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To: Mrs. Ronald
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John Putnam
Massachusetts

Dear President Reagan and Mrs. Reagan,

I have really enjoyed being a docent at the Ronald Reagan Library. I have met people from all over the world and America. It has been a most rewarding experience. I look forward to serving many more years for you and your family.

Mrs. Reagan, Our National Society of Colonial Dames 17th Century would be pleased and honored to have you as a member of our Santa Barbara Chapter - Aquila Chase.

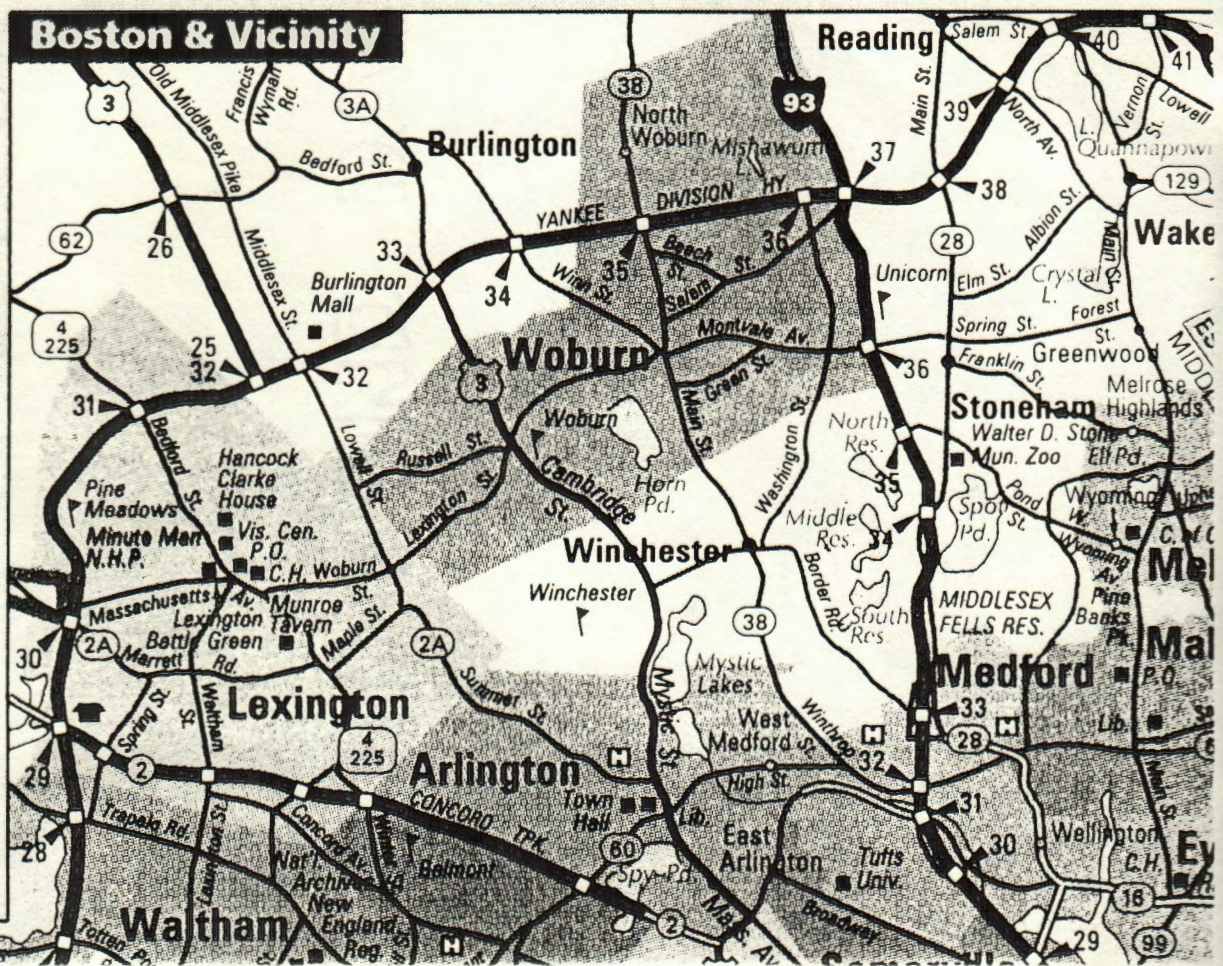
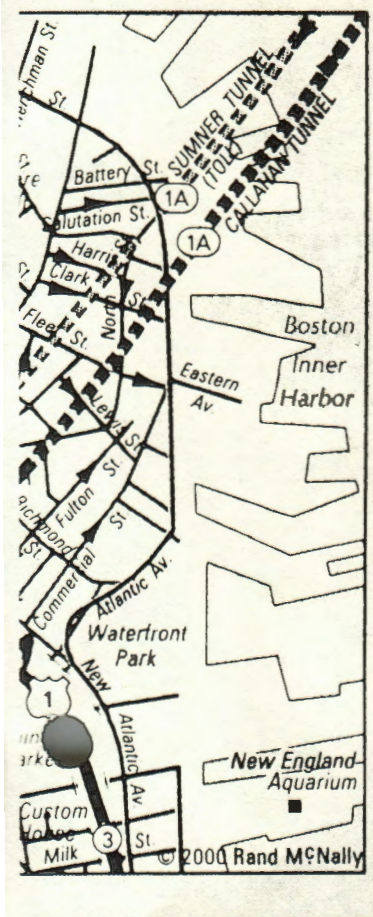
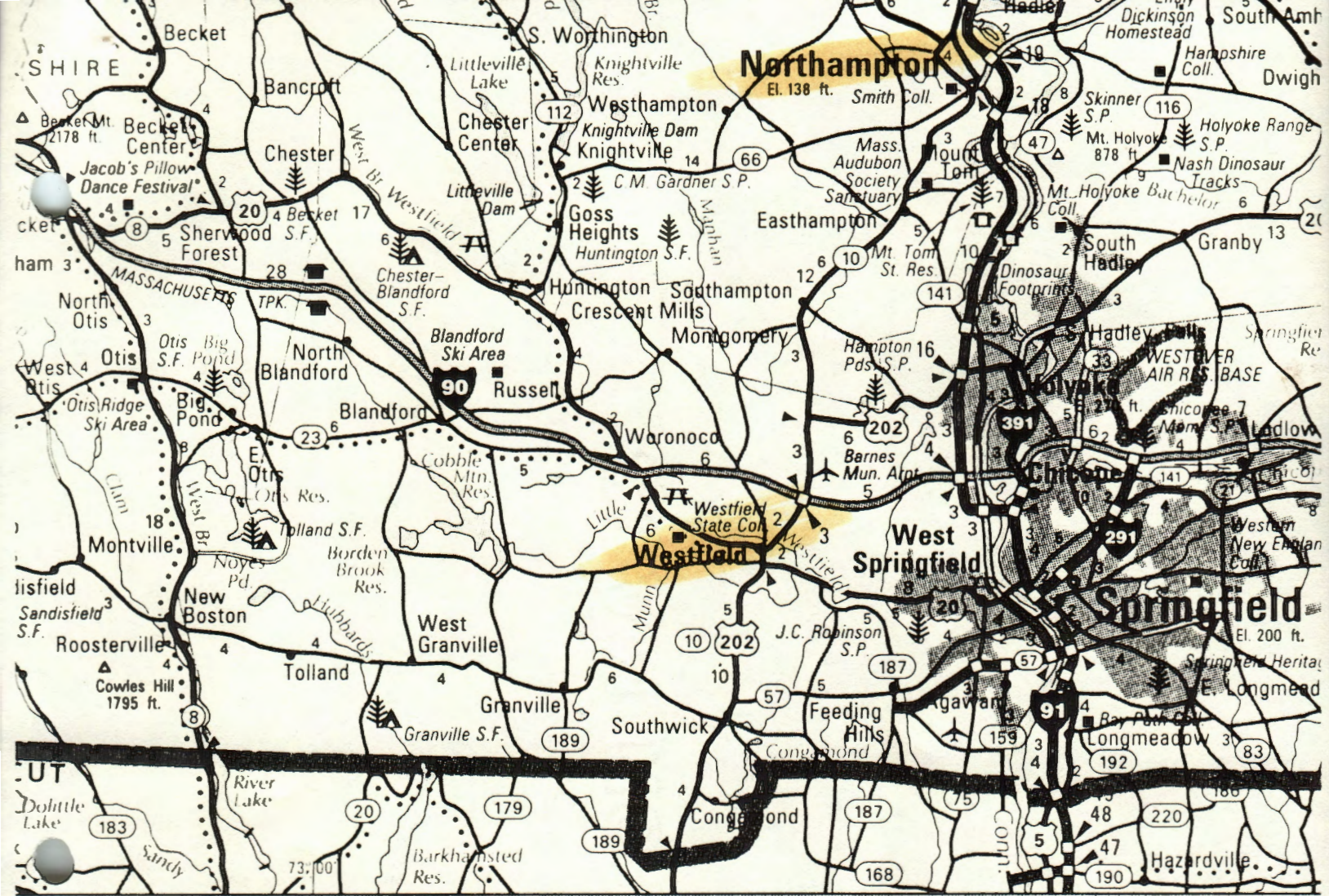
To be a member your family must have arrived in the colonies before 1701. Since your Root Family was here by 1640 c. you would qualify. It would be honored to arrange for the necessary papers.

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Sd, Home, County

Kathleen R. Collins





The Roots of Coventry, Connecticut

Betty Brook Messier
and
Janet Sutherland Aronson

May 4, 2000

Dear Mrs. Reagan,

This book details the history of the Peete Family, one of earliest families in America, which you are directly related to.

You might find it interesting to know, if you already didn't, the town of Northampton, Mass., the town you lived in while at Smith College was founded by your family the Peetes in 1653.

You have an Awesome Colonial History

I hope you will enjoy reading this as much as I have.

Dad, Thom, Country

Katherine Cowell Collins

RE: Nancy Reagan's DAR line

The lineage was discovered by:

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(includes copies of vital records & Corbin collection) who gave permission to let the DAR have copies for use regarding her membership application.

Would appreciate it if the DAR would send letters of thank you to these two men for their assistance.

Dates of marriage for Gen. 2 and date and place of death for Anne Ayers Francis were obtained by Mr. Reitwiesner from a Robbins/Francis relative.

Those dates and places with question marks following are my own guesses.

BDT 7/28/83

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Ancestor: EZEKIEL ROOT

Place of birth & date: MA - 1736

Place of death & date: MA - 1808

Service (state): MA

Applicant: Nancy D. Reagan 691000

Chapter and State: 0-000-CA (M.A.L.)

Genealogist: BDT

Date microfiched:

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CARTER.

33941.

Champion, N. Y.

ROXANNA ROOT, dau. of Gideon (2988), granddau. of John (2862), b. July 25, 1778, in Southwick, Mass.; m. Jan. 4, 1798, Asa Carter of Southwick, Mass., b. Nov. 13, 1776, in Wolcott, Ct., rem. to Champion, Jefferson Co., N. Y. He d. Aug. 16, 1855. She d. Dec. 24, 1863, æ. 85.

Children: (12 in all.)

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| I. ABIGAIL. | IV. LUCINA. |
| II. BARNES. | V. DENNIS. |
| III. MARY. | VI. NEWELL W., b. 1823. |

I V E S.

33941.

Otis and Westfield, Mass.

RHODA ROOT, dau. of Gideon (2988), granddau. of John (2862), b. Oct. 23, 1780, in Southwick, Mass.; m. Matthew Ives of Southwick. He was a lawyer, removed to Otis, Mass., and afterwards settled in Westfield, Mass., where he d. in 1840 or '41. She d. Dec., 1865 or '66.

Children:

- I. THERON, m. Mary A. Ring; d. 1869.
- II. GEORGE, m.; d. 1867 or '68.
- III. MATTHEW, b. a. Aug., 1803, grad. at Yale College; m. Nancy, dau. of Jeremiah Mosceley of Westfield, Mass. She d. He was rep., and held other offices.*
- IV. CELESTIA D., m. Thos. Ashley of Westfield, Mass. †

3402.

Pittsfield, Mass.

Hon. JOHN BURGoyNE ROOT, son of Ezekiel (2989), grandson of John (2862), b. Feb. 6, 1778, in Pittsfield, Mass.; m. Martha —. He lived at Pittsfield, Mass., and was representative from his district to the state legislature, in 1812-13. He was a general of the state militia.

* Children of Matthew and Nancy: 1. *Matthew*, d. in childhood. 2. *Elinabeth*, m. 1861, — Wood of Boston; res. at Louisville, Ky. 3. *Henry*, d. Aug., 1850, æ. 17. 4. *Emily E.*, d. in early womanhood. 5. *Nancy A.*, d. in early womanhood.
† Children of Celestia D. and Thomas: 1. *Thomas*, m.; res. at Bloomington, Ill. 2. *Sarah*. 3. *Lucy*. 4. *Susan*, unm'd, Westfield, Mass.

Sixth Generation — Farmington Line.

Children:

4300. I. MARTHA GRAVES, b. Feb. 26, 1802.
4301. II. JOHN PARTRIDGE, b. May 14, 1804.
4302. III. SOPHIA PARTRIDGE, b. Sept. 5, 1806.

3404.

Pittsfield, Mass.

GEORGE BRIDGES RODNEY ROOT, son of Ezekiel (2989) grandson of John (2862), b. Sept. 19, 1782, in Pittsfield, Mass., where he lived; m. Honora —.

Children:

4304. I. ELIZABETH ROBBINS, b. July 31, 1809.
4305. II. EZEKIEL, b. Oct. 8, 1811.
4306. III. GEORGE BRIDGES RODNEY, b. March 19, 1813.

3408.

Buffalo, N. Y.

JOHN ROOT, son of Roger (2990), grandson of John (2862), b. in 1773, in Southwick, Mass.; m. (1) Christiana Merrills, only child of Charles and Christiana (Edwards) Merrills of Hartford, Ct.; m. (2) widow Stewart of Buffalo, N. Y. He was a lawyer, and was distinguished for his legal acumen, while he was equally notorious for his humorous, witty and sarcastic speeches, which frequently set the court-room in a roar of laughter. He practiced in Walton, Delaware county, N. Y., about ten years, and then removed to Buffalo, N. Y., where he was quite a prominent citizen. He was a man of gigantic stature, though rather round-shouldered.* He d. Sept. 16, 1849, æ. 76, in Buffalo, N. Y. S. P. His wife survived him a few years.

* From Hon. Wm. Ketchum's *History of Buffalo and the Senecas* (2 vols., 8vo.), a valuable and interesting historical work, recently published, we extract the following: "Among the early lawyers of Buffalo was the venerable John Root, attorney and counselor at law. He came to Buffalo in 1810. He was the cotemporary of Walden, Potter, Harrison, and other early practitioners in western New York. A book might be filled with the witty sayings and sharp repartees of Old Counselor Root, as he was familiarly named. These are still remembered and often repeated by the older members of the bar, even to this day. . . . On one occasion he and Gen. Potter were opposed to each other in trying a case of assault and battery. Root, in the course of his argument, said he had known a case where a man, from a slight blow of a stick on the head, became idiotic for the rest of his life. Potter, suspecting the counselor of drawing upon his imagination rather than stating facts, interrupted him by the inquiry, 'Who was it?' Root turned slowly toward him and said, in a mild voice, 'I don't mean you brother Potter.'" Hon. Wm. Ketchum also relates the

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Children:

3382. I. NOAH, f. las Rice; m. (2)
 3383. II. CLARK, f. Wm. Wilcox.
 3384. III. ELISHA, f. 3387. VI. LESTER, m. Sylvia
 3385. IV. OLIVER, f. Talmadge.
 3386. V. MERCY, m. (1) Si- 3388. VII. EZRA, unm'd.

GILLET.

2986.

Southwick, Mass.

SUSANNAH ROOT, dau. of Elisha (2861), granddau. of John (2819), b. Aug. 22, 1750; m. Isaac Gillet of Southwick, Mass.

Children:

- I. ISAAC.
 II. SABRINA.
 III. MOSES.
 IV. ALMON, m. Dec. 25, 1805, Cynthia, dau. of Jehial Messenger of Southwick.*
 V. CHARLOTTE, m. Oliver Owen of Granby. †
 VI. SUSAN, m. Richard Clark. †
 VII. REBECCA, m. Dan Hilyer.
 VIII. PERLEY, m. Samuel Clark. §

2988.

Southwick, Mass.

GIDEON ROOT, son of John (2862), grandson of John (2819), b. April 26, 1735; m. Feb., 1758, Huldah, dau. of Philip and Lamphier Nelson. He lived in that part of Westfield included after 1770, in Southwick, Mass. He d. Aug. 1, 1804, æ. 69. She d. March 28, 1813.

Children:

3389. I. SARAH, b. Dec. 22, 1759; d. young.
 3390. II. HULDAH, b. Feb. 4, 1761, f.

* CHILDREN: 1. *Isaac W.*, b. June 1, 1811; d. Nov. 19, 1816. 2. *Henry C.*, b. Nov. 16, 1812; m. Ada, dau. of Elam Goddard. 3. *Chauncey S.*, b. Aug. 14, 1815. 4. *Emeline*, b. July 31, 1817.

† CHILDREN: 1. *Almon*, m. (1) Mary Griffin; m. (2) Louisa Griffin. 2. *Charles*, m. Mary Gillet. 3. *Chauncey*, m. Israel Phelps. 4. *Erastus*, m. Cath. Dibble. 5. *Caroline*, m. Jno. Hoadley.

‡ CHILDREN: 1. *Harriet*, m. (1) Rob. Denison; m. (2) — Sheldon. 2. *Juliette*, m. — Wilson. 3. *Susan*, m. Dr. Cray. 4. *Emily*, m. Wells Hilyer. 5. *Zeruah*, m. —. 6. *Antoinette*.

§ CHILDREN: 1. *Lydia*, m. — Trumbull. 2. *Samuel*. 3. *Amarette*. 4. *Delia*. 5. *Perley*.

Fifth Generation — Farmington Line.

3391. III. GIDEON, b. June 9, 1763, f.; d. Nov. 17, 1844, æ. 81.
 3392. IV. JEREMIAH, b. July 7, 1765, f.; d. Dec. 26, 1815, æ. 50.
 3393. V. OLIVE, b. Aug. 7, 1767; m. Elias, son of Wm. Miller of Southwick, Mass., removed to Vermont. S. P.
 3394. VI. ZALMON, b. Jan. 14, 1770, f.; d. 1844, æ. 74.
 3394½. VII. OLIVER, b. May 7, 1772; d. young.
 3394¾. VIII. CLARISSA, b. Nov. 2, 1774, f.
 3394¾. IX. ROXANA, b. July 25, 1778, f.; d. Dec. 24, 1863.
 3394¾. X. RHODA, b. Oct. 23, 1780, f.

2989.

Pittsfield, Mass.

Capt. **EZEKIEL ROOT**, son of John (2862), grandson of John (2819), b. March 5, 1736, in Westfield, Mass.; m. Nov. 15, 1761, Ruth Noble of Westfield, b. 1745. They removed to Pittsfield, Mass. He d. Oct. 14, 1808, æ. 72. She d. March, 1812, æ. 67.

Children: † (Born in Pittsfield, Mass.)

3395. I. SARAH, b. Jan. 30, 1763; d. June 14, 1763.
 3396. II. RUTH, b. Aug. 14, 1764.
 3397. III. EZEKIEL, b. Sept. 30, 1766.
 3398. IV. ANNA, b. May 2, 1769.
 3399. V. SARAH, b. June 14, 1771.
 3400. VI. WILLIAM, b. Nov. 22, 1773.
 3401. VII. RHODA, b. Oct. 25, 1775; d. Aug. 28, 1776.
 3402. VIII. JOHN BURGOYNE, b. Feb. 6, 1778, f.
 3402. IX. RHODA, b. July 9, 1780.
 3404. X. **GEORGE BRIDGES RODNEY**, b. Sept. 19, 1782, f.
 3405. XI. DANIEL, b. Feb. 7, 1785.

* From the *History of Pittsfield*, by J. E. A. Smith, Esq., we extract the following: "The case of Ezekiel Root is a singular one. He was a very pronounced tory in his conversation, and even went so far as to name his children for the British commanders; but all his recorded acts are on the whig side, as in signing petitions, serving on the Committee of Safety, and in volunteering for Bennington and other fields. He was often elected to important town offices, and once at least by the extreme radicals to represent them in the county congress. Though sometimes disciplined for a too loud expression of toryism — to the offense of sensitively patriotic ears — it seems to have been regarded by the community as the eccentricity of a worthy man, which would never stand seriously in the way of duty. He never lost the good will of the people who were not famed for charity toward political opponents.

† One of the daughters m. James Colt of Pittsfield, Mass.; children, Henry and Ezekiel. Judge James D. Colt, and Hon. Thomas Colt are sons of Ezekiel. Mrs. William D. Axtell is a granddau. of Ez. Root, also Mrs. Manning Francis.

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Children:

2969. I. ISRAEL, b. Jan. 23, 1757, f.
 2970. II. HANNAH, b. Oct. 5, 1758; m. Ebenezer Rose, and removed to Canaan, N. Y.
 2971. III. STEPHEN, b. May 5, 1761; d. Oct., 1781. Killed in battle, prob. at Stone Arabia, in the Mohawk valley.
 2972. IV. ANNE, bap. April 27, 1765.
 2973. V. JOEL, bap. Sept. 6, 1767; removed to Chenango Co., N. Y.
 2974. VI. RHODA, m. — Burrill.

2861.

Southwick, Mass.

ELISHA ROOT, son of John (2819), grandson of Thomas (2803), b. Feb. 28, 1703, in Westfield, Mass.; m. April 22, 1730, Mary Scott of Sunderland, Mass. In the old Indian war he fled from Deerfield, Mass., and went to Southwick, where he lived thereafter. He d. Feb. 4, 1775, æ. 71. She d. Sept. 15, 1784, æ. 74.

Children:

2977. I. MARY, b. July 29, 1731; m. — Hill; d. 1763, æ. 32.
 2978. II. JONATHAN, b. April 6, 1733; d. Nov. 24, 1752, æ. 19.
 2979. III. SETH, b. Jan. 26, 1735; he was taken prisoner at Fort Wm. Henry, Aug. 9, 1757, and d. Dec. 18, 1758.
 2980. IV. MARTHA, b. Feb. 22, 1736; m. Dec. 4, 1757, Ichabod Lee; d. Oct. 10, 1791, æ. 55.
 2981. V. SYM, b. June 11, 1738; d. Dec. 19, 1759, æ. 22.
 2982. VI. MOSES, b. Sept. 1, 1740, f.; d. Dec. 1, 1784, æ. 44.
 2983. VII. JOSEPH, b. Dec. 5, 1743, f.; d. Sept. 13, 1828, æ. 85.
 2984. VIII. EUNICE, b. Oct. 11, 1745; d. March 29, 1759, æ. 13.
 2985. IX. ZUR, b. April 1, 1748, f.
 2986. X. SUSANNAH, b. Aug. 22, 1750, f.
 2987. XI. LUCY, b. Sept. 20, 1752; m. Sampson French.

2862.

Southwick, Mass.

JOHN ROOT, son of John (2819), grandson of Thomas (2803), b. Nov. 15, 1705, in Westfield, Mass.; m. Dec. 13, 1733, Anna Loomis, and removed to Southwick, Mass. He d. 1781.

Children:

2988. I. GIDEON, b. April 26, 1735, f.; d. Aug. 1, 1804.
 2989. II. EZEKIEL, b. March 5, 1736, f.; d. Oct. 14, 1808.
 2990. III. ROGER, b. Feb. 26, 1739, f.; d. Nov. 1, 1820, æ. 81.

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Fourth Generation — Farmington Line.

2991. IV. ANNA, b. Oct. 16, 1743, f.
 2992. V. RHODA, b. Oct. 28, 1745; m. — Barber of Windsor, Ct., S. P.
 2993. VI. LYDIA, b. July 30, 1746; m. Jan. 17, 1765, Moses Root. [See 2982.]
 2994. VII. MERCY, b. May 11, 1749, f.
 2995. VIII. GRACE, b. July 31, 1751; m. John Kent of Southwick, Mass. Lived in Ransom, Oneida Co., N. Y.

2864.

Westfield, Mass.

DANIEL ROOT, son of John (2819), grandson of Thomas (2803), b. April 23, 1710, at Westfield, Mass., where he lived. He d. a. 1756, æ. 46. His will was dated Sept. 23, 1756, in which his two sons are mentioned. The younger, Moses, being a minor more than fourteen, on the 9th of Jan., 1759, chose Enoch Holcomb to be his guardian.

Children:

2996. I. REUBEN, f.; d. Aug., 1802.
 2997. II. MOSES, b. a. 1744, f.

2865.

Westfield, Mass.

DAVID ROOT, son of John (2819), grandson of Thomas (2803), b. Feb. 15, 1711, in Westfield, Mass.; m. May 29, 1744, Elizabeth Pomeroy of Northampton, Mass. There was a David Root in Lenox in 1767, and also a David Root "of the Greenwoods adjacent to Tyringham, Mass.;" possibly one of these was the same as above.

Children:

3000. I. ELEANOR, b. July 25, 1747; d. July 26, 1748.
 3001. II. ELEANOR, b. Oct. 30, 1748.
 3002. III. ANNA, b. Aug. 14, 1750.
 3003. IV. JOHN, } b. July 10, 1754.
 3004. V. PHEBE, } b. July 10, 1754.

2866.

Northfield, Mass.

Deacon SAMUEL ROOT*, son of John (2819), grandson of Thomas (2803), b. Nov. 2, 1713, in Westfield, Mass. He

* It was first a matter of doubt whether Deacon Samuel Root belonged to the family of John who m. Mary Leonard, but the will of his brother Stephen, who d. unmarried, dated March 2, 1744, settles the relationship, as he mentions, his brother Samuel of Northfield, among his other brothers.

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Children:

2845. I. JONATHAN, b. Aug. 22, 1704, f.; d. Nov. 15, 1760.
 2846. II. MARY, b. May 26, 1706.
 2847. III. MARGARET, b. April 24, 1710; d. 1714.
 2848. IV. ABIGAIL, b. March 23, 1714.
 2849. V. SAMUEL, b. March 10, 1717, f.; d. 1749.
 2850. VI. MARTIN, b. Dec. 14, 1721, f.
 2851. VII. MARGARET, b. Jan. 3, 1730; d. 1756.

2815. Great Barrington, Mass.

JOSHUA ROOT, son of John (2801), grandson of John (2800), b. Nov. 23, 1682, in Westfield, Mass. He m. Margaret —, and was one of the original proprietors of the Lower Housatonic township (granted in 1722), embracing the present town of Sheffield, and a larger part of Great Barrington. The very earliest settlements within this tract were made in 1725 or 1726. Joshua Root, no doubt, located there between 1726 and 1730. He is the first white person known to be buried in that town. His tombstone, a low square block of rough limestone, still stands in the South burial ground. Contrary to the present custom, the stones indicate that he was buried with the head to the north and feet to the south. His sons Joshua, Thomas and Israel continued to reside in Great Barrington, in its south-westerly portion, known as Root street. He d. Sept. 28, 1730. His estate was valued at £519.

Children:

2852. I. MERCY, b. Dec. 27, 1713; m. John Barnes.
 2853. II. JOSHUA, b. April 28, 1715, f.; d. Dec. 8, 1791, æ. 76.
 2854. III. MARGARET, b. Nov. 21, 1716; m. (1) Dec. 6, 1747, Benj. Stebbins of Springfield, Mass, afterward m. (2) — Bagg.
 2855. IV. HANNAH, b. Nov. 15, 1718; m. — Weller, and died before her father.
 2856. V. THOMAS, b. Sept. 27, 1720, f.
 2857. VI. RUTH, b. March 25, 1722, f.; d. 1818, æ. 96.
 2858. VII. EXPERIENCE, b. Feb. 13, 1724, f.; d. March 2, 1797.
 2859. VIII. CATHERINE, b. Feb. 25, 1725, f.; d. Nov. 5, 1787, æ. 62.
 2860. IX. ISRAEL, b. Oct. 9, 1728, f.; d. Oct. 7, 1809, æ. 82.

2819. Westfield, Mass.

JOHN ROOT, son of Thomas (2803), grandson of John

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(2800), b. Dec. 25, 1676, at Westfield, Mass., where he resided. He m. April 14, 1703, Mary Leonard, dau. of Josiah Leonard. He d. Oct. 1, 1744, æ. 67. She d. May 3, 1766, æ. 78.

Children:

2861. I. ELISHA, b. Feb. 28, 1703, f.; d. Feb. 4, 1755, æ. a. 52.
 2862. II. **JOHN**, b. Nov. 15, 1705, f.; d. 1781, æ. 76.
 2863. III. ELIZABETH, b. July 26, 1707; d. June 19, 1736, æ. 28.
 2864. IV. DANIEL, b. April 23, 1710, f.; d. 1756, æ. 46.
 2865. V. DAVID, b. Feb. 15, 1711, f.
 2866. VI. SAMUEL, b. Nov. 2, 1713, f.
 2867. VII. LYDIA, b. March 14, 1715; m. Aug. 17, 1748, Ebenezer Hutchinson of Northampton, Mass.
 2868. VIII. SOLOMON, b. Nov. 17, 1716, f.; d. Sept. 5, 1786, æ. 69.
 2869. IX. NAOMI, b. June 19, 1718; m. 1748, Daniel Hibbard.
 2870. X. STEPHEN, b. June 2, 1720; d. unm'd, 1744.
 2871. XI. JAMES, b. Dec. 1, 1721, f.
 2872. XII. HEWIT, b. July 6, 1724, f.; d. 1788.
 2873. XIII. MARY, b. Jan. 26, 1727; m. Dec., 1755, Nicholas Brown of Westfield.

2820.

Westfield, Mass.

SAMUEL ROOT, son of Thomas (2803), grandson of John (2800), b. Feb. 16, 1679, in Westfield, Mass., where he resided during life. He m. June 27, 1711, Sarah Warner. S. P. - He d. Dec. 8, 1712, æ. 33. In his will he left his house and homestead to the ministry of the church in Westfield, after his wife should have deceased. His estate was valued at £279 10s. 11d. [See will in Appendix.] This homestead was situated in what is now a central portion of Westfield village. In 1816 the Mass. legislature created a corporation by the name of the *Trustees of the Ministerial Fund in the town of Westfield*, and this estate, together with perhaps some other grants from the legislature, was converted into money by sale of the land from time to time, the last sale being made April 26, 1862, and the fund now amounts to some \$6000.

2823.

Somers, Ct.

TIMOTHY ROOT, son of Thomas (2803), grandson of John (2800), b. Dec. 3, 1685, in Westfield, Mass. He m. 1710, Sarah Pease, dau. of John Pease of Enfield, Ct. He went from Westfield to Enfield, and from there about 1713 to Somers,

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His will did not give satisfaction, and his property was divided, by mutual agreement, in equal shares among his brothers and sisters, leaving also an equal share (the seventh) to John Davis. This mutual agreement, recorded in Northampton and signed by all the children or their attorneys, is a sufficient proof in itself of what has been doubted, that John, Samuel, and Thomas, were brothers of Stephen, Joseph and Caleb. The following inventory of the library and armory of this first Deacon Root on record, furnishes an interesting catalogue of the literature current in that generation, as well as some indications of his military prowess. He was evidently one of the Cromwellian stamp, who both "trusted God and kept his powder dry," and probably held some military office:

LIBRARY.

I Great Bible.	I Baxter's Now or Never.	I Heavenly Passtime.
I Small do	I Psalter.	I Military Discipline.
I do do	I Gospel Remission.	I Thirsty Sinner.
I Mourner's Cordial.	I Door of Salvation.	I Dying Religion.
I Soul's Espousal.	I Young Man's Guide.	I Preparation to Die.
I French Convert.	I Spur to Loiterers.	I Good fetched out of Evil.
I Way to Blessing.	I Discourse on Witchcraft.	I Abraham's Priviledge.
I Israel's Safety.	I Dyer's works.	I Inexcusableness.
I Self-Justiciary.	I Pilgrim's Guide.	I Essay to do good.
I God's Call to England.	I Barbarian Cruelty.	I Catechisms
I How to Keep the heart.	I Sincere Convert.	I Russell's Works.
I Blessed Remedy.	I New Psalm Book.	I Allen's Call.
I Groans of the Damned.	I do do do	I Law Book.

ARMORY.

I Long Gun.	I Partisan.	I do do do
I Musket.	I Gun Rest.	I Bag of Bullets.
I Carbine.	I Half Pikes.	I ll of Bullets.
I do	I Cartouch Box & Ammunition.	I ll of Powder and horas.
I Backsword and Belt.	I do do do	I Bag of Flints.
I Black silk Belt.	I Pouch with Bullets.	

2803.

Westfield, Mass.

THOMAS ROOTE, son of John Sen., of Farmington, Ct. (2800), b. a. 1648, in Farmington, Ct. He removed from Farmington, Ct., to Westfield, Mass., with his brothers John and Samuel. He m. (1) 1670, Mary Gridley. She d. 1673. He m. (2) Oct. 7, 1675, Mary Spencer. She d. Nov. 4, 1690. He m. (3) Jan. 25, 1692, Sarah, widow of Josiah Leonard, and dau. of John Dumbleton. She d. Jan. 3, 1694. He d. Aug. 16, 1709.

Children: (By first marriage.)

2817. I. THOMAS, b. Sept. 1, 1671; d. Feb. 25, 1689, æ. 17.
2818. II. MARY, b. Oct. 21, 1673; m. Dec. 12, 1700, Isaac Meecham.

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Second Generation—Farmington Line.

(By second marriage.)

2819. III. **JOHN**, b. Dec. 25, 1676, f.; d. Oct. 1, 1744, æ. 67.
2820. IV. SAMUEL, b. Feb. 16, 1679, f.; d. Dec. 8, 1712, æ. 33.
2821. V. ELIZABETH, b. Feb. 16, 1681; m. Dec. 20, 1705, Nathaniel, son of Nathaniel and Hannah (Williams) Bancroft, b. Sept. 23, 1680. She d. Jan. 10, 1706.
2822. VI. SARAH, b. July 27, 1683; m. — Wright.
2823. VII. TIMOTHY, b. Dec. 3, 1685, f.; d. Nov. 2, 1743.
2824. VIII. JOSEPH, b. June 16, 1688, f.; d. Feb. 10, 1750, æ. 61.

(By third marriage.)

2825. IX. THANKFUL, } b. Nov. 12, 1693.
2826. X. MERCY, } b. Nov. 12, 1693; prob. d. young, as she is not mentioned in her father's will.

BRONSON.

2804.

Waterbury, Ct.

MARY ROOTE, dau. of John Sen., of Farmington, Ct. (2800), b. a. 1648; m. a. 1669, Isaac Bronson of Waterbury, Ct., where they lived.

Children:

- I. ISAAC, b. 1670; m. Mary Morgan.
II. JOHN, b. 1673; m. Mary Hickox.
III. SAMUEL, b. a. 1676; m. Ruth —.
IV. MARY, b. Oct. 15, 1680; m. Thomas Hickox.
V. JOSEPH, b. 1682.
VI. THOMAS, b. Jan. 16, 1686; m. Elizabeth Upson.
VII. EBENEZER, b. Dec., 1688; m. (1) Mary Hull; m. (2) Susannah Langdon.
VIII. SARAH, b. Nov. 15, 1691; m. Stephen Upson.
IX. MERCY, b. Sept. 28, 1694; m. Richard Bronson.

2805.

Farmington, Ct.

STEPHEN ROOTE, son of John Sen., of Farmington (2800), m. Sarah, dau. of John Wadsworth of Hartford, Ct. He was the giant of Farmington, where he resided, being six feet and six inches in height. He was well built, and a man of herculean strength and powers. From the old chronicles and traditions of the family it appears that he was one of the greatest racers of his day, when it was a common and fashionable amusement to engage in such manly exercises. He was never outrun except by an Indian who was in great repute as a run-

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PART II.

DIVISION II.

The Farmington Line.

FIRST GENERATION.

2800.

Farmington, Ct.

JOH^N ROOTE, believed to be the son of John Roote of Badby, Northamptonshire, England, who married Mary Russell in 1600 (and the register of whose children, baptized in infancy, includes the names of Mary, Susannah, Thomas, and John), was born in Badby, according to the parish records, Feb. 26, 1608. The following note made by Mr. Jesse Root, deceased, who was a school-teacher in Berlin, Ct., where his ancestors had lived from generation to generation, and not many miles distant from the old homestead in Farmington, Ct., and who, being an invalid for many years, spent some leisure time in investigating the family history, reveals the English origin of the family, and has been confirmed by investigations abroad. [See preface to Part II, Division I.] He writes: "John Root, our Puritan ancestor, emigrated from a place in England called Badby. His father was deceased, and he lived with an uncle, a brother of his father, and was adopted. His uncle was a man of wealth, advanced in years, and a zealous opponent of popery, and it is my impression one of the nobility. He insisted that John, our ancestor, should go into the Parliamentary army under Crom-

First Generation—Farmington Line.

well, to fight against Charles I, and the Catholics. He had an aversion to war, and chose rather to join a company of Puritans who were coming to this country. When he arrived he came to Farmington, and was one of its first settlers, in 1640. He married Mary Kilbourn about that date." The emigrants locating in Farmington were mainly from the neighborhood of Boston, Newtown, and Roxbury, in Mass. They began the settlement in 1640, and among them John Root was a prominent citizen. As above indicated, he married, soon after his settlement, Mary, daughter of Thomas and Frances Kilbourne.* She was born in the year 1619, at Wood Ditton, England, and came to this country in the ship *Increase*, in 1635. They were both in full communion with the Farmington Congregational church. He d. Aug., 1684 [æ. 76], leaving a good estate valued at £819. She d. in 1697 [æ. 78]. He appears to have been eleven years older than his wife at their marriage, and she survived him thirteen years.

Children:

- 2801. I. JOHN, b. a. 1642, f.; d. Sept. 24, 1687, æ. a. 45.
- 2802. II. SAMUEL, b. a. 1644, f.; d. Nov. 27, 1711, æ. a. 67.
- 2803. III. THOMAS, b. a. 1648, f.; d. Aug. 16, 1709, æ. a. 61.
- 2804. IV. MARY, b. a. 1650, f.
- 2805. V. STEPHEN, f.; d. Jan. 6, 1717.
- 2806. VI. SUSANNAH, m. 1683, Jos. Langdon; d. Dec. 5, 1712.
- 2807. VII. JOSEPH, f.; d. Dec. 18, 1739.
- 2808. VIII. CALEB, f.; d. June 10, 1712.

* Thomas Kilbourn and Frances his wife, the parents of Mary, wife of John Roote, settled in Glastenbury, Ct., on 108 acres which were set off to him, but he dying before the property was recorded, it was entered in the name of his widow, and has ever since remained in the family. The present occupant is Austin Kilbourn, Esq., author of various tracts on agriculture. The children of Thomas and Frances Kilbourn were: 1. *Margaret*, b. 1612; m. Rich. Low of Stamford, grandfather of Governor Jonathan Low. 2. *Lydia*, b. 1613; m. Robert Haywood [or Howard] of Windsor. 3. *Mary*, b. 1619; m. Jno. Root of Farmington. 4. *Frances*, b. 1623; m. Thos. Uffort [or Thos. A. Foote]. 5. *John*, b. 1625; m. Naomi —, 1650; d. 1705, æ. 80.

ROOT

GENEALOGICAL RECORDS.

1600-1870.

COMPRISING THE GENERAL HISTORY

OF THE

Root and Roots Families

IN

AMERICA.

BY

JAMES PIERCE ROOT,

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AND OF THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WISCONSIN.

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"Remember the days of old, consider the years of many
generations; ask thy father, and he will shew thee; thy elders
and they will tell thee."—Deuteronomy, xxxii, 7.

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1870.

RALPH BOWE⁷, Hiram⁶, Matthew⁵, John⁴, John³, John², Robert¹
b. Berlin, Conn., Jan. 14, 1856; unm.

RANSOM N.⁷, William⁶, Samuel⁵, Samuel⁴, Robert³, John²,
Robert¹

b. Girard, Penn., March 26, 1840; m. Catharine Allaback,
March 6, 1858, who was b. Nov. 16, 1837.

CHILDREN:

FRANK ORLANDO, b. Aug. 14, 1860.

EMELINE, b. Feb. 26, 1862; d. March 14, 1862.

WALTER MILAN, b. March 15, 1863.

EDSON EUGENE, b. Aug. 27, 1865.

EMMA M., b. Sept. 19, 1867; m. Cornelius J. Murray, Jan. 15, 1890.

BERTHA B., b. April 23, 1876; m. Hugh Nesbitt, July 4, 1895. She
d. Feb. 1, 1899.

Children of Emma M. and Cornelius J. Murray: Francis Dennis, b.
Oct. 20, 1891; Catharine Louise, b. April 4, 1893.

Children of Bertha B. and Hugh Nesbitt: Richard Fay, b. Feb. 15,
1897; d. March 2, 1899; Robert Ransom, b. Jan. 28, 1898; Bertha
Catharine, b. Jan. 24, 1899.

RAYMOND SHEPARD⁷, Albert Newton⁶, John Newton⁵, Daniel⁴,
John³, John², Robert¹

b. Hartford, Conn., Aug. 17, 1888.

ROBERT¹

b. 1629, probably in England; m. Joan ———, about 1650,
who d. Jan. 29, 1705, aged 76.

His name appears on the Wethersfield records as having been
made freeman in 1645. He is also recorded as having pur-
chased land from John Latimer, March 29, 1652. It is sup-
posed that he migrated from the Massachusetts Colony to settle
in Wethersfield. The name of Richard Francis appears on the
records of Cambridge, Mass., as having settled there in 1636,
and who had previously resided at Dorchester, Mass.

This Richard was referred to in a diary of Judge Sewell
published by the Massachusetts Historical Society as "an ancient
and good man indeed." This Richard was born in the year
1616 in England, and married Alice Wilcox in 1644. He is
supposed to have been related to Robert,—either cousin or
uncle, and perhaps came to America at same time.

Robert Francis established a farm at Wethersfield and became
a prominent member of the first Congregational Church of that
place. He d. Jan. 2, 1712, aged 83.

CHILDREN:

SUSANNA, b. Nov. 1, 1651; m. John North, Jr., of Farmington,
Conn., April 15, 1672.

ROBERT, b. Nov. 6, 1653.

MARY, b. Oct. 11, 1656; m. Jacob Griswold, Dec. 10, 1685.

JOHN, b. Sept. 4, 1658.

ABIGAIL, b. Feb. 14, 1660; m. Thomas Merritt of Rye, N. Y., 1688.

JAMES, b. March 1, 1662; d. Feb. 14, 1664.

SARAH, b. Aug. 16, 1664; m. William Powell, Feb. 26, 1691.

NOTE.—John North, Sr., came from England between the years 1640
and 1650. He was one of the original settlers of Farmington and d.
there in 1692. His son John Jr., was b. in 1641, and married Susanna,
dau. of Robert Francis of Wethersfield, in 1672; and later moved to
Goshen, Conn. John North, Jr., was one of the company of soldiers
dispatched by Gen. Washington, under Gen. Arnold for the invasion of
Quebec. He d. Aug. 6, 1682. (*Hist. of Goshen.*)

ROBERT², Robert¹

b. Wethersfield, Conn., Nov. 6, 1653. No record concern-
ing him. Probably d. unm.

ROBERT³, John², Robert¹

b. Wethersfield, Conn., Jan. 25, 1697. m. Elizabeth Butler,
March 10, 1721, who d. May 20, 1767, age 69. Settled at the
homestead of his father. Farmer; d. Feb. 21, 1777.

CHILDREN:

SAMUEL, b. Feb. 8, 1723.

ELIZABETH, b. April 17, 1726; unm.; d. February, 1789.

HONOR, b. April 13, 1728; m. John Bulkley, July 17, 1750.

WILLIAM, b. Feb. 11, 1730.

TIMOTHY, b. March 8, 1732.

Children of Honor and John Bulkley: John: Francis: Benjamin:
William Edward: Honor: Elizabeth: Sarah.

ROBERT³, William⁴, Robert³, John², Robert¹

b. Wethersfield, Conn.; m. Sarah Hubbard of Pittsfield,
Mass., 1790. Moved with his father's family to Pittsfield in
1760; d. 1848.

CHILDREN OF JOHN AND MERCY:

JOHN, b. Oct. 12, 1684.
JAMES, b. Oct. 13, 1685.
SIBERANCE, b. Aug. 23, 1687; m. David Griswold.
MARY, b. May 26, 1689; m. Samuel Griswold, March 10, 1708.
THOMAS, b. Feb. 4, 1690.
ROBERT, b. Feb. 13, 1692; d. March 25, 1695.
ABIGAIL, b. March 8, 1695; m. Nathaniel Hale, May 17, 1717.
ROBERT, b. Jan. 25, 1697.
JOSEPH, b. Nov. 9, 1698.
DANIEL, b. Sept. 18, 1700.
HANNAH, b. Feb. 15, 1703; m. Thomas Cadwell of Hartford.
SARAH, b. March 6, 1705.
PRUDENCE, b. Jan. 24, 1708; m. Charles Hollister, April 15, 1729.
 She d. 1753.
MERCY, b. Jan. 24, 1710; m. John Crane, Jan. 7, 1732.

Children of Prudence and Charles Hollister: Charles, b. Nov. 2, 1729; m. Christie Waddam, Sept. 17, 1749; Elizur, b. May 27, 1731; m. Elizabeth Nash, Dec. 12, 1754; Francis, b. April 22, 1733; m. Bertie Mecekee, Dec. 15, 1753; Prudence, b. Aug. 16, 1735; m. — Mecekee: Appleton, b. 1737; d. 1761; Mabel, b. 1740; m. — Mecekee: John, b. 1742; m. Rachel Fox, March 19, 1761; Robert, b. 1744; m. Katharine —.

NOTE.—The family became divided in this generation. James went to Berlin, Thomas located at Newington, Joseph settled at Wallingford, and Daniel at Durham. John and Robert remained in Wethersfield.

JOHN², John², Robert¹

b. Wethersfield, Conn., Oct. 12, 1684; m. Mary Hatch, Dec. 30, 1708. She d. July 15, 1718; age 50. m. 2d Abigail Stoddard, Feb. 12, 1719. She was b. November, 1697, and d. Aug. 22, 1723; age 26. m. 3d Lydia (Deming?), 1725; who d. Oct. 18, 1733; age 36. m. 4th Eunice Dickenson, Oct. 16, 1735; b. 1708, d. May 21, 1770.

He resided at the old homestead near "North Brick Schoolhouse." He was a man of great muscular strength, and many stories have been related of his extraordinary athletic feats. Other members of the family were also noted for their physical strength and endurance. He was owner and landlord of the old "Wethersfield Inn." He d. Sept. 19, 1749.

CHILD OF JOHN AND MARY:

JOHN, b. Sept. 28, 1710; m. Mary Dodd. He d. May 15, 1738.

CHILD OF JOHN AND LYDIA:

ELISHA, b. October, 1733.

CHILDREN OF JOHN AND EUNICE:

MARY, b. 1736; m. Jonathan Bassett. Had seven children.
LYDIA, b. June 4, 1738; m. Solomon Williams, Nov. 21, 1754. Had one child, Solomon.
EUNICE, b. Aug. 5, 1741; m. Abijah Tryon, Nov. 3, 1762. She d. May 21, 1770.
JOHN, b. June 26, 1744 (after the death of his brother John), and m. Rhoda Wright.
MERCY, b. Feb. 6, 1747; d. July 6, 1747.

JOHN⁴, John³, John², Robert¹

b. Wethersfield, Conn., Sept. 28, 1710; m. Mary, dau. of Edward Dodd of Hartford. He d. May 15, 1738. His widow m. Peter Ayrault, 1744; she d. 1778.

CHILDREN:

JOHN, b. 1733.
JOSIAH, b. Jan. 15, 1735.
CHARLES, b. 1736.
MARY, b. 1738; unm. Known familiarly as "Aunt Molly." She d. July 12, 1819.

JOHN⁴, John³, John², Robert¹

b. Wethersfield, Conn., June 20, 1744 (after the death of his eldest brother John); m. Rhoda Wright, Sept. 20, 1764, who d. March, 27, 1816; aged 73. He d. May 30, 1824.

In the Revolutionary struggle he was a sturdy patriot and brave soldier. On the eighth of July, 1776, just four days after the "Declaration of Independence" was proclaimed, he enlisted as private in Captain Aldin's company of 3d Regt. Conn. State Troops, commanded by Col. Samuel Wyllys of Hartford. The following year he was first sergeant in Fourth Company, commanded by Capt. Hezekiah Wells of Wethersfield, attached to Col. Erastus Wolcott's Regt. On July 29, 1778, he was promoted second lieutenant in Capt. Elijah Wright's company, in regiment commanded by Col. Roger Eno. In 1780, he was first lieutenant in Capt. Samuel Granger's company of regiment commanded by Col. Levi Wells. In 1781, he was captain of the Wethersfield company of the Provisional Regiment. He was in service along Hudson River and Long Island Sound and other places. See page 12, reference to Wethersfield companies in Revolutionary War.



MISS LOUISE E. FRANCIS.

JESSE GREGORY⁷, Sylvester⁶, William⁵, William⁴, Robert³, John², Robert¹

b. Lancaster, N. Y., June 6, 1838; m. Hattie Schullenger, Dec. 8, 1864. Moved to St. Helena, Cal. Engaged in mercantile business. d. Aug. 2, 1876.

CHILD:

LOUISE E., b. April 23, 1868: Journalist. When very young she had a longing desire for journalistic work. Was for a time newspaper correspondent; then editor of *The Daily Report*; also the *Transcript and Enterprise*, of California. She afterwards went to Chicago, where she continued her literary work, in which she gained much success.

JOEL⁵, James⁴, Daniel³, John², Robert¹

b. Wallingford, Conn., 1771; m. Sybil Butts; who d. 1809. m. 2d Clarissa Co. in. Moved to Wells, Vt., 1783.

CHILDREN, FIRST WIFE:

JAMES, b. 1806.

JOEL, b. 1807.

ELIZABETH, b. 1809; m. Cyrenas Kilbourn.

CHILDREN, SECOND WIFE:

SYBIL, b. 1814; m. Thomas Pratt. She d. 1838.

DAVID, b. 1816.

MERCY.

HIRAM, b. March 8, 1818.

SAMUEL, b. 11, 1821.

CLARISSA, b. 3; m. Aaron Stevens.

DANIEL, b. 1820.

Children of Clarissa and Aaron Stevens: Emmette, b. April 30, 1848; Sybil, b. July 27, 1850; Elbert; Rosina; Elesan; Elmer.

JOEL⁶, Joel⁵, James⁴, Daniel³, John², Robert¹

b. Wells, Vt., 1807; m. Juliana Marshall. Moved to Middletown Springs, Vt.

↓ JOHN², Robert¹

b. Wethersfield, Conn., Sept. 4, 1658; m. Sarah Dix, Feb. 10, 1680; who was b. 1658 and d. April 3, 1682. m. 2d Mercy Chittenden, Jan. 16, 1683; who d. Oct. 13, 1745. Farmer at Wethersfield; sergeant in Colonial Army. He d. Dec. 28, 1711.

JOSEPH D.⁸, Joseph⁷, George⁶, James⁵, Josiah⁴, Thomas³, John², Robert¹

b. Jersey City, N. J. Detective.

JOSEPH HASKELL⁸, Charles⁷, Simeon⁶, Charles⁵, John⁴, John³, John², Robert¹

b. Wethersfield, Conn., Sept. 23, 1821; m. Catharine Martin, March 4, 1849. Moved to Laporte, Ind., Jan. 7, 1850. Was lieutenant in Co. A, 20th Regt. Ill. Vol. Infantry during the Civil War before moving to Laporte.

CHILDREN:

MARY E., b. Laporte, Jan. 7, 1850; m. Ralph W. Marshall, Oct. 13, 1872.

FRANCIS G., b. March 10, 1852.

Children of Mary E. Marshall: Mary E.: Francis B.: Joseph R. Res. Joliet, Ill.

JOSEPH JACKSON⁷, Robert⁶, Robert⁵, Timothy⁴, Robert³, John², Robert¹

b. Barnstable, Mass., Nov. 4, 1828; m. Mary Spencer, Nov. 28, 1854, who d. May 19, 1862. m. 2d Caroline Spencer, Nov. 26, 1862. He resided at New Britain, Conn., and held many offices of trust; d. June 29, 1891.

CHILDREN, FIRST WIFE:

CARRIE, b. July 26, 1856; m. Lewis Stoddard, April 17, 1877.

GEORGE BURTON, b. March 5, 1858.

MARTHA ANN, b. Sept. 7, 1860.

CHILDREN, SECOND WIFE:

MARY ADDIE, b. Sept. 17, 1863; m. Joseph Camp, Aug. 3, 1894.

HOWARD, b. April 1, 1865.

EMMA LOUISE, b. June 2, 1873; m. Jediah Deming, Aug. 8, 1900.

LENA BELLE, b. Nov. 28, 1876.

Children of Carrie Stoddard: Lewis Allen, b. May 8, 1878: Gertrude, b. March 6, 1880: Marcus, b. June 5, 1883: Ora Belle, b. May 20, 1886: Kent, b. Aug. 8, 1893.

Children of Mary Addie Camp: Joseph Philip, b. July 1, 1896: Paul, b. April 5, 1898: Caroline Augusta, b. Jan. 20, 1900.

JOSEPHUS⁴, Samuel³, George Henry², Jacob¹

b. Montgomery, Ohio, Jan. 18, 1844; m. Catharine Huntsbarger, Oct. 23, 1881. Res. Franklin, Ohio. Farmer.

CHILDREN:

ALICE, b. Feb. 9, 1883.

JOHN, b. Nov. 25, 1888.

GEORGE, b. Feb. 21, 1891.

JOSHUA⁵, Joseph⁴, Joseph³, John², Robert¹

b. Wallingford, Conn., June 26, 1767; m. Clarinda Hall. Farmer at Wallingford. No children.

JOSHUA⁵, Amos⁴, Joseph³, John², Robert¹

b. Wallingford; unm.

JOSIAH⁴, Thomas³, John², Robert¹

b. Newington, Conn., Sept. 18, 1722; m. Millicent Stoddard, Feb. 26, 1746. She was b. June 29, 1729; d. July 4, 1800. He d. Nov. 10, 1798. Farmer at Newington.

CHILDREN:

ELIAS, b. April 30, 1748.

JUSTUS, b. Nov. 8, 1750; bap. Nov. 11.

LUSINA, b. April 7, 1753; m. Elizur Deming, May 6, 1773. She d. Dec. 9, 1818.

JAMES, b. Dec. 4, 1755 (Captain).

ASA, b. Nov. 8, 1757; bap. Nov. 13.

ALLEN, b. Oct. 23, 1760; bap. April 26.

ROGER, b. April 29, 1763; bap. May 1.

SARAH, b. April 6, 1769; bap. April 16; m. Aaron Hart, March 4, 1790. She d. Jan. 1, 1847. He d. Feb. 7, 1800.

JOSIAH⁵, John⁴, John³, John², Robert¹

b. Wethersfield, Conn., Jan. 15, 1735; m. Abigail Spencer, 1758, who d. May 13, 1814. Moved to Pittsfield, Mass., 1792. He d. March 12, 1814.

CHILDREN:

ABIGAIL, b. Jan. 18, 1758; unm.; d. Oct. 2, 1777.

JOHN, b. Jan. 26, 1759.

LYDIA, b. Aug. 8, 1761; m. Jabez Wadsworth, 1809; m. 2d Deacon Bolles; m. 3d Samuel Root. She d. Jan. 3, 1850.

ANNE, b. March 2, 1762; m. Robert Francis, 1788. She d. Aug. 23, 1845.

ACHSAH, b. Feb. 4, 1764; m. Rev. A. Gillette, June 19, 1792; m. 2d Rev. M. Alden. She d. Oct. 11, 1845.

JOSIAH, b. Dec. 3, 1765.

ELDAD, b. Jan. 10, 1768.

HANNAH, b. March 2, 1770; m. Ezekiel Atwood, Jan. 21, 1793. She d. Nov. 23, 1833, aged 63.

LUKE, b. Feb. 28, 1772.

LEWIS HENRY⁷, Stephen⁶, John⁵, John⁴, John³, John², Robert¹
 b. Wethersfield, Conn., July 27, 1839; m. Mary ———.
 No children.

LEWIS JAMES⁸, Albert Lewis⁷, William⁶, John⁵, John⁴, John³,
 John², Robert¹
 b. Moodus, Conn., July 24, 1874; m. Ida Jane Chapman,
 Sept. 5, 1895. Res. Moodus, Conn.

LEWIS WITHERBEE⁸, Lewis⁷, John⁶, Asa⁵, Josiah⁴, Thomas³,
 John², Robert¹
 b. Port Henry, N. Y., July 21, 1865; m. Sarah Dimon
 Chapman, Dec. 5, 1900.

CHILD:

JOHN CHAPMAN, b. Feb. 22, 1905.

LUCIUS CLARK⁸, Josiah⁷, Josiah⁶, Josiah⁵, John⁴, John³, John²,
 Robert¹
 b. Palmyra, N. Y., Dec. 26, 1828; m. Clara Pierson, Aug.
 23, 1860, who d. Nov. 14, 1864. m. 2d Susan Leonard (*née*
 Keigwin), Dec. 23, 1873.
 No children. A prosperous farmer.

LUKE⁸, Josiah⁵, John⁴, John³, John², Robert¹
 b. Wethersfield, Conn., Feb. 23, 1772; m. Mehitable
 Sackett, Oct. 18, 1798, who d. Aug. 20, 1849. Settled in
 Springfield, Mass. He d. Aug. 30, 1848.

CHILDREN:

GEORGE WASHINGTON, b. Sept. 29, 1799.

DANIEL SACKETT, b. Aug. 29, 1801.

MANNING, b. Jan. 24, 1804.

MEHITABLE, b. Oct. 23, 1806; m. Daniel Stearns of Pittsfield. She
 d. July 26, 1876.

LYDIA^{*}, b. July 25, 1808; m. Rev. C. B. Keyes; m. 2d Daniel
 Stearns.

LUKE LORENZO^{*}, b. July 25, 1808; d. Jan. 6, 1809.

EMELINE ADELIA, b. April 19, 1810; m. Charles Morgan of Pittsfield,
 May 20, 1835.

SARAH BUSH, b. April 15, 1814; d. Sept. 18, 1816.

JOHN, b. May 25, 1816; d. Aug. 8, 1818.

HARRIETT AMELIA, b. Oct. 10, 1817; d. Nov. 26, 1839.

* Twins.

Children of Lydia and Rev. C. B. Keyes: Sarah, who m. Geo. W.
 Palmer: and Charles.

Children of Emeline A. and Charles Morgan: Miles F., b. 1837; d.
 1859; Harriett F., b. Oct. 4, 1839; d. 1863; Ellen E., b. Dec. 4, 1842;
 Agnes A., b. Oct. 12, 1844; m. Frederick H. Milnes: Daniel Stevens, b.
 Nov. 2, 1846; d. August, 1864; Kate L., b. May 1, 1850; d. 1859.

LUKE⁸, Charles⁷, Simeon⁶, Charles⁵, John⁴, John³, John²,
 Robert¹

b. Wethersfield, Conn., May 16, 1823; m. Betsey A.
 Marshall, June 5, 1848.

Went with his father to Indiana, October, 1834. He settled
 at Laporte—then known as "Galena Woods." He became
 owner of a farm of 125 acres, and built mills for grinding grain
 and sawing logs. He was an exceedingly energetic and pros-
 perous man. In politics he was an ardent Republican. No
 children.

LUTHER⁷, Alvin⁶, Samuel⁵, Samuel⁴, Robert³, John², Robert¹
 b. Lewis, Essex Co., N. Y., April 16, 1826; m. Henrietta
 Cole, Nov. 17, 1845. Moved with his father's family to Erie
 Co., Penn., in 1831.

CHILDREN:

ALBERT, b. February, 1847.

SAKE, b. 1849.

ELLA JANE, b. 1853.

HANNAH, b. April, 1857.

JOSEPH, b. June 25, 1860.

KATE, b. Oct. 20, 1863.

LYMAN⁸, Jacob⁵, Jacob⁴, Joseph³, John², Robert¹
 b. Wallingford, Conn., March 21, 1806; m. Mary Blakes-
 lee, Oct. 10, 1832.

CHILDREN:

OLIVE, b. Oct. 10, 1833; m. E. R. Crocker. She d. April 10, 1887.

LUCRETIA, b. June 26, 1835; d. March 8, 1884.

GEORGE BLAKESLEE, b. Feb. 13, 1841.

LYMAN HALL⁹, William⁸, Jacob⁷, William⁶, Jacob⁵, Jacob⁴,
 Joseph³, John², Robert¹
 b. Wallingford, Conn., Feb. 1, 1865; m. Lucy A. Talcott.

MALON⁹, Marcellus⁸, Nathan⁷, Jared⁶, Nathan⁵, James⁴, Daniel³,
John², Robert¹

b. Wells, Vt., Sept. 22, 1863; unmm.

MANNING⁷, Luke⁶, Josiah⁵, John⁴, John³, John², Robert¹

b. Pittsfield, Mass., Jan. 24, 1804; m. Elizabeth R. Root,
Oct. 25, 1831; she d. July 15, 1886. Res. Pittsfield. d. Jan.
7, 1890.

CHILDREN:

FREDERICK AUGUSTUS, b. Nov. 13, 1834.

MORTIMER DEWEY, b. Sept. 11, 1838.

MARCELLUS⁸, Nathan⁷, Jared⁶, Nathan⁵, James⁴, Daniel³, John²,
Robert¹

b. Wells, Vt., March 12, 1836; m. Jenny Elizabeth Lyon
of Danby, Vt., Dec. 19, 1862.

CHILDREN:

MALON, b. Sept. 22, 1863.

HATTIE, b. April 7, 1866; m. Fred Lamb. Had children: Francill
and Dorothy.

GEORGIA, b. May 27, 1867; m. Homer Lobdell.

MASON BERNARD⁷, Romeo⁶, James⁵, Elijah⁴, James³, John²,
Robert¹

b. New Britain, Conn., Sept. 21, 1820; m. Elizabeth Stanley,
Dec. 13, 1843. Moved to Brooklyn, N. Y. Jeweler.

CHILDREN:

JAMES ELIJAH, b. Jan. 6, 1846.

FREDERICK STANLEY, b. July 1, 1848; d. 1855.

MATTHEW⁵, John⁴, John³, John², Robert¹

b. Wethersfield, Conn., 1774; m. Hannah Deming, 1797,
b. November, 1776, and who d. Feb. 12, 1842, aged 65. Resided
at Wethersfield. d. Feb. 11, 1840.

CHILDREN:

ALFRED, b. Oct. 6, 1799.

JENNET, b. Oct. 4, 1803.

LEVI, b. Feb. 4, 1806.

HANNAH STANDISH, b. March 26, 1808; m. J. M. Littlefield. She
d. June 25, 1848.

MATTHEW, b. Jan. 10, 1813.

HIRAM, b. Sept. 13, 1816.

MATTHEW⁶, Matthew⁵, John⁴, John³, John², Robert¹

b. Wethersfield, Conn., Jan. 10, 1813; m. Lucy Seymour,
Nov. 22, 1838, who was b. 1816, and d. Jan. 27, 1892, aged 76.
Resided at Wethersfield. d. Jan. 10, 1886.

CHILDREN:

EDWARD MATTHEW, b. Dec. 1, 1841.

FRANCENA, b. Nov. 2, 1846.

ALFRED SEYMOUR, b. Aug. 14, 1851.

MILES COE⁶, James⁵, Josiah⁴, Thomas³, John², Robert¹

b. Newington, Conn., Oct. 31, 1782; m. Lydia Bishop,
Nov. 12, 1815 (of Massachusetts), who d. 1850. A physician
practising at Berlin, Conn.

CHILDREN:

JULIUS, b. 1820.

DARWIN, b. August, 1823.

MORRELL⁷, Daniel⁶, Friend Wicks⁵, Daniel⁴, Daniel³, John²,
Robert¹

b. Killingworth, Conn., Feb. 18, 1837; m. Cornelia Smith.
Res. Seymour, Conn.

CHILD:

COURTLAND OTIS.

MORTIMER DEWEY⁸, Manning⁷, Luke⁶, Josiah⁵, John⁴, John³,
John², Robert¹

b. Pittsfield, Mass., Sept. 11, 1838; m. Irene E. Hall. Res.
West Pittsfield. Station agent, Boston and Albany R. R.

CHILDREN:

ELIZABETH IRENE, b. Sept. 12, 1862.

FREDERICK HALL, b. Aug. 4, 1866.

NATHAN⁴, Daniel³, John², Robert¹

b. Durham, Conn., June 23, 1741. (No further record.)

NATHAN⁵, James⁴, Daniel³, John², Robert¹

b. Wallingford, Conn., 1756; m. Abigail Thompson, Sept.
21, 1780. Moved to Wells, Vt., 1783; d. Sept. 5, 1798.

possessed a most kindly disposition and was noted for his benevolence and strict integrity. He was respected and honored by all who knew him; d. Oct. 8, 1887.

CHILDREN:

GEORGE BELL, b. Nov. 3, 1856.

ANNA LOUISA, b. Aug. 9, 1860; d. May 13, 1906.

Frederick Augustus m. 2d Anna Blodgett, Jan. 8, 1880.

FREDERICK AUGUSTUS⁸, Manning⁷, Luke⁶, Josiah⁵, John⁴, John³, John², Robert¹

b. Pittsfield, Mass., Nov. 13, 1834; m. Jessie A. Stevens, May 26, 1864. He was captain of a company in 49th Regt. Massachusetts troops during the Civil War, where he did good service for his country. At close of the war he was in the insurance business. Was also pension agent. d. March 26, 1888.

CHILDREN:

JESSIE STEVENS, b. March 16, 1865; m. Andrew S. Schouler, Sept. 17, 1885.

ELIZABETH ROOT, b. July 1, 1867; d. Dec. 28, 1875.

ANNE AGNES, b. June 1, 1869; m. John Newell Robbins, April 12, 1893.

Children of Jessie: Andrew McDougal: Weston Stevens: and Jessie Agnes, b. 1893.

Child of Anne Agnes: Kenneth Seymour, b. 1894.

FREDERICK HALL⁹, Mortimer D.⁸, Manning⁷, Luke⁶, Josiah⁵, John⁴, John³, John², Robert¹

b. Pittsfield, Mass., April 4, 1866; m. Sarah E. Morris, Nov. 23, 1891. Banker at Pittsfield.

CHILD:

DOROTHY, b. July 1, 1894.

FREDERICK TOWER⁹, James Dwight⁸, Almiron D.⁷, Daniel H.⁶, Robert⁵, William⁴, Robert³, John², Robert¹

b. Pittsfield, Mass., Nov. 21, 1869; m. Maude Allison Thompson, Oct. 17, 1901. Res. Pittsfield. Clerk in Berkshire County Savings Bank.

FREDERICK WADSWORTH⁸, William⁷, George⁶, Asa⁵, Josiah⁴, Thomas³, John², Robert¹

b. Hartford, Conn., October, 1852; unm. Res. Hartford. Photograph supplies, etc.

FREDERICK WILSON⁸, Pratt⁷, Cyrus⁶, Justus⁵, Josiah⁴, Thomas³, John², Robert¹

b. Brooklyn, N. Y. Teacher. Graduate from Yale, Class 1885.

FRIEND HILL⁷, Henry⁶, Friend Wicks⁵, Daniel⁴, Daniel³, John², Robert¹

b. Killingworth, Conn., Sept. 11, 1846; m. Eliza Rhodes, May 27, 1871.

Enlisted for service in Civil War, Co. A, 15th Regt. Conn. Vols., 1864-5; was engaged in battle at Newburn, N. C. Res. New Haven. Grocer. Firm of Francis Bros.

CHILDREN:

JENNIE R., b. May 1, 1872; m. Burton R. Dudley, Jan. 1, 1895.

ESTELLE, b. Feb. 24, 1878; d. 1884.

FRIEND WICKS⁵, Daniel⁴, Daniel³, John², Robert¹

b. Killingworth, Conn., April 22, 1773; m. Anna White, Nov. 29, 1798. Farmer at Killingworth.

CHILDREN:

ALFRED, b. May 25, 1799.

DANIEL, b. Jan. 31, 1800.

CHARLES, b. Jan. 31, 1802.

CLARISSA, b. Dec. 26, 1803; m. David Lynn. She d. 1839.

MARY ANN, b. Nov. 14, 1806; m. Levi Davis, Dec. 14, 1826. Moved to Pennsylvania. She d. 1883.

HIBBARD, b. Oct. 8, 1808.

MIRIAM, b. Sept. 10, 1810; m. Seth R. Parsons, May 5, 1832; d. 1883.

THOMAS, b. April 4, 1812.

HENRY, b. Aug. 2, 1814.

EMMA W., b. Jan. 28, 1816; m. Hobart Curtis, Oct. 15, 1845. She d. 1887.

Children of Mary Ann Davis: Deborah, b. Dec. 9, 1827; Mary M., b. 1830; Francis, b. 1832; Eldridge, b. 1833; Judson E., b. 1841; Henry, b. 1846.

FRANCIS

DESCENDANTS OF ROBERT FRANCIS OF
WETHERSFIELD, CONN.

GENEALOGICAL RECORDS AND FRAGMENTS OF HISTORY OF THE VARIOUS
BRANCHES OF THE FRANCIS FAMILIES OF CONNECTICUT ORIGIN
ALSO RECORDS OF SOME OTHER FRANCIS FAMILIES

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APPLICANT'S WORKING SHEET

NATIONAL SOCIETY, DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

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(Miss or Mrs.) Nancy (Davis) Reagan Wife or Widow of Ronald Wilson Reagan

Descendant of EZEKIEL ROOT

(Please give all dates by day, month, year, and given names in full)

1.

I was born* on 6 July 1923 at New York City, New York
 married on 4 March 1952 at No. Hollywood, CA by
 to Ronald Wilson REAGAN who was born on 6 Feb. 1911.....
 divorced on at

2.

I am the daughter of

Kenneth Seymour ROBBINS born on 23 Feb. 1894 at Pittsfield MA
 died at Sparta NJ ? on 2 Feb. 1972 and his (first or) wife
 Edith LUCKETT born on Mar 1889 at Washington DC * VIRGINIA
 [m. (2) 1929, Loyal Edward DAVIS]
 died at on married 21 Jul 1919, New York City NY
 (Date & place)

3.

The said Kenneth Seymour ROBBINS was the child of
 John Newell ROBBINS born on 9 Jan 1859 at Great Barrington MA
 Pittsfield MA on 8 Dec 1917 and his (first or) wife
 Anne Ayers FRANCIS born on 1 Jun 1869 at Orient, NY
 at Sparta NJ on 30 Aug 1957 married 12 Apr 1893
 (Date & place)

4.

The said Anne Ayers FRANCIS was the child of
 Frederick Augustus FRANCIS born on 13 Nov 1834 at Pittsfield MA
 died at Pittsfield MA on 30 Jan 1913 and his (first or) wife
 Jessie Ann STEVENS born on 5 Jan 1842 at Brooklyn NY
 died at on 26 Mar 1888? married 26 May 1864
 (Date & place)

5.

The said Frederick Augustus FRANCIS was the child of
 Manning FRANCIS born on 24 Jan 1804 at Pittsfield MA
 died at on 7 Jan 1890 and his (first or) wife
 Elizabeth Robbins ROOT born on 31 Jul 1809 at Pittsfield MA
 died at on 15 Jul 1886 married 25 Oct 1831
 (Date & place)

6.

The said Elizabeth Robbins ROOT was the child of
 George Bridges Rodney ROOT born on 19 Sep 1782 at Pittsfield MA
 died at St. Joseph MO on and his (first or) wife
 Honora ROBBINS born on 5 Oct 1788 at
 died at Mendon NY on Aug 1848 married int. 25 Sep 1808
 (Date & place)

7.

The said George Bridges Rodney ROOT was the child of
 EZEKIEL ROOT born on 5 Mar 1736 at Westfield MA
 died at Pittsfield MA on 14 Oct 1808 and his (first or) wife
 Ruth NOBLE born on 12 May 1744 at Westfield MA?
 died at Pittsfield MA? on 26 Mar 1812 married 15 Nov 1761
 (Date & place)

8.

The said was the child of
 born on at
 died at on and his (first or) wife
 born on at
 died at on married
 (Date & place)

9.

The said was the child of
 born on at
 died at on and his (first or) wife
 born on at
 died at on married
 (Date & place)

*Born Anne Frances ROBBINS, adopted by Loyal Edward DAVIS in 1937 (Date & place) at which time name

* CHANGES INDICATED BY MRS. REAGAN
 * IN CHICAGO (ILL)

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

REGISTRY OF VITAL RECORDS AND STATISTICS

No 460790

COPY OF RECORD OF BIRTH

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am the Registrar of Vital Records and Statistics; that as such I have custody of the records of birth required by law to be kept in my office; that among such records is one relating to the birth of

Kenneth Seymour Robbins

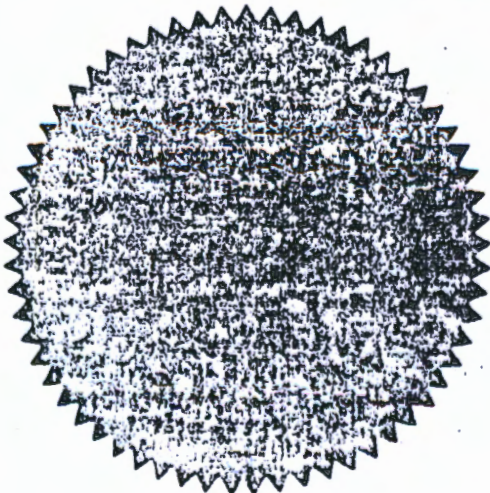
and that the following is a true copy of so much of said record as relates to said birth, namely:—

Name	<i>Kenneth Seymour Robbins</i>	
Date of Birth	<i>FEBRUARY 23, 1894</i>	
Place of Birth	<i>PITTSFIELD MASS</i>	
Sex	<i>M.</i>	Color <i>W.</i>
	FATHER	MOTHER
Name	<i>John Newell Robbins</i>	Maiden Name <i>Anne Ayers Francis</i>
Residence	<i>127 Appleton Ave Pittsfield Mass</i>	Residence <i>127 Appleton Ave Pittsfield Mass</i>
Birthplace	<i>GREAT BARRINGTON, MASS</i>	Birthplace <i>ORIENT, L. I. NEW YORK</i>
Occupation	<i>BOOKKEEPER</i>	Occupation <i>HOUSEWIFE</i>
Date of Record	<i>April 27, 1942</i>	

And I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy from said records.

WITNESS my hand and the GREAT SEAL OF THE COMMONWEALTH at
Boston on this *16th* day of *May* 19*83*

Elaine B. Trudew
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Francis - Manning son { Luke Francis (F 71)
 { Mehitabel Sacket

b. Jan. 24 1804 TR

d. Jan. 7 1890 F.B.

m. Oct. 25 1831 ^{Sum.} at New Lebanon, N.Y.

to Elizabeth Robbins Root

dau. of { George B. R. Root

{ Honor Root

She b.

d.

Sum of Aug. 16 1848 says - Died at Mendon, N.Y.
 at residence of son-in-law Manning
 Francis, Mrs. Honor Root of this town
 aE. 60.

Children :- TR-275

1. Frederick Angolin? b. Nov. 13 1834 m.

2. Mortimer Dewey b. Sept. 11 1838 m.

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(C.C. July 26, 1833)
Root, Arumah (Mrs.), wife of Oren Root and dau. of the late Justin
Clark d. in Southampton, aged 32 (C.C. April 26, 1834)
Root, Benjamin d. in Grenville, aged 25 (C.C. Aug. 1, 1810)
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Thanks to the prescient leadership which had kept Massachusetts alive to the impending danger, she was ready to meet it when it came. The excitement, with the news of the obnoxious acts of Parliament, spread inward from the capital, and everywhere roused the same spirit of indignation and determined resistance. In every direction, nothing was heard of but meetings and patriotic resolutions. May 12, — two days after the publication of the Port-bill, — the delegates of eight neighboring towns, summoned by the Boston committee, met at the selectmen's room in Faneuil Hall, and adopted spirited measures to unite the colonies in defence of the common liberties;¹ and it was, perhaps, to a missive sent out by this little assemblage, that the petition for the first Pittsfield town-meeting held in this emergency alludes. The petition, however, was dated on the 24th of June; and, early in that month, rough drafts of the regulating acts, and news of their probable passage, were received by the Boston committee, and dispersed over the country with so good effect, that, on the 20th, "The Boston Gazette" was able to pronounce "the aspect of affairs highly favorable to American liberties" . . . "the whole continent seeming inspired by one soul, and that a rigorous and determined one."² It was due partly to its remoteness from the capital, and partly, doubtless, to the still potent Tory influence, that Pittsfield manifested a dilatory spirit that never again appeared in her patriotic councils. But, on the 24th, a petition was presented to the selectmen, requesting them to convene a town-meeting, "to act and do what the town think proper respecting the circular letter sent out by the town of Boston and other towns in this Province; and such other matters as the town shall think proper in regard to the invaded liberties and privileges of this country."

This petition was signed by James Easton, John Strong, Ezekiel Root, Oliver Root, Timothy Childs, John Brown, Matthew Wright, David Noble, Daniel Weller, and James Noble; and the selectmen to whom it was addressed were David Bush, William Francis, Dan Cadwell, Eli Root, and Israel Dickinson. The warrant for a town-meeting on Thursday, the 30th of June, was signed by all the selectmen except Cadwell;³ and it was accordingly held; Josiah Wright presiding as moderator.

¹ Frothingham's Life of Warren, p. 301.

² Frothingham's Warren, p. 333.

³ David Bush had scruples as to taking up arms against the king, to whom he had, as a militia captain, sworn allegiance; but he acted, generally, with the

The first action taken was to appoint "a standing committee to correspond with the correspondent committees of this and other Provinces;" and it was thus constituted: Rev. Thomas Allen, Deacon James Easton, Mr. John Brown, Deacon Josiah Wright, Mr. John Strong, Capt. David Bush, Lieut. David Noble.

The meeting then adopted the "Worcester Covenant," — the most stringent form of the solemn league and covenant, by which individuals bound themselves, and towns their citizens, not to purchase or use any goods, the production of Great Britain or her West-Indian Colonies, or which had been imported through her companies trading to the East; and, generally, agreed to act together in resisting the aggressions of the mother country. Dea. James Easton, John Brown, and John Strong were chosen delegates to a county congress,¹ to be held at Stockbridge, on the sixth of July; and the meeting adjourned to the 11th, to await their action, but not without first resolving to keep the 14th as a day of solemn fasting and prayer.

Col. John Ashley of Sheffield presided in the congress at Stockbridge; and Theodore Sedgwick, then a young lawyer of the same town, was clerk.

Thomas Williams of Stockbridge, Peter Curtis of Lanesborough, John Brown of Pittsfield, Mark Hopkins of Great Barrington, and Theodore Sedgwick, were appointed to consider the obnoxious acts of Parliament, and "report their sense of them." Whatever their report was, — and it was certainly patriotic, — it was unanimously adopted.

Whigs, and once or twice took the field, in cases of alarm. Dan Cadwell was a loyalist of the better sort, and seems not to have lost the esteem of the people, who elected him to town-offices, and once to the Committee of Safety, during the war. The case of Ezekiel Root is a singular one. He was a very pronounced Tory in his conversation, and even went so far as to name his children for the British commanders; but all his recorded acts are on the Whig side, as in signing the above petition, in serving on the Committee of Safety, and in volunteering for Bennington and other fields. He was often elected to important town-offices, and once at least by the extreme radicals to represent them in county congress. Indeed, although both Mr. Cadwell and Capt. Root were sometimes disciplined for a too loud expression of their Toryism, — to the offence of sensitively patriotic ears, — it seems to have been regarded by the community as the eccentricity of worthy men, which would never stand seriously in the way of their duty. They certainly never lost the good will of a people who were not famed for charity towards political opponents.

¹ Assemblies of town delegates were then styled indifferently congresses, conventions, or committees.

A large portion of the able-bodied men of the town were already in the field; others had just returned, and were scattered upon their farms, deeply engrossed in their too long-delayed agricultural labors. But the exigency was felt to be of the most pressing and alarming nature; and the best citizens of the town pressed forward to meet it, irrespective of legal exemption from military service, or any other personal consideration.

Twenty-two men enrolled themselves in all, under the command of Lieut. William Ford, an officer who saw much service in those days. With him served the veteran Col. Easton, Rev. Mr. Allen, Capts. Charles Goodrich, James Noble, and William Francis, Lieuts. Joseph Allen (second in command), Josiah Wright, and Rufus Allen.

On the 16th, and of course before news of the battle was received, a second detachment of seventeen men, under Lieut. James Hubbard, set out for Bennington; and this, too, was peculiarly constituted, for in its ranks were Capts. Isaac Dickinson and John Strong and Lieut. Oliver Root. Major Israel Stoddard and Woodbridge Little, Esq., also signaled their newly-sworn allegiance to the "Independent United States of America" by volunteering in Lieut. Hubbard's detachment; and we find in its rolls, as well, the name of **Ezekiel Root.**

The first detachment hurried to the threatened point in hot haste. Possibly every man got there as best he could. Certainly there was no superfluous weight of armor, and no dressing the ranks on the march. Mr. Allen set out in the old sulky, the wonted companion of his pastoral visits; going to war in his chariot, like the heroes of classic and scriptural story.

Of the Berkshire militia districts, Col. Symonds, of that nearest the scene of action, marched his full regiment. Col. Brown, the commander of the middle district, in which Pittsfield lay, was absent; and the detachment of his corps was led, and commanded with great spirit and military skill, by Lieut.-Col. David Rossiter of Richmond. From southern Berkshire, several towns sent volunteers. Meanwhile, as the people of the surrounding district were rallying to his support, Stark, on the 14th, had checked Baum's forces at a point in Hoosac, N.Y., five miles from Bennington Church, and near the Wallamsac, a little winding branch of the Hoosac River. On a small elevation near this stream, Baum occupied a strong position, which, during the heavy