South Hadley, Mass. She died April 20, 1841, and he died Nov. 19, 1841. Children: (1) Charles Rollin, born Aug. 25, 1810;

married, Nov. 4, 1834, Elizabeth Strong of Northampton, Mass., and resided in New Haven, Conn. (2) Ebenezer, born May 8, 1814; married, Dec. 30, 1837, Caroline Bush of West Springfield, Mass., and resided in New Haven. (3) William, born March 13, 1816; married, June 8, 1843, Elizabeth F. Hawks of Buckland, Mass.; resided in Williamsburg, Mass. (4) George, born Feb. 13, 1818; died July 4, 1840. (5) Alonzo, born July 4, 1820; married, July 31, 1844, Sarah A. Torrey of Cabotville, and resided in Chester, Mass. (6) Eli, born Oct. 2, 1822. (7) Henry, born June 2, 1825. (8) Martha, born Aug. 21, 1827; died Oct. 7, 1841. (9) Levi, born March 4, 1830. (10) Cynthia Sophia, born Jan. 21, 1833; died Aug. 31, 1840.

3. Roxana, born Aug. 9, 1787; married, May 16, 1815, Nicholas Groves, a farmer of Charlemont. She died Nov. 10, 1824; four children.
4. Mary, born September, 1791; unmarried.
5. Cynthia, born March 12, 1798; unmarried.

Reuben Stearns, born Feb. 6, 1759, son of Nathaniel and Grace (Hammond) Stearns of Holden, Mass.; married, March 10, 1779, Anna Stewart, born March 4, 1760, daughter of Dea. Daniel Stewart of Holden. In 1787 he moved to Brattleboro, Vt., where he died Jan. 29, 1845, and his wife Anna died Sept. 4, 1839. Children:

1. Ezra, born June 20, 1780; married, November, 1802, Polly Frazier, born 1783, daughter of Daniel Frazier of Brattleboro, and settled in Ellisburg, Jefferson county, New York. He was a prominent and useful citizen—town clerk nineteen years, supervisor several years, and coroner of the county. Children: (1) Lucinda, born Nov. 22, 1803; married, January, 1824, Capt. Chester McLane. Children: 1, William; 2, Electa Maria; 3, Charles Henry; 4, Ezra Stearns; 5, Mary De Allom; 6, Eugene Franklin. (2) Mary, born Nov. 23, 1805; married, July 18, 1830, Dr.

William H. Fisk. (3) Reuben Sidney, born Nov. 25, 1807; married Elizabeth Didrick, and died April 13, 1847. (4) Charles, born Nov. 23, 1809; married, Nov. 20, 1837, Mary Mackie of New York city. She died August, 1838, and he married, Nov. 2, 1845, Amelia La Grave, daughter of Paul M. and Sarah La Grave, by whom he had two children. (5) Adeline, born May 30, 1812; married Lucien Fisk Hudson, a machinist and a militia colonel, and had children: 1, George Washington; 2, Mary Fisk; 3, Ezra Hamilton; 4, Alice Sophia; 5, Lucien Fisk. (6) Melicinire, born Dec. 15, 1815; married Mary Delia Williams, daughter of Pardon and Huldah Williams. He was town clerk, and a major in the militia. Child: 1, William Alfred, born Oct. 20, 1845. (7) Samuel Eugene, born Sept. 19, 1817; married Hulda A. Williams, daughter of Pardon and Huldah Williams. Children: 1, Alonzo Williams, born June 12, 1841; 2, Lockanoor La Rue, born Jan. 28, 1843; 3, Mary Isadore, born July 10, 1844; 4, Abby Lorilla, born July 12, 1849. (8) Ezra Kasor, born July 11, 1820; died Jan. 10, 1840. (9) Clarissa Anne, born and died 1822. (10) Benjamin Franklin, born Nov. 21, 1825.

Peleg Stearns, born Jan. 2, 1721, son of Isaac and Mary (Bemis) Stearns of Watertown; married, 1763, Elizabeth, widow of Mr. Swinerton, and daughter of Capt. Peter Harris of New London. He resided first in Cambridge and afterwards in Charlestown, where he died April 5, 1789, and his widow died April 10, 1789. They had one son:

1. William, born in Cambridge April 10, 1754; (for notice of whom see page 22 of this genealogy.)

Dr. William Stearns, born April 10, 1754, son of Peleg and Elizabeth (Swinerton) Stearns, above noticed; married, Dec. 9, 1781, Sarah White Sprague, born

Nov. 26, 1764, daughter of Maj. Joseph Sprague of Salem. She died Jan. 29, 1844. Children:

1. Joseph E. Sprague, born Sept. 9, 1782; (for further notice of whom see page 44.)
2. James White, born April 9, 1784; married and had children: (1) Lydia, born Oct. 6, 1812; married Albert G. Bradstreet. (2) William, born Dec. 29, 1814; resided in Somerville. (3) James W., born Sept. 27, 1818, of Boston. (4) J. Edwin S., born Jan. 27, 1822, of Boston, (5) Ruth E. B., born Nov. 6, 1826; married Samuel B. Willis of Boston. (6) Thomas H. E., born Aug. 1, 1830, of Somerville. (7) S. Alatheia, born July, 1832; and six others who died in infancy.
3. Elizabeth, born July, died September, 1787.
4. William, born Dec. 16, 1788; was a druggist and a grocer, and held a commission as major in the militia; was unmarried.
5. Eliza, born June 23, 1791; married, Jan. 26, 1834, Capt. James Silver, a shipmaster and merchant, who died April 18, 1837; no children.
6. Sarah White, born July 13, 1792; unmarried.
7. Joshua Brackett, born Dec. 21, 1794; married in Baltimore, Md., Louisa Hutchings King, aged 14 years. They had one son: (1) William Brackett L., born September, 1826. They were divorced and he married, second, Sept. 4, 1829, Sarah Churchill of Boston; she died, leaving a son, (2) Francis F., born July 13, 1830, and a daughter, (3) Sarah Elizabeth, born Jan. 15, 1833. He married, third, July, 1846, Anne Wilson and had a daughter, (4) Marianne, born Aug. 9, 1847.
8. Caroline, born March 20, 1798; unmarried.
9. Harriet, born July 4, 1800; unmarried.
10. Richard Sprague, a merchant, married Marianne Theresa St. Agnan, aged 15, a native of the island of Grenada. Children: (1) William St. Agnan, born Sept. 27, 1822; a lawyer of Malden, Mass., of whom mention is made on page 64. (2) Lucy Theo-

dora Gillineau, born Sept. 27, 1824; married Jan. 19, 1848, Henry Barrett, born Malden, Mass., Oct. 10, 1807, son of William Barrett. (3) Sarah White, born July 11, 1828.

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Ephraim Stearns, page 18, is again named page 38.

Page 39, eleventh line from the top, read Prudence Wilder,
born 1746.

Josiah Stearns, page 37, is repeated pages 43 and 61.

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Timothy L. and Eliza (Howe) Stearns. He was born
in Barre, Mass., April 28, 1850.

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was a daughter of Josiah and Abigail (Emerson)
Stearns, named on pages 37, 43, 61.

For John Demary, Jr., born April 22, 1814, page 85, read
Nathan Johnson Demary.

For Joseph Cabot, the grandfather, page 94, read John
Cabot, and for New Hampshire, read Massachusetts.

Page 160, third and fourth line from bottom, for St. Ag-
nan read St. Agnau.

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