



WHITNEY.

THE  
WHITNEY FAMILY  
OF  
CONNECTICUT,

AND ITS AFFILIATIONS;

BEING AN ATTEMPT TO TRACE THE DESCENDANTS, AS WELL IN THE FEMALE AS  
THE MALE LINES, OF

HENRY WHITNEY,

FROM 1649 TO 1878;

TO WHICH IS PREFIXED SOME ACCOUNT OF THE WHITNEYS OF ENGLAND.

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N. Y. They then settled at Wyoming, Penn., and were living there at the time of the battle of Wyoming, 3 July 1778, when they fled to Warwick. He afterward returned to Wilkes-Barre, to look after his property, took the measles, and died there. She supported herself and children at Warwick by teaching, till the end of the Revolutionary War; and in 1783 married **Thomas Burrows**, who was born in Coventry, England, and, when about twenty-one years old, came to America. He served in several campaigns, during nearly seven years, in the Revolutionary War, and at its close had reached the rank of Captain. Tradition makes him a member of "John Livingston's regiment," which we cannot find, and severely wounds him "at the taking of Ticonderoga," when nobody was hurt. Another tradition calls him a sea-captain.

After marriage, they settled in New York City, and the *Directory* notes him, spelling his name Burras till 1798, as boatman, Wine St., Bowery, 1794; shiprigger, same place, 1795; rigger, Bedlow St., 1798, 1799 and 1800; and seaman, Pump St., 1803; though tradition makes him a partner with Solomon Townsend, ironmonger, and says that he died of yellow fever about 1799 to 1801. She then returned, with her children, to Warwick, and, after some years, moved, with her daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth (Truesdell) Carpenter, to Elmira, N. Y., and there died. While in New York, they attended St. Paul's Church.

178 V. **Benjamin Whitney**, b. in Ridgefield, Conn., 1 June 1750; a farmer; married, in Orange Co., N. Y., **Sarah Ketcham**. He lived in Warwick, N. Y., after 1760, until the close of the Revolutionary War, during which he was one of a company of militia, under Capt. Minthorn. They moved to Romulus, N. Y., and from there to Shelby, N. Y., where he died in 1825 or 6, and she in 1831—both at the house of their daughter, Mrs. Sarah (Whitney) Goldsborough. They were buried in Shelby, at Weatherwax Corners. Tradition tells of his mills and other property at Wyoming, Penn., having been burned at the time of the Wyoming Massacre, but he was then only eighteen years old. 732

179 VI. **Elizabeth Whitney**, b. in Ridgefield, Conn., 27 Nov. 1752; married, it is said, ——— **Scofield**, settled at Warwick, N. Y., and moved to New York City, where he died. She then returned to Warwick, married ——— **Smith**, and settled at Shawangunk, Ulster Co., N. Y., but is thought to have died in Romulus, Seneca Co., N. Y.

180 VII. **Abijah Whitney**, b. in Warwick, Orange Co., N. Y., 10 or 11 July 1754; a weaver and farmer; married, 7 Aug. 1777, in Warwick, **Elizabeth Ellsworth**, born in Brooklyn, N. Y., 4 July 1761, dau. of William and Sarah (Brower) Ellsworth. They settled in Warwick, where he was a deacon. He died in Warwick, 24 May 1802, and was buried there. She died, 27 Feb. 1829, in New York City, and was buried there, in a vault. 739

the death of her father; married ——— **Smith**, and lived in Conn. One of her daughters married a man named Reichester, and lived near New York City.

**Chil. of Thomas and Anne (Whitney) Burrows.**

- 729 **V. Thomas Burrows**, b. in Pearl Street, New York City, 2 Sept. 1788; a farmer; married, 12 March 1812, at Warwick, N. Y., **Harriet Westlake**, dau. of Benjamin Westlake (by his first wife, ——— Dusenbury), of Warwick, and, afterward, of Horseheads, N. Y. They dwelt at Warwick till 24 Jan. 1815, and then moved to Horseheads, where she died, 24 Ap. 1823, and was buried in the Westlake family cemetery. He married (2d), 17 March 1824, at Horseheads, **Eliza Westlake**, sister of his first wife. She died, 26 March 1830, at Horseheads, and was buried beside her sister. He married (3d), 16 Aug. 1830, in Bradford Co., Penn., **Hannah Crandall**, who, after his death, which occurred 5 March 1842, at Horseheads, married Aden J. Pratt, of Campbelltown, N. Y., and died there, 5 Feb. 1869. 177  
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- 730 **VI. Ann Burrows**, b. in Pearl Street, New York City; died in infancy.
- 731 **VII. Daniel Whitney Burrows**, b. in Pearl Street, New York City, 17 May 1793; married in Orange Co., N. Y., **Christian Taylor**, with whom he dwelt at Horseheads, N. Y., till 1823, when they moved to Michigan. He was one of the pioneer settlers of Oakland, Mich., and was living at Oakley, Mich., in May 1875, at which time she was dead. 2536

**Chil. of Benjamin and Sarah (Ketcham) Whitney.**

- 732 **I. John Whitney**, b. in Warwick, N. Y., about 1777; a farmer; married about 1798, at Warwick, his second cousin, **Mary Sears**, dau. of Daniel and Lydia (Burt) Sears, and g. dau. of Daniel and Hannah (Benedict) Burt.<sup>1</sup> They dwelt in Warwick till 1801, when they settled on the west side of Cayuga Lake, at a place still known as Whitney's Landing, in Romulus, N. Y., on three hundred acres of the south part of lot number 92, which he bought, 5 June 1800, for nine hundred dollars. He was commissioned by Gov. George Clinton, 2 March 1804, as captain in the Cayuga County Reg. of Militia, under "Lieut.-Col. Wilhelmus Mynders," and held the position till after the war of 1812, in which he, with his company, served three months on the Niagara frontier. She died in 1824, at Romulus. He married (2d), about the middle of Nov. 1825, at Ovid, 178  
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<sup>1</sup> See note to No. 27.

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N. Y., **Magdalena Wheeler**, born near New Brunswick, N. J., in 1778, dau. of James and Magdalena (Duryce) Wheeler, of New Brunswick, and widow of William Walworth. They moved, 26 May 1831, to Adrian, Mich., where he was one of the founders of the Baptist Church, and, for many years, one of its deacons. He was a member of the convention that formed the constitution of the State of Michigan. He died in Adrian, 9 June 1849, aged 73 years, and was buried on his own farm, in what is now known as the Adrian Centre Cemetery. She died at Adrian, 14 March 1857, aged 80 years, and was buried beside her husband. Her gravestone calls her name Magdalen Whitney.

733 II. **Samuel Whitney**, b. in Warwick, N. Y., 16 Nov. 1779; a farmer; moved to Romulus, N. Y., with his father; married in Newtown, now Elmira, N. Y., in 1800, **Hannah Carpenter**, who was born in Warwick, 17 Nov. 1781, dau. of Joshua and Sarah (Burt) Carpenter.<sup>1</sup> They dwelt in Romulus till Jan. 1816, and then moved to Shelby, N. Y., where she died 22 May 1850, and he 10 Oct. 1852. They were buried in a cemetery that was laid out on their own farm, at Mount Pleasant, in West Shelby. 2546

734 III. **James Whitney**, b. in Warwick, N. Y., 10 Feb. 1783; a farmer; went in 1801, on foot and alone, to Romulus, N. Y., where he married, 9 Nov. 1806, **Mary Frisbie**, who was born in New Haven, Conn., 11 June 1786, dau. of Abel and Rebecca (Hayes) Frisbie.<sup>2</sup> They dwelt in Romulus till the Spring of 1814; then moved to Shelby, N. Y., and from there, about 1828, to Adrian, Mich., settling in what is now called West Adrian; thence in 1833, to Nottawa, Mich., where he bought the land surrounding Sand Lake, and dwelt till 1839; then removed to Moulton, Allen Co. (now Washington, Auglaize Co.), Ohio, where he died of cholera morbus, 11 Aug. 1851, and she, 28 Aug. 1851. They were buried in Fort Amanda Cemetery, at Amanda, Allen Co., Ohio. He was drafted in the war of 1812, and not being able to leave home, provided a substitute. After the war, he was, for some years, a captain of militia. 2555

735 IV. **Sarah Whitney**, b. in Warwick, N. Y., 24 March 1785; married, 20 Ap. 1806, at Romulus, N. Y., **Robert Goldsborough**, a farmer, who was born on Chesapeake Bay, in Maryland, 12 May 1779. Having been left an orphan at nine years of age, and not liking the treatment he received from his grandmother and uncle, he followed a seafaring life, till he was seventeen years old, and thus lost all knowledge of his family. They settled at Romulus, and, after a short time, moved to Ovid, N. Y.; thence, early in 1816, to Shelby, N. Y.; and from there, in Oct. 1835, to Adrian, 2563

<sup>1</sup> Sarah Burt, who married Joshua Carpenter, was born in Ridgefield, Conn., 15 Dec. 1752, dau. of Daniel Burt, and g. dau. of Benjamin and Sarah (Belden) Burt. She was, therefore, cousin to Benjamin Whitney, whose son Samuel

married her daughter. See note to No. 27, and *Eager's History of Orange County*, p. 425. They settled in Chemung Co., N. Y.

<sup>2</sup> See pedigree, opposite page 184.

Michigan, which remained their home during their lives. He was drafted in the war of 1812, and served for three months. He died on Sunday, 30 Jan. 1853, in Springport, Mich., while visiting at the house of his daughter, Melinda (Goldsborough) Crawford. She died, 3 Jan. 1870, at the house of another daughter, Mrs. Arvilla (Goldsborough) Chappell, and was buried with her husband in Oakwood Cemetery, at Adrian. She survived the rest of her father's household.

- 736 V. **Nathan Whitney**, b. in Warwick, N. Y.; a farmer; married at Romulus, N. Y., **Anna Caton**, who was born at Goshen, N. Y., dau. of John Dunning and Deborah (Doble) Caton, of Romulus. He went to Madison, Mich., where he died, in 1844, and was buried. She died in Romulus, in Dec. 1835. 2575

- 737 VI. **Hannah Whitney**, b. in Warwick, N. Y.; married in Orange Co., N. Y., **Samuel Todd**, a farmer, of the same county. They moved to Palmyra, N. Y.; thence to Ovid, N. Y.; from there to Shelby, N. Y.; and finally to Adrian, Mich. She died, 9 March 1837, in Adrian, and was buried there. He died in Lenawee, Mich., in March 1850, and was buried in Adrian. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. 2581

- 738 VII. **Elizabeth Whitney**, b. in Warwick, N. Y., 20 March 1790; married, 13 Oct. 1814, in Romulus, N. Y., **Reuben Tooker**,<sup>1</sup> a millwright and farmer, who was born in Orange Co., N. Y., 29 June 1779. They dwelt in Romulus till 1 March 1816; then moved to Gorham, N. Y.; and from there, in less than a year, to Shelby, N. Y., where they remained till May 1831. They then settled in Palmyra, Mich., where she died, 6 Aug. 1831, and was buried in the old cemetery in Adrian, Mich. 2588

Chil. of Abijah and Elizabeth (Ellsworth) Whitney.

- 739 I. **Daniel Whitney**, b. at Warwick, N. Y., 20 May 1778; a weaver and farmer; married, 10 June 1798, at Warwick, by Elder Montanye, 2595

<sup>1</sup>His first marriage was, 18 Aug. 1804, in Orange Co., with Elizabeth Allison, who was born in Orange Co., 27 Oct. 1782, dau. of Richard and Amy (Case) Allison. They settled in Junius, N. Y., thence moved to Benton, N. Y., and from there, in 1813, to Gorham, N. Y., where she died, 30 Aug. 1813. They had children: 1. Laura Tooker, b. in Junius, 1 March 1807; married at her father's house in Shelby, N. Y., George Washington Stebbins, and was living at Pike, Ohio, in Jan. 1875. 2. Ira Tooker, b. in Benton, 1 Ap. 1810; died in Gor-

ham, 22 June 1813. 3. Richard Allison Tooker, b. in Gorham, 23 June 1813; died in Gorham, 17 Sept. 1813.

He was married (3d), 4 June 1833, at his house in Palmyra, Mich., by Rev. Josiah Bodley, Baptist, to Mrs. Rebecca Phillips, of Macedon, N. Y., who died at Palmyra, 3 Ap. 1855. He died there also, 3 May 1855. They were buried in Palmyra, one mile south of his farm. He was a constituent member of the First Baptist Church in Adrian.