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anna, January 10, 1698; married, May 13, 1720, Isaac Harrington, of Weston. 4. John, November 25, 1699. 5. George, October 23, 1701, mentioned below. 6. Samuel, December 5, 1703, not mentioned in his father's will. 7. David, July 8, 1705. 8. Mary, November 3, 1707, not mentioned in will. 9. Lydia, March 3, 1710, not mentioned in will. 10. Abel, April 19, 1714.

(III) George, son of Abel Allen, was born at Watertown Farms, October 23, 1701. He was a farmer and followed his elder brothers to Walpole, and in 1728 or 1729 located permanently in what later became the adjoining town of Sharon (then a part of Stoughton). He died there in the first half of the year 1792, aged ninety years. William Savage, Jr., was appointed administrator of his estate on June 20 of that year. He married (intention published April 26, 1729) Mary Talbot, of Stoughton, born March 24, 1708, died January 19, 1804, daughter of George and Mary Talbot. Children, all born in what is now Sharon: 1. Mary, March 31, 1731. 2. Turell, February 21, 1734, died in Stoughton, February 27, 1824; married (first) November 28, 1762, Margaret Stearns; (second) October 18, 1798, Sally Dersy, of Stoughton. 3. George, April 7, 1736, mentioned below. 4. Ebenezer, about 1741, enlisted for service at Lake George, April 2, 1759; reported as on a former expedition; in service in Nova Scotia in 1760. 5. Abel, 1744, died 1744. 6. Seth, March 13, 1746, married Jemima Jordan. 7. Elizabeth, June 12, 1756.

(IV) George (2), son of George (1) Allen, was born in Sharon, April 7, 1736. He married (first) in 1759, Experience Stearns, daughter of Jonathan Stearns, of Stoughton. He married (second) in 1777, Mercy Jordan, of Stoughton. He enlisted May 31, 1754, for the defense of the eastern frontier.

(V) Bethuel, son or nephew of George (2) Allen, was born in 1772 in Stoughton, died at Newton, Massachusetts, December 3, 1838. He married, at Canton, December 17, 1797, Martha (called Patty) Bent, daughter of Rufus and Ann (McKenzie) Bent. Her father was born March 10, 1742, and was housewright at Milton and Boston, and Marietta, Ohio; married, December 6, 1767, Ann McKenzie, widow of Andrew McKenzie, and daughter of Alexander Middleton, who came from Scotland in 1735. Her ancestry was: Rufus Bent (5), Joseph (4), Joseph (3), Joseph (2), John Bent, the immigrant. The children were probably born but are not recorded at Canton. Five were baptized at the same time, June 2, 1822, at Newton, Massachusetts, where the family

settled. He had a large farm in Newton. Children: 1. Ann Middleton, married Nathaniel Tracy, of Newburyport. 2. Kinsley, born 1800; married, November 16, 1826, Abigail F. Smith; died at Newton, July 16, 1840, leaving Kinsley Bethuel, who died January 15, 1832; Bowen, born at Canton, October 9, 1827, married Mary Bent, born September 29, 1836; died in the China sea. 3. Maria. 4. Joseph Bent, baptized June 2, 1822, lived in Boston. 5. James Edward, baptized June 2, 1822. 6. William Henry, born 1816, baptized June 2, 1822, mentioned below. 7. Charles Dwight, baptized June 2, 1822. 8. Martha, baptized June 2, 1822; married William G. Means.

(VI) William Henry, son of Bethuel Allen, was born in 1816, at Newton. About 1822 he went with his father's family to Newton, where he was baptized with brothers and sisters, June 2, 1822. He was educated in the Chauncey Hall School, Boston. He began his business career in a large dry goods house in New York City and a few years later opened a dry goods store on his own account in Boston. His business flourished and he became a prominent merchant. He made his home in Canton and was very fond of nature and outdoor life. He was devoted to his family, a man of many friends and highly respected in the community. He was a member of the Unitarian church at Canton. In politics he was a Democrat. He married Sarah Barnard Kinsley, daughter of Silas Kinsley, of Dorchester, and Prudence (Bent) Kinsley, who was born in Dorchester and died in Canton. Her father was a farmer in Canton on the present Allen homestead. Children of Silas and Prudence (Bent) Kinsley: i. Rufus Kinsley, one of the founders of the Adams Express Company; ii. Mary Bent Kinsley; iii. Allen Kinsley; iv. Edward Kinsley; v. Ann Kinsley; vi. Henry Kinsley; vii. Helen Kinsley; viii. Charles Kinsley; ix. Sarah Barnard Kinsley, married William Henry Allen, mentioned above. Children of Mr. and Mrs. Allen: 1. William, born 1842, in Boston, died in 1888, at Canton. 2. Fanny, born 1844, at Canton. 3. Gertrude, 1846, at Canton, unmarried. 4. Mary, 1849. 5. Sarah, 1853, married Dudley Hall, of Medford, tea merchant, Boston; child, Dudley Hall Jr., in banking business in Boston.

(For first generation see Robert Sanderson 1).

(II) William Sanderson, SANDERSON son of Robert Sanderson, was born at Hampden, 1641. He took the oath of fidelity in 1652.

All his children except Hannah were born in Watertown, and he then removed to Groton, but on account of trouble with the Indians returned to Watertown. He married, in Watertown, December 18, 1666, Sarah ———. Children: 1. John, born October 13, 1667. 2. Sarah, March 17, 1668-69, married, February 4, 1695-96, Andrew White. 3. William, September 6, 1670, married (first) Abigail Traine; (second) May 14, 1704, Anna Shattuck. 4. Mary, November 30, 1671. 5. Hannah, Groton, May 3, 1674. 6. Lydia, Watertown, April 21, 1679. 7. Joseph, August 28, 1680, mentioned below.

(III) Joseph, son of William Sanderson, was born in Watertown, August 28, 1680, settled in Groton. He married there Sarah, daughter of Samuel and Hannah Page. His estate was administered in 1736 by his widow Sarah. Children: 1. Joseph, mentioned below. 2. David, born September 5, 1715, married Eunice ———. 3. Sarah, January 19, 1716-17. 4. William, July 17, 1718. 5. Hannah, April 5, 1720. 6. Joseph, March 17, 1721-22, died young. 7. Susanna, May 18, 1723. 8. Gideon, February 19, 1724-25. 9. Joseph, March 5, 1726-27. 10. Sarah, October 15, 1729. 11. John, December 13, 1731.

(IV) Joseph (2), son of Joseph (1) Sanderson, was born August 30, 1714, died at Whately, March 20, 1772. He settled at Whately in 1752 with his wife and eight children. He built a log house near Abraham Parker's, perhaps on land belonging to him. Later he built a house on his own land, where the old Sanderson house was burned about 1880. He married, in 1737, Ruth Parker, who died December 8, 1780, aged sixty-four, daughter of Isaac Parker. In his will he mentions ten of his twelve children who were married and had families. From him have descended between twelve and fifteen hundred children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. Children: 1. Ruth, born in Groton, October 6, 1737, married Jonathan Spafford. 2. Esther, April 6, 1739, married Captain Abel Dinsmore. 3. Joseph, March 8, 1741. 4. Anna, August 7, 1742, married Medad Harvey. 5. James, April 7, 1744. 6. Thomas, March 16, 1746. 7. Abraham, June 10, 1748. 8. David, May 15, 1750. 9. Child, 1752, died young. 10. John, March 11, 1754, mentioned below. 11. Asa, April 11, 1756. 12. Isaac, October 9, 1757.

(V) John, son of Joseph (2) Sanderson, was born in Whately, March 11, 1754. He lived on Indian Hill at Whately until 1803,

when he removed to Milton, Vermont. He married (second) October 2, 1780, Phebe Snow, of Conway. Children, born in Whately: 1. Levi, June, 1782, married, January, 1806, Sally Bean. 2. John, 1784, married, 1807, Louisa Jackson. 3. Hiram, October 24, 1788, mentioned below. 4. Almeron, February 8, 1790, married, 1815, Nancy Meaker.

(VI) Hiram, son of John Sanderson, was born at Whately, October 24, 1788. He married (first) October 4, 1811, Louisa Owens; (second) Hettie Dorman. He was a gunmaker and lived in Whitneyville, near New Haven, Connecticut. He removed to Springfield and was employed in the United States armory there, and died September, 1873. Children: 1. David. 2. Frederick. 3. Hiram Quincy, mentioned below. 4. Charles. 5. Perry. 6. Berkeley. 7. Burton. 8. George.

(VII) Hiram Quincy, son of Hiram Sanderson, was born in Middletown, Connecticut, December 20, 1824, died May 1, 1892. He attended the Lancasterian school in New Haven, and at the age of fourteen was apprenticed to a druggist in Fair Haven. Three years later he came to Springfield and was clerk in a grocery store. A year later he became owner of the store. In 1848 he sold the business and became corporation clerk at the American Machine Works, where cotton gins and presses were made for the south. In 1852 he went west as paymaster and bookkeeper for Phelps, Mattoon & Barnes, who were constructing the Terre Haute, Alton & St. Louis railroad. After its construction he became general freight and passenger agent of the new line, with headquarters at St. Louis. On the breaking out of the civil war, his sympathies were with the north, and his life was in danger there. He was sent to New York City as eastern agent of the road. Sleeping cars were then just beginning to be used, and Mr. Sanderson went into this business and soon had sleepers running from New York to Chicago, St. Louis, and Louisville. This enterprise he finally sold to George M. Pullman, who has since built up a great business. One year, 1857-58, he spent in Springfield and was elected to the house of representatives. He was also a member of the first city council ever chosen in Springfield. In 1871 he returned to Springfield and made it his permanent home. After a trip to Europe in 1875 he was appointed city marshal, serving for two years. He was then elected high sheriff of Hampden county and served nine years. During this time he was largely instrumental in building the new jail. He was elected chair-

man of the water board in 1881 and held that office until his death. It was largely through his influence and work on this board that the city has such a pure and abundant supply of water. He and his family were attendants and supporters of the North Church. He married, September 10, 1845, Mary Hannis, born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, December 17, 1826, daughter of Captain Joseph and Eliza (Glad- ing) Hannis. He was inspector of arms at the Springfield armory. Children: 1. Ellen Eliza, February 24, 1847, mentioned below. 2. Charles J., January 5, 1849, died March 1, 1892; was president of the common council of Springfield and a prominent Knight Temp- lar; local freight agent for the New York & New England railroad. 3. Lilla Kate, 1864, married Frank A. Holden; died May 10, 1888. Mary B., Frank, Mary H. and William, died young.

(VIII) Ellen Eliza, daughter of Hiram Quincy Sanderson, was born February 24, 1847. She was educated in the public and high schools of Springfield. She married Dr. Robert H. Melius, of New York City. He was a graduate of the Albany Medical College of the class of 1864 and practiced his profession in Morrisania, a suburb of New York City. He was a member of the New York Medical Society. He died Decem- ber 2, 1876. In politics he was a Democrat and in religion a Congregationalist. Their chil- dren: 1. Pauline Charlotte, born in Morrisania, New York, October 13, 1873, graduate of Springfield high school and of Smith College; now a teacher in Palmer high school. 2. Mar- ion, January 12, 1875, graduate of the Spring- field high school and Smith College, class of 1898; a writer of some prominence; married, December 20, 1907, Maurice W. Dickey, for- merly on the editorial staff of the *Worcester Spy* and the *Springfield Union*, now news edi- tor of the *Boston Globe*.

Archibald Little was born at
LITTLE Sligo, in the north of Ireland, of Scotch-Irish ancestry. He and his brother James came to this country when young men. He learned the trade of mason, but settled down to farming in Warren county, New York. In 1850 he removed to Westfield, Massachusetts. He was a very active and energetic man. In religion he was a Meth- odist, and a man of high character and strict integrity. He married Eliza Fish Dudley, daughter of Joseph Dudley. Children: 1. Mary, married Andrew J. Smith. 2. Thomas, mentioned below. 3. Annie, married Silas

Bucknam. 4. Child, died young. 5. Child, died young. 6. Jane, married Henry Kelsey, of Westfield, Massachusetts. 7. William, is in employ of Thomas Little, Westfield. 8. James, deceased; married Mary Crozier. 9. Charles, died young.

(II) Thomas, son of Archibald Little, was born at Williamsburg, New York, August 11, 1839. When he was about a year old his family removed to Warren county, New York, and lived there until 1850. He worked during the summer on his father's farm in his youth, and attended the public schools at Westfield until he was fifteen years old. He then began to "work out" for wages of twenty-five cents per day. Later he received ten dollars per month. For two years he worked without wages, receiving as his stipend some schooling, besides his board and clothes. He was appren- ticed at the age of eighteen to learn the mason's trade, in the employ of Colonel L. B. Walkley. His wages were fifty dollars the first year, seventy-five the second, and a hundred the third year, besides his board. He served his time and worked one year as a journeyman, then his employer left his business to go to the front with the Tenth Massachusetts Volun- teers. Mr. Little worked on his own account for nearly two years, taking small contracts. Then he enlisted for nine months in Company K, the Forty-sixth Regiment Massachusetts Volunteers, in September, 1862, served faith- fully with his regiment at the front, and was mustered out in July, 1863. He was ill with typhoid fever for a long time after his return from the service. When he had recovered he resumed business in Westfield and continued with much success as a mason and contractor until 1886, when he sold out and went to Florida, on account of failing health. He was in business at his old trade there for a time, but finally returned to Westfield and again engaged in business as a mason and contractor, and so continuing to the present time. Mr. Little is a thorough master of his trade, and very capable in business. He has been ex- tremely busy and quite successful in accumu- lating property. His long years of active life have not diminished his zest and activity in business. He has much force of character, and his many good qualities of heart and mind have attracted to him many friends. He has the respect and esteem of all who know him. He is possessed of public spirit, and takes part in every movement tending to benefit the town of his adoption. He is a prominent member of the Westfield Methodist Episcopal Church; of