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Westford, Mass. Aug. 11, 1979*

A "HILDRETH" MANSION
by George Adams Parkhurst

Most people are fascinated by the huge estates and manor houses that were built about the turn of the century. One such estate is "Borderland" located in the town of Easton, Massachusetts. This former residence of Oakes and Blanche Ames is of particular interest to members of the Hildreth family. Let's take a few minutes to consider why this is so and to learn a little about the builders and former owners.

Sarah Jones Hildreth of Dracut, a descendant of the original Richard, married Gen. Benjamin F. Butler as discussed by Whitman Pearson in his talk on "The Six Sisters" at last year's Reunion. The Butlers had a daughter, Blanche, who married Gen. Adelbert Ames who, in 1906 built the so-called Ames castle in Tewksbury, Mass. The Ames, likewise, had a daughter whom they named Blanche after her mother. This Blanche Ames, granddaughter of Sarah Jones Hildreth, married a man whose name was also Ames. Thus she became Blanche (Ames) Ames. However, they were not related. Blanche was descended from one of the three original Ames families to settle in America while her husband, Oakes, came from both of the other two lines.

Oakes was a member of a prominent family. His great grandfather had developed a light weight shovel and had organized the Ames Shovel Company in North Easton. This company prospered because of the California gold rush in 1849, the Australian gold rush, the opening up of land in the Northwest, and the Civil War. The family also became involved in the development of the Union Pacific Railroad, the first transcontinental line.

President Lincoln, becoming concerned over the slow progress of construction of the railroad, asked the first Oakes Ames, grandfather of Blanche's husband, to take over the project. Oakes and his brother Oliver invested a million dollars in the enterprise and raised one and a half million from others. Under the aegis of these experienced businessmen, work proceeded expeditiously although the ethics of some of the middle management might be questioned at times. It is said that, when the trains were steaming east and west to Promontory, Utah for the driving

of the golden spike, signifying the completion of the roadbed, the crew of the westbound train refused to continue the last few miles until they received their pay. The cash had been provided but never reached the men so Oakes Ames, who was in Washington, D.C. serving as a Congressman, assumed the responsibility and wired a large sum of money to satisfy the workmen's claims.

Oliver, son of this Oakes Ames and father of the builder of "Borderland," served three terms as governor of Massachusetts, succeeding Gen. Butler in this office.

Now let's concentrate on the younger Oakes and his bride, Blanche. Following his graduation from Harvard in 1898, Oakes became a professor of botany at his Alma Mater and a world authority on orchids, identifying and naming over 1000 new species.

Blanche, a graduate of Smith College, was an accomplished painter and sculptor. She developed a system of pre-mixed colors with which she could match, with mathematical exactness, the colors in the old masters' paintings which she copied. Her other interests, considered by some to be avant garde, included hospitals, political committees, the woman suffrage movement, and birth control. She was nearly 80 when John F. Kennedy wrote "Profiles in Courage" in which he referred to her father, Gen. Adelbert Ames, as a carpetbagger. She researched and published a biography to clear his name. The books she used in her research are in the huge library at "Borderland."

With this biographical background, let's examine this very interesting estate with its manor house and 1250 acres of land, located in the northeast corner of Easton and extending into the town of Sharon. In 1971 the Commonwealth of Massachusetts acquired the estate for a State Park. This past May, Mrs. Parkhurst and I visited "Borderland" and learned its history during a 2-hour private tour of the mansion, conducted by the Park Supervisor, Mr. McNamara.

The house provides approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ acre of living space plus auxiliary service areas. The main section contains 15 large rooms with 10 fireplaces, plus a dressing room with fireplace for the master bedroom, $8\frac{1}{2}$ bathrooms and many large closets. In addition, there were six small rooms for female servants, a 2-room and bath

apartment for the chauffeur as well as a separate diningroom for the servants, just off the kitchen. Designed to be fireproof, the mansion was built of stone sheathing over steel and concrete. The floors are 4" thick reinforced concrete slabs.

An architect was hired and instructed to design "something they could afford --- to cost less than \$50,000." However, the plans looked more like \$80,000. Finally the architect was discharged and the Ames took over --- Blanche providing the specifications and Oakes dealing with the various suppliers. They managed to incorporate several money saving ideas. Instead of using Indiana limestone at \$2.00 per foot, Mrs. Ames found a man who would cut the fieldstone on the premises for 25¢ per foot. Instead of the stone arched window openings in the plans, they substituted flat topped windows with an arch cut in the wooden sash. In spite of these economies, the final building cost about \$80,000, not including the law suit brought by the discharged architect.

The bell that Oakes placed on the roof of the mansion was one that came from a botanical expedition to Cuba. It bears the scars of bullets fired at it during Cuba's fight for independence at the end of the 19th century.

Today the house is furnished with many heirlooms from both sides of the Ames family as well as many examples of Blanche's ability as an artist. Whenever possible portraits were painted from life while in the case of previous generations, portraits and photographs were copied. Among those in the front hall, is a painting of Sarah Hildreth as an actress. She had been on the New York stage before marrying Gen. Butler. There are several other pictures of Sarah throughout the house. Full size copies of paintings by the old masters that Blanche copied from the originals at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, a practice no longer permitted, are particularly interesting. Her studio was located on the 3rd floor where there are examples of some of her partly completed work.

One of her interesting inventions is a metal plate with rows of holes beneath which she attached tubes containing the colors she was using that day.. By squeezing the tube, paint was forced up into cavities of the plate convenient to her brush. She mixed all her own colors in the adjacent workshop. At one time, her

husband complained that he hadn't seen many pictures but he had received a bill for \$500. for pigments.

The trophy room on the third floor is devoted entirely to military records and equipment of Gen. Butler including his commission as a general signed by Abraham Lincoln.

The Ames' interests were centered not only in the house but also in its surroundings. They cleared the fields, cut firewood, cut ice on the ponds, raised vegetables and managed a small turkey farm. In later years they raised beef cattle, partly as a way of keeping the fields open. The State has continued this farm use by contracting out to a local farmer. In order for Borderland State Park to provide an insight into the local ecology, several nature trails have been constructed for the use of the public.

The many details involved in the sale of the property to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts were ably handled by Blanche's daughter, Pauline Plimpton. Mrs. Plimpton, who lives in New York City, recently published a book on her mother's ancestry. She very kindly donated an autographed copy to the Hildreth Family Association as reported in the January, 1979 "Highlights." Incidentally, Mrs. Plimpton has a son whose name, I^{am} sure, is familar to many of you. He is George A. Plimpton, the professional amateur who does what everyone else only dreams of doing. He has performed briefly as a major league baseball pitcher, lion-tamer, bullfighter, and as a percussionist for the New York Philharmonic. He is best known for his book "Paper Lion," which was made into a movie, about playing quarterback with the Detroit Lions. He has written a book, "Shadow Box," about his ring encounter with Archie Moore. He played goalie for the Boston Bruins in an exhibition game against the Philadelphia Flyers. Perhaps he inherited his adventurous nature from his grandmother, Blanche Ames.

One final story will illustrate Blanche's daring as well as her inventiveness. During World War II, when she was in her sixties, she proposed to the government that anti-aircraft defenses could be strengthened by a system of balloons from which cords would be suspended to tangle the propellers of enemy aircraft. To

demonstrate the feasibility of the proposal, she got a small plane which was to be taxied at full speed into a line of suspended cords. However, she ran into a problem when she tried to find a pilot to taxi the plane. They were afraid the plane would go right through the system and crash in the woods beyond. So, Mrs. Ames showed her faith in her design by driving the plane herself. Needless to say, it was stopped each time. She patented the idea and it was accepted by the U.S. Army.

This somewhat superficial story of "Borderland" has, I hope, given you an idea of how one of the more affluent Hildreth descendants lived in the early 20th century. To really appreciate the estate, you have to see it. Although the grounds are open daily, tours through the mansion are by appointment except on certain weekends in the spring and fall.

Because North Easton is about 50-60 miles from here, this Reunion does not include a trip to "Borderland". However, if some of our members would like to go there Monday (the day after tomorrow), the Park Supervisor has agreed to conduct a special tour if I call him on Sunday. Please let me know if anyone is interested.

F Child 9 Lovinda SPRAGUE #6412 age: 76
Born: 18-Sep-1831 in: Henniker, Hillsborough Co., NH 15
Baptized: in:
Died: 20-Jul-1908 in: Near Versailles, Ripley Co., IN (Paralysis) 16
Buried: in: Versailles, IN Cliff Hill Cemetery 17
Other: in:
Ref: Occupation:
Spouse: Thomas PURCELL #6420
Married: 2-Nov-1849 in: Ripley Co., IN (Marriage Book I 1816-) 7
Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Divorced/Annulled/Separated: End Year:
Per her hand written obit it said she was 77 yrs old when she died and that she fell and broke her hip several weeks prior to 20 July 1908 and 2 weeks ago (prior to her death) so that would have been abt 6 July 1908, she suffered paralysis and died 2 weeks later. It also stated that she had 12 children and only her husband, 1 son and 1 daughter survived her.

M Child 10 William SPRAGUE #6431 18
Born: in:
Baptized: in:
Died: in:
Buried: in:
Other: in:
Ref: Occupation:
Spouse: Mary JONES #6432
Married: 7-Oct-1842 in: Ripley Co., IN (Marriage Book I 1816-) 19
Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Divorced/Annulled/Separated: End Year:

- ¹ per card file at Ripley County Historical Society P.O. Box 525 Versailles, IN 47042 rec'd info 11 Dec 1996 ltr; Ray Novak of SD shows 1792 and Townsend, MA;
- ² 1870 US Census Johnson Twp., Ripley Co., IN pg 19-155 doesn't list her as John's wife yet she was on the 1860 Census as age 67 at that time; Ray Novak shows d 27th;
- ³ Ray E. Novak 2208 Larkin Drive Sioux Falls, S.D. 57102, 31 Mar 1997;
- ⁴ American-Canadian Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 6478, Manchester, NH 03108-6478 (603)622-1554 ltr to me 13 May 1997 from Eileen L. Daley, Research Coordinator; Sent me copy of marriage certificate;
- ⁵ Got his name from ltr from Bea Boyd P.O. Box 83, Holton, IN 47023 (11/12/96); got his yr b (based on 1860 US Census Ripley Co., IN & 1870) and where from Card file of Ripley Co. Hist. Soc. of Versailles, IN in ltr to me 12/11/96;
- ⁶ "Spragues of Malden, Massachusetts" by George Walter Chamberlain; and Clyde & Ilene Crenshaw P.O. Box 867, Santa Teresa, NM 88008 dated June 1986 rec'd by Yates Publishing Co., 07/07/1986 family grp sheets;
- ⁷ per card file at Ripley County Historical Society P.O. Box 525 Versailles, IN 47042 rec'd info 11 Dec 1996 ltr
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- 9 Rec'd her name from Ripley Co. Marriages Bk I 1816--stating she married Thomas FRENCH on this date
- 10 1925 Census Webster Co.,IA line 14 of Johnson ALLEN residence; She was listed as his mother but I am not sure of last name spelling very hard to read. Not sure of first two letters--her son's death certificate showed b New Hampshire
- 11 Per son's death certificate (Johnson Allen) gave me name's of his parents; ltr from Bea Boyd P.O. Box 83,Holton,IN 47023 (11/12/96) gave me date of marriage & by whom;and Ripley Co.,IN Marriage Bk I 1816- gave me where;Ray Novak says21
- 12 OH Fiche #50860-Batch #514462-3924
- 13 per card file at Ripley County Historical Society P.O. Box 525 Versailles,IN 47042 rec'd info 11 Dec 1996 ltr which stated he was 21 yrs old when he got married; so this is how I arrived at yr b 1828;Ray Novak says his middle name "Carlos"
- 14 From Ripley Co.,IN Marriages Book I 1816--shows 1st but card file at Ripley Co. Hist.Soc.Versailles,IN shows 2nd
- 15 per card file at Ripley County Historical Society P.O. Box 525 Versailles,IN 47042 rec'd info 11 Dec 1996 ltr and death obit stated she was 77 yrs old when she died;
- 16 per obit in Versailles Republican 5 Aug 1908 rec'd from Ripley Co.Hist.Soc. of Versailles,IN
- 17 per her obit rec'd written notice of same in ltr from Ripley Co.Hist Soc of Versailles,IN ltr rec'd 12/11/96
- 18 Rec'd his name from Ripley Co. Marriages Bk I 1816-
- 19 From Ripley Co.,IN Marriages Book I 1816-

Husband: **Oliver HILDRETH** #7476 age: 69

Born: 11-Jul-1723 in: Chelmsford, Middlesex Co., MA 1
 Baptized: in:
 Died: 0-Feb-1793 in: Townsend, MA 1
 Buried: in:
 Other: in:
 Ref: Occupation:
 Father: James HILDRETH #7478
 Mother: Dorothy PRESCOTT #7479

Wife: **Anna BLAISDELL** #7477
 Married: 26-Oct-1744 in: Andover, Essex Co., MA 1
 Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Divorced/Annulled/Separated: End Year:

Born: 3-Mar-1727 in: Chelmsford, Middlesex Co., MA 1
 Baptized: in: 2
 Died: Abt-1800 in: 2
 Buried: in:
 Other: in:
 Ref: Occupation:
 Father: Henry BLAISDELL, Dr. #7480
 Mother: Lydia PARKER #7481

M Child 1 **Abijah HILDRETH** #7474 age: 81
 Born: 5-Jun-1755 in: Townsend, MA 1
 Baptized: in:
 Died: 21-Apr-1837 in: Henniker, Hillsborough Co., NH 1
 Buried: in:
 Other: in:
 Ref: Occupation:
 Spouse: Hannah SMITH #7475
 Married: Jan-1781 in: Hollis, NH 1
 Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Divorced/Annulled/Separated: End Year:

¹ Ray E. Novak 2208 Larkin Drive Sioux Falls, S.D. 57102;

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Richard¹ H (1605-1693) —
 Elizabeth Hinchman
 ↓
 Ephraim² H (1655-1731) —
 Anna Moore (1666-1760)
 ↓
 James³ H (1698-1761)
 Dorothy Prescott
 ↓
 Oliver⁴ H. (1723-1793)
 Anna Blaisdell (1727-c1800)
 ↓
 Abijah⁵ H. (1755-1837)
 Hannah Smith (1762-1836)
 ↓
 Elizabeth⁶ "Betsy" H (1793-1861)

Richard¹ (1605-1693)
 Elizabeth?
 ↓
 Ephraim² (c1655-
 Dorothy Barnes
 Anna Moore (1666-1760)
 ↓
 James³ (1698-1761)
 Dorothy Prescott (1702-1774)
 ↓
 Oliver⁴ (1723-1793)
 Anna Blaisdell (1727-
 ↓
 Abijah⁵ (1755-1837)
 Hannah Smith
 ↓
 [no Betsy or Elizabeth]
 Eliya?

(Family of Leonard Earl CURTIS #1 - Continued)

M Child 3 **Timothy Charles CURTIS #5** age: 38
Born: 5-Jun-1958 Thu in: Champaign, Champaign Co., IL
Baptized: 30-Jul-1959 in: St. Peter's Church Champaign, IL
Died: in:
Buried: in:
Other: Confirmed March in: 26, 1972 St. Peters United Church of Christ
Ref: A Twin to #4 Occupation: River & Lake Guide
Spouse: Penny Juanita GREGORY #13
Married: 9-Apr-1982 in: Bull Shoals, Marion Co., AR
Other: 3:00 PM Friday in: Christ by the Lake Luthern Church BS, AR
Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Y Divorced/Annulled/Separated: D End Year: 1986
Spouse: Patricia Ann WRIGHT #14
Married: 8-Nov-1988 in: Bull Shoals, Marion Co., Arkansas
Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Y Divorced/Annulled/Separated: D End Year: 1989
Spouse: Patricia Ann WRIGHT #14
Married: 16-Oct-1991 in: Bull Shoals, Marion Co., AR On B.S. Lake
Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Y Divorced/Annulled/Separated: D End Year: 1993

Wife: **Elizabeth "Betsey" HILDRETH #6248** age: 68

Born: 0-__-1793 in: Massachusetts 1
 Baptized: in:
 Died: 17-Jan-1861 in: Versailles,Johnson Twp.,Ripley Co.,IN
 Buried: in: Versailles,Ripley Co.,IN Ludwig Cemetery
 Other: in:
 Ref: Occupation:
 Father: Abijah HILDRETH #7474
 Mother: Hannah SMITH #7475
 Clyde & Ilene Crenshaw on their family group sheet of Timothy SPRAGUE b 1762
 that her first name was "Elizabeth";

Husband: **John SPRAGUE #6247** age: 83 4
 Married: 28-Apr-1814 in: Henniker,Hillsboro Co.,NH
 Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Divorced/Annulled/Separated: End Year:

Born: 3-Jan-1790 in: Billerica,Middlesex Co.,MA 5
 Baptized: in:
 Died: 30-Jul-1873 in: Versailles,Ripley Co.,IN 6
 Buried: in: Versailles,Ripley Co.,IN Ludwig Cemetery 3
 Other: in:
 Ref: Occupation: Farmer 7
 Father: Timothy SPRAGUE, Jr. #6510
 Mother: Azubah NEEDHAM #6511

Per New Hampshire State Library 12/12/96 they noted that a John SPRAGUE was listed in the 1820 Census of Henniker,NH and possibly could be him; Got his date of birth from family group sheet of Clyde & Ilene Crenshaw P.O. Box 867, Santa Teresa,NM 88008 and what town and city;I had 1790 and Massachusetts as where born and year;they also said he could have been born 3 Dec 1789;Ray E. Novak of 2208 Larkin Drive,Sioux Falls,SD 57105 ltr to Ilene Sprague Crenshaw, dated 28 Nov 1987, stated the John SPRAGUE served in the War of 1812; and then he and his family moved to Clermont County,OH in the 1830s;
 Received copy of marriage certificate from American-Canadian Genealogical Society,P.O. Box 6478,Manchester,New Hampshire 03108-6478 showing married 28 April 1814 Henniker(Hillsboro Co.,NH by Timothy Wyman,J.P.;
 1860 US Census Johnson Twp.,Ripley Co.,IN pg 57/357
 SPRAGUE, John farmer age 70 B Mass
 Betsey age 67 B Mass
 1870 US Census Johnson Twp.,Ripley Co.,IN pg 19-155
 SPRAGUE, John age 80 B Mass

F Child 1 **Sarah Hildreth SPRAGUE #6416** 7
 Born: 18-Oct-1815 in: Henniker,Hillsborough Co.,NH
 Baptized: in: 3
 Died: Abt-1878 in: Versailles,Ripley Co.,IN
 Buried: in:
 Other: in:
 Ref: Occupation:
 Spouse: Leander WEBSTER #6423 7
 Married: 17-Feb-1839 in: Versailles,Ripley Co.,IN
 Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Divorced/Annulled/Separated: End Year:

F Child 2 **Hannah SPRAGUE** #6414 age: 76 7
 Born: 28-Jan-1819 in: Henniker, Hillsborough Co., NH
 Baptized: in: 3
 Died: 9-Sep-1895 in: Postville, Allamakee Co., IA
 Buried: in:
 Other: in:
 Ref: Occupation:
 Spouse: George FRENCH #6421
 Married: 13-Oct-1842 in: Ripley Co., IN (Marriage Book I 1816-) 7
 Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Divorced/Annulled/Separated: End Year:
 Spouse: John PIXLER #7692
 Married: in: 3
 Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Divorced/Annulled/Separated: End Year:

F Child 3 **Eliza SPRAGUE** #6413 7
 Born: in:
 Baptized: in:
 Died: in:
 Buried: in:
 Other: in:
 Ref: Occupation:
 Ray Novak SD 31 Mar 1997 shows married McCollan;

F Child 4 **Louisa SPRAGUE** #6411 age: 63 7
 Born: 0-___-1823 in: Henniker, Hillsborough Co., NH
 Baptized: in: 8
 Died: 0-___-1886 in:
 Buried: in:
 Other: in:
 Ref: Occupation:
 Spouse: ? WOOD #6418
 Married: in: 7
 Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Divorced/Annulled/Separated: End Year:
 Spouse: ? PHILLIPS/PHILIPS #6419
 Married: in: 7
 Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Divorced/Annulled/Separated: End Year:
 Spouse: Thomas FRENCH #6430
 Married: 14-Jun-1854 in: Ripley Co., IN (Marriage Book I 1816-) 9
 Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Divorced/Annulled/Separated: End Year:

F Child 5 **Emily Caroline SPRAGUE** #5347 age: 45 10
 Born: 0-___-1825/6 in: Henniker, Hillsborough Co., NH
 Baptized: in: 3
 Died: 0-___-1870 in: Shelbyville, IL
 Buried: in:
 Other: in:
 Ref: Occupation:
 Spouse: John ALLEN #5346
 Married: 22-Dec-1842 in: Ripley Co., IN By: Meshack Hyatt (Book I) 11
 Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Divorced/Annulled/Separated: End Year:
 Per 1850 & 1860 Census in IN gave first name "Emily" and father name "John".
 In 1850 listed age 25 1860 listed age 34.

F Child 6 **Fidelia SPRAGUE** #6415

Born: in:
Baptized: in:
Died: in:
Buried: in:
Other: in:
Ref: Occupation:

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Spouse: John CONN #6422

Married: 10-Dec-1840 in: Clermont Co.,OH

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Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Divorced/Annulled/Separated: End Year:

Ray Novak shows married Joseph CONN; Dee Bouse shows John Conn and is on the OH Fiche #50860 Batch #M 514462-3924;

M Child 7 **John Charles SPRAGUE** #6424

Born: 0-___-1828 in: Henniker, Hillsborough Co.,NH
Baptized: in:
Died: in:
Buried: in:
Other: in:
Ref: Occupation: Farmer

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Spouse: Sarah Ann FRENCH #6425

Married: 1-Dec-1849 in: Ripley Co.,IN (Marriage Book I 1816-)

14

Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Divorced/Annulled/Separated: End Year:

When married Sarah Ann FRENCH he was 21 and she was 16 yrs old.

1850 US Census Johnson Twp., Ripley Co., IN pg #466-233

SPRAGUE, John C. Farmer 21 b N.H.

Sarah Ann 16 IN

1860 US Census Johnson Twp., Ripley Co., IN pg #347-47

SPRAGUE, Charles 30 N.H.

Caroline 10

Silas 7

Leisander 4

Albert 2

In the 1850 Census he is listed as John C. SPRAGUE and in 1860 Census he was listed as Charles SPRAGUE.

Ray Novak FGS dated 22 Feb 1997 shows his name as John "Carlos" SPRAGUE and that his first wife was Jane PURCELL; wonder what his source was?

? Child 8 **Carlos SPRAGUE** #6417

Born: in:
Baptized: in:
Died: in:
Buried: in:
Other: in:
Ref: Occupation:

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870-445-4504

May 20, 1997

Mr. George Parkhurst
14 Monadrock
Westford, MA 01886

Re: Hildreth Family Descendants

Dear Mr. Parkhurst,

I received your name and phone number but no address from, Eileen L. Daley, Research Coordinator for the American-Canadian Genealogical Society of Manchester, NH P.O. Box 6478, Manchester New Hampshire 03108-6478.

Thank you for returning my call and I have enclosed my husband's ancestor chart and family group sheets which includes himself; Elmer Earl CURTIS, his father; Cora Belle ALLEN, his grandmother; Johnson ALLEN, great grandfather; Emily Caroline SPRAGUE (2nd great grandmother) d/o of Elizabeth "Betsey" HILDRETH (his 3rd great grandmother; his 4th great grandfather Abijah HILDRETH, who was the son of Oliver HILDRETH; James HILDRETH, who was s/o Ephraim HILDRETH & Anne MOORE; and his 8th great grandfather Richard HILDRETH who married Elizabeth HINCHMAN;

I have enclosed each of their family group sheets with notes and where I got the information along with their spouses and children and any other information that I might have on them and hopefully you will help me to fill in the blanks and further my line including siblings and etc. And just possibly I have given you some information on this line of HILDRETH's that you didn't have.

I have enclosed my address label as well as 2-32 cent stamps for your reply.

Looking forward to hearing from you, I remain

Sincerely yours,



Patricia Curtis
P.O. Box 173
Bull Shoals, AR 72619-0173
Bus: 870-445-4390
Res: 870-445-4504

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Wife: **Hannah SMITH** #7475 age: 74 1
 Married: Jan-1781 in: Hollis,NH
 Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Divorced/Annulled/Separated: End Year:

Born: 0-___-1762 in: Hollis,NH 1
 Baptized: in:
 Died: 20-Jan-1836 in: Henniker, Hillsborough Co.,NH 2
 Buried: in:
 Other: in:
 Ref: Occupation:
 Father:
 Mother:

F Child 1 **Elizabeth "Betsey" HILDRETH** #6248 age: 68 3
 Born: 0-___-1793 in: Massachusetts
 Baptized: in:
 Died: 17-Jan-1861 in: Versailles, Johnson Twp., Ripley Co., IN 4
 Buried: in: Versailles, Ripley Co., IN Ludwig Cemetery 2
 Other: in:
 Ref: Occupation:
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 Ref: Occupation:
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 Mother: Elizabeth "Betsey" HILDRETH #6248

Husband: **Leander WEBSTER** #6423
 Married: 17-Feb-1839 in: Versailles, Ripley Co., IN
 Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Divorced/Annulled/Separated: End Year:

Born: in:
 Baptized: in:
 Died: in:
 Buried: in:
 Other: in:
 Ref: Occupation:
 Father:
 Mother:

M Child 1 **George WEBSTER** #7754
 Born: in:
 Baptized: in:
 Died: in:
 Buried: in:
 Other: in:
 Ref: Occupation:

F Child 2 **Elizabeth WEBSTER** #7750
 Born: in:
 Baptized: in:
 Died: in:
 Buried: in:
 Other: in:
 Ref: Occupation:
 Spouse: John STEVENS #7746
 Married: in:
 Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Divorced/Annulled/Separated: End Year:

Husband: ? HILDRETH #7089

Born: in:
Baptized: in:
Died: in:
Buried: in:
Other: in:
Ref: Occupation:
Father:
Mother:

Wife: Hannah #7090

Married: in:
Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Divorced/Annulled/Separated: End Year:

Born: in:
Baptized: in:
Died: in:
Buried: in:
Other: in:
Ref: Occupation:
Father:
Mother:

In 1800 US Census Hillsborough Co.,NH Nottingham west: Listed Hannah HILDRETH
age 45 & over with 2 free white females age 26-45 as head of household;

21-Feb-1997

Family Group Sheet

Husband: **Timothy SPRAGUE, Jr.** #6510

Born: 2-Oct-1762 in: Malden, Middlesex Co., MA
Baptized: in:
Died: in: Clermont Co., OH
Buried: in: Will 16 Jan 1846
Other: in: Will probated Apr 1850 Clermont Co., OH
Ref: Occupation:
Father: Timothy SPRAGUE #6501
Mother: Sarah CONERY #6505

Wife: **Azubah NEEDHAM** #6511
Married: 18-Oct-1785 in: Tewksbury, Middlesex Co., MA
Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Divorced/Annulled/Separated: End Year:

Born: 10-Oct-1764 in: Tewksbury, Middlesex Co., MA
Baptized: in:
Died: 1840/1850 in: Clermont Co., OH
Buried: in:
Other: in:
Ref: Occupation:
Father: John NEEDHAM, Sr. #6516
Mother: Prudence STEARNS #6517

F Child 1 **Sally SPRAGUE** #6512 age: 82
Born: 6-Feb-1786 in: Billerica, Middlesex Co., MA
Baptized: in:
Died: 4-Nov-1868 in: Clermont Co., OH
Buried: 11-Apr-1868?? in: Clermont Co., OH
Other: in:
Ref: Occupation:
Spouse: John HAMMETT #6518
Married: 3-Oct-1820 in: Cincinnati, Hamilton Co., OH
Other: or 23-Oct-1820 in:
Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Divorced/Annulled/Separated: End Year:

M Child 2 **Timothy SPRAGUE** #6513 age: 70
Born: 12-Feb-1788 in: Billerica, Middlesex Co., MA
Baptized: in:
Died: 21-Jun-1858 in: Amelia, Pierce Twp., Clermont Co., OH
Buried: in:
Other: in:
Ref: Occupation:
Spouse: Roxene DAVIS #6519
Married: 25-Sep-1813 in: Davisville, Hillsborough Co., NH
Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Divorced/Annulled/Separated: End Year:
Spouse: Joanne PEASE #6520
Married: 21-Oct-1827 in: OH
Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Divorced/Annulled/Separated: End Year:

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M Child 3 **John SPRAGUE** #6247 age: 83
Born: 3-Jan-1790 in: Billerica, Middlesex Co., MA
Baptized: in:
Died: 30-Jul-1873 in: Versailles, Ripley Co., IN
Buried: in:
Other: in:
Ref: Occupation: Farmer
Spouse: **Eliza "Betsey" HILDRETH** #6248
Married: 28-Apr-1814 in: Hillsboro, Hillsborough Co., NH
Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Divorced/Annulled/Separated: End Year:

M Child 4 **William SPRAGUE** #6521
Born: 22-Jan-1792 in: Billerica, Middlesex Co., MA
Baptized: in:
Died: in:
Buried: in:
Other: in:
Ref: Occupation:
Spouse: #7022
Married: in:
Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Divorced/Annulled/Separated: End Year:
Spouse: **Rhoda SHUMARD** #6522
Married: 19-May-1826 in: Clermont Co., OH
Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Divorced/Annulled/Separated: End Year:

M Child 5 **Aaron SPRAGUE** #6523 age: 28
Born: 4-Dec-1793 in: Billerica, Middlesex Co., MA
Baptized: in:
Died: 8-Aug-1822 in:
Buried: in:
Other: in:
Ref: Occupation:

F Child 6 **Rachel SPRAGUE** #6524 age: 33
Born: 3-Aug-1795 in: Billerica, Middlesex Co., MA
Baptized: in:
Died: 24-Mar-1829 in:
Buried: in:
Other: in:
Ref: Occupation:

F Child 7 **Alice SPRAGUE** #6525
Born: 14-Mar-1797 in: Billerica, Middlesex Co., MA
Baptized: in:
Died: in:
Buried: in:
Other: in:
Ref: Occupation:

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F Child 8 **Elizabeth "Betsey" SPRAGUE** #6526 age: 69
Born: 16-Dec-1798 in: Billerica, Middlesex Co., MA
Baptized: in:
Died: 7-Feb-1868 in: Wilton, Hillsborough Co., NH
Buried: in:
Other: in:
Ref: Occupation:
Spouse: Abijah HILDRETH #6527
Married: 24-May-1818 in:
Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Divorced/Annulled/Separated: End Year:

M Child 9 **Jacob SPRAGUE** #6528 age: 83
Born: 26-Apr-1802 in: Henniker, Hillsborough Co., NH
Baptized: in:
Died: 13-May-1885 Wed in: Williamsburg Twp., Clermont Co., OH
Buried: 15-May-1885 Fri in: Concord, Clermont Co., OH Concord Cemetery
Other: in:
Ref: Occupation:
Spouse: Nancy JOHNSON #6529
Married: in:
Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Divorced/Annulled/Separated: End Year:
Spouse: Emeline "Emma" JORDON #6530
Married: 5-Oct-1875 in: By: Joseph Jenkins, J.P.
Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Divorced/Annulled/Separated: End Year:

M Child 10 **Ebeneger "Eber" SPRAGUE** #6531 age: 4
Born: 6-Jul-1804 in: Henniker, Hillsborough Co., NH
Baptized: in:
Died: 2-Apr-1809 in: Henniker, Hillsborough Co., NH
Buried: or 3-Apr-1810 in: Henniker, Hillsborough Co., NH
Other: in: Not sure when he died;
Ref: Occupation:

F Child 11 **Lucy SPRAGUE** #6532
Born: 23-Apr-1807 in: Henniker, Hillsborough Co., NH
Baptized: in:
Died: in:
Buried: in:
Other: in:
Ref: Occupation:
Spouse: Reuben THOMAS #6533
Married: in:
Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Divorced/Annulled/Separated: End Year:

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Timothy Charles Curtis
Born: 06/05/1958 in Champaign, Champaign Co. Ill
Notes: Twin is Thomas Leonard Curtis

Husband: **Leonard Earl CURTIS #1** age: 68

Born: 26-Feb-1929 in: Champaign, Champaign Co., IL Burnham Hosp
 Baptized: 1951 in: Champaign, IL St. Peter's Church
 Died: in:
 Buried: in:
 Other: in:
 Ref: Occupation: Owner - Anglers Resort
 Father: Elmer Earl CURTIS #66
 Mother: Berdie Leone RESLER #48

Wife: **Patricia June MALEY #2** age: 65
 Married: 19-May-1950 in: Champaign, IL St. Peter's Church
 Other: Honeymoon at in: the Tulip Festival in Holland, Michigan
 Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Y Divorced/Annulled/Separated: End Year:

Born: 14-Nov-1931 in: Urbana, Champaign Co., IL Mercy Hospital
 Baptized: 11-Jun-1944 in: St. Peter's Church Champaign, IL
 Died: in:
 Buried: in:
 Other: 14-Apr-1946 in: Confirmed St. Peter's Ruben J. Bierbaum
 Ref: Occupation: Owner - Anglers Resort
 Father: Philip Edward MALEY #281
 Mother: Dorothy Augusta BECK #282

F Child 1 **Cheryl Lynne CURTIS #3** age: 44
 Born: 5-Jan-1953 Mon in: Chanute AFB, Rantoul, Champaign Co., IL
 Baptized: in: St. Peter's Church Champaign, IL
 Died: in:
 Buried: in:
 Other: in:
 Ref: Occupation: Teacher
 Spouse: Gary Monroe PRICE #6
 Married: 7-Aug-1976 in: Camp LaJune in North Carolina
 Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Y Divorced/Annulled/Separated: End Year:

M Child 2 **Thomas Leonard CURTIS #4** age: 38
 Born: 5-Jun-1958 Thu in: Champaign, Champaign Co., IL
 Baptized: 30-Jul-1959 in: St. Peter's Church Champaign, IL
 Died: in:
 Buried: in:
 Other: Confirmed March in: 26, 1972 by Rev. Walter W. Noffke St. Peters
 Ref: A Twin to #5 Occupation: Builder - Carpenter
 Spouse: Rhonda Lee HICKS #9
 Married: 8-Dec-1979 Sat. in: Bethlehem Lutheran Church 2100 Wadsworth
 Other: in: Lakewood, CO
 Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Y Divorced/Annulled/Separated: End Year:

(Family of Elmer Earl CURTIS #66 - Continued)

M Child 3 Harlan Wayne CURTIS #68 age: 51
Born: 6-Jun-1933 in: Champaign, Champaign Co., IL 510 N. Fair St
Baptized: in:
Died: 12-May-1985 Mon in: Maywood, Cook Co., IL Loyola Hospital
Buried: 17-May-1985 Fri in: Champaign, IL Grandview Memorial Gardens
Other: in:
Ref: Occupation: Nurses Aid
Spouse: Ina Mae WARD #106
Married: 3-Jun-1955 in: Champaign, IL First Methodist Church
Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Y Divorced/Annulled/Separated: D End Year:

Husband: **Johnson ALLEN** #627 age: 84

Born: 16-Jun-1852 in: Versailles,Ripley Co.,IN
 Baptized: in:
 Died: 1-Jul-1936 in: Norwood,Lucas Co.,IA (Uremia)
 Buried: 3-Jul-1936 in: Ft.Dodge,Webster Co.,IA Oakland Cemetery
 Other: in:
 Ref: Occupation: Laborer
 Father: John ALLEN #5346
 Mother: Emily Caroline SPRAGUE #5347

Wife: **Vina Bell SHOCKMAN** #628 age: 85
 Married: 19-Nov-1874 in: Shelby Co.,IL (Bk E Pg 38)
 Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Y Divorced/Annulled/Separated: End Year:

Born: 19-Feb-1858 in: Shelbyville,IL? Farina,Marion Co.,IL?
 Baptized: in:
 Died: 25-Mar-1943 in: Elkhorn Twp.,Webster Co.,Ft.Dodge,IA
 Buried: 27-Mar-1943 in: Ft.Dodge,Webster Co.,IA Oakland Cemetery
 Other: in: Cause of Death: Myocardial
 Ref: Occupation: Housewife
 Father: Nicholis SHOCKMAN #5348
 Mother: Sarah BOSTON #5349

M Child 1 **Harry Ellis ALLEN** #781 age: 59
 Born: 23-Mar-1876 in: Near Shelbyville,IL
 Baptized: in:
 Died: 0-___-1936 in: Oregon
 Buried: in:
 Other: in:
 Ref: Occupation:
 Spouse: Ollie LOCY #7790
 Married: 1901 in:
 Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Divorced/Annulled/Separated: End Year:

F Child 2 **Effie Alberta ALLEN** #776 age: 80
 Born: 28-Dec-1877 in: Near Sidney,IL
 Baptized: in: Free Methodist Church of Urbana,IL
 Died: 3-Jul-1958 in:
 Buried: in:
 Other: in:
 Ref: Occupation:
 Spouse: Donald Seeley STEVENS #777
 Married: 23-Dec-1893 in: Fisher,Champaign Co.,IL Rev.Reasoner
 Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Divorced/Annulled/Separated: End Year:

M Child 3 **Elmer Earl CURTIS** #66 age: 63
Born: 4-Aug-1906 in: Burdette, Franklin Co., IA
Baptized: in:
Died: 10-Jul-1970 Fri in: Danville, Vermillion Co, IL VA Hosp
Buried: 13-Jul-1970 Mon in: Urbana, Champaign Co, IL Woodlawn Cemetery
Other: Social Security in: # 332-05-8822 Have original card
Ref: Occupation: Farmer & Maintenance
Spouse: Berdie Leone RESLER #48
Married: 27-Nov-1927 in: Rev. Wm. Ealey, 501 E. Oregon St. Urbana, IL
Other: divorced Earl in: after 25 yrs. marriage in 1952.
Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Y Divorced/Annulled/Separated: D End Year: 1952

M Child 4 **Warren Leland CURTIS** #623 age: 78
Born: 21-Mar-1910 in: Hampton, Franklin Co., IA
Baptized: in:
Died: 17-Dec-1988 in: Mahomet, Champaign Co., IL
Buried: in:
Other: in:
Ref: Occupation:
Spouse: Nellie Cecilia STEWART #624
Married: 19-Nov-1927 in: Covington, IN
Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Y Divorced/Annulled/Separated: D End Year: ?
Spouse: Myrtle FLEENOR #4081
Married: in:
Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Y Divorced/Annulled/Separated: End Year:
Spouse: Gertrude TODD BABB #725
Married: in:
Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Divorced/Annulled/Separated: End Year:

Wife: **Cora Belle ALLEN** #306 age: 97

Born: 5-Nov-1882 in: Grandmeadow, Clayton Co., IA
 Baptized: in:
 Died: 8-Apr-1980 Tue in: Champaign, Champaign Co, IL Cole Hosp 9:55AM
 Buried: 10-Apr-1980 Thu in: Urbana, Champaign Co, IL Woodlawn Cemetery
 Other: in:
 Ref: Occupation: Housewife
 Father: Johnson ALLEN #627
 Mother: Vina Bell SHOCKMAN #628

Husband: **Elmer Edward CURTIS** #305 age: 90
 Married: 8-Mar-1900 in: Webster City, Hamilton Co, IA
 Other: in: W. Bonner, J.P.
 Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Y Divorced/Annulled/Separated: End Year:

Born: 7-Apr-1871 in: Bloomington, McLean Co., IL
 Baptized: in:
 Died: 19-Jul-1961 in: Monticello, Piatt Co., IL
 Buried: in: Urbana, Champaign Co, IL Woodlawn Cemetery
 Other: Raised by his in: mother's brother George Conrad
 Ref: Occupation: Farmer
 Father: Warren CURTIS #309
 Mother: Katherine CONRAD #310

F Child 1 **Lola Evganline CURTIS** #621 age: 95
 Born: 9-Oct-1901 in: Webster City, Hamilton Co, IA
 Baptized: in:
 Died: in:
 Buried: in:
 Other: in:
 Ref: Occupation:
 Spouse: Walter A. MADIGAN #745
 Married: in:
 Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Divorced/Annulled/Separated: End Year:

F Child 2 **Gretrude Edith CURTIS** #622 age: 93
 Born: 21-Aug-1903 in: Dows, Wright Co, IA
 Baptized: in:
 Died: in:
 Buried: in:
 Other: in:
 Ref: Occupation:
 Spouse: Henry STELZER #744
 Married: in:
 Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Y Divorced/Annulled/Separated: End Year:

Husband: **Elmer Earl CURTIS** #66 age: 63

Born: 4-Aug-1906 in: Burdette, Franklin Co., IA
 Baptized: in:
 Died: 10-Jul-1970 Fri in: Danville, Vermillion Co, IL VA Hosp
 Buried: 13-Jul-1970 Mon in: Urbana, Champaign Co, IL Woodlawn Cemetery
 Other: Social Security in: # 332-05-8822 Have original card
 Ref: Occupation: Farmer & Maintenance
 Father: Elmer Edward CURTIS #305
 Mother: Cora Belle ALLEN #306

Wife: **Berdie Leone RESLER** #48 age: 82
 Married: 27-Nov-1927 in: Rev. Wm. Ealey, 501 E. Oregon St. Urbana, IL
 Other: divorced Earl in: after 25 yrs. marriage in 1952.
 Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Y Divorced/Annulled/Separated: D End Year: 1952

Born: 17-Mar-1910 in: Raglesville, Daviess Co., IN
 Baptized: in:
 Died: 12-Nov-1992 Thu in: Urbana, IL Fontana Nursing Home
 Buried: 14-Nov-1992 Sat in: Champaign, IL Grandview Memorial Gardens
 Other: In 1948 she was in: living in Sidney, Champaign Co. IL
 Ref: Occupation: Cook-Training Table UofI
 Father: George Wilson RESLER #41
 Mother: Sarah Elizabeth RAMP #44

M Child 1 **Leonard Earl CURTIS** #1 age: 68
 Born: 26-Feb-1929 in: Champaign, Champaign Co., IL Burnham Hosp
 Baptized: 1951 in: Champaign, IL St. Peter's Church
 Died: in:
 Buried: in:
 Other: in:
 Ref: Occupation: Owner - Anglers Resort
 Spouse: Patricia June MALEY #2
 Married: 19-May-1950 in: Champaign, IL St. Peter's Church
 Other: Honeymoon at in: the Tulip Festival in Holland, Michigan
 Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Y Divorced/Annulled/Separated: End Year:

M Child 2 **Dale Leonald CURTIS** #67 age: 65
 Born: 1-Feb-1932 in: Champaign, Champaign Co, IL North Fair St
 Baptized: in:
 Died: in:
 Buried: in:
 Other: in:
 Ref: Occupation:
 Spouse: Edna Louise WISEMAN #103
 Married: 27-Feb-1953 in: Sidney, IL St. Paul's Evangelical & Reformed
 Other: in: Church which is south of Sidney, IL
 Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Y Divorced/Annulled/Separated: End Year:

 Husband: **David HILDRETH** #7095

Born: 27-Feb-1746 in: Westford,MA
 Baptized: in:
 Died: in:
 Buried: in:
 Other: in:
 Ref: Occupation:

 Father: **Jacob HILDRETH** #8447

 Mother: **Abigail HARWOOD** #8448

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HILDRETH, David listed 45 & over

1 male under 10

1 female under 10

2 females 16-26

 1 female 26-45 could this be his wife?

 Wife: **Mary BIXBY** #7096

Married: 1769 in: Amherst,NH

 Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Divorced/Annulled/Separated: End Year:

Born: in:
 Baptized: in:
 Died: in:
 Buried: in:
 Other: in:
 Ref: Occupation:
 Father:
 Mother:

 Husband: **Jacob HILDRETH** #8447

Born: in:
 Baptized: in:
 Died: in:
 Buried: in:
 Other: in:
 Ref: Occupation:
 Father:
 Mother:

 Wife: **Abigail HARWOOD** #8448

Married: in:
 Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Divorced/Annulled/Separated: End Year:

Born: in:
 Baptized: in:
 Died: in:
 Buried: in:
 Other: in:
 Ref: Occupation:
 Father:
 Mother:

 M Child 1 **David HILDRETH** #7095

Born: 27-Feb-1746 in: Westford, MA
 Baptized: in:
 Died: in:
 Buried: in:
 Other: in:
 Ref: Occupation:

 Spouse: **Mary BIXBY** #7096

Married: 1769 in: Amherst, NH
 Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Divorced/Annulled/Separated: End Year:

1800 US Census Hillsborough Co., NH Amherst Ash Rar?

HILDRETH, David listed 45 & over

1 male under 10

1 female under 10

2 females 16-26

 1 female 26-45 could this be his wife?

Husband: **Israel HILDRETH** #8476 age: 84

Born: 0-___-1755 in:
 Baptized: in:
 Died: 6-Sep-1839 in: Dracut, MA
 Buried: in:
 Other: in:
 Ref: Occupation:
 Father:
 Mother:

Wife: **Susannah HALE** #8477 age: 75
 Married: 28-Apr-1781 in: Dracut, MA
 Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Divorced/Annulled/Separated: End Year:

Born: 0-___-1759 in:
 Baptized: in:
 Died: 27-Feb-1834 in: Dracut,
 Buried: in:
 Other: in:
 Ref: Occupation:
 Father:
 Mother:

M Child 1 **Elijah HILDRETH** #8480
 Born: 3-Oct-1781 in: Dracut,
 Baptized: in:
 Died: in:
 Buried: in:
 Other: in:
 Ref: Occupation:

F Child 2 **Susannah HILDRETH** #8478
 Born: 11-Oct-1783 in: Dracut,
 Baptized: in:
 Died: in:
 Buried: in:
 Other: in:
 Ref: Occupation:

F Child 3 **Lydia HILDRETH** #8479
 Born: 16-Apr-1786 in: Dracut,
 Baptized: in:
 Died: in:
 Buried: in:
 Other: in:
 Ref: Occupation:

M Child 4 **Israel HILDRETH** #8490 age: 0
 Born: 12-Dec-1789 in: Dracut,
 Baptized: in:
 Died: 2-Jan-1790 in: Dracut,
 Buried: in:
 Other: in:
 Ref: Occupation:

(Family of Israel HILDRETH #8476 - Continued)

M Child 5 **Israel HILDRETH, Jr.** #8491

Born: 28-Feb-1791 in: Dracut,

Baptized: in:

Died: in:

Buried: in:

Other: in:

Ref: Occupation:

Spouse: Dolly (Dolley) JONES #8492

Married: 16-Dec-1813 in: Dracut,

Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Divorced/Annulled/Separated: End Year:

Sometimes he was also listed as Dr. Israel Hildreth;

F Child 6 **Elizabeth HILDRETH** #8481

Born: 28-May-1793 in: Dracut, MA

Baptized: in:

Died: in:

Buried: in:

Other: in:

Ref: Occupation:

Spouse: Jeremiah KIDDER, Jr. #8521

Married: 2-Feb-1815 in: Dracut, MA

Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Divorced/Annulled/Separated: End Year:

Spouse: Phinehas Wood #8522

Married: 24-Feb-1824 in: Tewksbury, Middlesex Co., MA

Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Divorced/Annulled/Separated: End Year:

Husband: **Israel HILDRETH, Jr. #8491**

Born: 28-Feb-1791 in: Dracut,
 Baptized: in:
 Died: in:
 Buried: in:
 Other: in:
 Ref: Occupation:
 Father: Israel HILDRETH #8476
 Mother: Susannah HALE #8477
 Sometimes he was also listed as Dr. Israel Hildreth;

Wife: **Dolly (Dolley) JONES #8492**

Married: 16-Dec-1813 in: Dracut,
 Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Divorced/Annulled/Separated: End Year:

Born: in:
 Baptized: in:
 Died: in:
 Buried: in:
 Other: in:
 Ref: Occupation:
 Father:
 Mother:

F Child 1 **Rowana HILDRETH #8493**

Born: 21-Sep-1814 in: Dracut,
 Baptized: in:
 Died: in:
 Buried: in:
 Other: in:
 Ref: Occupation:

F Child 2 **Sarah Jones HILDRETH #8494**

Born: 17-Aug-1816 in: Dracut,
 Baptized: in:
 Died: in:
 Buried: in:
 Other: in:
 Ref: Occupation:

F Child 3 **Susanna (Susan) HILDRETH #8495**

Born: 24-Nov-1819 in: Dracut,
 Baptized: in:
 Died: in:
 Buried: in:
 Other: in:
 Ref: Occupation:

F Child 4 **Harriet (Harriot) HILDRETH #8496**

Born: 24-Aug-1821 in: Dracut,
 Baptized: in:
 Died: in:
 Buried: in:
 Other: in:
 Ref: Occupation:

(Family of Israel HILDRETH, Jr. #8491 - Continued)

F Child 5 **Laura Wright HILDRETH #8497**

Born: 6-Sep-1826 in: Dracut,
Baptized: in:
Died: in:
Buried: in:
Other: in:
Ref: Occupation:

M Child 6 **John Richardson HILDRETH #8502**

Born: in:
Baptized: in:
Died: 10-Apr-1826 in: Dracut,
Buried: in:
Other: in:
Ref: Occupation:

Husband: Stephen HILDRETH #7091

Born: in:
 Baptized: in:
 Died: in:
 Buried: in:
 Other: in:
 Ref: Occupation:
 Father:
 Mother:

1800 US Census Hillsborough Co., NH Nottingham West
 HILDRETH, Stephen age 26-45
 wife age 26-45
 2 males under 10
 2 males 16-26
 2 females 10-16

Wife: _____ #7092
 Married: in:
 Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Divorced/Annulled/Separated: End Year:

Born: in:
 Baptized: in:
 Died: in:
 Buried: in:
 Other: in:
 Ref: Occupation:
 Father:
 Mother:

Husband: Levi HILDRETH #7093

Born: in:
 Baptized: in:
 Died: in:
 Buried: in:
 Other: in:
 Ref: Occupation:
 Father:
 Mother:

1800 US Census Hillsborough Co., NH Hopkinton

HILDRETH, Levi age 26-45
 wife age 26-45
 2 males under 10
 1 male 10-16
 2 females under 10
 1 female 10-16
 1 female 16-26
 1 female 45 & over

Wife: _____ #7094
 Married: in:
 Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Divorced/Annulled/Separated: End Year:

Born: in:
 Baptized: in:
 Died: in:
 Buried: in:
 Other: in:
 Ref: Occupation:
 Father:
 Mother:

Timothy SPRAGUE

Born 23-May-1700 #6501
 in Malden, Middlesex Co., MA
 Marr 18-Oct-1759
 Malden, Middlesex Co., MA By: Rev. J. Emerson
 Died 10-Oct-1765
 in Malden, Middlesex Co., MA

Sarah CONERY

Born #6505
 in Stoneham, Middlesex Co., MA

Timothy SPRAGUE, Jr.

Born 2-Oct-1762 #6510
 in Malden, Middlesex Co., MA
 Marr 18-Oct-1785
 in Tewksbury, Middlesex Co., MA
 Died
 in Clermont Co., OH

John SPRAGUE

Born 3-Jan-1790 #6247
 in Billerica, Middlesex Co., MA
 Marr 28-Apr-1814
 in Henniker, Hillsboro Co., NH
 Died 30-Jul-1873
 in Versailles, Ripley Co., IN

John NEEDHAM

Born 26-Jan-1717/18 #6516
 in Billerica, Middlesex Co., MA
 Marr 21-Jan-1742
 Died 15-Feb-1800
 in Tewksbury, Middlesex Co., MA

Azubah NEEDHAM

Born 10-Oct-1764 #6511
 in Tewksbury, Middlesex Co., MA
 Died 1840/1850
 in Clermont Co., OH

Prudence STEARNS

Born 30-Mar-1724 #6517
 in Billerica, Middlesex Co., MA
 Died 29-Dec-1781
 Tewksbury, Middlesex Co., MA (Consumption)

Emily Caroline SPRAGUE

Born 0-__-1825/6 #5347
 in Henniker, Hillsborough Co., NH
 Marr 22-Dec-1842
 Ripley Co., IN By: Meshack Hyatt (Book I)
 Died 0-__-1870
 in Shelbyville, IL
 Spouse John ALLEN

Oliver HILDRETH

Born 11-Jul-1723 #7476
 in Chelmsford, Middlesex Co., MA
 Marr 26-Oct-1744
 in Andover, Essex Co., MA
 Died 0-Feb-1793
 in Townsend, MA

Abijah HILDRETH

Born 5-Jun-1755 #7474
 in Townsend, MA
 Marr Jan-1781
 in Hollis, NH
 Died 21-Apr-1837
 in Henniker, Hillsborough Co., NH

Anna BLAISDELL

Born 3-Mar-1727 #7477
 in Chelmsford, Middlesex Co., MA
 Died Abt-1800

Elizabeth "Betsey" HILDRETH

Born 0-__-1793 #6248
 in Massachusetts
 Died 17-Jan-1861
 Versailles, Johnson Twp., Ripley Co., IN

Hannah SMITH

Born 0-__-1762 #7475
 in Hollis, NH
 Died 20-Jan-1836
 in Henniker, Hillsborough Co., NH

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Warren CURTIS

Born #309
in MO

Elmer Edward CURTIS

Born 7-Apr-1871 #305
in Bloomington, McLean Co., IL
Marr 8-Mar-1900
in Webster City, Hamilton Co., IA
Died 19-Jul-1961
in Monticello, Piatt Co., IL

Katherine CONRAD

Born #310
in IL

Elmer Earl CURTIS

Born 4-Aug-1906 #66
in Burdette, Franklin Co., IA
Marr 27-Nov-1927
Rev. Wm. Ealey, 501 E. Oregon St. Urbana, IL
Died 10-Jul-1970 Fri
in Danville, Vermillion Co., IL VA Hosp

Johnson ALLEN

Born 16-Jun-1852 #627
in Versailles, Ripley Co., IN
Marr 19-Nov-1874
in Shelby Co., IL (Bk E Pg 38)
Died 1-Jul-1936
in Norwood, Lucas Co., IA (Uremia)

Cora Belle ALLEN

Born 5-Nov-1882 #306
in Grandmeadow, Clayton Co., IA
Died 8-Apr-1980 Tue
Champaign, Champaign Co., IL Cole Hosp 9:55AM

Vina Bell SHOCKMAN

Born 19-Feb-1858 #628
Shelbyville, IL? Farina, Marion Co., IL?
Died 25-Mar-1943
Elkhorn Twp., Webster Co., Ft. Dodge, IA

Leonard Earl CURTIS

Born 26-Feb-1929 #1
Champaign, Champaign Co., IL Burnham Hosp
Marr 19-May-1950
in Champaign, IL St. Peter's Church
Spouse Patricia June MALEY

Daniel Webster RESLER

Born 6-Jan-1851 #30
in Sugar Creek Twp., Tusc. Co., OH
Marr 16-Jun-1871
Tusc. Co., OH by J.F. Dilley per License
Died 1-Jan-1919
in Odon, Daviess Co., IN Med (Nephritis)

George Wilson RESLER

Born 4-Nov-1882 #41
Dundee, Tuscarawas Co., OH Wayne Twp.?
Marr 24-Dec-1901 6PM
in Odon, Daviess Co., IN or Raglesville;
Died 21-Oct-1952
Champaign, IL (Adeono Carcinoma Colon)

Clara Josephine "Josie" (MOCK/MAUCK) MAUK

Born 16-Apr-1855 #31
in OH
Died 14-Sep-1930
in Odon, Daviess Co., IN (Cancer)

Berdie Leone RESLER

Born 17-Mar-1910 #48
in Raglesville, Daviess Co., IN
Died 12-Nov-1992 Thu
in Urbana, IL Fontana Nursing Home

Godfrey/Godford RAMP

Born CA-1852 #330
Marr 27-May-1882
in Bedford, Lawrence County, IN
Died Before-1942

Sarah Elizabeth RAMP

Born 12-Aug-1884 #44
in Bedford, Lawrence Co., IN
Died 16-Apr-1962 Mon
Urbana, Champaign Co., IL (Colon Cancer)

Josephine Clementine MOORE

Born 3-Jan-1854/5 #331
in Lawrence Co., IN
Died 19-Jun-1937
Odon, Daviess Co., IN (Cancer of Neck)

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Husband: **Richard HILDRETH** #7268 age: 88

Born: 0-___-1605 in: Gainford,England 1
 Baptized: in:
 Died: 23-Feb-1693 in: Chelmsford,Middlesex Co.,MA 1
 Buried: in:
 Other: in:
 Ref: Occupation:
 Father:
 Mother:

From the Immigrant Ancestor booklet which I have it states:"HILDRETH,Richard (1605-Feb.23,1693),from Eng. to Cambridge,Mass; freeman, 1643; one of five townsmen, 1645; appointed collect of fines for Cambridge,1646; fence viewer, 1649, 1653/54, 1664, 67; surveyor of highways,1650, 52, 1661/62, 1666-67; to Chelmsford,Mass, 1656; selectman, 1656;called sgt. 1657;grand juror, 1657, 64; commr. 1661, 64; married Sarah - (d 1644); m 2d, ca 1645 Elizabeth -(1625-93);

Wife: **Sarah** #7269

Married: in: 1
 Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Divorced/Annulled/Separated: End Year:

Born: in: 1
 Baptized: in:
 Died: 1644 in: 1
 Buried: in:
 Other: in:
 Ref: Occupation:
 Father:
 Mother:

*James
 Jane - Robert Proctor*

Wife: **Elizabeth HINCHMAN** #7270 age: 68

Married: CA-1645 in: 1
 Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Divorced/Annulled/Separated: End Year:

Born: 0-___-1625 in: 1
 Baptized: in:
 Died: 3-Aug-1693 in: 1
 Buried: in:
 Other: in:
 Ref: Occupation:
 Father:
 Mother:

M Child 1 **Ephraim HILDRETH** #7087 age: 76

Born: 0-___-1655 in: Cambridge,MA 2
 Baptized: in:
 Died: 5-Apr-1731 in: Westford,Middlesex Co.,MA 3
 Buried: in:
 Other: in:
 Ref: Occupation:

Spouse: **Anne MOORE** #7088

Married: 8-Oct-1686 in: Sudbury/Stow,MA 4
 Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Divorced/Annulled/Separated: End Year:

1800 US Census Hillsborough Co.,NH Warner (Town/Twp)

(Family of Richard HILDRETH #7268 - Continued)

HILDRETH, Ephraim listed age 26-45
2 White Males under 10 yrs old
1 White Male 10-16
Wife listed age 26-45
3 White Females under 10
1 White Female 10-16

1 pg 37 Immigrant Ancestors Edited by Frederick Adams Virkus Extracted from Vol VII Compendium of American Genealogy Booklet of which I have a copy;

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Marr CA-1645
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Born 0-__-1655 #7087
in Cambridge,MA
Marr 8-Oct-1686
in Sudbury/Stow,MA
Died 5-Apr-1731
in Westford,Middlesex Co.,MA

Elizabeth HINCHMAN

Born 0-__-1625 #7270
Died 3-Aug-1693

James HILDRETH

Born 23-Dec-1698 #7478
in Chelmsford,Middlesex Co.,MA
Marr 20-Dec-1721
in Concord,MA
Died 25-Feb-1761
Westford,Middlesex Co.,MA
Spouse Dorothy PRESCOTT

John MOORE

#7707

Anne MOORE

Born 17-Jul-1666 #7088
in Lancaster,MA
Died 8-Apr-1760
in Littleton,Middlesex Co.,MA

Anne SMITH

#7708

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 Mother: Elizabeth HINCHMAN #7270

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 3 White Females under 10
 1 White Female 10-16

Wife: **Anne MOORE** #7088 age: 93
 Married: 8-Oct-1686 in: Sudbury/Stow, MA 3
 Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Divorced/Annulled/Separated: End Year:

Born: 17-Jul-1666 in: Lancaster, MA 4
 Baptized: in:
 Died: 8-Apr-1760 in: Littleton, Middlesex Co., MA 2
 Buried: in:
 Other: in:
 Ref: Occupation:

Father: John MOORE #7707
 Mother: Anne SMITH #7708

M Child 1 **James HILDRETH** #7478 age: 62
 Born: 23-Dec-1698 in: Chelmsford, Middlesex Co., MA 2
 Baptized: in:
 Died: 25-Feb-1761 in: Westford, Middlesex Co., MA 2
 Buried: in:
 Other: in:
 Ref: Occupation:
 Spouse: Dorothy PRESCOTT #7479
 Married: 20-Dec-1721 in: Concord, MA 2
 Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Divorced/Annulled/Separated: End Year:

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 Baptized: in:
 Died: 25-Feb-1761 in: Westford, Middlesex Co., MA 1
 Buried: in:
 Other: in:
 Ref: Occupation:
 Father: Ephraim HILDRETH #7087
 Mother: Anne MOORE #7088

Wife: **Dorothy PRESCOTT** #7479 age: 72

Married: 20-Dec-1721 in: Concord, MA 1
 Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Divorced/Annulled/Separated: End Year:

Born: 0-__-1702 in: Acton, Middlesex Co., MA 1
 Baptized: in:
 Died: 3-Sep-1774 in: Westford, Middlesex Co., MA 1
 Buried: in:
 Other: in:
 Ref: Occupation:
 Father: Samuel PRESCOTT #7711
 Mother: Esther WHEELER #7712

M Child 1 **Oliver HILDRETH** #7476 age: 69

Born: 11-Jul-1723 in: Chelmsford, Middlesex Co., MA 1
 Baptized: in:
 Died: 0-Feb-1793 in: Townsend, MA 1
 Buried: in:
 Other: in:
 Ref: Occupation:
 Spouse: Anna BLAISDELL #7477
 Married: 26-Oct-1744 in: Andover, Essex Co., MA 1
 Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Divorced/Annulled/Separated: End Year:

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Wife: **Emily Caroline SPRAGUE** #5347 age: 45

Born: 0-__-1825/6 in: Henniker, Hillsborough Co., NH
 Baptized: in:
 Died: 0-__-1870 in: Shelbyville, IL
 Buried: in:
 Other: in:
 Ref: Occupation:
 Father: John SPRAGUE #6247
 Mother: Elizabeth "Betsey" HILDRETH #6248

Husband: **John ALLEN** #5346 age: 85
 Married: 22-Dec-1842 in: Ripley Co., IN By: Meshack Hyatt (Book I)
 Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Divorced/Annulled/Separated: End Year:

Born: 22-Jul-1822 in: Versailles, Ripley Co., IN
 Baptized: in:
 Died: 23-Jul-1907 in: Philo, Champaign Co., IL
 Buried: in:
 Other: in:
 Ref: Occupation:
 Father: Montgomery ALLEN #7693
 Mother: Nancy ROBINSON #7694

F Child 1 **Lorinda Ellen "Rinda" ALLEN** #6249 age: 76
 Born: 25-Jan-1847 in: Versailles, Ripley Co., IN
 Baptized: in:
 Died: 11-Apr-1923 in: Catlin, Vermilion Co., IL
 Buried: in:
 Other: in:
 Ref: Occupation:
 Spouse: Benjamin Franklin BLAISDELL #7699
 Married: 22-Dec-1862 in: Delaware, Ripley Co., IN
 Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Divorced/Annulled/Separated: End Year:

F Child 2 **Lavina ALLEN** #6250
 Born: 1849 in: IN
 Baptized: in:
 Died: in:
 Buried: in:
 Other: in:
 Ref: Occupation:
 Spouse: Archie GAULT #7700
 Married: Abt-1890 in:
 Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Divorced/Annulled/Separated: End Year:

M Child 3 **Johnson ALLEN** #627 age: 84
Born: 16-Jun-1852 in: Versailles, Ripley Co., IN
Baptized: in:
Died: 1-Jul-1936 in: Norwood, Lucas Co., IA (Uremia)
Buried: 3-Jul-1936 in: Ft. Dodge, Webster Co., IA Oakland Cemetery
Other: in:
Ref: Occupation: Laborer
Spouse: Vina Bell SHOCKMAN #628
Married: 19-Nov-1874 in: Shelby Co., IL (Bk E Pg 38)
Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Y Divorced/Annulled/Separated: End Year:

M Child 4 **James ALLEN** #6251
Born: 1855 in: IN
Baptized: in:
Died: in:
Buried: in:
Other: in:
Ref: Occupation:

M Child 5 **Albert ALLEN** #6252
Born: 0-___-1857 in: IN
Baptized: in:
Died: in:
Buried: in:
Other: in:
Ref: Occupation:
Spouse: Emma ADAMS #7701
Married: 1886 in: Philo, Champaign Co., IL?
Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Divorced/Annulled/Separated: End Year:

F Child 6 **Jennie ALLEN** #7702
Born: 17-Feb-1867 in: Rush Co., IN
Baptized: in:
Died: in:
Buried: in:
Other: in:
Ref: Occupation:
Spouse: Ulyssess Grant SILKEY #7703
Married: 1900 in: Urbana, Champaign Co., IL
Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Divorced/Annulled/Separated: End Year:

F Child 7 **Laura ALLEN** #7704
Born: in:
Baptized: in:
Died: in:
Buried: in:
Other: in:
Ref: Occupation:
Spouse: Harvey Adelbert CAMPBELL #7705
Married: Abt-1900 in: Philo, Champaign Co., IL
Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Divorced/Annulled/Separated: End Year:

(Family of Johnson ALLEN #627 - Continued)

F Child 3 **Elsie Victoria ALLEN** #728 age: 117

Born: 8-Mar-1880 in: Philo,IL Andy Wilson Farm 4 miles SE of
Baptized: in:
Died: in:
Buried: in:
Other: in:
Ref: Occupation:

Spouse: William H. WATTS #5350
Married: 9-Aug-1898 in:
Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Divorced/Annulled/Separated: End Year:
Spouse: Charles SPENCER #780
Married: in:
Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Divorced/Annulled/Separated: End Year:

F Child 4 **Cora Belle ALLEN** #306 age: 97

Born: 5-Nov-1882 in: Grandmeadow,Clayton Co.,IA
Baptized: in:
Died: 8-Apr-1980 Tue in: Champaign,ChampaignCo,IL Cole Hosp9:55AM
Buried: 10-Apr-1980 Thu in: Urbana,Champaign Co,IL Woodlawh Cemetery
Other: in:
Ref: Occupation: Housewife

Spouse: Elmer Edward CURTIS #305
Married: 8-Mar-1900 in: Webster City,Hamilton Co,IA
Other: in: W.Bonner,J.P.
Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Y Divorced/Annulled/Separated: End Year:

F Child 5 **Edith Alice ALLEN** #779 age: 70

Born: 23-Jan-1885 in: Hardin,IA 1 mile North on the Lyons Farm
Baptized: in:
Died: 25-Jul-1955 in:
Buried: in:
Other: in:
Ref: Occupation:

Spouse: William BIRDWELL #7799
Married: in:
Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Y Divorced/Annulled/Separated: D End Year: 1908
Spouse: Dan WYGLE #778
Married: in:
Marr. Ceremony? Y/N: Divorced/Annulled/Separated: End Year:

1855 WESTFORD

1/1	Osgood	Benjamin	74	m	w	Physician	MA
		Eliza	54	f	w		MA
		Benja. F.	43	m	w	Farmer	MA
		Augustus H.	21	m	w	Farmer	MA
		Ellen A.	15	f	w		MA
2/2	Hamblin	Asia	75	m	w	Farmer	MA
		Emily I.	50	f	w		NH
3/3	Wright	Ephraim	62	m	w	Carpenter	MA
		Asenath F.	54	f	w		MA
		Martha A.	19	f	w		MA
		Sarah P.	17	f	w		MA
	Fletcher	Samson	24	m	w	Shoemaker	MA
4/4	Bailey	Joseph	42	m	w	Farmer	MA
		Mary S.B.	42	f	w		NH
		Marietta L.	17	f	w		MA
		Elizabeth A.	12	f	w		MA
		Joseph H.N.	8	m	w		MA
		Geo. Julien	40m	m	w		MA
5/5	Wright	Geo. Porter	33	m	w	Farmer	MA
		Mary A.	33	f	w		NH
		Charles A.	15m	m	w		MA
		Jacob	68	m	w	Farmer	MA
		Phebe#	36	f	w		MA
		#[enumerated after household number 123/123, but with note "Belonging to family 5"]					
6/6	Peckens	Marcus	71	m	w	Farmer	NH
		Sally	70	f	w		MA
		Fletcher	35	m	w	Shoemaker	MA
		Mary C.	25	f	w		MA
7/7	Minott	Isaac	58	m	w	Farmer	MA
		Isaac G.	9	m	w		MA
		Alma A.	6	f	w		MA
	Hildreth	Betsey P.	64	f	w		MA
8/8	Baxter Rodliff Baxter	Caroline H.	44	f	w		MA
		Caroline A.	20	f	w		MA
		Albert F.	17	m	w	None	MA
		Abby A.	11	f	w		MA
9/9	Metcalf	William	34	m	w	Mechanic	Eng
		Elizabeth	32	f	w		NY
		Edwin D.	7	m	w		RI
		Charles#	4	m	w		MA
		#Deceased					
10/10	Burbeck	Samuel N.	50	m	w	Farmer	NH
		Eliza P.	45	f	w		
		John	22	m	w	Farmer	MA
		Joseph	21	m	w	Farmer	MA

1855 WESTFORD

		Mary A.	19	f	w		MA
		Wm. H.H.	15	m	w	Farmer	MA
		Eliza I.	13	f	w		MA
		Charles L.	9	m	w		MA
11/11	Dow	Darius A.	35	m	w	Physician	NH
		Mary G.	30	f	w		NH
		Goodrich Q.	7	m	w		NH
	Quigg	Annah J.	51m	f	w		MA
		Polly G.	60	f	w		NH
		Abel G.	58	m	w	Gentleman	NH
		Lydia	50	f	w		NH
		David	20	m	w	Student	NH
		Ellen	18	f	w		NH
12/12	Caryl	Moses	61	m	w	Farmer	VT
13/13	Wilder	Laura A.L.	23	f	w		VT
		Arvilla E.	22	f	w		VT
		Nathan W.	20	m	w	Farmer	VT
14/14	Davis	Thomas	74	m	w	Farmer	MA
		Levi	82	m	w	Farmer	MA
	Howarth	Susan	64	f	w		MA
	White	Sarah F.	27	f	w		MA
		James F.	11	m	w		MA
		Wm. H.H.	6	m	w		MA
	Shattuck	Geo. W.B.	20	m	w	Dentist	NH
15/15	Bicknall	Ira	46	m	w	Farmer	MA
		Martha	38	f	w		MA
		Ira A.	20	m	w	Farmer	MA
		Nathan D.	18	m	w	Farmer	MA
		Loami C.	16	m	w	Student	MA
		Martha M.	14	f	w		MA
		James	10	m	w		MA
		Ellen A.	8	f	w		MA
		Mary J.	6	f	w		MA
		Deborah A.	51m	f	w		MA
		Betsey D.	1	f	w		MA
16/16	Whitney	Nathaniel R.	50	m	w	Farmer	MA
		Susan	44	f	w		MA
		Geo. W.	26	m	w	Farmer	MA
		Henry	19	m	w	Farmer	MA
		William	15	m	w	Farmer	MA
		Charlotte E.	14	f	w		MA
		Mary B.	11	f	w		MA
		Sarah F.	8	f	w		MA
		Sydney D.	6	m	w		MA
		Julian	38m	m	w		MA
	Edwards	Susannah	79	f	w		MA
17/17	Sweetser	Nancy	35	f	w		MA

Sam'l Douglass = Hepzibah Farrar
B. Scotland 11-29-1652

Samuel Douglass = Hepzibah Richardson
The Immigrant
B. Scotland 5-18-1699
Townsand, Mass. - Dec. 1730
mar. 3.6.1723
dan. of Sam'l

Capt. Sam'l Douglass = Molly Conant
B. 1723
D. Littleton, N.H. 1816
Lived in Brookline, N.H.

"Deacon" Samuel Douglass = Sarah Seaver
D. Townsend, Mass. 1767
D. Wilton, N.H. 1841
B. 1829

Surgeon ^{2nd} Roswell Douglass = Adeline Warren
M-1839 / B. Littleton, N.H. 5/21/1804
D. Lowell, Mass. 8/28/1847
B. Chelmsford, Mass. 23 Aug. 1806
D. Lowell 26 Oct. 1838

Roswell S. Douglass = F.J. Black
B-1848
D-1912
Has 6 sons
2 daughters

Henriette Parkhurst - B-1834
Marion - B. 1861
Arthur - B. 1863
Amy - B. 1865
Amelia = Mary - B-1832
Ellen Warren = Mary Bond
B. Bristol, Ind. 1870
D. Zanesville, Ohio 1879
Roswell Douglass Bond - X

ROGER CONANT = Martha Corey
B-1600
EX-1655
Martha Corey
1st
Conant = Blewett
Sarah
John Conant = Farrar
Capt. Beverly 10-4-1732
B-12-26-1736
D. Townsend
He built Tavern there
B. Concord 1-19-1715
D. 1800 in
Townsend.

Arthur Warren = Mary
Immigrant to Weymouth, prior to 1639
To Chelmsford
Jacob Warren = Mary
In Chelmsford
before 1723.
Deacon Joseph Warren = Ruth
Whitwell
B. 1670
D. 1740
Chelmsford

Lamson
Immigrant to
Cambridge 1635
Joseph = ?
Sarah
Eberiza = Hutterell
Mary
Eberiza = Hutterell
B. 1714
Paul Lamson = Azubah
Parlin
B. Concord 10-7-1745
D. 1797

Ephraim Warren = Esther
Parker
B. Chelmsford 1707
D. 1788
Isaac Warren = Lydia
Adams
B. 1-30-1737 -
D. 10-14-1812
Chelmsford

Isaac Warren = Nancy Lamson
B. Chelmsford 1777
D. " 1840
B. Carlisle, Mass. - 1780

This has been in the family for years - Don't know who did the research - V.

Douglas: This line may be traced far back of
any thing I have given you here. Probably the
correct story of origin of family - is descended from
Sholto-Du = Gosh the third. ca. 770 in the reign of
Solvathis, King of the Saxons

at any rate William de Douglas was created Earl by
King Malcolm Canmore at coronation held in Forfar, 1057.

Conant: Lot Conant who married Martha Cleaver
great grand son of Roger Conant, the first

Colonial Gov. of Massachusetts, under the
Sheffield & Cape Ann Charters (Endicott was under
the Mass. Bay Bay Charter). Roger probably came
to Plymouth in the "Ann" in 1623. He married
Sarah Horton in Parish of St. Ann's, Blackfriars, London 11/11/1618.

Searcy: Capt. Roberts' father - Robert, "with his sons were
at the taking of Louisburg in 1745, and he left one son there."
Robert Searcy the Emigrant born ca 1688 - d. 1693 - was a selectman
in Roxbury as early as 1665. He married in the town Elizabeth Balleant
on 10 Dec. 1634.

Corey = Martha Corey the wife of Dr. Cleaver, was the
daughter of Giles Corey - tried for witchcraft in
Salem in 1692 - He refused to reply to the magistrates
questions - saying - "The others you tried answered your questions
and you hang them - you can hang me, but I will not waste
my breath answering your questions - or words to that effect. -
Therefore - He was ordered "pressed to death" - The only
man so executed in America.

So you see you are the great, great, great, great
great, great, great grand daughter of a Salem
Witch - Isn't that jolly? In proof of the above,

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LIFE IN ENGLAND

Richard Hildreth, the ancestor of the New England Hildreths, was born in the north of England in 1605, the year of the Gunpowder Plot, a date fixed by the inscription on his gravestone in Chelmsford, Mass. He was therefore fifteen years old at the sailing of the Mayflower.

When Winslow returned from Plymouth to England to procure supplies, Richard was nineteen years old. It is evident that he entered with enthusiasm into the reforms of his day, and we may assume that he read Winslow's tract about New England.

In 1625, the year that Charles I. came to the throne, was born Elizabeth, who afterwards became the second wife of Richard. Richard was then twenty years of age. He married Sarah, his first wife, probably the very year in which his second wife was born, certainly not later than 1627. The colonists at Plymouth then numbered three hundred souls.

The first child of Richard and Sarah was Jane, born, probably, not later than 1628, for even at this date she would be only seventeen at the time of her marriage in 1645. Their second child, James, was born in 1631, a date fixed by a noted lawsuit hereafter to be mentioned.

Between the births of these two children the colony of Massachusetts had been founded. Without expressly renouncing the authority of the Church of England, the settlers, after the manner of Plymouth, constituted themselves into a church of their own, dropping the English ceremonial and liturgy. Fifteen ships presently arrived with a thousand emigrants and four ministers. Boston was founded (1630), and Charlestown, Dorchester, Watertown, Roxbury, Medford, Lynn, and Cambridge were soon settled. Each town became a little republic. Each constituted itself a distinct church, which admitted its own members and chose its own officers. Boston soon had a shop and a tavern.

MIGRATION TO NEW ENGLAND

By 1634 the colony, under Winthrop's four years' administration, had made much progress. Boston had three ferries and a fort. The towns had water-wells and windmills. Ship-building had been begun at Medford on the Mystic. The colonists used for money: grain, beaver skins, bullets, and wampum. In Virginia they traded in corn and cattle. At Manhattan they gave the Dutch fur in exchange for West Indian goods. Eight churches had been established, formed, as was supposed, on a pure Bible model; theatrical display, not to be reconciled to a good conscience, had been laid aside. The English Puritans admired and longed for the land where the soul might be at peace. Emigrants came in thick and fast. The towns of Newbury, Ipswich, Weymouth, Hingham, Marblehead, Dedham, and Concord were soon settled.

The family antiquarians have been unable to find the exact date on which Richard Hildreth came to this country. We know, however, that the town of Southampton, on Long Island, was founded in 1640 by some forty families from Lynn, who went filibustering against the Dutch. In a list of these first settlers, given in Thompson's History of Long Island, is found the name of Thomas Hildreth. Now, your antiquarians take Thomas Hildreth for a brother of Richard. They also assume that the brothers emigrated together. But it is not likely that Tom Hildreth would rush off filibustering to Long Island the instant he landed in New England. Give him a few years to become discontented. This will bring us, say, to 1635 as the probable date when the Hildreths came to New England - a date rendered the more likely as it coincides with the period when, owing to the progress of the colony, the tide of emigration began to pour in. This tide greatly slackened about 1640, for then the Long Parliament was in power in England, and the saints, having everything their own way, had less inducement to emigrate.

Richard Hildreth brought with him his wife, Sarah, and his two children, Jane and James. He settled first at Cambridge. What became of Thomas Hildreth, and how he fared with the Dutchmen, let those tell who know.

STATE OF NEW ENGLAND

When Richard Hildreth arrived in New England the state of affairs was as follows: A governor and board of assistants - called the magistrates - carried out the laws, and held courts to settle disputes. They were elected yearly by the freemen. The laws were made by the General Court, consisting of the magistrates with deputies from each town, elected yearly by the freemen. No one could be a freeman unless he was a church member, and not a fourth part of the adult population ever were church members. It was no easy thing. A man must be orthodox in faith, lead an austere life, have a vivid internal assurance that he was one of God's elect, and recite his religious experience before the whole congregation. The greater part of the population were indented servants, carpenters, wheelwrights, coopers, tinkers, - profane persons more bent on the trivial concerns of this life than on the eternal affairs of the soul.

The church members formed an aristocracy, holding all power in their own hands - a natural aristocracy of merit, at least for many years; for the church members were men far above the majority of their fellows in intelligence, force of will, and devotion to principle. If, knowing their own ability, they concluded that wisdom was confined to themselves, the mistake was natural; and, if they persecuted others with the same rigor with which others had persecuted them, the mischief was not of long duration, because the floodgates of liberty, which they themselves had opened, could not be shut again.

Besides its ministers, each church had its ruling elders, men of lion-like courage, ready to pounce upon anyone who spoke against the doctrines set forth by the pastor. There were also deacons, plain-dealing men endowed with wisdom from above to

manage the church treasury.

The Sabbath began Saturday afternoon. Sunday morning the blowing of a horn announced the hour of worship. Service began at nine, and continued eight hours, with one hour for dinner. The sexton escorted the minister to church. The congregation sat on rude benches arranged according to their age, importance, and social standing. These places were assigned at the annual town meeting, and it was a hard business to seat the meeting-house, owing to the pride, envy, and jealousy in the hearts of the saints. The service consisted of a preliminary prayer, a chapter of the Bible read and expounded, a psalm in metre dictated line by line to the congregation by a deacon, the long prayer of an hour and a half, the sermon of a hundred or a hundred and fifty pages. At the close of services baptisms took place, and sinners were put on trial and obliged to confess before the congregation. After the benediction the minister passed out of the church, bowing to the people on each side of the aisle, nor did a person stir till the minister and his family had gone out.

SECOND MARRIAGE

In 1643, Richard Hildreth was admitted as a freeman of the Colony of Massachusetts Bay. This is the first direct notice that we have of him. His friend, Robert Proctor, who had an eye on Jane, his eldest daughter, was admitted a freeman at the same time. The next year, Sarah, the first wife of Richard, died, having been married sixteen to twenty years. The following year Richard married his second wife, Elizabeth, who was twenty years old. Richard was forty, just old enough to be her father. This very year, Robert Proctor married Jane (Dec. 31). This year, also, Richard was chosen one of the five selectmen, or townsmen, as they were called, of Cambridge.

A saint, a member of the ruling aristocracy, raised to the highest office in the town of his residence, married to a young wife, what else could be lacking to fill his cup of happiness in the memorable year 1645!

During the next sixteen years, he became the father of nine children, - Elizabeth (named after her mother), Sarah (evidently named in memory of her father's first wife), Mary, Ephraim, Abigail, Joseph, Persis, Thomas, and Isaac.

Jane Proctor, the eldest daughter of Richard and Sarah, was about the same age as her step-mother, Elizabeth. These two young women vied with each other in the size of their families. In 1661, at the birth of Isaac, the ninth child of Elizabeth, poor Jane had only seven children, but, though seemingly defeated, she made up for it by the end of the next five years, when her children were equal in number to the tribes of Israel.

FIRST SCHOOLHOUSE

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In 1647, the first schoolhouse in Cambridge was built. Henry Dunster, first president of Harvard College, owned a lot on the west side of Holyoke Street, about midway between Harvard and Mount Auburn Streets. The schoolhouse was to be built on this lot, and an agreement was drawn up between President Dunster and certain masons to build it. To this agreement Richard Hildreth was the witness. It is thought by many that there is some mysterious connection between witnessing this agreement for the first schoolhouse of Cambridge and the subsequent literary career of certain members of the family.

PUBLIC SERVICES

As long as Richard Hildreth remained in Cambridge, he was appointed almost every year to some office of trust by the selectmen or by the town meeting. He was appointed to look after the Common, that no cattle trespass upon the same to the damage of the cow herd; to empound stray cattle; to survey the highways; to view the fences; to gather fines; to prosecute persons who illegally cut the town's woodland; to bound meadows in dispute, and to view the complaints of divers persons.

HOGS

While Richard Hildreth resided at Cambridge the civil war between Charles I and the Parliament was raging in England; the saints got the upper hand, and cut off the head of King Charles in 1649.

In 1651 many exciting events took place in Massachusetts. One Clark, a Baptist, came to Lynn, to the house of a fellow Baptist. According to these people, there was no greater mistake than to baptize infants. No one, they said, should be baptized till he had shown signs of repentance. They held, too, that no servant of Jesus Christ ought to restrain a fellow servant in his worship when no injury is offered to others. The next Sunday they ventured to preach the word of God as they understood it. The constables walked them off to church to hear an orthodox minister. The next day they were brought to Boston, and fined by Endicott, who informed them that to deny infant baptism was soul murder and a capital offence.

Some one paid Clark's fine. Obadiah Holmes, his companion, refused a similar offer and was condemned to be whipped. "I bless God," said he, "I am accounted worthy to suffer for the name of Jesus." "May the curse of God go with you," said John Wilson, the minister, and struck him before the judgment seat. Obadiah was then led to the whipping-post, and received thirty lashes with a three-corded whip, laid on with great strength.

At this same time Eliot was preaching to the Indians. With great fatigue he visited all the tribes of Massachusetts. He was translating the Bible into the Indian language, and had a settlement of converted Indians at Natick, where he taught them to love their neighbor as themselves.

Meanwhile, the Narragansetts had not paid up the fine of \$5,000 worth of wampum, which the saints in their righteousness had imposed upon them. The Indians collected all the precious old copper kettles from wigwam to wigwam. Still the debt was not paid, and Major Atherton marched against them at the head of an armed party, seized Passacus, their chief, by the hair of his head, in the midst of his warriors, and wrung from him the final payment. It was just at this time that James, running breathless to his father Richard, informed him that Brother Eldred's hogs had broken into a field of corn and had rooted up a good part of it.

The trouble between the hog-feeders and the corn-growers was a serious matter in Massachusetts. At an early date the magistrates had given permission to the corn-growers to kill any hog found in the corn. The hog-feeders raised a clamor; deputies waited on the magistrates, demanded to see the charter, and found that the magistrates had no right to make laws; this was the right of the general court. A revolution was the result.

Robert Kean, a church member, a leading merchant, and captain of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery, had been sued by a poor woman for killing her stray pig. She lost her suit and had to pay costs. Kean sued her for slander and recovered twenty pounds. One of Kean's witnesses confessed that he had sworn falsely, and a re-hearing of the case was granted. After seven days' trial before the general court, the majority of the deputies were for reversing the decision, while a majority of the magistrates, sympathizing with the respectable merchant, were for sustaining it. Now, it had been the practice to allow the magistrates a negative on the vote of the deputies. An outcry was raised against this negative. A lively discussion by pamphlet took place. One of the elders pointed out that, if the magistrates were deprived of their negative, the government would degenerate into a mere democracy. Finally it was agreed that the magistrates should retain their negative as regards laws, but in suits a majority of the whole court should decide. Such were the important constitutional changes brought about in Massachusetts by hogs.

Now, as Brother Eldred would give no satisfaction, Richard Hildreth (Aug. the 27th, 1651) sued him for damages in the county court, Cambridge, and let us hope he got them. Hope is all the satisfaction his descendants can get, for the court records, strange to say, seldom mention the result of trials. James testified in this case. According to the court record, he was then twenty years old. Your family antiquarians bless Brother Eldred and his hogs, for through them they learn the date of James's birth.

SERGEANT RICHARD

Besides filling various civil offices, Richard Hildreth was also sergeant of militia. This fact comes out in the records of the town of Cambridge for the year 1654. The clerk writes that Ensign Winship and Sergeant Hildreth were appointed to view fences.

Nothing can exceed the joy with which our cousin, Philip Reade, captain in the U. S. Army and family antiquarian, seizes on this title of sergeant. Belonging, as Philip does, to the Lowell branch of the family, many of whom have been mighty men of valor, whose deeds the captain relates with enthusiasm, he would, if he could, discover a military man in every member of the Hildreth family, and he "sergeants" our ancestor throughout his book wherever he has occasion to mention his name. ("Origin and Genealogy of the Hildreth Family of Lowell, Mass." by Captain Philip Reade, U. S. Army 1892. Later General Reade) It is true that the Lowell branch - the elder branch of the family - shows a perfect wilderness of army officers. Not only have they been generals themselves, their daughters and sisters have married generals. Not only have they been ready to fight, they have fought and damaged the British much, both by land and sea. In narrating these glorious exploits, it is perfectly fair to point out that the first ancestor of all was a sergeant, and that the family began its career in honorable military titles nearly at the foot of the ladder. That, however, being once pointed out, our cousin, the captain, ought to remember that Richard Hildreth is also the ancestor of the other branches of the family, branches wholly pacific, among whom not even the title of sergeant has anywhere yet been discovered, - a race of farmers, blacksmiths, hotel-keepers, traders, manufacturers, ministers, doctors, lawyers, teachers, bookworms; and that these persons will take umbrage at the captain's insisting on eternally referring to our common ancestor as the sergeant. In their opinion, saint and freeman, selectman and settler of disputes, are titles quite as honorable. Besides, I will draw Captain Philip's attention to the fact that, in 1655, the very next year after Richard had been spoken of as sergeant, he was again appointed viewer of fences along with Ensign Winship, but this year, though Winship retains his title of Ensign, our ancestor is not called sergeant, but plain Richard. This is a momentous fact, and I put it to Captain Philip whether it may not be among the possibilities that our ancestor lost his title of sergeant the very next year after he got it.

It is a matter of deep regret to Captain Philip that he cannot anywhere light upon our ancestor engaged in a regular fight. "If he ever was a fighting military man," says he, "he ceased to be such after the loss of the use of his right hand, and bore no active part in the expedition against the Narragansett Indians 1675, nor is his name chronicled as having borne arms in 'King Philip's war,' which terminated Aug. 12, 1676."

In 1675, the date of the expedition against the Narragansetts, our ancestor was seventy years old. Captain Philip surely will have humanity enough not to force our ancestor out against savages at that age, even supposing his right hand to have been sound. But I have comfort for Captain Philip.

Ninigret was chief of the Niantics who dwelled along the shores of Narragansett Bay. A report was spread that Ninigret had arranged a plot for a general Indian insurrection and the murder of the New England colonists. Ninigret denied it. The proof was slight. The elders, however, before whom the General Court laid the matter, saw "plain evidence of an execrable plot tending to the destruction of many dear saints of God." The

tributary Indians at the east end of Long Island complained that Ninigret had attacked them. Ninigret was sent for. He returned a "proud, presumptuous and offensive answer," and it was thought that Massachusetts was called by God himself to make a present war against Ninigret. Two hundred and seventy men were raised and Major Willard put in command.

Now it was a strange oversight on the part of our cousin, Captain Philip, not to remark that the year in which Richard Hildreth was called sergeant by the town clerk was the very year in which war was declared against Ninigret. Might not our ancestor have marched with the gallant two hundred and seventy? His right hand was yet uninjured; he was forty-nine years of age, not too old; it was March 12, 1654, when the town clerk speaks of him as sergeant; it was September of the same year when the heroic band set out. Is there anything to hinder the supposition that he went? Should we tamely give up any glory probably due to us?

Major Willard was ordered to compel Ninigret, first, to give up certain Pequod subjects of his for whom he had not paid the tribute agreed upon; second, to give satisfaction for his past misconduct; third, to leave the Long Islanders in peace; fourth, to pay the expenses of the war. The two hundred and seventy approached the territory of Ninigret. Ninigret "swamped himself." They waited for Ninigret to come out; Ninigret did not come. The two hundred and seventy marched back to Boston.

It is possible that during the expedition our ancestor remained behind as part of the home guard.

This same year Henry Dunster, that learned Hebrew scholar, the first president of Harvard College and builder of the first schoolhouse of Cambridge, was indicted, tried, fined for expressing Anabaptist opinions, and obliged to resign his office.

LAND

In 1653 Richard Hildreth seems to have thought of removing from Cambridge. He signed a petition, along with twenty-eight others, to the general court of Massachusetts Bay, for a new township to be granted to them on the south bank of the Merrimac and the west bank of the Concord rivers, at the junction of which, as the petitioners said, "they do find a comfortable place to accommodate a company of God's people upon." Accordingly, next year (1654) this township was granted, settled, and organized under the name of Chelmsford, including not only the present territory bearing that name, but the neighboring town of Westford, and also what is now the city of Lowell, or, at least, that main part of it west of the Concord river.

Robert Proctor and Jane removed to Chelmsford among the first settlers. Richard Hildreth came soon after, and their farms joined each other.

Richard Hildreth received grants of eight separate lots of land, amounting in the whole to 105 acres, half upland and half meadow.

Not satisfied with this, in 1663 he petitioned the general court again. He has, he says, a wife and many small children; and, being "a husbandman," is "greatly disadvantaged partly by the hand of God depriving him, some few years since, of the use of his right hand, whereby he was wholly disabled to labor." He therefore humbly craves the favor of the court to consider his necessitous condition and grant him some land.

The next year the general court granted him 150 acres, and five years afterwards the land was finally laid out, bounded with the Concord line on the southeast, by Captain Daniel Gookin's farm on the north, and by the wilderness surrounding. Richard was then sixty-four years old.

MARRIAGE OF JAMES

In 1659, the year after the death of Cromwell and soon after Richard Hildreth had removed to Chelmsford, James, his eldest son, was married to Margaret Ward. James was twenty-eight and Margaret twenty-three, a rather aged couple, according to Puritan manners. They were married at Dorchester, by Major-General Atherton, that same mighty man of valor who had grabbed Pessacus, the Indian chief, by the hair.

It is not astonishing that a marriage taking place under such auspices should have resulted in a long line of military heroes and heroines, beginning with James himself, who soon became lieutenant, and proceeding through Major Ephraim Hildreth, the ancestor of the Lowell Hildreths; through Ensign Ephraim Hildreth, Ensign Thomas Hildreth, Major William Hildreth, who served throughout the revolutionary war; Lieutenant Micah Hildreth, and Lieutenant Josiah Hildreth, who served at Lexington and Bunker Hill; Private Josiah Hildreth, afterwards captain, who helped make Burgoyne surrender; General William Hildreth, Lieutenant Israel Hildreth, who went privateering against the British; Sarah Hildreth, who married General Benjamin F. Butler; and, omitting many, last but not least, Captain Philip Reade himself and his brother, Captain Harry Reade, less famous, but not less valiant.

Nor is this active and efficient branch of the family renowned for war only. They have served their fellow citizens in all kinds of civil offices, as hog reeves, fence viewers, surveyors, constables, selectmen, assessors, sheriffs, town clerks, and representatives, while in Fisher A. Hildreth, an active politician, lawyer, editor, and writer, the most prominent characteristics of the family concentrated in fullest power. But the details of these exploits, with many delightful anecdotes, are they not written in the book of Captain Philip Reade?

Though the name of Hildreth has died out in the Lowell branch of the family, its spirit still survives. There is nothing more pleasing in Cousin Philip's book than his love and reverence for his Hildreth ancestors, whose dignity of character and public services he has so happily and opportunely set forth.

Six years after his marriage, James, the son of Richard, at the age of thirty-four, was admitted a freeman of the Massachusetts republic.

THE REVEREND JOHN FISK

Now, the Rev. John Fisk was minister of the church in Chelmsford. When Richard Hildreth removed to Chelmsford in 1656, he was received into Mr. Fisk's church. He had a poor opinion of the Rev. Fisk as a minister from the very first. He was used to better preaching in Cambridge.

That Richard Hildreth was correct in his estimate of the good man, none of you will probably question. If, however, some of you have doubts, become yourselves family antiquarians. In this character it will be your duty to wade through the church record of the Rev. Fisk, and, when you have confessed that you cannot tell what facts that sinless man is attempting to convey, it will not seem to you an improbable surmise that his discourses, so far as logical connection is concerned, might be read either forward or backward with equal edification. To this kind of discourse our ancestor was obliged to listen until he became weary in spirit.

Not long after his arrival in Chelmsford, he expressed his opinion so clearly that Deacon Esdras Reade, a staunch friend and watchdog of the good pastor, bounced out, and accused Hildreth of using seditious language. A church committee commanded him to appear before them and answer the charge of the Rev. Fisk. Hildreth declined to comply with the summons. He, however, held his peace for a while. Deacon Esdras Reade and Richard Hildreth were both grandfathers six times removed of Captain Philip Reade. They did not think of that.

At length, in 1670, when he was sixty-five years old, Richard could stand it no longer. Fisk had prosecuted Josiah Fletcher, - perhaps for this very crime of not liking his sermons. Hildreth found a kindred spirit in John Barrett. They circulated a paper, getting the signatures of all who wished to rid themselves of the Rev. Fisk. Many hands were set to it.

On one of the lecture days Hildreth brought the paper to Thomas Hinchman; but Hinchman "did manifest his utter dislike against it, because of the disorderly management of the same."

Not minding Hinchman, on the first of March, a town meeting day, Richard Hildreth made a long speech to the whole town then present, stirring them up to call another minister. Our pastor, he said, had lived fourteen or fifteen years in this place, and there had been little or no fruit of his ministry. Fourteen or fifteen years had he lived here and had done no good, or very little, while, on the other hand, there were two sermons preached by another that did much effect, and caused several weeping eyes. Much more he spoke to the same effect.

The orator was, in consequence, cited to appear before the county court at Cambridge (April 4), to answer "for reproachful speech of the minister of Chelmsford."

Thomas Hinchman was the first witness. He said he was thirty-four years of age. He mentioned how Richard Hildreth had come to him with the paper. He spoke of the "very large speech,"

as he called it, that Richard Hildreth had made to the town, and the words he had spoken against the pastor. "Which speech of his," said the witness, "to my understanding, tended principally to undervalue and lay very low the present minister, and to exalt another; which carriage of his in this matter, both at these two times and at severall others, hath bin very grievous to myself and severall of our brethren."

Abraham Parker was the next witness. He said he had been present at the town meeting, and had heard Richard Hildreth's speech. To his best understanding, the object of that speech was to stir up to the getting of another minister. Still he averred that, as far as he did take it up, the reproachful language was confined to expressing a low opinion of the pastor's abilities, and no other kind of reasons were used.

As for the paper Richard Hildreth carried about to get hands for another minister, the witness heard of that, and spoke to him about it, "and he confessed to me that he and John Barrett did carry about such a paper, and that they was put upon it because of Master Fisk, his prosecuting of Josiah Fletcher. Likewise I heard him owne in a church meeting the carrying about the said paper, but he never brought it to me, nor, as I understand, to several other brethren, though it was carried to many in the town."

The conclusion of this prosecution is buried in darkness. Whether our ancestor was fined some shillings for criticizing the minister, or whether the case was dismissed on the ground that free men could rightfully take steps to secure improved spiritual sustenance, your antiquaries have as yet been unable to determine. Certain it is, however, that our ancestor failed to oust the good pastor. There were too many in town content with plain fare, and for years afterwards the Rev. Fisk, as wise an owl as ever, still perched in the pulpit of Chelmsford.

QUARREL WITH PROCTOR

In 1673 broke out that sad quarrel between Richard Hildreth and his son-in-law, Robert Proctor. This was three years after the trouble with Parson Fisk. Richard was sixty-eight years old. As far as can be seen through the thick fog of Parson Fisk's Church Register, the facts were something as follows:

The farms of Richard Hildreth and Robert Proctor, as has been said, bordered on each other, and a dispute arose touching the boundary of a certain meadow. The quarrel waxed hot. Proctor made many grievous charges against Hildreth, and the latter, irate at the conduct of his son-in-law, retaliated by a rash act. As Parson Fisk couches it, "He was instrumental of hindering his son Proctor from ye sact (sacrament)."

The affair became the talk of the whole church. Proctor gained over a goodly number of the brethren, his own friends and those who bore a grudge against Hildreth from his former attempt to oust the parson.

A meeting of the brethren was called at Parson Fisk's house

on the 27th of May. Some cool head made the following motion: "That ye case or matter of controversy between Richard Hildreth and Robert Proctor concerning a boundary of ye meadow between them, and ye sin relating to ye same as on Richard Hildreth's parte; Bee suspended from further consideration and agitation in ye church, untill ye sin and matter of offence be orderly charged and brought before ye church."

The motion was carried, and Robert Proctor then accused his father-in-law of unjustly charging him with breach of promise or covenant. Richard Hildreth was then ordered by the church to make his acknowledgment thereof.

On the third of June the whole congregation assembled to hear Brother Hildreth make his confession. As he was about to be called upon, Brother Adams stood up and interposed. He said the charge should be brought in in writing together with the evidences thereof; and he made that motion. Much agitation ensued, but the opponents of our ancestor carried the day. The motion was lost, and, says the Rev. Fisk, "'twas put upon Richard Hildreth to speak by way of acknowledgment."

Brother Hildreth then stood up. He informed them that he was willing to acknowledge the rashness of his act in hindering his son Proctor from the sacrament, but he looked to nought else he was to speak to, though he heard of many things to be laid to his charge. The offended brethren had not orderly dealt with him yet about those things. It was not fit that he should speak to them, and he objected.

Unable to get Hildreth to answer to the main accusation, public opinion forced Proctor to set down his charge in writing with the evidences of it. He had been unwilling to do this for reasons best known to himself.

"The next Lord's day," says Parson Fisk, "ye charge was brought in to myself by Brother Proctor with ye pretended evidence, but ye same not evidencing ye charge, we suspended ye proceedings of it. Brother Proctor himself letting it fall and not prosecuting it."

Nothing, therefore, was left but for Hildreth to repent of his rash act in retaliating upon Proctor for his unjust charges by keeping him from the sacrament, and on the next Lord's day, before the whole congregation, he was called upon to make his acknowledgment.

He arose and spoke this. He was sorry for it, and desired to be humbled for it; he hoped it would be a warning for him; it was no small trouble to him that he had troubled the church. Here he sat down.

"Objection was made," says Parson Fisk, "to the shortness and leanness of his confession." The other accusations, which had already been shown to be without foundation, were brought up again. Finding matters in such a tempest, Parson Fisk dismissed the congregation, and had the brethren to his house. The agitation then continued. The brethren were about equally divided.

Finally, one of our friends made this motion: "That considering these matters as circumstanced, we do rest in this acknowledgment, and do leave the matter further to God and to our Bro. Hildreth's own conscience, and himself to the liberty of communicating with us as of old, untill further light doe appear."

This motion was put to vote and carried by a majority of two. The conclusion of the affair shall be given in Parson Fisk's own words:

"Before I manifested ye matter to Richard Hildreth, or would admitt ye calling him in, I proposed in regard of ye rest unsatisfied herewith (as apprehending some guilt upon ye church) that we should for their sakes, that ye matter might be considered by a counsell, and notwithstanding what we had voted, that we would yeild to ye light they should help us unto, upon their hearing of the case. The brethren that voted in ye affirmative, many of them, manifested themselves willing thereto; but ye others refused, saying ye church had orderly cast it, and they would there rest. So Richard Hildreth was called in, and ye matter declared to him with some serious counsell, and he was silent."

This controversy, which kept the whole church of Chelmsford in commotion for a month and a half, and was doubtless the cause of bitter annoyance to many of our family, is a cause of unmitigated delight to your family antiquaries. These hard-thinking persons were put to their very wit's ends to decide whether Jane, the wife of Robert Proctor, was the daughter or the sister of Richard Hildreth. Her age, approximating so closely to that of her father, gave rise to the belief that she was his sister, but the discovery of the record of that inspired man, the Rev. Fisk, wherein Proctor is expressly called the son of Richard Hildreth, settles the question.

THE WALNUT TREE

In 1674, the next year after the events just narrated, our greatest grandfather was in Cambridge. He had with him a hatchet, presumably in his left hand. What business brought him to Cambridge at this time is wrapped in the profoundest obscurity. David Stone lived there, who was about to marry his daughter Sarah. Perhaps he came to see his future son-in-law. Even this surmise, probable as it is, does not clearly account for the hatchet. But there he was in Cambridge. A green walnut tree was growing on the rocks. What private cause he had that made him do it, alas, we know not. Certain it is, however, that he cut the tree down. The selectmen of Cambridge inquired into the matter. Our ancestor, who was then sixty-nine and would not lie, replied that he had cut the tree with his hatchet. The following entry appears in the records of the town of Cambridge:

"May 11, 1674. At a meeting of the selectmen, Richard Hildreth is fined one shilling for felling a green walnut tree upon the Rocks."

THE INDIAN WAR

But all trivial annoyances were thrown into the shade by the terrible Indian war that burst upon the colonists the next year, 1675.

The trouble arose from the suspicion and severity of the colonists and the revenge of the Indians. The war was quickly kindled from Plymouth to Maine. The colonists entered eagerly into the contest, comparing themselves to the Lord's chosen people driving the heathen out of the land. In spite of laws, powder and shot had been furnished the Indians; the colonists were inexperienced in the arts of ambush and surprise, and at first suffered greatly. Except near Boston, the whole country was a forest dotted with a few openings. The Indians everywhere attacked the frontier towns, burned them, massacred many of the inhabitants, and forced the rest to flee, leaving their cattle and goods a spoil to the savages.

Though Richard Hildreth, as has been pointed out, was too aged to take an active part in this war, it will do Cousin Philip's heart good to hear that in the list of soldiers under Major Willard, preserved in the New England Historic Register, occurs the name of Ephraim Hildreth, who can be no other than Richard's son. A party of twenty had been sent from Boston to Brookfield to parley with the Indians. They were waylaid, and sixteen of them killed. The Indians then attacked Brookfield itself, and burned it, except one fortified house, in which the inhabitants were huddled. They were saved by Major Willard, who, informed of their danger, came with Private Ephraim and a troop of horse from Lancaster, thirty miles through the woods, to their rescue.

After the attack upon the Narragansetts and the terrible swamp fight, those warriors who survived, scattered through the woods, starving and infuriated, continued the attacks on the frontier towns. Chelmsford, where most of our family resided (and Richard's farm bordered on the wilderness), was repeatedly attacked. The howling of the wolves seemed to the terrified listeners an omen of approaching disaster.

Finally, the provisions and ammunition of the Indians gave out, and the colonists obtained the upper hand. Twelve towns had been utterly ruined and many injured. Six hundred houses had been burned, nearly a tenth part of all in New England. Twelve captains and six hundred men in the prime of life had fallen; a million of dollars had been expended. On the other hand, some two thousand Indians had been killed or taken, the tribes were nearly annihilated, and King Philip himself finally fell by the hand of one of his own people, a deserter to the colonists.

CASE OF BARRETT

Three years after the outbreak of the Indian war in 1678 (March 26), when Richard Hildreth was seventy-three years old, the following memoranda were written in the county court proceedings:

1678
 "To the hon. court sitting at Cambridge, the humble Petition of we, whose names are under written, sheweth (whereas Thomas Barrett, of Chelmsford, for cause best known to the hon. court, was ordered to give good behavior and fined five pounds) that the aforesaid Barrett hath since carried himself inoffensively among us in word and action. May it please, therefore, this hon. court to take off the obligation, and to remit the fine laid on him, however we pray and subscribe yours."

This petition was signed by ten citizens, among them Richard and James Hildreth, Bro. Adams, who insisted on fair play during the Proctor controversy; Abraham Parker, one of the witnesses against Richard Hildreth in the Fisk fight; and lastly the Rev. Fisk himself. Thus were old foes united in an errand of mercy, - a pleasing spectacle, and the last glimpse we have of our ancestor. No further record mentions him living.

ELIZABETH PROCTOR

Trouble now came upon Robert Proctor. In these can be seen but too plainly the hand of God rebuking him for too great forwardness in judging his neighbor, especially in loading him with unfounded charges. A family antiquary would fain relate nothing but good of the family to which he belongs, but, lest any of us should suppose that virtue will die with us, the faithful historian will relate the truth.

Elizabeth, then twenty-four years of age, the daughter of Robert and Jane Proctor, and the apple of their eye, became a mother outside the bonds of wedlock (1680).

The court record contains the following: "This humbly informs this honored courtte that wee whose names are underwritten can testify that Elizabeth Proctor, who is brought before your honors to receive condign punishment for her sin that God hath left her unto the commission of, to the great dishonor of God and grief of all her friends, did, according to our best observation of her during her living among us, carry herself very civilly, so that shee had a good report among us, and obliged the love of such by her good conversation as had occasion to make observation thereof."

This document was signed by some of the most prominent men and women of Chelmsford. At the head of the list stands Widow Fisk, an exemplary old lady. Then comes Thomas Hinchman the indignant witness against Richard Hildreth; good old Parson Fisk and his wife, "Lidya" Fisk; Samuel Foster and his wife, Ester Foster; Nathaniel Howard and his wife, Sarah Howard.

The sentence passed by the honored judges, as usual, is not known, but in the records of the court it may be seen writ down how Robert Proctor pursued the deceiver in the courts, and recovered from him five and twenty pounds.

(April 2, 1680, Elizabeth Hildreth, aged 55, wife of Richard Hildreth, testified in the case of Elizabeth Proctor vs. Thomas Marrables that she was the midwife during Elizabeth

Proctor's confinement. Testimony taken in Billerica.)

We obtain one more glimpse of Elizabeth Proctor seventeen years afterwards, when she was forty-one years old. Robert Proctor's will, probated in 1697, mentions legacies to his sons and to his beloved daughters, Dorothy Barrett, Sarah Chamberlain, Mary Bourne, and Elizabeth Proctor.

MARRIAGE OF ELIZABETH, MARY, SARAH, PERSIS, AND ABIGAIL HILDRETH

Now came a time of rejoicing, and for five years there was nothing but marriages in the Hildreth family.

Elizabeth, Mary, and Sarah, daughters of Richard, were already married. Hardly had Elizabeth passed her seventeenth year (1664) when John Stevens, of Chelmsford, enticed her from the nest. Mary had just reached seventeen, when Jacob Warren took her (1667). Sarah waited till the mature age of twenty-six before Daniel Stone finally made up his mind about her. But he must have been stone by nature as well as by name.

Persis and Abigail remained. Persis married Sam Cleveland, who had lately lost his wife (1682), and the second year after, Abigail became the bride of Moses Parker, grandson of that very Abraham Parker who appeared as a witness against her father; for so will young people sometimes make up the quarrels of their ancestors. Thus the daughters were all disposed of.

MARRIAGE OF JOSEPH AND OF ISAAC

Meanwhile Joseph, the son of Richard, had been visiting Woburn, and there he found another Abigail, the daughter of John Wilson. He waited only till the damsel reached her seventeenth year, when he brought her home to Chelmsford (1683), where she became the mother of the far spread tribe of Joseph.

Isaac, the youngest brother, captivated by Elizabeth Wilson, a younger sister of Joseph's wife, waited only till the damsel reached her seventeenth year, when he carried her off to Stow. They were the parents of four daughters and one son, Isaac.

Dorcas, another of the Wilson sisters, married Aaron Cleveland. They were the ancestors of Grover Cleveland, President of the United States. That historical personage is therefore our cousin by marriage, and is almost entitled to be present at this meeting. Samuel Cleveland, who married Persis Hildreth, was brother to Aaron.

The descendants of Isaac have been only slightly traced as yet beyond his children, but the descendants of Joseph are numerous and well known.

Many are still living in New England, others have migrated to the south, the middle, and the extreme west of the United States. The tribe of Joseph has been a tribe of peace, hardly a soldier can be found among them. Timothy, the great grandfather

of your antiquary, came with his father's oxen, when nineteen years old, to assist in hauling to Dorchester Heights the fascines out of which were made the fortifications which drove the British out of Boston. Cousin Philip Reade, hunting for a military man, even in the tribe of Joseph, insists upon calling Timothy a soldier-teamster; but upon a just estimate, upon sober retrospection, would it not seem that plain teamster was a more just title? He was driving the oxen up the hill, the night was dark, the road heavy, a sentinel on each side enforced strict silence, the wheels stuck deep in the mud, he could not yell to the oxen, he stood and wept.

Cousin Philip Reade will have it that his tin lantern became wet with his tears, but of this, so far as I can see, there is not a scintilla of evidence; although it is true he had with him a tin lantern, which was long preserved in the family.

Cousin Philip Reade would also fain believe that those sentinels were English sentinels, that he was forced to labor against his country, that his tears were tears of indignation and disdain. This version, though more heroic, is retrograde to the simple family tradition handed down from Timothy himself; nor is there one of his descendants who dares deny the regular tradition. They are a sensitive set, and have shed too many tears of the very same kind when their own carts have stuck in the mud. Timothy was no soldier, nor do his descendants seem to regret it. Some of them, it is said, even imagine themselves to stand on a higher level than rough, insensible fellows who can march out and be shot slowly limb from limb without making a wry face. However that may be, it is certain that the descendants of Timothy have been much more given to reading and writing about war than actually engaging in it.

Timothy returned home as quickly as circumstances permitted, and married his pretty second cousin, Hannah Hildreth; one hundred and seven of us now living are glad he did so. But the British had plundered his house, and he was obliged to be married in his shirtsleeves, for he had no coat to his back.

One of his sons, Hosea, taking down a scythe from an apple tree, let the instrument fall upon his right arm, cutting the muscle quite through. The wound was badly tended, and, in consequence, he could never use his right hand, except by first raising it with his left. Being now good for nothing at farming, he took to books. He and one of his second cousins, B. W. Hildreth, were in the same class at Harvard, and graduated in 1805, just two hundred years after the birth of the first Richard, the founder of the family. These two were the first Hildreths who received a college education. Since then the tribe of Joseph has given considerable attention to learning, and a score or more of them have been graduates of college or of schools of law or medicine. Some of them have been lawyers, but their hatred of squabbles prevented them from practising long. Their favorite profession is that of doctor. Our ancestor's hatred of bad sermons, if my observation is correct, has come down to the tribe of Joseph with peculiar vehemence. Hosea, my grandfather, it is true, was a minister, almost the only Hildreth who has taken to that profession; but what kind of

minister was he? At the first alarm he deserted, at the head of his congregation, and joined the camp of the Unitarians, an act at that time no better than flat infidelity.

MARRIAGE OF EPHRAIM

In 1685, the year that Isaac, the youngest brother, was expecting his wedding day, Ephraim, the oldest son of Richard and Elizabeth, was some thirty years of age and was not married yet. But when he saw his youngest brother about to be married, Ephraim, for very shame, bestirred himself, and with that rapidity of cation² often shown by Hildreths when finally aroused, he forestalled his younger brother by a few months.

On June 11th he married Dorothy Barnes of Stow, a lass of twenty-one. The next year (June 10), babe Ephraim was born. Its mother died a week after (June 17). Six months after that (Nov. 22) the babe died. But before this, and less than four months after the death of his first wife, Ephraim married (Oct. 8) Anna Moore, of Sudbury, a young woman of twenty, and the next year (Oct. 28) was born another babe, also called Ephraim, who was not only equal to the first, but better. Such was the energy required to found this branch.

Far the larger part of living Hildreths, when they learn their descent, will call this Ephraim grandfather. Not only does the tribe of Ephraim greatly outnumber either the tribe of James or the tribe of Joseph, but Ephraim has contrived to be the ancestor of half the tribe of Joseph as well, by conniving at the marriage of his great-grand-daughter Hannah to my grandfather Timothy, the teamster.

James, as we have shown, was the chief military genius of the family; Joseph, we may assume, was of a contemplative disposition, and Ephraim was the man of business. That he was so can be discerned from the account of his marriage, from the fact that he was afterwards the manager of his father's estate and executor of his father's will, and from the following memoranda, found in the Middlesex Court Records:

"Stow, the 1st of the 12 month, 1685. The Selectmen of this Town being assembled, on the complaint of sum of the neighborhood for want of a house of common entertainment, the selectmen did solisitat Ephraim Hildreth, one of the ancient planters, to keep a house of entertainment or ordinary, who on consideration hath excepted of it, and for his obtaining a lisenche, according to law, so to doo, we whose names are underwritten, being the selectmen of the town, have given our approbation, as may appear by the setting too our hands.

John Buttericke
Boaz Brown

Stow, the 5 of the 2 mth., 1686.

To the Honored County Court at Cambridge: The humble petition of your honor's humble servant is that the honored County Court would be pleased to take into consideration the above written information, and, if the honored court shall see cause to give and

grant a license of a house of entertainment or ordinary, according to law, to your Honor's humble servant, who hath been making provision in order therefor, your honor's servant will be greatly obliged thereby, who will be faithful and diligent, if so great a trust may be consigned to him, to observe the instructions the law hath given in that respect. Not to disturb the honored court with needless discourse, I submit myself to your Honor's gracious favor, and so remain your honor's humble servant,
Ephraim Hildreth.

To the tribe of Ephraim belongs Azro Benjamin Franklin Hildreth, who is with us to-day. Though eighty years old, he has come all the way from Iowa to attend this meeting. Beginning in the East as a printer and publisher of various newspapers, he removed in 1856 to Charles City, Iowa, a town then mostly built of log huts. There, with a box of carpenter's tools, bought in New York, and one assistant, he built a printing office for himself, carrying on his own shoulders much of the timber from the saw-mill. He started "The Intelligencer", a newspaper which had for many years a great influence in the state. He was elected to the General Assembly of Iowa; and, as a member of the state board of education, he obtained, in the face of strong opposition, the passage of the law requiring the State University at Iowa City to be opened to women as well as men. One of the proudest days of his life was when, at the request of the president, he stood up in the presence of more than two hundred young lady students, and nearly as many young men, and, in the course of an address, explained how it happened that those young ladies enjoyed such exalted educational privileges. The grateful thanks of the young ladies repaid him a thousand fold for all he had done for them.

The line of Ephraim runs up through James, Zechariah, Jonas, Orin, Henry O., all engaged in farming or in business, to Henry Theodore, the present secretary of the Hildreth committee, who, having graduated with high honors at Harvard, having visited Athens and been recently assistant professor at Brown University, stands at the top of his line like the unfolding lotus flower on the top of its long, plain stem.

It is to Henry O. Hildreth, the father of our secretary, that we owe the present meeting of the Hildreth family. Many years ago, when Richard Hildreth, the historian, was writing an account of the Hildreth family, he came to Henry O. to obtain some information, but Henry O. was uncertain even of the name of his own grandfather. Stung by the consciousness of undutiful ignorance, he determined to know more than any one else about his family, and, visiting the neighboring towns, he examined the town records, the court records, the probate records, the church records, the graveyards, the local histories, and with unwearied patience collected a large number of facts, cleared up many perplexing doubts, discovered not only his own genealogy, but that of other branches, and made it possible for most of our family to know with certainty their mutual relationship. He has supplied some important facts in Capt. Philip Reade's pamphlet and the greater part of the data on which the present sketch is based.

It was the cherished idea of Henry O. to bring about a reunion

of the Hildreth family, and form an association with annual meetings.

To this end, last year, he called a meeting of representatives from the different branches, and a committee was appointed, of which he was secretary, to arrange a general gathering of the members of the family. The room was overheated; on coming out he waited a long time in the cold for a car, and in a few days came news of his death. His loss was a heavy blow, but the committee unanimously resolved to continue the good work, not less for the common good than to honor their kinsman, whose last act in life was the beneficent attempt to unite the scattered branches of our family, ignorant and unmindful of each other, into a friendly union for mutual good offices.

DEATH

Richard Hildreth attained the age of eighty-eight. His grandchildren numbered fifty-eight, most of them born in his lifetime. In his will he bequeaths his precious and immortal soul unto Christ that hath ransomed it, and his body to the grave till Christ shall raise it. The maintenance of his wife, Elizabeth, is charged upon Ephraim, her eldest son. The estate is to be equally divided among his children, except James, the eldest son, is to have a double portion, in accordance with the Puritan custom borrowed from Moses.

Judging from such records as have come down to us, and by those traits which, though often intermitted in part, continually re-appear in the remotest branches of the family, we may think of our ancestor as a man with a well marked Roman nose, lithe and muscular of body, of high-strung nervous temperament, patiently laborious, clear in intellect, of strong convictions, skeptical, matter-of-fact, of little sentiment, undemonstrative, of few words, of formidable sarcasm, prouder than Lucifer, distant and almost unapproachable to strangers, but of high integrity and public spirit, wise, righteous, kind to those in distress, loving to his friends.

Richard died in 1693, Feb. 23d. His wife Elizabeth followed him a few months later. James, his eldest son, joined him two years after, aged sixty-four, and in two years more Robert Proctor took the long journey to the land where meadow boundaries are of little consequence.

Saint Richard lies buried in the ancient graveyard of Chelmsford. It was long thought that the gravestone was not in existence, but Henry O. Hildreth found it. To take steps for its future preservation, and with it to maintain the whole family in a firm bond of fellowship is the object of this meeting.

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**Mrs. Rowena Hildreth Reade,
Photographed at Home Where
She Lived Nearly a Century**



MRS. ROWENA HILDRETH READE.

The above photograph of Mrs. Rowena Hildreth Reade, who died on Sunday, was taken on the front porch of the familiar stone homestead at 871 Lakeview avenue, built by Henry Reade about 62 years ago, in which house, the old ancestral Hildreth estate, Mrs. Rowena Hildreth Reade had lived ever since. The land on which the house stands has been owned successively by Major Ephraim Hildreth, 1680-1740, who transmitted it to his son, Elijah Hildreth, 1728-1814, who was a soldier of the American Revolution, which took place in the 1775-1783. The estate was later transmitted to his son, Lieutenant Hildreth, 1755-1829. The son of the latter, Dr. Israel Hildreth, 1791-1850, received the property from Lieutenant Israel Hildreth, who was in both marine and land service during the Revolution.

The Major Ephraim Hildreth, re-

Hildreth of Chelmsford, 1631-1695. The latter was the son of Richard Hildreth, also of Chelmsford, who was born in 1605 and died February 23, 1693. This is the estate that has remained in the Hildreth-Read family through seven generations.

The Hildreth burying ground is shown by page 259 of the Dracut town record, November 17, 1752, to have been given to the town of Dracut by Major Ephraim Hildreth for a burying ground. The following members of the Hildreth-Read family lie buried in the Hildreth burying ground, viz: Sarah, who married Gen. Benjamin F. Butler; Susan, who married William Prentiss Webster; Harriet, who married Franklin F. Heard; Dolly Maria, who married J. M. G. Parker; Laura Wright, who married George Howard Pearson; Fisher Ames, who married Lauretta Coburn. These six sisters and brother lie buried within the limits of the Hildreth burying ground with a large number of their children and other relatives.



Hildreth Family Cemetery in Lowell (resting place of four generals)

MEMORIES

Hildreth family makes history

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By GEORGE A. PARKHURST

LOWELL — The word "immigrants" brings to mind people who have recently arrived in the area, such as the Southeast Asian families that have settled in and around Lowell in the past several years.

But in reality, we're all immigrants — unless we have American-Indian blood coursing through our veins. The English colonists that settled in Chelmsford in 1653-1655 — while that town included much of Lowell and Westford — were immigrants from England who came via Boston, Cambridge, Woburn or Concord.

One of these original families bore the name Hildreth, a name that, over the years, has appeared prominently in town and city affairs.

The progenitor of this clan was Richard Hildreth. Born in England in 1605, he arrived at the port of Lynn about 1635. (A Thomas Hildreth, possibly Richard's brother, also came to Lynn at the same time. Thomas moved on to Southampton, Long Island, N.Y. and founded the Long Island branch of the Hildreth family.)

Richard settled in Cambridge with his first wife, Sarah, who died there in 1644. He was elected a "townsman" (selectman) in 1645, the first of several municipal offices that he held.

His name appears on the list of the 29 men who petitioned the General Court of the Massachusetts Bay Colony for a tract "on the river Merrimack at a necke of lande next to Concord river, near to Pawtucket." Another name on the petition was that of Robert Proctor, Richard's son-in-law

When he came to America, Richard was accompanied by his wife and two children, Jane and James. Jane married Robert Proctor and settled in Concord, moving to Chelmsford about 1654. James lived in what now is Westford. He was the progenitor of the Dra-cut and Lowell Hildreths.

Second marriage

While still in Cambridge, Richard had married a second

time. His new wife, Elizabeth, bore him nine children, bringing the total to six daughters and five sons.

Richard died Feb. 23, 1693, and is buried in the third oldest identifiable grave in Fore-fathers Burying Ground behind the First Parish Church in Chelmsford center. Thousands of his heirs, spread across the country and in many foreign lands, have made outstanding contributions to society.

Included in this group are Westford Academy graduate Nettie Maria Stevens, the famed biologist; historian Richard Hildreth, whose name is engraved on the Boston Public Library and who is buried alongside poet Elizabeth Barrett Browning in Florence, Italy; and Elizabeth Nesmith, world-renowned breeder of iris in her Fairmount Gardens and the first president of the Lowell Garden Club.

Also, Lt. Col. Moses Parker, shown in Trumbull's painting of the Battle of Bunker Hill; Dr. Thaddeus Hildreth who, at the outset of the California Gold Rush, struck gold and founded "Hildreth Diggings," a wild tent and shantytown of 1,000 miners (later re-named Columbia, which grew to 10,000 then became a ghost town 25 years later. It is now a state historic park).

Also, former Maine Gov. Horace Hildreth; Charles L. Hildreth, superintendent of the Lowell Machine Shop and bank president; Abijah Edwin Hildreth, who left home at 20 with \$50 in his pocket and became a manufacturing tycoon. There's a bust of him in the Groton library.

Crazy Amos

And then there was "Crazy Amos" Hildreth, who stood in Westford center and laughed at "the Millerites," members of a religious sect who gave away all their earthly possessions and planned on ascending to Heaven following the Great Comet Scare in the spring of 1843.

One of the most popular treats for many years was H.L. Hildreth's Original and Only Velvet peanut butter kisses.

Making headlines and creating controversy not too many years ago was Roger Hildreth, a prominent real estate broker who disappeared in the Maine wilderness while on a hiking trip.

A sixth-generation Hildreth, Dr. Israel Hildreth Jr. of Dra-cut, fathered the famed "Six Sisters" and a son, former Lowell postmaster Fisher Ames, whose spouses and descendants are allowed burial in the private Hildreth cemetery at the junction of Aiken Avenue and Hildreth Street.

A rundown of these seventh-generation offspring follows:

- Rowena (1814-1913) married Henry Reade. Among their children was General Philip Reade.

- Sarah Jones (1816-1876), a New York actress in the 1830s, married Civil War General Benjamin F. Butler, who also served as Bay State governor and congressman. Their daughter, Blanche, married General Adelbert Ames, U.S. Senator from Massachusetts. Blanche's great-grandson is actor George Plimpton.

- Fisher Ames (1818-1873) married Loretta Coburn. Their daughter, Rowena Hildreth, married Charles Dana Palmer. Rowena and Charles Palmer had a son, Dana, who was the father of Peggy (Palmer) Costello, Hildreth (Palmer) Aldrich (wife of Don Aldrich, Joanne's older brother) and Eleanor (Palmer) Lynch.

- Susan Hale (1819-1874) that courtesy titles can have on their professional lives.

By adopting Ms. as their preferred title of address, Dion says, women may be able to married Capt. John Milton Grosvenor Parker. One of their daughters married Dr. Joseph V. Meigs.

- Laura Wright (1826-1891) married George Howard Pearson. Their son, General Gardner W. Pearson, married Alice Duckworth. Their children included Whit, John and Sarah Pearson. Gardner's brother, Fisher Hildreth Pearson, had a daughter, Laura, who became Mrs. Blanchard Pratt.